

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



#RotaryFacts

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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

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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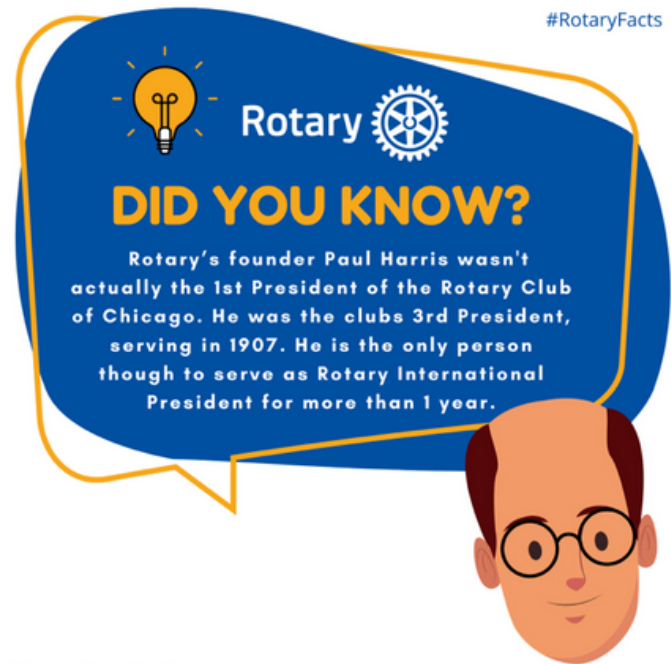
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NEW



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

- **Donate a bottle of alcohol for our booze raffle! All bottles must be identified with an Iowa deposit. Bring to Rotary or call Andrew Kida for pick up! We received 14 so far (last year, we had 50)...so keep on donating!**



- **It's time to sign up for tickets for the Boo Bash!!! Please do not sign up as a bidder.**



Debby Scott Abrahams, a former Rotary Exchange Student during Dale's Presidency, joined us this week!

Key Dates

- **September 25th: Women in Business Speakers (Desiree Hunt, Lou Ray, Missy Hart Kock)**

Check It Out!



Congratulations to our Paul Harris Fellows!

Boo Bash



Thank You Boo Bash Sponsors!

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DALE & BOBBIE DALTON

SILVER SPONSORS



ANDREW & KRISTEN KIDA

BRONZE SPONSORS



JAMES D. BRUHN, PLC, FARWELL & BRUHN • SENATOR CHRISTINE COURNOYER • GARY & KATHY DELACY • CHRISTOPHER L. FARWELL • LYNN MCGRAW • BRAYDON ROBERTS • KAREN & DAVE VICKERS

Email Sabrina at Sabrinalippens95@gmail.com to Sponsor our Boo Bash!!!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 04

In-person: 27

Total for Sept 18: 31

GUESTS:

- Debby Scott Abrahams
- Gretchen Nollman
- Heidi Drager
- Dennis Drager

YTD: 31

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Sept 18 Meeting: \$139.00
Donations to the Foundation:

N/A

Foundation YTD: \$246

YTD Total: \$1742

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 73
- Membership Goal: 84

Get involved with DISTRICT 6000

- Join a Team or a RAG such as:
- Public Image
- Literacy Promotion
- Food Insecurity
- Protecting the Environment
- Membership
- District News
- Youth Services
- Mental Health and/or Human Trafficking
- and many others!



Dennis Drager



Watch our Meeting [HERE](#)



District Governor Dennis Drager and his wife Heidi joined us this Monday and talked about their goals and focus that the District 6000 is taking. Dennis was a veterinarian in Marshalltown and Heidi was also involved in the animal industry, but is currently working with Allegiant Airlines as a charter rep. The Draggers spoke to our club about new focuses, including mental health and helping aid in homelessness.

Recently, the Mental Health Initiative: Rotary Action Group was started. This group is a District Chapter of a Global Group and its mission is: to create and provide opportunities for all Rotarians in our District to improve their mental, emotional, and behavioral health in order to lead a healthy, happy, and productive life, to provide support for clubs in the implementation of mental health projects and initiatives in our district and beyond, and to provide a variety of helpful mental health resources in our District that result in a measurable impact on the mental wellness of our club members and our communities. To learn more about this, please check out the website: <https://ragonmentalhealth.org>.

Additionally, the Draggers talked about supporting Jappa House, which is a homeless resource that aids in providing help and resources to homeless individuals. Jappa helps without judgment. Dennis passionately told us: "I believe Rotarians are here to provide service both in your local community and throughout the world and I think that's what makes us Rotarians." Dennis has challenged our clubs in the district to do seven service projects this year, such as a Blood Drive or donating blood. Dennis also asked that we get involved with Rotary at the District level -- anything we are passionate about, we can do! Heidi spoke about The Zoo of Love, which is a Stuffed Animal you can purchase where \$30 goes to PolioPlus! One additional comment was made regarding our District Facebook account! Our District 6000 Facebook account was taken down several months ago (Thanks, Zuckerberg!) and we are slowly rebuilding it! Please "like" our account by clicking [HERE](#).



Meet the Zoo of Love!

Who said you can't buy LOVE? You can purchase one stuffed animal for \$40 or an entire zoo for \$240. Each stuffed purchased is a \$30 donation to PolioPlus. Consider gifting stuffed to local organizations that work with children in crisis

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- **September 25th: Women in Business Speakers**
(Desiree Hunt, Lou Ray, Missy Hart Kock)



INVOCATION

September 25: Doug Bertrand

GREETER

September 25: Mark Rutenbeck



PROGRAM CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF

OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN

NOVEMBER: ANDY GREEN

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND & CARRIE DONAIRE

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON

OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF

NOVEMBER: CHRISTIE COLLINS & DAVE SIVRIGHT

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE & DOUG BERTRAND



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Christie Collins Sept 05
- Mike Kroemer Sept 13
- Kathy Klahn Sept 15
- Karen Vickers Sept 15
- Cheryl Frey Sept 17
- Julie Dunn Sept 20
- Brigham Tubbs Sept 21
- Andy Ferguson Sept 21
- James Bruhn Sept 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Ronald McGauvran
 - 45 years; Sept 01 1978
- Douglas Bertrand
 - 27 years; Sept 16 1996
- Karen Vickers
 - 27 years; Sept 23 1996
- James Bruhn
 - 27 years; Sept 30 1996
- Marsha Thrall
 - 1 year; Sept 26 2022

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*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Paul Holmer
- Kathy Forrest
- Lynn McGraw
- Andy Fergurson
- Jennifer Graf*

LITERACY MOMENTS

Continuing on the path of growing our reader, we move to our school-age children. Reading for fun without being forced to do so is an indicator of reading success. A reader needs to be able to choose their own "right" book at the "right" time. It may be nonfiction, fiction, historical fiction, and/or graphic novels. It may be on a device, online or a physical book. Just like you, being able to choose the right book for yourself is one of the most important choices. They should not only see themselves in the books they are reading, but also see what is outside their community and world is like.

Did you know: (following are statistics and research findings worth sharing)

Research shows:

- Childcare quality has a long-term effect on children's cognitive and socioemotional development through kindergarten and beyond.
- The number of books in the home correlates significantly with higher reading scores for children.
 - 61% of low-income families have no books at all in their homes for their children. Children from lower-income homes have limited access to books. Because of this, there are fewer home and preschool language and literacy opportunities for preschoolers from low-income families than for children from economically advantaged backgrounds
 - In middle-income neighborhoods, the ratio of books per child is 13 to 1; in low-income neighborhoods, the ratio is 1 age-appropriate book for every 300 children.
- Nationally, only 35% of public school students were at or above proficient in grade 4 reading.
- One in six children who are not reading proficiently in the third grade do not graduate from high school on time, a rate four times greater than that for proficient readers. (rate is higher in children from low-income families and rural areas)
- According to the Department of Education, the more students read or are read to for fun on their own time and at home, the higher their reading scores, generally.

What we can do as Rotarians:

Find ways to give books out in the community. Community events like Trunk or Treat, parades, festivals, library events, and school functions are all opportunities to give books to school-age children.