

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Life tip: bring a book with you everywhere you go.

Life pro tip: bring two, in case you finish the first one.

Bigger life pro tip: Bring a kindle with you everywhere so you have an entire library with you at all times.

Ultimate life pro tip: live in a library and never ever leave.

Supreme life tip: Become a library

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CLUB UPDATES

Presidential News

- It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we share the passing of fellow Rotarian, Phil Barger. Phil passed away in his sleep last Wednesday night. Our deepest sympathies to the Barger family. If you wish to send a card, please send to:

Tori Parson (daughter)
55 Windflower St.,
Comstock Park, MI 4932

- We will return to Hybrid meetings next week. Please join us online or in person with masks. We are setting only 3 people per table and continued extra precautions to keep everyone safe.
- Our annual Holiday Luncheon with Clinton High School Acapella Choir will be next week, as always guests and family members are welcome. The students have singing masks and we'll stay very distanced.
- We received a grant for \$7,500 to assist in Derecho tree clean-up. More will be coming soon, but reach out to Shannon or Jill if you have any questions!
- The following week Doug will lead up in our very special Remembrance meeting, which is always special.

Key Dates

- Dec 14: Holiday Luncheon with Acapella Choir
- Dec 21: Remembrance Meeting
- Dec 21: 1:00 Board Meeting

If You Read Nothing

Else... *Read this!*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have been in charge of fellowship for nearly 20 years and I am asking for your help. Rotary has had a proud tradition of offering scholarships to many future leaders from local schools.

With the challenges 2020 has presented our club scholarship fund is not on track to award these to students. Not knowing how we will be meeting in December I will not be holding weekly trivia or quizzes, but we have 3 great programs - Freezin' for Food, Clinton High Choir, and on December 21st we will remember and reflect on members who have passed with the "Reading of the Names."

How can you help? In lieu of weekly fines, I am asking for a gift towards the scholarship fund that can be made directly via the website. ([Click here for the direct link.](#)) (I will also accept donations at Carpetland.)

The students in our area are experiencing a difficult time and I know we would love to award scholarships spring of 2021.

Sincerely,
Doug Bertrand
Fellowship Chair

WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Our guest on Monday is no stranger to the Clinton community. We welcomed Chris Streets from Mac FM, who was Zooming to us live from Clinton's Hy-Vee! Chris is running his annual Freezin' For Food, which is a food fundraiser for our community and the River Cities areas. Streets, who has been the general manager at Mac FM radio for twenty years, started this food drive as a way to give back to the community. "I had read an article about a gentleman. He did a food drive in the back of a truck in Cleveland...he did it on top of a semi and he filled seven semis up

with food." With that idea, the first Freezin' For Food idea was born, back on November 13, 2000. Streets parked outside of Hy-Vee for seven days and didn't shower or go home. He slept inside the truck for seven days. The first year resulted in 20,000 pounds of food and a little under \$1,000 to our local pantries.

The tradition has stuck around and even grown. Ten years ago, Streets added a summer food drive. All together, about half a million pounds of food has been collected in the last twenty-one years. "Cash wise, I haven't done a really good job at keeping track but I know we're in the hundreds of thousands of dollars that we've been able to hand over to multiple pantries." Streets talked about the biggest truck they've been able to fill so far. "I'll never forget the biggest truck we've ever unloaded. We filled it from front to back, a 24-foot rental truck, front to back, about three levels high. We unloaded part of it at the Benevolent Society and I was all excited. I said to 'This will ought to do you for a while, right?' And the woman who is in charge of Benevolent Society said it'll last it's probably about a week." Streets quickly realized how many people need help in the community.

Streets will be out at Hy-Vee, collecting food and money twelve hours a day, from Monday through Thursday (6am to 6pm) and Friday, from 6am to 2pm, which is about 60 hours of Freezin' for Food. The food and money is donated to the Benevolent Society, the Salvation Army, The Church of the Open Door, the Camanche Food Pantry, the Fulton Food pantry.

Finally, Streets stated his driving force behind this food drive is to help little kids and young adults not be hungry. Thank you, Chris, for all you do for the Clinton community!

