



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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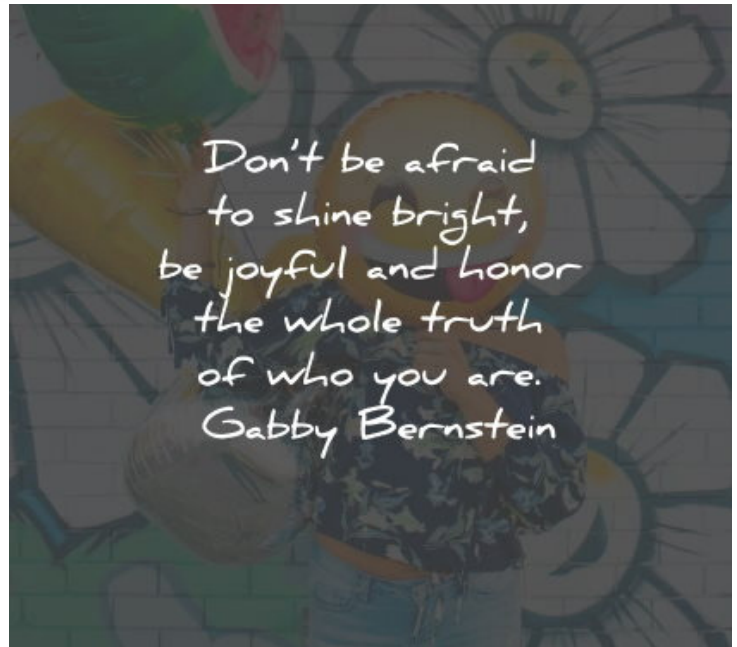
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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!!!**

As of next Monday, January 13, 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

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- January 20: No Rotary Meeting - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
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Check It Out!

FRAUD AWARENESS INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, Jan 13, 2025 | 10 AM
Camanche Public Library: 102 12th Ave, Camanche, IA.



Join us for a Fraud Awareness presentation by local experts

Randy Meier
Director, Seniors vs. Crime

Anne West
Retail Banking Officer, Citizens First Bank

Register to attend by calling 563.259.1106 or in-person at the Camanche Public Library

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 02

In-person: 35

Total for January 06: 37

GUESTS:

- Sesse Haan
 - Jack Hoffman
 - Owen Randall
 - Jim Irwin
 - Kendra Evers
 - Mike Zimmer
 - Addie Lorenzen
 - Maddy Hensel
- YTD: 148

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Monday's Meeting: \$144.00
YTD: \$5,102.50
- Foundation:
 - N/A
 YTD: \$544.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



Robert Sinkler, Ports of Eastern Iowa Authority



[Watch Our Meeting HERE](#)

Robert Sinkler, Corn Belt Ports Executive Coordinating Director, joined us remotely on Monday and spoke to us about the ports in the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterways. Sinkler said he wanted people to think "differently about ports." Based on data from Iowa DOT, over 6.2 million tons and \$5.2 billion in commodities were shipped on waterways to, from, and within Iowa in 2012.

Sinkler explained, "Our port regions -- there are four of them inside the Dam system on the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois waterway that have been created since 2020 and they're all regional partnerships that really bring together regional planning agencies, the business, and industry organizations, economic

development organizations, and also the actual port itself. That integration is extremely important to advance things forward and attract as much infrastructure investment from a wide variety of sources as we can. And that's really why the corn belt ports were created. The whole initiative began when we heard that there was some strong likelihood there would be a bipartisan infrastructure bill for the first time in many, many years and we wanted to make sure we were postured to attract as much investment from that as possible."

Since the Corn Belt Ports was launched to attract federal investment to the upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterways, the region has celebrated \$2 billion in infrastructure funding and is working to capture \$500 million more over the next two years. The regional ports, which are each 200 miles long and handle about 50 million tons of cargo, are:

- Mid-America Port Commission in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.
- Upper Mississippi River Ports in Illinois and Iowa, which includes the Quad Cities.
- Illinois Waterway Ports in central and north-central Illinois.
- Northern Grain Belt Ports in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Thank you, Robert, for joining our meeting and for all you do!



Rural, Inland Ports REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Cruise Boats Economic Development Docks
- Dredge Material Management/Placement
- Shoreline Protection Supply Chain
- Barge Mooring Sites Locks and Dams
- Channel Training Structures Aquatic Habitat
- Recreation Sites Hydropower Barge Terminals
- Safety Water Quality Infrastructure Tourism
- Barge Fleeting Areas Chronic Dredging Sites
- Flood Risk Reduction Infrastructure
- Small Boat Harbors Natural Infrastructure
- Multi-Modal Transportation Infrastructure

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

JANUARY 13: JOHN FREY
JANUARY 20: NO ROTARY MEETING
JANUARY 27: RAY GIMENEZ



GREETER

JANUARY 13: CLAIRE BUYERT
JANUARY 20: NO ROTARY MEETING
JANUARY 27: MARY CONNELL



PROGRAM CHAIRS

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



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

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



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Julie Dunn
 - 8 yrs; Jan. 09 2017
- Claire Buyert
 - 35 yrs; Jan. 11 1990
- Matt Brooke
 - 8 yrs; Jan. 16 2017
- Andrew Kida
 - 8 yrs; Jan. 16 2017
- Francis Boggus
 - 3 yrs; Jan. 17 2022
- Andrew Green
 - 11 yrs; Jan. 31 2014

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 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 Ferguson: 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* • Kathy Klahn* • Paul Holmer*
- Dale Dalton* • Lynn McGraw • Andy Ferguson
- Jennifer Graf* • 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.