

# 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

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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?

Live as  
though life  
was created  
for you.  
-Maya Angelou

## NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- **On February 3, we will have a Pin Day! Wear your Rotary pin or be fined extra!**
- **We changed the date of our make-up meeting to Wednesday, Feb 5 at 4:30, at the Stubborn Mule.**
- **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**
- **Read all about our new Member Spotlight on page 5!**

## MEETING MINUTES



This past Monday, we welcomed the new site manager at LyondellBasell Clinton Complex, Yarelis (Yari) Hernandez to our meeting. Yari received her Chemical Engineering degree from Penn State and started her work career in Texas. She has been with LyondellBasell for the last 22 years. She has been with LyondellBasell for the last 22 years. In addition to various engineering assignments, she served as Regional Director for Health, Safety and Environmental in North America and most recently as site manager of the Chocolate Bayou, Texas. Safety is a huge priority for LyondellBasell. As a company, they had plateaued at .22-.21 TRIR injury rate. After rolling out the type of programs that Yari was instrumental in implementing, which was focused around first line shift supervisors, it dropped to TRIR .18. North America reached a record low of TRIR .12 -- the lowest TRIR in company history.

LyondellBasell has already starting the year off right – in addition to giving nearly \$200,000 to United Way of Clinton County, Iowa just a few weeks ago, on Jan 27, LyondellBasell was listed as "World's Most Admired Companies" for the third consecutive year. LyondellBasell is ranked 5th and is viewed as having one the strongest reputations across a variety of industry sectors.

In 2019, LyondellBasell Clinton Complex:

- The estimated amount that goes into our economy from LyondellBasell is \$180 million dollars.
- Successfully completed a turnaround safely, providing an economic boost of \$26.8 million to Clinton and the surrounding area; 500 local contractors, \$12.5 million dollars in local labor.
- LyondellBasell received the DSA (Distinguished Safety Award), a top honor from the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers (June, 2019)
- One of the largest chemical plants in Iowa and operate on nearly 250,000 acres
- The Clinton Complex has over 325 employees, roughly 100 contractors.
- 4.6 million hours of working safely at this site

LyondellBasell, as a company:

- Played a leadership role in creating and launching the first global, cross-value chain Alliance to End Plastic Waste
- Collaborated with Samsonite to create a suitcase collection made of 100 percent post-consumer plastic waste provided through our Quality Circular Polymers joint venture with SUEZ;
- Announced Memoranda of Understanding to form two joint ventures in China which will produce chemicals used in a variety of applications including construction materials, packaging and furnishings

Yari provided some advice to young folks who are just starting to look into the horizon, but it can really be applied to all of us: "Set yourself very high goals. Work for them. And don't be afraid to make changes."

Please check out: [www.endplasticwaste.org](http://www.endplasticwaste.org) to learn more about endeavors on what can we do, globally, to reduce the amount of plastic waste. To learn more about LyondellBasell giving back to the communities they are apart up, check out the hashtag #LYBGivesBack on any social media platform or their website at: [www.lyb.com](http://www.lyb.com).

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

### MEETING STATS

#### FELLOWSHIP FINES

Jan 27, 2020: \$203

YTD \$5,565.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

Jan 27: 52/82 Jan 20: 33/82

Jan 13: 47/83 Jan 06: 47/84

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Current Members: 82

Membership goal: 95

#### GUESTS

- Dakota Stevenson: Student at Northeast
- Audrey Morris: Student at Northeast
- Erika Farwell: Student at Clinton High
- Annika Reed: Student at Clinton High
- Selena Tello: Student at Clinton High
- Hattie Nickles: Student at Clinton High
- Evan Tiesman: Student at Prince of Peace
- Taegan Park: Student at Prince of Peace

**Guests YTD: 175**

## LOOKING FORWARD

### INVOCATION:

**February 3:** Gary DeLacy  
**February 10:** Tom Determann  
**February 17:** Julie Dunn  
**February 24:** Julie Eggers

### STUDENT HOST:

**February 3:** Cheryl McCulloh  
**February 10:** Lynn McGraw  
**February 17:** Susie Mesecher  
**February 24:** Maureen Miller

