

# 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?

*Your life is a  
self-narrative:  
How do you  
want to tell it?*

### NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- Don't forget -- you can bring guests or family members of former Rotarian to our December programs!
- 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.
- Check out some of the pictures from delivering Kicks to Kids on **page 4!**

*In a society  
that profits from  
your self doubt,  
liking yourself is  
a rebellious act.*

## INVOCATION:

**December 9:** Kim Clausen  
**December 16:** Pete Clausen  
**December 23:** NO ROTARY  
**December 30:** NO ROTARY

## STUDENT HOST:

**December:** No Students

## GREETER:

**December 9:** John Frey  
**December 16:** Jennifer Graf  
**December 23:** NO ROTARY  
**December 30:** NO ROTARY

## FELLOWSHIP FINES:

**December 2, 2019:** N/A\*\*  
**YTD \$4,314.00**  
**\*\* All fines collected (\$465.00) were donated to the Holiday Train**

## ATTENDANCE:

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

## MEMBERSHIP STATS:

- Current Members: 83
- Membership goal: 95

## GUESTS:

- Francis Boggus: G/O Idell Klein
- Shane Buer: G/O Andy Fergusson
- Olivia Veenstra: G/O Ryan Veenstra

**Guests YTD: 120**

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

## MEETING REVIEW



**Paul Holmer**

Fellow Rotarian Paul Holmer delivered our annual "Reason for the Season" message this past Monday. He spoke about the Herdman family, who didn't know anything about the Christmas story and were notorious for their rowdy, misfit behavior.

To everyone's surprise, they took the "lead roles" in the Christmas pageant. Everyone in town expects the Christmas pageant to be a disaster, but the Herdmans' unconventional performances actually make the whole show much more realistic and moving: instead of walking on and off stage like actors, the Herdmans are a little uncertain about where to go and what to do, as the real-life Holy Family and Wise Men must have been; the Wise Men choose to bring the baby Jesus a ham from the Herdmans' own gift basket instead of the "crummy" frankincense and myrrh from the story; the shepherds are sufficiently terrified of Gladys to look authentically awed by her announcement of Jesus's birth; and during the final scene, the narrator looks over from the choir and is thunderstruck to see Imogene weeping softly as she cradles the doll representing her baby.

By common agreement, it is the best Christmas pageant the town has ever had.

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

IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU  
 DON'T FIT IN TO THIS WORLD,  
 IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE TO  
 HELP CREATE A BETTER ONE.

## 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

Do not  
*ever*  
let anyone make  
you feel like you  
*don't matter.*  
—MICHELLE OBAMA

### LIVE YOUR DREAM

SHOW COMPASSION *Follow your heart*

**CREATE** your own happiness

*Enjoy the little things*

Laugh out loud *Make a wish*

**Be your best self**

*Cherish every moment*

**Dream Big** Believe in miracles

*Embrace every possibility*

REMEMBER TO BREATHE

Sing in the rain *Fall in love*

**Today is the day.**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **December 9:** CHS Capella choir & the Annual Christmas Luncheon
- **December 16:** Remembrance Meeting
- **December 23: NO ROTARY**
- **December 30: NO ROTARY**

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

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

Choose people  
*who lift you up.*

—MICHELLE OBAMA

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

This week's Foundation Minute is courtesy of a Past District Governor's thoughts on Giving Tuesday.

Rotarians are not only People of Action, but also people who GIVE. Our gifts are not always financial. Giving Tuesday is a reminder to each of us to consider what we ARE able to give – whether it is our time, our energies, our inspiration, our talents or our treasure.

What can WE give as Rotarians, this Giving Tuesday? Your gift to OUR Rotary Foundation supports

- Eradicating polio
- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Responding to disasters
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting Education
- Growing local economies

Paraphrasing the English carol, "What can I give, poor as I am; If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; but what I have I'll give... give my heart." Please give generously from the bottom of your Rotary Heart not only this Giving Tuesday but every giving opportunity.

Everyone can give something – time, talent or treasure – whatever works. Thank you.

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





## 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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



## PICTURES FROM KICKS FOR KIDS!



Thank  
you

FOR MAKING  
A  
DIFFERENCE

