

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](#)
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—MICHELLE OBAMA



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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/register/tZcucu6orzgvGtMz9sPnhia-zXAcOPT48A52r>

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 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 FELLOW!!

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

FEBRUARY 06: \$141.00

YTD TOTAL: \$4,748

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,107

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 4

IN-PERSON: 43

TOTAL FOR FEB 06: 47

GUESTS:

- TED TORNOW
- ERIC SCHWEIZER
- MATT PARBS
- BILL MISIEWICZ
- SHANNON KENNEAVY
- BELLA ADAMS
- ANNA CURRENT
- SOFIA NICKLES

YTD: 114

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)



We were joined by quite a number of people this week, presenting on the Duke Slater Statue Initiative! Slater was born in Normal, Illinois but moved to Clinton when he was thirteen. Slater played three seasons of football for Clinton High School from 1913-1915. Every high school player needed to provide their own shoes and helmet. His father could not afford both, so he asked Duke to choose. Slater decided he needed shoes more, and he played every game at Clinton High School without a helmet. Despite playing primarily at tackle, Slater led Clinton in scoring as a senior in 1915, rushing for six touchdowns from the fullback position.

After dominating the field at CHS, Slater went on to the University of Iowa, where Slater earned unanimous first-team All-Big Ten honors as a sophomore. He was also chosen as a second-team All-American in 1919, becoming just the sixth black player ever to earn All-American honors in college football. In Slater's senior year in 1921, Iowa claimed a share of the 1921 national championship, posting a perfect 7-0 record. The 1921 Hawkeyes captured the school's first Big Ten title in 21 years. That season, Iowa upset Notre Dame, 10-7, handing them their first defeat in three years.

Back in 1972, when Iowa Stadium became Kinnick Stadium, in honor of 1939 Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick, Slater's name was also considered. The Board of Regents went with Kinnick and Slater's consolation prize was a dorm named after him. During the North End Renovation at Kinnick Stadium, which was finalized in 2019, a bronze relief of Slater making a key block in Iowa's 1921 upset of Norte Dame was one of the improvements.

In addition to building a statue at the high school, the committee is determined to establish a scholarship in Slater's name. Their fundraising goal is set at \$175,000, and with the help of a gaming grant, Citizen's First, Clinton National Bank, and First Central, they are getting there. Ryan Veenstra stated, "We're hoping to have an event, maybe an annual event, but a fundraising kickoff event in the future." Veenstra said the goal is to have the statue unveiled in the Fall of 2024, to coincide with the football season.

Gary DeLacy gave his point of view, stating, "From an educator perspective, I always look at it as getting role models for our current students...I think you couldn't have a better role model for our kids in terms of someone that had to overcome barriers and achieve at a high level and that's why I'm really supportive of the project. This is a guy that went to Clinton High School and what a difference he made beyond Clinton High School and that's certainly an idea I want to get in every one of my student's Minds -- you can make a difference."

LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 13: ANDY FERGURSON
 FEBRUARY 20: KATHY FORREST
 FEBRUARY 27: GARY FOSTER



GREETER

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:

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

@rtnsharath



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

be the change

Rotary soothes my soul

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

- JIM BRUHN*
- KATHY FORREST
- JENNIFER GRAF*
- KATHY KLAHN*
- LYNN MCGRAW
- 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.

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