



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1-2 in Coralville. [Click HERE to REGISTER!!!](#)

Breaking news! 📣

Attendance sheets are officially retiring. No more passing papers or chasing signatures! In the spirit of service above self (and paper above piles), attendance sheets are going away! We're streamlining things—same great meetings, less paperwork. Your presence still matters—we'll just be counting it without the clipboard cameo! 😊

Rotary Youth Camp (RYLA) Applications Open

Last summer, our club sponsored three high school students to attend RYLA. Applications are now open for this summer, and we plan to send students again. The program is open to sophomores and juniors (not seniors). We have budgeted to send two students and are also exploring additional sponsorships from club members. More information, including costs and how to sponsor a student, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Mount St. Clare Scholarship - Applications Open

Clinton National Bank's Mount St. Clare 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

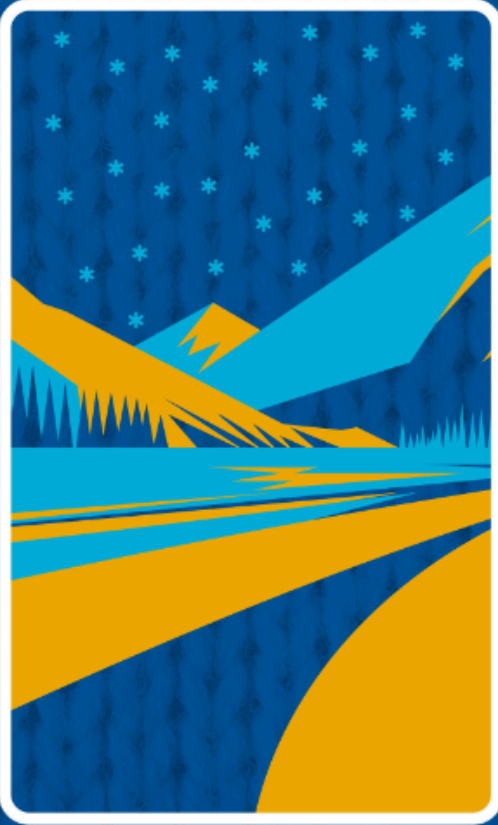
- **February 16: President's Day, NO MEETING**
- **February 23: Tamra Jetter, The Jetter Center**

Check It Out!

The Rotary Club of Clinton will now celebrate **Random Acts of Kindness Week** each year, as a special opportunity to put **Service Above Self** into action. Members are encouraged to participate by performing simple acts of kindness—big or small—throughout the day to spread goodwill and positivity in our community. From kind notes to thoughtful gestures, every act makes a difference and reflects the heart of Rotary.



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: 04

In-person: 27

Total for February 09: 31

GUESTS:

- Carson Deppe
- Tiffany Sisco
- Katie Dunmore
- Aubrie O'Haver

YTD: 157

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club Feb 02 Meeting: \$121
- Rotary Club Feb 09: \$163
YTD \$4,934
- Foundation Feb 02: \$20
- Foundation Feb 09: N/A

YTD: \$955

YTD Total: \$5,889

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



Life Connections Peer Recovery Services Presentation

**WATCH OUR
MEETING HERE!**



We welcomed team members from Life Connections Peer Recovery Services, a nonprofit, peer-run organization supporting individuals on their recovery journeys through lived experience, compassion, and connection. Life Connections operates both a Wellness Recovery Center and Rhonda's House, Iowa's first peer-run respite home. Life Connections is unique in that all staff and the majority of its board have lived experience with mental health challenges, addiction, or both. This peer-to-peer model creates a welcoming, non-judgmental environment where individuals—referred to as guests—are treated with dignity and respect.

Rhonda's House, a five-bedroom respite home, offers short-term stays of up to seven days for individuals seeking stability, rest, and support before reaching a crisis point. The program helps bridge gaps before hospitalization, treatment, major life transitions, or simply during times when someone needs a safe place to regroup. Since opening in 2018, Rhonda's House has served more than 785 guests from across Iowa.

The Wellness Recovery Center, open since 2014, provides peer-led groups and support services both in person and virtually. Offerings include peer support, life skills, wellness education, trauma recovery, 12-step recovery, and creative expression. The center operates during evening hours to ensure support is available when many other services are closed.

Life Connections also hosts monthly Community Conversations with first responders and community members to encourage open dialogue, reduce stigma, and strengthen community relationships. The presentation highlighted the powerful impact of peer-run recovery services in reducing hospitalizations, lowering emergency service use, and—most importantly—restoring hope. Rotary thanks the Life Connections team for their dedication to advancing recovery, wellness, and community support throughout Iowa.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- FEBRUARY 16: PRESIDENT'S DAY, NO MEETING
- FEBRUARY 23: TAMRA JETTER, THE JETTER CENTER

INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 16: NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 23: RAY GIMENEZ



GREETER

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

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 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

ROTARY MOMENTS

MEALS OF
HOPE

Inspiring Action, Feeding Communities

Empowering Clubs to Create a Ripple Effect of Hope



Born from the Rotary Club of Naples, FL, Meals of Hope has packed over 100 million meals across the U.S., addressing food insecurity while strengthening communities.

Clubs that host meal-packing events create lasting local impact:



Engage and retain members with a hands-on service project.



Build stronger bonds among members and the community.

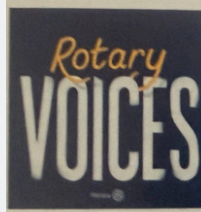


Keep meals local, supporting families and seniors in need.

Bring a meal-packing event to your club or district.



MEALSOFHOP.ORG
(239) 537-7775



ON THE PODCAST

On a recent episode of Rotary Voices, broadcast journalist Jerome McDonnell sat down with leaders from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, including Rotary International PolioPlus Committee member Valarie Wafer, to discuss recent developments in the GPEI action plan. Listen at rotary.org/podcast.