



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

### Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
2417 Cleveland St.  
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- [YouTube](#)



Once you **replace**  
**negative thoughts**  
with positive ones,  
you'll start having  
**positive results.**

—Willie Nelson

Prevention

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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 20: The Dispensary of Fulton - Jeff Soenksem
- 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!**
- May 04: Curtis Mansion Historical Foundation
- May 11: J Devin Land, PHD, Community Leader & Executive Director of L’Arche
- Tuesday, June 30: Club Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings

## Check It Out!

Volunteer to help with Fellowship and Programs next year! Reach out to Doug Bertrand to help!

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### GUESTS:

- Megan Dove
- Christine Fear

YTD: 183

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$116.00  
YTD: \$5,898.00
- Foundation: \$200  
YTD: \$5,395.00  
YTD Total: \$11,293.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members:  
69
- Membership Goal:  
84



**WATCH OUR  
MEETING HERE!**

### Downtown Clinton Update from the Clinton Alliance

Megan Dove of the Clinton Alliance shared an overview of ongoing efforts to enhance and promote downtown Clinton through the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SMID). Funded by a special property tax within a 16-block district, the SMID focuses on four key areas: beautification, events and promotions, economic development, and organizational support.

Beautification efforts include landscaping, seasonal decorations, holiday lighting, and ongoing cleanup—largely supported by volunteers and community partnerships. Recent improvements include new lighting installations and major tree maintenance projects.

The Alliance continues to host popular events that draw visitors downtown, such as spring and fall wine walks, the Great Pumpkin Fest, downtown trick-or-treating, and the annual Christmas tree lighting. The upcoming spring wine walk, “Sip & Stroll Troll,” will coincide with the installation of a new public art feature—the Dambo Troll. “Music on the Avenue,” now in its 10th year, remains a community favorite and is fully funded through local sponsorships.

Additional initiatives include retail promotions, the Hometown Heroes banner program, and ongoing marketing through a newly launched website and social media.

Economic development efforts are focused on strengthening downtown businesses, attracting new investment, and exploring opportunities such as a historic district designation and building inventory system. The Iowa Economic Development Authority will visit this summer to provide further guidance.

Looking ahead, several new projects are underway, including a downtown mural initiative (Paint It Back), a yarn art installation, and the development of a pocket park and Santa shed on a recently acquired lot. These efforts highlight strong collaboration among local organizations, businesses, and volunteers.

Overall, the Clinton Alliance continues to play a vital role in revitalizing downtown and fostering community engagement.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- **APRIL 20: THE DISPENSARY OF FULTON - JEFF SOENKSEM**
- **APRIL 27: JOE HOINKIS FROM LYONDELLBASSELL, WHAT HAPPENS DURING A TURNAROUND ON SITE & ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE CLINTON AREA**

## INVOCATION

**APRIL 20: ANDREW KIDA**  
**APRIL 27: KATHY KLAHN**



## GREETER

**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

## ROTARY MOMENTS

### 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



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[malariapartnersinternational.org](http://malariapartnersinternational.org)



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