

The Rotary Club of Clinton

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CLUB UPDATES

...from our President

- **Sign up to host our PROGRAMS for the month!!!! Click [HERE](#) to be directed to the sign-up form!**
- **Don't forget to watch your email for your club dues from Dale!**
- **District Governor Erna said Rotary has provided more than 400,000 meals since the beginning of her campaign to help those experiencing food insecurity!!**
- **Please click [HERE](#) to help South Shore Street Art Youth Fund, as mentioned by Rotarian Andrew Kida.**
- **Join RD 6000 FESTIVAL 2020 for a Virtual Gavel Passing ONLINE on Jun 26, @ 4:30 PM. More information will be coming soon!**

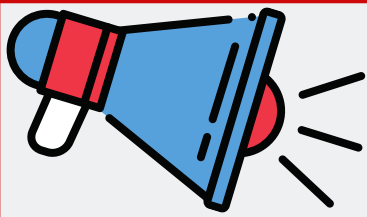
...from our District Governor

Rotarians, I am excited to report two great news items to you today.

It's official! The Rotary Club of Denison is now a part of District 6000 and our 66th club. The Rotary International Board has approved the boundary line shift with the adjoining District 5610 to our Northwest. That places Denison within the boundaries of our District, all at the request of the Denison club. The transition will occur effective July 1st 2020, to coincide with the new Rotary year. Please welcome Denison to our membership.

We also are delighted to inform you that our \$25,000 RI Disaster Grant application for Food and Nutrition items has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. The funds will be funneled through the Food Bank of Iowa and its sister organizations, HACAP and River Bend Food Bank to insure that all communities in the district where our clubs are located will receive an equitable portion on the food purchased by the grant. Since the Food Bank network can generate 4 meals for every dollar contributed, that means the District will provide well in excess of 500,000 meals for Iowans in need during the pandemic.

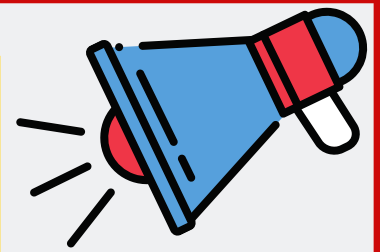
Thanks to all of you who have made this possible through your contributions and support of your local food pantries. I could not be more proud of District 6000 Rotarians and your immediate generosity and support of those in need in your communities. District 6000 really does believe in "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!
Erna



If You Read Nothing
Else... *Read this!*



CLUB SURVEY



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Andrew Kida, Ryan Veenstra and Carrie Donaire have formed a Membership Task Force, with the goal of:

Getting at the heart of member engagement & membership value, and to promote and increase membership in our club.

We are happy to serve our club in this capacity, and we have created a survey as our starting point. It will sure make our job much easier if we have a high participation rate from you! Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to give your thoughtful feedback. All survey responses are anonymous, just follow the link below.

The Survey is provided here as a [Google](#) or [Microsoft Form](#).

****CLICK ON THE OPTION YOU WANT TO BE DIRECTED TO THE SURVEY.****

****Brian Wright and Ron McGauvran will donate \$5/each for every survey that is completed between Monday, June 15 through Monday, June 22.****

If you prefer to have a paper copy mailed to you, please contact Jill O'Neill. The Membership Task Force is happy to take your questions, hear your concerns, or discuss with you at greater length:

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Ryan Veenstra ryanveenstra@mchsi.com | 563-249-9002

Carrie Donaire cdonaire@gocfb.bank | cell: 563-249-9416

Thanks!
Carrie

CLUB EVENTS

NOW MORE THAN EVER,
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
**THE 2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**



The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will link you with Rotary and Rotaract members from around the world.

Sign up now for this free online event that takes place 20-26 June.

Our first virtual convention is open to all Rotary members and participants.

