



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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Happiness is when
what you **think**,
what you **say**, and
what you **do**
are **in harmony**.

—Mahatma Gandhi

Prevention

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

We have reached the time of year for our "Josh the Otter" water safety awareness project. If you are interested in helping read "Josh the Baby Otter" to area kindergarten students and handing out books to all of them at a particular school, please email me at rich.klahn@clintonnational.net as soon as possible. Please indicate which of the following schools you would like to participate at:

- Bluff
- Eagle Heights
- Jefferson
- Whittier
- Prince of Peace
- Unity
- Fulton
- Camanche
- Northeast

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!

Key Dates

- 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!

Congratulations



Dale Dalton!

Guardian of Integrity Award!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Mechelle
- Brenda
- Marcia Flory
- Dr. Angela Gabel
- Charleigh Blanchard
- Chris Baldus

YTD: 199

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$219.00
YTD: \$6,544.00
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$5,435.00
YTD Total: \$11,979.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
84



**WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!**

**Curtis Mansion Update: Preserving
History, Building the Future**

Marcia Flory (President) and Dr. Angela Gable (Vice President) of the Curtis Mansion Historical Foundation recently shared updates on the historic George M. Curtis Mansion and its ongoing preservation efforts.

Built in 1885 by lumber baron George M. Curtis, the 20-room Victorian home remains one of Clinton's architectural treasures, featuring handcrafted woodwork, stained glass, and early luxuries like indoor plumbing and an elevator. Since 1925, the Clinton Women's Club has owned and maintained the mansion, demonstrating remarkable leadership—especially given the barriers women faced in securing financing at that time.

Today, the Foundation and Women's Club work together to preserve the property through tours, events, and restoration projects. Over the past 15+ years, major improvements have included stained glass restoration, structural repairs, accessibility upgrades, and interior renovations.

Looking ahead, key priorities include repainting the mansion's exterior (estimated at \$100,000), restoring the historic carriage house—one of only five remaining in Iowa—and addressing ongoing needs like window repairs, infrastructure updates, and garden revitalization.

"The Curtis Mansion is more than a historic building—it's a living part of our community," said Dr. Angela Gable. "Preserving it takes ongoing effort, and we're excited to continue that work with the support of local partners and residents."

The Foundation is actively seeking community support through donations, business partnerships, event rentals, and volunteer expertise. Plans also include expanded tours, community events, and a potential visit from the Curtis family descendants.

Community involvement remains vital to ensuring the mansion continues as a vibrant piece of local history for generations to come.

[Click here to "like" the Curtis Mansion Historical Foundation on Facebook](#)

[Click here to "like" the Clinton Women's Club](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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- MAY 18: RACHEL HEISE FROM 7 HILLS SOUTH BREWING
- MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY

INVOCATION

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



GREETER

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

ROTARY MOMENTS

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

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!](#)