

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
JULY 31, 2023

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,
Rusty Barrel Lounge
(224 5th Ave S, Clinton, IA)

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Presidential News

- **Have you seen the movie "Sound of Freedom" yet?? Per our District Governor, Dennis Draper:**

I would like to make sure you are aware of an opportunity to see the film Sound of Freedom, an inspiring story based on true events that sheds light on the grim reality of child sex trafficking. It is the true story of a man who risks everything to bring a ray of light and HOPE to the most hidden corners of our world, seeking to save children chained in the dark. It is not just a movie, Sound of Freedom is a cinematic experience that stands ready to be part of a global movement to help end child sex trafficking.

- **On August 02 at 4 PM, there will be a Boo Bash Meeting at the Rusty Barrell! Be there!**
- **We need a Boo Bash Decorator. Please contact Braydon, Lynn, or Sabrina if you know someone that would be interested!**
- **Rastrelli's cleaned out the closet and we need some Rotary items stored! Please contact Susie or Braydon!**

Key Dates

- **July 31: School Safety Initiatives**
- **August 07: Portrait of a Graduate**
- **August 14: NFP Meeting: Information, Referral, & Assistance Services**
- **August 21: Clinton County Jail Tour -- Sack Lunch at Jail**
- **August 28: MS FEST/The Bob Finch Memorial Fund**

Check It Out!

#RotaryFacts

Rotary

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.

@changemakerevanburrell

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 4

In-person: 29

Total for July 24: 33

GUESTS:

- Stephen Clements
- Chelsi Cornelius
- Jenny Holm
- Greg Suckow

YTD: 7

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

July 24 Meeting: \$142

Donations to the Foundation: \$46

YTD: \$46

YTD Total: \$612

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 73
- Membership Goal: 84



Hawkeye Elvis and Jill's Dad (Chris Brandt). Picture taken by Jill, but stolen from Jill's Dad's Facebook account. :)



WATCH OUR MEETING HERE

If you go to a home game for the University of Iowa this fall, chances are you'll see our guest that we had on Monday. Dawned in a giant black wig and a rhinestone-adorned black and gold suit, Hawkeye Elvis graces nearly every home Iowa game to cheer for the Iowa Hawkeyes. Hawkeye Elvis, better known as Greg Suckow, began in October 2010, when Suckow, a real estate attorney from Ogden Iowa,

dressed up for a Halloween game. The outfit and the persona took on a life of its own. Since then, countless articles have been written about him and Suckow has gained quite a following on social media. Suckow has nearly 20,000 followers on Twitter, which has helped him grow his network and gain more Iowa friendships through the years. Suckow grew up as a big Elvis fan, thanks to his Mom, who is the person who makes his costumes! Suckow said that he started dressing up to more and more games through the years, but "it didn't take off on another level until 2016" when he was featured in costume at a basketball game when he was celebrating the Hawkeye win and was on every sports page the next morning!

Suckow has had a lot of support from the University of Iowa as an "unofficial mascot which has been nothing but fantastic." Through this role, Suckow participated in the Homecoming Halftime Show a few years ago and was invited to do appearances as Hawkeye Elvis through other venues. Through one such invitation, Suckow used the opportunity to raise money for the Stead Family Children's Hospital. "It melts your heart to see what good all of this silliness that we do is able to come through with," Suckow stated. He has continued with these charitable endeavors through the years.

Thank you, Greg, for coming to our club and Go Hawks!!!!

Sports Illustrated's Auburn Elvis
@AuburnElvis · Follow

Rather than buy a ticket & give my money to StubHub, I'm betting it for a good cause. @HawkeyeElvis have a friendly wager we invite you to join us in: The loser donates the winner's score to the children's hospital in that area. #Wareagle #FightforIowa

VIVA MARCH MADNESS!

VS.

IF IOWA WINS, AUBURN ELVIS WILL MAKE A DONATION TO U OF I CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MATCHING THE HAWKEYES POINT TOTAL FROM THE GAME.

IF AUBURN PREVAILS, HAWKEYE ELVIS WILL DO THE SAME FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ALABAMA.

DON'T JUST LET US HAVE ALL THE FUN. WE ARE INVITING ALL OF OUR FOLLOWERS TO DO THE SAME.

#WAREAGLE #FIGHTFORIOWA

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LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

- July 31: Mary Beth Smith
- August 07: Andy Sokolovich
- August 14: Mary Swanson
- August 21: Marsha Thrall
- August 28: Rod Tokheim

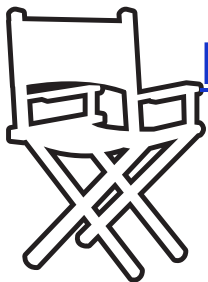
GREETER

- July 31: Kathy Klahn
- August 07: Dennis Lauver
- August 14: Sabrina Lippens
- August 21: Ron McGauvran
- August 28: Lynn McGraw



PROGRAM CHAIRS

- JULY: NORLAN HINKE
- AUGUST: GARY DELACY
- SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

- JULY: GARY FOSTER
- AUGUST: MARSHA THRALL & RICH KLAHN
- SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Jennifer Graf July 01
- Brent Brightman July 12
- Tom Determann July 21
- Susan Mesecher July 29
- Grant Melton July 31
- Sabrina Lippens July 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- P. Michael Rastrelli
 - 34 years; July 01 1989
- Jill O'Neill
 - 5 years; July 02 2018
- Mary Connell
 - 27 years; July 29 1996
- Rod Tokheim
 - 17 years; July 31 2006
- Gary DeLacy
 - 6 years; July 31 2017

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

R.I. ADMIN

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?

Rotary Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- Braydon Roberts: President
- Carrie Donaire: President-Elect
- Andrew Green: President-Elect-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Andrew Kida: Past President
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- Gary Foster*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

- Jim Bruhn*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Paul Holmer
- Kathy Forrest
- Lynn McGraw
- Andy Fergurson
- Jennifer Graf*

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of RI's Month of Rotary Fellowships.

June is the month when Rotary clubs all over the world are swearing in new officers for the new Rotary service year. It is also the time students everywhere are getting ready for a new academic session. Provision of quality education is one of the main avenues through which TRF hopes to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace, and this week's Foundation Minute is dedicated to one Rotary Club helping improve the lives of young people through scholarships.

The Rotary Club of Stamford Connecticut this week awarded scholarships totaling around \$100,000 to 10 Stamford students. Each year, the club provides community grants and academic scholarships. These grants and scholarships are awarded through the Stamford Rotary Trust Fund, which was founded in 1961. "As Rotarians, we want to make a difference in our community. We hope that by providing these scholarships, we allow high school students a better chance of success and help to shape our future community leaders," said Rotary Club of Stamford Scholarship Trust Fund Committee Chair Christopher Farrugio, in a news release. "Most of our scholarships were created in honor of Stamford Rotarians who date as far back as 1928. We are proud of the nearly 100-year history of the Rotary Club of Stamford, and look forward to many more years of serving and supporting our local communities," Farrugio added.

IN Rotary,

Olabisi Gwamna, Club Secretary
Mount Pleasant Rotary,
Editor, Foundation Minute