

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,
RUSTY BARREL LOUNGE
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Nobody's free
until everybody's free.

—Fannie Lou Hamer



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SHOWBOAT NIGHT, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANDREW OR DAVE SIVRIGHT TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU HAVE SEASON TICKETS AND YOU PLAN TO USE THEM FOR THIS NIGHT, PLEASE INDICATE THAT ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET.
- OUR PASSING OF THE GAVEL EVENT WILL BE AT THE LUMBERKINGS ON JUNE 26. WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN THE DAY TIME ON THIS DAY -- THE EVENT WILL BE AT THE BALLPARK, IN THE EVENING.
- SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BOO BASH 2023! WE WILL SCARE EVERYONE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT THE VISTA GRANDE! JOIN CHERYL FREY AND SABRINA LIEPINS TO MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVVVVER!!!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PROGRAM CHAIRS SHOULD BE COLLECTING SPEAKER PHOTOS FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA! THANK YOU. :)

Rotary Happy Hour
Thursdays,
June 08
&
June 22
5:30 PM
@ Rusty Barrel Lounge

KEY DATES

- JUNE 19: NO MEETING
- JUNE 23: ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE SHOWBOAT!
- JUNE 26: NO MEETING AT 12, PASSING OF THE GAVEL @ THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS
- JULY 03: HOLIDAY - NO MEETING
- JULY 10: PRESIDENT BRAYDON ROBERTS
- JULY 17: NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
- JULY 24: SHERIFF BILL GREENWALT - TOUR CLINTON COUNTY JAIL (SACK LUNCH AT COUNTY JAIL OFFICES)
- JULY 31: RAGMHI - ROTARY ACTION GROUP MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Check It Out!



Did you know? One of the largest Rotary wheels rests underwater in the Philippines and was created as an artificial reef to protect and preserve local marine life!

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

JUNE 12: \$ 344

YTD TOTAL: \$6,661

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS
TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$2,670

TOTAL: \$9,675

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 1

IN-PERSON: 31

TOTAL FOR JUNE 12: 32

GUESTS:

- MARYANN SHEPPARD
- KRISTEN KIDA

YTD: 161

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
 - RESIGNATION:
BRIAN WRIGHT
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



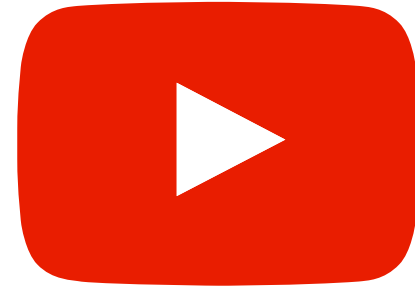
MARY ANN AND CHARLES SHEPPARD AT GRANDMA'S GOODY JAR. PHOTO TAKEN BY WINONA WHITAKER, CLINTON HERALD

On Monday, we had the sweetest guest present to us. Mary Ann Sheppard, owner of Grandma's Goody Jar, joined us and talked about her journey into Clinton and her small business. Sheppard, a native New Yorker, moved to Clinton over ten years ago. When her mother passed away, she was given an inheritance and decided to pursue her dream of owning a candy shop.

At Grandma's Goody Jar, you'll find handmade truffles and handmade candies. "I have vintage things -- things you haven't seen in 100 years or things like gummy bears. Everybody's used to getting the ones that have a texture like erasers. Mine just melt in your mouth!" Sheppard also makes cow chips, which are chocolate-covered potato chips that are half dipped in peanut butter chocolate, chocolate-covered cheese puffs, and she's the Original Home of the Midwestern Sponge Candy. Sheppard had to discontinue her popular "Candy From the Decade" boxes since COVID, due to a huge increase in prices for the candies. Sheppard stated that she tries to be as community conscious as possible and couldn't justify them in her shop, with the huge price hike.

