

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### MEETING LOCATION

Rastrelli's Restaurant:

Tuscany Event Center

238 Main Ave

Clinton, IA

Every Monday at 12 Noon

Vistors are welcome!

### CLUB LINKS

Rotary Club of Clinton  
Facebook

Rotary Club of Clinton  
Twitter

Interact Club of Clinton  
Facebook

### 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?

"It is not  
in the stars  
to hold  
our destiny  
but in  
ourselves."

-Shakespeare-

"FLOAT LIKE A  
BUTTERFLY,  
STING LIKE A BEE.  
THE HANDS CAN'T HIT  
WHAT THE EYES  
CAN'T SEE."

~ Muhammad Ali  
(1942-2016)

## NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- We are in the process of forming the Club Board for the 2020-2021 year. Anyone interested in joining the Board and/or expanding their involvement with the Club, please contact President-Elect Shannon.
- The reading of the Rotarians will be accompanied by their name tag being placed on our Remembrance tree. If you have a certain Rotary member whose name you wish to place on the tree, please contact Doug Bertrand. You will be given that Rotarians tag to present as their name is read at the roll call.
- Did you volunteer for Program Chair or Fellowship but can't remember when? Check out **page 4** for the next several months of who does what!
- Please read the beautiful thank you note we received from Whittier Elementary on **page 5**.

## INVOCATION:

**December 16:** Pete Clausen

**December 23:** NO ROTARY

**December 30:** NO ROTARY

## STUDENT HOST:

**December:** No Students

## GREETER:

**December 16:** Jennifer Graf

**December 23:** NO ROTARY

**December 30:** NO ROTARY

## FELLOWSHIP FINES:

**December 9, 2019:** \$169.00

**YTD** \$4,483.00

## ATTENDANCE:

**Dec 9, 2019:** 40/84

**Dec 2, 2019:** 45/83

## MEMBERSHIP STATS:

- New Member: Shane Buer
- Current Members: 84
- Membership goal: 95

## GUESTS:

- Charlie Graf: G/O Jennifer Graf
- Ellen Scarano: G/O Kathy Klahn
- Mary Jo Nier: G/O Peggy Sellnau
- Waylyn McCulloh: G/O Cheryl McCulloh
- Christine Holmer: G/O Paul Holmer
- Jeremy Fingar: G/O Andrew Kida
- Barb Willoughby: G/O Dee Willoughby
- Carrie Willoughby: G/O Dee Willoughby
- Jan Shadduch: G/O Ron McGauvran
- Kelly Wright: G/O Brian Wright
- Denise Rutenbeck: G/O Christie Collins
- Bud Rutenbeck: G/O Christie Collins
- Leo Collins: G/O Christie Collins
- Wes Golden: G/O Gary DeLacy
- Sue Kincaid: G/O Doug Harridge
- Heather Hoenig: G/O Doug Harridge
- Paul Mulholland: G/O Brig Tubbs
- Lenny Welch: G/O Brig Tubbs
- Lauren Wisor: Student at Prince of Peace
- Selena Tello: Student at CHS
- Viviana Ramirez: Student at CHS

**Guests YTD: 141**

## MEETING REVIEW



Clinton High School's A Cappella Choir performed for us on Monday, under the direction of Donica Vonderohe.



To view the video from our meeting, please click **HERE**.



## FELLOWSHIP:

**December:** Carrie Donaire and Doug Bertrand

**January:** Andrew Kida and Douglas Harridge

## BIRTHDAYS:

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

## ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Jarrek Lucke  
Dec 10 2018 -- 1 year

David Rose  
Dec 11 2017 -- 2 years

Andy Fergurson  
Dec 17 2018 -- 1 year

Kathy Klahn  
Dec 20 2004 -- 15 years

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **December 16:** Remembrance Meeting
- **December 23: NO ROTARY**    **December 30: NO ROTARY**

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

- **December:** Kathy Klahn
- **January:** Cheryl McCullough and Matt Brooke

Time is a fickle thing. You can be with someone for years and never know what real love is. Or you can fall in love truly and completely after weeks spent with someone who literally redefines what it means to be happy. Love doesn't always fit into a timeframe.

