

# The Rotary Club of Clinton

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING LOCATION

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
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# CLUB UPDATES

## ...from our President

- **There will be no meeting next Monday, in honor of Memorial Day! Please stay safe, friends. <3**
- **Individual Contributions to the Food Bank of Iowa, River Bend Food Bank or to the Club Foundation to support efforts to relieve food insecurity are very welcome.**
- **Click [HERE](#) to get your Absentee Ballot by mail for our June 2 Primary Elections!**



**Rotary continues to serve our community by donating to Information and Referral Services and helping those with food insecurities.**

**Featured: Rotary Club President, Brian Wright, IRS Director Regan Michaelson and Rotary Club Treasurer, Dale Dalton.**



# THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP

We had the pleasure of having Ted Tornow, General Manager of the Clinton Lumberkings present to us, who has been in this position for the last twenty-two years. Under normal circumstances, Tornow would be discussing the baseball season and the players, the wins they've had and the challenges they've overcome.

This year, however -- it's a different story.

Right now, the Clinton Lumberkings are facing considerable challenges due to COVID-19, where the Major League Baseball Association has restricted baseball from being played, as well as having the possibility of the MLB eliminate the Lumberkings from Minor League Baseball.

Though we can't go to NelsonCorp Field and root, root, root for the home team, Tornow and Lumberkings staff have started doing curbside concessions every Thursday. Tornow stated that they're in survival mode right now, waiting for the MLB to tell the Lumberkings when they can start to do what they do best - play ball. If the Lumberkings are playing, they have legs to survive. "I would love to say we can have some baseball in July...but there's no guarantee of that."

The threat of the elimination of the Clinton Lumberkings is genuine, despite the drastic economical impact they bring, with around 6.5 million dollars in revenue, not to mention the adventures and entertainment they bring to the Clinton area.

Ultimately, the only way we have a hope of changing this situation is to advocate for the Lumberkings by reaching out to our legislation. Tornow passionately stated: "Our power is in our voice and our actions...to reach out to Senators Grassley, Ernst, and Loeb sack, and say, 'Hey, we love our team here. It's an economic driver, it's a quality of life issue.' And they're the only ones that can stop them."

Please reach out to your legislation by phone, email, or letter and voice your opinion. Tornow urged us: "Share a story. Share what it means to you! Share what our club means to or what even another minor league club means to you...the only people that will put the hammer down on Major League Baseball are going to be the people that gave them the power to start with and that's our U.S. House of Representatives and our U.S. Senators."

Tornow summed up the presentation by stating, "I'm just crazy enough not to say 'Uncle.' I'm not going to give up. I'm not going to give up one bit. I can assure you that."

**On that note, please see page 4 for how to contact our Legislation to urge them to contact MLB about how vital the Lumberkings are!!**

**\*\*\* Please forward any response you receive to Ted (tedtornow@lumberkings.com). That way, we know what the people in DC are telling people that are emailing them about the Lumberkings.**

To order curbside concessions on Thursdays from the Lumberkings, you can access their website by clicking [HERE](#) or calling (563) 242-0727 ext #1. Some souvenirs are also available for purchase.

To view our meeting, please go to our website (www.rotaryclubofclinton.com), click on "E-Meets" (last on the menu line). Make sure you log into your Clubrunner account.



## WEEKLY STATS

### FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

### ATTENDANCE:

May 18: 31

May 11: 25

May 4: 23

### GUESTS:

- Ted Tornow
- Erna Morain

Guests YTD: 233

### MEMBERSHIP:

- New Member: Danny Thomas
- Current Members: 81
- Membership goal: 95

### BIRTHDAYS:

Pete Clausen	May 05
Rita Hart	May 05
Margo Hansen	May 08
Lori Freudenberg	May 10
Braydon Roberts	May 11
Gary DeLacy	May 12
Tim Wright	May 12

### ROTARY

### ANNIVERSARIES:

G. Wylie Pillers	May 01 1980 - 40 years
Mary Swanson	May 03 1999 - 21 years
Elizabeth Srp	May 08 2017 - 3 years
Idell Klein	May 12 2014 - 6 years
Tim Wright	May 14 2010 - 10 years

# THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP, CONT.

## LEGISLATION CONTACTS

### IOWA

#### Senator Grassley staff point of contact -

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135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1501  
Phone 202-224-3744

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United States Senate  
730 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
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#### Congressman Loebsack staff point of contact -

eric.witte@mail.house.gov  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1211 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1502  
Phone 202-225-6576

#### Governor Reynolds staff point of contact -

logan.shine@iowa.gov  
State Capitol  
1007 East Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Phone: 515-281-5211

### ILLINOIS

#### Senator Richard Durbin staff point of contact -

pat\_souders@durbin.senate.gov  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1304  
Phone 202-224-2152

#### Senator Tammy Duckworth staff point of contact -

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United States Senate  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
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#### Congresswoman Cheri Bustos staff point of contact -

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515-1317  
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# FOUNDATION MINUTE

## Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary's Month of Youth Service

