



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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**"There is hope,
even when your
brain tells you
there isn't." -
John Green**

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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 18: Rachel Heise from 7 Hills South Brewing
- May 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY
- June 01: A Rundown on the Showboat Season with Chris Streets
- June 08: Merle from North Scott Rotary
- Tuesday, June 30: Club Picnic at the Clinton Lumberkings

Check It Out!



Congrats, Scholarship Recipients!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Devin Land
- Scott Naumann
- Steve Clements
- Rebekah Lower
- Jazmine Johnson
- Rieley Burken
- Aubrey Rivers
- Charleigh Blanchard
- Margie Robbins
- Kylie Wagoner

YTD: 209

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!**

The Arch Executive Director Devin Land recently shared an update on the organization's mission and future plans, including the Prairie House Project, a new fully accessible residential home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Founded in 1974, The Arch (also known as L'Arche Clinton) has provided family-style homes and supportive services for community members with disabilities for more than 50 years. Land, who has served as director for the past decade, emphasized that the organization's focus goes beyond housing and care — it is about building a true community centered on relationships, inclusion, dignity, and lifelong support.

Today, The Arch serves approximately 35 “core members” through residential housing, apartment support, respite care, and day habilitation services. The organization employs more than 50 staff members and provides year-round care, meals, and community integration opportunities.

A major focus of the presentation was the Prairie House Project, a proposed five-bedroom, fully accessible home designed to replace one of the organization's older two-story houses. The new home will feature zero-entry accessibility, open living spaces, an elevator, energy-efficient systems, climate protections, and accommodations for aging residents and those with mobility challenges.

Land explained that accessibility has become increasingly important as many long-term residents age and require more supportive living environments. He noted that the lack of accessible housing has been one of the primary reasons The Arch has had to turn away referrals.

The estimated cost of the Prairie House Project is \$2 million. About \$700,000 has already been committed through donations and pledges, and construction is expected to begin once 75% of the funding goal is reached. The organization continues to pursue grants and local fundraising support. Land also highlighted the growing need for services across Iowa, noting that more than 8,000 individuals are currently on the state waiting list for disability support services.

Community members interested in learning more or supporting the Prairie House Project are encouraged to visit The Arch's website or contact the organization directly.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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

INVOCATION

MAY 18: DENNIS LAUVER
MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY



GREETER

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

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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!](#)