Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary
Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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Clinton, IA

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Presidential News

The Rotary Club of Clinton celebrated the success of its Freezing for Food fundraising effort. With a $2,000 lead gift from the Rotary Foundation and generous member participation—including matching challenges—the club raised a total of $4,179 to support food security in the Clinton community!!! Well Done, Rotarians!

The club's **$10,000 matching challenge** for Energize Clinton is nearly complete, with about $9,000 raised so far. This is the final opportunity to contribute through Rotary before the holiday break, and members were encouraged to give soon to help reach the full match and receive Endow Iowa credit.

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1–2 in Coralville. Sponsorship opportunities will be shared after the holidays for individuals or businesses interested in reaching a regional audience.

We received a $20,000 CCDA grant to fully fund the President's Project—construction of a shelter at Jurgensson Park, with building set to begin this spring!!!

Key Dates

- December 22: NO MEETING
- December 29: NO MEETING
- January 05: Nate Vander Bleek, Clinton Lumberkings
- January 12: City of Clinton Neighborhood Improvement Committee
- January 19: NO MEETING
- January 26: Synergy

Check It Out!

Andy & Chris Streets, Freezin' For Food!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 04
In-person: 30
Total for December 15: 34

GUESTS:

- N/A

YTD: 130

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: $205
- Special: $100.00, Donna M Kida

YTD: $4,205.00

- Foundation: $N/A

YTD: $910.00
YTD Total: $5,115.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84

WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

YouTube

Gary Dolphin Shares Insight, Perspective, and Hawkeye Pride

The Rotary Club of Clinton welcomed longtime Iowa Hawkeyes play-by-play voice Gary Dolphin, who reflected on his nearly three decades calling Iowa football and basketball. A multi-time Iowa Sportscaster of the Year, Dolphin emphasized that his greatest reward isn't accolades, but the privilege of going to work every day doing what he loves.

Dolphin shared career highlights, including opportunities with the Chicago Bears that ultimately reaffirmed his commitment to Iowa. He spoke passionately about communication skills, encouraging young people to put down their phones, make eye contact, and build real-world connections—advice he credits as key to long-term success.

He provided an in-depth update on Hawkeye athletics, highlighting an encouraging start for Iowa men's basketball under new head coach Ben McCollum. Dolphin praised the team's strong defense, disciplined culture, and standout player Bennett Stirtz, noting Iowa's best start in decades and optimism heading into Big Ten play.

On the football side, Dolphin reviewed Iowa's solid 8-4 season and upcoming bowl game in Tampa, crediting the program's trademark defense, special teams, and leadership. He highlighted individual honors, including Logan Jones winning the Rimington Trophy as the nation's top center, and spoke highly of Coach Kirk Ferentz—not only as the winningest coach in Big Ten history, but as a leader deeply committed to his players, staff, and community.

Dolphin also addressed the changing landscape of college sports, touching on NIL, the transfer portal, and bowl game challenges, while expressing confidence that the system will eventually stabilize.

The presentation concluded with gratitude, Hawkeye pride, and Rotary spirit. In honor of Gary Dolphin's visit, the club donated a children's book to the Clinton Public Library in his name.

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
- DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING
- JANUARY 05: NATE VANDER BLEEK, CLINTON LUMBERKINGS
- JANUARY 12: CITY OF CLINTON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
- JANUARY 26: SYNERGY

INVOCATION

DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING
JANUARY 05: JULIE DUNN
JANUARY 12: HEATHER FARWELL
JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
JANUARY 26: ANDY FERGURSON

GREETER

DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING
JANUARY 05: AMIE BOETJE
JANUARY 12: FRANCIS BOGGUS
JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
JANUARY 26: JULIANN BRAY

PROGRAM CHAIRS

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND
JANUARY: DENNIS LAUVER
FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL
MARCH: JULIE DUNN

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND
JANUARY: PAUL HOLMER
FEBRUARY: JOHN FRYE & RYAN VEENSTRA
MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER

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
- 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

Key Rotary Disease Prevention & Treatment Activities

- Polio Eradication: A top priority, using vaccination and infrastructure to end the disease globally.
- Vaccinations: Promoting HPV vaccines to fight cervical cancer and providing other immunizations.
- Health Screenings: Offering free dental, vision, and hearing checks, especially for children.
- Disease-Specific Programs: Tackling HIV/AIDS (early testing for mothers), malaria, Alzheimer's, MS, and diabetes.
- Mental Health: Increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and supporting mental well-being.
- Water & Sanitation: Improving access to clean water to fight Guinea worm and other diseases.
- Community Health: Establishing clinics, training local health workers, and educating families.