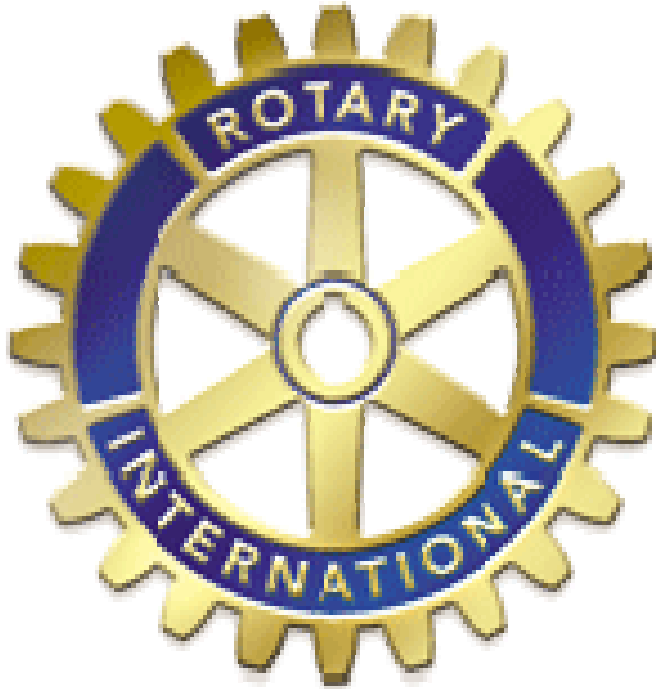


20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF AMES MORNING ROTARY

Chartered January 31, 1989



JUNE 24, 2009

HOME OF SCOTT AND GEORGIA SANDERS

20th Anniversary Program Of Ames Morning Rotary

Welcome: Dorothy Schumer – Chair of Past President’s Group

Invocation: Bill Dryer (Gave invocation on our charter night)

Dinner Information: Scott Sanders and Sandy Horton

Introduction of visiting Rotarians & Special Guests: Scott Sanders
Assistant District Governor Ros Dunblazier
District Governor Susan Herrick

Buck Bucket: Don Good

Song: Written by John Lott

Introduction of Charter Members: Dean Harms

Introduction of Past Presidents and Projects: Myrna Whigham

Passing of the Gavel: Scott Sanders and Jane Acker

Closing Comments: Sandy Horton

Charter Members

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>
Adams, F. Terrill	Adams Funeral Home
Dreyer, William, H.	Rudi, Lee, Dreyer & Associates
Epstein, Abraham	Iowa State University
Flynn, Michael J.	First National Bank
Good, Donald L	D.L. Good, D.D.S. P.C.
Griffen, Daniel L., Jr.	Iowa State University
Griffin, Corbett A.	Griffen Investment Associates
Harms, Dean M.	Ames Ophthalmic Associates P.C.
Hermanson, Alan L.	Woodland Farms
Jackson, George A.	Iowa State University
Jobe, Doyle	Redden Miller, Inc.
Jungst, Steven E.	Iowa State University
Klatt, David M.	D.M. Klatt, CPA, P.C.
Lepke, Phyllis	ISU Foundation
Long, C. Kent	Iowa State University
Morris, Dilys	Iowa State University
Munn, Erik	Munn's Building Center
Obrecht, James A.	North Grand Rexall Drug
Oldehoeft, Arthur E.	Iowa State University
Padgitt, Janet S.	Iowa State University
Pickett, Margaret	Iowa State University
Sedgwick, Glenn C.	Sedgwick Law Office
Smith, Jerry D.	Ames Hearing Aid Center
Strawn, George	Iowa State University
Yakubu, Issah M.	Iowa State University

Past Presidents

1988-89	Terry Adams
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1990-91	Dave Klatt
1991-92	Corbett Griffin
1992-93	Jan Padgitt
1993-94	Glenn Sedgwick
1994-95	Issah Yakubu
1995-96	Al Hermanson
1996-97	Dorothy Schumer
1997-98	Jim Obrecht
1998-99	Craig Marrs
1999-00	Brian Espeland
2000-01	Myrna Whigham
2001-02	Jim Dickson
2002-03	Dave Benson
2003-04	Dean Harms
2004-05	Brian Dieter
2005-06	Dave Miller
2006-07	Sandy Horton
2007-08	Dave Kraemer

Reflections of Our Past Presidents

Dave Klatt (90-91) was the second President. The main focus was on building membership and just generally getting organized. “Terry, myself, Corb Griffin and some others from the Noon Club decided to form a new morning club. Those first years were very fun and very challenging to try to recruit new members, as we were to a certain extent competing with the noon club. It appears we laid a good base as the club now is very strong”.

