

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MEETING LOCATION

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CLUB UPDATES

...from our President

- **Don't forget - Meeting information is on page 5 under "Looking Forward," on our website under "E-Meets" and will be emailed to you on Monday at 10am.**
- **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.**
- **Be a Paul Harris Sponsor! Contact Jill O'Neill for more information!**
- **Click [HERE](#) to get your Absentee Ballot by mail for our June 2 Primary Elections!**

If You Read Nothing
Else... *Read this!*

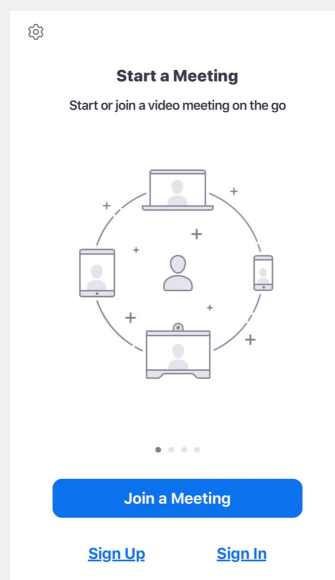


We need your help!!!

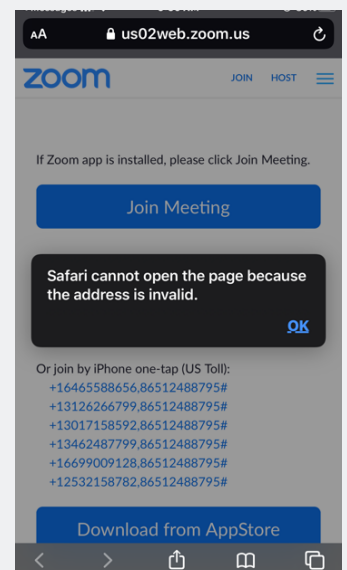
We want to know what **YOU think about...OUR Rotary Club! We will be sending you a survey link soon to get an idea of what **YOU** want from our club!**

Zoom Tips and Tricks

Did you know Zoom has an app? Download it on your smartphone and use it to log in to our meetings! All you have to do is click on the URL provided with each meeting and it will automatically connect you to our meeting. Once connected on the app, you can swipe right to control your volume/mute yourself.



Did you click on the link and get a website saying the website cannot open the page because the address is invalid? That's not a problem -- you can either download the app or click the phone number to dial in. (See picture to the right.)



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Good schools, with all the necessary conditions in place to foster effective learning and intellectual development of future leaders, are usually the privilege of the rich and famous in developing countries. On the other hand, public or government operated schools are the usual lot of underprivileged children from very poor homes. Their schools are generally dilapidated, with leaky roofs, non-functioning labs, and horrible or non-existing toilets. To alleviate this inequity, **The Rotary Foundation** takes action by empowering educators to inspire learning at all ages. Its goal is to “strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy.”

Rajkot, India to Mount Pleasant, Iowa is some 7,915 miles. Such distances have never been a good reason for Rotarians to not respond to the needs of their fellow human beings. And when that need falls within the mission of TRF, then amazing things are bound to happen.

Insufficient learning in basic English and Math in 96 government-run primary schools in the Indian city of Rajkot was what propelled Rotarians in far away Southeastern Iowa to collaborate with the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown (District 3060) on a Global Grant. The result is 8 E-Learning Centers for Excellence costing 6,675,394.06 INR (US\$87,510). Each Learning Center goal is to increase English and math proficiency of no less than 3,094 students. Each of the 8 centers is equipped with 30 laptops, several CCTVs, routers, a server, headphones, software and educational content library.

Calvin Litwiller (PDG, D6000) and member of Mt. Pleasant (Evening) Rotary led the team of 4 D6000 clubs - Rotary Clubs of Fairfield, Burlington, Mount Pleasant Noon and Mt. Pleasant (Evening) in coordinating and applying for district DDF. In a phone interview, Litwiller expressed his satisfaction with the overall success of the grant, adding, “when you look at the end result, and the impact we can make as Rotarians, you are bound to feel good for the things we do.”

“If we train our youth properly, we need not have any fear as to the future of the world.” — Inaugural Address, 1949 Rotary Convention, New York, New York, USA

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.