[The Canadian Pacific Train is coming through Facebook Live! Click here to learn more about it!](#)

FAST FACTS

- Freezin' For Food was started in 2000
- Over half a million pounds of food has been donated in the last 21 years!
- Freezin' For Food will run Monday through Thursday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you or your business would like to donate:

Do:

- Make out checks to Information Referral or Freezin' for Food
- Purchase Diapers, Toilet Paper, Paper towels, paper plates and utensils, Non-Perishable items such as: Soups, Peanut Butter, Cereals, macaroni, ramen noodles, etc.

Don't:

- Please don't take the money out to the radio station!

If you want to volunteer and help unload, join Streets on Friday 2:30 at the Benevolent Society

To view our meeting, [click here.](#)

WEEKLY STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Dec 07: N/A

YTD: \$2,187.16

[\(Click here for the direct link to donate.\)](#)

ATTENDANCE:

In-person: N/A

Online: 17

Guests: 1

Total for Dec 07: 18

GUESTS:

- **Chris Streets, Speaker:**
Guest of Carrie Donaire
YTD: 68

MEMBERSHIP:

- **Current Members: 78**
- **Membership Goal: 80**

BIRTHDAYS:

- John Frey Dec 02
- Paul Holmer Dec 10
- Mark Rutenbeck Dec 12
- Douglas Harridge Dec 29

ANNIVERSARIES:

- Shane Buer
1 year; Dec 09 2019
- Jarrek Lucke
2 years; Dec 10 2018
- David Rose
3 years; Dec 11 2017
- Andy Fergurson
2 years; Dec 17 2018
- Kathy Klahn
16 years; Dec 20 2004

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

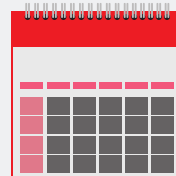
- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: empty
- Dictionaries Committee: *John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand, *Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- Fundraiser Committee: Jill O'Neill and Nicole Hinman
- Grants Chair: Jill O'Neill
- 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: Andrew Kida
- Public Relations: Jill O'Neill
- Scholarships: Braydon Roberts and Peggy Sellnau
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service/ Weekly Student Guests: Peggy Sellnau
- Sunshine: Christie Collins

LOOKING FORWARD

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 14: ACAPELLA CHOIR

DECEMBER 21: REMEMBRANCE OF PAST ROTARIANS



INVOCATION

DECEMBER 14: RICH KLAHN

DECEMBER 21: DENNIS LAUVER

PROGRAM CHAIRS

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE, DOUG BERTRAND

JANUARY: TOM DETERMANN

FEBRUARY: GARY DELACY



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

DECEMBER:

CARRIE DONAIRE AND DOUG BERTRAND

JANUARY:

****STILL NEEDS TO BE FILLED ****

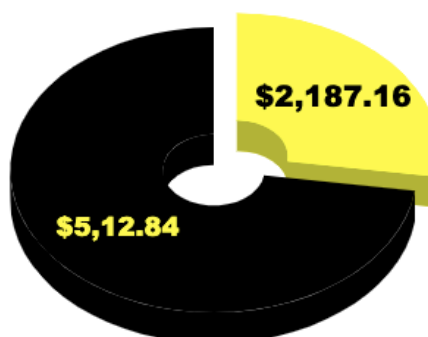
FEBRUARY:

PAUL HOLMER AND RYAN VEENSTA

MARCH:

DENNIS LAUVER

Scholarship Donations (Goal \$8,000)



● **Current Donated** ● **Amount Remaining**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



DOUG HARRIDGE

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

A: Play and conduct music

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

A: Thai Food

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

A: Bright Blue

Q What's a pet peeve that you have?

A: Self check-outs

Editor's Note:
That didn't answer the question, Doug! ;-)

Q What's your favorite 90's jam?

A: anything from the 80's

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Q: WHO INSPIRES YOU?

A: MY GRAND PARENTS AND MY PARENTS ARE ALL INSPIRATIONS TO ME.

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

A: Almost three years.

Q: Why did you join Rotary?

A: I have been in Rotary for over 20 years. I first joined to learn the business community in Paxton, IL

Q: What is your current occupation?

A: I am the Executive Director at Sarah Harding Senior Living

Q: What do you love most about your job?

A: Spending time with our residents.

Q: What's the last book you read?

A: A book about past lives

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

A: Ghandi

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

A: I learned to try and relax, everything will work out.

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

A: I was a professional actor in Chicago for a time in the early 90's.

Q: How do you define success?

