



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 03, 2025

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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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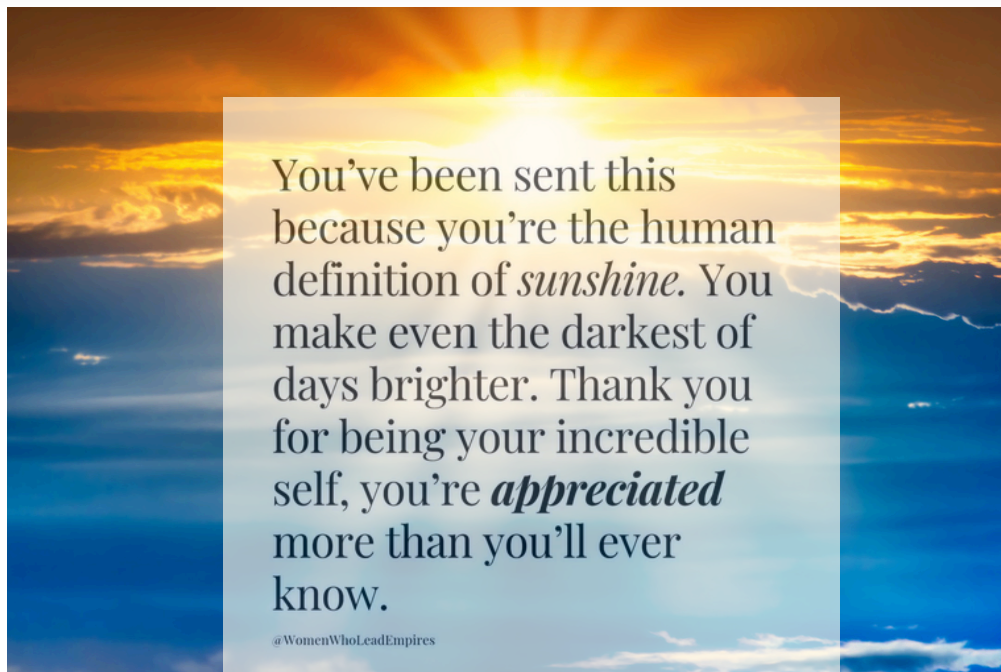
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**RotaryClubofClinton.com**

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- **Facebook**
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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

Save the Date!!!

Thursday, March 27, 2025 --  
Food Security Summit 2025

**READ ABOUT CARRIE'S  
PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT  
ADDRESSING FOOD  
INSECURITIES ON PAGE 5!!!**

January quarterly billings were emailed the afternoon of January 27. Please contact Dale Dalton if you have any questions or did not receive the email and invoice.

The 56651 number will no longer be available for making donations. Instead, people will have to use the QR code (below) or the phone number 855-800-4975.



## Key Dates

- February 03: Angela Boelens, IA NICE
- February 10: Deputy Chief of Police Jim Ballauer
- February 17: "Beyond Black History Month" mini-workshop
- February 24: "Empowerment Through Sports" with Reggie Russell

## Check It Out!



**WILDFIRES  
RESOURCE  
PAGE**

**LIST INCLUDES:**

- Hands On Support Ideas
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Resource Directory
- Self Care-Support

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

**ROTARIANS OFFERING SUPPORT**

[Click HERE to donate to Rotary District 5280's Wildfires Resources, benefitting the relief efforts of those affected by the horrific California Wild Fires.](#)

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 01

In-person: 45

Total for January 27: 46

## GUESTS:

- Megan Dove
- Kari White
- Charlie Graf
- Emily Banker
- Sara Norman
- Kelly Goodsman-Smith
- Philana McInnis
- Liang Chee Wee
- Jackson Hoffman
- Sescie Haan
- Madison Hensel
- Addison Lorenzen

YTD: 173

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$275.00  
YTD \$5,544.50
- Foundation: \$ \$5.00  
YTD \$717.00

YTD Total: \$6,261.50

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



[Watch Our  
Meeting HERE](#)

The Downtown Clinton Alliance (DCA) came and spoke with our club on Monday and provided us with wonderful updates for the area. Kari White is the President of Downtown Clinton Alliance and owner of Happy Joes Pizza, Lindsay Morhardt is the owner of the Rusty Barel and a Board Member of DCA, and Megan Dove, with Three Dove Designs, is the administrator for DCA. Both White and Dove are friends of Rotary and have presented to us before!

