



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 04, 2026

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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

Don't forget – Our District Conference is this weekend in Coralville! Last-minute reservations can be made here:

<https://rotary6000.org/events/rotarians-doing-good-in-the-world-district-conference/>

SAVE THE DATE

Our date at the Showboat will be on
Saturday, June 20th!

We will be seeing Guys & Dolls, featuring our own amazing Rotarian, Andrew Kida! Our Pre-Party will be at Copper Mill. There will be a sign up coming soon!

Welcome
New Members!

Carson Deppe!

Key Dates

- **May 01: Rotary District Conference in Coralville!**
- **May 04: Curtis Mansion Historical Foundation**
- **May 11: J Devin Land, PHD, Community Leader & Executive Director of L'Arche**
- **May 18: Rachel Heise from 7 Hills South Brewing**
- **May 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY**
- **June 01: Chris Streets discusses the Showboat Season**
- **Tuesday, June 30: Club Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings**

Check It Out!

Our District
Conference is THIS
weekend! Make sure
you're there to
support our club!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Joe Hoinkis
- Melissa Eversmeyer
- Connie Dell
- Richard Phelan
- Charleigh Blanchard
- Rebekah Lower
- Teryn Hansen

YTD: 193

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$221.00
YTD: \$6,325.00
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$5,435.00
YTD Total: \$11,760.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
84



[WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!](#)

**Joe Hoinkis from LyondellBasell:
Turnaround to Bring Major
Investment and Activity to Clinton**

Joe Hoinkis, site manager at LyondellBasell's Clinton facility, shared an inside look at the plant's upcoming "turnaround"—a large-scale maintenance and upgrade project that occurs roughly every seven years.

The plant, which produces polyethylene plastic from natural gas liquids, will temporarily shut down to allow for critical inspections, repairs, safety upgrades, and efficiency improvements that cannot be completed during normal operations.

This year's turnaround is the largest in the site's history, with a \$320 million investment—about 25% of the company's total global capital spending for the year. The project will span approximately 70 days, including a two-week shutdown and preparation period followed by 48 days of intensive maintenance work.

At peak activity, more than 1,400 contractors—most from out of town—will join the plant's 320 full-time employees. This influx is expected to significantly impact the local economy, filling hotels, increasing traffic, and boosting spending at local businesses. While the surge brings economic benefits, residents should also anticipate heavier traffic, particularly during shift changes.

Work during the turnaround will include major equipment overhauls, safety system testing, electrical upgrades, pipeline and structural inspections, and extensive industrial cleaning. Notably, large compressors and turbines will be fully dismantled and rebuilt, and key infrastructure dating back to the plant's startup will be modernized.

Hoinkis emphasized that safety is the top priority, with increased security, dedicated safety teams, and strict oversight of contractor work. He also addressed common questions about the plant's flare system, explaining that the flame is always lit as a critical safety feature and may grow larger during certain operations.

The company is coordinating with local officials on traffic management and plans to share additional information with the community through media, public meetings, and its Community Advisory Panel.

Overall, the turnaround represents both a significant operational milestone for the plant and a major economic opportunity for the Clinton community.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- MAY 04: CURTIS MANSION HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
- MAY 11: J DEVIN LAND, PHD, COMMUNITY LEADER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L'ARCHE
- MAY 18: RACHEL HEISE FROM 7 HILLS SOUTH BREWING
- MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY

INVOCATION

MAY 04: RICH KLAHN
MAY 11: MIKE KROEMER
MAY 18: DENNIS LAUVER
MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY



GREETER

MAY 04: CARRIE DONAIRE
MAY 11: JULIE DUNN
MAY 18: HEATHER FARWELL
MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY

PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: CHRISTIE AKINS
JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: ANDREW KIDA
JUNE: ALETHEA CAHOY



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Pete Clausen May 05
- Braydon Roberts May 11
- Gary DeLacy May 12
- Mary Beth Smith May 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Mary Swanson
 - 27 yrs; May 03, 1999
- Mary Beth Smith
 - 4 yrs; May 23, 2022

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

A Rotarian astronaut lives her out-of-this-world dreams

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-astronaut-lives-her-out-world-dreams>

Samantha Cristoforetti longed for space travel since she was a kid. Now, she's sharing the cosmic awe with her fellow earthlings.



[Read more about this amazing astronaut here!](#)