

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING LOCATION

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*Daring leaders  
are never  
silent about  
hard things.*



Brené Brown

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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,

Here is your chance to celebrate the end of a great Rotary year and be present as we hope to set an All Rotary Record as your current President and President Elect participate in a mass gavel passing ceremony.

As your outgoing District Governor, I will also do the official passing of the District gavel to the 2020-2021 Governor, Steve Dakin. The festivities will be exciting and short. **It will be a "Happy Hour" on Friday, June 26th from 4:30-5:30PM.**

It's a 'private' event and you will need to register at this link:

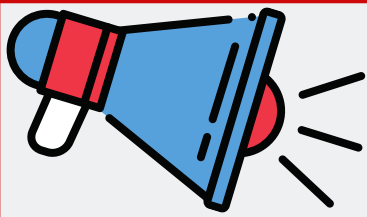
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-gavel-passing-ceremony-district-6000-registration-108786900548>

Registration is FREE and only takes 18 seconds.

Be sure to sign up and be present to support your club's officers for their service and help us conclude what has been a tumultuous but successful year.

It's given a chance for Rotarians to proof again they live our motto of "Service Above Self".

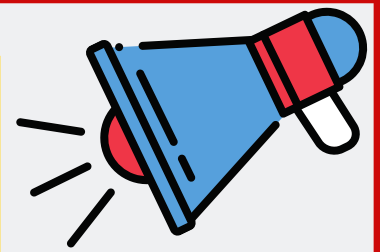
Erna



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.\*\***

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

## WEEKLY STATS

### FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

### ATTENDANCE:

- June 22: 26
- June 15: 41
- June 8: 26
- June 1: 26

### GUESTS:

- Eric Van Lancker: Guest of Jennifer Graf

Guests YTD: 241

### MEMBERSHIP:

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

### BIRTHDAYS:

- Jennifer Graf July 01
- Cheryl McCulloh July 07
- Tom Determann July 21

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mike Rastrelli  
31 years; July 01 1989
- Jill O'Neill  
2 years; July 02 2018
- Nicole Hinman  
2 years; July 16 2018
- Douglas Harridge  
20 years; July 20 2000
- Maureen Miller  
13 years; July 26 2007
- Mary Connell  
24 years; July 29, 1996
- Amy Berentes  
2 years; July 30, 2018
- Gary DeLacy  
3 years; July 31, 2017
- Rod Tokheim  
14 yrs; July 31 2006

# THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP



We had the absolute privilege of welcoming Clinton County Auditor, Eric Van Lancker to our meeting this past Monday, who discussed the recent elections and how Clinton County reacted to voting in a pandemic and the success of absentee voting.

The time to vote absentee was moved back from 29 days to 40 days, which drastically helped voters. In mid-March, Clinton County decided to reduce the number of polling locations from 26 to 5 open polling locations. There were additional safety precautions in place, with shields, disinfectants, and a pencil to keep from the time you got to the poll through the time you finished.

Quite a large amount of people voted absentee, perhaps for the first time ever. Van Lancker stated, "... we had the best turn out of any primary ever in Clinton County, but we also had the biggest turn out for any primary in the state of Iowa as well. In Clinton County we had a 23.5% turnout. Our previous high was not even 15% so that was a that was an incredible turn out there. We also had a over a 90% return rate on the absentee ballots that we sent out...a total of 8000 votes and then just over 6500 (82%) of those where absentee ballot."

Though this hasn't be proven, some absentee voters say the political calls stop after turning in their ballot. Van Lancker gave some tips for absentee ballot voting – be sure to fill out the entire form, including Date of Birth, Phone number, your ID number (drivers license number or a non operator ID issued by the state), pick the election type (which election this ballot is for) and "at the very bottom always please sign and date. We always get a lot of them that it turned in without signature and we absolutely can't do anything any further without getting that signature on there." Also don't forget to sign the outside of the envelope! If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Building. **To view the full meeting, please go on our website and click on "E-Meets."**



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**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

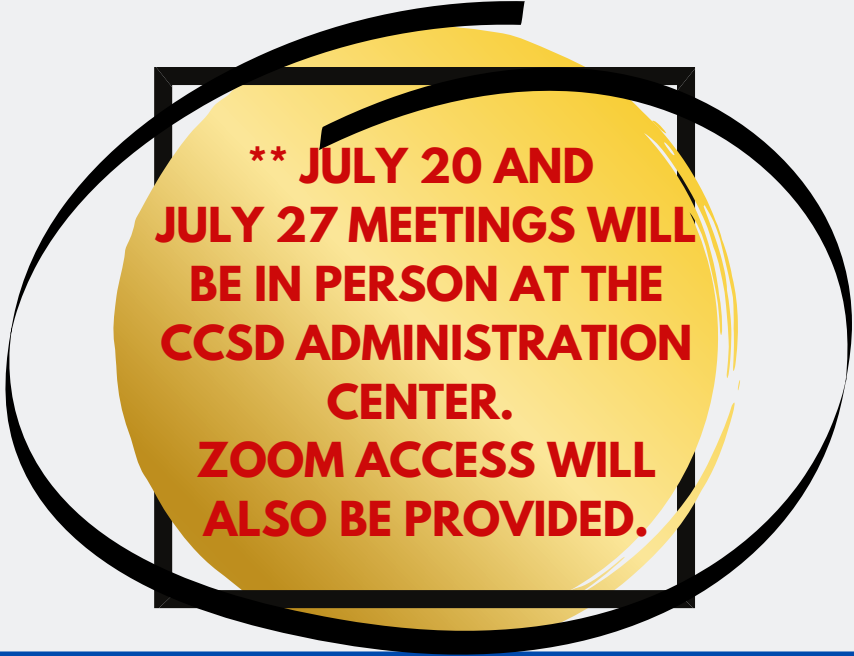
**JUNE 29: \*\*IN PERSON MEETING \*\* PASSING THE GAVEL AND ANNUAL AWARDS**

**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**



**\*\* JULY 20 AND JULY 27 MEETINGS WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE CCSD ADMINISTRATION CENTER. ZOOM ACCESS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.**

