



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2025

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## MEETING LOCATION

### **Monday Rotary**

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
2417 Cleveland St.  
Clinton, IA

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Clinton, IA  
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- YouTube



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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.

Our showboat outing has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14! 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!

If you can volunteer to help with the RYLA Camp at Grinnell College, it's from July 26 - August 1. Please reach out to Carrie for more information!

For both Fellowship and Programs, club members sign up for one month at a time, for the upcoming Rotary year. Doug Bertrand is in charge of both of these annual lists. For each meeting, we have a Greeter and someone in charge of Invocation. These are assigned to ALL CLUB MEMBERS, in alphabetical order. If you notice (on the slide show or in the newsletter) that you've been assigned a day you aren't able to do, you can ask another club member to take your place.

## Key Dates

- **May 26: NO MEETING**
- **June 02:** Chris Streets, Board Chairman for Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
- **June 09:** Heidi Draper, President of Rotary Club of HOPE (Homeless Outreach, Prevention, and Education)
- **Saturday, June 14:** Showboat Outing
- **June 16:** Jenna Stevens, Children's Book Update
- **Saturday, June 21:** Outreach at the Lyons' Farmers Market
- **June 23:** Clinton Public Library Update
- **Thursday, June 26:** Rotary Night at the Lumberkings & Passing of the Gavel
- **Saturday, June 28:** District 6000 Passing of the Gavel
- **June 30:** Eric Jennings, President of Iowa Library Association and Librarian at University of Northern Iowa

## Check It Out!

THANK  
YOU

to all Rotarians who helped with  
Downtown Clean up!

YOU make a difference in our community!

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 01

In-person: 26

Total for May 19: 27

### GUESTS:

- Chris Smith
- Fidel Henderson
- Addison Lorenzen

YTD: 232

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$164.50
- YTD \$8,449.00
- Foundation: \$N/A
- YTD \$4,514.00
- YTD Total: \$12,963.00

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 84



Fidel Henderson from Victory Center Ministries (VCM) joined us on Monday and discussed "Victory Center 2.0." Victory Center 2.0 is an enhanced nine-month recovery program, which includes a robust career development curriculum, case management and counseling services, and essential life skills coaching and training. Victory Center 2.0 focused more on the choice of engaging in religious activities, while VCM operates as a faith-based organization, all services funded by government grants will be delivered on a non-religious basis, with participation in religious activities now entirely voluntary.

Henderson, who is fellow Rotarian Ray Gimenez's partner in both VCM and the Victory Center 2.0 discussed these changes, which includes changes in the bylaws and funding. Henderson stated, "Victory Center as a whole has decided to make this new change that is very important in terms of how we're going to help people that didn't want to be able to come into the program because of the religious aspect of the program." Henderson stated they're starting small with six beds. For thirty days, you can use their shelter with no mandates whatsoever. Their hope is that the person will use it and use their time wisely, to help get themselves back on their feet. If they want to go into the spiritual program, they do have that choice.

VCM is only donor funded, period. Pastor Ray has "elected to cut the federal funding of any sort because a lot of times the funding came with red tape. And then in the current bylaws, there was the conflict of interest, obviously with the religious aspect of it. So pastor Ray said, 'No I'm not going to that's not going to take any federal funds.'" These changes are in attempts to be more effective in the community and to reflect VCM's ongoing commitment to empowering individuals through comprehensive support while maintaining its mission of compassion and service. This shift ensures greater inclusivity and accessibility for all individuals seeking support, aligning with VCM's values of respect and dignity for every person.

For additional information, please visit [www.victorycenter.com](http://www.victorycenter.com).

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

**MAY 26: NO MEETING**  
**JUNE 02: ANDY SOKOLOVICH**  
**JUNE 09: MARY SWANSON**  
**JUNE 16: MARSHA THRALL**  
**JUNE 23: ROD TOKHEIM**  
**JUNE 30: BRIG TUBBS**



## GREETER

**MAY 26: NO MEETING**  
**JUNE 02: GREG JASPER**  
**JUNE 09: BRIAN KELLY**  
**JUNE 16: ANDREW KIDA**  
**JUNE 23: KATHY KLAHN**  
**JUNE 30: RICH KLAHN**



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

**MAY: MARY CONNELL & DALE DALTON**  
**JUNE: JILL O'NEILL**  
**JULY: SUSIE MESECHER**  
**AUGUST: GARY DELACY & WES GOLDEN**

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

**MAY: ANDREW KIDA**  
**JUNE: MARSHA THRALL**  
**JULY: BRAYDON ROBERTS**  
**AUGUST: RICH KLAHN**



## *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

#### **Directors**

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

### COMMUNITY NEWS



# You're Invited!

DISTRICT 6000's  
GOVERNOR'S GAVEL PASSING

FOR  
**NORLAN HINKE**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2:00 P.M.

EAGLE POINT PARK LODGE  
4101 N 3RD ST, CLINTON, IA 52732

