

# 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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*That which does not kill us makes us stronger.*

—Friedrich Nietzsche (and Kelly Clarkson)

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

- WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO \*ASSIST\* JOSH THE OTTER AT OUR SCHOOLS!
- 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 15: AN UPDATE FROM CLINTON COUNTY SHERRIFF BILL GREENWALT
- MAY 22: TAMARA JETTER TO SPEAK ON JUNETEENTH EVENTS AND THE VINCE JETTER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS.
- MAY 31: HOLIDAY
- JUNE 05: GREG SUKOW, ALSO KNOWN AS "HAWKEYE ELVIS" WILL PRESENT HIS EXPERIENCES DRESSING UP AS ELVIS

## Check It Out!



ABOVE IS A PICTURE FROM THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE EARLIER THIS MONTH, WITH SUSIE AND NORLAN!

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

MAY 08: \$ 115  
YTD TOTAL: \$5918

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO FOUNDATIONS YTD: \$1,500  
TOTAL: \$7,418

### ATTENDANCE:

ONLINE: 2  
IN-PERSON: 30  
TOTAL FOR MAY 08: 32

### GUESTS:

- ANDRES TEJEDA
- TED TORNOW

YTD: 156

### MEMBERS:

- CURRENT MEMBERS: 77
- MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 84

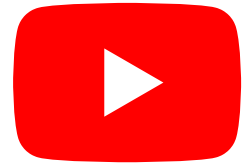


Clinton Lumberkings' General Manager, Ted Tornow, and Broadcaster Andres Tejada presented to our club earlier this week, discussing new updates for the Clinton Lumberkings. Tornow has been General Manager of the Clinton Lumberkings for 25 years and spoke to us about the club transitioning to the Prospect League and their continued success through the years. Tornow stated, "That's really the secret of success because there is no one owner." Andres Tejada addressed our club and discussed his background and what he does within the Lumberkings. Tejada was a journalism major in college and knew he wanted to work within the sports industry. He was at the University of Saint Thomas and that's where he started his broadcasting career. Tejada transitioned into the professional sports world and worked with the Minnesota Twins Network, which is where "I kind of really saw this really becoming a dream come true as if I was really at the major league level so I got to interview players and got to work with them, and from there, I really like really thought 'Let's go all in.'"

Tejada continued a discussion on the players, which where he touched on many players who have moved up into Major League teams. He mentioned that we (the Clinton Lumberkings) aren't just known within the Midwest, or even the United States, but also World-Wide.

A question was asked about if the players are paid a stipend, to which Tornow explained that they have to house and feed the players. Tornow joked, "If you know anything about young men, Andres talked about cattle. Just imagine the feed truck we have at those games!"

Thank you, Ted and Andres, for speaking to our club and GO LUMBERKINGS!!!!!!!!!!!!



Watch our meeting  
here



# LOOKING FORWARD...

## PROGRAMS

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- **JUNE 26:** PASSING OF THE GAVEL @ THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS

## INVOCATION

MAY 15: RICH KLAHN  
 MAY 22: DENNIS LAUVER  
 MAY 29: HOLIDAY

## GREETER

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

WELCOME TO WEEK 2 OF RI'S MONTH OF YOUTH SERVICE.

DRIVING THROUGH THE LUSH GREEN FIELDS IN THE VILLAGES OF KRISHNAGIRI, ABOUT 270KM FROM CHENNAI, IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, THESE WERE BARREN PATCHES, WHERE THE FARMERS WERE STRUGGLING WITH INSUFFICIENT WATER TO RAISE THEIR CROPS. BUT TODAY, THANKS TO A GLOBAL GRANT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RC MADRAS COROMANDEL, RID 3232, RC STAVANGER INTERNATIONAL, NORWAY, AND TRF, THIS IS A VERDANT OASIS WITH LUSH PADDY FIELDS NOURISHED BY ABUNDANT WATER RESOURCES. THIS PARTNERSHIP HAS RESULTED IN A WATERSHED AND INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THESE VILLAGES WITH HELP FROM NABARD (NATIONAL BANK OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT) AND NAF (NATIONAL AGRO FOUNDATION) .

THE TOTAL GRANT VALUE WAS ₹1.25 CRORE (\$189,142 ) AND NABARD'S CONTRIBUTION WAS ₹1.15 CRORE. IT HAS BENEFITTED 15,000 VILLAGERS IN ABOUT 2,800 HOUSEHOLDS, SAYS PROJECT CHAIRMAN G BALASUBRAHMNIAM (BALA). THE WATERSHED WORK INCLUDED TWO MASONRY CHECK DAMS, 21 LOOSE BOULDER CHECK DAMS, 6,000 SUNKEN AND PERCOLATION PONDS, 4,300 FARM PONDS AND 1,000 WATER ABSORPTION TRENCHES. OVER 10,000 TREES WERE PLANTED TO PREVENT SOIL EROSION. THIS AREA HAS NOW BECOME A SYMBOL OF HOPE, OVERFLOWING WITH LIFE AND VITALITY. IT IS A TESTAMENT TO WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED WHEN PEOPLE COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL.

IN ROTARY,

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