

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 26, 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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- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

"Rotary brings people
together to achieve a
common goal of service and
community outreach."

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

- **We need timers, tellers and judges for the Tom Narak Memorial Speech Contest on March 05. Please reach out to Carrie Donaire if you can help!**
- **Tune in to KROS on Tuesday, Feb 27, following the 8:30 news, to hear Carrie talk about the Tom Narak Memorial Speech Contest!**
- **Text SCHOLAR to 56651 to Support Our Scholarship Funds!!!**

Key Dates

- February 26: Pastor Paul will speak about "First Circle Friends"
- March 04: Kristin Huizenga, Executive Director, Clinton Substance Abuse Council
- March 11: TBD
- March 18: Susan Sharp, Director of Ministry & Operations, Salvation Army 360 Life Center
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Check It Out!



Rotary
District 6000



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

ROTARY DISTRICT 6000 CELEBRATION

April 20, 2024
10AM - 9PM
Pella Opera House
611 Franklin Street, Pella IA

Register online at Rotary6000.org

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
FREDDIE ALMAZAN
BLAKE COLLINGSWORTH
MARTY FINDLEY
MATTHEW SHEELEY
JOHN OCKENFELS & PETER TEAHEN

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 1

In-person: 26

Total for February 12: 27

GUESTS:

- Grace Dykstra
- Paige Lower
- Shawn Felts

YTD: 157

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Feb 12 Meeting: \$193

YTD: \$5143

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

Total YTD: \$5658

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 65
- Membership Goal: 84



Shawn Felts

On Monday, we had the privilege of hearing from Shawn Felts, the Outreach Coordinator for Speak Out Against Suicide. Felts was born and raised in the Clinton and Camanche areas. She has been with Speak Out for about three years.

Speak Out Against Suicide is a nonprofit agency that was developed to eliminate the stigma of suicide and depression. We intend to increase the awareness and create a safe environment in which community members know they are not alone and can feel free to ask for help. Speak Out has seven board members, all of whom have lived with experiences with suicide, whether they've lost someone in their families or they've had suicidal thoughts themselves. This agency is primarily funded through private donations and they typically have two fundraisers a year – the Speak Out Against Suicide Gala, which will be on April 29th, as well as the "Breaking the Silence Suicide Awareness Walk", which is in September. These proceeds go to scholarships that benefit people in the mental health field.

Felts emphasized the importance of reaching out to people and not caring about what others think. It's so important to have those conversations, even if they're difficult ones. Felts discussed a group of teens that got together and discussed what they needed from their parents. The teens said that "they needed from parents is just for them to cut out a little piece of time in their week to sit down and just have some conversations whether they be good or whether they be bad in calm way."

Speak Out Against Suicide is our February speaker for President Braydon's Nonprofit Awareness Campaign so Rotary is donating \$1000 to them. Please see their contact information below!

Email: speakoutcamanche@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/SpeakOutCamancheIA>

<https://speakoutiowa.org/>



Watch our Meeting [HERE](#)



Chance, the Therapy Dog

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

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INVOCATION

February 26: SAM GENSON

GREETER

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
- 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

Coming Soon