Jan Padgitt (92-93) remembers quite a fuss being made as she and one other President were the first ever female Presidents in District 6000. The longest running project of Ames Morning Rotary also started this year – Mortenson Road Cleanup. Les Wolf remembers getting the project started with all the proper permits and designations. Our club was the first to sign up for the city’s Adopt a Street program. Les was our first non charter member. Dave Kraemer (07-08) remembers really getting our club involved with the community wide Stash the Trash events.

Al Hermanson (95-96) remembers a project that lasted many years of taking excess commodity products (primarily cheese) from the government and distributing this food to needy families. Periodically the trucks would arrive and need to be unloaded. Al affectionately became known as the “cheese man” for quite a period of time. Al also remembers having a high school Rotary Exchange student, Sami Chabin, from Spain and believes this started our long run of hosting high school exchange students.

Dorothy Schumer (96-97) also remembers Membership as being a main focus. This was the year that John became our music man and we had one of our meetings at the Knoll. We also talked John Dasher into providing our Mortenson Road cleanup crew a free breakfast at McDonalds, since we told him most of the papers we were picking up were from McDonalds. Dorothy is one of the few Presidents who never attended PETS training as she was roller skating the night before

the Presidents training meeting, broke her arm and spent the next day in the hospital. Providing dinner at the homeless shelter started.

Jim Obrecht (97-98) has been the “man at the gate” since his presidency ended. Every past president since then has sincerely appreciated Jim’s big effort, knowing they could arrive shortly before the meeting and Jim always has everything ready. Blair Brewer and Doug Ward have assisted with these efforts also. Jim is also proud of the number of Rotarians who became Paul Harris fellows during his presidency. AND Jim is known for his strong belief that “you can be a Rotarian in name only, but to really be part of Rotary, you need to become involved with the club’s programs. Being involved is the most exhilarating part of Rotary”

Craig Marrs (98-99) remembers the first literacy grant being written during his presidency. The infamous well project coordinated with a club in Kenya and Ames Morning Rotarian Dan Scheeler was a matching grant effort with 2 clubs and Rotary International. The 10 year charter celebration was held with Anthony Cawdron (a past Rotarian we will always miss for the wonderful parties and entertainment he planned for our club) planning the event. The web site was started. Board meetings always took place at the nook in the Memorial Union. AND no one will forget on Craig’s last day as President as a bag piper came playing (very loudly) down the hall of the Memorial Union. This was to commemorate Craig’s attendance at the International Rotary Conference in Scotland.

Brian Espeland (99-00) remembers all the hard work involved in getting Rotaract started and our sponsoring of Rotary scholars. He also remembers those fun parties Anthony planned for us and particularly having wine with breakfast.

Myrna Whigham (00-01) has fond memories of all our youth projects. Rotaract was chartered in 2001 and continues under the excellent leadership of Lynette Seymour. For 8 consecutive years, we sponsored high school students from Frydek-Mistek in the Czech

Republic to attend Ames High School. Rotarians Al Hermanson (95-96) and John Lott plus others in our community hosted students in their homes for the academic year. Our club was responsible for the chartering of the Rotary Club in Frydek-Mistek (Ames partner city) and was honored at the district 2240 conference with the T.G. Masaryk Award for starting the first club in the district that admitted women. Leading a District 6000 Rotary Friendship Exchange to District 2240 was also a special memory and being able to accept the Masaryk award in person. The club remains a partner club of Ames Morning Rotary. Much support came from all members as we adopted a needy family for Christmas. This tradition continues. Jim Zeibold became an excellent and long term treasurer for the club. His years of devotion were mentioned and appreciated by a long string of past presidents, relinquishing those duties only this past year.

Jim Dickson (01-02) remembers going to the Rotary International meeting in San Antonio and the first thing he saw was Ames Morning Club being recognized for their literacy programs. Herb Wilson was the DG that year and Jim recalls this was the year that the big push was made for having everyone contribute \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation.

Dave Benson (02-03) remembers the strong leadership of Chelon Stanzel, working as Rotary Foundation chair as our club achieved Centurion Club status (\$100/member contribution per year to Rotary Foundation). The club also achieved the goal of contributing \$4,000 to the Polio Plus initiative of District 6000. Farwell Brown was made an honorary member. Rolfe Johnstad gave a wonderful program at Thanksgiving titled "Giving Thanks for our Many Blessings". The club completed the paperwork on the Kenya Well Project – a project that seemed to go on forever!

