

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING LOCATION

#### MONDAY ROTARY

RASTRELLI'S RESTAURANT:  
TUSCANY EVENT CENTER  
2417 CLEVELAND ST.  
CLINTON, IA

#### THURSDAY NIGHT ROTARY:

SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF  
THE MONTH AT 5:30 IN RASTRELLI'S  
BALDACCI ROOM  
(238 MAIN AVE, CLINTON, IA)

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- [FACEBOOK](#)
- [LINKEDIN](#)
- [YOUTUBE](#)

“  
**I HAVE LEARNED  
OVER THE YEARS  
THAT WHEN  
ONE'S MIND IS  
MADE UP, THIS  
DIMINISHES  
FEAR; KNOWING  
WHAT MUST BE  
DONE DOES AWAY  
WITH FEAR.**

”

**—ROSA PARKS**



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

CONGRATS TO OUR CLUB FOR 100%  
PAUL HARRIS FELLOW  
PARTICIPATION!!!!!!

**Rotary**  **District 6000**

DISCOVER HOW DEI CAN  
IMPROVE THE ROTARY  
EXPERIENCE

Join us to learn how to better attract and retain members.



Claudia Schabel  
CEO, Schabel Solutions, Inc.



IMAGINE  
ROTARY



Nadine Pemberton Jn Baptiste  
CEO, Pemberton Coaching and  
Consulting

**Saturday, February 11th**  
9:00 am – 10:30 am  
USA Central Time

All Rotarians and guests  
are invited  
(No cost to attend)

Register in advance for this virtual  
meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-url>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-url>

After registering, you will receive a  
confirmation email containing  
information about joining the  
meeting.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING [HERE](#)  
AFTER REGISTERING, YOU WILL RECEIVE A  
CONFIRMATION EMAIL CONTAINING INFORMATION  
ABOUT JOINING THE MEETING.

## KEY DATES

- FEBRUARY 06: DUKE SLATER STATUE INITIATIVE FROM TED TORNOW AND RYAN VEENSTRA
- FEBRUARY 13: ANDREW NAEVE WITH NAEVE FAMILY FARM
- FEBRUARY 20: SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY PRESENTED BY MARSHA THRALL AND SISTER THERESA JUDGE WITH THE SISTERS OF ST FRANCIS
- FEBRUARY 27: YWCA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN AND ANGIE BLOOMFIELD, EMPOWERMENT CENTER DIRECTOR

*Check It Out!*



CONGRATS TO OUR  
PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS!!

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

JANUARY 30: \$288.25

YTD TOTAL: \$4,607

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,107

### ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 4

IN-PERSON: 30

TOTAL FOR JANUARY 30: 34

### GUESTS:

DR. SONYA WILLIAMS

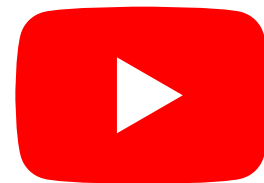
ISABELLA ADAMS

SHANNON KENNEEAVY

YTD: 106

### MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

This week, we talked with Susan Sola, our representative for our International Project -- Greenhouses in Mexico. As many may know, we were connected to this project through Brenda Dimond. Sola stated, "It has meant a lot to the Mexican Rotarians... They've looked up Iowa and they understand that there are many corn farmers in Iowa, who might share the same problems they have had."



This is the state of Oaxaca. Our projects are in the Northwest of the state, which is "particularly rugged and mountainous."

US & Mexican Rotarians provide materials, plant starts



### Beneficiaries:

- 140 families = 700+ beneficiaries
- 7 schools = 652 beneficiaries (greenhouses for food
- + education)
- Greenhouses constructed: 148
- Direct beneficiaries: 1340
- Indirect beneficiaries: 1,352

### Motto: "Never give up!"

- Drought, unpredictable weather, isolation
- COVID-19: many farm families affected, some deaths
- Poor quality, distant medical assistance
- Crop price fluctuations – led to growing more diverse
- crop
- School closures, lack of technology & TVs for distance
- Increased poverty: migrating men can't always find work
- Women are very ingenious, creative, stoic



# LOOKING FORWARD...

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 06: JULIE EGGERS

FEBRUARY 13: ANDY FERGURSON

FEBRUARY 20: KATHY FORREST

FEBRUARY 27: GARY FOSTER

## GREETER

FEBRUARY 06: BRENT BRIGHTMAN

FEBRUARY 13: MATT BROOKE

FEBRUARY 20: JOSEPH BROWN

FEBRUARY 27: JAMES BRUHN



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: JENNIFER GRAF

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- JERRY VAN SCOY FEB 01
- CARRIE DONAIRE FEB 04
- DENNIS LAUVER FEB 05
- JULIANN BRAY FEB 23
- ROD TOKHEIM FEB 25

