

# 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,  
RUSTY BARREL LOUNGE  
( 224 5TH AVE S, CLINTON, IA)

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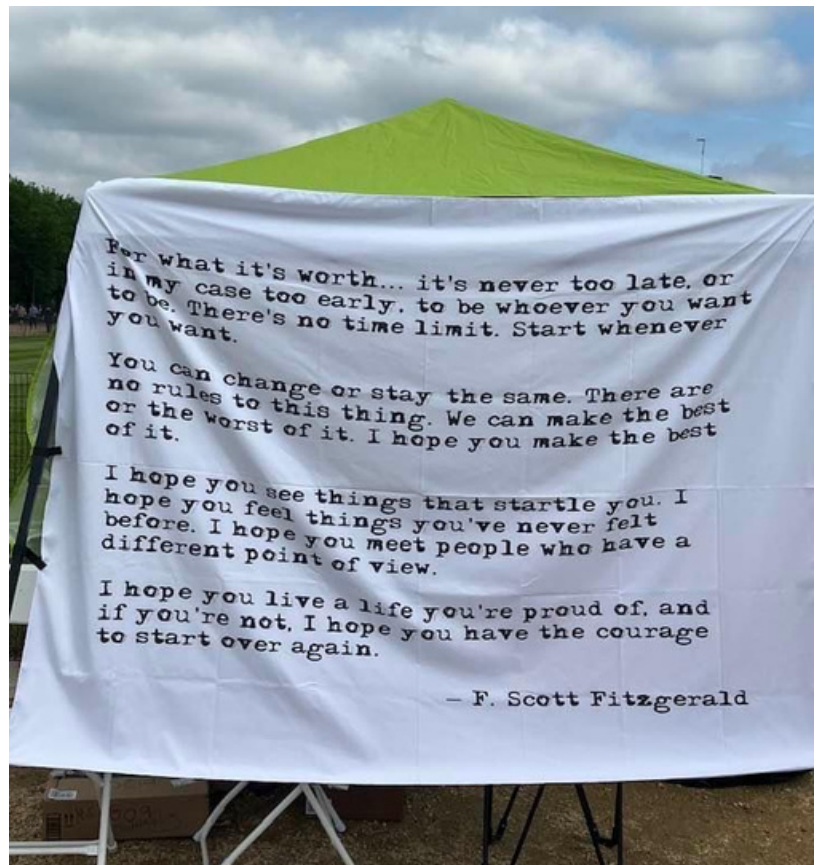
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- WE HAD A QUORUM THIS WEEK AND ELECTED ANDY GREEN AS THE PRESIDENT ELECT-ELECT (2025-2026)! CONGRATULATIONS, ROTARIANS, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR MEETING - WE'VE MISSED YOU ALL.
- TUESDAY, MAY 16 AT 3:30PM AT GROW CLINTON IS THE KICK OFF MEETING FOR THE BOO BASH COMMITTEE. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING ON THE COMMITTEE IS INVITED TO ATTEND. IF YOU ARE WANTING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMITTEE, AND CAN'T ATTEND, YOU CAN LET BRAYDON KNOW.
- PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PROGRAM CHAIRS SHOULD BE COLLECTING SPEAKER PHOTOS FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA! THANK YOU. :)
- SAVE THE DATE FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23 -- THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL SHOWBOAT NIGHT AND WE WILL BE SEEING MEL BROOKS' "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"
- JUNE 26 IS OUR ANNUAL NIGHT OUT AT THE LUMBERKINGS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR.



## KEY DATES

- MAY 08: TED TORNOW WITH THE LUMBERKINGS
- MAY 15: AN UPDATE FROM CLINTON COUNTY SHERRIFF BILL GREENWALT
- MAY 22: TBD
- MAY 29: HOLIDAY, NO MEETING

*Check It Out!*



**HAPPY STAR WARS DAY!**

-- PHOTO STOLEN OFF OF THE INTERNET, PLEASE DON'T SUE US.



# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

MAY 01: \$104  
YTD TOTAL: \$5803

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500  
TOTAL: \$7,303

### ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 4  
IN-PERSON: 31  
TOTAL FOR MAY 01: 35

### GUESTS:

- RYAN KELLER
  - OLEG ALBA
  - DEAN GIAMPOLA
  - KIMBERLY DICKEY
- YTD: 154

### MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84

### Rock Creek Solar, LLC

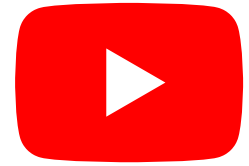


Kimberly Dickey, Ryan Keller, Oleg Alba, and Dean Giampola of Next Era Energy.

We had quite the meeting on Monday! Oleg Alba spoke to our club about the Clinton County Wind Project. The wind project has a team of Oleg Alba, Dean Giampola, and Tim Cargill. Additionally, Kimberly Dickey joined us and discussed what Rock Creek Solar is doing in the area.

Oleg Alba started off the presentation and discussed what the Clinton County Wind Project through NextEra Energy consists of. NextEra Energy is "the largest developer of both renewable energy, both wind and sun, in the world." It was established in 1925 and they've invested almost 100 billion dollars in U.S infrastructure since their conception. NextEra Energy has been partnered up with Iowa since 1999, with thirteen projects in operation, and proudly employs local Iowans as wind technicians. NextEra Energy is hoping to build between 250 megawatts, which is between 80 and 90 wind turbines in Iowa. Clinton County will benefit from this, with approximately \$25 million in tax revenue, over 300\_ jobs during construction, and farm income diversification and stability.

