



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 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

Introducing...MEMBER MOMENTS!

On June 15th, we will have our first Member Moment - where members will have the opportunity to deliver a brief 3-5 minute "elevator pitch" style presentation about their business or organization. "Member Moments" is a structured Rotary meeting segment designed to help members learn more about each other's businesses, professions, expertise, and community impact.

We can take 2-4 more members....

please reach out to Carrie Donaire to sign up!

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:

rich.klahn@clintonnational.net as soon as possible.

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 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY**
- **June 01: A Rundown on the Showboat Season with Chris Streets**
- **June 08: Merle from North Scott Rotary**
- **June 15: Member Moments**
- **Saturday, June 20: Annual Showboat Outing!**
- **June 22: MercyOne Updates from Justin Nylin, Director of Operations at Mercy**
- **June 29: NO MEETING**
- **June 30: Annual Meeting at the Clinton Lumberkings**

Check It Out!



*Congratulations,
Scholarship Recipients!*

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Rachel Heise
- Ida Lorenz
- Kapono Makaena
- Greg Renshaw

YTD: 213

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$199.00

Club and Foundation YTD

Total: \$12,400.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



Rachel Heise from 7 Hills South Brewing



[WATCH OUR
MEETING
HERE!](#)

Rachel Heise, General Manager of 7 Hills South Brewery, recently shared updates on the brewery's transition from Great Revivalist to its new identity under 7 Hills Brewing Company. Located in the historic former Episcopal church built in 1898, the brewery continues to preserve the building's unique character, including the stained-glass windows, mosaic wall, and wood-fired pizza oven that have become part of its charm.

Since 7 Hills acquired the business last October, the team has introduced several updates while also bringing back many customer favorites after listening closely to community feedback. Popular menu items such as wood-fired pizza, hand-breaded chicken, salads, and salmon have returned, alongside new menu offerings. Rachel noted that the brewery has worked hard to create a "hybrid" menu that combines 7 Hills' concepts with the dishes longtime customers loved.

Other additions include expanded family-friendly amenities such as a courtyard play area, arcade space, more TVs for sports viewing, and DoorDash delivery service. The brewery is also renovating its courtyard with refreshed seating, landscaping, and a restored fountain in partnership with local supporters.

Rachel highlighted several business improvements, including expanded accessibility with a new lift to the main dining room and updated event space accommodations downstairs that can now host up to 120 guests. 7 Hills South Brewery also continues to grow its beverage lineup with new beers, canned sodas, and plans to expand product distribution throughout the region.

The brewery has also benefited from increased tourism related to the popular troll attractions in Clinton, drawing visitors from across the Midwest who often stop at the brewery during their trips.

Rachel expressed gratitude for the Clinton community's continued support throughout the ownership transition and emphasized that the changes have been overwhelmingly positive for both the business and the historic property. She also shared that 7 Hills Brewing Company is continuing to expand, now operating multiple locations and venues across Iowa and Wisconsin.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY
- JUNE 01: A RUNDOWN ON THE SHOWBOAT SEASON WITH CHRIS STREETS
- JUNE 08: MERLE FROM NORTH SCOTT ROTARY
- JUNE 15: MEMBER MOMENTS
- JUNE 18: TBD
- JUNE 29: NO MEETING
- JUNE 30: ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS

INVOCATION

MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 01: LYNN MCGRAW
JUNE 08: LINDSAY MORHARDT
JUNE 15: CHARLES PELTON
JUNE 22: DAVID PILLERS
JUNE 29: NO MEETING



GREETER

MAY 25: NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 01: ANDY FERGURSON
JUNE 08: GARY FOSTER
JUNE 15: CHERYL FREY
JUNE 22: JOHN FREY JR.
JUNE 29: NO MEETING

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 IN THE WORLD

