

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?

I can be changed by
what happens to me.
But I refuse to
be reduced by it.

— Maya Angelou

NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- **The Clinton Women's Club will be bringing some chocolates for purchase on Feb 10. Don't forget to bring some extra \$\$ to grab some for your special someone! (Or yourself - no judgement!)**
- **Mark your calendars for:**
 - **Sunday, March 8, 2020: Rock N Roll Bingo**
 - **Tuesday, August 4, 2020: Rotary Night at the Lumberkings**
 - **Thursday, August 13, 2020: Homerun Readers Night at the Lumberkings**
- **See pages 5-8 for community events!**
- **Please click [HERE](#) and check out the wonderful partnership we have made through the Dimond's club in Seattle. We have paid for six Greenhouses in Oaxaca, Mexico (at \$325/piece), which provide food and can almost double their annual income (.65/day + \$75-100/mo).**

MEETING STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Feb 3, 2020: \$272.00

YTD \$5,837.00

ATTENDANCE:

Feb 3: 46 / 82

MEMBERSHIP:

Current Members: 82

Membership goal: 95

GUESTS:

- Brent Albrecthtsen: Speaker
- Laura Richards: Student at Northeast
- Evan Tiesman: Student at Prince of Peace
- Taegan Park: Student at Prince of Peace
- Casey Shannon: Student at Clinton High School
- Vae Wagoner: Student at Clinton High School
- Andrew Reed: Student at Clinton High School

Guests YTD: 182

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Surviving is **important**,
thriving is **elegant**.

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Maya Angelou

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

MEETING MINUTES



Brent Albrecthtsen and Andy Fergusson

Fellow Rotarian Andy Fergusson and Brent Albrecthtsen presented about the recent campaign to build a new high school. The building is nearly 100 years old and while there have been updates, the need for a new school, with proper safety measures, improved learning environments and ADA Compliance and Accessibility is urgent.

The High School Task Force is asking you to vote Yes on March 3, which will be approving a bond to allow the school to spend \$38.9 million to get a new high school. The cost of doing nothing severely impacts the community – in the next ten years, it will cost 25 million dollars. Additionally, waiting and extending this project will increase the cost 4% each year. By approving this, it will add \$0.325 to the tax levy. For a \$100,000 house, it will \$18.49 a year to your taxes – the cost of a pizza.

PLEASE don't forget to vote – **you can vote NOW** by going to the Administration Building or you can wait until March 3 and vote. **Voting on March 3 will ONLY be done at the Church of the Open Door.** We need 60% +1 of those who vote to pass the bond for a new high school. It's Time. To view their Facebook page, please click [here](#). And don't forget that you can tour the high school on 02/11 at 5:30pm.

To view the video from our meeting, please click [HERE](#).

LOOKING FORWARD

INVOCATION:

February 10: Tom Determann

February 17: Julie Dunn

February 24: Julie Eggers

STUDENT HOST:

February 10: Lynn McGraw

February 17: Susie Mesecher

February 24: Maureen Miller

GREETER:

February 10: Nicole Hinman

February 17: Paul Holmer

February 24: Steven Howes

BIRTHDAYS:

Jerry Van Scoy Feb 01

Peggy Sellnau Feb 03

Carrie Donaire Feb 04

Dennis Lauver Feb 05

Juliann Bray Feb 23

Rod Tokheim Feb 25

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Lori Freudenberg
Feb 01 2003 -- 17 years

Sue Watkins
Feb 03 2014 -- 6 years

Daniel Housenga
Feb 07 2011 -- 9 years

Peggy Sellnau
Feb 08 2016 -- 4 years

Theresa Nielsen
Feb 11 2019 -- 1 year

Dr. Mark Schroeder
Feb 17 1992 -- 28 years

Cheryl Frey
Feb 25 2008 -- 12 years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 10: "ONE THOUSAND MILES UNDER THE SEA: A RECAP OF THE TIGER CRUISE" FROM JOHN BERGE

FEBRUARY 17: AT DATE OF PUBLICATION, GUEST WAS STILL PENDING

FEBRUARY 24: CLINTON'S NEW MAYOR, SCOTT MADDASION

PROGRAM CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: DEE WILLOUGHBY

MARCH: RICH KLAHN

APRIL: RON MCGAUVVRAN AND LORI FREUDENBERG

MAY: MARY CONNELL AND DALE DALTON

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA

MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER

APRIL: RICH KLAHN / JOHN FREY

MAY: JENNIFER GRAF



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: Idell Klein
- Dictionaries Committee: *John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand and Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- 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: Braydon Roberts and Peggy Sellnau
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service / Weekly Student Guests: Shannon Sander-Welzien
- Sunshine: Christie Collins

Club Board Meeting:

Board meetings are on the third Monday of every month. All members are welcome!

