



District 6000 News

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Governor's comments . . .

Building trust in a land of contrasts

By DG Diana Reed/Northwest Des Moines

Our District 6000 Nigeria Initiative Team has just returned and what a trip it turned out to be. Six of us from our district joined with other representatives from districts in Zones 27 and 28 to create a team of 20 people who spent 13 days traveling in Nigeria. Our six from District 6000 included PDG Roger Borup (Wellman), PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen (Chariton), Loring Miller (Decatur County), PDG Bill Tubbs (North Scott), and myself.



Diana Reed
District Governor

The purpose of the trip was to develop relationships with the Rotarians in Nigeria and give them the visibility and support they need, identify projects that the districts in Zones 27 and 28 can work on, build trust with the people of Nigeria, attend the West Africa Project Fair and to be a part of Nigeria's Polio Immunization Plus Days.

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The Emir of Kano, the highest ranking Muslim in northern Nigeria, invited Rotarians to his throne room where he pledged support for polio eradication, and then honored them with the ceremonial exit on horseback.

Gates Foundation issues \$100 million challenge

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D6000, Rotary Foundation chair

If you have had children, I am sure you have heard, "Are we there yet?" And the answer, at least at our house, always was, "No not yet, but it won't be much longer!"

I think those words are appropriate as Rotarians around the world strive to eradicate the polio virus so no child will ever again suffer from that disease. The answer is no, but we are getting closer – and it is possible!

We have come a long ways since 1985 when the Polio virus in

125 countries struck 1,000 children a day. This year, the number of cases has been cut by 60 percent from 2006. The latest case count shows 790 cases as of Dec. 4, 2007, compared to 1,763 for the same time in 2006.

The leaders of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have repeatedly told us and warned us that finishing the job will require tremendous effort and resources – monetary and human. I urge you to read the story of our six District 6000 Rotarians who traveled to Nigeria and participated in a National Immunization Day (p. 6-7).

Have you heard that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given Rotarians a real shot in the arm and a tremendous challenge when they awarded a \$100 million challenge grant to help meet the financial shortfall of some \$500 million to complete the eradication effort? We Rotarians have three years to match that grant, the largest grant ever received by Rotary.

In the meantime, there is a \$5 million need for funds this Rotary year to support the many planned National Immunization Days

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Club information needed for 'Iowa Rotary' tabloid



Rotary International has approved a grant for the "Iowa Rotary tabloid" and information will be needed from all clubs in January about their projects. See p. 3.

Nigeria: Story is in the faces of children

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All of this is part of the initiative that Zones 27 and 28 have undertaken to eradicate polio from the country of Nigeria. Each of us who went on this journey has stories to share as each of us participated in different aspects of the trip and had different experiences. This article is the first of several that all of us will be doing to try and give a sense of what we think is taking place in Nigeria.

Whenever I am confronted by a new situation, I try to learn about it by first understanding it intellectually. My intellectual understanding then allows me to take my emotional reactions and put them in the proper place. This approach did not work for me when I went to Nigeria. The story of Nigeria, for me, is in the faces and eyes of its children and women. It is the story of the sights, sounds and smells that assaulted my emotions. The story of Nigeria is an emotional one – it is the emotional reaction that I had to the stark contrasts that exist in this beautiful and terrible country.

For me, Nigeria is a country of:

- Warm, friendly, beautiful and open people;
- Devastating poverty and utter hopelessness;
- Tremendous future potential;
- Cruelty, corruption and ignorance beyond belief;
- Palaces that belong to the emir and palatial homes of the fortunate;



District Governor Diana Reed receives gifts from District 9120 Governor Saliu Ahmed at an all-city Rotary meeting in Kaduna, Nigeria.

- Slums – one more horrible than the last;
- Beautiful smiling children;
- Children stepping over dead rats when they play;
- Children who have never had a toy and are terrified when handed a beanie baby;
- Children who do not know how to throw a Frisbee;
- Influential people living behind high walls, barbed wire and with guards at their gates;
- People living in crumbling mud huts with open sewers running next to the wells where they draw polluted water to drink and use;
- Rotary clubs that have women as presidents;
- Girls who are 12 and 13 years old carrying the children they have just given birth to in their arms – babies having babies of their own;
- Hospitals that have no equipment, no sanitary conditions, no medicine, no waiting rooms, and no beds for the ill and injured;
- Highways between major cities;
- Armed guards traveling with visitors on those highways to protect them from gangs that rob;
- Lots of cars and motorcycles on the streets of the cities;
- No stop lights on the streets to help regulate traffic;
- Night travel on the streets of the cities;
- Road blocks everywhere at night which can be very scary when the machine guns are pointed at your car;
- Private education for children whose parents have even a little income;
- Most – MANY????? – children never having the opportunity to go to school at all because public education is not available to everyone;
- People trying to build schools for those who do not have the opportunity to go to school;
- No desks, no running water and no bathrooms for those kids in public schools so that those kids have to go outside in part of the school yard designated as the latrine with flies and insects everywhere;
- Even the best homes not having electricity and water on a continuous basis during the day as the systems cannot support ev-

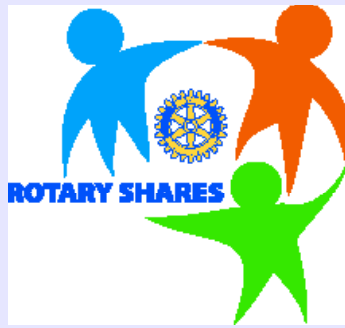


Children in the Sharada section of Kano draw water in a dirty pail over an open sewer filled with feces and garbage.

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'Share Rotary' with Iowa Rotary tabloid

Rotary Districts 6000 and 5970 in Iowa will be working together to publish a statewide "Iowa Rotary" newspaper tabloid, thanks to \$6,000 Rotary International Public Relations grants approved for the two districts. The \$12,000 grant will pay for production of 250,000 copies of the 16-page tabloid, or more, depending on the quantity ordered by clubs, whose financial participation will be to pay for the cost of distribution to the general public through their local newspapers. The tabloid will include information about each Rotary club's membership, leadership and service projects, as well as information about projects of Districts 5970 and 6000, and Rotary Interna-



tional. The section will include information for prospective members. Publication will be spring of 2008. PDG Bill Tubbs of North Scott is the project manager for D6000 and PDG Dave Buck of Waterloo is the project manager for D5970. "Enhancing Rotary's internal and external public image" is the No. 2 goal in Rotary's Strategic Plan, second only to polio eradication, and we're excited to be able to 'Share Rotary' on a big scale," said Tubbs. "Early in the new year clubs will receive a request for information about their clubs and a form to state how many copies they will distribute. I urge every club to respond immediately because we will have 125 clubs to coordinate under strict deadlines."

More money needed for polio eradication

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in the four endemic and high-risk countries through the PolioPlus Partners program.

Our immediate action is needed to meet the 2007-08 Polio Challenge that has been placed on all of us. Cash and District Designated Fund donations to PolioPlus Partners, effective Dec. 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, will be counted towards matching the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have issued a five-part challenge as Rotary continues to work toward the goal of eradication of the Poliovirus. PolioPlus Partners is the program where Rotarians in countries that still have the Poliovirus request financial assistance from the rest of us for their immunization efforts.

Challenge 1: Every Rotary, Interact and Rotaract club is to have a club program presented on the Polio Eradication program. DG Diana, DGE Susan Herrick, D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering and Rotarians who just returned from Nigeria are all available to present this program to your club. Please contact one of us soon!

Challenge 2: Applies only to the Rotary Club of Iowa City Downtown. The trustees are asking all Rotary clubs formed since July 1, 2003 to make a special donation to the PolioPlus Partners program.

Challenge 3: Applies to Rotary club members who joined a Rotary club after July 1, 2003. These Rotarians are being asked to make a special and significant donation to the PolioPlus Partners. Why July 1, 2003? That is the date of the last major PolioPlus fund drive.

Challenge 4: Applies to all other (older) Rotarians. We are being asked to once again make a contribution to the PolioPlus Partners program. I would like to suggest that each of us "older" Rotarians would contribute 10 cents for each year you, and your family members, including grandchildren, have been polio-free.

Challenge 5: This part of the challenge applies to District 6000

and is requesting that 10 percent of our available District Designated Funds (DDF) be contributed to the campaign. DG Diana has stated that \$10,000 of our DDF will be used to match club and Rotarian contributions.

Each club in our great district is asked to make a special effort to meet this challenge. If your club will forward the combined contributions check to me, Don Goering, at 1939 Bel Air Drive, Ames, IA 50010, I will complete the paperwork to use the D-6000 match and apply for the match that is available from the trustees of the foundation. The Rotary Foundation trustees are matching contributions 50 cents for each new dollar contributed up to \$1.5 million.

Your club can support a specific National Immunization Effort by selecting a project from the current Open Project List, which can be found at the following web address: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/ppp_openprojects.pdf

A big thank you to the attendees at the District 6000 Membership and Foundation Seminars as those Rotarians contributed \$892.65 to this program. So combined with the District 6000 DDF match, \$1,785.30 has already been submitted by our district. In addition, the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant Noon has contributed \$700 and the Rotary Club of Fairfield has contributed \$754.

How much will your club contribute?

Get a bumper sticker with your donation to PolioPlus Partners

A supply of bumper stickers that read "Good-bye Polio – Thanks Rotary" has been donated to District 6000. For a \$25.00 donation to PolioPlus Partners we will send one of these bumper stickers to you to proudly display on one of your vehicles. Send your check in multiples of \$25.00 made out to "TRF – PolioPlus Partners" to D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering, 1939 Bel Air Drive, Ames, IA 50010



Matching Grants will make a difference

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everyone on the grid at the same time;

- Neighborhoods having no electricity at all and having water that comes from contaminated wells
- A beautiful planned city (Abuja) for its capital;
- Shanty towns everywhere outside of that capital because the ordinary people cannot afford to live within the city;
- Development and learning how to do things and going through the pains of that learning experience;
- Extreme beauty that is easy to fall in love with and just as easy to hate because of the conditions that exist for the majority of the people.

Yes, Nigeria is truly a land of contrast. So, what does all of this have to do with Rotary or even with District 6000 back here in Iowa?

I think it has everything to do with us. Never in a million years would I have ever imagined that I might have the opportunity to be a significant part in shaping the destiny of a nation of the world. Yet, that is exactly what we have the opportunity to do. The direction that this nation chooses to take will be a direct result of the contact they will have with us. The Rotarians of Nigeria understand that they need to identify the great resources they have and use them to benefit their own people. We have a chance to help them identify those resources, help them develop them and thereby touch the lives of countless numbers of people but especially the next generation to come – the children. How do we do this? Rotary Foundation matching grants are the answer.

Matching grants will show the current Rotarians in Nigeria that they are not alone but have us as partners to do what they need to do in their communities. The local Rotarians will learn how to identify needs and address them. In meeting the health and literacy needs of the children, trust will be built with the adults. This trust will lead to more projects in the communities including allowing



DG Diana Reed reaches out to a child with a Rotary balloon during Sub-National Immunization Days (SNID) in Abuja, Nigeria. For more on SNIDs, please see pages 6-7.



Loring Miller of Decatur County builds relationships with Nigerian Rotarians at the West Africa Project Fair.

their children to be immunized against polio and other diseases. Rotary will accomplish what we have set out to do – eradicate polio worldwide – and a nation will “build trust” with us so that their future will be assured as a bright one. It is a true win-win situation for everyone. Matching grants will truly demonstrate in every sense of the word that Rotary Shares.

It is the heartfelt wish of each of us who was fortunate enough to be a part of this trip that every Rotary club in District 6000 will consider being a part of a Matching Grant Project with one of the Nigerian Rotary clubs. It is a chance that may never come again to shape a nation through Rotary actions and demonstrate in a way never seen before by “building trust” between peoples on such a large scale.

What a magnificent dream for a country of contrasts such as Nigeria. What a wonderful way for us to demonstrate what Rotary is truly about in District 6000 by bringing hope to a people through **SERVICE ABOVE SELF!**

GSE team selected for D4500, Brazil

By Andy Knebel/Iowa City

D-6000, GSE Outbound Committee chair
Rotary District 6000 has named the Group Study Exchange team for its 2008 exchange with Rotary District 4500 in Brazil.

The Team Leader is Des Moines Rotarian Lynn Hicks, who is executive business editor of *The Des Moines Register*.

Team Members are: Kelli Andresen of Iowa City, communications coordinator of the University of Iowa's International Programs; Magali Marquez, owner of Mexico Antiguo Restaurant in Marshalltown;

David Patterson of Kalona, Washington County Engineer; and Michael Ott of Iowa City, executive director of BIOWA.

Travel is scheduled for April 29 to May 27, 2008. District 6000 will host a team from District 4500 from April 1-30. (Watch for an invitation for host clubs.)

GSE is a Rotary Foundation-sponsored program that sends and receives teams of four young professional non-Rotarians (ages 25-40), plus a Rotarian team leader, to partnered Rotary districts. Team members share personal knowledge of their country and experience the customs, voca-

tions and lifestyles of another.
The purpose of GSE is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts.
Participants must be employed full-time in a recognized business or profession, and live or be employed in Rotary District 6000, which comprises most of the southern Iowa south of Highway 30, including Ames, Marshalltown and Clinton (but not Cedar Rapids).

Hometown news in Marshalltown:

Marquez heading to Brazil for Rotary exchange program

By Andrew Potter

Marshalltown Times-Republican

Magali Marquez, owner of the restaurant Mexico Antiguo, was recently selected by the Iowa Rotarians to participate in a group study exchange in Brazil.

Marshalltown's Magali Marquez does not let anything stop her from what she wants. Four years after moving to Marshalltown from California, Marquez became sole owner and manager of the restaurant Mexico Antiguo on Main Street in 2007.

She recently applied to be in a Group Study Exchange program developed by the Iowa Rotarians for a trip to Brazil. And the 26-year-old got that one too.

"I work really hard for what I want," Marquez said. "I just like to feel satisfied with myself."

She will be a part of a four-person, non-Rotarian team from Iowa in addition to a Rotarian team leader and will share her knowledge and customs of her country while learning about Brazil.

She will receive a round-trip airline ticket and have her meals and lodging provided by host Rotarians during her



The District 6000 Group Study Exchange team (l-r): Kelli Andresen, Magali Marquez, Team Leader Lynn Hicks, Michael Ott and David Patterson.

stay in Brazil from April 29 to May 27, 2008. Marquez said she wants to use the trip to broaden her knowledge of different cultures.

"This something I'm doing for myself," Marquez said. "Having the opportunity to see their culture and their roots is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I want to understand where they come from."

She also is very interested in the Portuguese language spoken in Brazil.

"It's a really nice, beautiful language," she said.

She also looks forward to bringing what she learned back to her restaurant customers she also calls her friends.

Her next step before her trip is to take a class on the language and also learn more about Iowa to pass on to the Brazilians. "I'm studying Brazil and doing a lot of research about what we have here in Iowa," she said.

Correction on training dates

The dates for Xicotepec, AG Training and PETS/Assembly for 2008 are changed from what was published in the last issue of District 6000 News:

	Xicotepec	AG Training	PETS/Assembly
2008	March 1-9, 8-16	Feb. 15-16	March 28-29
2009	March 14-22	March 27-28	April 17-18
2010	-	March 26-27	April 16-17

Odyssey of Ottumwa disbands

And then there were 62 – clubs in District 6000. With regret, we report that the Odyssey of Ottumwa Rotary Club has disbanded. The club was chartered in 2002 under a new "experimental club" plan of Rotary International. The club model included meeting every other week and inducting Indian Hills Community College students during the school year with the objective of teaching future leaders. Where in District 6000 will the next new club be? Share your vision with Extension Committee chair Bill Koellner, (319) 627-4138.