### GREETER:

**February 3:** Norlan Hinke  
**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 3:** CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL TASKFORCE INITIATIVE: ANDY FERGURSON AND BRENT ALBRECHTSEN

**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 MCGAUVAN 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

**STRUGGLE IS A  
NEVER ENDING PROCESS.  
FREEDOM IS NEVER  
REALLY WON, YOU EARN IT.  
AND WIN IT IN  
EVERY GENERATION.  
-CORETTA SCOTT KING**



## 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

## KICKS FOR KIDS THANK YOU

"THANK YOU!!! I had another little girl all smiles today, receiving her boots! She just kept saying, "I LIKE these!" ..... such a gift you and the Rotary Club are providing! Their smiles make all the extra effort worthwhile!"

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

The Eradication of Polio is one of the goals of TRF, and through its Polio-Plus program's partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it has almost obliterated the disease from the face of the planet. On January 22, 2020, Rotary International and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a renewal of their longstanding joint commitment to end polio. Based on a partnership forged over a decade ago, Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million every year, over the next three years, to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement adds up to \$450 million for Polio Eradication activities. In a video message to Rotary volunteers, Gates admitted that his foundation's partnership with Rotary "... has been vital to fighting polio." So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$2billion on polio eradication, with matching funds from the Gates Foundation.

In another generous gesture, the Gates Foundation is donating \$2 for each \$1 pledged for the planned Fight to End Polio Flight. Iowa natives and members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, John Ockenfels of Iowa City and Peter Teahen of Cedar Rapids, plan to raise awareness for polio eradication by piloting a single-engine aircraft around the globe. Along their route, they also hope to raise much-needed funds to aid in the complete elimination of the paralytic disease. The 20,000 mile-long- flight which will last 51 days, will take off from Cedar Rapids on March 24. (Stay tuned for updates on this unique event!)

Good news from Mysore in the Indian state of Karnataka. There, at the recently concluded Rotary District 3189 Conference, a business executive, Bastian Joseph donated the sum of 36 Lakh Rupees (\$50,472 US) to Rotary Foundation. The donation is to be spent on community-based projects pioneered by Rotary. A reminder to start thinking of ideas for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

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

“

**Change** will not come if  
we wait for some other person  
or if we wait for some other time.  
We are the ones we've been  
waiting for. We are the change  
that we seek.

”

Barack Obama

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dennis Lauver

**Q: What's one thing - either industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?**

**A:** I'm not as young as I used to be after driving from Clinton to Omaha and back three times in a single month!

**Q: What's the last book you read?**

**A:** Bondage of the Will, Martin Luther

**Q: You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why?**

**A:** Red is the color associated with one of my favorite college football teams

**Q: A penguin walks through that door right now wearing a sombrero. What does he say and why is he here?**

**A:** Penguins can't talk

**Q: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

**A:** Cheeseburger

**Q: What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?**

**A: Bob Costas gave me his cell phone number so I could call him if I wanted to - and I accidentally deleted it!**

**Q: How long have you been a member of the Rotary Club of Clinton?**

**A:** 12 1/2 years

**Q: Why did you join Rotary?**

**A:** Fellowship with those who are making a positive impact.

**Q: What do you love most about your job?**

**A:** Helping people solve their problem of finding the right location for a home or business - or helping them get the property sold or leased.