Dean Harms (03-04) remembers the teacher recognition program was started this year. Also, the club received the award at the District Convention as the fastest growing club in the District. Of course, Dean now has fond memories of the El Porvenir Project in Honduras and

especially taking 7 Rotarians there this past winter. He looks forward to this being a long term, rewarding, and marquee project of the club. He also has memories (not always fond ones) of the work, persistence, and contacts necessary to make the matching grant program work.

Everyone remembers the era of **Dave Miller (05-06)** as the year of the snickers bar – where much fun was had recognizing club member for good deeds, working on projects or just someone who needed a smile put on their face that day. Dave attended the 100th year RI convention in Chicago and remembers it as being "quite a show". \$1528 was raised for Katrina relief, \$400 for a fire victim family in Nevada and \$1300 for National Special Olympics. National Special Olympics was quite a show also with a significant Rotary presence of Ames morning Rotarians. Fourteen club members were recognized for reaching Paul Harris fellow status, the most we have ever recognized at one time. Work on formalizing the club budget occurred. Dave also mentioned the "mystery paperwork" sometimes requested of Rotary International as previous matching grants are completed.

Sandy Horton (06-07) During this term the Rotary International Foundation encouraged clubs to apply for a Public Relations grant of \$2500. The funds were used to promote and celebrate our club's involvement in literacy. Morning Rotary sponsored a series of ads in the Ames Tribune – "Caught in the Act of Reading" with our Rotarians reading to children at their place of business or someplace in the community such as Dorothy Schumer with Cy at an ISU basketball game, Don Good reading to a child in the dental chair, Brian Dieter at MGMC, Dave Kraemer reading the paper, and Sue Wuhs with children on the bus reading Wheels on the Bus. A Reading Display Board was created and displayed at Rotarians places of business. Ads were placed on the back of CY Ride buses. McFarland Clinic became a Reach Out and Read site. AND many mentioned the excellent parties hosted by the Hortons and the first ever couple presidency with husband Dick being president of Ames Noon and Sandy being president of Ames Morning. Many joint club efforts occurred this year.

Our most recent past President, **Dave Kraemer (07-08)** immediately left town after his year of service. He now lives and is preparing for a new career in Rochester, MN. Many mentioned missing his great sense of humor and his fun and lively meetings. Dave remembers his year as marked by change. The club was reorganized in line with bylaws changes. And Terry Adams, secretary and Jim Ziebold, treasurer were honored after long years of service. The highlight of the year “was the launch of a new international project, constructing a library – actually two libraries – in El Porvenir Honduras. “Dean Harms deserves all laud and honor for this effort.” Stash the Trash day was also a major club project and fit in well with our ongoing Mortenson Road cleanup effort.

Legacy Projects of Ames Morning Rotary

1. **Mortenson Road Cleanup.** This project started in 1992 and continues to the present. Les Wolf took the lead role in getting Ames Noon Club involved with the city’s Adopt a Street effort. Groups of Rotarians clean up Mortenson Road spring and fall. Over the years, the group has had breakfast together after a cleanup activity. Some years the project is expanded to coincide with the more recent city wide Stash the Trash Project. Ames Noon club was involved with the development of Stash the Trash with Russ Cross and Dave Kraemer leading the way.
2. **Commodity Distribution.** This project involved accepting excess government commodities and distributing these food products to needy families. The club worked with the food bank at Bethesda Lutheran Church. The primary commodity distributed was cheese. This project was from 1995 to approximately 2000.
3. **Kenya Well Project.** This project involved a matching grant with the Eldorado Club in Kenya. Ames Morning Rotarian, Dan Scheeler was a missionary in Kenya and facilitated the cooperative activity between the two clubs. At one time Rotary International had quite an emphasis on providing clean water to remote areas. This project started in 1998 and was completed in 2003.
4. **Rotaract.** Talk of forming a Rotaract Club began in 2000. Students were recruited and the club was chartered in 2001. The club has had many projects and Ames Morning Rotary provides a sponsor and assists with financial and other support of these projects.
5. **Teacher Recognition Program.** Teachers from Ames, Gilbert and Roland Story Districts are recognized for their outstanding contribution to the teaching profession, young people and the community.
6. **Centurion Club Status.** Ames Morning Rotary attained

Centurion Club Status in 2002/2003 year. This means that the club averages a \$100 contribution per member to the Rotary Foundation each year. Much effort has been given to this project and the club is proud of maintaining Centurion Club Status each year.

