



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 02, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 1361
Clinton, IA
52733

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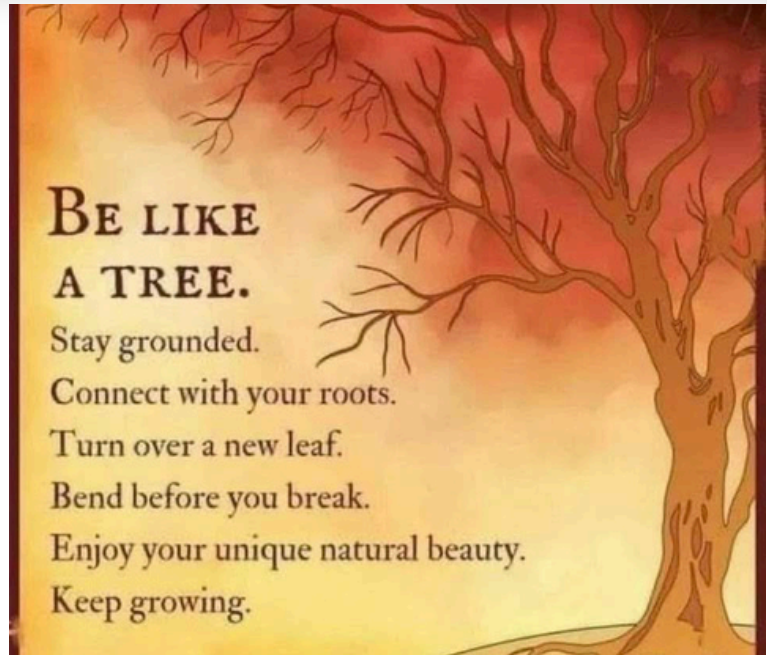
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RotaryClubofClinton.com

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- [Facebook](#)
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1-2 in Coralville. Sponsorship opportunities are available for as little as \$100, all the way up to \$2000. Please reach out to Carrie Donaire for more information!



Membership Fireside Chat & Mixer - February 11
The Membership Committee invites members and prospective members to a Fireside Chat and Membership Mixer on February 11 at 5:00 pm at the Rusty Barrel. This informal event is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and connect with fellow members. A signup sheet will be available starting next Monday—save the date!

Mount Sinclair Scholarship - Applications Open
Clinton National Bank's Mount Sinclair Scholarship is now open for applications through April. A total of \$220,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year to approximately 100 students, with awards ranging up to nearly \$10,000. Scholarships may be used for undergraduate or graduate studies. Apply online through the Clinton National Bank website by clicking the "Scholarships" link.

Key Dates

- February 02: Clinton PD Deputy Chief Jim Ballauer
- February 09: Rediscover Recovery - Todd Noack
- February 16: President's Day, NO MEETING
- February 23: Tamra Jetter, The Jetter Center

Check It Out!





Rotary

Rotary Club of
Clinton

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
MEMBERSHIP MIXER
AND FIRESIDE CHAT

LEARN ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
FOR NEW AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

RUSTY BARREL - 224 5TH AVE S.

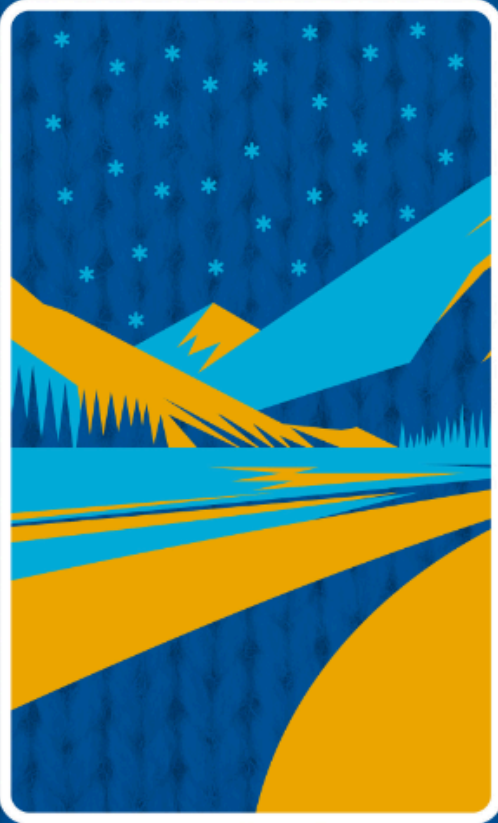
Happy Hour - 5 PM

Cash Bar | Hosted hors d'oeuvres

RSVP to attend
RotaryClubofClintonIA@gmail.com



february 28, 2026



across the
country,
close to home.

A winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



walk | fundraise
donate | volunteer
team up with friends
cnoy.com

February 28, 2026

Meet: 4:30pm First Methodist Church
Walk: 5:00pm 236 7th Ave S
Soup: 6:00pm Clinton, IA 52732



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 06

In-person: 38

Total for January 26: 44

GUESTS:

- Danielle Crockett
- Kristin Huisenga
- Carson Deare
- Dustin Johnson
- Avery Balog
- Bryma Soerksen
- Tucker Sechrest
- Cheyenne VanDellen
- Lauryn Tarr
- Aubrey Ferguson
- Haylee House
- Alexis Endreshak

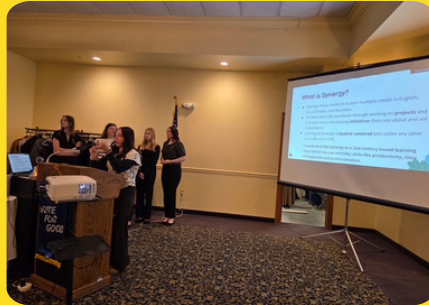
YTD: 147

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$118
YTD \$4,650.00
 - Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$935.00
- YTD Total: \$5,595

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



WATCH OUR
MEETING HERE!



Synergy is a student-centered program for juniors and seniors that allows students to earn English, Social Studies,



and Business credits through real-world, project-based learning. Instead of traditional classrooms, students complete passion projects, internships, and community initiatives while building skills like professionalism, communication, and time management. The program is housed in a downtown shared office space, giving students hands-on experience in a professional environment. "Synergy helped us build confidence, connect with our community, and create projects that actually matter," stated one student.

This year, Synergy students led "Once Upon a Drive," a community book drive focused on improving early literacy in the Clinton Community School District, where 33% of elementary students test below reading proficiency. Students collected over 4,000 books from 15 donors and distributed them to approximately 400 students at Eagle Heights Elementary, with each child receiving about four books. Books were sorted by age level, labeled with Synergy stickers, and given out alongside donated snacks. High school students also visited classrooms to read to younger students.

"Getting free books into kids' homes helps them learn, grow, and see reading as more than just a school assignment."

—CHS Synergy Student, Once Upon a Drive Book Drive

The book drive will continue this spring at Bluff Elementary, completing outreach to all local elementary schools. Synergy welcomes ongoing support through book donations, monetary contributions, or gift cards to help purchase new books. The program continues to empower students to grow in confidence, leadership, and community engagement while making a meaningful local impact.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- FEBRUARY 02: CLINTON PD DEPUTY CHIEF JIM BALLAUER
- FEBRUARY 09: REDISCOVER RECOVERY - TODD NOACK
- FEBRUARY 16: PRESIDENT'S DAY, NO MEETING
- FEBRUARY 23: TAMRA JETTER, THE JETTER CENTER

INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 02: CHERYL FREY
FEBRUARY 09: JOHN FREY
FEBRUARY 16: NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 23: RAY GIMENEZ



GREETER

FEBRUARY 02: MATT BROOKE
FEBRUARY 09: JOSEPH BROWN
FEBRUARY 16: NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 23: JAMES BRUHN

PROGRAM CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL
MARCH: JULIE DUNN



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: JOHN FRYE & RYAN VEENSTRA
MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER

Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Carrie Donaire Feb 04
- Dennis Lauver Feb 05
- Juliann Bray Feb 23
- Rod Tokheim Feb 25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Sue Watkins
 - 12 yrs; Feb. 03 2014
- Daniel Housenga
 - 15 yrs; Feb. 07 2011
- Brian Kelly
 - 5 yrs; Feb. 08 2021
- Cheryl Frey
 - 18 yrs; Feb. 25 2008
- Andy Sokolovich
 - 4 yrs; Feb. 28 2022

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

R.I. Admin

ROTARY MOMENTS

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?

The world's largest Rotary Club

Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute Essentials

Rotary Board of Directors for 2025-2026

- Andrew Green: President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Carrie Donaire: Past-President, International Service
- Andy Ferguson: 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

The Rotary Club of Vijayawada Midtown (India), founded in 1985 with 33 members, has experienced remarkable growth, reaching over 750 members in 2018, thus becoming the largest Rotary club in the world. The key to this success lies in the concept of a “club within a club”, which allows members to form small groups based on common interests such as sports, music, and business.

These sub-clubs offer spaces for socializing and service, fostering personal connections.

Various initiatives, such as the Midtown Cricket Club and the Midtown Music Club, strengthen member engagement while supporting causes like polio eradication.

This model has not only transformed member interactions but has also increased contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

By fostering engagement, Vijayawada Midtown demonstrates how shared passions can strengthen the Rotary community.