

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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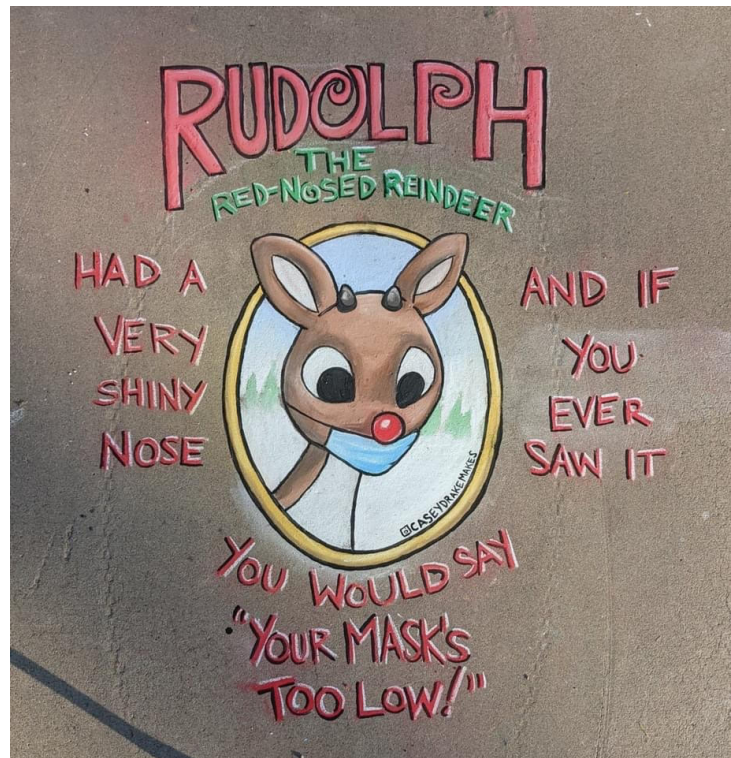
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CLUB UPDATES

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

- Next week, Doug will lead up in our very special Remembrance meeting, which is always special.
- We still need to have a program host for March, April, May (partnered with Ron McGauvran) and June! Please reach out to Jill or Shannon to volunteer for this!
- Did you know that you can donate through the website for scholarships, but get tax credit from the foundation? Just put your donation through as normal, but reply to the email from Dale and let him know you want this donation to go through the Foundation, for scholarships. Please reach out to Dale for any further questions.

Key Dates

- Dec 21: Remembrance Meeting
- Dec 21: 1:00 Board Meeting (Meeting ID: 819 1982 7885 Passcode: 453015)
- Dec 28: NO 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

FAST FACTS

This Monday, we had our annual visit from the Clinton High School choir, headed up by Donica Vonderohe. (Karl Wolf was teaching guitar at the time of their performance!) Some of the songs the Clinton choir sang were:

- “Mary Sat A-Rockin” arranged by Greg Gilpin
- “What Child” arranged by Ruth Morris Gray
- “The Sound of Silence” originally from Simon and Garfunkel (arrangement unknown)
- “Oh Holy Night” arranged by Mark Hayes
- Perfect Christmas Night: Produced by Paul O'Neill, Song from "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000)
- "Peace, Peace" arranged by Fred Bock

Thank you to the CHS A'Cappella Choir for this beautiful and moving concert!

To view the high school's live stream of their concert (from 12/16/20), please [click here.](#)

WEEKLY ROUND-UP



WEEKLY STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Dec 14: \$115

Foundation: \$1200

YTD: 2,404.16

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

ATTENDANCE:

In-person: 21

Online: 6

Guests: 3

Total on Dec 14: 24

GUESTS:

- Denise Rutenbeck: G/O Mark Rutenbeck
- Harry Rutenbeck: G/O Mark Rutenbeck
- Jeff Sander-Welzien: G/O Shannon Sander-Welzien

YTD: 71

MEMBERS:

- Resignation: Don Putnam, Charles Gustaveson
- Current Members: 76
- 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

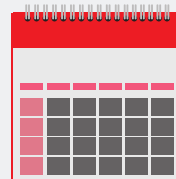
- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: empty
- Dictionaries Committee: *John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand, *Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- Fundraiser Committee: Jill O'Neill and Nicole Hinman
- Grants Chair: Jill O'Neill
- 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 21: REMEMBRANCE OF PAST ROTARIANS

DECEMBER 28: NO MEETING



INVOCATION

DECEMBER 21: DENNIS LAUVER

DECEMBER 28: NO MEETING

PROGRAM CHAIRS

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE AND 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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

It's been another week of Rotarians preparing for the end of the year in various ways, including helping neighbors in need both near and far.

With this month's theme of disease prevention and treatment, Rotarians are mindful of the crushing impact of coronavirus on personal lives of families all over the world. This is why several clubs, with the help of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), are responding to the needs of individuals impacted by the virus.