A: Success for me being a good person and helping in my community.

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

A: Keep it in my back yard so my dog and I can play with it.

THANKS FOR LETTING US GET TO KNOW YOU, DOUG!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to the last week of Rotary International's Foundation Month!

The news this week is all about Rotarians helping ease the discomfort of COVID-19 in communities impacted by the pandemic. Fifty-two clubs make up Rotary International District 6380 (Michigan and Ontario, Canada) with seven clubs located in Macomb County, Michigan. These seven clubs donated more than 90,000 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to hospitals, nursing homes, dental offices, homeless shelters, food programs and schools as part of their on-going "100,000 Mask Challenge." This largesse was made possible through a Rotary International Disaster Grant of \$25,000 awarded by TRF.

In a related report, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North received a \$73,000 grant from TRF called the "Pandemic Relief for Detroit Project" to provide a total of 100,000 masks to frontline workers in the area. A member of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club and incoming DG for 2021-2022, Brenda K. Tipton, expressed gratitude to the Foundation, explaining that the \$73,000 GG Project "will supply PPEs and human service needs to the Detroit area...The Detroit VA Hospital is on the list to receive \$10,000 worth of PPEs."

Still in Michigan, District 6360 has provided funds matched by TRF to agencies providing nutritious meals to seniors in St. Joseph-Barton Harbor. The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Barton Harbor handed a sum of \$3,750 to Senior Nutrition Services and Meals on Wheels of SW Michigan. TRF grant was awarded to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic which has caused over 66% increased in need and new requests. Prior to Coronavirus, according to club president, Matt Hanley, 300 meals a day were served, but with the onset of the pandemic, the need has risen to 500 meals daily.

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary. With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization. (Holger Knaack, RI President 2020-21)

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

DG'S DAKIN'S FIFTH TEST

A dose of humor, hopefully to help start your Rotary week with a smile.

**Proud to be a Rotarian,
Steve Dakin, District Governor 2020-21
steve@retiredfun.net**

**“ HE HAD A
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FULLY DEVELOPED.
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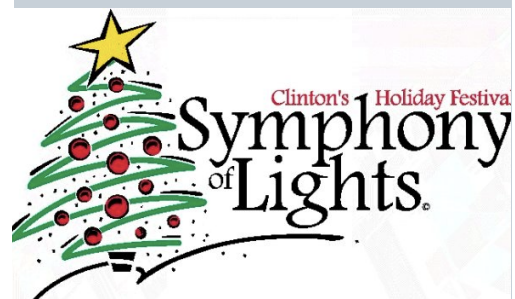
COMMUNITY EVENTS

CP Holiday Train



CP will be hosting a virtual concert in lieu of the typical CP Holiday Train this year. The event will raise money and awareness and help local food banks collect much-needed donations.

Serena Ryder and The Trews will headline the CP "Holiday Train at Home" concert, which will also feature performances by JoJo Mason, Logan Staats and Kelly Prescott. **Visit facebook.com/canadian.pacific or @Canadian.Pacific on Facebook to watch the live premiere on Saturday December 12 at 6 p.m.** An archived version of the show will remain on the page for later viewing. CP will make a donation to the local food bank that we funded the last time the CP Holiday Train visited your community.



Symphony of Lights is Clinton Iowa's Holiday Festival. The display is open 7 days a week 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 5-9pm Saturday and Sunday. Thanksgiving until Dec. 30th. Cost is \$8/car.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to December

Formerly – The Rotary Family Month

Now – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month of Rotary International.

Generally, this is the month most people in the world recap on the year's activities; and what a recap 2020 would be for most of us! However, in conjunction with TRF's mission of advancing "world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health..." among other goals, Rotarians have made improvements in the area of disease prevention and treatment. Rotarians are providing much relief to a world filled with misery, pain and poverty. TRF believes that good health is everyone's right in a world where 400 million people can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. A quick round-up on global health achievements reveals that treating and preventing disease are important to TRF and that is why the following accomplishments are top of TRF's list:

- Setting up mobile health vehicles and clinics, blood donation centers and training facilities in under served communities struggling with outbreaks and healthcare access
- Providing clean water in hospitals, schools and community centers.
- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructures of local communities
- Encouraging initiatives that allows doctors, patients and governments to work together.
- Combating diseases like Malaria, and HIV/AIDS.
- Ending Polio
- Providing health education through routine hearing, vision (cataract surgeries), and dental care.
- Establishing virtual clinics or telemedicine in rural parts of the world. The current edition of The Rotarian cites a story of a pulmonologist whose Rotary club helps fund one such clinic in remote parts of Nepal.

