

# 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 IN RASTRELLI'S  
BALDACCI ROOM  
(238 MAIN AVE, CLINTON, IA)

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“Where there is  
no struggle, there  
is no strength.”

—OPRAH WINFREY



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- SATURDAY, APRIL 22, THE DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE IS IN CORALVILLE! THE CONFERENCE IS AT CORALVILLE RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, FROM 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. COME ONE, COME ALL!
- WE HAVE A SWEET DEAL FOR YOU! THE NEXT BOO BASH CHAIRPERSON, OR CO-CHAIRS WILL HAVE:
  - AN UPDATED EVENT BINDER AND DETAILED NOTES FOR THE EVENT
  - JULIE AND CARRIE WILL PARTICIPATE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR BOO BASH 2023, BUT ARE BOTH STEPPING DOWN AS CO-CHAIRS.
  - THE EVENT IS GAINING POPULARITY, WELL POSITIONED FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2023 FUNDRAISER.
  - WE HAVE 2 YEARS OF DATA AND BENCHMARKS TO PROVIDE.

WHAT IS THE WAY TO YOUR HEART? THE CO-CHAIR ROLE IS AN ORGANIZING ROLE, THE ENTIRE CLUB IS SUPPORTIVE AND THE COMMITTEE IS BIG! YOU WON'T GO IT ALONE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE RIGHT PERSON TO LEAD THE BOO BASH COMMITTEE IN 2023, PLEASE NOMINATE SOMEONE! NUDGE SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO WILL BE GOOD IN THE ROLE.

- DON'T FORGET TO DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS THIS MONTH! :)

## KEY DATES

- MARCH 04: DISTRICT 6000 SPRING EDUCATION ASSEMBLY (NEWTON)
- MARCH 06: "RIVER BLUFF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: SMALL TOWN DREAMS INITIATIVE AND UPDATES" – ALETHEA CAHOY AND SHEILA TJADEN
- MARCH 13: ANGELA BOELENS, "IA NICE – SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN EASTERN IOWA"
- MARCH 20: "THE AG OUTLOOK FOR 2023 AND BEYOND: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MILDLY AMUSING" – CHAD HART, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
- MARCH 27: "GROW CLINTON UPDATE" WITH ANDY SOKOLOVICH

## Check It Out!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 SPRING EDUCATION ASSEMBLY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 4, AT THE DMACC NEWTON CONFERENCE CENTER, 602 N. 2ND AVENUE W., NEWTON. CHECK IN STARTS AT 12:30 PM, ENDING AT 4PM. ALL ROTARIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THEIR INCOMING LEADERS AS THIS WILL IMMENSELY HELP ALL DURING THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE NEW THEME "CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD" WILL BE PRESENTED AS WELL AS A FEW GREAT SPEAKERS ARE LINED UP TO PRESENT INFORMATION WORTH HEARING!

GRETCHEN NOLLMAN, ROTARY DISTRICT EDUCATOR AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION TEAM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

FEBRUARY 27: \$97

YTD TOTAL: \$4962

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,554

### ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 3

IN-PERSON: 26

TOTAL FOR FEB 27: 29

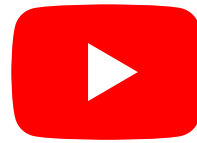
### GUESTS:

- KADIA ESPINOZA
- BILL STEINHAW
- ANGIE BLOOMFIELD
- SR PYLLIS MORRIS
- SR DEBROAH SCHNEIDER
- SR TERESA KUNKEL
- SR EILEEN GOLBO

YTD: 129

### MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

Angie Bloomfield, YWCA's Empowerment Center Director, joined us on Monday and discussed The YWCA Empowerment Center, which provides financial assistance and long-term case management services to the homeless in Clinton and Jackson counties through its rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs. Bloomfield earned her Master of Psychology Mediation and Conflict Resolution from the University of the Rockies and earned her bachelor's degree in social and criminal justice from Ashford University. She is a certified functional family therapist and alcohol and drug counselor and has over 16 years of work experience in homelessness prevention, mental illness, and personality disorder treatment, and substance abuse treatment.

Bloomfield began with some statistics for us:

- 248: applications on the waiting list for the Empowerment Center
- 615: number of incoming calls received in January for the housing stability situations
- 207: number of open cases they have at the end of January
- 50: Number of successfully closed cases at the end of January
- 151: Number of homeless students in Clinton

Bloomfield then allowed for a "Question and Answer" type of program, where Rotarians could ask the questions they really wanted to know. The question was asked of what happens when someone calls the helpline and what their experience might be. Bloomfield explained that during the pandemic, they had set up a hotline. The hotline has one, part-time representative and she answers all of the calls. "There are 40 questions -- that's basically an interview and the client on the other end of the line has to answer the 40-ish questions. They're very personal, they're very intrusive, and not trauma-informed...at the end of the 40-ish questions you have a score...Some do not qualify and others do qualify for intensive care. It's all based on that number so then each person is assigned a case manager and is placed on a prioritization list that is solely based on your number, not your family dynamic and then we pull from the top of that list down."

