

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 11, 2023

MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

Thursday Night Rotary:

Second and Fourth Thursday
of the month at 5:30,
Rusty Barrel Lounge
(224 5th Ave S, Clinton, IA)

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"When we choose to trust
the journey and embrace
love and joy, we are free
to fly".

-Anniken R. Day

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NEW



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News



- We will vote on the 2024 - 2025 Rotary Club Board of Directors at the **December 11** meeting. **Please remember - we need more than 50% of our membership to attend to properly cast the vote. (50% plus 1). PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS MEETING!!!**

Below is the board you'll be voting on!

- Past President/Scholarship: Braydon Roberts
- President: Carrie Donaire
- President-Elect/Membership: Andy Green
- Secretary: Susan Mesecher
- Treasurer: Dale Dalton
- Foundation: Andy Ferguson
- Public Image: Jill O'Neill
- Service Projects: Cheryl Frey
- Sergeant at Arms: Rod Tokheim
- Youth Services: Sabrina Frame
- Fundraising: Paul Holmer
- We now have a new additional way to raise money at Fellowship and otherwise. This is primarily aimed at supporting scholarships but could be used in other ways. Now folks can use their phones to text-to-give. So, people who are attending online or who don't have cash with them, can still support the cause and give their "fines." They merely text the word "scholar" to 56651, designate their amount, and include their credit card information. It's as quick and easy as that.

YOUR VOTE
MATTERS



Key Dates

- **December 11: A'Capella Choir**
- **December 18: Memorial Service: Remembering Rotarians**
- **December 25: No Meeting**
- **January 01: No Meeting**
- **January 08: Therasa Greenfield, head of USDA in the State of Iowa**
- **January 15: Small Town Dreams - River Bluff Community Foundation**
- **January 22: Debi Durham and Michael Gould, Iowa Economic Development Authority**
- **January 29: Fred Young, victim of bombing at 2016 bombing at Brussell Belgium airport**

Check It Out!



Mary Connell and Dale Dalton donate boots to Prince of Peace students!

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 3

In-person: 35

Total for December 04:

38

GUESTS:

- Bella Galloway
- Kiersten Lubs
- Kirby Winn

YTD: 106

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Dec 04 Meeting: \$390.00

YTD: \$3,007.00

Clinton Rotary Foundation

- Mary Swanson (Scholarships) In Memory Jim McGraw, Gene Machael, Bill Andersen, LaMetta Wynn, Sister Mary Ann Phelan & Cheryl McCulloh: \$100.00

Year to date total is \$415.00.

- Paul Holmer (Birthday) \$100.00

Year to date total is \$146.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 65
- Membership Goal: 84



Kirby Winn



[Watch our Meeting](#)
[HERE](#)

Kirby Winn, Public Relations with Impact Life, joined us on Monday to discuss all that Impact Life does and the importance of Blood donation. Formerly known as the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Impact Life came to be in 2021, after expanding areas and merging with two other blood centers in the last ten years. Impact Life serves 124 hospitals and emergency service providers in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. They collect over 222,000 units from volunteer blood donors at 5,000+ mobile drives and 22 Donor Centers. Additionally, they are the provider of all blood components to MercyOne Clinton Medical Center.

Donor Recruitment consists of communication tools, such as emails, calls, and text messages, donor promotions (gift card programs, Donor for Life rewards), posters, signs, and banners, and donor records and scheduling systems. Winn commented that often donations taper off over the holidays, yet the need for blood remains the same. Blood providers have joined forces to prepare for mass transfusion disasters, ensuring our ability to meet blood needs without delay! This is called BERC (Blood Emergency Readiness Corps).

Future Donation Dates

- Mon, 12/18 (8-11am) @ Ericksen Center
- Thurs, 12/28 (2:30-6pm) @ Ericksen Center
- Fri, 01/05 (10-2pm) @ Clinton Fire Depart * In memory of Lt. Eric Hosette
- Wed, 01/10 (10-1:30pm) @ Clinton National Bank
- Mon, 01/15 (1:30-5:30pm) @ St. Mark's UMC, Camanche
- Wed, 01/17 (2:45-6pm) @ Immaculate Conception, Fulton
- Mon, 01/22 (8-11am) @ Ericksen Center
- Thurs, 01/25 (2:30-6pm) @ Ericksen Center

Let's be friends! Check out nearly every social media platforms @impactlife

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

December 11: Tom Determann
 December 18: Carrie Donaïre
 December 25: No Meeting

GREETER

December 11: Rod Tokheim
 December 18: Ryan Veenstra
 December 25: No Meeting



PROGRAM CHAIRS

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND & CARRIE DONAIRE
 JANUARY: DENNIS LAUVER
 FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL
 MARCH: JULIE DUNN
 APRIL: SUE WATKINS

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE & DOUG BERTRAND
 JANUARY: JOHN FREY & BRENT BRIGHTMAN
 FEBRUARY: PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA
 MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER
 APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- John Frey December 02
- Paul Holmer December 10
- Anna Schwarz December 11
- Ruty Rutenbeck December 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- David Rose
 - 6 years; Dec 11, 2017
- Brent Albrechtsen
 - 2 years; Dec 13, 2021
- Andy Fergurson
 - 5 years; Dec 17, 2018
- Kathy Klahn
 - 19 years; Dec 20 2004

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 2023-2024

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

Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- 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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Every year, the Clinton Rotary Club proudly awards local students with scholarships paid for from the Fellowship Weekly fines.

The past few years have proven more difficult due to COVID and lower attendance.

I am asking for help and thought people might offer an additional gift during the month of December, in honor of a friend who has passed or has touched your life or career.



This could be an honor for you or we can print their name and any note in the weekly bulletin and announce at the meetings. Any amount helps -- and easy ways to contribute:



Checks can be made out to "Clinton Rotary Foundation" for tax deductions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING US REACH THIS GOAL