8. **Partner Club.** The Rotary Club of Frydek-Mistek in the Czech Republic is a partner club of Ames Morning Rotary. This club was founded because Ames Morning Rotary was sponsoring high school students from Frydek-Mistek (Ames Partner City) to attend Ames High. Frydek-Mistek was interested in forming a club so their students could participate in the Rotary High School exchanges. They became a partner club in 2001. The relationship continues to the present.
9. **Adopt a Family.** This project started December of 2000 as the club adopted it's first family for Christmas. This activity continues as each Rotarian purchases a gift, wraps it, and gives the gift to one family member from our adopted family. The needy family gives an extensive list of gift suggestions for the Rotarians to utilize.
10. **Emergency Shelter.** Ames Morning Rotary provides an evening meal at the emergency shelter on months that have a 5th Wednesday. So this event usually happens 4 or 5 times a year. This is an ongoing project and started in 1995.
11. **El Povenir Project in Honduras.** This is one of the newest projects of the club, just starting in 2005. Dean Harms made the initial visits and wrote the grants. This project involves 2 libraries, one at a primary school and one at a secondary school that will also be used by the community. Ann Fowler was named an honorary Rotarian of Ames Morning Rotary to assist with this project on site. Dr. Harms medical background has been utilized and visual screenings, general health screenings, and collection and distribution of eye glasses are also part of this project. Last year, 7 Rotarians visited the site. Other activities include general maintenance, educational projects, literacy activities and general fellowship with professionals and students in the area. Ames Morning

Club views this as an ongoing and developing project for our future.

11. And last but certainly not least – highlighting our marquee project under the primary leadership of Carolyn Jons - Literacy

Legacy of Literacy

In 1998, our club asked how we could help our community reach the goal of “all children reading at or above grade level by third grade.” In 1999 we received a \$20,000 Rotary International Children’s Opportunity Grant which allowed us to 1) pilot an intervention program for 4-year-old children with delayed language development, 2) increase community-wide awareness of the importance of early literacy, and 3) increase visibility of Rotary service. The intervention program got results but cost almost \$2,000 per child, so we decided to focus mainly on preventing developmental delays by promoting literacy-rich activities with families and their children from birth to five years of age.

Rotarians began collaborating with other literacy-related groups, including the public library’s Stories 2000 project. In 2001 Rotarians helped create Baby Talk, a non-profit, 501(C)3 organization whose purpose is to increase language and literacy in children from birth to 8 years and nurture parent-child relationships. The name is now Raising Readers in Story County and Rotarians are still key leaders.

Another valuable way our club supports community literacy awareness is by hosting the website for the Raising Readers organization. It provides information for parents, providers, and community members who care about increasing early language and literacy and nurturing parent-child relationships. A link appears on our homepage, www.amesamrotary.org, or the site can be accessed directly at www.raising-readers.org.

Ames Morning Rotary Club was instrumental in starting Reach Out and Read (ROR), a program in which 1) doctors encourage families to read aloud, 2) children receive books at check-ups from 6 months to 5 years, and 3) waiting rooms are literacy-rich environments. Research shows ROR programs increase the amount of reading parents do at home and children show significant gains in language

and literacy development. In 2002 our club created a reading corner in the McFarland Clinic pediatric waiting room with a bookcase and books and a glider rocker. The club also began purchasing children's books for ROR-trained pediatricians to give to children at the 6-month check-up. As the ROR program continued to expand, so did the number of 6-month books our club provided. In 2007, ROR is county-wide and Ames Morning Rotary is a Lead Sponsor, donating \$3,000 annually for books at the 6-month level.

The club donates one of these ROR books in honor of each speaker. Speakers sign the Rotary label on the back of each book. When a Rotarian announces they are a parent or grandparent of a new baby, the club gives them a new board book for the baby.

Because of our club's reputation for literacy leadership, our members have been asked to lead the District 6000 Literacy Promotion Team since 2000. First we created a Rotary campaign, *Kids Who Read Succeed*, to encourage all clubs to promote literacy. We received additional funding from a Rotary Matching Grant and a Community Assistance grant. In 2004 Ames Morning Rotarians contributed books for a library in Xicotepec , Mexico . We also created a library check-out system and helped other Rotarians donate books. In November 2006 we helped launch a district-wide fund-raising campaign, Rotarians for Reach Out and Read, to raise \$30,000 to expand ROR in Iowa . We have provided literacy displays and programs at district conferences and given literacy programs to many clubs in our district.

Ames Morning Rotary received the 2007-2008 Rotary International Public Relations Award for our community campaign to promote early literacy. The tri-fold display we created has traveled to member work sites to highlight our clubs literacy projects. In 2007 and 2008, our club adopted Edwards Elementary School and some members volunteered in K-3 classrooms to support literacy. In 2009 seven club members traveled to Honduras to help create a new community library for the town of El Porvenir . We believe children everywhere benefit when they grow up in an environment that stimulates their early language and literacy development.