



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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- LinkedIn
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*Alone we can do so
little; together we
can do so much.*

Helen Keller



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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 28: Food Insecurity Summit Update: Carrie Donaire
- May 12: Sherriff Bill Greenwalt will Update us on the Sherriff's office and County Jail operations
- May 19: Victory Center 2.0
- 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!



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 02

In-person: 35

Total for April 21: 37

GUESTS:

- Ann Eisenman
- Carlos Donaire

YTD: 216

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$235.00

YTD \$7,267.50

- Foundation: \$29

YTD \$4,259.00

YTD Total: \$11,526.50

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



**WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!**

Dr. Brian Kelly and Ann Eisenman joined us to talk about the Bickelhaupt Arboretum and the exciting renovations that are in our near future! The Bickelhaupt Arboretum, which has been an iconic feature for Clinton, was gifted to our community in the 1960s. Bob and Frances Bickelhaupt created the Arboretum and their vision, to connect people with plants and provide a space for learning, has now flourished for more than 50 years, drawing visitors to its 15-acre collection of award-winning woody plants, native animal displays, and extensive educational offerings.

In 2021, the Clinton Community College Paul B. Sharar Foundation Board of Directors engaged Shive-Hattery to develop a vision for transforming the Bickelhaupt family home into an accessible educational and events center. Through generous donations, grants, and pledges from community members, \$5 million dollars in funds were raised within a year to begin the renovation process.

The transformation of the Bickelhaupt homestead into a state-of-the-art education and events center is set to be a landmark project for the community. The former home will become a venue for both educational and social events, hosting everything from classes and conferences to weddings and reunions.

Features of the renovations and enhancements project include:

- The Events Center: The 2,033 square foot room features floor to ceiling windows overlooking the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.
- The Deck
 - Outside the Events Center
 - An area that provides options for events at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.
 - At 2,200 square feet, the composite deck features sweeping views of the arboretum landscape with seating for up to 100.
- An Art Installation
- Artwork will be installed in the floor of the Events Center
- Learning Center Rooms feature 1,242 and 800 square feet of learning environment including the Library.
- The Gazebo
- Welcome Pavilion
 - The Gathering Place
 - Accessible pathway, benches and shade
- The Animal Tunnel

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- **April 28: Food Insecurity Summit Update: Carrie Donaire**

INVOCATION

APRIL 28: BRAYDON ROBERTS

MAY 05: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN

MAY 12: DAVID SIVRIGHT

MAY 19: MARY BETH SMITH

MAY 26: NO MEETING



GREETER

APRIL 28: ANDY GREEN

MAY 05: VAL HILL

MAY 12: NORLAN HINKE

MAY 19: PAUL HOLMER

MAY 26: NO MEETING



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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



WE INVITE YOU TO THE
HALL OF HONOR
Induction Ceremony + Luncheon

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.

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.

SCAN TO MAKE
A LUNCHEON
RESERVATION:



You're Invited!
Join us for the
Groundbreaking
Ceremony of the
Bickelhaupt
Arboretum
Renovation.
The Bickelhaupt
Arboretum is
embarking on an
exciting
transformation to
create a state-of-the-
art education and
events center!

- Thursday, May 1, 2025
- Refreshments at 10:00 a.m.
- Program begins at 10:15 a.m.

This renovation will honor the legacy of founders Bob and Frances Bickelhaupt by enhancing our community space for learning and celebration.

For questions or more information, please contact Ann Eisenman at 563-244-7040 or aeisenman@eicc.edu