POLIO ERADICATION IN AFRICA:

Full-court press: Gates grant, Nigeria Sub-National Immunization Days, repeat vaccinations aim for one goal: A victory for humanity

By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott

Reprinted from the Eldridge North Scott Press

On Dec. 3, less than a week after 90 Rotarians from North America (six from Iowa) returned from Nigeria, where they assisted with polio immunizations, Rotary International announced a \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – for polio eradication.

It's one of the largest challenge grants ever by the Gates Foundation and the largest ever received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Rotarians will be challenged to double the money to \$200 million. That's in addition to \$633 million given since the global campaign against polio began 1985.

The numbers are mindboggling, but no more than what Rotarians witnessed on the ground in the villages during our Nov. 8-20 trek to the central African nation. There were 20 of us from the upper Midwest and 90 from North America.

They told us we were the largest delegation from the U.S. to have visited Nigeria, and indeed, the Nigerian Rotarians rolled out the red carpet. When we arrived at the airport in Kano in a strange land in the dark of midnight, they were there to shepherd us through customs and we were greeted as dignitaries. "Welcome Visiting USA Rotarians," a large banner said.

We'd been awake for 20 hours but were unable to fall asleep until 2 a.m., thanks to seven time zone changes. Nevertheless, it was up and at 'em the next day! By 8 a.m. we were in a 25-passenger Toyota bus on the way to project sites with local Rotarians.

Instantly, we could see why the wild polio virus is alive and well in Kano, a city of 9 million (three times the population of Iowa) that most Americans have never heard of. It's a desert climate here, dry and dusty in the northern region of a nation whose area is one-and-a-half times that of Texas, and with 130 million people, is the world's ninth most populous.

Kano was a stop on west Africa's trade routes, and its history dates back thousands of years. Its religion is Islam, and while a civil government exists, the real authority is the Mallahs (priests) who advise the higher authorities, the most high of whom is the Emir, who has reigned for 44 years.

The next day, we would have a private audience with the Emir of Kano, the No. 1 guy, who with the TV cameras rolling, and in the most public way, acknowledged Rotary's humanitarian work and pledged his support to polio eradication. Later the same day,

eight of us were guests of the deputy governor of the state of Kano, who made the same pronouncement.

That's good news and a reversal of fortunes! It was the religious authorities who in 2003 kicked Rotary out and stopped polio immunizations. They said the vaccine would sterilize the women and spread AIDS. The consequences were dire. The wild polio virus got new life and reinfected neighboring countries that were previously polio-free.

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Back in the neighborhoods of Sharada, the "Muslim Quarter" with 1 million residents, life is hard. There, women and children eke out a living day-to-day. Existence here is joyless except when a Rotarian gives the children a soccer ball. Then we hear shrieks of happiness as they suddenly find something to do. The children, amazingly, create their own amusements and this was their special day!

For us, at this our second project site, our eyes were opened as we dodged to avoid the garbage- and feces-strewn drainage ditches. Goats, chickens, dogs and cats roamed at large. The putrid green-gray sludge is ideal for the insects that flit around our faces. Precautions to apply Deet to our exposed skin were well advised. It is plain to see that the very place we are standing may well be polio's last hurrah!

At least that is our dream – our quest. Rotary and its partners – the World Health Organization, the United Nations and the Centers for Disease Control – are committed to "eradication" over "containment" – the subject of a recent debate at Rotary's highest levels. It was Rotary's resolve to complete the task that kept the other partners on board.

Last month, the World Health Organization released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. WHO Director-General Margaret Chan said the Gates Foundation grant reaffirms that polio eradication is both feasible and achievable. "This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," she said. "We have the technical tools to do it, and we can achieve a polio-free world if the rest of our financial partners step up to meet the challenge."

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman commented, "This

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Polio workers (l-r): Jim Prather of Rock Island, Ill.; PDG Corliss and Jeanne Klaassen; Nigerian team members; and Minnesota Rotarians Jerry Showalter and Jon Stillman.



PDGs Bill Tubbs (l), Roger Borup (r) and Angie Restor of Milwaukee with team leader "Abu." D6000 Rotarian Loring Miller also participated.

Some receive vaccine seven times a year

important contribution will improve the capacity to protect vulnerable children from this debilitating disease."

And CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding said the collaboration between Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private sector involvement in major public health efforts.

Polio afflicted 9,193 Iowans and claimed 388 lives during the 1950s. Our communities were gripped with fear and mobilized to raise funds for victims. Quarantines were issued. Swimming pools were closed. Patients were warehoused in iron lungs.

With the advent of the Salk and Sabin vaccines, those images have been a thing of the past for more than a generation. The last case in the Western Hemisphere was in 1991, and now the virus has been isolated to four countries: Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the northwestern regions of India.

But, as Yogi says – it isn't over 'til it's over! As long as the wild polio virus is alive anywhere, it can spread everywhere. Thus our commitment to eradication isn't only for others – it's for our children and grandchildren, too!

It will be a victory for humanity as well. At Rotary's Centennial International Convention in Chicago in 2005, broadcaster and philanthropist Ted Turner commented, "One of the things about the Polio Plus program that's so terrific is that it's going to give humanity a victory at a time when we really could use a boost for our enthusiasm."

A Canadian, Dr. Robert Scott, leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit charitable arm of Rotary that will administer the grant. He said it comes at a crucial juncture because funds are urgently needed.

Worldwide, there were 1,000 new cases of polio daily (350,000 a year) in 1985 when the campaign began. That has shrunk to about 1,000 a year, but Scott said the last cases are proving the most costly due to such factors as geographical isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Rotarians, including six from Iowa, who assisted the immunization teams in the 50,000-population Mallada settlement (slum) near the Nigerian capital city of Abuja during Sub-National Immunization-Plus Days on Nov. 17-18 saw how challenging it is. Despite the backing of the Islamic leaders and neighborhood ward heads, there are refusals and rejections. Each is recorded and repeat visits are made.

The goal, according to Busuyi Onabolu, who is chair of the Nigerian National PolioPlus Committee, is to reduce the proportion of zero-dose children to fewer than 10 percent.

Surprisingly, 70 percent of new cases are in children who received the oral polio vaccine on one or more occasions. "The children's digestive systems have not developed and the vaccine is not absorbed," he said. (Their diets consist of meager amounts of cereal, rice, millet, soup, yams and plantain, but very little meat.) Thirty percent of new cases are with zero-dose children.

Busuyi and the national committee have mobilized as never before. Posters and billboards touting the benefits of immunizations are everywhere. The new methods of delivery are the Sub-National Immunization Plus Days (SNIPDs) during which repeat immunizations are given in any region where a new case is found. It is not uncommon for children to receive the oral polio vaccine seven times a year.

(The "plus" in PolioPlus refers to diphtheria, whooping cough,



District Governor Diana Reed administers the "drops of life" to a child in her Sunday best in the Christian neighborhood of the Mallada settlement (slum) near Abuja.

tetanus, hepatitis B – liver disease – and yellow fever. These are treated at neighborhood centers when identified by the teams. Health workers say the legacy of the polio campaign is the awareness created for these immunizations.)

Busuyi is optimistic. The full-court press is on. For the first time, he says, his committee has the full support of governments at every level: federal, state, cities and wards.

The Sub-National Immunization Plus Days process is completed in four days. To avoid the Islam holy day of Friday, house-to-house visits are on Saturday. Immunizations are given to children under age 5 at the Christian churches on Sundays and at the schools on Mondays. Tuesdays are for revisits and mopping up. Our teams reached the most children at the churches on Sunday. (Christians and Muslims live side-by-side in equal numbers in the Abuja area.)

Detailed records are kept by the health workers, whose familiarity with the labyrinth of narrow passageways in and around the open sewers is amazing. A child's pinkie is marked when he/she is immunized, and a team member marks the house in chalk to indicate whether the vaccine was accepted or not.

One of every five black persons in the world is a Nigerian, so the American "oyibos" stick out from afar. "Oyibo," which is pronounced "oh-ye-boo," means "white man." I heard that expression often when the teams were going house-to-house. Silly me. I thought they were reading my name badge and saying, "Hi-ya, Bill!"

The children, as everywhere, are priceless. They followed us like the Pied Piper. As with the adults, there is an openness and friendliness that is disarming. Eye contact. A smile. Then a personal greeting. (English is the common language.) The children giggled when they touched our white skin, and little gifts made their day: Frisbees, yo-yos, balloons, stickers, candy.

The immunization teams are well trained, and we wondered if our presence mattered. Busuyi and others insist emphatically that it does – for advocacy, social mobilization, monitoring and supervising to ensure quality, and providing logistics support.

The statistics indicate success. There were 958 new cases of polio in Nigeria in 2006 and only 227 as of Nov. 9.

In a talk to Rotary leaders from Africa and North America at the West Africa Project Fair, Busuyi said, with emphasis, "The reduction in wild polio virus transmission in Nigeria is dramatic – and real."

Soon, perhaps, the world will celebrate.



Members of East Polk Rotary presented a check for \$27,000 to the Orr Memory Center, front (l-r): President Linda Harris, Dr. Robert Bender, his partner David Michael, PA-C, Center manager Craig Showalter and East Polk 2006-07 President Steve Mather. The group raised the funds for the Orr Center "Brain Gym" from an October wine tasting and auction event.

'A Taste of Hope': More than a memory

By Marti Kline/East Polk
Club Secretary

There are few of us whose lives have not been touched in one way or another by the misfortune of Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia. It is said that more than 5 million people in the U.S. alone are living with Alzheimer's, with another person added to the list every 72 seconds.

When the father of Steve Mather, 2006-07 president of East Polk Rotary, was diagnosed last year as in the early stages of Alzheimer's, Steve discovered a West Des Moines clinic recently opened by Dr. Robert Bender, who is nationally known for new approaches and research in the treatment of aging and memory loss.

Bender created the Johnny Orr Memory Center and Healthy Aging Institute in collaboration with the former Iowa State basketball coaching legend, whose wife Romie has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. By lending his name and support to the cause, Orr wanted to create a greater awareness of this debilitating disease and its effects on the patients and their families.

As a sports fan, a good son AND a good Rotarian, Mather's wheels started turning as to how East Polk Rotary could help support the Memory Center and promote awareness of the new treatment methods available. He came up with the idea of a wine-tasting event to include live and silent auctions, with the proceeds to go toward funding a "Brain Gym" Bender has planned for the clinic.

Bender's research strongly suggests that, for many people, brain wellness strategies, including regular, consistent, scientifically-based mental workouts, physical exercise, and good diet and nutrition can delay the onset of symptoms and mitigate their impact over time. The center's Brain Gym will provide the physical environment and staff to initiate a program designed to improve memory through computer-generated cognitive training, a comprehensive individualized physical training regimen, meditation stress reduction techniques and group socialization activities.

When the club agreed to take on the project, it was named "A

Taste of Hope" and took on a life of its own. Since the club meets at Prairie Meadows, the new "The Meadows" ballroom seemed the likely place to hold the event, and Prairie Meadows agreed to be a corporate sponsor. Members enlisted six central Iowa wineries to attend, and others gathered 65 silent and 15 live auction items, including a week's ski trip to Colorado, a foursome of golf with Johnny Orr, season tickets to ISU wrestling, and an Iowa Hawkeye football signed by Coach Kirk Ferentz. A radio personality served as emcee, hors d'oeuvres were served and the area was flooded with pre-event publicity.

Coach Orr and Dr. Bender appeared with Mather and other East Polk members on radio talk shows, TV shows, were interviewed for newspaper features, and the trio visited a number of District 6000 Rotary clubs to promote the wine-tasting event, which was held Oct. 4 with the doctors and both Johnny and Romie Orr in attendance. When the dust settled after the event, an estimated 300 people had purchased tickets. The ticket sales, along with the auction proceeds and corporate sponsorships, resulted in a check for \$27,000 being presented by East Polk Rotary to the Orr Memory Center.

When Dr. Bender and his colleagues came to a Rotary meeting to accept the check from Mather and current President Linda Harris, he marveled at how an organization with only 44 members could pull off an event of this magnitude and with such fantastic results. (He doesn't know Rotarians very well, does he!?!?) The benefit to the Orr Center Brain Gym and to its patients is incalculable. Besides the tangible equipment and software purchases that will be made with the proceeds, Orr Center manager Craig Showalter said the center's patient load had increased 25 percent since the publicity for the wine tasting event had made so many more people aware of the treatment options.

This is just another example of what Rotarians can and are willing to do for their communities. East Polk Rotary members don't just SAY "Service Above Self" – they live it!

Grants support community projects

By DGN 2009-10 Cal Litwiller/Mt. Pleasant

District Simplified Grants Committee chair

Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grants for 2007-08 have been awarded to 17 clubs for projects in their communities:

Burlington: Mosquito Park Binoculars, \$1,795. The club will purchase and install a binoculars that will overlook the Mississippi River at Mosquito park. Citizens will be able to view the river and wildlife on the river and develop an appreciation for the beauty of the Mississippi River.

Iowa City: "I Can Read," \$1525.19. The project will distribute the "I Can Read" video to low and moderate income residents of Johnson County. The "I Can Read" program is designed to encourage preschool and kindergarten age children to learn to read by watching and singing along to a locally produced DVD video.

Keokuk: Tornado Destroyed Tree Replacement, \$1,500. The purpose of this project is to purchase and plant trees that will replace those destroyed by a tornado that hit the central "Rand Park" area of Keokuk.

North Scott: Park Bench Project, \$2,250. This project will provide park benches for Elmgreen and Crandall parks in Eldridge. The Rotary club has previously installed playground equipment at these two neighborhood parks. This project will provide park benches for parents who accompany their children to the park.

Clinton: Bathroom facilities for Riverfront Park, \$3,500. The Rotary Club of Clinton is applying for funds that will be used to provide for restroom facilities for the city's Riverfront Park. This park is well used by many citizens and children of Clinton. A well used Skateboard park is nearby.

Indianola: Middle School Food Processing Project, \$220. This grant will purchase equipment for the family consumer science classes learning center. The equipment will be used to teach health classes how to make nutritious snacks for themselves and other members of their families.

Creston: Walking Trail Bridge in McKinley Park, \$2,000. The project will build a bridge on a walking trail that runs through McKinley Park in Creston. The project will allow the walking trail to be continued through the park and will allow citizens a higher degree of access to exercise or just enjoy a long walk in a safe and traffic-free environment.

Adel: Community Stage and Pavilion Project: \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Adel will use the money to co-sponsor phase 1 of a Community Stage & Pavilion. This will construct a stage that will be used for community wide celebrations.



Three-hundred fifty children were treated to an evening at the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch at the Harvest Party sponsored by the Rotary Club of Davenport with help from North Scott. Kids petted animals, played in a maze, went on a

Davenport: Youth Harvest Party, \$3716.25. The Youth Harvest Party is a multidimensional project that provides a positive community celebration for 350 underprivileged youth. It allows Rotarians the opportunity to serve their community and introduces young people to Rotary and what it stands for. North Scott Rotary assisted with the project.

Iowa Quad Cities: Renovation of Veterans Home Project, \$4,000. This project provides materials that will be used to renovate homes that are used to provide housing for homeless veterans in the community.

