



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

**Monday Rotary**

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
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- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [YouTube](#)

Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute

**Did you know?**  
My Blood for Others, the Rotary's largest blood drive in Europe, will take place in Toulouse, France, from January 21 to 24, 2026. 2,500 donors are expected.

**UNITE FOR GOOD**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

The Rotary Club of Clinton celebrated the success of its Freezing for Food fundraising effort. With a \$2,000 lead gift from the Rotary Foundation and generous member participation—including matching challenges—the club raised a total of \$4,179 to support food security in the Clinton community!!! Well Done, Rotarians!

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1–2 in Coralville. Sponsorship opportunities will be shared after the holidays for individuals or businesses interested in reaching a regional audience.

We received a \$20,000 CCDA grant to fully fund the President's Project—construction of a shelter at Jurgensson Park, with building set to begin this spring!!!

## Key Dates

- January 12: City of Clinton Neighborhood Improvement Committee
- January 19: NO MEETING
- January 26: Synergy

## Check It Out!



Gary Foster &  
Althea Cahoy

The Rotary Club of Clinton announced a \$10,000 match grant to Energize Clinton, made possible by \$12,390 in member donations, a \$10,000 Rotary Foundation match, and a \$5,000 anonymous contribution—totaling \$27,390.

This support helped Energize Clinton reach its first campaign milestone by unlocking additional endowment and grant funds through the Iowa Small Town Green Match Grant program. The effort reflects strong member participation and positions the Rotary Foundation to continue supporting future community projects.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 01

In-person: 34

Total for January 05: 35

### GUESTS:

- Nate Vander Bleek
- Jacob Lehmkuhl

YTD: 132

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$184  
YTD: \$4,389.00
- Foundation: \$N/A  
YTD: \$910.00  
YTD Total: \$5,299.00

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



LumberKings Update with Nate Vander Bleek

[WATCH OUR  
MEETING  
HERE!](#)



The Rotary Club of Clinton welcomed Nate Vander Bleek, General Manager of the Clinton Lumber Kings, who shared an update on the team's success and future. A Clinton native, Vander Bleek is in his third season as GM and has helped guide the organization's growth both on and off the field.

Vander Bleek highlighted an outstanding 2025 season, with the Lumber Kings posting their best Prospect League record (34-19), winning the Northwest Division, and leading the league in attendance for the fourth time in five years with more than 75,000 fans. Nine players earned All-Star honors—more than any other team—and several former Lumber Kings are now playing professional baseball.

"Every single one of these players is here because they want to be in Clinton—and that makes all the difference."

— Nate Vander Bleek, General Manager

Vander Bleek also announced key organizational updates, including the transition to a new manager, Trevor Burkhart, and a strong coaching staff for 2026. He previewed the upcoming season, fan-favorite promotions, community involvement opportunities such as host families and board service, and improvements planned at the ballpark. Opening Day is set for Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m.

The presentation reinforced the Lumberkings' role as a competitive team and a valued, community-owned asset in Clinton.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- JANUARY 12: CITY OF CLINTON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
- JANUARY 26: SYNERGY

## INVOCATION

JANUARY 12: HEATHER FARWELL  
 JANUARY 19: NO MEETING  
 JANUARY 26: ANDY FERGURSON



## GREETER

JANUARY 12: FRANCIS BOGGUS  
 JANUARY 19: NO MEETING  
 JANUARY 26: JULIANN BRAY

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

JANUARY: DENNIS LAUVER  
 FEBRUARY: MARSHA THRALL  
 MARCH: JULIE DUNN



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JANUARY: PAUL HOLMER  
 FEBRUARY: JOHN FRYE & RYAN VEENSTRA  
 MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER



## *Celebrations*

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Heather Farwell Jan 04
- Norlan Hinke Jan 07
- Mary Connell Jan 17
- Matt Brooke Jan 20
- Jill O'Neill Jan 25

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Julie Dunn
  - 9 yrs; Jan. 09 2017
- Claire Buyert
  - 36 yrs; Jan. 11 1990
- Matt Brooke
  - 9 yrs; Jan. 16 2017
- Andrew Kida
  - 9 yrs; Jan. 16 2017
- Francis Boggus
  - 4 yrs; Jan. 17 2022
- Andrew Green
  - 12 yrs; Jan. 31 2014

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

# R.I. Admin

## ROTARY MOMENTS

### Understanding the 4-Way Test

The 4-Way Test is at the heart of Rotary ethics.

1. **Is it the truth?**  
This first question reminds us of the importance of honesty. Seeking the truth in our actions and words prevents misunderstandings, rumors, and injustices. It builds mutual trust.
2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**  
Rotary encourages loyalty, not only to friends and colleagues, but also to the community. Fairness and equity ensure balanced and lasting relationships.
3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**  
This dimension emphasizes social peace. Acting with kindness fosters understanding and prevents conflict.
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**  
Finally, Rotarians aim for the public good. A decision must go beyond personal gain to serve the common good, the founding principle of our commitment.



## The Four-Way Test

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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