

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MEETING LOCATION

MONDAY ROTARY

RASTRELLI'S RESTAURANT:
TUSCANY EVENT CENTER
2417 CLEVELAND ST.
CLINTON, IA

THURSDAY NIGHT ROTARY:

SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 5:30 IN RASTRELLI'S
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“How blessed it truly is, to stumble upon a soul that wants nothing but smiles and sunshine for you, for the rest of your life.”

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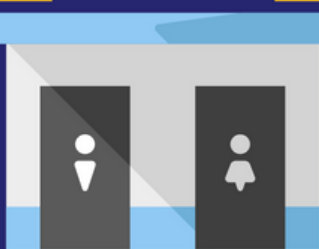
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, THE DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE IS IN CORALVILLE! THE CONFERENCE IS AT CORALVILLE RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, FROM 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. COME ONE, COME ALL!
- CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT, NORLAN!!!! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, NORLAN!
- THANK YOU, ANDY GREENE, FOR STARTING THE FOOD-SHARING INITIATIVE WITH INFORMATION REFERRAL!
- WE NEED HELP WITH THE BOO BASH!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT WITH THE COMMITTEE. :)



In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago, under the leadership of Rotary International Founder Paul Harris, initiated the first Rotary public service project: creating a public comfort station (also known as a public toilet).



KEY DATES

- APRIL 03: NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP
- APRIL 10: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING @ 10:45
- APRIL 10: BIG RIVER PACKAGING FEATURING KIP SIMPSON
- APRIL 17: KIMBERLY DICKEY WITH ROCK CREEK SOLAR, LLC
- APRIL 24: CHRIS STREETS WITH THE CLINTON AREA SHOWBOAT THEATRE

Check It Out!



Despite being severely affected by recent earthquakes, Rotaractors from all over Turkey came together to celebrate Rotaract Day by organizing an event for around 250 children in the tent cities of İskenderun and Kırıkhan. The day was filled with fun activities, including games, face painting, clowns, dances, balloons, and gifts. If you want to help those affected by the disaster in Turkey and Syria, you can donate to our Foundation's Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund.

Together, we can help. Donate:
<https://on.rotary.org/3yofhCathey>

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

MARCH 27: \$112

YTD TOTAL: \$5179

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,679

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 3

IN-PERSON: 30

TOTAL FOR MARCH 27: 36

GUESTS:

- MISSY KOCK
- ADAM DETERS
- ROSE KELLY

YTD: 142

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

Fellow Rotarian, Andy Sokolovich, who is the CEO of "Grow Clinton" presented to us on Monday. In March 2022, the leadership of the Clinton Regional Development Corporation, the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Clinton Convention and Visitors Bureau merged together, to become a focused organization known as "Grow Clinton." It was time to merge these three organizations, to create established efforts with an increased focus and investment in key priorities, such as business retention and workforce

development. Additionally, this merged organization will provide a coordinated, flexible approach to meet changing priorities.

Now that "Grow Clinton" has been established, it's time to look at its action plan. Their action plan focuses on workforce development, retention and expansion, creation of new jobs and capital investments, organizing and promoting events that bring visitors into the area, and the development and advocacy for a legislative and regulatory public policy agenda that supports our action plan. Sokolovich detailed aspects of the action plan, such as the importance of the Economic Climate. Sokolovich explained, "Eighty percent of our community and economic growth is going to come from the existing expansions of our business that we already have in our own backyard." Furthermore, Sokolovich mentioned how people that move to our community usually visit here first. It is so important to focus on what our visitors get for the first impression.

Moving Forward, Sokolovich discussed what you can expect from Grow Clinton. Entrepreneurial development is a huge priority, with a focus on small business education, and networking events like Biz After 5. "Our Biz After 5's have been huge. We have more and more people coming to network and learn from each other. The key to being successful in business, and I truly believe this, is networking," stated Sokolovich. Additionally, business retention and expansions are a matter of great importance as well, with the Grow Clinton team performing Value Visits and focusing on businesses within the community, as well as tourism and events, and the hiring of a VP of Community and Economic Development

Thank you, Andy, for your amazing presentation on Grow Clinton!

LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

- **APRIL 03:** NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP
- **APRIL 10:** KIP SIMPSON OF BIG RIVER PACKAGING WILL SHARE HIS PASSION FOR MAKING THE WORLD'S PREMIER BOXES AND BIG RIVER PACKAGING.
- **APRIL 17:** KIMBERLY DICKEY OF ROCK CREEK SOLAR, LLC, WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROCK CREEK SOLAR PROJECT IN CAMANCHE, IA.
- **APRIL 24:** CHRIS STREETS WILL DISCUSS THE CLINTON AREA SHOWBOAT THEATRE.