Iowa City Downtown: Birthday Party Bags, \$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 underprivileged children who may not otherwise have the resources to provide for even a simple birthday party for their child.

Des Moines: Helen's Pajama Party, \$1,000. The grant will provide materials that will be used to collect and distribute pajamas to women who go to shelters for battered women in District 6000.

Fairfield: Replacement and Repair of Community Holiday Displays, \$4,500. The community of Fairfield has a display of holiday figures and lighting that is on exhibit during the Christmas season. Some of the displays need repairs and others need to be replaced. These monies will be used to the repair and replacement of these displays.

Washington: Children's Library Browsers, \$4,500. The grant will provide funding to purchase "Book Browsers" for the children's section of the new public library.

Ottumwa: Wapello County Trails Project, \$4,500. The Rotary Club of Ottumwa will provide materials and sweat equity that will provide a 1.75-mile segment of the Wapello County Trail along the Des Moines River. The grant will provide for 1.75 miles of trail and park benches for relaxation of trail participants.

Nevada: Nevada Community Resource Center Scholarships, \$1,511.45. The project will provide scholarships for underprivileged children who come from families who cannot provide for either before or after school child care. The project will provide scholarships for children to attend and cots for the community based care centers.

Decatur County: Playground Equipment, \$2,500. This project will provide for a new swing set, park benches and trash containers for the Decatur County Elementary School.



hayrack ride, and were treated to a weiner roast with s'mores. Each child received a pumpkin (above) and sweatshirt (left). Pictured (l-r): Rotarians Richard Golvinghorst, Scott Kurtz, Cody Allen and Regen Johnson



Karin Franklin, Iowa City
-- Group Study Exchange



S.K. Sanda, Bettendorf
-- Annual Giving



Brock Earnhardt, Davenport
-- WCS Matching Grants



Carol Machel, Clinton
-- Membership

REGIONAL MEETINGS REPORT:

Rotary Foundation:

Under the leadership of Mike Ruby, District 6000 Membership chair, and Don Goering, District 6000 Rotary Foundation chair, informative and successful seminars were conducted in September and October in four locations – Fairfield, West Liberty, Chariton and West Des Moines – with 151 Rotarians representing 52 of the district's 62 clubs.

Each of the seminars was kicked off by an interesting report on the status of District 6000 by District Governor Diana Reed. She reported on the club visits she had conducted, that she was amazed and thrilled with the variety of activities underway by the Rotarians and the Rotary clubs of District 6000.

The seminar included a celebration of the support to The Rotary Foundation by the 4,385 Rotarians of our district with the per Rotarian giving reaching the all time high of \$110 for the 2006-07 Rotary year. The total giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation was \$482,226, the highest amount ever from District 6000 Rotarians.

In addition, the district was credited with \$34,097 in earnings from previous donations to the Permanent Fund of the Foundation, making a total of \$516,323 available in Rotary year 2009-10 to be split between the World Fund of the Rotary Foundation and District 6000. One half, or \$258,161, will be available for District Governor 2009-10 Cal Litwiller to change lives through the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. In addition, Rotarians of the district contributed an additional \$82,272 to the Foundation's Permanent Fund.

This giving record was the result of 45 District 6000 Rotarians joining the D-6000 Paul Harris Society giving a \$1,000 a year, 28 clubs increasing their giving level by 10 percent, and 28 clubs with a per giving record of \$100 or above. The three top giving clubs in the District during the 2006-07 Rotary year were: third place, Chariton, \$332.65; second place, Northwest Des Moines, \$378.55; and the top giving club in the district was Iowa City Downtown with a giving record of \$421.48 per Rotarian. Congratulations to the Rotarians of these clubs.

The second tract of the four seminars provided the opportunity

to explore membership and The Rotary Foundation in more depth. The Foundation tract included a review of the Matching Grant program, the Ambassadorial and Peace Scholar programs, District Simplified Grants and giving to The Rotary Foundation through the Permanent Fund and the Every Rotarian, Every Year program.

– submitted by PDG Don Goering

Membership:

From the input we have received, the new format that was tried this year for the Foundation-Membership Seminars across the district was a smashing success. After the combined group met to cover some of the basics of Foundation and Membership, each interest area group separated to spend 75-90 minutes learning more details and information about either Foundation or Membership. The Foundation groups were led by Don Goering and the membership groups by Mike Ruby.

The response and participation of the membership group was excellent. Each participant received a copy of the contents of "Nuts & Bolts, a Guide to Rotary Club Membership," that was developed this year by the District 6000 Membership Committee.

Groups discussed and learned about different ways to grow their clubs, the importance of membership retention, fireside chat formats, the importance of keeping local clubs in the media, "red flags" to be aware of, how RINOs (Rotarians In Name only) can destroy a club, the value of each club having their own promotional brochure, the challenges of generation gaps in clubs, how The Rotarian magazine can help club membership grow, the difference between promoting and inviting for Rotary, a review of what the "Membership Minute" from RI is, as well as a quick overview of the many membership related resources that are available through Rotary International. By the end of each session a lot of questions were addressed, several outstanding ideas were shared, participants were encouraged, and Rotarians were eager to bring home some new ideas to their own clubs.

We encourage you to watch for the fall 2008 seminar dates. The more Rotarians who attend these seminars, the healthier your club will be. It's an evening well spent! – Submitted by Mike Ruby

Ready...Set...GROW!

Practical steps every club should take to increase membership

By Mike Ruby/Muscatine

D-6000, Membership Development chair

Membership is not just everyone's responsibility, but *our* responsibility. Otherwise, it's nobody's responsibility.

The future of Rotary depends on our ability to make Rotary meaningful, relevant and attractive to the next generation of Rotarians. Prospective members under age 45 have different goals and lifestyles than the generations preceding them. When people are approached about joining Rotary, regardless of their age, they usually use the WIIFM (What's in it for me?) approach. They must be convinced joining the club is worth their time, energy and money.

Effective July 1, 2007, the Rotary Council on Legislation has enacted the following membership qualification change: A person who has demonstrated personal involvement in community affairs and a commitment to service and to the object of Rotary will qualify as a member. This person does not have to be involved in a business or profession. This change definitely opens the door to active community volunteers as prospective Rotary club members.

Important principles to remember when assessing candidates for membership:

- The individuals and companies they represent are of good reputation.
- Candidates must:
 - * Be service minded.
 - * Have ability to meet the financial obligation of membership.
 - * Have willingness and the availability to attend meetings on a regular basis.
 - * Have decision making responsibility within their business or organization, profession or volunteer capacity.

Responsibilities of all club members:

1. Promote Rotary and be on the lookout for good prospective members. Remember, Rotary recruitment is not just a numbers game! Quality is more important than quantity. Rotary is much more than just a social club and opportunity to network. Rotary is a service club!
2. Invite prospective members to 2-3 club meetings and have the club pay for their meals. After the meeting spend a few minutes with the guest to see if he or she has questions.
3. Don't pressure anyone to join. Let them know becoming a Rotarian is their decision, but also an opportunity to help make a difference in the world.
4. Make prospective members aware Rotary is more than just a greet, eat and meet club. It's a worldwide organization that has significant impact all over the globe, including your own community.
5. Make sure each prospective member is comfortable the club is a good fit before taking the step of joining. We want them to examine us and learn about Rotary before they make a decision.
6. Let prospective members know Rotary club membership is by invitation only and you see something special in them that qualifies them for membership.
7. When approaching a prospective member, give a personal testimony of what Rotary means to you.
8. Be sure prospective members clearly know the time commitment and financial requirements before they make the decision to join.
9. Share names of current club members with a prospective member so they know who is a part of the club. That may raise



District 6000 Membership Development chair Mike Ruby (l) leads a round table discussion at the Regional Rotary Foundation/Membership seminar at West Liberty.

their comfort and interest level.

10. Don't worry if some classifications are already represented in a club. A new RI rule states that 10 percent of the membership can have the same general classification.

11. Toot your Rotary horn! Let the community know about Rotary and what you do. Rotary is an international organization in 168 countries. Make sure your community is fully aware there is a local club.

12. If you believe a guest speaker is a prospective member, ask the speaker to come back as your guest. This is a much better approach than to ask the speaker about club membership the day they are giving the program.

13. Re-invite members who may have dropped membership a few years earlier due to working hours, health, family situation, etc. Club membership may be more appealing to them now.

14. Encourage spouses of members to join.

15. Remember: a guest may not be a prospective member. When visitors attend a meeting for the first time, don't be too premature by talking about potential membership.

16. Share your club bulletin with prospective members.

17. All clubs need younger members in the 25-45 age group. This group definitely has the WIIFM (What's in it for me?) mentality. They must be convinced Rotary is something that would benefit them before they are willing to make a commitment.

18. About 20 percent of guests who are invited to Rotary will join. About 50 percent of guests will join if they are invited to a club board member.

19. Soft selling Rotary is much more desirable than a hard sell.

20. Develop a brochure or information guide that tells how to invite new members.

21. It is extremely important for the club president to personally greet each guest.

22. It is more effective to ask someone to become *part of your club* rather than simply ask them to *join Rotary*.

23. Membership boils down to *ask – ask – ask!*

24. Other responsibilities...

(The above tips are from the new District 6000 "Nuts & Bolts Membership Guidebook.")

Rotarians boost battered women's shelters

By AG John Tone and Kelly Sargent/Des Moines

District 6000 Rotary clubs are involved in an exciting project this holiday season – Pajama Parties!

Every year about 2,000 women seek protection at one of 14 certified battered women's shelters in our district. As victims of violence or sexual assault, these women almost always arrive with just the clothes on their backs.

Our Rotary Club (Des Moines) has written a grant asking the district to match the \$2,500 our club has authorized to be spent on materials (racks, tags, signs, collection bins and so on) needed to collect and distribute pajamas to the 15 shelters in our district. (A District Simplified Grant was approved.)

The goal of the project, called Helen's Pajama Party to protect Women, is to provide every woman entering any shelter in our district with at least the comfort of a pair of new pajamas as they begin to attempt to put themselves and their lives back together.

In addition to Rotary, Younkers has signed on as an official sponsor of the project and included us in a week-long store promotion in the 12 stores in our district in December and some advertising. Collecting 2,000 pairs of pajamas, however, is daunting so we sought help from Rotary clubs in communities where there's a shelter – or anyone else for that matter.

Shelters are located in: Ames, Atlantic, Burlington, Carroll, Clinton, Creston, Davenport, Des Moines, Iowa City, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa and Pella.

Please help by encouraging your club members to donate new pajamas (size small to 2X) with the tags left on. Drop them off at any Dahl's stores in the Metro Des Moines area or at any HyVee store. Or contact the Karen Neuburger section of the sleepwear department in Younkers: www.helenspajamaparty.com.

You should also know that a District Simplified Grant is helping fund this heartwarming project. For more information or questions please call me at (515) 255-8511.

Columnist: 'PJs OK as Rotarians dress down to help'

By Bill Wundram/Davenport Quad-City Times

Things get a little silly around these old towns when the holidays near.

There was Ralph Heninger, the dignified Davenport attorney, standing in a checkout line for an hour to buy about \$103 worth of women's pajamas, and Mary Ellen Chamberlin slinking around in public in sexy silky deep green PJs.

Now, let's not get any wild ideas here, but both were attending a worthy cause – the first-ever benefit women's pajama party offered by the Davenport Rotary Club in the most stately of settings, a place called the Bishop's House, because it once was the home of the bishop of the Diocese of Davenport. Now it is a Victorian-esque bed and breakfast on Brady Street owned by St. Ambrose University.

What a place for a pajama party! Thirty women of all ages, most of them Rotarians, showed up in their PJs. Wives of Rotary members also were invited, but they, too, had to wear pajamas. Male members and husbands could tag along, but sans pajamas.

The women couldn't wear regular clothes to the party. They had to arrive at Bishop's House in their PJs. That was the rule.

"I was really glad that I didn't get in an accident or was stopped by the police for something," says Becky Eiting, the Davenport club's first woman prez who planned the party she calls "my gig."

As with all such things, everything was silly-nilly for a purpose. Everyone present had to bring a pair of new PJs for the

Family Resources domestic abuse center. The haul was 72 new pairs of women's and children's pajamas. That is how Ralph Heninger got into the act. If he was going to go through the embarrassment of buying one pair of women's pajamas, he might as well go wild and buy a bunch, all styles. He bought \$103 worth of nighties at Kohl's the day after Thanksgiving, which is the reason for his wait in the checkout line on the busiest shopping day of the year.

Attire for the evening ranged from the elegant to the practical. Some wore sloppy slippers, which were so wonderfully warm on a chilly night. A few women were in long flannel nighties.

"I feel so shocking," smiled Mary Ellen Chamberlin in dark green satin pajamas. She was the hit of the party, slithering around in revealing PJs. Judges picked her for wearing the sexiest outfit.

Gail Karp was quite fetching in silk burgundy pajamas. Julie Taylor was judged the cutest in

her PJs with patterns of puppies. The award for the most traditional pajamas went to Jody Jones, who wore a silky outfit.

Now that the Davenport Rotarians have decided to hold an annual pajama party, they're also going to dip into a special fund to buy pajamas for children, who regularly find haven at the shelter with their moms.

"We're going to take \$500 from our 'fine fund' to buy pajamas for children," Becky says. "So many times, kids rush to the shelter with their moms and have no pajamas. Our fine fund is for trivial assessments of members. I can't think of a more major use for the money."



The Pajama Party hosted by Davenport Rotary for Rotarians from Davenport and other clubs in the area.

RYLA moved from October to April

By Ed Minnick/West Des Moines

D-6000, RYLA chair

Due to some conflicts, we have moved the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference from October to the spring. This year's conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on Tuesday, April 15.

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 the 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 will address the participants. In the past, subject areas have included Leadership Styles, Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Moral Values, Leadership and Community Service, and Leadership and the Art of Communication.

The West Des Moines Rotary Club will have its regular meeting with an outstanding speaker who will be speaking on a topic directed toward youth. Participants will also be led in the Leadership Reaction Course, which combines teamwork and leadership skills to overcome various challenges.

RYLA is a great day where young people meet one another and learn about leadership while having fun. To encourage the students to put into practice the ideas they learn at RYLA, participants are sent home with a voluntary assignment to write an essay about what they learned at RYLA and they can use this new found knowledge to become a better leader. The essays are judged and

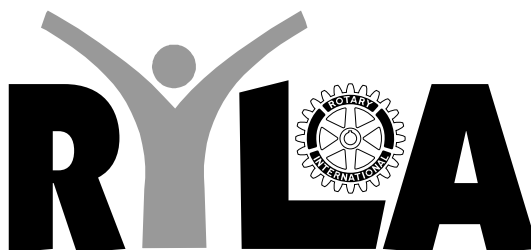
the top writer has the opportunity to read his or her essay at the District Conference where the first place winner is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, the second-place winner \$750, and the third-place winner \$500.

Our goal this year is to have a minimum of two sponsored participants (ideally one male and one female per sophomore class) from every Rotary club in District 6000. Last year we had 175 students from all over the district.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for the students in your area to take part! Please appoint a member of your club to discuss this program with your local high school principal(s) and gain their cooperation in nominating participants from the sophomore class. Then complete the a form that is on the district Web site providing your club's designated contact person, the names of the students you wish to sponsor, and \$80 for each student. If your club is hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student, please include them in the conference as a guest of the district. All of the participation forms and appropriate fees must be returned by March 1, 2008.

