

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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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 24: "Empowerment Through Sports" with Reggie Russell

Check It Out!



Do you really want to show your dedication to Rotary?? Be like Jan! Jan from District 5040 Canada has an RI Tattoo!



THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 10AM - 3PM CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER ADVANCEMENT CENTER **1210 11TH AVE. SOUTH** CLINTON, IA

Working together on sustainable solutions to address food insecurity in our community.



HOSTED BY:





To reserve your seat, send Food Security Summit attendee information to RotaryClubofClintonIA@gmail.com. Or, Call or Text Carrie at 563-249-9416

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: N/A In-person: 18 Total for February 17: 19

GUESTS:

Kemi Busker

YTD: 184

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

• Rotary Club: \$98 YTD \$5,816.50

• Foundation: N/A YTD \$837.00

YTD Total: \$6,653.50

MEMBERS:

Current Members: 69Membership Goal: 84



Marsha Thrall presented a Black History Month workshop. Rotarians met in small groups to read about important figures in the black community, and to understand and discuss their contributions in their respective fields. For example, one table read lyrics from Kendrick Lamar's Pulitzer-prize winning album DAMN, and talked about the experiences in Lamar's life that come to light through his lyrics. The purpose of the workshop was to learn beyond the frequently highlighted figures of Black History month, and to have a conversation with our peers. Other topics include: Black North Americans who are candidates for Catholic sainthood, and the racial violence in Tulsa Oklahoma in 1921.



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PROGRAMS

February 24: "Empowerment Through Sports" with Reggie Russell

INVOCATION

FEBRUARY 24: VAL HILL

MARCH 03: NORLAN HINKE MARCH 10: PAUL HOLMER

MARCH 17: BRIAN KELLY MARCH 24: ANDREW KIDA

MARCH 31: KATHY KLAHN



FEBRUARY 24: JULIE DUNN

MARCH 03: HEATHER FARWELL **MARCH 10: ANDY FERGURSON MARCH 17: GARY FOSTER**

> **MARCH 24: CHERYL FREY MARCH 31: JOHN FREY**

PROGRAM CHAIRS



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

FEBRUARY: JOHN FREY & RYAN VEENSTRA **MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER**





• Carrie Donaire Feb 04

• Dennis Lauver Feb 05

• Juliann Bray Feb 23

• Rod Tokheim Feb 25

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





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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 Fergurson: 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* Paul Holmer*
- Lynn McGraw Andy Fergurson
- · 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.