

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
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON IS SPONSORING A GROUP TO WALK IN THE YWCA'S COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR EVENT ON FEBRUARY 25. ROTARIANS WILL BE WALKING TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS ISSUES IN CLINTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. [CLICK HERE TO DONATE!!!!!!](#)
- WE HAVE A SWEET DEAL FOR YOU! THE NEXT BOO BASH CHAIRPERSON, OR CO-CHAIRS WILL HAVE:
 - AN UPDATED EVENT BINDER AND DETAILED NOTES FOR THE EVENT
 - JULIE AND CARRIE WILL PARTICIPATE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR BOO BASH 2023, BUT ARE BOTH STEPPING DOWN AS CO-CHAIRS.
 - THE EVENT IS GAINING POPULARITY, WELL POSITIONED FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2023 FUNDRAISER.
 - WE HAVE 2 YEARS OF DATA AND BENCHMARKS TO PROVIDE.

WHAT IS THE WAY TO YOUR HEART? THE CO-CHAIR ROLE IS AN ORGANIZING ROLE, THE ENTIRE CLUB IS SUPPORTIVE AND THE COMMITTEE IS BIG! YOU WON'T GO IT ALONE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE RIGHT PERSON TO LEAD THE BOO BASH COMMITTEE IN 2023, PLEASE NOMINATE SOMEONE! NUDGE SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO WILL BE GOOD IN THE ROLE.

- DON'T FORGET TO DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS THIS MONTH! :)

KEY DATES

- FEBRUARY 25: YWCA'S COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR
- FEBRUARY 27: YWCA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN AND ANGIE BLOOMFIELD, EMPOWERMENT CENTER DIRECTOR
- MARCH 04: DISTRICT 6000 SPRING EDUCATION ASSEMBLY (NEWTON)
- MARCH 06: "RIVER BLUFF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: SMALL TOWN DREAMS INITIATIVE AND UPDATES" - ALETHEA CAHOY AND SHEILA TJADEN
- MARCH 13: ANGELA BOELENS, "IA NICE - SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN EASTERN IOWA"
- MARCH 20: "THE AG OUTLOOK FOR 2023 AND BEYOND: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MILDLY AMUSING" - CHAD HART, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
- MARCH 27: "GROW CLINTON UPDATE" WITH ANDY SOKOLOVICH

Check It Out!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 SPRING EDUCATION ASSEMBLY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 4, AT THE DMACC NEWTON CONFERENCE CENTER, 602 N. 2ND AVENUE W., NEWTON. CHECK IN STARTS AT 12:30 PM, ENDING AT 4PM. ALL ROTARIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THEIR INCOMING LEADERS AS THIS WILL IMMENSELY HELP ALL DURING THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE NEW THEME "CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD" WILL BE PRESENTED AS WELL AS A FEW GREAT SPEAKERS ARE LINED UP TO PRESENT INFORMATION WORTH HEARING!

GRETCHEN NOLLMAN, ROTARY DISTRICT EDUCATOR AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION TEAM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

FEBRUARY 20: \$92

YTD TOTAL: \$4,865

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,457

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 1

IN-PERSON: 21

TOTAL FOR FEB 20: 22

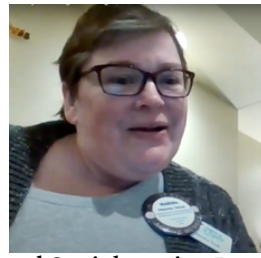
GUESTS:

- EILEEN GOLHY
- RUTANN NOTZ
- DR. DONNA BURKE
- ERIC BERRY
- KEITH MCGRAW

YTD: 122

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

On Monday, we celebrated Social Justice Day by welcoming fellow Rotarian Marsha Thrall and Sister Theresa Judge (Sister TJ), discussing the Sisters of St. Francis and the Franciscan Peace Center.

Sister TJ discussed the history and origin of the Sisters of St. Francis, which was started in 1863 after travesty monks created a school for boys and asked them to do similar. The sisters have expanded their educations and their Ministries. Sister TJ stated, "The road to Iowa for the Clinton Franciscans was paved for the purpose. In 1888, the Franciscan sisters, based in Kentucky, were urged to apply for acceptance to the Diocese of Dubuque in Iowa." Having grown weary of stating their full name, which was "The Constitution of the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis of the Immaculate Conception of the Life of Persevering," they asked for a change and were approved by the Vatican to become the Sisters of St Francis, Clinton Iowa, in 1923.

