

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT  
& URGENT QUESTION IS:  
**WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING FOR OTHERS?"**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

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# CLUB UPDATES

## ...from our President

- **We will be having another make-up meeting! This will be at "The Wright Bar" (Brian Wright's house; 1019 Pershing Blvd.) on June 18, 2020, from 4:30-6:30. It will be held outside with ample room for social distancing and Adult beverages to kill germs and viruses.**
- **We will be voting on the Rotary Foundation Board on June 15. See  for more information!**
- **Brian attend a Rotary meeting with our partners in Mexico! Please read on page 3 for more information.**
- **District Governor Erna said Rotary has provided more than 400,000 meals since the beginning of her campaign to help those experiencing food insecurity. Congrats and good job!**



## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rotary Club of Clinton Iowa Charitable Foundation Inc.  
MAY 12, 2020

The Nominating Committee for the Rotary Club of Clinton Iowa Charitable Foundation Inc. consists of **Jennifer Graf, Paul Holmer and John Frey.**

Foundation Directors whose terms expire June 30, 2020 and the date their terms began are listed below:

<u>Term Began</u>	<u>Director</u>
2016	Lynn McGraw
2016	Gary Foster
2016	Mark Rutenbeck
2016	Kathy Forrest
2018	Kathy Klahn

Article II of the By-Laws for the Rotary Club of Clinton Iowa Charitable Foundation Inc. provides in part "the term of each Director shall be two years. Directors may serve successive terms." The Nominating Committee contacted each of the Directors whose terms were expiring and each Director expressed a willingness to continue serving for another term. Several also expressed a willingness to step down in order to provide an opportunity for others who might be interested in serving on the Board.

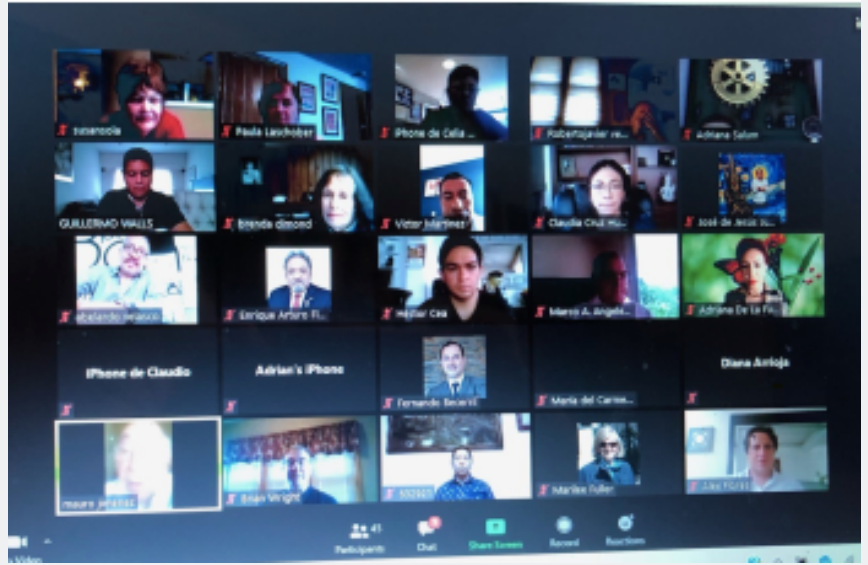
Since the Foundation began in 2016 and fiscal year 20-21, beginning July 1, 2020, would mark the beginning of only the fifth year, the committee members agreed it was not necessary to by-pass Directors with Board experience in favor of searching for new candidates at this time. Therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends election of each of the above-listed Directors for an additional two-year term.

**Voting will occur on the June 15th Rotary meeting.**

# MEXICAN RURAL FAMILY GREENHOUSE PROJECT

Brian attended the Zoom meeting of the Club Rotario Plateros Centro Histórico early on Wednesday morning with our partners from the Seattle Club, including Susan Sola, Brenda Dimond, Linda Harris, Marilee Fuller and Paula Laschober. Both of our clubs have donated funding to the Mexican Rural Family Greenhouse project.

The Mexican Rotarians were very happy with our presence and sent many thanks. It was wonderful for those of us who have collaborated with them to see all the familiar faces, now trapped at home by COVID-19 just as we are. Brenda Dimond and Alejandro Flores, incoming club presidents for 2020-2021, were able to meet each other online—a great opportunity!



Roberto Vega, Plateros RC President, sent his warm wishes to Dave Spicer. During the meeting, many Rotarians from both the Plateros Club and the Bellavista Atizapán Club expressed their appreciation of how the Mexican Rural Family Greenhouse project has proven to be a model of sustainability, a benefit to very marginalized people, and its high value now in a time of crisis (drought complicated by isolation, as access to these rural communities is blocked to avoid contagion from outside).

