



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
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- [LinkedIn](#)
- [YouTube](#)

**"THE WAY TO
RIGHT WRONGS
IS TO TURN THE
LIGHT OF TRUTH
UPON THEM."**

—IDA B. WELLS



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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 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: 02

In-person: 34

Total for February 03: 36

GUESTS:

- Ari Lewerentz
- Leah Mangelsen
- Chase Christensen
- Nathan Frye
- Kaylee Moeller
- Alivian Samuels

YTD: 179

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$174.00
YTD \$5,718.50
- Foundation: \$20
YTD \$737.00
YTD Total: \$6,455.50

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



[Watch Our Meeting HERE](#)

Website: IANICE.ORG

Our presenter on Monday was no stranger to our club. Angela Boelens, a professor at Augustana College, a fellow Rotarian, and the President of IA NICE, came to our club and updated us on our Ukrainian friends' journey in the last year and how things have changed. Boelens discussed how IA NICE was created out of a duty to do the right thing and how beneficial accepting Ukrainians into our community has been. "When you can help others, you do that," Boelens stated. Furthermore, "Roughly every Ukrainian that comes to our community adds roughly \$80,000 to our economy through local taxes, sales tax, property tax so it's a good thing economically."

The conversation took a turn toward very real and recent events, including the Executive order that came out on January 20th, which would suspend TSP (Temporary Protective Status) and UHP (Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole). "We do have credible information that not only are they going to end TPS and UHP but our statuses are going to be revoked very possibly," Boelens sadly explained. "By the way, we get it. We know that there has to be policy, but we have to make that policy work for Iowa. It can't just be in reaction to bad circumstances on the border... We need immigrants. We need legal people that are brought here for the right purpose and they contribute in the right way."

During our Q & A session, Boelens laid out some vital information that a lot of people don't realize and might be quick to jump to conclusions over. Boelens explained, "I am one of those people who believe you need to do things legally. I just think it's the right thing to do... but here's one of the little fun facts that I was not aware of. You know when we talk about the number of illegal people here in the country-- it's not all people who just simply, like, snuck across the border. If you -- and I told you how difficult the paperwork is -- if you're here legally under TPS, you've got to refile every 18 months, okay? When you refile, the systems are wonky. If you screw it up, you don't get an email that says, 'Hey this field doesn't look quite right. Can you help me out?' You don't hear anything. There is no phone number to call, and you can submit one email in the system asking for help. It takes five months to get a response, and if you try to send a second email, it rejects you and says sorry you don't qualify to ask a question right now. So people become illegal, who are here legally, with a social security card, paying taxes, and working hard, they become illegal for a variety of reasons, and it's not always that they came across the border, so when you hear those numbers, just understand that it's not always what it seems." Boelens discussed how both documented and undocumented immigrants pay taxes and how little, in terms of benefits, they receive. Thank you, Angela, for your continued dedication to helping people and for speaking to our club this week!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- February 10: Deputy Chief of Police Jim Ballauer
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INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 10: JENNIFER GRAF

FEBRUARY 17: ANDREW GREEN

FEBRUARY 24: VAL HILL



GREETER

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

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| • Jim Bruhn* | • Kathy Klahn* | • Paul Holmer* |
| • Dale Dalton* | • Lynn McGraw | • Andy Ferguson |
| • Jennifer Graf* | • Sue Watkins | |

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.