Once we receive your participation form, a student kit will be sent to your designated contact person for each student you sponsor. Transportation for participants outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will be provided via motor coach. Bus schedules for pick up and return will be sent to each club's contact person on or before April 1, 2008.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact: Ed Minnick, Storey Kenworthy, 1333 Ohio Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50314; ph. (515) 558-6063; eminnick@storeykenworthy.com. On behalf of District 6000, thank you in advance for your participation in and support of RYLA.



Marshalltown leads the way for Blood Bank, Habitat

By Jeff Vance/Marshalltown

About 1,800 donors are needed each week to meet the rising transfusion demands of the hospitals in our state. Members of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown have united for those in need with the goal of donating 100 gallons a year. Thus far, over 60 members have made the commitment to participate in the Marshalltown Rotary 100-Gallon Club.

Jump started by a \$25,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation, Marshalltown Rotarians have partnered with the local Wells Fargo bank to help build a habitat house. Many club members donned their tool belts to lend a hand in the construction process while others donated a variety of goods and services. In addition, an anonymous Rotarian pledged \$5,000 toward the project if the membership could match it. The club exceeded the \$5,000 match. Construction started in mid May with a projected completion date the beginning of December – an early Christmas present for a deserving young family!

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In August, Rotary linked up with the Marshall County Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor its annual Rural/

Urban event. Two hundred thirty attendees made up of Rotarians and those from the agricultural sector of our community enjoyed a wonderful evening. The Marshall County Cattlemen grilled steaks for the occasion and Congressman Tom Latham introduced Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey, who gave the keynote address.



The Marshalltown Habitat for Humanity house, thanks to Marshalltown Rotary!

Dates set for 2008 Xicotepec Project teams: openings are still available

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City

D-6000, Xicotepec Project Team chair

The D6000 Xicotepec machine is spinning up once more in preparation for the March 2008 project team trip to Xicotepec.

Dates for the two trips to Xicotepec are March 1-9 for "Group One" and March 8-16 for "Group Two."

Unlike past years, this year's visit to Xicotepec does not coincide with the U of I and ISU Spring Break week because that week is celebrated as Holy Week in Mexico and it is not a feasible time for a Rotary project team visit.

D6000 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Junior Rotarians and their family members are eligible to apply for the 2008 project team. Another way that D6000 high school- or college-age youth to become eligible is to be sponsored by a D6000 Rotary Club.

The D6000 Youth Services Fund provides financial support to first-time youth participants in the project; qualifying youth are reimbursed for 50 percent of their travel expenses.

The cost of the trip is about \$1,100 for youth and \$1,200 for adults, including airfare, hotel in Mexico City (two nights), all room and board while in Xicotepec, and bus travel in the U. S. and Mexico.

The deadline for applications was Dec. 5 and 44 have been received, so there is room for more. The application form is on the D6000 Web site. If you are interested, contact me immediately at (319) 631-2992, or e-mail: jim-peterson@mchsi.com.

University of Iowa faculty and students from the Colleges of

Engineering and Pharmacy will once again take part in the project. The anti-parasite worming program, benefitting thousands of schoolchildren in the Xicotepec area, will continue in March, as will work on a secondary school library and on new classrooms at a bi-lingual indigenous primary school located on the edge of Xicotepec.

Rotarians in Xicotepec are hard at work planning and preparing for the annual "Gringo Invasion" of their community. As Rotarian Rubén García recently wrote in an e-mail, "...tenemos mucho ánimo e interés que este próximo Marzo sea mejor que los otros." (We are inspired and committed to make next March the best of them all).

Many D6000 clubs have members who have gone to Xicotepec to participate in the Xicotepec Project. In time, it is hoped that EVERY club in the district will participate.

Clubs that have had members participate include: Ames, Ames AM, Ankeny, Clinton, Coralville-North Corridor, Iowa City, Iowa City AM, Iowa City Downtown, Jefferson, Kalona, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Nevada, Newton, North Scott, Northwest Des Moines, Ottumwa, Washington, Waukee, Wellman and West Des Moines.

If you don't see your club's name in the list above, then the Xicotepec Project is awaiting the application of someone in your club! Find out for yourself why so many D6000 Rotarians have made the decision to support this project.

Interactors send toothbrushes to children in Nepal

The Interact Club of Fairfield was founded on Feb. 25, 2005, as part of Rotary's centennial celebration. Interact stands for international action and reflects the organization's commitment to international peace and goodwill. The club is obligated to complete one community service project and one international service project each year.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. The Fairfield Interact Club meets twice a month as a group with their Rotary advisor. They elect their own officers and recruit new members each school year.

Fairfield Interact is currently conducting a food drive for a local provider of food for the needy and is also collecting toothbrushes to send to needy children in Nepal, which will be sent through a direct connection in Fairfield with a Nepal club member.



Fairfield Interact, front (l-r): Warren Wechsler (lead Rotarian advisor), Nibriti Dhungana, Nikita Dhungana, Caitlin Trout (Interact co-president), Kiran Stallone (Interact co-president) and Michael Flournoy. Back: Nikki Deol, Raj Deol, Susan Ayala, Pe Kunanantakul, Travis Reeves, Pranav Sharma, Aaron Massover, Emily Humble (Rotarian advisor), Douglas Flournoy (Rotarian advisor).

For more information on setting up an Interact club in your area, contact District 6000 Interact coordinator Doug Flournoy

(who was a co-founder of the Fairfield Interact Club). Doug can be emailed at DS-Flournoy@hotmail.com

Four will represent D-6000 in 2008-09 as Ambassadorial Scholars

By Jeff Bremer/Northwest Des Moines

D-6000, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars chair

We are pleased to announce that the following students have been recommended by my committee to Rotary International to be Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars for the 2008-2009 academic year.

- The Iowa City/Coralville Rotary Clubs recommended Priyanka Rao. Priyanka is well known among Johnson County Rotarians and she is active in Rotaract and is past president of the local Interact club. She plans to study at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Quito, Ecuador.

- The Boone Rotary Club recommended Michael Hammond. Michael graduated from Central College in Pella and plans to study International Studies at the Universidad de Costa Rica in San Jose, Costa Rica.

- The Ames Rotary Club recommended Nathan Swanson. Nathan is currently at Drake Law School and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in political science and international studies. He plans to study at the American University in Cairo in Cairo, Egypt.

- The Ames Rotary club recommended Christopher Deal from Jefferson, Iowa. Chris graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He plans to further his studies in Development Studies at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

We are very pleased with the four scholars we have selected and they will all make terrific Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. They plan to attend the district conference this spring and will be part of a Midwest Rotary orientation with 40 other scholars in Kansas City the first weekend in March of 2008.

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Important dates for 2008: The 2009-2010 application process is currently underway. Applications are due to me the first week of April. Each club who recommends a student as a scholar should have the Club Endorsement page completed before the application is sent to me. Once I receive all the applications, they are copied and reviewed by my committee. The members of my committee will select eight scholars to be personally interviewed at Simpson College the first Saturday of June. Each interview is approximately 45 minutes long and by the end of the day, we will recommend three students to Rotary International to be Ambassadorial Scholars. Rotary International will assign a counselor to each student and they will work in getting them placed at the university they have selected on their application. This process is very detailed but once this process is completed, the students are fully prepared for their study abroad program.

Members of my committee include Dick Johns of Iowa City, Ed Rogalski of Davenport, Susan Sinclair of Ames, Jason Summers of Albia, and Joe Walt from Indianola.

If any club has questions, please call me on my cell at (515) 249-5366 or home number at (641) 828-2080. Completed applications should be mailed to: Jeff Bremer, 2622 Forest Drive, Knoxville, Iowa 50138.

District 6000 Rotarians featured in new book, 'Speaking of Rotary'

A book that has been advertised in *The Rotarian* is chock full of articles by and about Rotarians in District 6000.

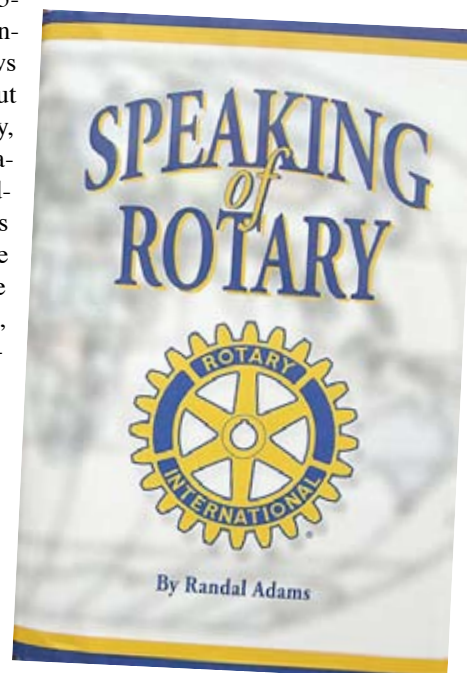
"Speaking of Rotary" was conceived by Rotarian Randal Adams of Carmi, Ill., during Rotary's Centennial year, 2004-05, to tell the stories of ordinary Rotarians.

Included in the 245-page book are transcripts of interviews with Rotarians about their club, community, vocational and international projects. In addition to the Avenues of Service, there are chapters about The Rotary Foundation, fundraising and fellowship.

The stories of District 6000 Rotarians are included in no fewer than 19 places, including multi-page accounts told in the words of the Rotarians themselves.

District 6000 Rotarians in the book include: Bill Koellner (West Liberty), John McNeer (Newton), Susan Herrick (Boone), Keith Mattke (North Scott), Deb Pullin-Van Auken (Iowa City AM), Denny Skinner (Nevada), Loring Miller (Decatur County), Bill Tubbs (North Scott), Karin Franklin (Iowa City), Kathy Skinner (Nevada), Joe Walt (Indianola), Merle Anderson (North Scott), Darrell Limkeman (Ottumwa), Jim Peterson (Iowa City AM), and Don Goering (Ames).

The book can be purchased from EJ Press, P.O. Box 130, Carmi, Ill., 62821, for \$25 plus \$3 shipping. The author, Randal Adams, can be reached at (618) 382-2463.



Correction of PDG listings

Thanks to PDG Bill Reese (West Des Moines) for answering a question about past district governors that are listed in the District Directory:

- The district governor for 1944 was Henry O. Bernbrock of Waterloo (listed in the directory as 1945).
- The district governor for 1945 was Dan J. P. Ryan of Parkersburg (omitted from the directory).

Bill explains, "At some time in the past, the date order of DGs was changed from ascending order to descending order in the directory listing. While I didn't check all the way back, I suspect that this is where the problem started."



'Rotary on the River' • Sept. 3-9, 2007



Joe Dittmar told about his walk to safety down 102 flights in World Trade Center Tower No. 2 on Sept. 11, 2001, and held the audience in hushed silence.



Merle Anderson of North Scott Rotary gave RI President-Elect D.K. Lee and his wife, Young, a tour of the Quad Cities.



Past RI Director Mike McCullough of Trenton, Mich., and Mary Ellen Chamberlin of North Scott Rotary.

District 6000 hosts

For the first time since 1987, District 6000 hosted the Rotary Zones 27-28 Institute, welcoming 300 Rotarians and guests from 25 districts



Institute chair Tom Thorfinnson of Eden Prairie, Minn., was subsequently nominated RI Director for 2009-11. He is with Deanna Jensen of the Quad-City Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Aboard the Celebration Belle, the 2007-08 governors sang their song, "Pick a Little, Talk a Little," about polio eradication.



With Monica Forret presiding, President-Elect Lee spoke at a Quad-Cities inner-city meeting on Sept. 10 and awarded Paul Harris Fellows to Bill Burress, Dick Kleine and Tom Licea.



Past RI Vice President and current Rotary Foundation Trustee Lou Piconi of Pittsburgh with Linda and Bill Tubbs.



Jim Peterson, Gary Pacha and Ray Muston talked about D6000's successful project model in Xicotepec, Mexico. Carolyn Jons (Reach Out & Read) and Keith Mattke (Disaster Relief) presented.



Foundation chair Don Goering (r) met Eddie Blender of Colorado, who edits the extraordinary "Our Foundation" newsletter that can be found at: www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter.



RI President-Elect D.K. Lee (c) celebrates a September cruise on the Celebration Belle with Governors-Elect, including Susan Herrick of D6000.



Deanna Jensen, an East Moline Rotarian who works for the Quad-City Convention & Visitors Bureau, welcomed past governors to Reunion Night at Abbey Station. Later in the week she was honored as a new Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotary Institute

in the upper Midwest USA and Canada, Sept. 3-9 at the downtown Davenport Radisson Plaza and Conference Center.



With rap music playing, President-Elect Lee, of Korea, and his wife, Young, brought the house down with his introduction as the "Seoule Man."



The River City Institute was officially opened with the surprise performance of the Pleasant Valley High School Marching Spartans band.



Clinton Rotarians sharing Rotary at the House of Friendship included Don Krambeck, and Ida and Al Lorenz.



RI Director Mike Johns rang the bell to convene the Institute but then was flown home to Ohio to be with his wife, Nikki, who was ill and died on Sept. 17.



One of the biggest jobs of the Institute and Governor-Elect Training fell on the sergeants-at-arms, chaired by Dale Belknap and his wife, Mary (pictured).



Past RI Director Frank Goldberg (r) presented the Rotary International Outstanding Achievement Awards in public relations to DG Diana Reed and PDG Del Bluhm at the Zone Institute for the USA Special Olympics sponsorship and a booth at the Iowa Newspaper Association trade show. The award was one of 14 and the only one in North America.



Regional Rotary Foundation Chair Mary Beth Growney-Selene (second from left) presents a plaque to DG Diana Reed, PDG Del Bluhm and Rotary Foundation chair PDG Don Goering to recognize District 6000 as second highest in Annual Giving during 2006-07 (\$482,226) and third in total giving (\$608,463) among 11 districts in Zone 27.

Ways to recognize Rotarians for service

By PDG Don Goering/Ames

D-6000, Awards & Recognition Committee chair

During this Rotary year there are many opportunities to recognize D-6000 Rotarians and clubs for their hard work and dedication to help achieve the goals and ideals of Rotary. The following is a list of awards that can be presented in the 2007-08 Rotary year:

Club Based Awards:

Available for presentation at your club meetings:

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. Certificates can be ordered from RI Publications Order Services costing \$2.50 for 10 certificates. Your club can present these awards any time during this Rotary year.

Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarian: Each club may recognize one of their 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. Enter "Four Avenues of Service Citation" in the RI web site search box for the nomination form.

District Based Awards:

The following awards and recognitions will be presented at the District Conference, if available at that time.

Best Cooperative Projects Award: Recognizes clubs that conduct outstanding projects in cooperation with other local, national, or international organizations. Five awards are available for District 6000 to present. Award Criteria: The project must have been undertaken in collaboration with a non-Rotary organization. Projects undertaken in collaboration only with other Rotary clubs will not be considered. However, projects undertaken by multiple Rotary clubs in cooperation with other non-Rotary organizations are eligible. The project must have been well established during the 12 months prior to March 15, 2008. An application form can be downloaded from the RI web site. Your nomination must be submitted to District Governor Diana by March 15, 2008.

Membership Development & Extension Award: A certificate recognizing clubs for membership growth, retention of current club members, and the organization of new clubs. The annual RI Membership Development and Extension Award is given to clubs within District 6000 based on their achievements from July 1-May 15 in the following categories: *Overall growth:* club with the highest growth rate* (percentage); *Recruitment:* club with the most new members inducted; *Retention:* club with the highest retention rate (percentage); *New clubs:* club(s) that sponsored a new club(s). *The retention rate is the percentage of members who joined the club on or before July 1 and are still members on May 15.

