

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MEETING LOCATION

**Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
238 Main Ave
Clinton, IA**

**Every Monday at 12 Noon
Vistors are welcome!**

CLUB LINKS

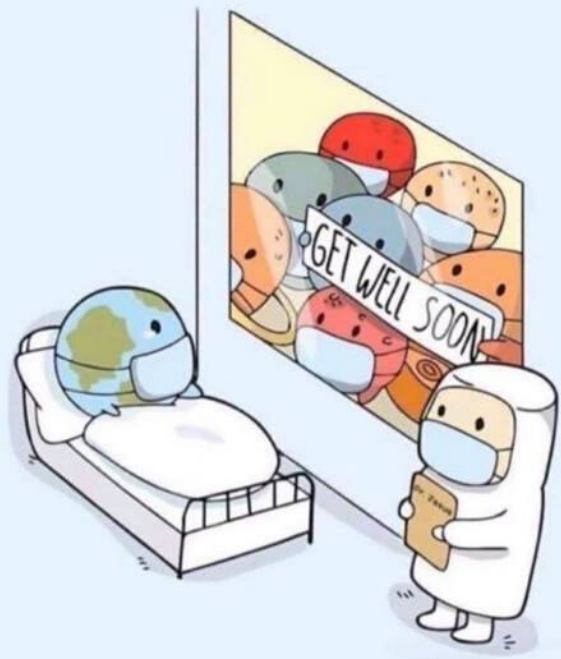
**Rotary Club of Clinton
Facebook**

**Rotary Club of Clinton
Twitter**

**Interact Club of Clinton
Facebook**

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?



NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- **Our Rotary meetings will be canceled until further notice. Please look forward to wonderful updates provided to you through our weekly newsletter. At this time, communication is more vital than ever. Please read through the newsletter and don't hesitate to contact any member of the Rotary board if you have any concerns or need any assistance. We are all here for each other. <3**
- **Our next make-up meeting (originally scheduled for April 16) will be canceled at this time.**
- **At other Rotary activities are on hold.**
- **Read on page 3 for additional news and resources.**
- **Please check for updates on our website: www.rotaryclubofclinton.com.**

MEETING STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

ATTENDANCE:

March 16: N/A

March 9: 39 / 82

March 2: 36/81

MEMBERSHIP:

- New Member: Danny Thomas
- Current Members: 82
- Membership goal: 95

GUESTS:

Guests YTD: 230

Let's not forget...

Rapunzel was quarantined and met her future husband, so let just keep thinking positively.

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

MEETING MINUTES

No meeting due to COVID-19.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS FOR MARCH OR APRIL.

PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: MARY CONNELL AND DALE DALTON

JUNE: DOUG HARRIDGE AND JILL O'NEILL

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: JENNIFER GRAF

JUNE: OPEN



LOOKING FORWARD

BIRTHDAYS:

Daniel Housenga	Mar 06
Shane Buer	Mar 12
Mary Swanson	Mar 17
Andrew Kida	Mar 18

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Brigham Tubbs	Mar 01 1998 -- 22 years
Robert Holesinger	Mar 03 1997 -- 23 years
Ron Gutierrez	Mar 07 2011 -- 9 years
Gary Foster	Mar 29 1998 -- 22 years

COMMUNITY INFO DURING COVID-19

- **Do you have Facebook?** Check out [this group](#) which has all of the available restaurants you can order from in Clinton and still support local businesses!
- [QuaratinED for Iowa Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [City of Clinton](#)
- [Clinton Herald](#)
- [Community Action in Eastern Iowa](#)
- [Clinton County Emergency Management Agency, Iowa](#)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- [New coronavirus stable for hours on surfaces](#)
- [Coronavirus updates: Senate passes stimulus package](#)
- [Why Outbreaks like Coronavirus spread exponentially and how to Flatten the Curve](#)
- [Iowa Department of Health](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [Rotary International](#)
- [The President's Covid-19 Guidelines](#)

FIGHT SONG HAND WASHING

The guide consists of 13 numbered steps with illustrations and lyrics:

- The word is "Fight! Fight! Fight!"
- For Iowa
- Let every loyal Iowan sing
- The word is "Fight! Fight! Fight!"
- For Iowa
- Until the walls and rafters ring
- GO HAWKS!
- Come on and cheer, cheer, here
- For Iowa
- Come on and cheer
- Until you hear the final gun
- The word is "Fight! Fight! Fight!"
- Until the game is won!

