

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
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“How blessed it truly is, to stumble upon a soul that wants nothing but smiles and sunshine for you, for the rest of your life.”

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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!
- THANK YOU, ANDY GREENE, FOR STARTING THE FOOD-SHARING INITIATIVE WITH INFORMATION REFERRAL!
- WE NEED HELP WITH THE BOO BASH!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT WITH THE COMMITTEE. :)



In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago, under the leadership of Rotary International Founder Paul Harris, initiated the first Rotary public service project: creating a public comfort station (also known as a public toilet).

Rotary



KEY DATES

- MARCH 27: "GROW CLINTON UPDATE" WITH ANDY SOKOLOVICH
- APRIL 03: NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP
- APRIL 10: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING @ 10:45
- APRIL 10: BIG RIVER PACKAGING FEATURING KIP SIMPSON
- APRIL 17: KIMBERLY DICKEY WITH ROCK CREEK SOLAR, LLC
- APRIL 24: CHRIS STREETS WITH THE CLINTON AREA SHOWBOAT THEATRE

Check It Out!



Despite being severely affected by recent earthquakes, Rotaractors from all over Turkey came together to celebrate Rotaract Day by organizing an event for around 250 children in the tent cities of İskenderun and Kırıkhan. The day was filled with fun activities, including games, face painting, clowns, dances, balloons, and gifts. If you want to help those affected by the disaster in Turkey and Syria, you can donate to our Foundation's Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund.

Together, we can help. Donate:
<https://on.rotary.org/3yofhCathey>

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

MARCH 20: \$153

YTD TOTAL: \$5067

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$6,720

ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 1

IN-PERSON: 29

TOTAL FOR MARCH 20: 30

GUESTS:

- ADAM DETERS
- RUSH KELLY
- KARAT MICHELLE
- GRAHAM TIMION

YTD: 139

MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84



[Watch our meeting here](#)

Chad Hart, with Iowa State University, joined us on Monday and discussed the "Agriculture Outlook for 2023 and Beyond: The Good, The Bad, and The Mildly Amusing." Hart's visit with us came at the perfect time, as this week is National Ag Recognition Week! Hart is a Professor and Crop Marketing Specialist at Iowa State University.

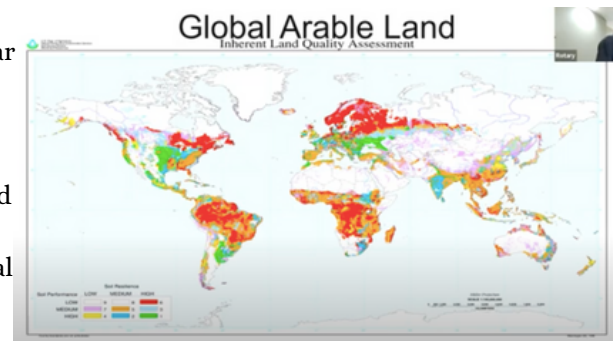
Hart began to talk about the U.S. Corn Supply and Use, including how ethanol biofuels "have grown to be a major portion of the way we utilize our crops" and how the use has risen in the last five years. Additionally, the export line on the graph he showed us is what was a huge focus. "When you think about what our sales to the international marketplace represent they are our most flexible source of demand. That's the demand that increases a lot when we have a big crop. It also is the one that shrinks the most when we have a smaller crop, so it is very flexible."

Hart further discussed the importance of economics and agriculture. "This General economic health, it's still in good shape but it's coming off these record highs we've seen over the past few years. In fact, if we look at the soybean market, the same thing has happened there.. that tends to happen when you look at the crop markets. In general, they all do tend to move together as we move forward in time." Hart asked the crowd, "How much of our U.S soybean crop leaves the country each and every year?" Hart explained that isn't half, so "when you think about all the soybeans that are growing out here across Eastern Iowa, literally half of them leave the country."

Furthermore, Hart explained how popular the sales of soybeans are throughout the world. "As soon as we're harvesting a bushel of beans out of the field, we've already sold roughly six to seven hundred million bushels to the rest of the world already. That tells you those International customers are coming in before we even harvest and making sure that they purchase some and get that back to their home countries. As we move through the year, you can see that those sales accumulate weekly over time. By the time we end the year, we typically export about 2 billion doses of soybeans, about half the U.S. crop. Most of those sales are made between Harvest Time and basically Valentine's Day."

