



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

Doug Bertrand is working on getting chairs for the incoming 2025-2026 Rotary year. Please sign up and help make our club extraordinary!

Save the Date! Our tentative Showboat Outing date is scheduled for Friday, June 13! We will be seeing The Addams Family. We will have a pre-party at the Brewery again and have a bus for transportation. More information will come soon!

Save the Date (again!) for the Passing of the Gavel and Rotary's Night at the Lumberkings! Our night will be on Thursday, June 26. Carrie will be wrapping up her Rotary year at the game and will Pass the Gavel to Andy Green. Mark your calendars NOW!

Do you know a high school student interested in leadership? Applications for Iowa Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are open! RYLA is an intensive leadership conference designed for current high school freshman, sophomores and juniors to assist future leaders in methods of responsible and effective leadership. Iowa RYLA focuses on developing leadership skills through the lenses of team, community, and emotional leadership with an emphasis on Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

Iowa RYLA 2025 will be hosted at Grinnell College from July 27th - August 1st. Student applications close on May 1st.

Application Link: <https://www.iowaryla.org/apply>

Key Dates

- April 21: Arboretum Renovations Update: Ann Eisenman, Brian Kelly
- April 28: Food Insecurity Summit Update: Carrie Donaïre
- Friday, June 13: Showboat Outing
- Thursday, June 26: Rotary Night at the Lumberkings & Passing of the Gavel
- Saturday, June 28: District 6000 Passing of the Gavel

Check It Out!



CONGRATS!

to our AMAZING Paul Holmer for receiving the Guardian of Integrity!! Paul was presented this award at the District Conference on April 12.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 05

In-person: 32

Total for April 14: 37

GUESTS:

- Josh Eggers
- Mayor Scott Maddison
- Haylee House
- Addie Lorenzen

YTD: 214

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$149
- Foundation: \$200 (Ryan Veenstra/Snell Zornig Funeral Home)

YTD \$4,230.00

YTD Total: \$11,262.50

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



What's better than a weekend filled with magical music in your hometown? Answer: Not much. We welcomed Mayor Scott Maddison and Josh Eggers, the City Director of Parks and Recreation, to our meeting this past Monday. These two are no strangers to our club and came to discuss Tailgate N Tallboy Updates for 2025.

This year's strictly country, three-day music festival, Tailgate N Tallboys, is on the June 5-7 weekend, with headliners such as Whiskey Myers and Jason Aldean. Mayor Maddison commented, "It's that thing that really kicks off the summer." Maddison stated that he wanted to do something similar to Riverboat Days -- similar, but not identical. "What we're doing right now...we're trying to continue this, and build it so that for many, many years to come, people are looking back and this is something that they look forward to the summer

and they're excited about." Mayor Maddison discussed how it's important to look at the community impact of this festival. "I think year one we really didn't know what that community impact would be and we did some things that we changed year two...there some still might be learning and and and trying to figure out how they can do that but that's the beautiful thing about this. We're bringing all these folks here...we had 42 states represented last year and two different countries."

Josh Eggers discussed the layout of the festival and some changes that have occurred in the last few years. "That lesson, year one learned was not as many closures because that affects a lot of downtown businesses and we did not want to do that. At least if we impacted them, we wanted it to be in a positive way so the less road closures, I think was really a great victory for us." Maddison and Eggers encouraged everyone to talk about this event, share it on social media, and share it everywhere we can!

GET YOUR TICKETS TO TAILGATE N' TALLBOYS HERE!



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- **April 21: Arboretum Renovations Update: Ann Eisenman, Brian Kelly**
- **April 28: Food Insecurity Summit Update: Carrie Donaire**

INVOCATION

APRIL 21: LYNN MCGRAW
APRIL 28: BRAYDON ROBERTS



GREETER

APRIL 21: JENNIFER GRAF
APRIL 28: ANDY GREEN



PROGRAM CHAIRS

APRIL: SUE WATKINS
MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON
JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

APRIL: MARY SWANSON
& MARY BETH SMITH
MAY: ANDREW KIDA
JUNE: NORLAN HINKE

Celebrations HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Christie Akins
 - 8 yrs, April 03, 2017
- Dennis Lauver
 - 26 yrs; April 04, 1999
- Paul Holmer
 - 20 yrs; April 06, 2005
- Ryan Veenstra
 - 14 yrs; April 11, 2011
- Alethea Cahoy
 - 1 yr; April 15, 2024
- Ray Gimenez
 - 1 yr; April 15, 2024
- Graham Timion
 - 2 yrs; April 17, 2023
- Rich Klahn
 - 14 yrs; April 18, 2011
- Norlan Hinke
 - 21 yrs; April 19, 2004
- Mike Kroemer
 - 12 yrs; April 22, 2013
- Lynn McGraw
 - 17 yrs; April 28, 2008
- Jennifer Graf
 - 17 yrs; April 28, 2008
- Lindsay Morhardt
 - 1 yr; April 29, 2024



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

R.I. Admin

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 2024-2025

- Carrie Donaire: President
- Andrew Green: President-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Braydon Roberts: Past President
- Andy Ferguson: Foundation

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2024-2025

- Gary Foster*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

- Jim Bruhn* • Kathy Klahn* • Paul Holmer*
- Dale Dalton* • Lynn McGraw • Andy Ferguson
- Jennifer Graf* • Sue Watkins



Please join us as we celebrate our
2025 Hall of Honor Inductees:

Cyril (Cy) Cave,
Romero Davis,
Dr. Rachelle Keck,
Keith Knutsen,
Scott Morehead,
and Gabriella Torres

on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Clinton High School.

SCAN TO MAKE
A LUNCHEON
RESERVATION:



Lunch will be in the CHS Wellness
Gym from 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM.
The cost of lunch is \$15 per person
or \$100 per table of eight.