Self-reliance and hard work have allowed these subsistence farmers to thrive and become examples for others. Rotary has just lent them a helping hand, but it has been a privilege to do so.

## ONGOING ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES



Victor Martinez, the on-the-ground greenhouse project manager in Huajuapán de León, Oaxaca, sent a follow-up PowerPoint summary of the project to date, including the slide on the left (work continues on building greenhouses).

[Followup: Several of the Mexican Rotarians, including the primary sponsor of the greenhouse project, Claudio Cruz (center photo), were in attendance at our club's Zoom meeting last Friday. UDRC has donated \$26,333 to the greenhouse project since 2017.]



## WEEKLY STATS

### FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

### ATTENDANCE:

June 1: 26

### GUESTS:

- **Darren Hands:** G/O Jill O'Neill
- **George Belitsos:** G/O Lori Freudenber

Guests YTD: 235

### MEMBERSHIP:

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

### BIRTHDAYS:

Gary Foster	June 03
Lynn McGraw	June 05
Paula Schneckloth	June 06
Steven Howes	June 11
Shannon Sander-Welzien	June 21
Brian Wright	June 23

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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

# THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Dr. George Belitsos, Rotarian from Ames and Chair of the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery, Founder and CEO Emeritus of YSS out of Ames, and Vice-Chair, International Board for Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, spoke to our club on Monday and relayed a very serious and crucial topic -- Human Trafficking.

This topic is very near and dear to the heart of Rotary and around

the world. Dr. Belitsos stated, "The goal that we have...is to eradicate human trafficking from the face of the Earth. In this country, we call it human trafficking, but around the rest of the world, it's called slavery."

In this country, trafficking really got its start into trafficking through the Internet, where most sex traffickers advertise their victims. This has become even worse since COVID-19 changed our society. "There has been a 600% increase of child pornography on the Internet since COVID-19 began," stated Dr. Belitsos. Worldwide, there are 40+ million people trafficked in 167 countries. Here in Iowa, we had our biggest number of convictions ever - with 14 people convicted of human trafficking, including five that had trafficked minors. Only 1 out of every 100 traffickers in the State of Iowa are convicted each year.

Dr. Belitsos and the Ames Rotary Club enlisted the help of then-Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to declare January "Human Trafficking and Awareness" Month. Current Governor Kim Reynolds has continued this for the last two years and has assisted in launching a training campaign for ending human trafficking.

To view the ROTARY action group, please click [here](https://ragas.online/) (https://ragas.online/)

For further information on this, please visit website: <https://iowanaht.org>.

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

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HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**

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## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**JUNE:** DOUG HARRIDGE  
AND JILL O'NEILL

**JULY:** BRIAN WRIGHT

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

**MAY:** JENNIFER GRAF

**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

**MONDAY, JUNE 8:** KRISTIN HUISENGA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLINTON SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

**MONDAY, JUNE 15:** SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY

**Topic: Rotary Meeting**

**Time: Jun 8, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85329918301?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85329918301?pwd=ekg0UmdtWTFsTU83NHk2ZWZOSWErdz09)**

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**Password: 565018**

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**“Injustice  
anywhere  
is a threat  
to justice  
everywhere.”**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

# FOUNDATION MINUTE

## Welcome to Rotary's Fellowship Month!

We have all been witnessing the ravages of COVID-19. Rotarians have continued to donate to local food pantries and with help of TRF's Disaster Response Grants, much good is being accomplished around the world.

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati-Eastside received a matching grant from TRF in the sum of \$5,000 to support the staff of Mercy Health-Anderson and Clermont Hospitals in recognition of their hard work. The \$10,000 grant supports employee accommodations, meals and team recognition events. Ken James, the president of Anderson-Hospitals, expressed his gratitude for the generosity, stating that the Rotary Club's donation "is providing meals for associates and covering the cost of hotel accommodation to reduce the risk of hospital workers exposing their families to Covid-19."

The Mason City Noon Club received a \$1000 Disaster Response Grant from TRF and donated it to Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank. According to Carol Clayton, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank Director, the grant will be used to buy "close to 6,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Iowa."

Another grant totaling \$24,000 was matched by TRF to the Central Oregon Rotary Clubs to assist the homeless and homebound during the Covid-19 for food and hygiene. Each of the nine regional Rotary Clubs donated \$500 apiece.

**"The Foundation upon which Rotary is built is FRIENDSHIP; on no less firm foundation could it have stood." Paul P. Harris, 1935 "The Rotarian Age"**

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

## 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

Darkness cannot drive  
out darkness; only light  
can do that.

Hate cannot drive  
out hate; only love  
can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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



Paula Steward



Q: How long have you been a member of the Rotary Club of Clinton?

A: 3 years!

Q: Why did you join Rotary?

A: Community Involvement

Q: What is your current occupation?

A: Alliant Energy Key Account Management

Q: What do you love most about your job?

A: Being involved in the community

Q: If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?

