

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
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Do all the good YOU CAN.
BY *all the means*  *you can.*
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES
 **YOU CAN.**
At all the times YOU CAN.
To **ALL THE PEOPLE**
AS LONG  *you can.*
 *as you ever can.*

john wesley

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- ON 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!
- CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT, NORLAN!!!! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, NORLAN!
- 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.

KEY DATES

- MARCH 13: ANGELA BOELEN, "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!

**ROTARY CONNECTS
1.4 MILLION ROTARIANS
TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER
FOR THE 8 BILLION AND BEYOND**

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Rotary



JOIN ROTARY - ENJOY ROTARY

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

MARCH 06: \$105
YTD TOTAL: \$5067

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500
TOTAL: \$6,567

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 4
IN-PERSON: 31
TOTAL FOR MARCH 06: 35

GUESTS:

- ALETHEA CAHOY
- SHEILA TJADEN
- ROSE KELLY
- ADAM DETERS

YTD: 133

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

This past Monday, we enjoyed hearing about the River Bluff Community Foundation from Alethea Cahoy and Sheila Tjaden. Alethea Cahoy started us off by talking a little bit about the foundation and its history. Cahoy stated, "They thought to create a Community Foundation so the grants could be given through local charitable giving to the community utilizing the tax benefits of a Community Foundation. In 2016 then River Bluff was affiliated with the Community Foundation of Greater Division...In a nutshell, we Inspire donors and strengthen non-profits for allowance and Grantmaking." Cahoy continued with, "In just 24 hours, River Bluff Community Foundation nonprofits raised over \$32,000 during Great Give day, more than any of the eight other affiliates you associated with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque." The Friends of Camanche PD, Clinton Trees Forever, and the Salvation Army received funds through the impact of Great Give day and the River Bluff Community Foundation.

Sheila Tjaden discussed in more depth the Foundation and its mission, which, simply stated, is to strengthen communities and inspire giving, to create a strong region. Tjaden's job is to "connect the dots" between the board and Cahoy and others to the resources that we have the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. This foundation is all about opportunities and Tjaden stated that there is a very unique one that has been presented to them. "About a year and a half ago, a person who came to the Greater Community Foundation office and said I want to help small communities. I've got some money and what can I do?" And the "Small Towns Dream Initiative" was born from there. This anonymous donor is giving \$1 million dollars to ten communities in our region (\$100,000 grant per community). As Cahoy explained, "It's time to work on building an unrestricted endowment fund to sustain a healthy and vibrant future for the communities of Clinton and Camanche. The small-town dreams initiative will allow us to look to the future and imagine, 'What can we become?' Knowing there is a baseline of funding to spark ideas and dreams into reality, the small-town dreams fund can help make people's dreams for the community to enrich our communities, both Clinton and Camanche, bring those dreams into reality." On March 22, there will be a Lunch and Learn to learn more about the Small Town Dreams Initiative. Thank you, Alethea and Sheila for presenting to us!

Small town Dreams Initiative
Community Endowment Challenge

One gift, many generations

YEAR 1
Small town Dreams \$400,000 fundraising goal met

YEAR 25
\$103,000 in cumulative grants and services
\$27,000 endowment balance

YEAR 50
\$1.2 million in cumulative grants and services
\$543,000 endowment balance

This example uses a 7% annual grant payout and the Foundation's 20-year average of 7% net growth.

Challenged extended.
A generous, anonymous donor grew up in our region and went on to lead a major U.S. corporation. Though this person no longer lives in the area, they care deeply for our future. This belief in small town dreams has inspired them to issue an incredible challenge to our communities. They have put forth a challenge grant of \$100,000 to high-performing, self-determined communities.

The endowment challenge grant works through two phases.

PHASE I
The first, quiet phase is a two-to-one challenge to local leaders, who must raise \$150,000 to match the donor's gift, bringing the endowment total to \$225,000.

PHASE II
In the second, public phase, a community challenge is launched to raise an additional \$225,000 to match the donor's and leader's gifts – adding \$450,000 to a community endowment in three years. The community also is eligible for an additional \$25,000 in direct cash for grantmaking during the three-year initiative.

FOREVER
A community endowment will create unimaginable opportunities for small towns in the region and future generations who call this place home. We cannot pass up the opportunity to create a legacy!

LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

MARCH 13: JOHN FREY

MARCH 20: SAM GENSON

MARCH 27: JENNIFER GRAF

GREETER

MARCH 13: DALE DALTON

MARCH 20: GARY DELACY

MARCH 27: TOM DETERMANN



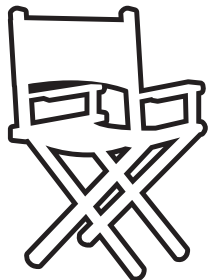
PROGRAM CHAIRS

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 2022-2023:

- GARY FOSTER*: PRESIDENT
- MARK RUTENBECK*: VICE-PRESIDENT
- JOHN FREY*: SECRETARY
- DALE DALTON*: TREASURER

Directors

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|------------------|-----------------|
| • JIM BRUHN* | • KATHY KLAHN* |
| • KATHY FORREST | • LYNN MCGRAW |
| • JENNIFER GRAF* | • BRIAN WRIGHT* |

FOUNDATION MINUTE

WELCOME TO WEEK 1 OF RI'S MONTH OF WATER AND SANITATION

THE ROTARY THEME FOR MARCH, WATER AND SANITATION, ASKS US TO FOCUS ON THE LIFE CHANGING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE CAN MAKE THROUGH THESE INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS TO PROVIDE A MORE READILY AVAILABLE AND HEALTHY SUPPLY OF WATER TO ALL PEOPLE. THIS WEEK'S FOUNDATION MINUTE IS AN EXCERPT FROM THIS MONTH'S MESSAGE BY TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR, ROTARIAN IAN H.S. RISELEY, PUBLISHED IN ROTARY.

"WATER IS ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE NO MATTER WHERE WE LIVE. YET MANY OF US TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. THINK OF ALL THE TIMES TODAY YOU TURNED ON THE TAP. ABOUT 1 IN 4 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD HAVE QUITE A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY DO -- IF THEY HAVE A TAP AT ALL. TODAY, 2 BILLION PEOPLE LACK ACCESS TO SAFELY MANAGED DRINKING WATER, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS HEARTBREAKING THAT EACH YEAR, ABOUT 300,000 CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 DIE FROM DIARRHEAL DISEASES CAUSED BY POOR SANITATION, POOR HYGIENE, OR UNSAFE DRINKING WATER -- ALL PREVENTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS IS WHERE ROTARY COMES IN. THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PROVIDES WATER AND SANITATION FOR COUNTLESS COMMUNITIES AROUND THE GLOBE. FOUNDATIONAL GRANTS HAVE RANGED FROM PROVIDING TOILETS AND HYGIENE EDUCATION FOR VILLAGES IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO SAFE, AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER IN BRAZIL. THE WATER AND SANITATION PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE ARE TOO GREAT FOR ANY OF US TO SOLVE ALONE. BUT WHETHER WE WORK WITH GLOBAL GRANT PARTNER DISTRICTS ACROSS THE WORLD OR WITH LARGE AGENCIES SUCH AS USAID, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE." (ROTARY, MARCH 2023: 58).

IN ROTARY,

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