

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

## 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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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

- We received a donation last week in memory of former Rotarian Al. Lorenz!  
Thank you!

- Text **SCHOLAR** to 56651 to Support Our Scholarship Funds!!!

- We will have a local speech contest on Tuesday, March 5. More details coming soon!

## Key Dates

- February 12: Speakout Against Suicide
- February 19: No Meeting
- February 26: TBD

## Check It Out!



Thank you for making us the **WINNERS** of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Contest!!!

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

**ATTENDANCE:**  
Online: 1

**In-person: 27**

**Total for January 29: 28**

## GUESTS:

- Janet Winston-Young
- Fred Young
- Keegan Bitler
- Jillian Frey
- Victoria Sanborn
- Devynn Mosquito

**YTD: 151**

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

**Jan 29 Meeting: \$82**

**YTD: \$4,850**

**Clinton Rotary Foundation:**  
**\$270**

**Year to date total is \$785**

## MEMBERS:

- **Current Members: 65**
- **Membership Goal: 84**



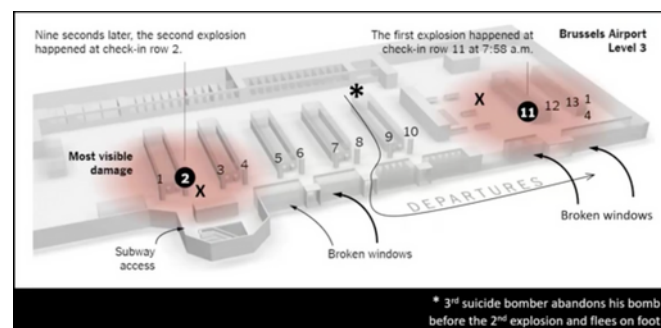
**Janet & Fred Young**



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

Last week, we had the pleasure of hearing from Fred and Janet Young, who were both victims of the 2016 Brussels Airport Bombings. On March 22, 2016, two suicide bombers, carrying explosives in large suitcases, attacked the departure hall at Brussels Airport in Zaventem. The first explosion occurred at 07:58 in check-in row 11; the second explosion occurred about nine seconds later in check-in row 2. The suicide bombers were visible in CCTV footage. A third suicide bomber left the airport without detonating his bomb, which was later found in a search of the airport and destroyed by a controlled explosion. The bombing took thirty-two lives, excluding the three suicide bombers, and injured over 300 people. The bombings were the deadliest attack on Belgium since World War II. Nine people were sentenced for responsibility for the attacks.

Janet and Fred both turned towards God in the moments after the bombs went off, both calling out to God and realizing His love and strength. Janet stated numerous times, "God is Good." When asked if Fred felt vengeance, he stated, "We can trust Him for vengeance he says vengeance is mine, so we can release that to him and work with our own forgiveness and not feel the feelings of vengeance and retribution. We trust God's going to take care of that and He's the ultimate justice for us." Janet continued this thought and stated, "There is no perfect justice. The human system is not perfect because we're all so imperfect you know... I think we did choose to move on by letting God deal with it and I think that it's helping us find Joy again."



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 5

In-person: 24

Total for February 05: 29

### GUESTS:

- Alethea Cahoy
- Jackson Newcomb
- Devynn Mosquito

YTD: 154

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Feb 05 Meeting: \$100

YTD: \$4,950.00

Clinton Rotary Foundation: N/A  
Year to date total is \$515

Total YTD: \$5735

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 65
- Membership Goal: 84



**Alethea Cahoy**



**Watch our Meeting HERE**

Alethea Cahoy, Executive Director of the River Bluff Community Foundation joined us this week and talked to us about what the Foundation does. Founded in 2005, the Foundation had the vision to be sure that our community's charitable needs were met. Their main goals are to support our community, build a brighter future, and position donors to make a difference in our community.

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque consists of a seven-county region, where the mission is to strengthen communities and inspire giving. Their vision is also inspiring, with a focus on creating a community where everyone can thrive. Their values are equity and opportunity, collaboration, stewardship, and knowledge. Cahoy stated, "Our affiliation with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque provides four main things for us. They provide back-office support...They provide educational opportunities for us....The last thing they also help to ensure that all the money that is given to all of the nonprofits with us stays local. That money stays in Clinton. That's an important thing that they do -- all donations to River Bluff and our family of funds stay right in Clinton and Camanche. This support that they provide for us really helps my board and myself be the boots on the street and focus on doing the work of our mission so we are very grateful for what they have done for us."

"Energize Clinton, Powered by Community Heart and Soul" is a pilot program that is the first of its kind and the first in the nation. It takes two phases, or initiatives, -- Phase 1: Community Heart and Soul and Phase 2: Small Town Dreams -- to create one program. Cahoy stated, "In Phase one, we learned about what residents value most -- their hopes for the future and what kind of projects we can do to make Clinton an even better place to live, work, and play. Then we'll move into phase two, the small-town dreams, where we will create a funding source to support projects and ideas that matter most to the residents of Clinton."

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- February 12: **Speakout Against Suicide**
- February 19: **No Meeting**
- February 26: **TBD**



## INVOCATION

February 12: **JOHN FREY**  
February 19: **No Meeting**  
February 26: **SAM GENSON**

## GREETER

February 12: **MATT BROOKE**  
February 19: **No Meeting**  
February 26: **JOE BROWN**



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL & ANDY GREEN**  
**MARCH: JULIE DUNN**  
**APRIL: SUE WATKINS**

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

**FEBRUARY: PAUL HOLMER & RYAN VEENSTRA**  
**MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER**  
**APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH**



## *Celebrations*

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

- Sue Watkins
  - 10 yrs; Feb. 03 2014
- Daniel Housenga
  - 13 yrs; Feb. 07 2011
- Brian Kelly
  - 3 yrs; Feb. 08 2021
- Theresa Nielsen
  - 5 yrs; Feb. 11 2019
- Cheryl Frey
  - 16 yrs; Feb. 25 2008
- Andy Sokolovich
  - 2 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 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 Fergusson: 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\*
- Dale Dalton\*
- Jennifer Graf\*
- Kathy Klahn\*
- Lynn McGraw
- Sue Watkins
- Paul Holmer\*
- Andy Fergusson

## COMMUNITY NEWS