

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING LOCATION

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# Updates from our President

- All Rotary meetings and activities are on hold during this time.
- Please check for updates on our website: [www.rotaryclubofclinton.com](http://www.rotaryclubofclinton.com).

If You Read Nothing  
Else... *Read this!*

The Board values each and every one of our members. We are reaching out to YOU to see if there's any support we may provide you during this time. Please contact our Secretary, Jill O'Neill, and she will connect Rotarians to Rotarians to help you if possible. \*\* All requests will remain anonymous.



During these difficult times, remember to stay in touch.

*It could make all the difference.*

@RotaryClubofClinton



## The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **good-will** and **better friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

### Rotary Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- Brian Wright: President
- Shannon Sander-Welzien: Pres.-Elect
- Christie Collins: President-Elect
- Jennifer Graf: Past-President
- Douglas Harridge
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Idell Klein: Community Service
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Braydon Roberts: Scholarships
- Rod Tokheim: Membership
- Sue Watkins: Membership

### Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- 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

Sorry to interrupt your scrolling but I just wanted to say that you're amazing and you deserve to be happy.

## WEEKLY STATS

### FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

### MEMBERSHIP:

- **New Member:** Danny Thomas
- **Current Members:** 82
- **Membership goal:** 95

### GUESTS:

Guests YTD: 230

# THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## No Meeting

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

### Using what The Rotary Foundation has taught us:

In the midst of all the devastation from COVID-19, Rotarians around the world find their weekly meetings cancelled and other club activities grinding to a disturbing halt. Life as some of them knew it, seemed to be changing right before their eyes. Yet, with all the distractions caused by Coronavirus, Rotarians are determined to remain focused on one of their goals, which is, to provide service to others, especially those in need. **The Lake Area Rotary Club Association (LARCA) in Clearlake, California**, which had been a major fundraiser for the county's fire recovery, changed its mission to helping in emergency relief relating to the pandemic. Consequently, LARCA is donating \$40,000 to the four senior centers in Lake County, to help with the loss of income from their thrift stores which have been closed as a result of COVID-19. The grant will also help the centers cope with the increase in demand for home-delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels program. Since its inception in 2015, LARCA has raised more than \$3,000,000 for fire relief efforts.

**The Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates** did not allow lock downs and a ban on in-person meetings to stop them from hosting a successful fundraiser for their 50th Anniversary. Instead of cancelling or postponing the scheduled fundraiser, the club streamed a Facebook live event from a makeshift broadcast studio at the Marriott Hotel, where more than 100 silent auction items were arrayed for bids. In the end, over \$120,000 was realized at the virtual event. Commenting on the surprised turnout for the event, Club President, Pat Groenewold stated that "Rotarians have demonstrated what we can do when a real need arises." The Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates has contributed more than \$5,000,000 to programs in the community and around the world.

**The Rotary Club of Asheville, NC** is responding to the on-going COVID-19 devastation by donating all the fees for their weekly meals to a local food pantry. Manna Food Bank in Asheville, will be receiving \$5,400 from the club to assist with their efforts to combat food insecurity during this outbreak. Janet Whitworth, club president, praised her club's decision to use the money that way, adding that, "it is a great representation of the Rotary Four-Way Test."

As Water and Sanitation Month gives way to Maternal and Child Health Month, let us remain focused in our efforts to make the world a healthier, disease-free and much better place.

In Rotary,  
Olabisi Gwamna Ph.D,  
Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant  
Editor, Foundation Minute



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**MAY:** MARY CONNELL AND  
DALE DALTON

**JUNE:** DOUG HARRIDGE  
AND JILL O'NEILL

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

**MAY:** JENNIFER GRAF

**JUNE:** OPEN

## BIRTHDAYS:

Ron Gutierrez	Apr 04
Sue Watkins	Apr 04
Ryan Veenstra	Apr 09
David Pillers	Apr 12
Christopher Farwell	Apr 18
Michael Nass	Apr 19
Kathy Forrest	Apr 27

## ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Dee Willoughby	Apr 01 1984 - 36 years
Christie Collins	Apr 03 2017 - 3 years
Dennis Lauver	Apr 04 1999 - 21 years
Paul Holmer	Apr 06 2005 - 15 years
Rita Hart	Apr 8 2019 - 1 year
Ryan Veensta	Apr 11 2011 - 9 years
Julie Eggers	Apr 17 2017 - 3 years
Kathy Forrest	Apr 18 2016 - 4 years
Rich Klahn	Apr 18 2011 - 9 years
Norlan Hinke	Apr 19 2004 - 16 years
Christopher Farwell	Apr 21 1997 - 23 years

# LOOKING FORWARD

Do you know how to sew? Help out the Mask Taskforce of Clinton and Jackson Counties! See instructions and patterns by clicking [HERE](#) and give to Lori Freudenberg. Thank you! Please refer to Lori for questions at: [lori.freudenberg@gmail.com](mailto:lori.freudenberg@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY INFO DURING COVID-19.

- Be a Heart Hunter
- Online AA Meetings during COVID
- Iowa Senate's COVID Resources
- CRCD's COVID Information
- Check out [this group](#) of restaurants in Clinton that are available for ordering from!
- QuaratinED for Iowa Parents and Caregivers
- City of Clinton
- Clinton Herald

## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Where the U.S. Stands Now on Coronavirus Testing
- These Charts And Maps Show How Each State Is Handling The Coronavirus Crisis
- Mental Health Considerations
- Stress and Coping Tools from the CDC
- Coronavirus Anxiety



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: Idell Klein
- Dictionaries Committee: \*John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand and Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: \*Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- Fundraiser Committee: Jill O'Neill
- Grants Chair: Jill O'Neill
- Homerun Readers: Brian Wright
- Interact: Peggy Sellnau
- International Service: Christie Collins
- Josh the Otter Water Safety Committee: \*Rich Klahn
- Kicks for Kids: Sue Watkins
- Lumberkings Event Committee: \*Dale Dalton
- Membership: Sue Watkins
- Public Relations: Jennifer Graf; Jill O'Neill RCoF C Website, Doug Harridge (photos)
- Scholarships: Braydon Roberts and Peggy Sellnau
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service / Weekly Student Guests: Shannon Sander-Welzien
- Sunshine: Christie Collins





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kathy Forrest

**Q: What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?**

**A: I'm 1/16 Indian.**

**Q You've been given an elephant. You can't give it away or sell it. What would you do with the elephant?**

**A: Put it to work as a mascot for the bank. Certainly something as large as an elephant should draw some attention, right?**

**Q A penguin walks through that door right now wearing a sombrero. What does he say and why is he here?**

**A: "I'm tired of being cold and stressed out about coronavirus....anyone interested in joining me for a Mexican vacation?"**

**Q: How long have you been a member of the Rotary Club of Clinton?**

**A: Since 2016**

**Q: Why did you join Rotary?**

**A: To work with likeminded individuals to be of service to our local community; in addition to contributing to projects that Rotary supports worldwide.**

**Q: What is your current occupation?**

**A: President/CEO of Citizens First Bank**

**Q: What do you love most about your job?**

**A: Supporting a great team that is committed to providing great service to our customers and community.**

**Q: How do you define success?**

**A: Waking up happy and ready to take on a new day, followed by going to bed feeling I was the best version of myself I could be that day.**

**Q: If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?**

**A: Jesus.**

**Q: Outside of work and volunteering, what is your favorite thing to do?**

**A: Cook, with and or for, family and friends.**

**You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why?**

**Rainbow; one that would change color as you use it. I like all the colors of the rainbow. They are bright and invoke happy thoughts.**

**Q: What's one thing - either industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?**

**A: Despite having a robust business continuity plan, no one could have been prepared for the world (COVID-19) we are living in today.**

**Q: What's the last book you read?**

**A: Girl, Wash Your Face**

**Q What inspires you?**

**A: People sharing their gifts/talents with others.**

**Q: What's your favorite '90s jam?**

**A: There was music in the 90's?.....lol. I primarily listen to 70's and 80's.**

**Q: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

**A: Pizza. You can change it up for variety (some healthier than others).**

**THANKS FOR LETTING US GET TO KNOW YOU, KATHY!**