**Q: How do you define success?**

**A:** Working with others to help solve problems.

**Q: If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?**

**A:** Jimmy Carter for learning humility and being a servant to others, including your spouse

**Q: What inspires you?**

**A:** My faith, my family and close friends that are near & far

**Q: What's your favorite '90s jam?**

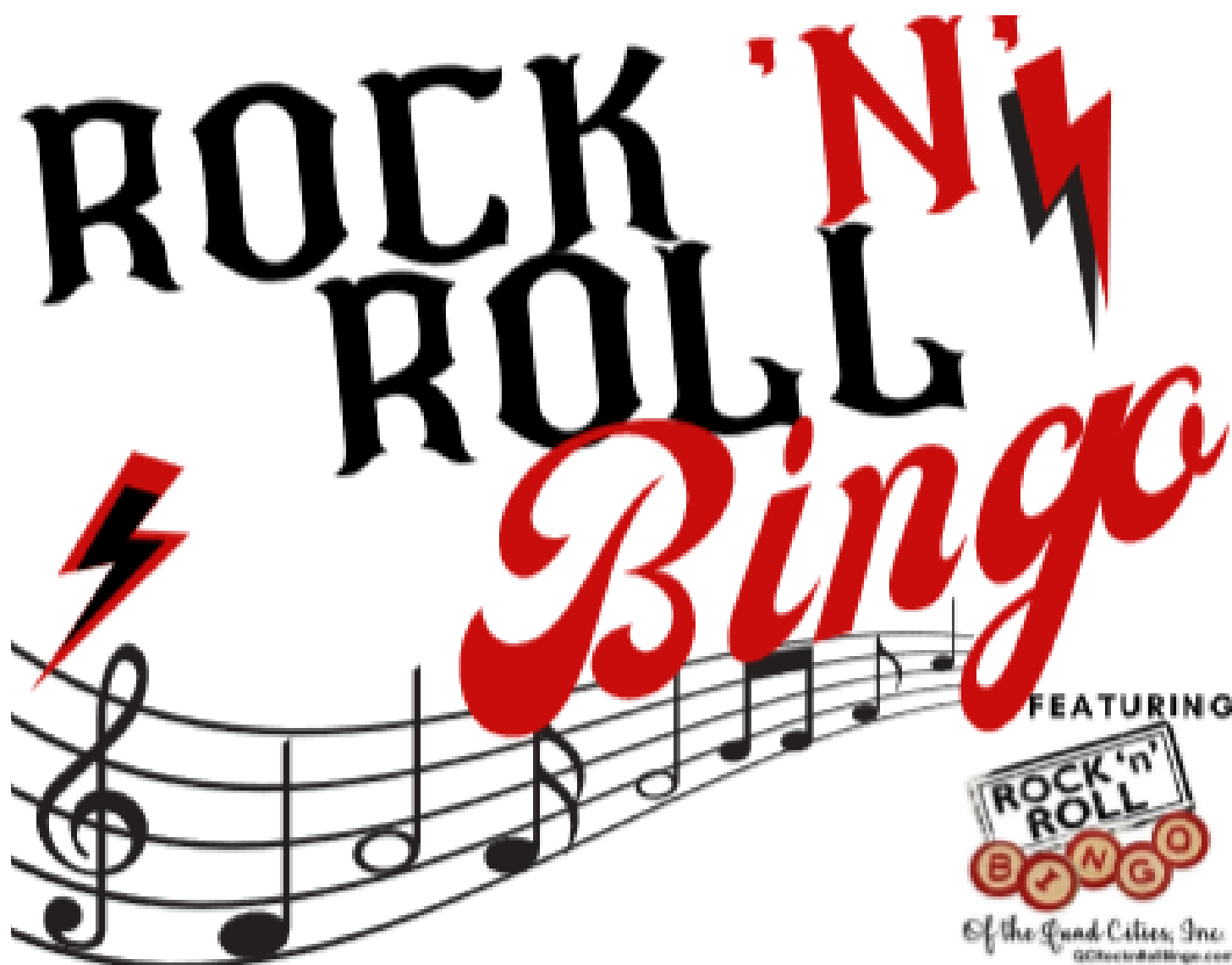
**A:** No such thing as a good jam from the 90s. "Long Time" by Boston is favorite '80s jam

**Q: Outside of work and volunteering, what is your favorite thing to do?**


**A:** Sitting by the campfire in the backyard & reviewing my last round of golf

**THANKS FOR LETTING US GET TO KNOW YOU, DENNIS!**

# ROCK 'N' ROLL Bingo



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

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PROJECTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON**



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FOR MORE DETAILS!**

# GARY KROEGER

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



## BUILDING A COMMUNITY LIFE

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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.