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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 03, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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EVEN IF IT MAKES OTHERS

UNCOMFORTABLE, I WILL LOVE WHO I AM.

JANELLE MONÁE

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R.I. Admin & **Rotary News**

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!!!

January quarterly billings were emailed the afternoon of January 27. Please contact Dale Dalton if you have any questions or did not receive the email and invoice.

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

- March 03: Susan Sola and Rotarians from Mexico.
 Program: Update on the Mexican Oaxaca Mexico
 Greenhouse Project
- March 10: Shawn Felts, Outreach Coordinator.
 Program: Speak out Against Suicide and QPR
 (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Training
- March 17: Carolyn Weets, Clinton Substance Abuse.
 Program: The Link Between Prescription Drug
 Misuse and Illicit Drug Use: What It Means for
 Clinton County and How We're Taking Action
- March 24: Jason Craft, City Engineer, City of Clinton. Program: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Blvd Update
- March 31: Justin Nylin, Director of Operations, MercyOne. TogetherCare Initiative and What it Means for You

Check It Out!

Do you really want to show your dedication to Rotary?? Be like Jan! Jan from District 5040 Canada has an RI Tattoo!



THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 10AM - 3PM CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER ADVANCEMENT CENTER **1210 11TH AVE. SOUTH** CLINTON, IA

Working together on sustainable solutions to address food insecurity in our community.



HOSTED BY:





To reserve your seat, send Food Security Summit attendee information to RotaryClubofClintonIA@gmail.com. Or, Call or Text Carrie at 563-249-9416

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WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE: Online: 36

In-person: 03

Total for February 24: 39

GUESTS:

- Reginald Russell
- Sara Norman
- Chris Smith
- **Avilian Samuels**
- Kaylee Moeller
- Haylee Dolash
- Nathan Frye
- Aiden Telforn
- Sivaughn Thomas

YTD: 193

SCHOLARSHIP **FUNDS:**

• Rotary Club: \$142

YTD \$5,953.50

• Foundation: \$40

YTD \$877.00

YTD Total: \$6,830.50

MEMBERS:

• Current Members: 69

• Membership Goal: 84



On Monday, we heard from Reggie Russell, who presented about his life and his work with youth and sports. Russell is the iJag (Jobs for America's Graduates) teacher at Clinton Middle School.

Russell first discussed his background and his life. Russell grew up in the inner city of Phoenix, Arizona. As a young boy, he had a troubled childhood and got into trouble. Along the way, a Detective with the Phoenix Police Department recognized the potential in him and invited him to be part of "PAL" which is the Police Activity League. This program was instrumental in changing the outlook that Russell had. He was motivated to earn better grades (admittedly, the incentive was through money!) and gain leadership skills. He leaned into the sports component of PAL and earned a scholarship into college through sports. After graduating college, Russell focused on being a husband and father to his three children. When he received his diploma, Russell realized the empowerment he received through sports.

In 2009, Russell realized his dream was to create a foundation that would allow him to give back to the same type of community he came from -- Empowerment Through Sports. This same year, Russell suffered from a brain aneurysm. As time went on, Russell and his family moved to Clinton and took on the iJag position, which connected him to helping kids with project and work-based learning opportunities. "Now, I get an opportunity to really make an impact in the everyday life of a kid," Russell explained. These opportunities can look like seventh and eighth-grade kids creating business plans, learning creative decision-making skills, and prepared speaking. Russell talked about the everyday student that would be in iJag, who should be afforded the same opportunities that kids who have dualparent households have. The iJag kids are able to participate in Russell's "Empowerment through Sports" which helps around our community.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

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INVOCATION

MARCH 03: NORLAN HINKE MARCH 10: PAUL HOLMER MARCH 17: BRIAN KELLY MARCH 24: ANDREW KIDA

MARCH 31: KATHY KLAHN

GREETER

MARCH 03: HEATHER FARWELL
MARCH 10: ANDY FERGURSON
MARCH 17: GARY FOSTER
MARCH 24: CHERYL FREY

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MARCH 31: IOHN FREY

PROGRAM CHAIRS

MARCH: JULIE DUNN APRIL: SUE WATKINS

MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER

APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH

MAY: ANDREW KIDA JUNE: NORLAN HINKE





• Marsha Thrall March 01

Daniel March 06
 Housenga

Mary Swanson March 17

• Andrew Kida March 18

Brian Kelly March 24



- Brigham Tubbs
 - o 27 yrs; Mar. 01 1998
- Gary Foster
 - o 27 yrs; Mar. 29 1998





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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 Fergurson: 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*
- Dale Dalton*
- Jennifer Graf*
- Kathy Klahn* Paul Holmer*
- Lynn McGraw Andy Fergurson
- · 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.