The Empowerment Center is fortunate enough to have local funding, where they can help individuals and families a little bit more. "We use local funding to go from the bottom up so that we try to bridge that gap between services, so every person does receive some form of service. It's just that those receiving the highest score receive the longest and the most intensive form of case management. Then they go into housing and they continue to have a case manager. We provide wrap-around services so they get referred to all of the various locations or Support Services throughout town we help them with food assistance, we help them with WIC, we help them get into the proper education...we get them into mental health treatment, we get them into a primary care provider for their physical needs, a dentist even sometimes, because some of them haven't seen a dentist in years." Bloomfield continued to state they do this for as long as it takes and the goal is to get them to start paying their rent and be productive in the workforce and contribute back to the economy and society as a whole.

At the end of 2022, The Empowerment Center did their calculations and determined that they currently have a 76% success rate, which means "that they were able to maintain their housing, maintain their mental health treatment, and maintain some form of education or employment opportunity for greater than 12 months after case management stepped back from their care." Thank you, Angie, for the amazing work you do for Clinton County!

# LOOKING FORWARD...

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

- MARCH 06: CHERYL FREY
- MARCH 13: JOHN FREY
- MARCH 20: SAM GENSON
- MARCH 27: JENNIFER GRAF

## GREETER

- MARCH 06: CLAIRE BUYERT
- MARCH 13: DALE DALTON
- MARCH 20: GARY DELACY
- MARCH 27: TOM DETERMANN



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

- MARCH: JULIE DUNN
- APRIL: ANDY SOKOLOVICH
- MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON
- JUNE: JILL O'NEILL

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

- MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER
- APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH
- MAY: ANDY SOKOLOVICH & DOUG HARRIDGE
- JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



## Celebrations

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- DANIEL HOUSENGA MARCH 06
- MARY SWANSON MARCH 17
- ANDREW KIDA MARCH 18
- BRIAN KELLY MARCH 24
- BILL GREENWALT MARCH 25

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- ROBERT HOLESINGER
  - 26 YEARS; MAR 03 1997
- BRIGHAM TUBBS
  - 25 YEARS; MAR 01 1998
- GARY FOSTER
  - 25 YEARS; MAR 29 1998
- RON GUTIERREZ
  - 12 YEARS; MAR 07 2011

*Happy everything*

### 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?

## The History of the Rotary Bell

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



### 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 2021-2022:

- 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

WELCOME TO THE LAST WEEK OF RI'S MONTH OF PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION.

MIKE HEBEL, A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER AND HIS REAL-ESTATE MOGUL WIFE, GITYJOON HAVE BEEN PART OF ROTARY IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR OVER 30 YEARS, DURING WHICH THEY HAVE DONATED \$1MILLION TO TRF. THE HEBELS HAVE INCLUDED TRF IN THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING AND, IN A ROTARY MAGAZINE REPORT, THE COUPLE EXPLAINS WHY THEY FEEL HAPPY TO GIVE TO TRF. THEY ARE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT CHARITY NAVIGATOR HAS GIVEN THE FOUNDATION A FOUR-STAR RATING, FOR 14 YEARS IN A ROW. NOT ONLY THAT, 89% OF THE MONEY GIVEN TO TRF WENT TO PROGRAMS AND MIKE EMPHASIZES THAT, "...THE STANDARD IS ROTARY'S STANDARD." MIKE AVOWS THAT TRF'S "FINANCIAL REPORTING IS DONE VERY WELL" AND THE MONEY DONATED BY ROTARIANS IS "BEING GUARDED WELL, USED WELL, PROTECTED WELL, INVESTED WELL." GITYJOON HEBEL ADDS THAT THEY BELIEVE IN THE FOUNDATION "...AND THE WHOLE OF ROTARY. THE MONEY GOES TO GOOD USE, AND WE HAVE SEEN IT. THAT TRUST FOR ME IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART." THAT SAME TRUST, CONSISTENT WITH HER SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY OF "LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL, HELP EVER, HURT NEVER" AND EMBEDDED IN ROTARY'S MOTTO OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF, IS GITYJOON HEBEL'S RELIGION, AND "THAT'S WHAT I LIVE BY."

THE HEBELS HAVE INCLUDED A BEQUEST FOR \$10 MILLION IN THEIR WILLS AND ENCOURAGE OTHER ROTARIANS TO JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY, WHICH RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO PROMISE A GIFT OF \$1MILLION OR MORE TO TRF IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS. MIKE AGREES WITH HIS WIFE, SAYING "YOU WILL NEVER SEE A HEARSE WITH A LUGGAGE RACK ON IT...YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU."

(SOURCE: ROTARY, MARCH 2023:20)

IN ROTARY,

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