



Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 05, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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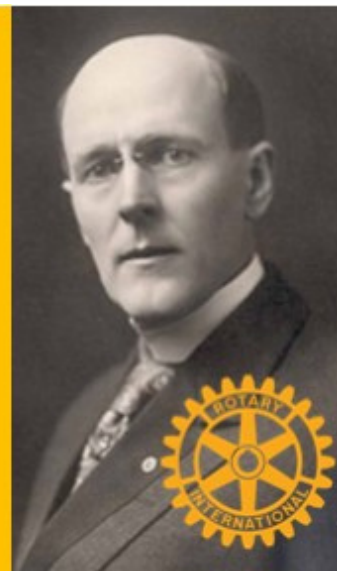
SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [YouTube](#)

*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.*

*I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

Boo Bash Alert!!!! Our Annual Boo Bash is coming up...circle it now on your calendars for Friday, October 24, 2025! Boo Bash Committee is looking for new members -- they're meeting monthly in May and June and then weekly in July, on Wednesdays at 4:00 at the Rusty Barrel.

Save the Date! Our tentative Showboat Outing date is scheduled for Friday, June 13! We will be seeing The Addams Family. We will have a pre-party at the Brewery again and have a bus for transportation. More information will come soon!

Save the Date (again!) for the Passing of the Gavel and Rotary's Night at the Lumberkings! Our night will be on Thursday, June 26. Carrie will be wrapping up her Rotary year at the game and will Pass the Gavel to Andy Green. Mark your calendars NOW!

Do you know a high school student interested in leadership? Applications for Iowa Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are open! RYLA is an intensive leadership conference designed for current high school freshman, sophomores and juniors to assist future leaders in methods of responsible and effective leadership. Iowa RYLA focuses on developing leadership skills through the lenses of team, community, and emotional leadership with an emphasis on Rotary's motto: Service Above Self. Iowa RYLA 2025 will be hosted at Grinnell College from July 27th - August 1st. Student applications close on May 1st.

Application Link: <https://www.iowaryla.org/apply>

Key Dates

- May 05: Marlena Nass and Jon Aytes from the Clinton Airport
- May 12: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt will Update us on the Sheriff's office and County Jail operations
- May 19: Victory Center 2.0
- May 26: NO MEETING
- Friday, June 13: Showboat Outing
- Thursday, June 26: Rotary Night at the Lumberkings & Passing of the Gavel
- Saturday, June 28: District 6000 Passing of the Gavel

Check It Out!



The Rotary group will gather on Thursday, May 15 in front of Zirkelbach Appliance on 5th Ave S.

The clean up time that afternoon is 1:30 – 6pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you like! Participants should bring any gloves and garden tools they have. Some tools are available from Downtown Clinton.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Congratulations!

Our 2025 Scholarship Winners!

- Chase Christiansen
- Sescie Haan
- Addison Holst
- Emeree Luett
- Leah Mangelsen
- Parker Messerich
- Kaylee Moeller

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 05

In-person: 35

Total for April 28: 40

GUESTS:

- Haylee House
- Addison Lorenzen

YTD: 218

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$238.00

YTD \$7505.50

- Foundation: N/A

YTD \$4,259.00

YTD Total: \$11,764.50

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

President Carrie Donaire took inspiration from Rotary International's Areas of Focus, the collaboration between our club and several others in providing greenhouses to Oaxaca, Mexico, as well as her Peace Corps service, which was done in Nicaragua, back in 2003. Though it was many years ago, this service served as a guiding light and helped catalyze her Presidential Project for her year. Donaire wanted to look at creating a chance to explore sustainable solutions to food challenges in our community. Out of her idea, the Food Security Summit was born. The Food Security Summit was held on Thursday, March 27, at Clinton Community College's Career Advancement Center. On Monday, she gave us a rundown of what the summit was all about.

The committee was formed last fall and consisted of: Emily Webb, Althea Cahoy, Heather Christensen, Carrie Donaire, Andy Green, and Susie Mesecher (all photographed to the right). Not pictured: Michele Cullan, Regan Michaelson, Lisa Toppert, and Sarah Saionz.



The Summit had about 60 participants and consisted of workshops from Keynote Speaker, Emily Webb, a technology transactions attorney and the current chair of the Polk County Hospital Board of Trustees. Information, Referral and Assistance Services Executive Director Regan Michaelson facilitated another workshop. "We really wanted to get the right people in the room," explained Donaire. "We really want people who have some expertise in this area, or their organization is already doing something, or there's a program that they can come back to their organization and say, 'This is what it was all about. I made a new connection today -- I'm looking for food, they're looking for where to donate their food.'"

Donaire summarized her presentation and stated, "Like I said I was hoping it was going to be this little neat tidy project and tie it off within the Rotary year, but instead of being the end of the project, it's the beginning. I feel really good about that, because I think there is interest from these organizations to continue to get together and to work together... This is not what we will do as an organization, but we can certainly put some 'oomph' behind it and help coordinate a quarterly meeting." The next meeting will be on June 10th at CCC's Career Advancement Center. Additional next steps are through fellow Rotarian Marsha Thrall, who will be making connections through the Lyons Farmers Market, as well as continued support from Rotary. Another key next step will be creating a resource map and working on eliminating barriers and finding solutions for our community. Stay tuned for more!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

MAY 05: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN

MAY 12: DAVID SIVRIGHT

MAY 19: MARY BETH SMITH

MAY 26: NO MEETING



GREETER

MAY 05: VAL HILL

MAY 12: NORLAN HINKE

MAY 19: PAUL HOLMER

MAY 26: NO MEETING



PROGRAM CHAIRS

MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

MAY: ANDREW KIDA

JUNE: NORLAN HINKE

Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

- Mary Swanson
 - 26 yrs; May 03 1999
- Mary Beth Smith
 - 3 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 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
- Heather Farwell

Directors

- | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| • Jim Bruhn* | • Kathy Klahn* | • Paul Holmer* |
| • Dale Dalton* | • Lynn McGraw | • Andy Ferguson |
| • Jennifer Graf* | • Sue Watkins | |

COMMUNITY NEWS



CLINTON, IOWA
Join Us for DOWNTOWN
ON THE MISSISSIPPI

SPRING CLEAN UP IN THE DOWNTOWN

Help make a difference in our community by joining us for Downtown Clean-Up! We are looking for more "Tim's" of the community! Whether it's individuals, groups, or service organizations, we could use your help!

SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP!

BE LIKE TIM!

THANK YOU POP

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
STARTING ON EARTH
DAY ON APRIL 22
THROUGH MAY 22**

Organize your group, decide on a day and time that works for you and contact us! Tasks to include raking, weeding, trimming, flower planting and basic cleanup.

Contact Megan at downtownclintonia@gmail.com or 563-357-8012 or Tim Clark at Zirkelbach Home Appliance



You're Invited!

Bickelhaupt Arboretum Renovation Groundbreaking Ceremony

You're Invited!

Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum Renovation. The Bickelhaupt Arboretum is embarking on an exciting transformation to create a state-of-the-art education and events center!

- Thursday, May 1, 2025
- Refreshments at 10:00 a.m.
- Program begins at 10:15 a.m.

This renovation will honor the legacy of founders Bob and Frances Bickelhaupt by enhancing our community space for learning and celebration. For questions or more information, please contact Ann Eisenman at 563-244-7040 or aeisenman@eicc.edu