



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 02, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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“Being happy is
the greatest form
of success.”

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

The Rotary District Conference will be held May 1-2 in Coralville. [Click HERE to REGISTER!!!](#)

We Need Your Help! 📣

The club is also assembling a “Weekend in Clinton” basket for the conference’s silent auction, featuring local attractions, experiences, and possibly a hotel stay. Volunteers are welcome to help gather items.

Rotary Youth Camp (RYLA) Applications Open
Last summer, our club sponsored three high school students to attend RYLA. Applications are now open for this summer, and we plan to send students again. The program is open to sophomores and juniors (not seniors). We have budgeted to send two students and are also exploring additional sponsorships from club members. More information, including costs and how to sponsor a student, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Mount St. Clare Scholarship – Applications Open

Clinton National Bank’s Mount St. Clare 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.

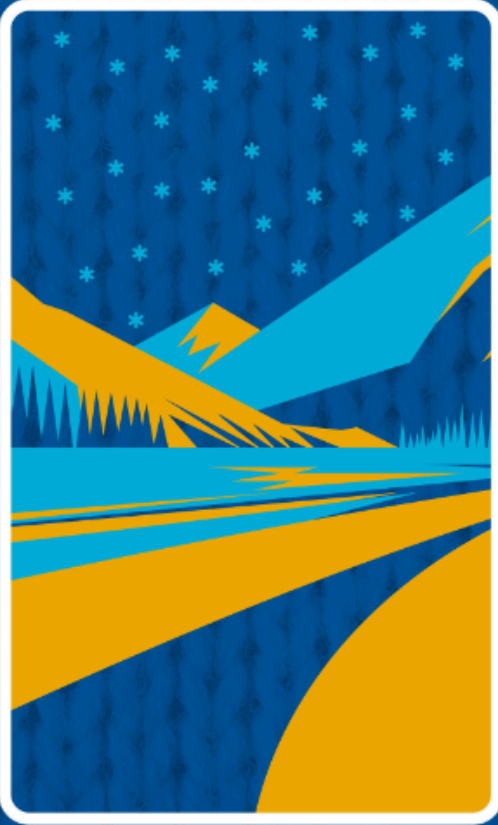
Key Dates

- March 02: Flight to End Polio - John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen
- March 09: Grow Clinton Update – Matt Parbs and Andy Sokolovich
- March 16: Roots & Story - Preserving Legacies - Aaron Corbin
- March 23: The Sawmill Museum & Dambo Trolls Update – Andy Green
- March 30: Clinton Community College / Bickelhaupt Arboretum Update – Brian Kelly, Ann Eisenman, and Douglas Smith

Check It Out!



february 28, 2026



across the
country,
close to home.

A winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



walk | fundraise
donate | volunteer
team up with friends
cnoy.com

February 28, 2026

Meet: 4:30pm First Methodist Church
Walk: 5:00pm 236 7th Ave S
Soup: 6:00pm Clinton, IA 52732



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Bryan Renfro
- Jim Ballauer
- Tamra Jetter
- Emily Kleinschmidt
- Riele Burken

YTD: 162

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$197
YTD \$5,131.00
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$955
YTD Total: \$6,086

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

Tamra Jetter recently shared an update on the Vince Jetter Community Center and its growing impact in the Clinton community.

Now open for one year following renovations completed on February 13, 2025, the Center has made significant upgrades, including improved accessibility, new ceilings and sheetrock, updated plumbing and HVAC systems, and other structural improvements. A major priority was ensuring the building is accessible and welcoming to all, reflecting the Center's commitment to inclusion.

The Center's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and nonviolent space where youth and families can grow and thrive. Through cultural arts, STEAM programming, mentoring, and intergenerational activities, it empowers individuals and inspires positive neighborhood solutions. Recent workshops—such as basket weaving—have brought together participants ranging in age from 5 to 76, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and connection across generations.

Ongoing programs include twice-monthly Saturday Art sessions, hands-on STEAM workshops, a free community meal on the second Sunday of each month, a micro-pantry for community donations and needs, and Margaret's Garden community garden promoting healthy living. The Center is also expanding support for families by offering resources for single mothers, including diapers, formula, and hygiene items.

Annual events include the 34-year Back-to-School celebration in Clinton Park, a Mother & Son Dance, a soul food dinner fundraiser, "Egg My Yard" at Easter, and a Community Baby Shower for new and expecting mothers. The Center operates through grants—including support from T-Mobile—local fundraising, volunteers, and community donations. Inspired by Vince Jetter's vision of creating safe spaces and meeting community needs, the Vince Jetter Community Center continues to grow as a vital hub of unity, opportunity, and support for Clinton families.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- MARCH 02: FLIGHT TO END POLIO - JOHN OCKENFELS AND PETER TEAHEN
- MARCH 09: GROW CLINTON UPDATE - MATT PARBS AND ANDY SOKOLOVICH
- MARCH 16: ROOTS & STORY - PRESERVING LEGACIES - AARON CORBIN
- MARCH 23: THE SAWMILL MUSEUM & DAMBO TROLLS UPDATE - ANDY GREEN
- MARCH 30: CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE / BICKELHAUPT ARBORETUM UPDATE - BRIAN KELLY, ANN EISENMAN, AND DOUGLAS SMITH

INVOCATION

MARCH 02: WES GOLDEN
MARCH 09: JENNIFER GRAF
MARCH 16: VAL HILL
MARCH 23: PAUL HOLMER
MARCH 30: GREG JASPER



GREETER

MARCH 02: CLAIRE BUYERT
MARCH 09: ALETHEA CAHOY
MARCH 16: MATTHEW CASTLEMAN
MARCH 23: PETE CLAUSON
MARCH 30: MARY CONNELL

PROGRAM CHAIRS

MARCH: JULIE DUNN
APRIL: SUE WATKINS
MAY: CHRISTIE AKINS



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER
APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BERTRAND
MAY: ANDREW KIDA



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Daniel Housenga March 06
- Mary Swanson March 17
- Andrew Kida March 18
- Brian Kelly March 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Brigham Tubbs
 - 28 yrs; March 01, 1998
- Matthew Castleman
 - 1 yr; March 03, 2025
- Levi Jones
 - 1 yrs; March 17, 2025
- Gary Foster
 - 28 yrs; March 29, 1998

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 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 MOMENTS

MEALS OF
HOPE

Inspiring Action, Feeding Communities

Empowering Clubs to Create a Ripple Effect of Hope



Born from the Rotary Club of Naples, FL, Meals of Hope has packed over 100 million meals across the U.S., addressing food insecurity while strengthening communities.

Clubs that host meal-packing events create lasting local impact:



Engage and retain members with a hands-on service project.



Build stronger bonds among members and the community.

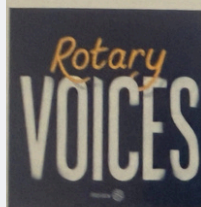


Keep meals local, supporting families and seniors in need.

Bring a meal-packing event to your club or district.



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(239) 537-7775



ON THE PODCAST

On a recent episode of Rotary Voices, broadcast journalist Jerome McDonnell sat down with leaders from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, including Rotary International PolioPlus Committee member Valarie Wafer, to discuss recent developments in the GPEI action plan. Listen at rotary.org/podcast.