A: Warren Buffett

Q: What inspires you?

A: Good People

Q: What's a pet peeve that you have?

A: Dirty Hands

Q: What's your favorite '90s jam?

A: The Humpty Dance

Q: Who inspires you?

A: People who are passionate for what they do.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Q: What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

A: I love to snow ski, but don't get to do it very often anymore.

Q: You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why?

A: One that makes EVERYONE smile.

Q: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Tacos

Q: You've been given an elephant. You can't give it away or sell it. What would you do with the elephant?

A: Open a zoo

Q: What's one thing - either industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?

A: Always be thankful for what you have because you don't know what tomorrow holds.

Q: Outside of work and volunteering, what is your favorite thing to do??

A: Anything that involves water.

Q: What's the last book you read?

A: Outlander - but did not finish it

Q: How do you define success?

A: Success is having a job I love and provides, a husband and family that love and care for me, and children that make me proud by who they are.

Q: A penguin walks through that door right now wearing a sombrero. What does he say and why is he here?

A: Cerveza Porfavor

Thanks for letting us get to know you, Paula!

# POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE MAY 29

**DEAR POLIO ERADICATION WARRIORS,**  
**Two new Wild Polio cases reported this week.**

All over the world, polio surveillance systems, built up over decades, track infection sources, evaluate symptoms and transport samples to the laboratory — despite distance, natural disasters, and sometimes war. Now, disease surveillance network — reaching into the most far-flung corners of the globe — is being tapped to address the COVID-19 pandemic. “In Somalia, the polio program pivoted its workforce of thousands of frontline staff to support the effort as the cases of COVID-19 spread. Rapid response teams — made up of disease surveillance officers, community health care workers and volunteers — were trained to educate people about the virus and to test suspected cases.

By April 2020, the teams were deployed in the field,” said Dr Mamunur Malik, WHO Representative in Somalia. “In Somalia’s remote villages, they know us as their polio teams, and once they see us, what comes to their minds is that we’re giving them information about polio,” says Mohamed\*, a surveillance officer. “So we also give them information about COVID-19. Social mobilizers tell them about COVID-19 symptoms, how to prevent getting infected, physical distancing, cleaning their hands very well with running water and soap.” The careful procedures that the teams learned for polio surveillance have been adapted for COVID-19, where the required sample is a naso-pharyngeal swab. “We’ve trained our surveillance people on the case definition and how to collect the samples correctly, from people that meet the definition of a suspected case of COVID-19,” says Dr Fatima. “It’s the same infrastructure. After, when we collect the samples from the patient, we send it to the laboratory in Hargeisa.” WHO has given the laboratory equipment and supplies to test samples for COVID-19.”

As with polio samples, the samples of COVID-19 have to be refrigerated, the ice packs should be VERY cold,” says Mohamed. Teams are used to monitoring the packs’ temperature, even in Somalia’s hot weather. Front line staff puts their own lives on the line. In April 2020, the polio team lost a colleague due to COVID-19-related infection. Ibrahim Elmi Mohamed, who joined WHO in 2001, was working as a district polio officer in Lower Shabelle. His tragic death, one of many front line staff around the world due to COVID-19, reminds us of the risks they face every day they go to work. “Despite overwhelming challenges, teams are committed to continuing their polio work in tandem with the COVID-19 response. It is critical that polio surveillance continues during the pandemic, as Somalia is also fighting outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio type 2 and 3. With polio vaccination campaigns temporarily paused, the teams must be able to track any resulting spread of poliovirus and get ready to respond as soon as it is safe to do so,” says Dr Malik. “All of us are still doing polio surveillance at the same time as we do surveillance for COVID-19,” says Dr Fatima. “I used to hear from my colleagues that the polio surveillance system is the strongest disease surveillance system.

Any polio surveillance team can work in the detection of COVID-19 cases because of the system’s structure, the capacity and experience of the teams.” Vaccine Derived Polio Cases - 122 Vaccine Derived Polio Cases reported in 2020: Afghanistan - 7 (0 in 2019), Angola - 2 (129 in 2019), Benin - 2 (8 in 2019), Burkina Faso - 2 (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 4 (0 in 2019), DRC - 5 (86 in 2019), Ethiopia - 13 (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 - 45 (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 - “Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.” - Aesop - 620-564 BCE The Final Three Polio Endemic Countries: Pakistan - Two new Polio cases reported this week. Forty-Nine Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent cases were from the Khyber Pakhtoon & Punjab areas with an onset of paralysis on 05/04/20. Pakistan reported 147 Wild Polio cases in 2019. Four Polio-Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan. Afghanistan - No new Polio cases reported this past week. Twelve Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent case was from the Kandahar Province with an onset of paralysis on 3/22/20. Afghanistan reported twenty-nine Wild Polio cases in 2019. Eight 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!!  
Terry Ziegler, Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser Rotary Region 26