If you believe your club would qualify for one of these four certificates, send your information DG Diana no later than April 1, 2008.

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. Guidelines for clubs: Submit a detailed explanation of your club's strategy, initiative, or program to District Governor Diana no later than April 1, 2008. You might consider these questions as you write: What is the purpose of the strategy or program? What was the initial problem or challenge? What regional factors, issues or trends were affecting membership? What process or procedures does the program follow? Who has been involved? What has been accomplished? What was the program's long-term success? What modifications have been adopted? What was the cost of implementation? Please limit your explanation to two pages.

Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth: Certificates will be awarded to clubs in the following three categories that meet their membership goal during the 1 July-15 May time frame: Fewer than 10 members (at least 10 members); 10-14 members (at least 15 members); 15-19 members (at least 20 members). District Governor Diana will submit the names of all qualifying clubs to RI after May 15, 2008. Each recognized club will receive a certificate

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Clubs encouraged to submit nominations for district, international, Foundation awards

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signed by the RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. If your club meets these criteria, notify DG Diana by May 15, 2008.

Presidential Citation: A certificate presented by RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson for each club that achieves the standards he has set. Clubs received the criteria and application form at PETS. Copies can be downloaded from the RI Web site. Club presidents must submit their application to DG Diana by April 1, 2008.

District Governor Diana's Club Recognition Award: This year's District Governor Recognition Program focuses on club involvement in public relations, literacy, matching grants, membership and Rotary Foundation activities. Presidents received a copy of the criteria and the certification form at PETS last spring. This information can also be downloaded from District 6000 Web site at www.rotary6000.org. Presidents should submit this certification form to DG Diana no later than April 1, 2008.

Public Relations Award: Recognizes clubs for outstanding media campaigns that improve Rotary's public image. Only one nomination can be submitted by D-6000 to RI. Only campaigns carried out by a single club are eligible for this award and only one club per district may be nominated. Before submitting your nomination for the RI Public Relations Award, make sure it meets the following criteria: Only public relations efforts carried out by a single club may be considered for this award and only one nomination per district may be submitted to Rotary International. The public relations effort must focus on a single club project, event or campaign (activities pertaining to one topic – e.g., drug abuse prevention, literacy promotion). The media campaign must take place during the 12 months before March 15, 2008. The campaign must be directed at an external (non-Rotarian) audience. The promotion may be directed toward the media, local government officials, the business community, other civic organizations and/or people directly affected by Rotary's service initiatives. It must demonstrably improve Rotary's visibility and image within the community. Effective public relations can result in increased attendance or monetary support for a Rotary event, increased community participation. Clubs interested in being considered for this award must submit their information no later than May 1, 2008 to DG Diana.

Significant Achievement Award: Recognizes clubs for outstanding local community service projects. One project will be nominated by DG Diana to RI. Only club projects carried out by a single club are eligible for this award and only one club per district may be nominated. Projects previously recognized with an RI Significant Achievement Award are not eligible. Before selecting a project to be nominated for the RI Significant Achievement Award, make sure it meets the award criteria. The project must: Address a significant problem or need in the local community (international service projects, no matter how worthy, are not eligible for this award); Involve most or all the club members in personal rather than merely monetary service; Be commensurate with the size of the club and the resources available; Enhance the image of Rotary in the community; Be able to be emulated by other Rotary clubs; Be currently active or be reaching a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is being given (though it need not have been initiated in the current Rotary year). The nomination form is available from the RI Web site and must be submitted to District Governor Diana by March 1, 2008.

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award: District 6000 can recognize 10 district Rotarians for service to humanity through Rotary Foundation programs. Club presidents can nominate Rotarians they wish to be considered for this award to District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering by April 1, 2008.

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 recognized. This award shall only be given for demonstrated active service to The Rotary Foundation over a period of more than one year. (Thus, someone who has only contributed financially, however notably, to the Foundation would not be eligible.) No district shall have more than one recipient of a Citation for Meritorious Service in each Rotary year. If a person has received a Citation for Meritorious Service, he or she is not eligible to receive the award again. If your club has a Rotarian to be considered for this award, submit the Rotarians name and supporting information to District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering by April 1, 2008.

For additional information or questions, please contact D-6000 Awards Committee chair Don Goering, (515) 232-1736.

Iowa M.O.S.T. plans April mission to Guatemala

By PDG Gary Pacha/Iowa City

D-6000 Iowa M.O.S.T. Team Leader

Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles of Smiles Team) is the Rotary District 6000 medical mission to Guatemala organized to provide free cleft lip and palate repair. Although the majority of the mission team is comprised of medical personnel, there is need of non-medical support personnel as well. District Rotarians and qualified non-Rotarians are invited to apply for these positions.

The mission will take place in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, from April 5-15, 2008.

You must be in reasonably good health and able to work long days. The altitude in Quetzaltenango is around 7,000 feet and participants may be required to climb some stairs in the hospital where we will work.

Besides the medical objectives of this mission trip, building re-

lationships is an essential element to our success. This requires cultural sensitivity and patience with the differences we encounter living and working in another country.

The cost to Rotarians filling the non-medical positions has run around \$1,000 in the past. That amount can fluctuate depending upon travel costs, which can vary from year to year, and whether one chooses to take the optional R&R days at the end of the mission. The cost is calculated upon return from the mission.

The application form for the 2008 Iowa M.O.S.T. mission as well as descriptions of the non-medical positions is posted on the District 6000 Web site. Please read the descriptions to determine which position suits you, fill out the application and return it by Jan. 15, 2008 to Team Leader PDG Gary Pacha at gpacha@aol.com or the following address: Gary Pacha, 904 Scott Park Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245.

Community projects underway at Knoxville

By John Chadwick/Knoxville

Club President

In September and October the Knoxville Rotary Club joined with a group in town to provide winter children's clothing for the kids in our community. We brought all sort of items to our meeting and the other group picked them up. The clothing was distributed through the United Methodist Church.

When we have the next dictionary give-away we are going to put the dictionaries on the tables during the meeting and have each member put the Rotary label on it, and even write a note. They get more ownership.

We are working with KNIA, our local radio station, to help fill the local food pantry. Food will be brought to the meeting and placed in a truck outside.

Every other month we hope to have a hands on service projects. We welcome ideas other clubs are using. I want to have a "mittens tree" at our meeting place so members can bring mittens and scarves for the kids for Christmas.

Johnston Rotary 'adopts' DM North football team

By Randy Clarkson/Johnston

Club President

Our club has a project going on where we have in a way, adopted the North High School football team and have made them a part of our family. This team is a team within the city of Des Moines and has a lot of struggles in many areas of their lives. They have not won a football game in a long, long time and they do not get support from alumni, boosters or family in the same way that other kids would receive.

On the nights before home football games, our club puts on a pasta dinner for these kids and their coaches. I don't know who feels better after the dinner; the kids or our club. but it is a great experience. We also are providing shirts which are given out weekly to kids who have done something positive during the prior week. It may be that they attended classes better than they had in the prior weeks, or, they did a great job in practice or for any other reason determined by the coaching staff.

Most of these kids don't get a whole lot of positive reinforcement in their lives so we think that this helps meet that need. Many of our members attend every dinner and others are there on a rotating basis. We hope to expand this project by getting to know the kids better and then providing them with help in other areas of their lives.

Boone Rotary moves to County History Center

The Boone Rotary club has been meeting at the Boone County Historical Center since Nov. 21. The center which is located at 602 Story Street in Boone. They will meet in the lower level meeting room which is accessible from Sixth Street. If you have questions, please contact President Scott Smith at scottsmith@mchsi.com.

Xicotepec adoption adds meaning to 'Family of Rotary' for Jefferson Rotarian

By Jim Peterson/Iowa City AM

District 6000 Xicotepec Project chair

The "Family of Rotary" gained a new meaning for Rotarian Nancy Stroburg of Jefferson, thanks to District 6000's relationship with Xicotepec, Mexico. Nancy arrived home on Oct. 19 with her daughter Araceli (Chely), having completed all of the adoption requirements in Mexico and secured a Mexican passport and U.S. visa for Chely.

Nancy and Chely first met in March of 2005 at the Casa Hogar Victoria orphanage. Nancy's latest stay in Mexico was 61 days!!! Needless to say, she is glad to be back home and anxious to get into a routine with her husband, Jeff, and their new daughter.

Chely's older sister, Emily Stroburg, is enrolled at ISU in Ames for next semester and now has an apartment there; she spent the past year living in Xicotepec and caring for Chely, but has no plans to return any time soon.

If you want to write or call Nancy, Jeff and Chely and congratulate them: stroburg@netins.net; (515) 386-3528 (home); or (515) 370 0785 (Nancy's cell).

Northwest Des Moines club makes University of Iowa President a Paul Harris Fellow

New University of Iowa President Dr. Sally Mason made her first Des Moines public appearance at the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club on Friday, Sept. 14, reports Past Assistant District Governor Lloyd Hill.

"She was delightful," said Hill. "On behalf of the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club, we presented her with a Paul Harris Fellow. I had done some research and found that she had \$150 toward a Paul Harris Fellow in the West Lafayette, Ind., club. I added 850 recognition points and got her a Paul Harris Fellow.

"I had introduced her and after she spoke, I commented on her recognition that Paul Harris was a graduate of the University of Iowa Law School. I asked that all Paul Harris Fellows stand. She did not, of course. I then ask her to stand and join the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellows, as she now was one. She was very moved and thanked the club for this outstanding recognition."

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President Mason was also the featured speaker at an inner-city meeting of the Rotary clubs in the Iowa City area on Oct. 25.



Lloyd Hill

Fire relocates Northwest club

President Mark McAndrews reports that the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club's meeting location was changed temporarily due to Jimmy's American Cafe due to a fire at Christopher's. The club is meeting at the Urbandale Golf & Country Club.

Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund giving

District 6000 Clubs • July 1, 2007 - November 30, 2007

CLUB (Members/Jul 07)	(1) 07-08 Goal	(2) Thru 11-30-07	(3) % of Goal	(4) Per capita
Adel (26)	\$ 2,700	110	4	\$ 4.23
Albia (34)	2,280	50	2	1.47
Ames Morning (70)	6,900	6,400	93	91.43
Ames (268)	35,750	9,495	27	35.43
Ankeny (69)	7,400	4,868	66	70.55
Atlantic (63)	3,300	50	2	0.79
Bettendorf (90)	9,100	6,748	74	74.98
Bloomfield (15)	1,400	305	22	20.33
Boone (61)	5,525	2,475	45	40.57
Burlington (103)	11,300	5,500	49	53.40
Carroll (56)	5,500	1,050	19	18.75
Centerville (49)	1,000	845	85	17.24
Chariton (55)	5,200	60	1	1.09
Clinton (110)	7,600	4,655	61	42.32
Coon Rapids (26)	2,600	160	6	6.15
Coralville-North Corridor (37)	6,300	0	0	0
Corning (53)	2,160	3,500	162	66.04
Corydon (18)	460	0	0	0
Creston (19)	475	0	0	0
Dallas Center (21)	2,400	0	0	0
Davenport (180)	13,650	4,382	32	24.34
Decatur County (15)	2,500	0	0	0
Des Moines AM (127)	14,850	620	4	4.88
Des Moines (353)	18,250	14,850	81	42.07
East Polk County (48)	2,250	400	18	8.33
Fairfield (75)	7,400	1,350	18	18
Fort Madison (49)	2,500	475	19	9.69
Grinnell (30)	2,500	191	8	6.37
Indianola (51)	5,400	500	9	9.80
Iowa City A.M. (54)	7,250	1,125	16	20.83
Iowa City Downtown (28)	3,000	0	0	0
Iowa City (300)	23,100	6,814	29	22.71
Iowa Quad-Cities (54)	0	0	0	0
Jefferson (53)	5,300	0	0	0
Johnston (42)	4,100	100	2	2.38
Kalona (45)	2,500	800	32	17.78
Keokuk (78)	3,950	3,350	85	42.95
Keosauqua (31)	2,300	720	31	23.23
Knoxville (66)	6,700	100	1	1.52
Lenox (28)	1,800	900	50	32.14
Manning (17)	1,200	500	42	29.41
Marengo (14)	1,000	0	0	0
Marshalltown (182)	10,000	350	4	1.92
Mount Pleasant Noon (36)	3,330	780	23	21.67
Mt. Pleasant (28)	2,520	3,731	148	133.25
Muscatine (132)	16,200	10,812	67	81.92
Nevada (61)	6,800	0	0	0
Newton (91)	9,500	1,610	17	17.69
North Scott (101)	10,800	4,475	41	44.31
Northwest Des Moines (70)	12,780	100	1	1.43
Osceola (34)2	2,160	0	0	0
Oskaloosa (56)	6,000	0	0	0
Ottumwa (111)	11,500	100	1	0.90
Pella (40)	4,000	1,000	25	25
Perry (33)	3,400	0	0	0
Tipton (32)	2,201	0	0	0
Washington (63)	6,200	150	2	2.38
Waukee (68)	6,800	1,700	25	25
Wellman (36)	3,400	2,270	67	63.06
West Des Moines (79)	7,200	50	1	0.63
West Liberty (36)	3,600	6,100	169	169.44
Winterset (37)	1,850	0	0	0
Total	\$ 382,591	\$ 116,676	30.5	\$ 27.09

By John Kleinschmid/Ames

D-6000, Annual Giving chair

The Every Rotarian Every Year campaign is aimed at encouraging ALL Rotarians worldwide to participate fully in the mission of Rotary through the ideal of service and their generosity to support the programs and works of Rotary around the world.

District 6000 had a banner year last year, but that's history! Through November, contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are slightly ahead of last year at this same point.

However, December is a critical month. Last year, contributions were over \$50,000 in December. It's the final month of the year to make charitable gifts and receive credit for them on your 2007 income tax returns.

Do yourself and someone less fortunate a favor. Make that gift to The Foundation now!

Thank you.



Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all in the District 6000 Family of Rotary . . . to celebrate the season:

- * Share Rotary
- * Lead the Way
- * Give Service Above Self
- * Celebrate Rotary
- * Lend A Hand
- * Sow the Seeds of Love
- * Make Mankind Your Business
- * Create Awareness; Take Action
- * Serve with Consistency, Continuity and Credibility
- * Follow Your Rotary Dream
- * Show Rotary Cares
- * Build the Future with Action and Vision
- * Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace
- * Give Until It Feels Good!

Fairfield Rotarians benefit Arts Center

A large custom-made cherry vernier table for the soon-to-be-opened Fairfield Arts and Convention Center was made possible by a matching grant from the Fairfield Rotary Club.

In addition, members of the Rotary club individually donated money for the matching 24 leather chairs. Local artisans created a specially designed table to fit in the uniquely shaped room that seats up to 24 people. The 20-foot by 7-foot cherry table weighs over 1,500 pounds.

The club is very proud to make a major contribution to the new Arts and Convention Center, which will open in December. The conference room will be used by the Convention Center and other organizations in town.



Mac Sutherland creator of the table from Sutherland Woodwork, standing at the left, and Fairfield Rotary Club members pose around the table that Sutherland custom made. Seated (l-r): Club president Geoff Ward, Ginny Hughes and Doug Flournoy; standing: Sutherland, Chet Swanson, Emily Humble, June Lowenberg, Judith Cox, Joan Masover, Linda Stallone, Jim Rubis, Jodi Kerr, Deb Davis, Pat Hurley and Jim Dunlevy.