Rotary Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- Brian Wright: President
- Shannon Sander-Welzien: Pres.-Elect
- Christie Collins: President-Elect
- Jennifer Graf: Past-President
- Rod Cassidy: Scholarships
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Idell Klein: Community Service
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Rod Tokheim: Membership
- Sue Watkins: Membership

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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to World Understanding Month in Rotary!

February is the Vocational Service Month when clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian.

Among opportunities that Rotarians can engage in is the reconciling of broken families and restoring relationships. In this vein, the **Rotary Club of San Diego** is presenting more than \$45,000 in grants toward in-service human trafficking prevention training. Representatives from San Diego Unified School District, San Marco Unified and Sweetwater Union High School District will share the grants. "We believe that human trafficking is greatly impacting our local youth, and we want to support the education of teachers to recognize the victims and take action to prevent ongoing abuse," said David Oates, president of San Diego Rotary. "Doing so is also in line with our mission to drive unmatched impact at home and around the world."

Still in the act of doing good for the good of all, the Rotary Club of Kent, Kent, Washington, has partnered with the city's recreation department to fund a new playground accessible to children of all ages and abilities. The new playground is equipped with accessible park furniture, swing sets and layouts structured for wheelchair users. Club president, Roger Sidoti emphasizes Rotary's impact on general wellness of the beneficiaries. According to him, "we wanted this signature public profile project to exemplify Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self' and our Four-Way Test which we all ascribe to." The \$25,000 playground is funded with a \$10,000 pledge by **The Rotary Club of Kent, and a Matching Grant of \$2,800 by Rotary District 6630. The Kent Rotary Foundation is covering the remaining \$4,400.**

With a **Rotary International Matching Grant**, the Blind Foundation of India (BFI) has raised over \$5,000,000 (USD) to prevent and cure blindness as well as educate and permanently rehabilitate blind people in India. The Rotary Matching Grant has enabled BFI to complete 14 projects worth over \$500,000 (USD). At a cost of \$20 (USD) per cataract surgery, the funds will be used to examine the eyesight of over one million adults.

A Helpful Reminder: If your club is planning to apply for COMMUNITY SERVICE or GLOBAL GRANTS during the 2020-21 Rotary year: there MUST be a representative from your club at ONE of the upcoming GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS (GMS)! It is important that the main contacts on a proposed grant are strongly encouraged to attend. Two documents must be signed by the President-elect and the President-nominee to participate in these grants.

To register for a GMS, go to the District 6000 website: <https://www.rotary6000.org>
In Rotary, Olabisi Gwamna Ph.D,
Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant
Editor, Foundation Minute

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Take all the rules
away. How can we
live if we don't
change?

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Beyoncé



Friday, February 14

Eagle Point Lodge

5pm Appetizers & Cash Bar

6pm Dinner

7pm Music & Dancing



Sarah's Sweetheart Ball

Many Auction Items Available

\$50/ticket

\$375/table of 8




Featuring music by
Travis Hosette


**For reservations call
563.243.1341**

Sarah Harding is a 501(C)3 Non Profit

ROCK 'N' ROLL *Bingo*



FEATURING



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QCrocknrollbingo.com

**PRIZES, RAFFLES, GREAT
GROOVES, AND LOTS OF LAUGHS!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

EAGLE POINT LODGE

3923 N 3RD ST. • CLINTON, IOWA

DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 • BINGO FROM 2:00-5:00

\$10 PER PERSON • ADDITIONAL BINGO CARDS \$5 EACH

FOOD AND BEVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



**SUPPORTING THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL
PROJECTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON**



**@ROTARYCLUBOFCLINTON
FOR MORE DETAILS!**

GARY KROEGER

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



BUILDING A COMMUNITY LIFE

March 4, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Vernon Cook Theater, Clinton High School

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20

CHAMBER MEMBERS: \$15

Order tickets by phone at 563-242-5702 and pick
up at the Chamber office,
or stop by the ClintonArea Chamber of Commerce,
721 S. 2nd St., Clinton, IA

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Gary Kroeger was born in Cedar Falls and attended Northwestern University. In Chicago he helped found The Practical Theatre Company with fellow alums Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Brad Hall. This association caught the eye of Saturday Night Live producers and the three of them became regulars on the venerable late night comedy show.

A political enthusiast who has run for Congress as well as the State House, Gary continues to write his blog "Gary Has Issues" and is a featured columnist in the Waterloo Courier.

Gary has been a restaurateur in Iowa and California, but now focuses on helping businesses, communities and organizations to recognize their quality of life while improving the customer experience. His one-hour program, Building A Community Life, will be a walk through understanding the quality of life we share in the Midwest from his personal experience, an introduction to and participation in improvisation to improve how we listen and communicate, followed by a game of Iowa Jeopardy to discover what we know about the uniqueness of our state.