



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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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!!!**

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 27: Downtown Clinton Alliance update
- February 03: Angela Boelens, IA NICE
- February 10: Deputy Chief of Police Jim Ballauer
- February 17: "Beyond Black History Month" mini-workshop
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Check It Out!



Rotary

Learn to look
at things from a different
point of view.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 01

In-person: 45

Total for January 13: 46

GUESTS:

- Tim Arnold
- Jerome Bueben
- Ryan Keller
- Kimberly Dickey
- Scott Laumann
- Ariana Cahoy
- Jim Irwin
- Leah Margelsen
- Chase Christiansen
- Jack Hoffman
- Sescie Haan
- Abbie Lorenzen
- Maddison Henkel

YTD: 161

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Monday's Meeting: \$166.00
YTD: \$5,268.50
- Foundation:
 - \$48.00
YTD: \$588.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



[Watch Our Meeting HERE](#)

Kimberly Dickey and Tim Arnold
Next Era Energy

Tim Arnold and Kimberly Dickey joined us on Monday, both from Next Era Energy, to talk about the Clinton County Wind Project and the Rock Creek Solar Project.

Tim Arnold is a Senior Project Developer at NextEra Energy Resources and has been working in the renewable energy field for over 15 years. Arnold stated, "One of the things that I really, really love about them (the company) is the values we hold to be important...committed to Excellence, we do the right thing, we treat people with respect, so that's kind of at the forefront of everything that we try and do with all of our projects across the 41 states that we're currently developing in." They started work in Iowa in 1999 and now have 12 operating wind projects in the state, investing around \$3.1 billion in communities across the state.

Kimberly Dickey is a project director for NextEra Energy Resources and manages the development of projects from start to finish. The Rock Creek Solar project is an innovative solar project proposed for the cities of Clinton and Camanche, and Clinton County, Iowa that will have a capacity of up to 150 megawatts of clean, renewable, American-made solar energy. The Rock Creek Solar project is more than solar panels — it represents a significant capital investment in Iowa. Once operational, it will create good-paying jobs and millions in additional revenue for the local community. So, why Clinton, Iowa? Dickey stated, "This is a great super highway for overhead transmission." Solar projects are successful when landowner interest and community support align.

Thank you, Tim and Kimberly, for presenting to our club!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

JANUARY 20: NO ROTARY MEETING
 JANUARY 27: RAY GIMENEZ
 FEBRUARY 03: WES GOLDEN
 FEBRUARY 10: JENNIFER GRAF
 FEBRUARY 17: ANDREW GREEN
 FEBRUARY 24: VAL HILL



GREETER

JANUARY 20: NO ROTARY MEETING
 JANUARY 27: MARY CONNELL
 FEBRUARY 03: DALE DALTON
 FEBRUARY 10: GARY DELACY
 FEBRUARY 17: TOM DETERMANN
 FEBRUARY 24: JULIE DUNN

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.