



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2025

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MARCH 10, 2025

MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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RotaryClubofClinton.com

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

A star wants to
see himself rise
to the top.

A leader wants to
see those around
him rise to the top.

— SIMON SINEK

BRIAN TRACY
INTERNATIONAL

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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!!!**

Clinton Rotarians:

Would anyone in our club like to put a silent auction basket together for the District Conference? We could feature items from our community and our club. The silent auction funds support the District 6000 Endowment Fund. **The basket needs to be created by April 1.** Please reach out to Carrie if you are interested in organizing a Clinton Basket!



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 10: Shawn Felts, Outreach Coordinator.**
Program: Speak out Against Suicide and QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Training
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Program: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Blvd Update
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Check It Out!

IN 1905
THIS "REVOLVING"
SERVICE GROUP
SET MEMBERSHIP
STANDARDS SO THAT
NO ONE PROFESSION
COULD DOMINATE

Rotary International was featured on Jeopardy!



Rotary Club of
Clinton

The logo for the Food Security Summit 2025. It features a green leafy plant in the center, with the words "FOOD SECURITY SUMMIT" in a purple arc above it and "2025" in a purple arc below it. There are small green leafy branches on either side of the year.

FOOD SECURITY SUMMIT
2025

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:



EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CLINTON • MUSCATINE • SCOTT

THE *Community's College*

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

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 15

In-person: 31

Total for March 03: 46

GUESTS:

- Matthew Castleman
- Carlie Mierley
- Jesus Hernandez
- Brenda Dimond
- Maggie Gonzalez
- Susan Sola
- Ricardo Gonzalez
- Abelardo Velasco

YTD: 201

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$145
YTD \$6,098.50
 - Foundation: N/A
YTD \$877.00
- YTD Total: \$6,975.50

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



- One of Mexico's poorest states
- Suffering from severe drought
- Rich culture, history, cuisine and linguistic variety



**WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!**

We had several special guests on Monday, who helped provide us with an update on the Oaxaca Mexican Greenhouses Project that our club has been participating in for the last several years. The Rotary Club of Clinton has financed eighteen (!!) greenhouses in Oaxaca! Susan Sola and Brenda Dimond joined us, as well as many Rotarians from Mexico, and Sola provided the direction and translation for our club.



Sola stated, "This project, at the heart of it, is to keep families together." Over the years, our club alone has donated over \$5,000 to the project, and with the other clubs involved in this project, they have been able to build 150 greenhouses! Oaxaca is very dry and is suffering from a severe drought. Water is severely needed for the project's existing 160 greenhouses before the next drought. Their goal is to build 10-15 cisterns (water tanks) per year. A recently completed cistern is fortunate to have three water sources -- rain from a roof, a small dam, and a creek!

Thank you, Susan, Brenda, and everyone that is connected with this project! We hope to continue this endeavor for years to come.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

MARCH 10: PAUL HOLMER
MARCH 17: BRIAN KELLY
MARCH 24: ANDREW KIDA
MARCH 31: KATHY KLAHN



GREETER

MARCH 10: ANDY FERGURSON
MARCH 17: GARY FOSTER
MARCH 24: CHERYL FREY
MARCH 31: JOHN 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



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- | | |
|-------------------|----------|
| • Marsha Thrall | March 01 |
| • Daniel Housenga | March 06 |
| • Mary Swanson | March 17 |
| • Andrew Kida | March 18 |
| • Brian Kelly | March 24 |

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

- Brigham Tubbs
 - 27 yrs; Mar. 01 1998
- Gary Foster
 - 27 yrs; Mar. 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 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*
- Dale Dalton*
- Jennifer Graf*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Lynn McGraw
- Sue Watkins
- Paul Holmer*
- Andy Ferguson

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.