INVOCATION

APRIL 03: ANDY GREEN
 APRIL 10: BILL GREENWALT
 APRIL 17: NORLAN HINKE
 APRIL 24: PAUL HOLMER

GREETER

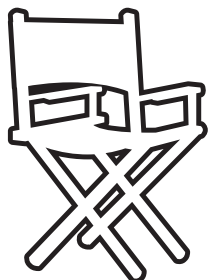
APRIL 03: CARRIE DONAIRE
 APRIL 10: JULIE DUNN
 APRIL 17: ANDY FERGURSON
 APRIL 24: GARY FOSTER

PROGRAM CHAIRS

APRIL: ANDY SOKOLOVICH
 MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON
 JUNE: JILL O'NEILL

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH
 MAY: ANDY SOKOLOVICH & DOUG HARRIDGE
 JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



Happy everything

Celebrations

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS:

- RON GUTIERREZ APRIL 04
- SUE WATKINS APRIL 04
- RYAN VEENSTRA APRIL 09
- DAVID PILLERS APRIL 12
- CHRIS FARWELL APRIL 18
- JOE BROWN APRIL 23
- KATHY FORREST APRIL 27

APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES:

- DEE WILLOUGHBY
 - 39 YEARS; APR 01 1984
- CHRISTIE COLLINS
 - 6 YEARS; APR 03 2017
- DENNIS LAUVER
 - 24 YEARS; APR 04 1999
- PAUL HOLMER
 - 18 YEARS; APR 06 2005
- RYAN VEENSTRA
 - 12 YEARS; APR 11 2011
- JULIE EGGERS
 - 6 YEARS ; APR 17 2017
- RYAN GREKOFF
 - 1 YEAR; APR 18 2022
- SABRINA LIPPENS
 - 1 YEAR; APR 18 2022
- RICH KLAHN
 - 12 YEARS; APR 18 2011
- KATHY FORREST
 - 7 YEARS; APR 18 2016
- NORLAN HINKE
 - 19 YEARS; APR 19 2004
- CHRISTOPHER FARWELL
 - 26 YEARS; APR 21 1997
- MIKE KROEMER
 - 10 YEARS; APR 22 2013
- LYNN MCGRAW
 - 15 YEARS; APR 28 2008
- JENNIFER GRAF
 - 15 YEARS; APR 28 2008

The History of the Rotary Bell

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



Rotary Board of Directors for 2022-2023

- ANDREW KIDA: PRESIDENT
- BRAYDON ROBERTS: PRESIDENT-ELECT
- DALE DALTON: TREASURER
- SUSIE MESECHER: SECRETARY
- CARRIE DONAIRE
- CHERYL FREY
- ROD TOKHEIM
- JILL O'NEILL
- CHRISTIE COLLINS: PAST PRESIDENT
- ANDY FERGURSON: FOUNDATION

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2022-2023:

- GARY FOSTER*: PRESIDENT
- MARK RUTENBECK*: VICE-PRESIDENT
- JOHN FREY*: SECRETARY
- DALE DALTON*: TREASURER

Directors

- JIM BRUHN*
- KATHY FORREST
- JENNIFER GRAF*
- KATHY KLAHN*
- LYNN MCGRAW
- BRIAN WRIGHT*

FOUNDATION MINUTE

WELCOME TO WEEK 4 OF RI'S MONTH OF WATER & SANITATION.

NOTHING SAYS CONFIDENCE LIKE A STRONG FEELING OF SELF-WORTH; AND IN THIS MONTH CELEBRATING WOMEN, FOUNDATION MINUTE PICKS UP THE STORY OF YOUNG GIRLS IN POVERTY-STRICKEN PARTS OF THE WORLD WHOSE SENSE OF DIGNITY AND SELF-PRIDE IS OFTEN HURT BY VERY POOR HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

THE DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF RAJAPALAYAM KINGS CITY (RID 3212, INDIA) RECENTLY BOOSTED THE MORALE OF FEMALE STUDENTS AT A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BY DONATING A GIRLS TOILET BLOCK, ALONG WITH OTHER FACILITIES WITH A GLOBAL GRANT AIDED BY TRF. IN AN ONLINE PUBLICATION IN THE LATEST EDITION OF ROTARY, THE N A ANNAPPA RAJA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IS THE BENEFICIARY OF A MODERN TOILET BLOCK FOR GIRLS, A REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT, TWO INTERACTIVE BOARDS WITH TOUCH SCREEN, A WI-FI LINK, A GYM AND A RANGE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; ALL SET UP AT THE COST OF R48.57 LAKH (USD 59,987.59). THE GG PROJECT WAS INITIATED DURING THE TENURE OF PDG P N B - MURUGADOSS (2020-21) "WHEN OUR CHARTER PRESIDENT JOHN SELVARAJ GOT A REQUEST FROM SCHOOL HEADMASTER A RAMESH FOR A NEW SANITATION BLOCK TO REPLACE THE DILAPIDATED TOILET WHICH THE GIRLS FOUND EMBARRASSING TO USE," HE SAYS.

EVERY THREE MONTHS, THE CLUB'S GRANTS COMMITTEE WILL BE VISIT N A ANNAPPA RAJA MEMORIAL HS SCHOOL TO INSPECT THE ROTARY FACILITIES. A STUDENT EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR THE NEW TOILET BLOCK BECAUSE IT IS "POSH AND NEAT; AND THE WASHBASINS HELP US CLEAN OUR HANDS EASILY DURING LUNCH. NOW I ENJOY ATTENDING SCHOOL." HEADMASTER RAMESH IS CONFIDENT OF ENROLLING MORE GIRLS WITH THE NEW TOILETS. THERE ARE 820 BOYS, 630 GIRLS IN THIS SCHOOL. CLUB PRESIDENT B KUMAR RAJA IS HAPPY THAT "WE HAVE DONE A GG PROJECT AT A DESERVING SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE MOSTLY WORKING IN TEXTILE MILLS AND FACTORIES."

IN ROTARY,

OLABISI GWAMNA, CLUB SECRETARY
MOUNT PLEASANT ROTARY,
EDITOR, FOUNDATION MINUTE