Hart then stated that this map (pictured) is a map of soil quality around the world. "The colors indicate the productivity and the resilience of those soils. What I really wanted to concentrate on is you'll notice that sort of green color, when you look at the central U.S. That green color is indicating highly productive hydrogen soil so those are the best soils."

Thank you, Chad, for coming to our club and teaching us all about agriculture!



LOOKING FORWARD...

PROGRAMS

- MARCH 27: "GROW CLINTON UPDATE" WITH ANDY SOKOLOVICH
- APRIL 03: NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP
- APRIL 10: KIP SIMPSON OF BIG RIVER PACKAGING WILL SHARE HIS PASSION FOR MAKING THE WORLD'S PREMIER BOXES AND BIG RIVER PACKAGING.
- APRIL 17: KIMBERLY DICKEY OF ROCK CREEK SOLAR, LLC, WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROCK CREEK SOLAR PROJECT IN CAMANCHE, IA.
- APRIL 24: CHRIS STREETS WILL DISCUSS THE CLINTON AREA SHOWBOAT THEATRE.

INVOCATION

MARCH 27: JENNIFER GRAF

APRIL 03: ANDY GREEN
 APRIL 10: BILL GREENWALT
 APRIL 17: NORLAN HINKE
 APRIL 24: PAUL HOLMER

GREETER

MARCH 27: TOM DETERMANN

APRIL 03: CARRIE DONAIRE
 APRIL 10: JULIE DUNN
 APRIL 17: ANDY FERGURSON
 APRIL 24: GARY FOSTER



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

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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

WELCOME TO WEEK 3 OF RI'S MONTH OF WATER & SANITATION.

THE NEWS THIS WEEK IS FRESH FROM WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IN BOWLING GREEN, WHERE WKU SENIOR MOLLY PARKER ROBINSON OF BENTON WILL USE A \$50,000 ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP TO PURSUE DUAL MASTER'S DEGREES IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT. SHE WILL STUDY HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION AT SCIENCES PO IN PARIS, FRANCE AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM. THE DAUGHTER OF PAUL AND PAULA ROBINSON, THE NEW RF GLOBAL SCHOLAR WILL GRADUATE WITH MAJORS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ECONOMICS AND A MINOR IN NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION IN MAY 2023. SHE IS PURSUING A PHD IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THEN WORK FOR AN INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT. AN INTERNSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF KENTUCKY, A NONPROFIT THAT ENSURES SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR REFUGEES, ASYLEES, SURVIVORS OF WAR, AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS REBUILDING THEIR LIVES IN BOWLING GREEN, ENABLED ROBINSON TO DISCOVER A SENSE OF PURPOSE FOR HER PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY. "DURING MY TIME AT THE CENTER...I BECAME ENAMORED WITH THE IDEA THAT I COULD SPEND MY WHOLE CAREER MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE WAY THAT I HAD IN ONLY A FEW SHORT MONTHS AT THE CENTER."

THE ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT IS HELPING ROBINSON MAKE MORE POSSIBLE. TO APPLY, SHE SECURED ENDORSEMENT BY THE MARSHALL COUNTY ROTARY CLUB AND PREPARED SEVEN SHORT ESSAYS DETAILING HER PLANS FOR THE GRANT PERIOD AND HOW THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A CAREER OF HUMANITARIAN IMPACT, AS WELL AS THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. THEN, SHE PARTICIPATED IN A MOCK INTERVIEW FEATURING LOCAL SCHOLARS AND ROTARIANS THAT WAS ASSEMBLED BY THE OFFICE OF SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT. "I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING ROTARIANS WHO ARE BETTERING THEIR COMMUNITIES ALL OVER KENTUCKY," SAID ROBINSON. "I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS I MOVE INTO THE NEXT STEPS OF MY EDUCATION AND CAREER."

FOUNDATION MINUTE WISHES TRF'S NEWEST AWARDEE BON VOYAGE AND MUCH SUCCESS IN HER STUDIES!

(SOURCE: ROBINSON AWARDED ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IN FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM | WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (WKU.EDU))

IN ROTARY,

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