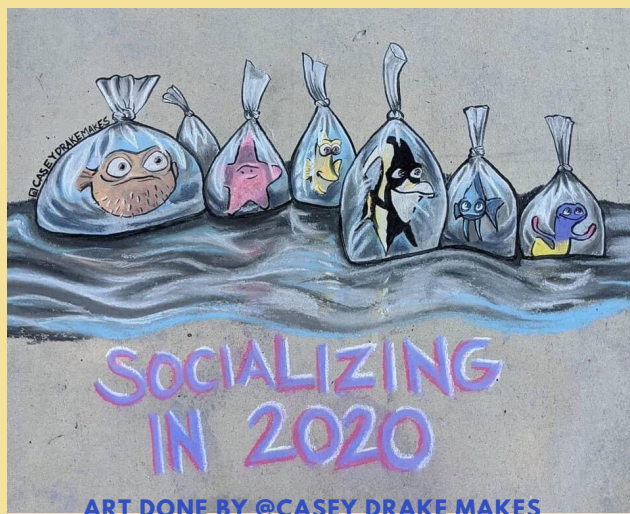
Most of the activities that Rotary districts and their clubs worldwide are currently engaged in are center on responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. Rotary International, in response to the ravaging impacts of this virus on the lives of the people world-wide, through its charitable agency, The Rotary Foundation, created the Disaster Response Fund. This fund, with limited financing by TRF, is designed to help districts around the world respond to disasters. Funds were made available and applications were accepted from many of the 535 Rotary districts as well as many of the nearly 35,000 clubs worldwide. Shortly after the funds were made available the funds were exhausted. Below are two great stories of how a district and some its clubs have made a difference.

The Rotary Club of La Crosse (WI), District 6250, received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief Grant from TRF to be donated to the Hunger Task Force's "Together We Can" Drive-thru Food Drive at the Valley View Mall. The district added a sum of \$2,000 to the grant, which will be split among organizations catering to local needs. The New Horizon's Food Pantry, Gateway Council Boys Scouts Camp Subsidies, YMCA Youth activities are among the beneficiaries.

The six Chippewa Valley Rotary Clubs, (WI) District 6250, also received a \$4,200 Disaster Relief Grant from TRF. In addition to the grant from TRF, the clubs have donated \$2,500 in relief funds which provides a total of \$6,700. All funds will be donated to two different organizations providing Covid-19 relief in the Chippewa Valley. Assistant Governor Michael Kloss stated that the clubs understand the difficulties and hardships caused by the pandemic, adding "I hope that our help, through the support of Rotary International (The Rotary Foundation), will ease the pain for some and foster others more fortunate to help in any way they can."

**"We have to be open to new approaches and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution...We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."** Rotary International President-elect, Holger Knaack.

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



## 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?

### Rotary Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

- Brian Wright: President
- Shannon Sander-Welzien: Pres.-Elect
- Christie Collins: President-Elect
- Jennifer Graf: Past-President
- Douglas Harridge
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Idell Klein: Community Service
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Braydon Roberts: Scholarships
- Mark Rutenbeck\*: Paul Harris Foundation
- 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

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



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**MAY:** MARY CONNELL AND DALE DALTON

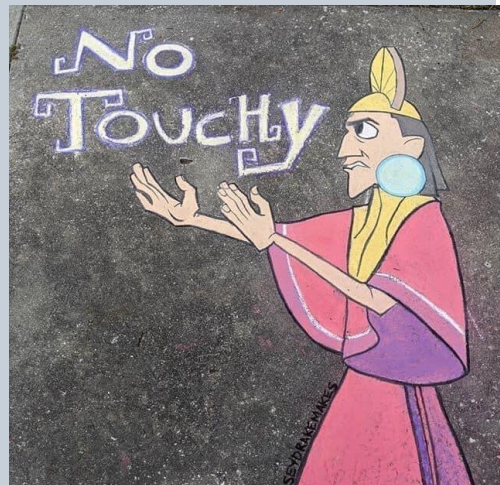
**JUNE:** DOUG HARRIDGE AND JILL O'NEILL

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

**MAY:** JENNIFER GRAF

**JUNE:** OPEN

WATCH OUT FOR A  
SIGN-UP FOR  
PROGRAMS AND  
FELLOWSHIP FOR  
NEXT YEAR...COMING  
SOON!



# LOOKING FORWARD

**MONDAY, MAY 25: NO MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 1:** DR. GEORGE P. BELITSOS, YSS FOUNDER AND CEO EMERITUS CHAIR, IOWA NETWORK AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

**MONDAY, JUNE 8:** KRISTIN HUISENGA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLINTON SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL



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## COMMUNITY INFO DURING COVID-19.

- A confidential, free resource answered 24 hours a day/ 7 days per week. Language interpretation available. Dial 711 for TTY/TDD. [Click HERE for the YouTube Promo.](#)
- [Click HERE to get your Absentee Ballot by mail for our June 2 Primary Elections!](#)
- [Test Iowa](#)
- [BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA JOIN CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR VIRTUAL STORYTIME](#)
- [Watch "Some Good News" on YouTube](#)

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG



## 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