### 2025 = New Look Coming Soon!

#### SSMID = Think Business Improvement District

"What are we up to?' We kind of go by 'Clean, Safe, Beautiful' and then everything that we do and focus on falls within those topics," explained Dove. Some of their projects include:

- City: Downtown traffic light changes
- Working with the City to upgrade Lighting on 5th Ave. S. & 6th Ave. S. and additional safety initiatives.
- Partnering with Grow Clinton to address safety concerns with CPD and the Downtown
- Efforts to revitalize the landscaping in the Downtown.

White discussed Music on the Avenue, which they're revitalizing and making better than ever. Music on the Avenue saw record numbers last year and they're about 98% finished

picking bands. They are doing ten weeks in 2025 and it will be 2.5 hours long each night. White told us, "It just wasn't long enough. We have people who want to talk and everybody just wants to stay out and have fun. This is one of the few things in our community that's free -- one of the few things probably in our world that's free — and we want to keep it that way. We do have sponsorships available

if you or business is interested in sponsoring Music on the Avenue, please get a hold of one of us we would be glad to talk to you." Other events coming include an adult prom, Fall Haunted Wine & Beer Walk and more!

Thank you, Downtown Clinton Alliance, for all you do!



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 03: WES GOLDEN  
FEBRUARY 10: JENNIFER GRAF  
FEBRUARY 17: ANDREW GREEN  
FEBRUARY 24: VAL HILL



## GREETER

FEBRUARY 03: DALE DALTON  
FEBRUARY 10: GARY DELACY  
FEBRUARY 17: TOM DETERMANN  
FEBRUARY 24: JULIE DUNN

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL  
MARCH: JULIE DUNN



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: JOHN FREY & 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

- Cheryl Frey
  - 17 yrs; Feb. 25 2008
- Daniel Housenga
  - 14 yrs; Feb. 07 2011
- Sue Watkins
  - 11 yrs; Feb. 03 2014
- Brian Kelly
  - 4 yrs; Feb. 08 2021
- Andy Sokolovich
  - 3 yrs; Feb. 28 2022



# 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

## ROTARY NEWS

### **Presidential Project**

#### **Food Security Summit – March 2025**

##### **Goals:**

- Local Initiative:
  - Host a strategic planning session for Clinton, Iowa's social agencies to address food security with county-wide participation.
  - Engage a professional facilitator to create a plan for sustainable solutions.
  - Rotary Club of Clinton acts as a catalyst for collaboration and resource sharing, funded by the Rotary Foundation.
- Awareness Campaign:
  - Produce videos showcasing Rotary's role as a convener and problem solver.
  - Highlight the club's efforts to address food insecurity and share results to inspire community support.
  - Participating agencies will have access to these materials to help support their missions.

##### **Key Elements**

- **Global Impact:** Since 2019, Rotary Club of Clinton has supported sustainable gardening and water management in Oaxaca, connecting clubs internationally to tackle humanitarian issues.
- **Local Collaboration:** The club will unify Clinton's social agencies to address food insecurity and amplify local efforts through collaboration.
- **Storytelling:** Professionally produced videos will promote awareness of Rotary's global and local impact, fostering support for initiatives.

##### **Background & Leadership**

This project reflects Rotary's commitment to service, uniting efforts for lasting change through strong networks and local relationships. Club President Carrie Donaire draws on her Peace Corps experience in food security and agriculture in Nicaragua to inform her vision, emphasizing both global and local solutions.

##### **Details**

- **Steering Committee:** Chris and Brittany Remrey, Michele Cullen, Regan Michelson, Alethea Cahoy, Andy Green, and Susie Mesecher.
- Carrie would like 100% club participation – members are encouraged to share ideas, and when publicity is ready, we will ask for help to publicize and support the Summit.