Thrall stated that the Clinton Franciscan journey into active non-violence and peacemaking began in the spring of 1990, "when several of the sisters attended the Nevada Desert Experience and Retreats... after attending this initial retreat, members of the Clinton Franciscan Community began personal contemplation surrounding the ideas and concepts of active non-violence and peacemaking and how these concepts could become a communal way of life."

The Franciscan Peace Center, which is where Thrall works, tries to push the legacy of the Sisters forward. "We are guided by two principles -- the first is the two feet of social action and basically what that says is that we can think about the things that need to be done in society but

thinking is not enough, you have to act on the social crisis that we're facing as well. Then there is Catholic Social teaching which is seven principles that guide Catholics worldwide that include that each person is sacred, each person is social, and all people have rights and responsibilities."

In January 2023, they launched "The Center," which is a podcast focused on active nonviolence and peacemaking and its impact on everyday people. It's published semi-monthly, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at Noon. The first three episodes have been very popular, reaching audiences in the US, Germany, and the UK! Additionally, they're working on seasonal programming, including "Movies that Matter" (semi-monthly screenings, addressing practical solutions to social concerns) and Advent and Lenten Reflection Series.

I want to help – Tell me how!

To subscribe to the *Action Alert Digest*, scan this QR Code:



To Volunteer or Serve on programming committees, scan this QR Code:



The Two Feet of Love in Action

The conscience is called by this social teaching to recognize and fulfill the obligations of justice and charity in society.

(Catechism of the Social Doctrine of the Church, n. 48)

SOCIAL JUSTICE
REMOVE ROOT CAUSES
IMPROVE STRUCTURES

"To those who lack what they need to live a dignified life) are proclaimed good things that God gives them... and comes to visit them through the charitable works that the disciples of Christ do in his name. As we can read in Matthew 25, we shall all be judged on this."

(John Deere, Address to General Congress, 2012)

CHARITABLE WORKS MEET BASIC NEEDS AID INDIVIDUALS

- Education
- Food
- Housing
- Income
- Justice
- Health
- Safety
- Security
- Well-being



LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 27: GARY FOSTER

MARCH 06: CHERYL FREY

MARCH 13: JOHN FREY

MARCH 20: SAM GENSON

MARCH 27: JENNIFER GRAF

GREETER

FEBRUARY 27: JAMES BRUHN

MARCH 06: CLAIRE BUYERT

MARCH 13: DALE DALTON

MARCH 20: GARY DELACY

MARCH 27: TOM DETERMANN



PROGRAM CHAIRS

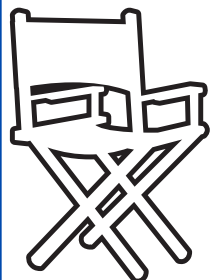
FEBRUARY: JENNIFER GRAF

MARCH: JULIE DUNN

APRIL: ANDY SOKOLOVICH

MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA

MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER

APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH

MAY: ANDY SOKOLOVICH & DOUG HARRIDGE

JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- DANIEL HOUSENGA MARCH 06
- MARY SWANSON MARCH 17
- ANDREW KIDA MARCH 18
- BRIAN KELLY MARCH 24
- BILL GREENWALT MARCH 25

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- ROBERT HOLESINGER
 - 26 YEARS; MAR 03 1997
- BRIGHAM TUBBS
 - 25 YEARS; MAR 01 1998
- GARY FOSTER
 - 25 YEARS; MAR 29 1998
- RON GUTIERREZ
 - 12 YEARS; MAR 07 2011

The History of the Rotary Bell

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



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 4 OF RI'S MONTH OF PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

EVEN AS TRF CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS AT ADVANCING WORLD UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE BY PROVIDING RELIEF, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW, TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF THE TURKEY-SYRIA DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT THE FOUNDATION HAS ACHIEVED IN THE LAST SERVICE YEAR. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SERVICE YEAR:

BY DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED:

- 478 DISTRICT GRANTS (\$27MILLION)
- 207 DISASTER RESPONSE GRANTS (\$8 MILLION)
- 1,199 GLOBAL GRANTS (\$73 MILLION)
- PROGRAMS OF SCALE GRANTS (\$2 MILLION)

BY AREAS OF FOCUS:

- BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY: 104
- COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 148
- DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT: 570
- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH: 90
- PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION: 67
- WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) :187
- ENVIRONMENT: 33

TRF STILL MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST RATING: A 4 STAR RATING ON THE CHARITY NAVIGATOR SCALE WITH 91% OF FUNDS SPENT ON PROGRAM AWARDS AND GRANTS.

PLEASE KEEP FUNDING YOUR FOUNDATION SO THAT TRF CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION, UPGRADE THE ENVIRONMENT AND ALLEVIATE POVERTY AMONG CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

IN ROTARY,

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