

The Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MEETING LOCATION

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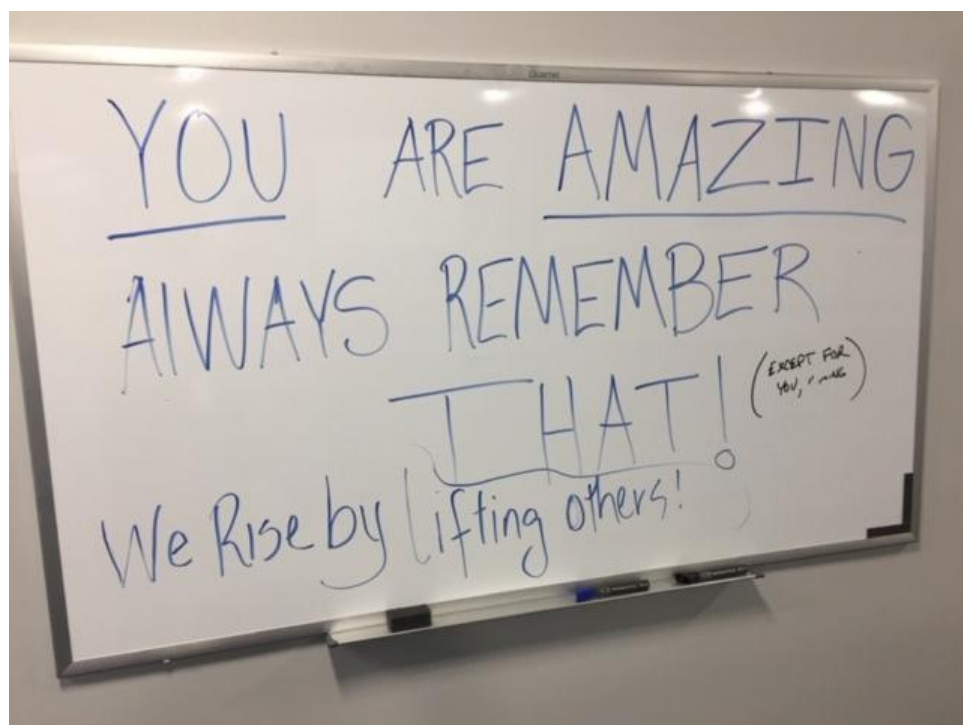
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CLUB UPDATES

Presidential News

- Thanks to all who have donated to technology upgrades! To date we've raised \$700 together! If you'd like to contribute to the project please see Club Treasurer Dale Dalton.
- Our thanks to Mike Rastrelli and the Rastrelli's team for recently updating their internet access points as well as increasing their internet speeds. We appreciate their support in making our hybrid meetings possible! Watch for more improvements to come soon!
- Sign up to host our PROGRAMS for the month!!!! Click [HERE](#) to be directed to the sign-up form!

Key Dates

Sept 7: No Meeting

Sept 14: Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)

Sept 21: Lori Freudenberg

Sept 28: Charlie Minnick, President of Ashford University

If You Read Nothing

Else... *Read this!*

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**The Rotary Club of Clinton
has a LinkedIn page!**

**Click [HERE](#) to "follow" our
club and get updates about
what we are doing!**



THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP



On Monday, August 10th, we were hit with a horrific storm, Derecho, which had winds at 120 mph or higher in our area. Fire Chief Joel Atkinson and Deputy Chief Bill Greenwalt came to our Rotary meeting to share what our city went through during this time.

As many people know, there was very little warning with the storm. The Des Moines area was hit by the storm around noon and it was quickly coming towards the Cedar Rapids and Clinton area. The fire

had 13 firefighters on duty. Once the storm hit Clinton, they started receiving calls for power lines being down. About 10 minutes into the storm, all radio traffic stopped.

The command post was moved to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), but due to cell phone issues, they had very little response from personnel. Public Works director Brian Lemke and Alliant representative Brad Weber responded to the EOC and a plan was created to open emergency routes first. Alliant put the utmost priority on getting power back to MercyOne as quickly as possible. A committee was formed to create a Mobile Community Resource Center, which opened on Thursday, August 13. This center had equipment, food, ice, and water for families that were without, which was donated by local residents and businesses. There has been over 44,000 cubic yards of tree debris and over 6000 truck loads collected.

Between 1pm – 12am, 911 had 540 calls for service. C-Shift responded to 59 calls for service in the first 18 hours; B-shift responded to 31 calls for service on Tuesday, Aug 11; C-Shift responded to 30 calls for service on Wednesday, Aug 12.

It goes without saying that we greatly appreciate all of their hard work!

Thank you, CFD! To see our meeting, please click [HERE](#).



WEEKLY STATS

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Aug 31: \$150

YTD: \$931

TECH DONATIONS:

\$698

ATTENDANCE:

Aug 31: 34

Aug 21: 37

Aug 10: 34

Aug 3: 39

GUESTS:

- Joel Atkinson: G/O Jennifer Graf
 - Bill Greenwalt: G/O Jennifer Graf
 - Dustin Johnson: G/O Tom Determann
 - Jeremy Meyermann: G/O Shannon Sander-Welzien
- YTD: 29

MEMBERSHIP:

- Current Members: 81
- Membership goal: 95

BIRTHDAYS:

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| • Christie Collins | Sep 05 |
| • Chuck Gustaveson | Sep 11 |
| • Mike Kroemer | Sep 13 |
| • Kathy Klahn | Sep 15 |
| • Karen Vickers | Sep 15 |
| • Cheryl Frey | Sep 17 |
| • Julie Dunn | Sep 20 |
| • Andy Fergurson | Sep 21 |
| • Brigham Tubbs | Sep 21 |
| • James Bruhn | Sep 22 |

ANNIVERSARIES:

- **Ron McGauvran**
42 years; Sep 1, 1978
- **Keith Hook**
8 years; Sep 10, 2012
- **Doug Bertrand**
24 years; Sep 16 1996
- **Greg Jasper**
25 years; Sep 18 1995
- **Karen Vickers**
24 years; Sep 23 1996
- **James Bruhn**
24 years; Sep 23 1996

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christmas Program: Doug Bertrand
- Community Service: Idell Klein
- Dictionaries Committee: *John Frey
- Fellowship/Program Sign-up: Doug Bertrand, *Brian Wright
- Financial Committee: *Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Mark Rutenbeck
- Fundraiser Committee: Jill O'Neill and Nicole Hinman
- 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: Andrew Kida
- Public Relations: Jill O'Neill
- Scholarships: Braydon Roberts and Peggy Sellnau
- Showboat Event Committee: David Sivright
- Student Service/ Weekly Student Guests: Peggy Sellnau
- Sunshine: Christie Collins

LOOKING FORWARD

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

SEPT 7: NO MEETING

SEPT 14: AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL (ASAC) WILL DISCUSS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND THE DANGERS OF VAPING

SEPT 21: LORI FREUDENBERG WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

SEPT 28: CHARLIE MINNICK, PRESIDENT OF ASHFORD UNIVERSITY WILL GIVE US AN UPDATE ON ASHFORD

INVOCATION

GREETER

SEP 14: CHUCK GUSTAVESON **SEP 14:** RON MCGAUVRAN

SEP 21: DOUGLAS HARRIDGE **SEP 21:** SUSIE MESECHER

SEP 28: VALL HILL **SEP 28:** MAUREEN MILLER

PROGRAM CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: PEGGY SELLNAU

OCTOBER: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER: NORLAN HINKE

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE, DOUG BERTRAND

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF

OCTOBER: NORLAN HINKE AND DOUG HARRIDGE

NOVEMBER: CHRISTIE COLLINS AND DAVE SIVRIGHT

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE AND DOUG BERTRAND

If you have seen this dog
please lettuce know



FOUNDATION MINUTE

It's the Final Week of Rotary International's Month of Membership and Extension!

In order for a Global Grant to move forward, the grant must have a Host district and club and an international sponsor district and club to partner with them. Both clubs and all other partners, both international and domestic must work together to see the project to fruition.

Rotary Clubs of Sydney-Sunrise, Sydney and New Waterford (D-7820) and the Yerevan Rotary Club of Armenia (D-2452) worked together on a Global Grant awarded by TRF. The \$57,210 (USD) award was for an upgrade of medical equipment and supplies for the Nork Hospital of Infectious Disease in Yerevan, Armenia. Jack D'Orsay, the chair of the joint committee said the grant has helped save many lives, given the global pandemic. "The work makes me feel useful and I am very aware that living conditions in second and third world countries are worse than ever. Involvement with the international work is both rewarding and extremely gratifying. We have actually been able to save lives with the equipment we have provided, and that is really satisfying."

Another joint effort resulting in an impressive award was spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Maple Grove (MN) and the Indian Association of Minnesota, an organization representing over 50,000 Asian Indians in Minnesota. TRF awarded the duo a \$60,000 (USD) Global Grant for distribution of COVID-19 medical equipment and supplies to essential frontline workers in Minnesota. The Rotary Clubs of Brooklyn Park, MN; Thane West, Thane Lake City, and Kaylan Riverside were among contributing clubs. The Global Grant will supply surgical gowns, caps, hand sanitizers and thermometers to essential frontline healthcare workers. Part of the funds will be used to provide 10,000 meals and equivalent groceries to area food banks for families experiencing food insecurity.

August 2020 saw us still battling with COVID-19, then surprised us with Derecho. Both disasters have been handled with much empathy by Rotarians and TRF.

"Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities ..." --Paulo Costa, 1990-91 President of Rotary International.

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

DG'S DAKIN'S FIFTH TEST

A dose of humor,
hopefully to help start
your Rotary week with a
smile.

Proud to be a Rotarian,
Steve Dakin, District
Governor 2020-21
steve@retiredfun.net

**I hate it when I
see an old
person and then
realize we went
to high school
together.**

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 2020-2021:

- Shannon Sander-Welzien: President
- Christie Collins: President-President Elect
- Andrew Kida: President Elect-Elect
- Braydon Roberts: President Elect-Elect-Elect
- Brian Wright: Past-President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Jill O'Neill: Secretary
- Idell Klein
- Douglas Harridge
- Peggy Sellnau
- Rod Tokheim
- Nicole Hinman

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2020-2021:

- 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.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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

A: I am from Wisconsin and had always planned to return to Wisconsin. When I moved to Clinton, I thought it would only be for a few years. That was more than 30 years ago! I have grown to really love Iowa and the people who live here. There is a kind, gentle, resilient, strong and quiet spirit among Iowans that I didn't notice until I lived here for a few years and now, I wouldn't move back to Wisconsin for anything!

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

A: Oh boy...what would I do??? I love elephants as they have been shown to be intelligent and show emotion. I think I would start a blog "Living Big - My life with an elephant."

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

A: Almost four years. I joined Rotary in December of 2016, if I recall correctly!

Q: Why did you join Rotary?

A: In 2016, I added the Mercy Healthcare Foundation to my responsibilities at MercyOne where I was the marketing director at the time. Ruthann Papke, the former executive director of the Foundation, was retiring and she highly recommended the Rotary membership as a way to connect and give back to our community.

Q: What is your current occupation?

A: I am executive director of the MercyOne Clinton Foundation (formerly Mercy Healthcare Foundation).

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

A: Bill Gates. He has been successful in business and now dedicates his life to making the world a better place.

Q: What's one thing - either industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?

A: That I should have invested in Tesla when my son first recommended it!

Q: What's the last book you read?

A: Divine Secrets of the Ya-ya Sisterhood

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

A: Periwinkle, because it's such a cool word!

Q: What's a pet peeve that you have?

A: People who complain about things but don't get involved in fixing them.

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

A: He is looking for a good margarita and I think it would be time to join him! ☺

Q What's your favorite '90s jam?

A: Honestly had to look up some of the 90s hits to recall what they were! I think Vanilla Ice, "Ice Ice Baby" was one of my favorites!

Q: What do you love most about your job?

A: Everyday, I am inspired by those who I work with at MercyOne. As a faith-based organization with a history that dates back more than 130 years, we have a long tradition of serving the health care needs of our community. Much has changed in the health care industry over those years. Technology and evidence-based practices have greatly improved the way that health care is delivered. I am inspired by the people I work with, who are experts in their fields and give so much of themselves to others. I love that I can help to share the stories and raise funds to make health care better in Clinton.

Q WHO inspires you?

A: My grandmother was among those who inspired me. he dropped out of school when she was in 8th grade, but never ever let that affect her love for learning. She lived to 103 and lived each day with intent and purpose, working to help others and always found a new story to share. At 100 years old, I recall that she told me that she played Scrabble with others in her nursing home so she could keep "their" minds sharp! It's often those people who are the quiet heroes of life.

Q How do you define success?

A: When I was in my 20's, success was having an office with a window! Today, I define success as making a difference every day, even if it's just a few kind words to someone who needs the lift! I am glad that I have a window, though! ☺

Q WHAT inspires you?

A: At MercyOne, one of our cultural beliefs is to "Improve Daily." I love that idea for my personal life as well because it lets me continually work to learn, grow and get better along the way. If every day, we reflect on what we did well, what we learned and what we could have done differently, we make the small incremental changes for a better life.

Thanks for letting us get to know you, Julie!

POLIO ERADICATION

Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,

No new Wild Polio cases reported this week.

What is that Polio Picture? This graph shows the number of Wild Polio Cases in Africa in recent years. On August 25, 2020, we Celebrated the milestone achievement of a Polio-Free (47 country) Africa Region. Over 90% of the world's population now lives in Polio-Free areas. To Reach our goal, it took the coordination of many groups. National leaders, state officials, local government health authorities, the military, traditional and religious leaders, local polio survivors, and front line health workers all came together behind this shared goal. Rotary and

their partners continue to provide volunteers, financial support and unending leadership cooperation. Today we Celebrate a Polio-Free Africa! An Africa, where 1.8 million Wild Polio Cases have been averted, where Nine billion doses of OPV have been provided, where two hundred and twenty million children have been vaccinated (most several times) each year and where, two million volunteer vaccinators supported Polio campaigns each year.

Now that we are down to the Final Two Polio Endemic Countries - I will be listing Sixteen Reasons We need to End Polio in Pakistan (from Dawn.com): # 1. Pakistan is one of just two Polio Endemic countries - the other being Afghanistan.

Vaccine Derived Polio Cases - 302 Vaccine Derived Polio Cases reported in 2020: Afghanistan - 54 (0 in 2019), Angola - 3 (129 in 2019), Benin - 1 (8 in 2019), Burkina Faso - 9 (1 in 2019), Cameroon - 4 (0 in 2019), CAR - 1 (21 in 2019), Chad 67 ((10 in 2019), China - 0 (1 In 2019), Cote d' Ivoire 24 (0 in 2019), DRC - 23 (86 in 2019), Ethiopia - 16 (11 in 2019), Ghana - 11 (18 in 2019), Guinea - 8 (0 in 2019), Malaysia - 1 (3 in 2019), Myanmar - 0 (6 in 2019), Niger - 4 (1 in 2019), Nigeria - 1 (18 in 2019), Pakistan - 74 (22 in 2019), Papua New Guinea - 0 (0 in 2019). Philippines - 1 (16 in 2019), Somalia - 2 (3 in 2019), Sudan - 13, Togo - 9 (8 in 2019), Zambia - 0 (2 in 2019), 361 Vaccine Derived Polio cases were reported in 2019.

Quote of the Day - Some may disagree but - "As a cure for worrying, work is better than whiskey."
Thomas Edison, Inventor

The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries:

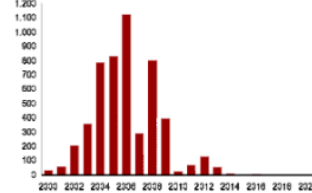
- Pakistan - No new Polio cases reported this week. Sixty-five Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 07/24/20. Pakistan reported 147 Wild Polio cases in 2019. Two Polio-Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.
- Afghanistan - No new Polio cases reported this past week. Thirty-seven Polio cases reported in 2020. The most recent cases had an onset of paralysis on 7/20/20. Afghanistan reported twenty-nine Wild Polio cases in 2019. One Polio-Positive Environmental Sample was reported this week in Afghanistan.

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!

Terry Ziegler, Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser Rotary Region 26

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 08/29/20



Rotary's World-wide 2020-21 Rotary Year Polio Fundraising Goal is \$150 Million – Including the Gates Foundation \$2 to \$1 Match

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

PolioPlus: Zero Is The Magic Number!

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!
19,100,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

	Year-to-date 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018	Total 2017	Total 2016
Total paralysis cases					
Globally	102	176	33	22	37
- in endemic countries:	102	176	33	22	37
- in post-endemic countries:	0	0	0	0	0

Wild Polio cases reported this week:
Pakistan 0, Afghanistan 0

2020 Wild Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2019 Totals)
Endemic Countries – 65 Pakistan (2019-147), 37 Afghanistan (2019-29)

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