Boone Rotarians have a 'steak' in scholarships

By Scott Smith/Boone
Club President

The Boone Rotary Club held its 37th Annual Steak Fry on Oct. 8. The event was a resounding success with 892 delicious ribeye steaks grilled and served along with an additional 83 hamburgers for kids! This is the club's primary fundraiser with proceeds going to providing \$1,000 college scholarships to Boone County students and Boone Campus DMACC students.

This past year the club was able to provide 10 such scholarships. This program is well supported by the community and helps raise awareness about Rotary International. Steve Kramer served as the logistics chair. Alan Greiner served as ticket selling chair. Both did a great job organizing and rallying the club members.

Four club members sold more than 50 tickets apiece. PDG Paul Hellwege did even better and sold over 100 tickets!

The event, as usual, was a great deal of fun and is a highlight of Boone community events.

Cooking for a cause . . .

The Rotary Club of West Liberty held its 39th annual Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, Oct. 14. Over 750 tickets were sold with all of the proceeds going to benefit local organizations such as the Cub Scouts, Public Library, Firefighters, National Honor Society and others. Families and community members come to eat the chicken, salad and treats at the Muscatine County Activity Center. Drive-through and home delivery also make up a big portion of the sales. All 38 members of the club are employed in varying capacities during the project – from serving patrons, to driving chicken meals to elderly homes, to the actual cooking of the chicken. Members of the BBQ pit crew are pictured, front (l-r): West Liberty mayor Clifford McFerren, president Gerry Wickham, Cora Wickham (Gerry's daughter), Nathan Yoder and Jason Cassady. Back: Tom Pace (prospective member), Bill Tharp, Mike Tharp and Conrad Gregg.

Is your club supporting 'Reach Out and Read'?

The Iowa Reach Out and Read coalition board held a book fair at Barnes and Noble in West Des Moines on Dec. 1 and 2. Rotarians who brought vouchers to the store got a sales credit and ROR benefits. There were special activities for children on Dec. 1, including two guest readers who hosted a story time/children's activity.

If your club has not yet had a program about our district-wide Reach Out and Read initiative, contact Carolyn Jons, District Literacy Promotion chair: e-mail: ccjons@aol.com; or ph. (515) 292-9685.

Letter from a Peace Scholar: *Ottumwa's Wendi Boxx writes from Germany*

By Wendi Boxx/Ottumwa

Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar

Greetings from Munich Germany! I hope this short letter will find you in good health and the company of loved ones. I was back in Iowa over the Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed my chance to see family and meet a new nephew who was born to my sister in August. I can hardly believe that this year is coming to a close! I started off the New Year in Agra, India. I spent New Year's Day looking around the Taj Mahal complex and being amazed by India. I went to India in November 2006 to work with Pardada Pardadi Girls School (PPES), after following up on a Rotary contact I met at the Iowa Rotary District Convention in May 2006. Ms. Meena Petal generously arranged for an NGO to work with me in Uttar Pradesh, northern India. The NGO Pardada Pardadi was truly an exceptional experience. While not an anti-trafficking NGO, by virtue of providing opportunity for these young women, many of them are saved from exploitative situations by being empowered through education. I as well was motivated by my opportunity to meet Sam Singh, an inspiration in his own right, and someone who really showed me what the Rotary slogan "Service Above Self" means. Through his determination and belief to demonstrate to the larger community that girl children "are not burdens," he is providing opportunity for young women in an environment where there was none. If you would like to learn more or sponsor a girl, please check out the organization at www.education-4change.org.

My time in Iowa was cut short due to receiving an invitation to interview for both the Bosch and Humboldt Fellowships. I was happy to get a shot at the interviews as I had wanted to continue my research in Germany since finishing my MA. However, I reluctantly left India and am still longing to go back. It was such an amazing experience, I hope I will get back there sometime soon. I flew to New York, after a short touch down in Iowa. I interviewed for the Bosch in NYC, and then spent my time between interviews traveling up to Boston, then down to Philadelphia catching up with old friends. I ended up in Washington, D.C., for the Humboldt interview. It was nice to be back if just for a few days. I received word that I won the Humboldt in March, and was ecstatic! This will allow me to continue my research on human trafficking, public policy in the German arena. It is really a great opportunity and allowed me to become a candidate for a PhD at the University of Duisburg at Essen in Germany.

The spring found me spending some time with my family in

Iowa and then back in Tokyo, working as an English teacher and taking German classes. It will be one of my fondest memories from Japan, sitting in an all-Japanese class of students learning German. Talk about a small world! I moved to Bonn, Germany, in June, after a brief orientation in Sacramento, Calif. I spent the next three months taking intensive German. The "summer" passed without much notice as I had class five days a week six hours a day. Also the weather in Bonn didn't feel like much of a summer,

rain and cold. The weather here takes some getting used to, and the language, well I would like to say I am fluent, but it is coming slowly ... maybe after another year! It helps having Alex, my love, who is a German speaker. We are excited to finally be settling into life in Munich. We came in October, after Alex finished up his MA in Tokyo and I finished a month-long tour of Germany in September as a full-fledged Humboldt German Chancellor Fellow. The month-long study tour was an amazing experience to interact with my Chinese and Russian colleagues, who are the other countries represented. We got such a great opportunity to learn about many aspects of German culture, politics and business. I think I got to see the best of not only Bonn, but Berlin and Potsdam. The Germans are gracious hosts, and the Russians and Chinese go out of their way to show us the best of their countries. I have to say the Russians sure know how to have a party! The night we were invited to their embassy we had food, traditional dancing, a wedding and of course plenty of drinks. I wish I could show you some of my pictures!

This year has been jam packed with experiences I couldn't have planned and things I did not anticipate, and new friendships, *and* all the moving around may have made me *finally* want to just stay in one place for awhile! Alex and I are doing our best to stay put in Munich. He is working for MAN (a truck manufacturer) and I keep busy with interviews and research. We took one short trip to Amsterdam, and hope to get to Paris and maybe Rome. (Everything is so close in Europe). We figure that even though we are settling in one spot, we shouldn't stay just at home! I think the next few years will find us in Germany, as I try to learn German, and start work in earnest towards my PhD. In any event, I feel lucky and blessed and am happy to be making friendships with a new group of international friends. Please let me know how you are if you have a chance. I am wishing you and your family well. Let me know if you pass through Germany!

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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.

Deadline for the next issue: Feb. 27.



Northwest team members: Brad Helgemo, Beth Goedken, Jaimi Wurts, Heidi Nebel and Eric Dickinson.



Heidi Nebel with children at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage in Xicotepec, Mexico.

Northwest Rotarians take fall trip to Xicotepec

By Beth Goedken/Northwest Des Moines

Five members of the Northwest Rotary went to Xicotepec, Mexico, in September to install two water purification systems, plant trees at the orphanage, help with recycling efforts and learn about their culture.

Rotarians put a water purification system in two schools to clean water for one drinking fountain so the kids will be able to drink from the fountains and not get sick. The pollution in Mexico is so bad that the visitors were told, we – any Americans – still would not be able to drink from the fountain for fear of getting sick.

Ankeny Rotarian nominated for District Governor 2010-11

On Oct. 14, 2007, the District 6000 Nominating Committee interviewed three candidates for District Governor Nominee 2010-2011. The committee selected Gary Welch of the Rotary Club of Ankeny as Governor Nominee 2010-2011. His wife is Colleen.

Gary is retired as an administrator at Des Moines Area Community College. He is an assistant district governor and served his club as centennial club president. He participated in the District 6000 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico, and has been involved with numerous club and community service activities. He is a member of the District Conference, Public Relations and Every Rotarian, Every Year committees.



DGN Gary Welch

Clubs were officially notified of the selection. According to Article 13.020.7 of the Rotary International Manual of Procedure, the clubs had an opportunity to propose a challenging candidate for governor nominee to the District 6000 Nominating Committee by Nov. 1. No challenges were received.

Other future governors are: DGE Susan Herrick (Boone), 2008-09; and DGN Cal Litwiller (Mt. Pleasant), 2009-10.

By having the water from these drinking fountains purified, the schools will be able to reduce the need for bottled water.

Rotarians Eric Dickinson, Dianne Downing-Nelson, Heidi Nebel, Brad Helgemo and Beth Goedken made the trip and spent time learning about efforts to recycle the plastic bottles that pollute the country. They spent one day helping to collect plastic bottles and meet the people doing that as a business.

Their host said he has worked with small towns to visit once every three weeks to collect and pay residents for the plastic as a way to promote the economy and help with pollution.

On another day, visitors spent time at the Casa Hogar Victoria Orphanage, where they planted an orchard that will provide fruit for the kids. They also cleaned up a lot of debris.

The Des Moines guests stayed with Rotarians who live in Xicotepec, who insisted on cooking for the visitors and inviting them to their homes.

File tax returns with IRS

James Damato, Rotary's supervisor of Club and District Support for our region, says that at the end of the 2007-08 Rotary fiscal year, the IRS will be requiring all Rotary clubs and districts in the United States to submit either an IRS form 990 (for clubs and districts with gross receipts of over \$25,000) or an electronic version, referred to as an e-Postcard report (for those clubs and districts with gross receipts under \$25,000).

For reporting purposes, the deadline to submit the required information for the 2007-08 fiscal year will be 15 November 2008 (next year). Please note that per the IRS, failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district in question.

The IRS has requested that Rotary remind clubs of this new filing procedure. In addition, following is a link to the paper, which also can be found on the RI website: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf. This version is the most clearly written regarding the new IRS requirement and the timing of the reporting process.

Rotaractor spends 'Semester at Sea'

D-6000 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange chair Norm Smith of Muscatine received this message from Celia Ruiz-Paz. He writes:

"Celia is a rebound of our D-6000 Rotary Youth Exchange program. She is from Fairfield, and a student at Iowa State University. She was in France with the class of 2003-2004. Celia is an outstanding student and an example of what Youth Exchange can do for a young lady. Most of you will recognize her as she has returned to be with us a few times. I hear from her mother periodically. Her previous letter is very interesting and describes what it is like to be aboard a ship with a large group of college students for an extended time.

Hello Dear Rotarian Friends in Iowa,

All is well here on the ocean although tonight we're hitting some pretty rough waters! I know I had contacted some of you via e-mail about a month ago to let you know about certain things that the Rotary club was involved with during Semester at Sea, and below you will find the general e-mail sent out to various Rotary clubs around the nation. Our teacher and class simply wants to teach the students and people in the countries we visit about Rotary in general, and generate a stronger relationship with the Rotary and Rotaract clubs of their prospective towns. It's been a lot of work and we've learned a lot but it has also been fulfilling and fun. Hope to keep you updated and hear from you soon!



-s- Cilia María

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Dear Friends in Rotary,

Rotary International has touched many lives throughout the world, and it is currently playing a large role on the fall 2007 university study abroad program Semester at Sea. As one of our members is a part of your community and a student of the International Service Learning class offered on the Semester at Sea ship, we wanted to inform you about Rotary International's presence and projects in the 11 countries we will have visited upon completion of the semester. Our professor, Dr. Bernard J. Strenicky, is an avid Rotarian from the Louisville, Ky., Rotary Club and has asked that as a class we inform our own communities' clubs to enhance the class's curriculum while fostering communication within the Rotary family.

Semester at Sea is a program currently sponsored by the University of Virginia. It allows university students to take courses for credit for one semester (from August to December) on the MV Explorer ship while traveling around the world. The opportunity for such a voyage is of great value not only for the international traveling itself, but also because unlike traditional classes, the education provided by the professors on the voyage can be experienced through personal examination and hands-on projects. This particular voyage visited Hawaii, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, India and Egypt, and will be visiting Turkey, Croatia and Spain in the next few months. (For further information the Semester at Sea website is www.semesteratsea.com.)

Dr. Strenicky's class adds yet one more dimension to the voyage because he has implemented a service program (sponsored by a grant from the Louisville Rotary Club) titled the "Hundred Dollar Solution." This project entails forming student groups who come up with service projects to be put in place in the countries

visited. The projects require partnerships, cultural understanding, an interdisciplinary aspect, a project management model, and a model for sustainability and capacity building within the community touched by the project. Each group receives a \$100 bill which they must increase in value through fundraising projects on the ship and then utilize it to fund and attempt to resolve a social issue in one of the 11 countries.

Our group, Service at Sea, will be maintaining communication with your club through e-mail on updates and Hundred Dollar Solution projects throughout the remainder of the voyage (about a month or so), and if it is of interest to your club, we would be happy to prepare a presentation discussing our experiences while at sea for one of your club meetings. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about Semester at Sea and our International Service Learning class.

We look forward to future communications. Sincerely,

-s- Cilia María Ruiz-Paz

Service at Sea Coordinator

Iowa State University Rotaract member

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Kenny is president-nominee

John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Central, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10. Barring challenges received by Dec. 1, he became the president-nominee.

Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary. He is active in scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping form new scout groups in Eastern Europe. An elder of the Church of Scotland, he's served as session clerk and presbytery elder. Kenny was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.



John Kenny

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.

Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Ray Klinginsmith of Missouri chaired the 17-member nominating committee.

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Future RI Conventions:

- Los Angeles, California, USA, June 15-18, 2008;
- Birmingham, England, June 21-24, 2009;
- Montreal, Canada, June 20-23, 2010;
- New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, May 22-25, 2011;
- Bangkok, Thailand, 2012; Lisbon, Portugal, 2013; Sydney, Australia, 2014.

Letters:

Rotary Day celebrations

Dear Rotarians,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Rotary's Public Image Resource Group to encourage Rotary clubs and districts to select a day and highlight Rotary's involvement in the local – and global – community. The Public Image Resource Group recommends Rotary's "birthday" on Feb. 23 as an ideal date for several reasons. First, as Rotary's anniversary, Feb. 23 allows clubs and districts a natural day to recognize Rotary's past, present, and future. Second, the more clubs and districts around the world that celebrate Rotary Day on the same day, the greater the positive impact on Rotary's public image.

Yet, while publicizing Rotary on its Feb. 23 birthday is ideal, any day can be identified as "Rotary Day" in your community. What is key is to plan a high visibility community service project or event for Rotary Day that helps to communicate what Rotary is and does with your community.

To help Rotary clubs and districts organize a celebration, here are three resources that are available for you and your District Public Relations Committees:

100 Ways to Celebrate Rotary Day

(www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rg07_pr_100ways.pdf)

You may select one or many options and tailor your celebration to your community - or come up with your own creative Rotary Day activities. Remember, the idea is to share the Rotary story with the general community, so your celebration efforts should be directed to the community, the media and the general public.

Rotary Day Proclamation

(www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/rg07_pr_proclamation2007.doc)

A proclamation is an official recognition of a particular event or day. Often "proclaimed" by a government authority, the day is recorded in the public record and may be announced in such forums as a city council, provincial government or national parliament. This formal recognition also provides a good "news hook" for potential media attention.

This proclamation sample can be tailored and sent to your local community, regional or national government decision-makers asking that a specific date – Feb. 23 or another day – be named Rotary Day and declared an official day in your community.

Celebrate Rotary Day Poster

(www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/pr_rotary_day_18x24.pdf)

To help promote the event in your community, two Rotary Day poster designs are available for districts and clubs to use. A graphic designer can modify the blank section or insert local photos. You can also print the poster out as is and write in local event information. The poster is designed so that it can stand alone, if needed.

The Rotary International Board of Directors adopted "enhance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary" as the No. 2 goal in its Strategic Plan. Think of the impact of everyone celebrating Rotary Day together! Best wishes as we Share Rotary.