WEEKLY STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

YTD \$7,045.00

ATTENDANCE:

April 27: 28

April 20: 27

GUESTS:

Scott Maddason,
G/O Jennifer Graf

Guests YTD: 230

MEMBERSHIP:

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

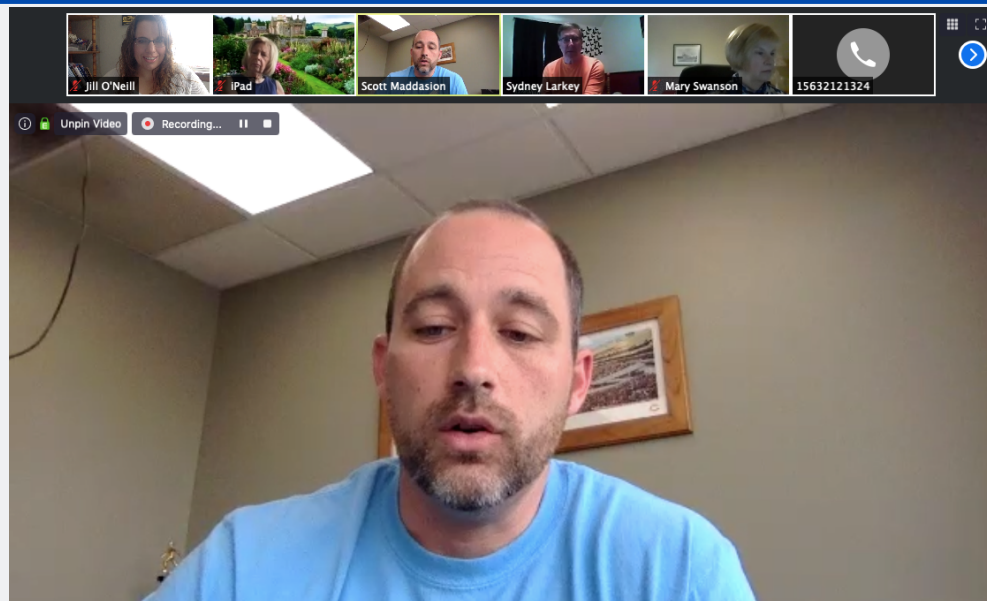
BIRTHDAYS:

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



This past Monday, we had the privilege of meeting with the City of Clinton Mayor, Scott Maddason, who gave us a brief rundown of how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected Clinton. Just minutes before our meeting, Governor Kim Reynolds had given the announcement that on May 1, some areas of the state would be able to open up with 50% capacity for restaurants and gyms. Maddason began our meeting by stating, "It's been an interesting time...We've had to make some tough decisions about personnel - who is essential, who is not essential. Our biggest focus was that we wanted to make sure that we were providing the same level of service to our citizens before this pandemic started."

Maddason indicated that he wants people to have a voice and he welcomes people emailing him. "I have responded to every single person...that's really nice to see that people are engaged and they actually pay attention and they care about the community."

Maddason, who has been in contact with Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds, spoke about his weekly COVID briefings, which can be accessed by the City's YouTube page. They've had special guest speakers, including our fellow Rotarian, Clinton School District Superintendent, Gary DeLacy. While no other restrictions have been placed on Clinton during this time, Maddason is asking Clintonians to keep their masks on when in public, especially those who are front line workers. (See page 5 for more information on what you can do for Clinton!)

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. Once you log in, you can access our meeting. After you've watched, fill out the form below to get credit for watching our meeting!

PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: MARY CONNELL AND DALE DALTON

JUNE: DOUG HARRIDGE AND JILL O'NEILL

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: JENNIFER GRAF

JUNE: OPEN

LOOKING FORWARD

MONDAY, MAY 4: MICHELLE CULLEN, COMMUNITY HEALTH MANAGER FROM GENESIS

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Rotary Meeting 05/04/2020

Time: May 4, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85001189195pwd=MXVBQU9KKzBRSmxVSWdQaGxCVm5uZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 0118 9195

Password: 070345

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,85001189195#,,1#,070345# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 850 0118 9195

Password: 070345

Read about Zoom Tips and Tricks on page 2!