RAYGUN helps you get your full 20 seconds in while maintaining school spirit!
IOWA EDITION

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

Club Board Meeting:

Board meetings are on the third Monday of every month. All members are welcome!

Rotary Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- Brian Wright: President
- Shannon Sander-Welzien: Pres.-Elect
- Christie Collins: President-Elect
- Jennifer Graf: Past-President
- Rod Cassidy: Scholarships
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Idell Klein: Community Service
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- 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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotarians have always been concerned about urban and community health, way before the dreadful Coronavirus necessitated a global emphasis on incessant hand washing. Through The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Rotarians have supported projects aimed at improving water purification, hygiene education, latrine construction and waste management all over the world. Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is a new project being undertaken by members of District 7910, comprising Rotary Clubs from Central Massachusetts and Metro West. Twenty-one volunteers are heading to Guatemala for a 7-day WASH mission on a project funded by a \$318,000 Global Grant from TRF. Twenty-three primary schools in nine communities in Guatemala will benefit from this global grant. The grant will provide a comprehensive hygiene and menstrual education for both students and teachers. In addition, the grant will fund wash stations, adequate toilets, bathrooms, and safe water for drinking and cooking school meals.

The WASH project in Guatemala is hosted by the Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala, with participation by Rotary Clubs in Canada and The United States; and with the collaboration of four Guatemalan organizations. Speaking about the project, the Past District Governor and Chair of the District 7910 Foundation Committee, Steve Sager, explained that "working on international service projects like this is one of the best aspects of belonging to Rotary...We come to help communities that seem disadvantaged by our standards, but we end up helping ourselves, making lifelong friends, and doing our part to make the world a better place."

Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than 1,000 WASH projects in more than 100 countries through its global grants.

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE RI PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

The COVID-19 coronavirus is affecting every aspect of our lives in real time, and this puts Rotarians in an unfamiliar place. As People of Action, we are most comfortable when we are fully engaged in the world – moving freely, meeting openly, and offering helping hands. These are very difficult times for people who, like us, are at our best when we are learning, growing, and serving—together.

We are also leaders in our communities, and these times call for leadership. In many ways, this also is our time. We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate to offer immediate help to people in need at a rapid pace. These are precisely the skills needed all over the world today. The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. Rotary has the unique ability to help improve those efforts in every community and every country.

Using all the technology we have at our disposal, we as Rotarians can continue to reach out and collaborate on big projects with Rotary clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. There are a number of examples where Rotary clubs are helping health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support that have been shared with our leaders around the world.

As Rotary's president and president-elect, we have been thinking of these issues very seriously in regard to upcoming Rotary events. As you may be aware, we have made the difficult decision to cancel two Rotary Presidential Conferences honoring our relationship with the United Nations- one in Paris, another in Rome. In the near term, we recommend that Rotary districts and clubs cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials.

We know that clubs and districts are seizing the opportunity to become leaders in their communities and are making better use of technology in this time of need. For example, a Rotary e-club in Italy held a live online session about COVID-19 awareness, a Taiwan club worked with companies and a pharmacy association to donate 1,600 bottles of hand sanitizer to the city of Ji-Long, and Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka helped upgrade software and hardware for the health promotion bureau to assist its social messaging.

We cannot know quite yet what path this virus will take. We know we can play a role to help “flatten the curve,” reducing the number of cases in the short term to allow our health systems to address this issue. If the collective global effort helps bring the situation under control, then we hope to re-embrace our core values at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu. Our time together will have greater meaning and purpose than ever.

Please know that we are taking a close, continuing look at our plans for the convention in June to make sure all attendees' safety will be protected. We are following the lead of the world's most trusted sources, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for their guidance. We want you to be able to make decisions about what is best for you and your families in terms of attending this year's event.

In the meantime, this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate that Rotary Connects the World in innovative ways. We should be closely following the advice of the WHO and local health authorities. Again, this includes canceling Rotary club events and meetings in the short term to reduce unnecessary interactions that could cause infections. We can put a greater emphasis on the work we do in our communities by helping our less fortunate neighbors cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or by supporting our health authorities to address this situation. We are dealing with this situation in real time. Please visit the [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) COVID-19 response page for ongoing updates. This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us.

But it is also an opportunity for Rotarians to find new, meaningful ways to lead individuals and communities to connect and do good in the world. We have never been prouder to be part of an organization that does so much to protect and strengthen our communities, at home and across the globe.

Kindest regards,
Mark Daniel Maloney
2019-2020, President, Rotary International

Holger Knaack
2020-2021, President, Rotary International