-s- Bill Tubbs

Area Coordinator/North America
Rotary International Public Image Resource Group

Iraq report: Rebaz

Here is an e-mail from Cindy Yerington, now of Eagan, Minn., who hosted 5-year-old Rebaz Shamsideen of Iraq and his father, Subhi, at her West Liberty home from January through April 2005 when Rebaz had been identified as needing a surgery to repair an AP window in his heart if he was to live. Rebaz' need was identified by Cindy's son, Sgt. Corey Johnson, an Airborne Ranger medic. With much support from District 6000 Rotarians, the surgery was performed at University Hospitals in Iowa City. Cindy's e-mail address: cbuckets61@hotmail.com.

Yes, I have heard recently from Subhi and Rebaz – it is very hard to communicate due to the language barrier – we say enough to know that each other is fine and that he loves us and we love him. Then he ends it saying that "my English, no good." But it is nice to hear their voice and know that all is well. Rebaz' voice sounds strong and healthy and he is beginning to sound very grown up! It's hard to believe that it has been two years since our adventure and that he is almost 7 years old!

All is well with us and we are back in Minneapolis after welcoming Corey home. He is very thin and had a very rough tour – they lost several men and lots of injuries. Corey was involved in an explosion June 26 and was blown out of a building and 22 Iraqi soldiers were killed. Corey only suffered a concussion and abrasions and was back to work immediately. While we were at Corey's, he was able to show us pictures of their missions and the trauma triage area. He even videotaped him putting a chest tube in an Iraqi soldier – only a nurse could watch such a thing! It was good to wrap my arms around him and he told me that he doesn't want to go back – three times is enough and with this last tour being 15 months, he was glad to be on U.S. soil!

Tell everyone hello and take care! -- Cindy

'A most outstanding visit'

Dear District Governor Diana,

Congratulations on a most outstanding DG visit to RCDM today (Aug. 30)! Your talk was very well received and I was excited to learn of your trip to Nigeria with Bill and Roger. You will be a terrific team.

You have the very best in Conference co-chairs with Richard Keith and Joyce Chapman. Again, thanks for a wonderful presentation today! I know "your year" will be one of the very best in District 6000.

-s- Jim Vickery, Des Moines
District Governor 1996-97

Article 'simply beautiful'

Dear Bill,

Thank you very much for sharing your impression of my country's polio eradication effort through this journalistic endeavour (reprinted on p. 6-7 of this issue of District 6000 News). It is simply beautiful and I have no doubt it will bolster support for polio eradication cause in Nigeria...

Thank you very much.

-s- Busuyi Onabolu
Nigeria National PolioPlus chair



Busuyi Onabolu

Letters:

Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

Dear Jeff Bremer and Rotarians,

It's Andy Stoll, your friendly Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar that you sent halfway around the globe. As I think you already know, I've finished up my official term with Rotary serving in Hong Kong and am now currently headed back to Iowa on an around-the-world backpacking journey that is taking me from China to Iowa City over the course of a year. Along the way I've been visiting with Rotarians and Rotary projects and I'm working on a little Rotary-related project of my own, for which I'm writing to ask a Rotary favor from you.

A group of friends and I (all former Rotary Scholars or Peace Corp Volunteers and two of us from Iowa) are working to put together a little social entrepreneurial project that has the goal of joining together 15 Rotary clubs from 15 countries to send 15 poor kids from a rural Tanzanian village on a once-in-a-lifetime, six-day, educational and leadership development trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania this Christmas. Further, our group is planning on flying to Tanzania to hike with them in order to film a documentary about their experience. Our hope is to encourage these young people to become leaders in their own communities, while trying to capture on film the realities of life in rural Africa, the power of education to improve lives and the power of the worldwide, interconnectedness of Rotary in helping people in innovative ways.

Would you be willing to ask one Rotary club (or Rotarian) you know to consider getting involved in this project and contributing \$200 USD (or less if they are from an economically disadvantaged country)?

I believe it would be a powerful statement if with your help our group was able to connect 15 Rotary clubs from around the world for a common purpose, in the spirit of Rotary.

Attached is an introduction letter that explains the project and further information that is also available at www.noboundaries.org/tanzania.

I would sincerely appreciate you taking just a few minutes to write or call a Rotary club (or Rotarian), either your own club or another, that you think might be able or interested in being one of our 15 essential partners in this project – a project that has been initiated and carried out entirely by young people.

We'd like to have 15 pledges by Dec. 15 so your timely action would be appreciated.

Please let me know if you have questions or thoughts and we'd appreciate any expertise or assistance you can offer.

Feel free to pass this onto other Rotarians in Iowa or elsewhere!

I am planning on landing back in Iowa in the spring or early summer (maybe earlier) and I promise I've got some stories to tell. In the meantime you can continue to follow along with my travels at www.noboundaries.org

Thank you friends and hope the Iowa winter isn't too harsh.

-s- Andy Stoll

(Stoll, of Iowa City, is an around-the-world traveler, ambassa-



Andy Stoll

dor, writer and filmmaker. He was a 2006-07 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from D6000 to D3450 Hong Kong. He is presently in Munich, Germany. Contact information: andy@stoll.net Skype/ GTalk IM: andystoll AIM/MSN/Yahoo IM: andyjstoll worldwide phone: +1 402 403.1889 india mobile: + 91 011 9871 2865 41 travelogue at www.noboundaries.org.

(In a subsequent letter, Stoll says that despite a change of expected costs that were due to a fee change by the Tanzanian government, he's been able to raise \$3,000 of the \$5,000 needed. He writes to Jeff Bremer, "Of that, over 70 percent is coming from Rotary clubs in Hong Kong where I was an Ambassadorial Scholar, but so far I've got no pledges from Iowa – which doesn't look so good. I wonder if you could help me out and see if either your Rotary club or a group of Rotarians from your club would be willing to contribute say \$500 to help make this project happen?")

Student Dictionaries

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your message and the District 6000 News link. Wow! You guys are busy! I was very intrigued with all of the projects throughout District 6000 and in Nigeria and other countries. I felt honored that the Dictionary Project was mentioned in the newsletter. We appreciate the participation of clubs in District 6000 and support for our mission. Please stay in touch – it is always good to hear from you. I am glad you liked the (statistical) report. Best wishes...

-s- Mary French, director

The Dictionary Project

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Interesting stories, photos

Dear Bill,

Re: District 6000 News, June-July-August 2007: This newsletter is awesome! An incredible amount of very interesting stories with great photos! Thank you for putting together such a quality publication to reflect the activities in District 6000!

-s- Jacque Andrew, Jefferson

(Assistant Governor and newsletter helper)

Thought for the holidays

"We must help all nations in distress and raise the standards of living of the lowly. If we steadfastly pursue this course, prosperity such as we have never enjoyed before will be ours, the wheels of industry will be kept turning, and all nations will be friends. What a blessing it would be to live in a friendly world, where all nations are good neighbors!"

—from "Fear and Hate Must Go" by Rotary founder Paul Harris, July 1946, provided by the Rotary History Fellowship. Read the full article at <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1946fear.htm>



Paul Harris

Creating farm cooperatives

Rotary Volunteer makes seventh trip to assist farmers in eastern Europe

By Merle Anderson/North Scott
CD-6000, Rotary Volunteers chair

I recently returned from my seventh assignment as a Rotary Volunteer. I have done one assignment in Ukraine and this was my sixth assignment in Moldova. Moldova is the poorest of the 15 countries that made up the former Soviet Union. It is about the geographic size and shape of the state of Indiana and approximately the population of Iowa. It is located east of Romania and west of Ukraine.

After the collective farms were broken up, they were divided into small plots. Each farmer received parcels of land adding up to about 2-1/2 acres. Most of them had no tools except a scythe and a hoe. From that, they had to seek out a living to feed their families.

Many Moldovans live in villages. "Villages" means no indoor plumbing and no running water. Villages range in size from a few hundred people to several thousand. Most villagers do not own a car. They may have a horse or a bicycle or they just walk.

I work primarily in the areas of cooperative development and strategic business planning. On this assignment, I had the opportunity to revisit five of the cooperatives I had helped form and/or provide strategic business planning.

Two of the cooperatives are milk-receiving cooperatives formed in May 2001 and located in northern Moldova. One of them has done extremely well. They have grown to over 300 members made up of peasant dairy farmers. They not only collect milk in Ignatei village, but also in four other neighboring villages. They have purchased their own truck for collecting milk from other villages. The milk is brought to their main facility where the milk is measured, graded and stored in cooling tanks. The cooperative has two veterinarians on staff and they provide all kinds of animal health services, including artificial insemination. The cooperative has purchased a hay mower and hay baler. They also purchased a chopper for making corn silage. They provide these custom services for their members.

The other milk-receiving cooperative is still operating, but not doing as well. It is in Recesti village, whose population has shrunk to 350 residents. Their school has only 98 students in grades 1-8. There will not be a first grade in the school next year. The village averages three births per year and 35 deaths. It's not hard to do the math.

Loss of leaders

One of the biggest tragedies in Moldova is the loss of their greatest resources. That is the loss of between 800,000 to 1 million of the best educated, brightest and hard-working Moldovans. They have traveled to other countries for better paying jobs. Unemployment in



Rotary Volunteer Merle Anderson (second from right) touring a layer operation. Merle's host, Ion Cretu, is fourth from the left. Interpreter Ruslan Malai is at right.

Moldova is reported at 8-10 percent, but in reality, it is more like 30 percent. Inflation runs 8-10 percent per year. Bank interest rates for a loan ranges from 18-24 percent. The government and the banking system are not friendly towards business, including agriculture. Yet, rich farmland is Moldova's greatest natural resource.

Another cooperative I revisited was in Hirtolpul Mic, located about 35 miles northeast of the Capital City of Chisinau. It is a potato grower cooperative formed in 2002 to provide custom services for its members. Yet, another cooperative I revisited was located in Gura Bicului village located about 40 miles southeast of Chisinau. It is a vegetable grower cooperative formed in 2003 to provide products and services for its members.

About two-thirds of Moldova was adversely affected by a devastating drought in 2007. It was said to be the worst drought in over 60 years. Yields were 25-30 percent of normal, at best. Since farmer cooperatives are an extension of their own farming enterprises, they were seriously hurt by the drought.



A fifth cooperative I revisited was one that failed in the past year. It was located in Zaim village, located about 50 miles south of Chisinau. It was formed in late 2004 to provide marketing services for fruit tree seedling producers. When the cooperative was formed, they failed to teach their members basic cooperative principles. As a result, the members failed to support their new cooperative by doing business with it. So, it didn't take long to fail. Ironically, it has great potential to succeed, if they only understood the disciplines of cooperation. The cooperative charter has been moth-balled, not terminated. I am hopeful they will start over and do what is needed to be successful. Certainly, the needs are still there.

42-year-old entrepreneur

On this assignment to Moldova, I worked primarily with a very bright 42-year-old entrepreneur. His name is Ion Cretu. During Soviet times, he grew up east of Chisinau. He served in the army and then graduated from the University in Chisinau and became a veterinarian. He worked on a collective farm that raised broiler chickens for seven years.

When the Soviet times ended in 1991, he opened his own veterinary medicine business. He started selling vaccines and antibiotics and making premixes and concentrates for making livestock feed. His business grew and he opened 15 veterinary clinics.

About three years ago, he bought an old collective chicken farm

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Moldova: Farming practices lag behind U.S.

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that had not operated for 12 years. It included the buildings and about 15 acres. The farm is located near Cimislia which is about 40 miles southwest of Chisinau. It is a town of about 28,000 residents. The town has an interesting history. They speak predominately Russian, while most of Moldova speaks Romanian.

Ion purchased modern poultry equipment from Spain and Ukraine. They revamped the interior of the buildings and they have 100,000 chickens laying eggs. They are currently revamping another building and will add another 60,000 layers in 2008 and plan to grow to 250,000 layers. They market their eggs to stores, bakeries and brokers in Cimislia and Chisinau. There are currently 35 employees involved in the layer operation.

One of his biggest challenges is the fact that he must purchase all his grain (corn and soybeans) for making poultry feed. Moldova does not have a very good grain marketing system. They do not have a board of trade. They do not have cooperative or private grain storage and marketing facilities. Ion is looking at alternatives for gathering, conditioning, storing and marketing grain, which would provide him with a dependable source of grains for making feedstuffs.

To add further to his challenges, he wants to expand into the turkey business. Most Moldovans do not eat turkey like we do in the United States. What few turkeys are sold in markets are imported from other countries. Ion sees a big growth opportunity for producing and marketing turkey and turkey products in Moldova.

Cooperative principles

Most of my assignment centered on teaching Ion and farmers from Cimislia about cooperative principles. Further, we looked at other alternatives that could solve his supply problems such as grower associations and LLCs. Farming practices in Moldova are 25 to 75 years behind those in the U.S.

Our analysis is far from complete. We will need to do more study to develop realistic and financable alternatives. We developed a list of steps to take to best study and develop alternatives.

Moldova is faced with many challenges. By the same token, they have many opportunities. Moldovans are wonderful people. They are intelligent and hard workers. It will take years and lots of help to resolve many of their issues.

While I was in Moldova, I visited the two Rotary clubs in the country. One is the sister club to the Rotary Club of North Scott. It is called the Rotary Club of Chisinau. They were started about seven or eight years ago and they have about 25 members. The other club is the Chisinau City Centre Rotary Club. It was started about four or five years ago and has a membership of about 25 members. Fundraising is a major challenge for them in a country with such a poor economy. But, their desire to provide "Service Above Self" is certainly there. They are in the early stages of looking at starting a third club in Moldova. They are also looking at ways to increase their own membership.

Over the past six years, I have spent about four months of my life as a Rotary Volunteer in Ukraine and Moldova. I find the work very rewarding, although, obviously not monetarily. The people I have worked with are appreciative of the assistance. I look forward to returning again.

Merle Anderson lives in Eldridge. He is retired as the general manager of S/M Service Company (Growmark) and River Valley Cooperative. He can be reached at: mla24@aol.com.

West Liberty president tabbed for 'Forty Under 40'

By Sara Sedlecek/West Liberty Times

West Liberty sits on the southeastern tip of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City corridor. With international and nationally recognized colleges and universities, an exemplary transportation and communications infrastructure, diversified industries, cultural destinations, high quality of living and with one of the highest skilled workforce populations in the USA our place in this corridor is important.

"We sit right on the edge of greatness!" Gerry Wickham says about West Liberty's location. President for the past two years of our local Rotary Club and resident of our community since 2002, Wickham was named to the 2007 Forty Under 40 honorees awarded by an independent panel of judges. The Corridor Business Journal announced the members of this year's "Forty Under 40" class at a luncheon in Iowa City on Oct. 3. The "Forty Under 40" awards recognize professional and community excellence by people early in their careers.



Gerald Wickham

Wickham is the Director of Experiential Education in the University of Iowa's Pomerantz Career Center. He oversees a team of professionals who work with students to find high quality internships in Iowa, the USA and across the globe. He is also the director of the new Des Moines Center Internship Program, an academic internship program for UI undergraduates in the State's capital. In addition to his professional duties he serves on The University of Iowa's Civic Engagement Advisory Board. He is also a member of the experiential education committee of the Midwest Association of Colleges and Employers.

He is very involved in the community in West Liberty – leading the Rotary club with its many community service projects that include sponsorship of the McVey Chapter of the National Honor Society, the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que, sponsorship of the Cub Scouts Annual Bake Sale, an annual dinner honoring local fire-fighters amongst others. Under his leadership of the Rotary the club received the 2007 Best International Cooperative Projects award for its work with Casa Hogar Los Angelitos orphanage in Manzanillo, México.