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- CHERYL FREY
  - 15 YEARS; FEB 25 2008
- DANIEL HOUSENGA
  - 12 YEARS; FEB 07 2011
- SUE WATKINS
  - 9 YEARS; FEB 03 2014
- THERESA NIELSEN
  - 4 YEARS; FEB 11 2019
- BRIAN KELLY
  - 2 YEARS; FEB 08 2021
- ANDY SOKOLOVICH
  - 1 YEAR; FEB 28 2022

## 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?

# R.I. ADMIN

## FOUNDATION MINUTE(S)

WELCOME TO WEEK 3 OF RI'S MONTH OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE.

ROTARIAN BHAGAVAN, A PAST PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB BANGALORE SOUTHWEST (RID 3190) NARRATED HOW, BACK IN 2010 HE VISITED THE PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF KIDWAI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF ONCOLOGY AND RECALLED "IT WAS HEART-WRENCHING TO SEE THE HELPLESSNESS OF PARENTS WHO PAINFULLY WITNESSED THEIR LITTLE ONES SUCCUMB TO CANCER BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS. WE DECIDED RIGHT THERE TO PROVIDE FREE OR SUBSIDIZED MEDICINES TO CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER." THUS, WAS BORN RHFL (ROTARY HEALTH FOR LIFE) WITH AN INITIAL CAPITAL OF \$1,000. "WE RAISED \$43,000 THROUGH MATCHING GRANTS TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC CHEMOTHERAPY TO 43 PATIENTS AT KIDWAI; 37 CHILDREN SURVIVED TRANSLATING TO A SURVIVAL RATE OF 86 PER CENT."

ENCOURAGED BY THE PROJECT'S OUTCOME, THE CLUB APPLIED FOR A GLOBAL GRANT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS LAUNCH FROM TRF, AND WITH SUPPORT FROM RC REDMOND, RID 5330, USA, RAISED \$63,000 FOR THE CAUSE. UNDER RHFL2, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT FROM 2015 TO 2019 AT KIDWAI AND ST JOHN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, "WE HELPED TREAT 102 CHILDREN; 84 OF THEM WERE SUCCESSFULLY CURED," SAYS BHAGAVAN. HEARTENED BY THE PROMISING RESULTS OF BOTH VERSIONS, THE CLUB APPLIED FOR ANOTHER GG IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RC RICHMOND, RID 5080, USA, FOR \$75,000. AS THE NEED TO SUPPORT MORE CHILDREN BECAME ACUTE, THE CLUB JOINED HANDS WITH RC BANGALORE INDIRANAGAR TO RAISE FUNDS UNDER GUIDANCE FROM THE THEN DG DR SAMEER HARIANI. FUNDS WERE RAISED THROUGH WWW.FUELADREAM.COM, A CROWDFUNDING PLATFORM. BHAGAVAN RECALLS THE SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF KRISHNA, SON OF A SMALL FARMER, THIPPA REDDY, FROM ANDHRA PRADESH. KRISHNA WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA, A CURABLE CANCER, IN FEB 2021. HE COMPLETED HIS INTENSIVE CHEMO-THERAPY IN OCT 2021 AT ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL THROUGH THE RHFL PROJECT AND IS NOW ON REGULAR FOLLOW UP. "SUCCESS STORIES SUCH AS THESE PUSH US TO DO MORE AND SAVE MANY MORE LIVES." (SOURCE: [HTTPS://ROTARYNEWSONLINE.ORG/RC-BANGALORE-SOUTHWESTS-FIGHT-AGAINST-PAEDIATRIC-CANCER/](https://rotarynewsonline.org/rc-bangalore-southwests-fight-against-paediatric-cancer/))

IN ROTARY,  
OLABISI GWAMNA, CLUB SECRETARY  
MOUNT PLEASANT ROTARY,  
EDITOR, FOUNDATION MINUTE

WELCOME TO WEEK 4 OF RI'S MONTH OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE.  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS DAYBREAKERS IS DRIVING CHANGE FOR WOMEN IN CAMBODIA.

ACCORDING TO BILL TAYLOR, THE CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR, THE EDMONDS DAYBREAKERS HAS JOINED A GROUP OF 14 ROTARY CLUBS FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT ROTARY DISTRICTS AROUND THE GLOBE – INCLUDING THE U.S., THAILAND, IRELAND AND AUSTRALIA – TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN IN TWO CAMBODIAN VILLAGES, THROUGH A RF GLOBAL GRANT.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 350 WASHROOM TOILETS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$220,000. A WASHROOM TOILET IS AN ENGINEER-DESIGNED, SEPTIC-TANK TOILET BUT IS BUILT WIDER SO THERE IS EXTRA SPACE FOR WOMEN TO BATHE THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN IN A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED SPACE. ACCORDING TO A DAYBREAKERS ROTARY PRESS RELEASE, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WHEN BATHING IN THE OPEN OR USING THE "BUSH TOILET" IS AN ISSUE.