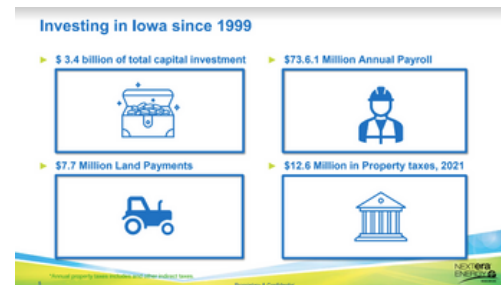
Kim took over the presentation and discussed Rock Creek Solar, LLC. Rock Creek Solar, LLC is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER). The Rock Creek Solar project is an innovative solar project proposed for the City of Camanche and Clinton County, Iowa that will have a capacity of up to 150 megawatts of clean, renewable, American-made solar energy. The Rock Creek Solar project is more than solar panels — it represents a significant capital investment in Iowa. Once operational, it will create good-paying jobs and millions in additional revenue for the local community. Dickey stated, "There are tax revenues that are associated with this project -- those tax revenues staying largely local...I believe we have a chance to look through that you'll see that the majority of the tax revenue over 30 years are going to go directly to schools, which is great." Dickey stated that revenue goes to other agencies, such as road improvements, Veteran Associations, local cemeteries and other entities within the community. Thank you, NEER and Rock Creek Solar for presenting to our club!



**Watch our meeting here**

**To review the presentation from Rock Creek Solar, please click HERE.**

**To review the presentation from Next Era Energy, please click HERE.**



# LOOKING FORWARD...

## PROGRAMS

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- MAY 15: AN UPDATE FROM CLINTON COUNTY SHERRIFF BILL GREENWALT
- MAY 22: TBD
- MAY 29: HOLIDAY
- JUNE 26: PASSING OF THE GAVEL @ THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS

## INVOCATION

MAY 08: ANDREW KIDA  
 MAY 15: RICH KLAHN  
 MAY 22: DENNIS LAUVER  
 MAY 29: HOLIDAY

## GREETER

MAY 08: JOHN FREY  
 MAY 15: JENNIFER GRAF  
 MAY 22: ANDY GREEN  
 MAY 29: HOLIDAY



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON  
 JUNE: JILL O'NEILL

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: ANDY SOKOLOVICH & ANDY GREEN  
 JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



## Celebrations

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- PETE CLAUSEN MAY 5
- BRAYDON ROBERTS MAY 11
- GARY DELACY MAY 12

*Happy everything*

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

- G. WYLIE PILLERS
  - 43 YEARS; MAY 01 1980
- MARY SWANSON
  - 24 YEARS; MAY 03 1999
- ELIZABETH SRP
  - 6 YEARS; MAY 08 2017
- LEATHA MELTON
  - 1 YEAR; MAY 24 2022
- GRANT MELTON
  - 1 YEAR; MAY 30 2022

## 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

IT'S WEEK ONE OF RI'S YOUTH SERVICE MONTH.

AT THE ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 CONFERENCE, HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AND A ROTARIAN FROM DISTRICT 5970 WOULD DEPART IN A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE, ON A GOODWILL MISSION-TRIP AROUND THE WORLD AIMED AT RAISING NOT JUST AWARENESS OF, BUT FUNDS FOR POLIO PLUS. IN A MASSIVE PLAN THAT WOULD SEE THESE TWO ROTARIANS FLYING ON BEHALF OF TRF TO MAINE, NEWFOUNDLAND, GREENLAND, ICELAND, EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, INDIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, AUSTRALIA, THE SOUTH PACIFIC, HAWAII, CALIFORNIA AND DENVER, BEFORE RETURNING TO CEDAR RAPIDS AROUND MID-JULY, THE SEASONED PILOTS WOULD HAVE COVERED MORE THAN 19,000 MILES, MADE 33 LANDINGS IN 25 COUNTRIES AND AN ESTIMATED 135 IN-FLIGHT HOURS.

THIS TWOFOLD JOURNEY, FLYING OUT IN A 1977 CESSNA T210M SINGLE-ENGINE AIRPLANE AT 9 A.M. MAY 5 FROM THE EASTERN IOWA AIRPORT, INTENDS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND \$1 MILLION FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S THREE-DECADE QUEST TO ERADICATE POLIO. THE GATES FOUNDATION IS ADDING A 2-FOR-1 DOLLAR MATCH TOWARD REACHING THAT GOAL. THE TWO PILOTS ARE PAYING FOR THE FLIGHT OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS AND HAVE SOME EQUIPMENT GRANTS, SO ALL MONEY DONATED BY THE PUBLIC WILL GO TO THE ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL POLIO INITIATIVE. PETER TEAHEN, 69, OF ROBINS, AND JOHN OCKENFELS, 70, OF SHUEYVILLE, ALSO WILL JOIN THE ROSTER OF THE 700 PILOTS WHO HAVE FLOWN AROUND THE WORLD IN A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE. OF THOSE DARING PILOTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF AVIATION, 300 ARE ALIVE TODAY.

AU REVOIR, ROTARIANS TEAHEN AND OCKENFELS!

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IN ROTARY,

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