Click [HERE](#) to register!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON'S
**PASSING THE GAVEL &
ANNUAL AWARDS**
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

• NELSONCORP FIELD •
• 12:00 NOON •
MORE DETAILS TO COME

Join us for our first in-person meeting, where we review our last year, Pass the Gavel to incoming President, Shannon Sander-Welzein and have our members be recognized for their wonderful service to the club and our community. More information will come soon about this event, but plan to be at the NelsonCorp Field on Monday, June 29 at 12:00!

WEEKLY STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

ATTENDANCE:

- June 15: 41
- June 8: 26
- June 1: 26

GUESTS:

- Ted Tornow, Guest of Brian Wright
- Darren Hands, Rotarian, Guest of Jill O'Neill
- Senator Chuck Grassley, Speaker, Guest of Jill O'Neill

Guests YTD: 240

MEMBERSHIP:

- New Member: Danny Thomas
- Current Members: 81
- Membership goal: 95

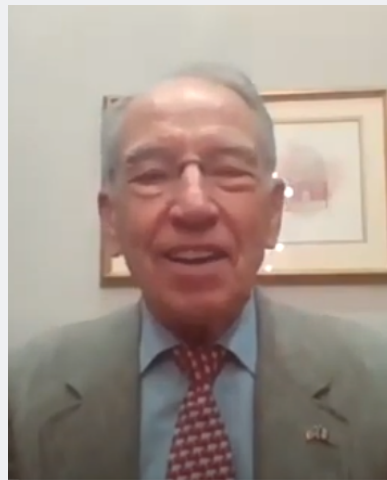
BIRTHDAYS:

- 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

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- Cheryl McCulloh
29 years; Jun 01 1991
- Rutu Rutenbeck
31 years; Jun 01 1989
- Carrie Donaire
7 years; Jun 17 2013
- David Pillers
8 years; Jun 25 2012

THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP



We had the privilege of welcoming Senator Chuck Grassley to our meeting on Monday. Senator Grassley has been serving Iowa since 1980 and is on his seventh term as Senator of Iowa. Senator Grassley joined us for a Town Meeting, or a Q & A session, where our Rotarians were able to ask him whatever questions they desired. Below is a brief look at what our Rotarians asked him. For a longer look at the session, please refer to our website or our YouTube channel ([click HERE](#)).

Q: ...What is the update on the Minor League Baseball situation and I ask if you could do anything you could to save our teams.

A: ...I think this started last October or November when I first contacted the deputy commissioner of baseball -- a couple telephone conversations since then, a couple letters, maybe a speech I gave on the floor of the United States Senate but I don't have any update from probably a month ago now, when I had another telephone conversation with the deputy commissioner. At that particular time I don't think there was any new information but this is the plead that I've been making with him -- that that whatever it takes to satisfy baseball that are particular stadium is up to snuff, they ought to be pretty precise what that is and they ought to be able to give a timeline for a community to meet that.

Q: As you probably know for more than three decades Rotary, in partnership with the World Health Organization and the Bill Gates foundation, has spearhead of the global effort to eradicate polio worldwide... Now the President has said he will cut off funding to the WHO and remove the US from membership. This will severely hamper the global efforts for polio eradication and enable a resurgence of the disease. Do you support this move by the president and if not, what you promised to do in response to it?

A: Yeah I do support it but it does not affect the money you're talking about. I think the \$450 million that we give to the WHO is basically for the operation of the WHO. If part of it does go to fight disease or even all of the \$453 million if it would not go, the President has pledged that it would still go towards the goals of helping World Health so we don't need to worry about the reduction of money.

To view the full meeting, please go on our website and click on "E-Meets."