"AS A TEST RUN FOR THIS MAJOR PROJECT, WE WORKED WITH A ROTARY TEAM LED BY ROTARY PORT PHILLIP (IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA) AND SUPPORTED BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND A DISTRICT 9800 WORLD OF DIFFERENCE TEAM TO COMPLETE THE RESTORATION OF OVER 40 STANDARD TOILETS TO BECOME WASHROOM TOILETS," TAYLOR SAID. AS PART OF THE NEW PROJECT, THE EDMONDS DAYBREAKERS WILL WORK WITH A PARTNER ROTARY CLUB IN CAMBODIA – ROTARY SANGKE BATTAMBANG. THE TWO-PHASE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ENGAGEMENT OF TWO CAMBODIAN NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – CAMBODIA CLEAN WATER AND TOILETS PROJECT AND BUILD YOUR FUTURE TODAY –AS THE PRIME LINKS WITH THE VILLAGES. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, WHICH "REQUIRED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DETAIL, RIGOR AND JUSTIFICATION BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THE VILLAGERS SEE AS A PRIORITY," TAYLOR SAID.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://MYEDMONDSNEWS.COM/2023/01/EDMONDS-DAYBREAKERS-ROTARY-LAUNCHES-DIGNITY-AND-SAFETY-PROJECT-FOR-CAMBODIAN-WOMEN/](https://myedmondsnews.com/2023/01/edmonds-daybreakers-rotary-launches-dignity-and-safety-project-for-cambodian-women/)

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It's time to Rotary 2023  
lets bring positive changes  
around us

be the change

*Rotary soothes my soul*

@rtnsharath

## Rotary Board of Directors for 2022-2023

- ANDREW KIDA: PRESIDENT
- BRAYDON ROBERTS: PRESIDENT-ELECT
- DALE DALTON: TREASURER
- SUSIE MESECHER: SECRETARY
- CARRIE DONAIRE
- CHERYL FREY
- ROD TOKHEIM
- JILL O'NEILL
- CHRISTIE COLLINS: PAST PRESIDENT
- ANDY FERGURSON: FOUNDATION

## Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2021-2022:

- GARY FOSTER\*: PRESIDENT
- MARK RUTENBECK\*: VICE-PRESIDENT
- JOHN FREY\*: SECRETARY
- DALE DALTON\*: TREASURER

## Directors

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|------------------|-----------------|
| • JIM BRUHN*     | • KATHY KLAHN*  |
| • KATHY FORREST  | • LYNN MCGRAW   |
| • JENNIFER GRAF* | • BRIAN WRIGHT* |

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

WELCOME TO WEEK 1 OF FEBRUARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH AND RI'S PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR MISSION, SINCE 2002, THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS HAVE TRAINED MORE THAN 1600 FELLOWS FROM DIFFERENT CORNERS OF THE WORLD. THEY ARE NOW WORKING ON PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN MORE THAN 140 COUNTRIES. WITH THE MOTTO "DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD", THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS PLANTED SEEDS FOR AN ERA THAT IS THE BASIS OF THE WORLD'S LEADING HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP AWARDS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE MOST DESERVING AND ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WITHOUT ANY AMBIGUITIES. THE FIRST IS THE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS. THE SECOND IS THE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. IN BOTH PROGRAMS, THE FOCUS REMAINS ON PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. THIS INNOVATIVE PROGRAM MERGES A STRONG, ACADEMIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROOTS OF CONFLICT WITH PRACTICAL TACTICS FOR SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS.

A 2019 GRADUATE OF SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, HONORS COLLEGE, NANCY NGUYEN IS ONE OF 50 YOUNG LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. SHE WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE MASTERS OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, AN 18-MONTH FULLY-FUNDED PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO AN ONLINE ROTARY REPORT, NGUYEN WILL BE ONE OF 12 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS STUDYING THERE. HER PRESENT ROLE IS AS A CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NEW AMERICANS (PANA) IN SAN DIEGO. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS A 2021 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT BY THE SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S OFFICE. NANCY'S LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS REFLECTED IN HER YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICY, ADVOCACY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND DIRECT-SERVICE WORK.

MS. NGUYEN PLANS TO RESEARCH PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN ASIA AS THE FOCUS OF HER MASTER'S DEGREE DISSERTATION.

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