



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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“Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.”

Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1–2 in Coralville. Sponsorship opportunities are available for as little as \$100, all the way up to \$2000. Please reach out to Carrie Donaie for more information!



Community Event: United Way Pickleball Tournament – January 24
United Way is hosting a Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, January 24 at River City’s Tennis & Pickleball. If you’re interested, contact Olivia, a United Way board member, or request the event flyer for more information.

Membership Fireside Chat & Mixer – February 11
The Membership Committee invites members and prospective members to a Fireside Chat and Membership Mixer on February 11 at 5:00 pm at the Rusty Barrel. This informal event is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and connect with fellow members. A signup sheet will be available starting next Monday—save the date!

Mount Sinclair Scholarship – Applications Open
Clinton National Bank’s Mount Sinclair 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

- **January 19: NO MEETING**
- **January 26: Synergy**
- **February 23: Tamra Jetter, The Jetter Center**

Check It Out!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Holmer for being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow + 3!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 03

In-person: 30

Total for January 12: 33

GUESTS:

- Dustin Johnson
- Cheyenne VanDellen
- Lauryn Tarr

YTD: 135

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$153.00
YTD \$4,542.00
- Foundation: \$25.00
YTD: \$935.00
YTD Total: \$5,477.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



**WATCH OUR
MEETING HERE!**



City of Clinton Neighborhood
Improvement Committee

This week's program featured an update from the City of Clinton's Neighborhood Improvement Committee, which focuses on encouraging property investment, beautification, and community pride across local neighborhoods.

Property Improvement Awards

The committee recognizes residential and commercial property owners who make visible improvements. Residential awards are given May-September, and commercial awards are presented monthly. Nominations are open to the public, and winners receive signage, a letter from the mayor, and small tokens of appreciation.

Minutes Matter Program

Launched in 2023, the Minutes Matter program provides free house numbers to help first responders locate homes more quickly. Volunteers can install the numbers at no cost. About 25 homes have participated, with funding from the Iowa and Quad Cities Associations of Realtors.

Roof Grant Program

Roof improvement grants remain available through June 26, 2026. Recent awards include:

- 2022: \$60,070 to 8 properties
- 2023: \$11,320 to 2 properties
- 2024: \$36,664.50 to 7 properties
- 2025: \$30,888.68 to 4 properties

Looking Ahead

Future initiatives include expanded public art and sculpture programs, Paint Iowa Beautiful projects, improved bus stop signage, riverfront flower planting, honorary street naming, and the creation of a neighborhood grant program to support resident-led improvement projects. The committee encouraged community members to submit nominations and share ideas to help strengthen Clinton's neighborhoods.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
- JANUARY 26: SYNERGY

INVOCATION

JANUARY 19: NO MEETING
JANUARY 26: ANDY FERGURSON



GREETER

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

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 President-elect Olayinka Babalola revealed the 2026-27 presidential message, **Create Lasting Impact**, earlier today:

“As members of Rotary, we share a vision of a better future,” he said.

“To make this vision a reality, we must acknowledge and unleash the change within ourselves. We must focus not only on outcomes, but on impact.”

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CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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