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Lamorinda Rotary Clubs Join Forces to Respond to Iowa Flooding

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Sunrise Rotary members present the "Check" at the meeting on August 22nd Photo Andy Scheck

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club member John Fazel recently led fellow Rotarians in a fundraising effort to help the flood victims in Iowa. Mr. Fazel said "Four and one-half square miles were inundated in Cedar Rapids." John and his wife are native Iowans and John has attended several Rotary meetings in Cedar Rapids. The Lafayette Rotary Club, Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club, Moraga Rotary Club and Orinda Rotary collected a combined total of \$7,500 from the Lamorinda communities. They collected most of the funds outside of local Safeways and donated the balance from their respective clubs. John said "One lady wrote a check for \$1,000. It shows the generosity of people." The money was sent to the Cedar Rapids Sunrise Rotary Club to be distributed to flood victims. Mr. Fazel has shepherded other fundraising efforts for natural disasters including the Midwest Flood of 1993, Hurricane Mitch in Central America in 1998, and Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne in Florida in 2004.



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