West liberty Rotary Club has received three grants worth over \$30,000 from The Rotary International Foundation used to provide a school bus, all new kitchen equipment and library materials to the orphanage in Mexico. This project has required collaboration with the Children Foundation, Inc. of Loveland, Colorado, and the Rotary Club of Manzanillo. The Best International Cooperative Projects Award is not given out every year and is a significant achievement for a small Rotary club in a small community.

Wickham holds degrees from Carlow Institute of Technology (Ireland), the University of Ulster (Northern Ireland), Dominican University (Chicago) and The University of Iowa. He lives with his wife Heather Hermann (manager of technical support at Integrated DNA Technologies in Coralville), their 7-year-old daughter, Cora.

He came to the USA from Wexford, Ireland in 1997 and became a US Citizen in 2004. In his spare time he likes to cook, travel (particularly to old cities in Europe), brew beer, and is an avid swimmer. He reads everything he can get his hands on about Antarctic explorers and hopes one day to venture onto the frozen continent.

Wickham was profiled in the Oct. 22 issue of the Corridor Business Journal along with other area honorees, and is West Liberty's only resident to be included in this year's class.

News Briefs

Xicotepec: The district executive committee on Nov. 1 unanimously adopted the following resolution: "It is essential that all Xicotepec activities and arrangements be coordinated with the District 6000 Xicotepec Project chair. Individual clubs and Rotarians need to avoid separate personal arrangements that might present liability and financial exposure to District 6000 and the Rotarians of Xicotepec."

Rotary Youth Exchange: Due to costly new reporting and auditing requirements, D6000 has affiliated with South Central States Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) to spread the costs over a larger entity. The move was recommended to the executive committee by Youth Exchange leaders Chris Knapp, Loring Miller and PDG Ev Laning and submitted to clubs. A two-thirds positive vote was required and the measure passed. New Department of Homeland Security requirements include a registration fee of \$1,750 and a \$7,500 CPA-prepared operational audit cost per reporting entity.

Winter Retreat: The District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat will be Jan. 12-13 at Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola. For information about Youth Exchange, contact district chair Chris Knapp, ph. (319) 338-0909, e-mail: knappc1@mchsi.com.

Newspaper Trade Show: District 6000 will be promoting Rotary again at the Iowa Newspaper Association's Annual Meeting and Trade Show, Feb. 7-8 at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines. Rotarians are invited to join as we provide information about Rotary to newspaper editors, publishers and journalism students. Eight hundred people attended last year's convention and trade show. Contact PDG Bill Tubbs, (563) 285-8111.

Memorial: District 6000 approved a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation in memory of Nikki Johns, the wife of RI Director Mike Johns. Nikki, who was pictured with Mike on page 1 of the last issue of District 6000 News, was instrumental in planning the Quad-Cities Institute that was held at Davenport Sept. 3-9. She became ill in July and died on Sept. 17 at her home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.



PDG John Gillespie and Rotarians from District 1080, England, were guests of D6000 Rotarians this fall. On Sept. 11 they visited the Button Factory in the Pearl Market District of Muscatine, where they were hosted by Jerry Powell of Wellman and welcomed by PDG Bill Tubbs, and DGE Susan Herrick and Bob. For information about Friendship Exchange, contact Keith Whigham, (515) 233-3494.

Future District Conferences: Mark your calendars for future District Conferences: April 24-26, 2008, at the Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines; April 23-25, 2009, at the Marriott Courtyard, Ankeny; and April 24-26, 2010 at the Pzazz Conference Center in Burlington.

Financial Reports: The audited financial reports of District 6000 for the Rotary year 2006-07 were completed by Corwin, Reichter & Company, P.C., of Clive, and are posted at the district Web site.

Correction: There are 11 districts in Zone 27, not 12, as reported in the last issue of District 6000 News. Thanks to Past RI Director Frank Goldberg for the heads up.

Project Fair: The 15th Annual Uniendo America Project Fair will be held Jan. 24-26 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Online information regarding registration and hotel reservations can be found at <http://www.costicarotaryprojectfair.com>. If you are interested in attending the project fair with other D6000 Rotarians, please contact Jim Peterson (jim-peterson@mchsi.com), Brock Earnhardt (brockearnhardt@hotmail.com) or Kathy Skinner (pago6@midia.net). Visits to D6000-sponsored,

completed and ongoing projects, as well as potential new projects, will take place before and/or after the project fair.

International Assembly: DGE Susan Herrick of Boone and her husband, Bob, will join the 530 district governors who will serve Rotary International in 2008-09 for a week of intensive training at the International Assembly, Jan. 13-20 at San Diego, CA. The annual reunion of Past Officers of Rotary International will be Jan. 16-18, also in San Diego, chaired by Rick Mendoza, who was the RI President's Rep at our District Conference in 2006. Information: www.rotaryreunion.org.

World Affairs Conference: The annual Rotary World Affairs Conference that has been hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in June for 31 years will be suspended for 2008, reports chair Rick Luedke. The event, which brought 1,000 high school students together from many countries to discuss issues of world peace, was not self-supporting financially. Several clubs from Iowa sponsored students. "This was a blow to a lot of people but it looks like it will happen again in 2009," said Luedke.

Published: District 6000 Rotarians in The Rotarian magazine this fall included PDG Don Goering of Ames for his work with polio eradication and The Rotary Foundation, and chiropractors Brad Burt and Anita Wubbena of North Scott in an article about health care.

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State Fair? The District 6000 Executive Committee is grappling with whether we should spend \$3,000-plus to have a booth at the Iowa State Fair. The opinions of Rotarians are welcomed and will be considered. The committee will meet on Jan. 9. Contact any executive committee member: DG Diana Reed, DGE Susan Herrick,

DGN Cal Litwiller, and PDGs Del Bluhm, Corliss Klaassen, Bill Tubbs and Denny Skinner.

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Club Attendance: The correct club attendance figures for May and June are printed below. The figures for those months were duplicated in the last newsletter.

District 6000 Club Attendance report

CLUB	MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Adel	74.00%	15	71.00 %	23	69.00 %	23	62.00 %	37	73.00 %	16	75.00 %	17
Albia	56.00%	48	61.00 %	38	57.00 %	41	57.00 %	50	59.00 %	40	52.00 %	51
Ames	49.24%	52	45.12 %	54			55.99 %	51	58.57 %	43	56.42 %	47
Ames Morning	58.10%	43	53.93 %	46	53.14 %	47	57.35 %	49	57.97 %	44	53.70 %	50
Ankeny	75.00%	14	77.00 %	14	71.00 %	18	71.00 %	17	72.00 %	18	79.00 %	11
Atlantic							60.78 %	38	64.66 %	31	63.73 %	33
Bettendorf	73.59%	16	78.60 %	10	74.18 %	12	81.44 %	9	68.68 %	27	77.84 %	13
Bloomfield	70.00%	22	72.00 %	19	80.00 %	5	63.00 %	35	80.00 %	9	61.00 %	42
Boone	58.75%	42	71.11 %	22	54.00 %	46	60.00 %	39	60.00 %	36	63.00 %	34
Burlington	79.80%	6	78.00 %	13	74.40 %	11	77.10 %	13	88.80 %	4	80.90 %	9
Carroll	68.67%	26	66.00 %	29	61.35 %	34	58.48 %	43			68.63 %	24
Centerville	58.00%	45	55.00 %	44	58.00 %	39	58.00 %	45	59.00 %	41	62.00 %	39
Chariton	58.00%	44	73.00 %	16	72.00 %	14	70.00 %	21	73.00 %	17	77.00 %	15
Clinton	60.35%	40	51.92 %	48	57.64 %	40	57.40 %	47	57.35 %	45	58.33 %	45
Coon Rapids	68.00%	32	65.00 %	32	63.00 %	31	60.00 %	40	60.00 %	37	62.00 %	40
Coralville-North Corridor	80.00%	5	79.00 %	9	97.00 %	1	89.00 %	3	82.00 %	6	84.00 %	5
Corning	76.36%	10	79.09 %	8	67.64 %	26	67.27 %	26	71.52 %	20	68.14 %	25
Corydon												
Creston	68.00%	31	51.00 %	50	50.00 %	49	59.00 %	42	61.00 %	35	63.00 %	35
Dallas Center	68.00%	30	67.00 %	27			71.00 %	18	69.00 %	25	63.00 %	36
Davenport	50.34%	51	51.51 %	49	46.45 %	51	48.66 %	54	45.56 %	50	44.93 %	53
Decatur County	71.00%	20	64.00 %	33	71.00 %	19	70.00 %	22	59.00 %	42	64.00 %	31
Des Moines	65.89%	34	71.22 %	20	66.94 %	27	66.45 %	28	67.41 %	29	67.93 %	29
Des Moines A.M.	68.00%	29	57.00 %	42	55.00 %	44	64.00 %	32			64.00 %	32
East Polk County			68.00 %	26			66.00 %	30				
Fairfield	54.71%	49	47.22 %	53			51.24 %	53	61.96 %	34	56.13 %	48
Fort Madison	50.50%	50	60.70 %	39	58.27 %	38	58.29 %	44	59.04 %	38	57.30 %	46
Grinnell			83.00 %	5								
Indianola	69.90%	23	71.20 %	21	71.10 %	17	70.60 %	20				
Iowa City	46.00%	53			59.00 %	36	47.00 %	56	52.00 %	47	60.00 %	43
Iowa City A.M.	68.00%	28	62.00 %	34	69.00 %	24	67.00 %	27				
Iowa City Downtown												
Iowa Quad-Cities	72.36%	19	72.25 %	17	72.00 %	15	69.00 %	24	71.00 %	21	73.18 %	20
Jefferson	62.00%	38			59.00 %	37	69.00 %	25			68.00 %	26
Johnston	75.36%	12	75.62 %	15	70.59 %	20	82.32 %	8	79.27 %	10	72.14 %	23
Kalona	80.95%	4	79.88 %	7	74.52 %	10	69.35 %	23	100.00 %	1	80.66 %	10
Keokuk	44.41%	54	52.67 %	47	48.25 %	50	53.57 %	52	59.02 %	39	59.25 %	44
Keosauqua	56.00%	47	55.60 %	43	60.00 %	35	57.40 %	48	50.00 %	49	62.30 %	38
Knoxville	68.00%	27	65.00 %	31	69.27 %	22	63.88 %	33	70.06 %	23	72.41 %	22
Lenox	69.00%	24	61.00 %	37	78.00 %	8	81.00 %	10	69.00 %	26	86.00 %	2
Manning	73.00%	18	72.00 %	18	77.00 %	9	88.00 %	6	81.00 %	8	76.00 %	16
Marengo			50.00 %	51	74.00 %	13	85.00 %	7	82.00 %	7	85.00 %	3
Marshalltown	62.82%	37	54.28 %	45	55.36 %	43	47.34 %	55			62.33 %	37
Mount Pleasant Noon	66.70%	33	58.30 %	41	56.00 %	42			51.00 %	48		
Mt. Pleasant			78.00 %	12								
Muscatine			49.44 %	52					53.54 %	46	48.01 %	52
Nevada	75.20%	13	69.70 %	24	79.17 %	6	89.47 %	2	74.63 %	13	77.14 %	14
Newton	65.00%	35	66.00 %	28	64.00 %	30	63.00 %	36	64.00 %	32	62.00 %	41
North Scott	85.71%	2	78.30 %	11	85.77 %	3	88.71 %	5	84.34 %	5	84.14 %	4
Northwest Des Moines	84.50%	3	83.80 %	4	79.00 %	7	76.00 %	14			80.91 %	8
Odyssey Rotary Ottumwa	57.00%	46	38.00 %	55								
Osceola	79.49%	7	61.04 %	35	62.00 %	33	66.00 %	31	69.33 %	24	73.00 %	21
Oskaloosa	61.50%	39			62.50 %	32	66.40 %	29	65.70 %	30	64.80 %	30
Ottumwa	60.00%	41	59.20 %	40	55.00 %	45	58.00 %	46	74.00 %	14	68.00 %	27
Pella	76.00%	11	69.00 %	25	37.00 %	52	74.00 %	16	68.00 %	28	75.00 %	18
Perry	70.00%	21	61.00 %	36	65.00 %	29	71.00 %	19	64.00 %	33	68.00 %	28
Tipton			82.92 %	6	67.80 %	25	63.87 %	34	70.79 %	22		
Washington	63.17%	36			52.02 %	48	59.34 %	41	75.41 %	12	55.24 %	49
Waukeke	79.09%	9	87.59 %	2	71.64 %	16	75.38 %	15	73.05 %	15	83.40 %	6
Wellman	94.10%	1	94.40 %	1	94.40 %	2	96.00 %	1	95.80 %	2	93.90 %	1
West Des Moines	68.91%	25	65.54 %	30	65.86 %	28	80.82 %	11	71.53 %	19	74.25 %	19
West Liberty	73.00%	17	85.00 %	3	70.00 %	21	78.00 %	12	78.00 %	11	79.00 %	12
Winterset	79.40%	8			84.29 %	4	88.89 %	4	90.15 %	3	82.03 %	7

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Club leaders' checklist



From DG Diana Reed . . .

- Schedule a program or programs about Rotary's polio eradication program and implement your club's plans to raise funds to meet the Gates Challenge (p. 3).
- Plan Rotary Day celebrations for Feb. 23 (p. 26).
- Contact Xicotepc Project manager Jim Peterson immediately to register club members or youth for the 2008 Project Team (p. 14).
- Submit applications by Jan. 15 to PDG Gary Pacha for team members for the Iowa Miles of Smiles Team's April 5-15 mission to Guatemala (p. 19).
- Notify Inbound GSE Coordinator Mark Snell of your club's interest in hosting the GSE team from Brazil. Ph. (515) 956-7868 or (515) 296-2348; e-mail: marksnell-RCDM@att.net.
- Watch for registration information for District 6000 (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards day and be prepared to register high school sophomores (p. 13).
- Respond immediately when asked to provide information for the "Iowa Rotary" newspaper tabloid (p. 3).
- Arrange with your local publisher to distribute the Iowa Rotary newspaper tabloid and tell project manager PDG Bill Tubbs how many copies you will need (p. 3).
- Watch for registration information for the annual President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) on March 28 and District Assembly on March 29.
- Personally invite a member to Rotary and implement the membership development tips from the District 6000 "Nuts & Bolts Membership Guidebook" (p. 11).
- Review the criteria for club and individual awards from RI, District 6000 and The Rotary Foundation and take action where appropriate (p. 18-19).
- Seek new support for The Rotary Foundation: Sustaining Members (\$100/year); Paul Harris Society Members (\$1,000/year); Major Donors (combined personal outright or cumulative giving to the Annual Programs Fund of \$10,000); Benefactors (minimum \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund as an outright gift or in an estate plan); and Bequest Society Members (\$10,000 or more for The Rotary Foundation in an estate plan).
- Secretaries submit 2008-09 officers to RI and to District 6000 administrator Carolyn Scharff by Dec. 31.
- Take advantage of early registration discounts for the June 15-18, 2008, RI Convention in Los Angeles.
- File required tax returns with the IRS (p. 24).
- Submit news of your club's successes or upcoming events by Feb. 27, 2008 for the next issue of *District 6000 News* to PDG Bill Tubbs, or assistants Karin Franklin (Iowa City) or Jacque Andrews (Jefferson).