"The polio structure in Nigeria has made the response to any disease outbreak quicker and more focused. Because we have people who are already knowledgeable from the grassroots to the national level, we can quickly equip them to respond...That is why Nigeria was able to defeat Ebola, and why Nigeria is also able to fight COVID-19. The world has Rotary International to thank for this." (Dr. Onyibe, WHO Nigeria's Office)

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WELL DONE. THAT'S
THE POINT OF IT.**
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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 2020-2021:

- Shannon Sander-Welzien: President
- Christie Collins: President Elect
- Andrew Kida: President Elect-Elect
- Braydon Roberts: President Elect-Elect-Elect
- Brian Wright: Past-President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Douglas Harridge
- Peggy Sellnau
- Rod Tokheim
- Nicole Hinman

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2020-2021:

- 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.

POLIO UPDATES

Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,
One new Wild Polio cases reported this week.

What is that Polio Picture? The picture shows a child being vaccinated in Somalia where immunization campaigns are underway to insure that Somalia remains Wild Polio-free. **A Win Against Polio is a Win for Global Health!**

The Polio Good News: WHO thanks Turkey for their support of the emergency call to action during the World Health Assembly polio session, during which they announced a contribution of US\$ 60,000. This funding will help support outbreak response in Africa.

Now that we are down to the final two Wild Polio Endemic countries, I will be listing the 16 reasons we need to End Polio in Pakistan (from Dawn.com): # 14., A Polio-free world would save the global economy billions of dollars.

2020 Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Cases - 756 : Afghanistan - 160 (0 in 2019), Angola - 3 (129 in 2019), Benin - 1 (8 in 2019), Burkina Faso - 49 (1 in 2019), Cameroon - 7 (0 in 2019), CAR - 3 (21 in 2019), Chad - 80 ((10 in 2019), China - 0 (1 In 2019), Congo - 1, Cote d' Ivoire - 68 (0 in 2019), DRC - 68 (86 in 2019), Ethiopia - 21 (11 in 2019), Ghana - 11 (18 in 2019), Guinea - 29 (0 in 2019), Mali - 28, Malaysia - 1 (3 in 2019), Myanmar - 0 (6 in 2019), Pakistan - 104 (22 in 2019), Papua New Guinea - 0 (0 in 2019). Niger - 8 (1 in 2019), Nigeria - 4 (18 in 2019) Philippines - 1 (16 in 2019), Somalia - 28 (3 in 2019), South Sudan - 22 (0 in 2019), Sudan - 46, Yemen - 19, Togo - 9 (8 in 2019), Zambia - 0 (2 in 2019), 361 Vaccine Derived Polio cases were reported in 2019. Rotary produces leaders!

Quote of the Day - "Leaders inspire themselves and others to do, be, give, and become more than they ever thought possible.." - Tony Robbins

The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries:

- Pakistan: One new Polio case reported this week. Eighty-two Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 10/22/20. Pakistan reported 147 Wild Polio cases in 2019. Thirteen Polio-Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.
- Afghanistan: No new Polio cases reported this past week. Fifty-six Polio cases reported in 2020 The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 10/02/20. Afghanistan reported twenty-nine Wild Polio cases in 2019. No Polio-Positive Environmental Sample were reported this week in Afghanistan.

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 12/03/20



Rotary's World-wide 2020-21 Rotary Year Polio Fundraising Goal is \$150 Million – Including the Gates Foundation \$2 to \$1 Match

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!
A Win Against Polio is a Win for Global Health!

Advocate, Donate & Educate to **END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!**
20,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018	Total 2017	Total 2016
Globally	138	176	33	22	37
- in endemic countries:	138	176	33	22	37
- in post-endemic countries:	0	0	0	0	0

Wild Polio cases reported this week:
Pakistan 1, Afghanistan 0

2020 Wild Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2019 Totals)
Endemic Countries - 82 Pakistan (2019-147), 36 Afghanistan (2019-29)

Tony Ziegler, tziegler@rotary.org Rotary Region 26 Enforcement/Major Gifts Advisor