



# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING LOCATION

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
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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

- **Rotary Cares Packages will be assembled on January 6th from 1-3 pm at the YWCA. We hope to have Interact students assist. If you would like to help, let Shannon know.**
- **We will work to have applications out by January for the Derecho grant to assist with tree removal and planting a tree in its place. If you know of anyone that would like to get on the list to receive an application as soon as it's ready, please let Shannon know.**
- **Did you know that you can donate through the website for scholarships, but get a 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.**

## Key Dates

**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

**This past Monday, we honored our Rotarians who have passed on. Please take a moment to remember:**

- Don Anderson
- Bill Anderson
- Kenneth Armstrong
- Richard "Dick" Aycrigg
- Phil Barger
- Robert Berger
- Robert Bickelhaupt
- Jim Byrnes
- William "Bill" Core
- Dale Crockett
- Jack Darr
- Laverne Demong
- Chris DeSaulniers
- Barb Faulkner
- John Frampton
- Robert German
- Arthur Henningsen
- Elvin Hirl
- Harold Hoak
- Ed Howes
- William Hurlburt
- Craig Johnson
- Reynold Jurgensen
- Al Keen
- Don Krambeck
- Kenneth Kroemer
- Hugh LaMonte

- Curtis Layton
- Robert Logan
- Gene Machael
- Warren McEleney
- Jim McGraw
- Jasper Morgan
- George Morris
- Lambert Neill
- Cliff Neubaur
- John Notman
- Marv Ohsann
- Charles Pelton SR
- Edith Pfeffer
- Paul Pfeffer
- Sister Mary Ann Phelan
- George Pillers
- Clarence Redman
- Dave Shaff
- William Sims
- Betty Snyder
- Byron Starr
- Bruce Townsend
- Larry Troxell
- John Ward
- Russell Willoughby
- Holly Youngquist
- Dennis Zornig

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

[Click HERE to view our weekly meeting.](#)



**Our meeting this week was a reflection on the past year and the holiday season by Pastor Paul.**

**Below is part of his message:**

Things certainly are different this year. The typical family gatherings have been canceled or pared down. Holiday vacations are being spent at home. The annual parties are happening via Zoom, if at all. Christmas will be different this year. For most of us that is because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For some, it's from a job loss or less income. For others, it is because a loved one is no longer here, including the Rotarians whom we remember today.

"To love people, to be indispensable somewhere, that is the purpose of life. That is the secret of happiness." That is the story of the Rotarians we remember and honor today. As Rotarians we put it more simply, but the message is the same: "Service Above Self." As we name them today, let us recall how they have loved, and served, and become indispensable in their families, in our club, and in the community, and how they shared themselves and their happiness with us. This Christmas will be different for many reasons, but especially because these "indispensable" people are no longer here. But still we can observe and even celebrate this Christmas because of one who is here.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Immanuel – God with us – God's gift of love and life, of hope and peace. That may be hard to remember when life is so different and difficult, but recognizing that can make all the difference.

## WEEKLY STATS

**FELLOWSHIP FINES:**

**YTD: 2,404.16**

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

## ATTENDANCE:

**In-person: 12**

**Online: 12**

**Guests: 1**

**Total on Dec 21: 25**

## GUESTS:

- **Darren Hands:**  
G/O Jill O'Neill

**YTD: 72**

## MEMBERS:

- **Resignation:**  
**Dr. Mark Schroeder,**  
**Rita Hart, Danny**  
**Thomas**

- **Current Members:**  
**75**
- **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 28: NO MEETING



## INVOCATION



DECEMBER 28: NO MEETING

JANUARY 04: CHERYL MCCULLOUGH  
JANUARY 11: RON MCGAUVVRAN  
JANUARY 18: NO MEETING  
JANUARY 25: SUSIE MESECHER

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

JANUARY: TOM DETERMANN  
FEBRUARY: GARY DELACY  
MARCH: DOUG HARRIDGE, PEGGY SELLNAU, JILL O'NEILL  
APRIL: SUSIE MESECHER  
MAY: RON MCGAUVVRAN AND SUE WATKINS  
JUNE: DENNIS LAUVER



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JANUARY:  
DOUG BERTRAND  
FEBRUARY:  
PAUL HOLMER AND RYAN VEENSTA  
MARCH:  
DENNIS LAUVER



# FOUNDATION MINUTE

**It's Week 3 in December – Rotary International's Month of Disease Prevention and Treatment And TRF is Ending 2020 with a Bang!**

For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the United States. According to Rotary International, TRF earned this recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Only 1 percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-Star evaluations. The President and CEO of Charity Navigator, Michael Thatcher, reiterated that the achievement and 4-star rating of TRF will enhance its fundraising and public relations efforts. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its' peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The public testified to the trustworthiness of TRF at the culmination of a joint Global project spearheaded by seven Rotary International Districts (RID) in Japan and one in the Philippines. These districts applied for TRF Global Grant dubbed "Rotary Face Shield Project Against COVID-19." TRF approved \$189,000 USD for procurement of 144,000 face shields. The face shields were distributed to front line personnel in 42 government hospitals in the cities of metro Manila, Luzon, Calabarzon and Visayas. The District Governor Johnny Yu, D-3780 expressed his gratitude to the sponsoring Japanese districts and their "untiring support" of the Filipino people, adding that "**we as Rotarians, live by our Rotary motto: Service Above Self.**"

Charity Navigator's Rating of The Rotary Foundation –

	Score (out of 100)	Rating
Overall Score & Rating	99.40	****
Financial	99.16	****
Accountability & Transparency	100.00	****

**This rating was published 12/20/2020 and includes data from FY2019, the most recent 990 received at the time.**

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**

“  
**A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.**  
”

## 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!**

**A Win Against Polio is a Win for Global Health!**

The Polio Good News: For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations. With the eradication of wild Polio from the African region, five of WHO's six regions, representing more than 90% of the world's population, are now free of the disease.

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): # 16 - Polio case numbers have been increasing in Pakistan. The number of new cases is a cause for concern. If even one child is infected, at least 200 other face the risk of contracting the Poliovirus from them.

**2020 Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Cases** - 841: Afghanistan - 214 (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 - 91 (10 in 2019), China - 0 (1 in 2019), Congo - 1, Cote d'Ivoire - 68 (0 in 2019), DRC - 70 (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 - 6 (18 in 2019), Philippines - 1 (16 in 2019), Somalia - 13 (3 in 2019), South Sudan - 28 (0 in 2019), Sudan - 48, Yemen - 19, Togo - 9 (8 in 2019), Zambia - 0 (2 in 2019), 361 Vaccine Derived Polio cases were reported in 2019.

### Quote of the Day -

**"The world cares very little what you or I know, but it does care a great deal about what you or I do."**

**- Booker T Washington**

### The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries:

Pakistan **No new Polio cases 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. Three 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 Samples were reported this week in Afghanistan.

**Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!**