Sheppard has had a lot of success throughout the community of Clinton. She has been hired to cater desserts for a variety of groups and businesses within Clinton, including one that she made a Pretzel, Peanuts, Potato Chips and Milk Chocolate Mix for, which is now commonly referred to as "Crack" because once you start eating it, you can't stop! She has also had large orders through the Sisters of St Francis, Central Bank, who used Grandma's Goody Jar for their Christmas gifts to their employees for the last two years, Clinton National and United Way, who purchased Carmel Apples from Sheppard. In 2022, Grandma's Goody Jar was voted the Number One Gift Shop in Clinton!

Thank you for sharing your amazing candies with the Clinton area community, Mary Ann! We wish you nothing but success!



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH
OUR MEETING!](#)

LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

- JUNE 19: HOLIDAY; NO MEETING
- JUNE 26: GAVEL PASSING AT THE LUMBERKINGS ** NO MEETING AT 12:00

INVOCATION

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JUNE 26: PASSING OF THE GAVEL @ THE LUMBERKINGS



GREETER

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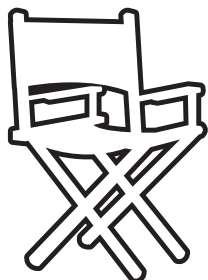
PROGRAM CHAIRS

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL

JULY: NORLAN HINKE

AUGUST: GARY DELACY

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JUNE: NORLAN HINKE

JULY: GARY FOSTER

AUGUST: MARSHA THRALL & RICH KLAHN

SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



Celebrations

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

- GARY FOSTER JUNE 03
- LYNN MCGRAW JUNE 05
- PAULA STEWARD JUNE 06
- STEVEN HOWES JUNE 11
- SHANNON SANDER- WELZIEN JUNE 21
- BRIAN WRIGHT JUNE 23

Happy everything

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

- RUTY RUTENBECK
 - 34 YEARS; JUNE 01 1989
- DAVID PILLERS
 - 11 YEARS; JUNE 25 2012
- CARRIE DONAIRE
 - 10 YEARS; JUNE 17 2013

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?

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

—PAUL HARRIS



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 2022-2023:

- 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

IT'S WEEK 2 OF RI'S MONTH OF ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

WELCOME BACK HOME TO ALL ROTARIANS WHO ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. WHILE THE MAIN EVENT OF THE YEAR WAS HAPPENING DOWN UNDER, ROTARY CLUBS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE GLOBE WERE BUSY ADVANCING WORLD UNDERSTANDING BY PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION, ONE OF THE PRIMARY MISSION GOALS OF TRF.

THIS WEEK'S FM IS ON THREE ROTARY CLUBS THAT HAVE PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEEDY STUDENTS. THE VANCOUVER ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDED \$120,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS RANGING IN VALUE FROM \$2,000 TO \$4,000 TO 32 SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. IN 50 YEARS, THE FOUNDATION, WHICH IS THE CHARITABLE ARM OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER, HAS AWARDED MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS. IN ANOTHER REPORT, THE FOUNDATION OF THE CASA GRANDE ROTARY CLUB (AZ) HAS AWARDED \$80,500 TO STUDENTS AND THREE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, DURING A CLUB MEETING AT EVA'S FINE MEXICAN FOOD, THE FOUNDATION AWARDED \$11,500 EACH TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE SUN CORRIDOR, PINAL COUNCIL FOR CASA/FOSTER INC. AND THE AARP READING LITERACY PROGRAM. THE FOUNDATION ALSO RECENTLY AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$46,000 TO SENIORS AT CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOLS. OVER THE YEARS, THE CLUB HAS AWARDED MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND BEEN A LONGTIME CONTRIBUTOR TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS AND OTHER NONPROFITS.

ON FRIDAY JUNE 10, DR. MICHAEL HART OF ROTARY CLUB OF WESTFIELD (NJ) REPORTS THAT HIS CLUB HAS AWARDED \$94,450 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 16 STUDENTS. SINCE 1967 THE ROTARY CLUB OF WESTFIELD HAS AWARDED OVER \$3.4 MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO APPROXIMATELY 1,800 STUDENTS.

IN ROTARY,

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