PROGRAM CHAIRS

JUNE: DOUG HARRIDGE
AND JILL O'NEILL

JULY: BRIAN WRIGHT

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JUNE: BRIAN WRIGHT

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: Idell Klein
- Dictionaries Committee: *John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand and Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- Fundraiser Committee: Jill O'Neill
- Grants Chair: Jill O'Neill
- Homerun Readers: Brian Wright
- Interact: Peggy Sellnau
- International Service: Christie Collins
- Josh the Otter Water Safety Committee: *Rich Klahn
- Kicks for Kids: Sue Watkins
- Lumberkings Event Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Membership: Sue Watkins
- Public Relations: Jennifer Graf; Jill O'Neill RCoF C Website, Doug Harridge (photos)
- Scholarships: Braydon Roberts and Peggy Sellnau
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service / Weekly Student Guests: Shannon Sander-Welzien
- Sunshine: Christie Collins

LOOKING FORWARD

JUNE 22: ERIC VAN LANCKER, CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR & COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS

JUNE 29: **IN PERSON MEETING ** PASSING THE GAVEL AND ANNUAL AWARDS

JULY 6: NO MEETING

JULY 13: PRESENTATION BY NEW PRESIDENT, SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN.

JULY 20: SUSAN SOLA, MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT-SEATTLE, PARTNERS IN THE MEXICAN RURAL FAMILY GREENHOUSE PROJECT IN OAXACA, MEXICO. SOLA WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS AND SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

JULY 27: ADAM C. WRIGHT, PHD, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, SPEAKING ON THE TOPICS OF TEACHING COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19 AND HIS RESEARCH ON THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ON COLLEGE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Topic: Rotary Meeting

Time: Jun 22, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89556791227?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89556791227?pwd=WWZEVkFlamVFemdnMGMzRzF2UFpnQT09)

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Meeting ID: 895 5679 1227

Password: 569150

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Fellowship Month!

In its concerted effort to combat the menacing effects of COVID-19, The Rotary Foundation initiated a Disaster Response Fund. Districts can apply for a \$25,000 grant. The first tranche of funding has been distributed. The districts that have been awarded the funds have utilized the grants within their local communities.

To date, nearly \$5 million has been dispersed by TRF to nearly 200 of the 535 districts in the world. One of the recent awardees is District 6270. This district, comprising of 54 clubs in southeastern Wisconsin, has four clubs that are purchasing and delivering food to those in need, and supplying face masks, shields and other PPEs to local first responders and fire departments. The West Bend Sunrise Rotary, WI USA, one of the four clubs, donated PPE worth \$4,000 to the Albrecht Free Clinic.

TRF also awarded \$25,000 to District 6820, Mississippi, which has split the grant among seven hospitals in Central Mississippi.

Responding to the needs of those affected by COVID-19, The Rotary Club of Winnetka-Northfield, IL with a matching grant from TRF, presented a check for \$3,810 to St. Dominic Hospital for COVID-19 expenses.

Another Disaster Response Grant awarded by TRF made it possible for the Rotary Club of Potsdam, NY to donate \$1,000 to the Potsdam Neighborhood Center Food Bank for COVID-19 relief. Expressing much appreciation for the donation, the director of the Food Bank, Kristal Hayes, declared that the money will provide "a good deal of food to our clients. It takes a village, they say, and we definitely cannot do what we do without the support of great organizations like the Rotary and our community."

Rotary is Fellowship. Real Fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge its depth, you will find that it is the difference between "Mister" and "Bill" - "Reverend" and "Jack."

(Call Him "Bill." The Rotarian, May 1915).

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna Ph.D, Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant
Editor, Foundation Minute

If you ever meet someone
who makes your life flow
easier and makes you laugh
a lot, keep them, that's all
you need.

Baby platypus. Just because I knew you
needed to see this.



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 2019-2020:

- Brian Wright: President
- Shannon Sander-Welzien: Pres.-Elect
- Christie Collins: President-Elect
- Jennifer Graf: Past-President
- Douglas Harridge
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Idell Klein: Community Service
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Braydon Roberts: Scholarships
- Mark Rutenbeck*: Paul Harris Foundation
- Rod Tokheim: Membership
- Sue Watkins: Membership

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- 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

Sorry to interrupt
your scrolling but
I just wanted to say
that you're amazing
and you deserve to be
happy.