# FOUNDATION MINUTE

## Welcome to Week 4 of Rotary's Month of Youth Activities!

Sometime in March, the Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) concluded its final field visit to Nigeria to determine the country's polio-free status. The news buzzing around the Rotary world is that Polio is no longer endemic in Nigeria and that the most populous nation in Africa is certified Polio-Free by the World Health Organization. Nigeria has not had a case of wild poliovirus since July 24, 2014. All laboratory data has confirmed that a full 12 months has passed without any new cases.

Rotary International has contributed, through TRF about \$268 million to fight Polio in Nigeria; so, this is a victory worth celebrating. The chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, Dr. Tunji Funsho, while acknowledging the milestone, cautions Rotarians about celebrating too soon. "It's paramount that we ensure all doors are locked to the re-entry of the wild poliovirus into our country." As recently as 2012, Nigeria accounted for more than half of all polio cases worldwide. However, according to WHO, no less than 200,000 volunteers across the country repeatedly immunized more than 45 million children under the age of 5, to ensure that no child would suffer from this paralyzing disease. Commenting on this huge accomplishment, WHO's Director-General, Dr. Margaret Chan said "we must now support the efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan so they soon join the polio-free world."

Since 1988, polio incidence has been reduced by more than 99 percent. Before then, the virus was paralyzing an average of 350,000 children every year in more than 125 countries.

As we begin a new Rotary year, let us continue to support all efforts at eradicating Polio from the face of the planet.

**"There's been an amazing organization that's been behind this...It was due to Rotary that the campaign was started." Bill Gates on Eradicating Polio.**

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



me smiling at people under my mask  
thinking that they can see it



## 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.

# POLIO UPDATE

Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,  
Five new Wild Polio case reported this week.

**What is that Polio News? Nigeria (and All of Africa) Now Certain To Be Certified Polio-Free! Yesterday, Nigeria's Complete Documentation for a Polio free Country has been accepted by the African Regional Certification Committee (ARCC) of WHO. A hearty Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to get us to this point. We now await the formal certification by WHO in late August. Please Support the Polio Eradication Effort by June 30!**

Today, we are \$8 Million short of our 2019-20 Rotary Year Polio fundraising goal of \$50 Million - to earn the full \$100 Million Gates

Foundation match. Please donate by June 30 and encourage your District leaders to give any available DDF to the PolioPlus Fund - as DDF earns a \$.50 per \$1 match from the World Fund in addition to the \$1 to \$1 match from the Gates Foundation.

## Vaccine Derived Polio Cases - 139 Vaccine Derived Polio Cases reported in 2020:

Afghanistan - 13 (0 in 2019), Angola - 2 (129 in 2019), Benin - 2 (8 in 2019), Burkina Faso - 4 (1 in 2019), Cameroon - 3 (0 in 2019), CAR - 1 (21 in 2019), Chad 13 (10 in 2019), China - 0 (1 in 2019), Cote d' Ivoire 10 (0 in 2019), DRC - 5 (86 in 2019), Ethiopia - 14 (11 in 2019), Ghana - 11 (18 in 2019), Malaysia - 1 (3 in 2019), Myanmar - 0 (6 in 2019), Niger - 2 (1 in 2019), Nigeria - 1 (18 in 2019), Pakistan - 69 (22 in 2019), Papua New Guinea - 0 (0 in 2019), Philippines - 1 (16 in 2019), Somalia - 0 (3 in 2019), Togo - 7 (8 in 2019), Zambia - 0 (2 in 2019), 361 Vaccine Derived Polio cases were reported in 2019.

## Quote of the Day - Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - Nelson Mandela

The Final Three Polio Endemic Countries: Pakistan - One new Polio case reported this week. Fifty-one Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent case was from the Balochistan Province with an onset of paralysis on 05/16/20.

- Pakistan reported 147 Wild Polio cases in 2019. Eighteen Polio-Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.
- Afghanistan - Four new Polio cases reported this past week. Sixteen Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent cases were from the Farah, Hirat, and Hilmand Provinces with an onset of paralysis on 5/10/20. Afghanistan reported twenty-nine Wild Polio cases in 2019. Five Polio-Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Afghanistan.
- Nigeria - No Wild Polio cases have been reported in 2017, 2018, or 2019. The most recent Polio case was reported on 8/20/16. Nigeria is to be congratulated on over Three Years without a Wild Polio case!

# Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!

## Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 06/20/20



Rotary's World-wide 2019-20 Rotary Year Polio Fundraising Goal is \$150 Million - Including the Gates Foundation \$2 to \$1 Match

**Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!**

**PolioPlus: Zero Is The Magic Number!**

Advocate, Donate & Educate to **END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!**  
19,100,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

	Year-to-date 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018	Total 2017	Total 2016
Total paralysis cases					
Globally	67	176	33	22	37
- in endemic countries:	67	176	33	22	37
- in post-endemic countries:	0	0	0	0	0

**Wild Polio cases reported this week:**  
Pakistan 1, Afghanistan 4, Nigeria 0

2020 Wild Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2019 Totals)  
Endemic Countries - \$1 Pakistan (2019-147), 16 Afghanistan (2019-29),  
0 Nigeria (2019-0)

Terry Ziegler, [bigalumber@aol.com](mailto:bigalumber@aol.com) Rotary Region 26 Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser