Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 01, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
2417 Cleveland St.
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Presidential News

Giving Tuesday – December 02

Our community is experiencing a significant rise in food insecurity. Information & Referral has gone from distributing 40 food boxes per month to 40 per day, and recent reductions in SNAP benefits have intensified the need.

This year, Rotary will support the Freezing for Food initiative coordinated by MAC FM and Citizen's First Bank. A generous donor has agreed to match all Giving Tuesday contributions made to Rotary, with all matched funds going directly to Freezing for Food!

On December 1 and December 8, we will pass the hat, with all collected funds donated to Freezing for Food.

During the week of December 8, Rotary will also participate in a radio segment at the Hy-Vee collection site to present our contribution.

Holiday Appreciation Tip

We will also take a separate "pass the hat" (likely on December 8) to collect a holiday tip for our regular server as a gesture of appreciation.

Help us beat Clinton Kiwanis! Join us on December 13th to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army! See Andy Green for details – we need two more slots!

Key Dates

- December 01 : Steve Fiine - "Early Self - Detection and Prevention of Melanoma"
- December 08: CHS Choir
- December 15: Gary Dolphin, Voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes
- December 22: NO MEETING
- December 29: NO MEETING
- January 05: Administrator of the Rural Business Cooperative Service with the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington DC
- January 12: City of Clinton Neighborhood Improvement Committee
- January 19: NO MEETING
- January 26: Synergy

Check It Out!

Watch For Your Rotary Invoice...coming soon! You can also pay online!

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 02
In-person: 37
Total for November 24: 39

GUESTS:

- Hilario Cuatlacuatl
- Rasim Faeliu
- Sloan Weaver
- Carsen Deppe
- Alexandra Mangler
- Addison Lorenzen
- Rawleigh
- Claire Whitney
- Lincoln Hinrichs

YTD: 127

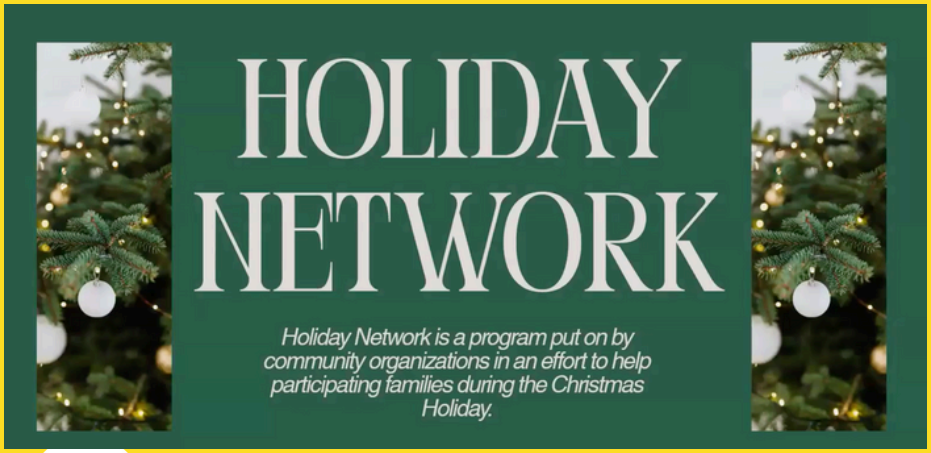
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: $185
  YTD: $3,626
- Foundation: $40
  YTD: $205.00

YTD Total: $3,831.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



Watch Our Meeting Here

Alex Mangler came to speak with us this week and provided an in-depth look at this year's Holiday Network—a long-running, community-wide collaboration that brings together RSVP, Information Referral, Scott for Tots, the Clinton Herald, local schools, nonprofits, and area businesses to support families during the holiday season.

The program operates August through December and provides families with coats, shoes, toys, hats, gloves, underwear, socks, stocking stuffers, food baskets, and wrapped gifts. **This year, more than 2,900 applications** were distributed through schools, with special outreach to daycares, homeschool families, and non-English-speaking households. After processing and verifying applications, volunteers create personalized gift tags that community members "adopt" through angel trees and workplace giving.

For 2023, the **Holiday Network is serving 310 families, including 842 children, and preparing 259 food boxes,** supported by donations from Print & Pieces, Clawson's, local food drives, and River Bend Food Bank. Distribution spans several days and involves more than a hundred volunteer hours between sorting, preparing stations, assembling food boxes, and assisting families.

Mangler emphasized ongoing community needs: volunteers, toy donations, participation in food drives, and adoption of gift tags. Even a single hour of volunteer time makes a significant impact.

The presentation highlighted how deeply interconnected the community's efforts are—and how many organizations, schools, and individuals help make the Holiday Network possible each year.

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- DECEMBER 01 : STEVE FIINE - "EARLY SELF - DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF MELANOMA"
- DECEMBER 08: CHS CHOIR
- DECEMBER 15: GARY DOLPHIN, VOICE OF THE IOWA HAWKEYES
- DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
- DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING

INVOCATION

DECEMBER 01: TOM DETERMANN
DECEMBER 08: GARY DELACY
DECEMBER 15: CARRIE DONAIRE
DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING

GREETER

DECEMBER 01: CHRISTIE AKINS
DECEMBER 08: MARINA BAER
DECEMBER 15: DOUGLAS BERTRAND
DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING

PROGRAM CHAIRS

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

Celebrations

- John Frey Dec 02
- Wesley Golden Dec 04
- Paul Holmer Dec 10
- Ruty Rutenbeck Dec 12

- John Frey
  - 41 yrs; Dec. 01 1984
- David Rose
  - 8 yrs; Dec. 11 2017
- Brent Albrechtsen
  - 4 yrs; Dec. 13 2021
- Andy Fergurson
  - 7 yrs; Dec. 17 2018
- Kathy Klahn
  - 21 yrs; Dec. 20 2004
- Savannah Daugherty
  - 1 yrs; Dec. 27 2024

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

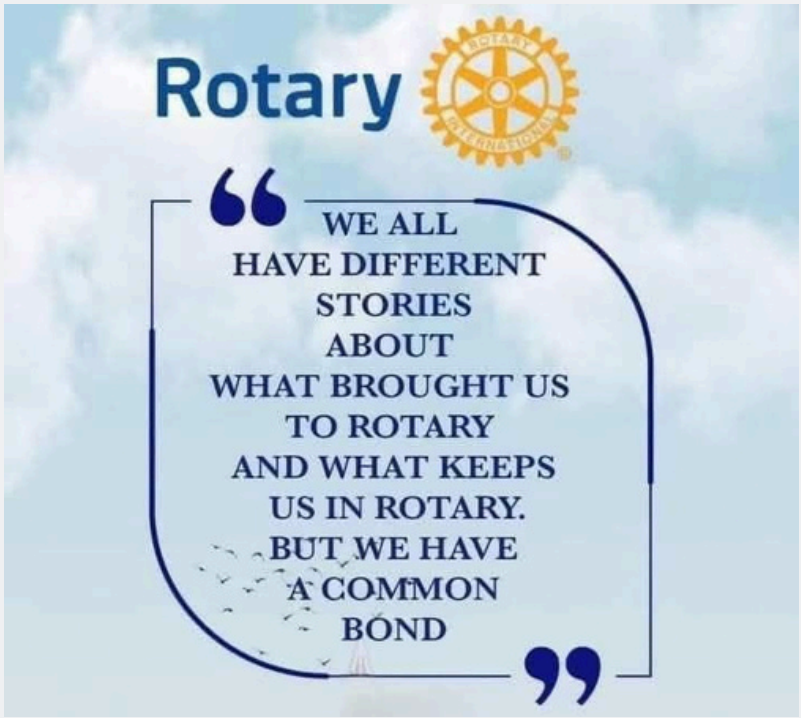
- Andrew Green: President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Carrie Donaire: Past-President, International Service
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation
- Paul Holmer: Fundraising
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Jill O'Neill: Public Image
- Braydon Roberts: Service to Youth
- Rod Tokheim: Sergeant-at-Arms
- Sue Watkins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

Ducal Palace of Guastalla (KING) ITALY.
Rotary Club of Guastalla celebrating World Polio Day