**DID YOU SAY IT?
'I LOVE YOU.'
I DON'T EVER WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
YOU CHANGED MY LIFE.'
DID YOU SAY IT?
MAKE A PLAN. SET A GOAL. WORK TOWARD IT.
BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN, LOOK AROUND; DRINK IT IN 'CAUSE THIS IS IT.
IT MIGHT ALL BE GONE TOMORROW."**

Meredith Grey



**Want to do more for the City of Clinton?
Read below on ways we can help our city,
from Mayor Scott!**

- Please remember you can still fill out the Census information! Go to 2020Census.gov to fill out your information and PLEASE share this information with your family, friends, employees, neighbors, etc!
- Want to help out locally? Mayor Scott supports the [Clinton County Community Recovery Fund](#) which keeps all money LOCAL and assists people in Rental Assistance, Utility Payments, Housing Assistance, and Food and Basic Necessity Assistance. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Rita Hart

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Q: What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

A: I am a singer. I have sung at hundreds of weddings, funerals, and other events.

Q: What's the last book you read?

A: I'm currently reading *The Splendid and the Vile*, a fascinating biography of Winston Churchill.

Q: You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why?

A: I'd be "Rita Red" - A bright red with blue undertones. Red has always been my favorite color.

Q: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Probably a peanut butter sandwich.

Q: How long have you been a member of the Rotary Club of Clinton?

A: About a year. Just long enough to appreciate what a great group this is!

Q: Why did you join Rotary?

A: I have attended many Rotary meetings as an elected official, and when I accepted the position with CIEG in Clinton I was thrilled to join as a community member.

Q: Why did you join Rotary?

A: I made a decision shortly after joining Rotary Club to run for Congress here in Iowa's second congressional district. That meant that I needed to resign from my job at CIEG in order to devote time to the campaign. My husband and I own and operate a farm in western Clinton County.

Q: What do you love most about your job?

A: No matter what job I have held (teacher, community liaison, state senator, farmer) I always love meeting new people and working with them to achieve common goals.

Q: If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?

A: I would love to chat with Angela Merkel. Her ability to serve as the first female chancellor in her country of Germany for the last fifteen years has given her a world of successful and impressive experience.

Q: You've been given an elephant. You can't give it away or sell it. What would you do with the elephant?

A: Well we'd have to plant some food for the elephant - I can't have her eating the corn and soybeans! But then she'd help with the farm chores and hang outside with our dog, Buck.

I am **inspired** daily by those around me. Ordinary people are constantly doing **extraordinary** things that inspire me to make the world a better place.

Q: Who would win a fight between Spiderman and Batman?

A: Batman. He has more resources.

Q: How do you define success?

A: Success is knowing you work as hard as you possibly can to do your absolute best with a purpose beyond your own benefit.

Q: A penguin walks through that door right now wearing a sombrero. What does he say and why is he here?

A: He escaped from whomever put that sombrero on him and is asking me to get him into an ice bath! His name is Walter and he's very nice, but I've got to get him home now!

Q: What's your favorite '90s jam?

A: Believe by Cher

Thanks for letting us get to know you, Rita!

COMMUNITY INFO DURING COVID-19

As Iowans deal with disruptions to their families and communities, these resources provide information to help you cope with concerns about healthy eating, relationships, mental health and wellbeing, personal finance, food safety, and nutrition and wellness.

Iowa Concern - 1-800-447-1985

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.](#)

- Be Apart of the Clinton Birthday Parades! Click [HERE](#) for more information
- [Click HERE to get your Absentee Ballot by mail for our June 2 Primary Elections!](#)
- [Be Aware of COVID Scams](#)
- [Online AA Meetings during COVID](#)
- Check out [this group](#) of restaurants in Clinton that are available for ordering from!

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Test Iowa](#)
- [Iowa Love](#)
- [Oprah to headline Facebook, Instagram graduation event](#)
- [Tom Hanks sends letter to boy named Corona](#)
- [Watch "Some Good News" on YouTube](#)

1-800-273-TALK (8255) [SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG](https://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



On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day.

This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"