Rotary District 7930, composed of 47 clubs in northeastern Massachusetts, applied for and was awarded a Rotary Foundation Covid-19 Global Grant to support the efforts of Care Dimensions, the largest hospice and palliative care provider in Massachusetts. The \$44,950 (US) was used to purchase PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for the not-for-profit organization's "Frontline Workers."

Other contributors in this grant were: Rotary District 2650 (Japan), Rotary Club of Kyoto South and Rotary Clubs in Greater Boston, MA. The president and CEO of Care Dimensions, Patricia Ahren, expressed her organizations gratitude to TRF for "...funding critical PPE for our staff who are on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic....and we are honored TRF has chosen to assist our care teams on the North Shore and in Greater Boston."

District 7930 Governor, Betsy Manzelli, assured Care Dimensions of her district's enthusiasm at "...collaborating with and supporting Care Dimensions during this pandemic." The past district governor, Joan Arsenault, 2019-2020, explained that, as a professional healthcare provider, she realized that TRF "was an incredible resource and could help us address the shortage of PPE and food insecurity."

Past Trustee of TRF and RI Director, Julia Phelps, expressed satisfaction about this grant, which was a first for her district, "that's the beauty of Rotary: people helping people they've never met but knowing they are making a difference and saving lives."

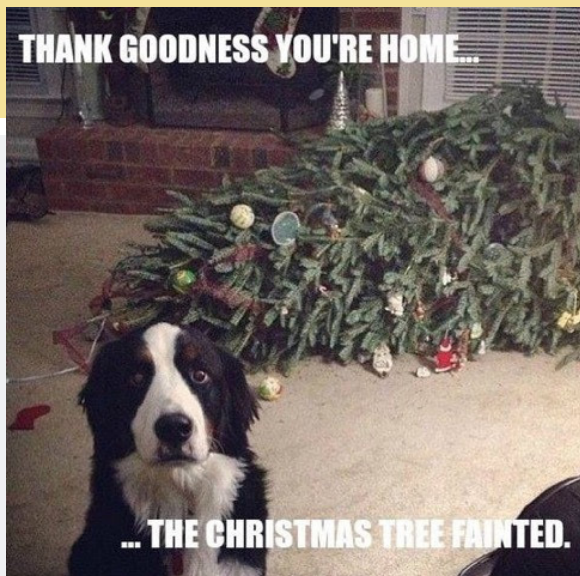
"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in a world all of your own." – Albert Schweitzer

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



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,

No new Wild Polio cases reported this week!

What is that Polio Picture? This picture shows a child's finger being marked to indicate that this child was vaccinated in Chad.

One of the largest Polio immunization campaigns in the African Region this year has just concluded in Chad, where over 3.3 million children in 91 districts were vaccinated. This pushes the total number of children vaccinated against polio to over forty million across 16 countries in the Region, since campaigns resumed following a necessary pause in immunizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While Africa was declared free of the wild poliovirus in August 2020, another form of polio continues to affect children: circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, or cVDPV. This type of polio is rare and can only occur in areas where not enough children are immunized. The only way to stop spread of cVDPV is through immunization.

A Win Against Polio is a Win for Global Health!

The Polio Good News: WHO thanks Spain for their exceptional contribution of 100,000 Euros to Polio eradication efforts. And - Aidan O'Leary has been appointed to be the new WHO polio eradication director. Mr O'Leary will assume the responsibilities of Director for Polio Eradication at WHO, effective January 1, 2021. Mr O'Leary will succeed Mr Michel Zaffran, who will enter a well-deserved retirement end-February

2021. Mr O'Leary is from Ireland and is currently Head of Office in Yemen for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). He has served as the Chief of Polio Eradication in Pakistan for UNICEF and spent three years working in Afghanistan (between 2011 and 2014) as Head of Office, OCHA. He has extensive experience in emergency settings, including in Iraq and Syria, where he also held the position of Head of Office for OCHA.

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): # 15 - Global Polio Eradication would be history's greatest public health achievement. Reaching our goal would save 500,000 children from the paralysis of Polio each year Forever! And it would, no doubt lead to additional major health initiatives.

2020 Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Cases - 773 : 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 - 4 (21 in 2019), Chad - 89 ((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 - 110 (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 - 13 (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 - **"Every individual matters. Every individual has a roll to play. Every individual makes a difference."**

- Jane Goodall

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 12/12/20



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

	Year-to-date 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018	Total 2017	Total 2016
Total paralysis cases					
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 0, Afghanistan 0

2020 Wild Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2019 Totals)
Endemic Countries - 82 Pakistan (2019-147), 36 Afghanistan (2019-29)
Terry Ziegler, bigalumber@aol.com Rotary Region 26 Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser