



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 06, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
2417 Cleveland St.
Clinton, IA

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Clinton, IA
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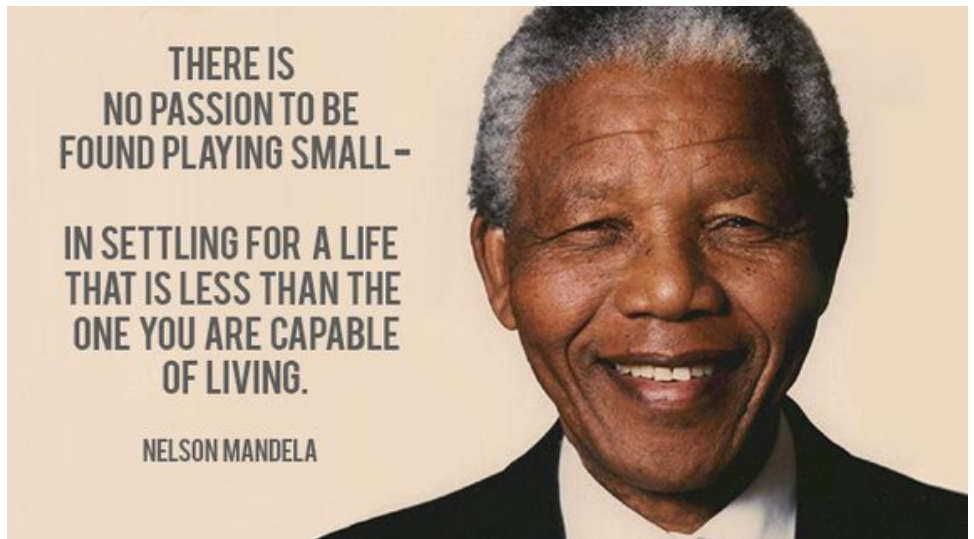
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1-2 in Coralville. [Click HERE to REGISTER!!!](#)

We Need Your Help!

The club is also assembling a “Weekend in Clinton” basket for the conference’s silent auction, featuring local attractions, experiences, and possibly a hotel stay. Volunteers are welcome to help gather items.

Rotary Youth Camp (RYLA) Applications Open

Last summer, our club sponsored three high school students to attend RYLA. Applications are now open for this summer, and we plan to send students again. The program is open to sophomores and juniors (not seniors). We have budgeted to send two students and are also exploring additional sponsorships from club members. More information, including costs and how to sponsor a student, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Mount St. Clare Scholarship - Applications Open

Clinton National Bank’s Mount St. Clare Scholarship is now open for applications through April. A total of \$220,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year to approximately 100 students, with awards ranging up to nearly \$10,000. Scholarships may be used for undergraduate or graduate studies.

Apply online through the Clinton National Bank website by clicking the “Scholarships” link.

Key Dates

- April 06: Story & Roots
- April 13: Megan Pray Dove from Downtown Alliance, what's going on downtown, and events scheduled
- April 20: TBD
- April 27: Joe Hoinkis from LyondellBassell, what happens during a turnaround on site & economic impact for the Clinton area
- May 01: Rotary District Conference in Coralville!
- Tuesday, June 30: Club Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings

Check It Out!

Congrats!



Dale Dalton!

The
Recipient
of the

Guardian of Integrity Award!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Dawn Eilkamp
- Julie Allysee
- Doug Smith
- Ann Eisenmann
- Haylee House
- Aubrey Ferguson

YTD: 179

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$150.00
YTD: \$5,6000.00
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$5,195.00
YTD Total: \$10,795.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
84



**WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!**

**Brian Kelly, Ann Eisenman,
and Douglas Smith
discuss The Arboretum**

Clinton Community College leaders, including President Dr. Brian Kelly, Ann Eisenman, and Doug Smith, shared exciting updates on campus initiatives and major developments at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.

The Arboretum, founded in the 1960s and open to the public since 1970, continues its mission of education through nature. A major renovation project—funded entirely through community donations exceeding \$5 million—has introduced several new features. These include a sustainable permeable paver parking system funded by a \$214,500 state grant, an immersive indoor animal exhibit with hand-painted murals, and a striking glass art installation built over the former swimming pool.

“Education through nature remains at the heart of the Arboretum’s vision—connecting the community with learning, sustainability, and beauty.”

Looking ahead, internationally recognized artist Thomas Dambo will debut large-scale recycled wood “troll” sculptures in the community, expected to draw significant tourism and economic impact. Additional enhancements include a new story walk experience and expanded event rental spaces, with bookings already underway for weddings, reunions, and community gatherings.

The Arboretum will officially celebrate its reopening with a ribbon-cutting on May 1.

In addition, the college announced a new \$1 million grant to expand career programs in healthcare, IT, and criminal justice, continuing its investment in student success and workforce development.



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- **APRIL 06: STORY & ROOTS**
- **APRIL 13: MEGAN PRAY DOVE FROM DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE, WHAT'S GOING ON DOWNTOWN, AND EVENTS SCHEDULED**
- **APRIL 20: TBD**
- **APRIL 27: JOE HOINKIS FROM LYONDELLBASSELL, WHAT HAPPENS DURING A TURNAROUND ON SITE & ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE CLINTON AREA**

INVOCATION

APRIL 06: LEVI JONES
APRIL 13: BRIAN KELLY
APRIL 20: ANDREW KIDA
APRIL 27: KATHY KLAHN



GREETER

APRIL 06: DALE DALTON
APRIL 13: SAVANNAH DAUGHERTY
APRIL 20: GARY DELACY
APRIL 27: TOM DETERMANN

PROGRAM CHAIRS

APRIL: SUE WATKINS
MAY: CHRISTIE AKINS



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH
MAY: ANDREW KIDA



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Levi Jones April 02
- Sue Watkins April 04
- Lindsay Morhardt April 07
- Ryan Veenstra April 09
- David Pillers April 12
- Carson Deppe April 21
- Joe Brown April 23

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Christie Akins
 - 9 yrs; Apr. 03 2017
- Dennis Lauver
 - 27 yrs; Apr. 04 1999
- Paul Holmer
 - 21 yrs; Apr. 06 2005
- Ryan Veenstra
 - 15 yrs; Apr. 11 2011
- Alethea Cahoy
 - 2 yrs; Apr. 15 2024
- Ray Gimenez
 - 2 yrs; Apr. 15 2024
- Graham Timion
 - 3 yrs; Apr. 17 2023
- Rich Klahn
 - 15 yrs; Apr. 18 2011
- Norlan Hinke
 - 22 yrs; Apr. 19 2004
- Mike Kroemer
 - 13 yrs; Apr. 22 2013
- Lynn McGraw
 - 18 yrs; Apr. 28 2008
- Jennifer Graf
 - 18 yrs; Apr. 28 2008
- Lindsay Morhardt
 - 2 yrs; Apr. 29 2024

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 2025-2026

- Andrew Green: President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Carrie Donaire: Past-President, International Service
- Andy Ferguson: Foundation
- Paul Holmer: Fundraising
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Jill O'Neill: Public Image
- Braydon Roberts: Service to Youth
- Rod Tokheim: Sergeant-at-Arms
- Sue Watkins and Cheryl Frey: Community Service Projects

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2025-2026

- Gary Foster*: President
- Kathy Klahn*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

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

ROTARY MOMENTS

ROTARY SEEKS PROFESSIONALS LEADING PEACE AND PROGRESS

Explore master's and postgraduate certificate programs at top universities



APPLY FOR A FUNDED ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Are you a young professional or seasoned changemaker working in peace and development? Now's your moment.

Apply for a fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowship and join a global network of leaders building more peaceful, resilient communities. Our fellowship programs strengthen your expertise in peace studies, conflict transformation, and sustainable development — helping you grow your career and your impact.

Apply by 15 May for the opportunity to begin your studies in 2027.

Learn more and start your application:

<https://on.rotary.org/4lszHAz>