

# 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,  
RUSTY BARREL LOUNGE  
( 224 5TH AVE S, CLINTON, IA)

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CLINTON, IA  
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ROTARYCLUBOFCLINTON.COM

### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- [FACEBOOK](#)
- [LINKEDIN](#)
- [YOUTUBE](#)

"HOPE FUELS THE BELIEF THAT WE CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD, AND ROTARY  
PROVIDES THE PLATFORM TO TURN  
THAT HOPE INTO ACTION."

-Aaron Sines

Rotary



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

DON'T FORGET

- 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 GREEN, FOR STARTING THE FOOD-SHARING INITIATIVE WITH INFORMATION REFERRAL!
- ANDY GREEN NEEDS TO BE ELECTED THE ELECT-ELECT-ELECT PRESIDENCY! WE NEED MAJORITY MEMBERSHIP VOTE, 2 WEEKS FROM TODAY, CAN BE ONLINE OR BY PHONE. PLAN TO BE AT OUR MEETING AND HELP SUPPORT OUR FUTURE! :)
- WE NEED HELP WITH THE BOO BASH!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT WITH THE COMMITTEE. :)
- JUNE 26 IS OUR ANNUAL NIGHT OUT AT THE LUMBERKINGS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR.



## KEY DATES

- APRIL 24: CHRIS STREETS WILL DISCUSS THE CLINTON AREA SHOWBOAT THEATRE.
- MAY 01: KIMBERLY DICKEY OF ROCK CREEK SOLAR, LLC, WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROCK CREEK SOLAR PROJECT IN CAMANCHE, IA.
- MAY 29: HOLIDAY

## Check It Out!

Rotary Happy Hour

May 11

&

May 25

5:30 PM

@ Rusty Barrel Lounge

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

APRIL 17: \$98

YTD TOTAL: \$5485

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,985

### ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 4

IN-PERSON: 25

TOTAL FOR APRIL 17: 29

### GUESTS:

- GRETCHEN NOLLMAN

YTD: 145

### MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



Gretchen Nollman joined us on Monday. Gretchen is the Assistant Governor of Rotary District 6000 and has been a Rotarian for nine years at West Liberty.

Nollman shared with the club all of the resources that are available online now, including the grant process. The Learning Center has a lot of great resources available to us.

Below are some of the slides from her presentation, filled with resources for us!

### WELCOME

**\*TODAY'S INTENTIONS...**  
Is to **VALUE** your TIME!  
& That you leave here by today... **INSPIRED** with **NEW CONNECTIONS** armed with **TANGIBLE TOOLS & RESOURCES!**



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District 6000



**The Mission of Rotary**  
We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

### My Rotary

While anyone can access the Rotary International website, members of Rotary are able to learn more detailed information including their contributions to the Rotary Foundation, information on their own Rotary Club, and information on Rotary District 6000.

- Rotary Club Central - Immediate past, **current and incoming leaders**
- Learning Center - EVERYONE
- Brand Center - EVERYONE



- What: Iowa RYLA (Districts 5970 and 6000)
- When: Sunday, July 16 through Friday, July 21
- Where: Grinnell College
- Why: Iowa RYLA is a life-changing leadership training program for high school youth where leadership skills and team building are taught in an inclusive atmosphere of trust and respect.

Contact: Wayne Steen, District 6000 RYLA Chair  
C) 563-607-3367  
wsteeen@grinnell.edu

- District Designated Funds
- Funds can be used by Districts to pay for Foundation, Club, or District projects that a club in the District may choose.
- Any remainder may be used for Global Grants or donated to Polio Plus.

### Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) Action Team

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The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery is committed to prevent, eradicate and disrupt slavery to ensure that our communities are free from all forms of slavery.

Contact Dr. George Belitsos at [gbelitsos55@gmail.com](mailto:gbelitsos55@gmail.com)

Rotary District 6000 is offering you the chance to support the Flight to End Polio and The PolioPlus fund by purchasing a t-shirt. The shirts are \$21; \$11.50 for the shirt, \$1 packing fee and \$8.50 goes to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund!

### Rotary Mental Health Initiatives Rotary Action Group



### District 6000 Chapter

Get involved by contacting:  
Heidi Drager  
641-691-5486 (call or text)  
Heidi.Drager.D6000@gmail.com

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xGdtr2MMU-mqPm1Gm24ZvKsnTY3xU/view>

# LOOKING FORWARD...

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

- APRIL 24: PAUL HOLMER
- MAY 01: BRIAN KELLY
- MAY 08: ANDREW KIDA
- MAY 15: RICH KLAHN
- MAY 22: DENNIS LAUVER
- MAY 29: HOLIDAY

## GREETER

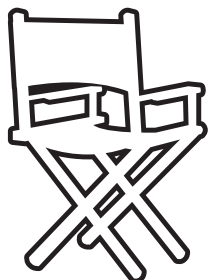
- APRIL 24: GARY FOSTER
- MAY 01: CHERYL FREY
- MAY 08: JOHN FREY
- MAY 15: JENNIFER GRAF
- MAY 22: ANDY GREEN
- MAY 29: HOLIDAY

## 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 & ANDY GREEN
- JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



*Happy celebrating*

## 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 3 OF RI'S MONTH OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH.

JUST AS A REMINDER, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SPENT AN AVERAGE OF \$90 MILLION ON DISTRICT AND GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MILLIONS OF MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO SUCCUMB TO A PLETHORA OF CURABLE DISEASES. THIS BEING THE MONTH DEDICATED TO BETTER HEALTH FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN ALL AROUND THE GLOBE, THE FOUNDATION MINUTE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS THEME:

- AN ESTIMATED 5.9 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE DIE EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF MALNUTRITION, INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE, AND POOR SANITATION---ALL OF WHICH CAN BE PREVENTED.
- ROTARY MAKES HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE AVAILABLE TO VULNERABLE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN SO THEY CAN LIVE LONGER AND GROW STRONGER.
- ROTARY EXPANDS ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE, SO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN EVERYWHERE CAN HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE.
- ROTARY PROVIDES EDUCATION, IMMUNIZATIONS, BIRTH KITS AND MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS.
- ROTARY TEACHES WOMEN HOW TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-INFANT HIV TRANSMISSIONS, HOW TO BREAST-FEED, AND HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FROM DISEASE.

IN ROTARY,

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