



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

### Monday Rotary

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

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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 30: Clinton Community College / Bickelhaupt Arboretum Update – Brian Kelly, Ann Eisenman, and Douglas Smith
- May 01: Rotary District Conference in Coralville!
- Tuesday, June 30: Club Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings

## Check It Out!

# Congrats!



Dale Dalton!

# Paul Harris + 5

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### GUESTS:

- Jasper Young
- Dave Rose
- Keith Gutierrez
- Christine VanDrew
- Regina Lehmann
- Ari Lewernz
- Dylan Burn
- Rielye Burken

YTD: 173

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$127  
YTD: \$5,450.00
- Foundation: Clinton Rotary Community Fund grant to Rotary Club of Clinton Iowa Charitable Foundation, Inc. 2025-2026 grant received: \$4,200.00.

YTD: \$5,195.00

YTD Total: \$10,645.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



**WATCH OUR  
MEETING  
HERE!**

## Thomas Dambo Trolls Update

Andy Green, Executive Director of the Sawmill Museum, shared an exciting update on the museum's impact and the highly anticipated Dambo Troll project coming to Clinton.

Founded in 2011, the Sawmill Museum highlights Clinton's rich lumber history and its vital role in building the Midwest. Today, the museum continues to engage visitors of all ages with interactive exhibits, a working sawmill, and educational programming that brings local history to life.

Looking ahead, the museum is exploring ways to further develop its surrounding property into a vibrant community space. Public input sessions will be held on April 15 to gather ideas and feedback on future plans.

A major highlight of the presentation was the upcoming installation of three large-scale troll sculptures created by renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo. Built entirely from recycled materials, these unique art pieces will be located at the Sawmill Museum, the Arboretum, and downtown Clinton. The trolls are designed to reflect the community's lumber heritage while promoting sustainability and creativity.

The project is expected to draw significant tourism – potentially 60,000+ visitors annually—bringing economic and cultural benefits to the entire community. Construction begins in early April, with a public unveiling scheduled for May 1. Community involvement is a key part of the project. Volunteers are needed to support construction, prepare materials, and provide hospitality for visiting artists. Local businesses are also joining in with themed food, drinks, and events to celebrate the trolls' arrival.

With strong community collaboration and excitement building, the Sawmill Museum and Dambo Troll project promise to be a transformative addition to Clinton's cultural and tourism landscape.

GET YOUR  
TROLL ON!

**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 1ST  
5-7 PM**

**\$15 PER  
PERSON  
ONLY 40  
SPOTS  
available**

**PREPAY ONLY  
SCAN THE QR CODE,  
CLICK THE LINK,  
OR  
IN PERSON AT THE  
SAWMILL MUSEUM**



**CERAMIC  
PLANTER  
PAINT NIGHT**

**AT  
RAINBOW  
POTTERY  
229 5TH  
AVE S  
CLINTON, IA**

**CONTACT  
THE SAWMILL  
MUSEUM WITH  
ANY QUESTIONS!  
563-242-0343**



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- MARCH 30: CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE / BICKELHAUPT ARBORETUM UPDATE -BRIAN KELLY, ANN EISENMAN, AND DOUGLAS SMITH

## INVOCATION

MARCH 30: GREG JASPER  
APRIL 06: LEVI JONES  
APRIL 13: BRIAN KELLY  
APRIL 20: ANDREW KIDA  
APRIL 27: KATHY KLAHN



## GREETER

MARCH 30: MARY CONNELL  
APRIL 06: DALE DALTON  
APRIL 13: SAVANNAH DAUGHERTY  
APRIL 20: GARY DELACY  
APRIL 27: TOM DETERMANN



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

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



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MARCH: DENNIS LAUVER  
APRIL: MARY SWANSON & MARY BETH SMITH  
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

### People of action around the globe

By Brad Webber

**Canada**  
The Rotary Club of Chilliwack, BC, raised \$200,000 for toys over the past 30 years.

**United States**  
Everett Singleton was an educator who helped integrate schools in Illinois, in the 1950s. When Interactors from Collinsville High School learned that Singleton's gravestone lacked a marker, they organized a Dine-to-Donate event to raise the \$1700 needed for a proper headstone.

**1900**  
Volleyball introduced in Canada

**\$1K to \$3K**  
Average headstone cost in U.S.

**England**  
An event to celebrate Indian culture featured local lunarians with Bollywood connections and raised about \$2,200 for the Rotary Club of Maidenhead Bridge's service work.

**1.9 million**  
People of Indian ethnicity who live in England and Wales

**Malta**  
The Rotary Club of Gozo has discovered a formula for civic and social media engagement: Tell community members just how much they're appreciated.

**41,000**  
Population of the island of Gozo

**Japan**  
The Rotary Club of Tokyo Hiroo embarked on a melodic mission in October, collaborating with the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills in California to bring the music therapy program Music Minds to people with Alzheimer's.

**4.4 million**  
Approximate people with dementia in 2022