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Last week throughout the world, Giving Tuesday was observed. People around the world individually or through coordinated efforts within organizations such as local Rotary clubs gave generously to a wide variety of charitable organizations. The Rotary Foundation featured most prominently among the top 100 of such charities in the United States. According to WalletHub's editors, more than 100 organizations were compared based on their financial performance, transparency and popularity and TRF was rated the best for Human Services with a score of 100% <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-charities-to-donate-to/28658/>

With its emphasis on the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty, The St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation awarded a total of \$59,000 in grants to eight groups in the area, including the Boys and Girls Club. Using the club's foundation monies, the club successfully applied for matching funding from its district's Designated Funds. The secretary of the organization, Bill Healy, reiterated that "...emphasis is given to entities that provide better opportunities for youth and special needs populations."

The improvement of opportunities for the youth of the city was on the mind of the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers, Yonkers, New York, USA when it decided to transform the basketball court at the John Barton Memorial Park, Yonkers, New York. This park, a notorious eyesore of buckled concrete and a mass of cracks, pebbles, broken glass and the littered of drug paraphernalia, has now become a source of civic pride. Developed as a Global Grant, the Rotary Club of Yonkers donated \$5,750, The Rotary Club of Yeocheon, Korea contributed an additional \$16,000 and TRF supplied \$23,500 in Global Grant Funding to complete the project.

The Rotarians of The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor, Gig Harbor, Washington, USA use the funds of its foundation to match district designated funding grant requests. The club has completed multiple projects within its community. Because of the commitment of Gig Harbor Rotarians to community projects, two wealthy brothers recently donated \$850,000 increasing the ability of the club to give back to the community. "We are very very excited," said Scott Junge, president of the Gig Harbor Rotary Club Foundation.

Yours in Rotary,  
Olabisi Gwamna Ph.D

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

If God will put this much detail in a snowflake, what makes you think your life is any less important?



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: Idell Klein
- Dictionaries Committee: \*John Frey (Fall)
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand and Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: \*Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Brian Wright
- 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 (Spring)
- 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: Rob Cassidy
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service / Weekly Student Guests: Shannon Sander-Welzien
- Sunshine: Christie Collins

Club Board Meeting: 3rd Monday of every month immediately after the Rotary meeting in the Tuscany Room.  
All members are welcome!

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

## FUTURE CHAIRS

### Fellowship Chair

**JANUARY:** DOUGLAS HARRIDGE AND ANDREW KIDA

**FEBRUARY:** PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA

**MARCH:** DENNIS LAUVER

**APRIL:** RICH KLAHN / JOHN FREY

**MAY:** JENNIFER GRAF

### Program Chair

**JANUARY:** CHERYL MCCULLOUGH & MATT BROOKE

**FEBRUARY:** DEE WILLOUGHBY

**MARCH:** RICH KLAHN

**APRIL:** RON MCGAUVAN AND LORI FREUDENBERG

**MAY:** MARY CONNELL AND DALE DALTON



## A THANK YOU...

Sue and Shannon:

... I just want you and your organization to know what a beautiful thing you are doing by providing our students with boots! I wish I could take a picture and show you the size of the smiles and the brightness in the eyes of these children when they see their boots for the first time! They are so incredibly thrilled with this gift - it means so much more to them than just a pair of boots. It means connectedness. It means belonging. It means someone cared about them and did something they didn't have to do. They feel so special, and they should!

Our little girl with the leg braces beamed from ear to ear, literally, when we opened the box for her. We told her she was like a princess, as we tried the boots on with her, and we could see she felt like a princess, too! As she left, she asked to hold the big box of boots in her little 5 year old arms, and even though balance is an issue for her, she held onto those boots like they were china, guarding and protecting them, as she made her way back to her classroom.

Our boy with the big Men's size 11's had such a look of pride in his eyes when he opened the box and left off an approving, "Wow, nice." His world is coming apart at the seams and everything he knows is about to change. He's been holding back his tears in the name of being the "man of the house," at 10 tender years of age. I've been working for two years on building a relationship with this tough kid, who could go either way right now. I could tell he didn't want to leave my office because he felt such a sense of being cared about, his heart was swelling!

Those are just two of the 15 stories of the kids you've helped here at Whittier, through your generous giving. It's been such a great contribution to our community! So a big THANK YOU!

Sincerely,  
Karla Unke