

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
MAY 27, 2024

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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WHATEVER YOU
DECIDE TO DO
IN LIFE, MAKE
SURE IT MAKES YOU

happy



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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

Can you help with the Boo Bash??? Please reach out to Carrie, Sabrina, or Heather and make some spooky plans happen!

Thank you,
Rotarians for
volunteering with
Josh the Otter!



Key Dates

- **May 27: NO MEETING**
- **June 03: Jenna Stevens, AG for Classroom Consultant for Clinton and Jackson Counties, and students will be joining us to discuss their Children's Book**
- **June 10: Chris Streets and James Kyle Davis present about the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre**

Check It Out!

 The Rotary Club of Clinton
proudly presents
Boo Bash
Friday, October 25
Vista Grande
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Save the Date for our Boo Bash!!!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 2

In-person: 23

Total for May 20: 25

GUESTS:

- **Angela Boelens**
YTD: 209

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

May 20 Meeting: \$264
YTD: \$7,452.00

Foundation:
YTD \$3,006.00

MEMBERS:

- **Current Members: 65**
- **Membership Goal: 84**



ANGELA BOELENS

Angela Boelens with Iowa Nice presented to our club on Monday. Boelens visited us last year and discussed Iowa Nice. Boelens is the founder and president of IA NICE (Iowa Newcomer Integration Community & Exchange), a non-profit agency supporting Ukrainian refugee families seeking humanitarian parole with resettlement and integration into local Iowa communities. IA NICE, a 501c3, also provides guidance and necessary resources to community members and sponsors as they support newcomer families in rebuilding their lives in Iowa. Boelens lives in DeWitt, Iowa, and is a professor in the business administration department at Augustana College.

Boelens gave us a brief explanation of the conflict and how it started, back in 2014, with the covert invasion of the Ukrainian Republic of Crimea by Russians and local proxy forces. With little disruption from the international community, Russia seized territory in Ukraine's Donbas region. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022, when Russia's forces crossed the border into Ukraine and began attacking locations across the country.

Boelens described how IA Nice was formed, from her initial idea to receiving funding from 21 investors who were willing to invest \$20,000 each, for a little over \$400,000. Their intent is to help successfully sponsored and assist Ukrainian refugee families [newcomers] with entry into the United States and integration into our beautiful state. The committee stands ready to subsidize the newcomers for up to 120 days. "All of them so far have become self-sufficient by 90 days." Boelens stated, "I really, truly don't think the term or the idea, the concept of 'Iowa Nice' is dead. It's alive and well. In fact, I think there's more generosity than any of us realize. My title is president but I tell you, I am the coordinator of generosity and it's incredible generosity. Every time that we've ever needed anything, the community steps up." Finally, Boelens stressed that they model the "welcome and celebrate" idea, as opposed to the "accept and overcome" philosophy. "Welcome them with open arms and smiles. Celebrate. Celebrate the differences," she explained. Boelens has stated that she is "desperate" for legal sponsors. If you know of anyone who can help, please contact her as soon as possible!



[WATCH
OUR
MEETING
HERE](#)



WEBSITE: [IA NICE](#)

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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- **June 17: TBD**
- **June 24: Update on MercyOne Clinton Medical Center by Mellissa Wood, COO MercyOne Clinton Medical Center.**



INVOCATION

May 27: NO MEETING

June 03: Braydon Roberts

June 10: Dave Rose

June 17: Mark Rutenbeck

June 24: Shannon Sander-Welzien

GREETER

May 27: NO MEETING

June 03: Cheryl Frey

June 10: John Frey

June 17: Sam Genson

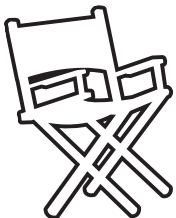
June 24: Jennifer Graf



PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: DOUG BERTRAND

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: ANDREW KIDA

JUNE: NORLAN HINKE



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| • Pete Clausen | May 05 |
| • Braydon Roberts | May 11 |
| • Gary DeLacy | May 12 |
| • Gary Foster | June 03 |
| • Lynn McGraw | June 05 |
| • Paula Steward | June 06 |
| • Ray Gimenez | June 18 |
| • Shannon Sander-Welzien | June 21 |
| • Luke Duenser | June 27 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Mary Swanson
 - 25 years; May 03 1999
- Ruty Rutenbeck
 - 35 years; June 01, 1989
- David Pillers
 - 12 years; June 25, 2012
- Carrie Donaire
 - 11 years; June 17, 2013
- Heather Farwell
 - 1 year; June 02, 2023

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

R.I. ADMIN

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 2023-2024

- Braydon Roberts: President
- Carrie Donaire: President-Elect
- Andrew Green: President-Elect-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Andrew Kida: Past President
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- Gary Foster*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

- Jim Bruhn*
- Dale Dalton*
- Jennifer Graf*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Lynn McGraw
- Sue Watkins
- Paul Holmer*
- Andy Fergurson

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Franciscan Peace Center is experimenting with new programming, offered completely on a virtual platform.

The series is called "Movies that Matter - Informing Your Vote."

Click HERE to read an article from Our Quad Cities.

Check out these amazing programs that our community can enjoy!

The District 6000 PolioPlus Society was introduced at the 2022 All Iowa Rotary Conference where we had over 50 Rotarians pledge at least \$100 per year. Those committed supporters have grown to over 125 members and we have set a goal to have at least 200 by the end of this Rotary year. Please consider joining us in the last stretch of this fight against Polio. Visit our website [HERE](#) to sign up. You can even add PolioPlus to automatic giving [HERE](#). Fill out the attached membership form and send it to PDG Susan Herrick at 703 14th Street, Boone, IA 50036 to join the District 6000 PolioPlus Society. Thank you for helping us keep children of the world safe!