Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary
Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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Clinton, IA

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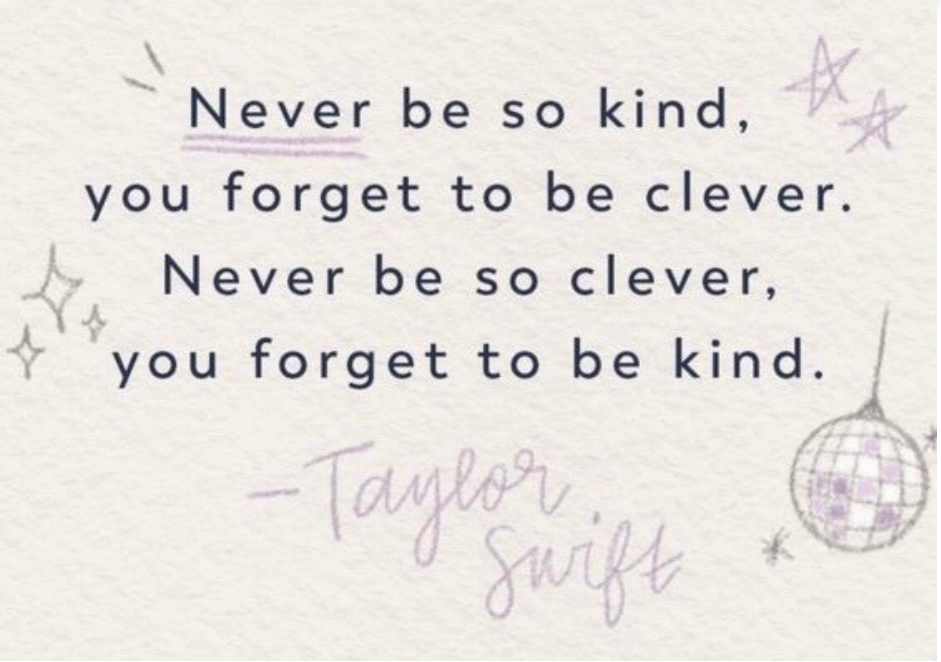

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Presidential News

Help us beat Clinton Kiwanis! Join us on December 13th to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army! See Andy Green for details.

Start Planning Now! Our District Conference will be on May 01 in Coralville. You can add it to your calendar NOW. 🙂

Program Chairs: Presenters need to email presentations to the Rotary Gmail and bring them on a flash drive to ensure a smooth presentation! Please and thank you. 🙂

If you can help sponsor the Victory Center's Thanksgiving Meal, please contact Pastor Ray Gimenez!

Welcome (officially) to our Club, Derek Pillars and Christopher Smith!

Key Dates

- November 24: Alex Mangler of RSVP will present about the Holiday Network
- December 01 : Steve Fiine - "Early Self - Detection and Prevention of Melanoma"
- December 08: CHS Choir
- December 15: Gary Dolphin, Voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes
- December 22: NO MEETING
- December 29: NO MEETING

Check It Out!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 2
In-person: 55
Total for November 17: 57

GUESTS:

- Jazmine Johnson
- Teryn Hansen
- Kiera Krogmann
- Braxton Lawdon
- Kristen Kida
- Ari Lewerenz
- Ann Eisenmann
- Ella Eshelman
- Alyssa Nitschke
- Maddux Cadey
- Cole Shannon
- Mady MacAvoy
- Joaquin Donaire
- Kayden Brannum

YTD: 118

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: $215
  YTD: $3,441.00
- Foundation: N/A
  YTD: $165.00

YTD Total: $3,606.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84

Watch Our Meeting Here

Coming Spring 2025: Clinton to Welcome Two Giant Recycled-Wood Troll Sculpture

Board Member of the The Sawmill Museum, Ari Lewerenz, spoke to our club this week. The Sawmill Museum has announced an exciting partnership with internationally renowned artist **Thomas Dambo, creator of more than 150 giant recycled-wood troll sculptures worldwide.** Next spring, Clinton will join the official Troll Map as the first community in Iowa (and Illinois) to host Dambo's work. This project places Clinton alongside major destinations across the globe known for large-scale public art.

About the Project

- Two large trolls, each nearly two stories tall and built from five tons of reclaimed local wood, will be installed—one at The Sawmill Museum and one at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.
- The trolls will be designed around Clinton's lumber history and environmental story.
- A mural and treasure-hunt experience will accompany the sculptures, encouraging visitors to follow clues and explore. Together, these features create an immersive experience that appeals to families, travelers, and art enthusiasts.

Why It Matters

- Similar installations draw 30,000–300,000 visitors in their first year.
- Clinton expects around 60,000 visitors—a major boost to local businesses.
- Troll fans ("troll hunters") actively travel the world to visit every site.

Community Impact

- Free, year-round access for the public.
- A three-week build in April 2025 with 10 Danish craftsmen and many local volunteers.
- All sculptures made from reclaimed wood, including materials from historic local sites. This approach not only showcases sustainability but also preserves parts of Clinton's heritage in a new, creative way.

How to Get Involved

Volunteers are needed for materials, hospitality, logistics, and more.
Contact Andy Green, Director of The Sawmill Museum, to participate.
Come for the trolls—stay for Clinton.

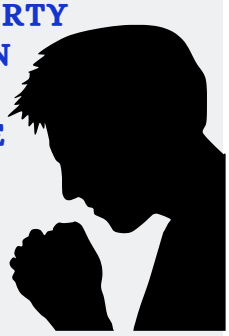
LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- NOVEMBER 24: ALEX MANGLER OF RSVP WILL PRESENT ABOUT THE HOLIDAY NETWORK

INVOCATION

NOVEMBER 24: SAVANNAH DAUGHERTY
DECEMBER 01: TOM DETERMANN
DECEMBER 08: GARY DELACY
DECEMBER 15: CARRIE DONAIRE
DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING



GREETER

NOVEMBER 24: RYAN VEENSTRA
DECEMBER 01: CHRISTIE AKINS
DECEMBER 08: MARINA BAER
DECEMBER 15: DOUGLAS BERTRAND
DECEMBER 22: NO MEETING
DECEMBER 29: NO MEETING

PROGRAM CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: HEATHER FARWELL
DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: DAVE SIVRIGHT & SUSIE MESECHER
DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

Celebrations

- Claire Buyert — Nov 09
- Dale Dalton — Nov 15
- David Rose — Nov 20
- David Sivright — Nov 22

- Dale Dalton
  - 47 yrs; Nov. 01 1978
- Gregory Jasper
  - 30 yrs; Nov. 01 1995
- Braydon Robert
  - 7 yrs; Nov. 12 2018
- David Sivright
  - 33 yrs; Nov. 16 1992

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?

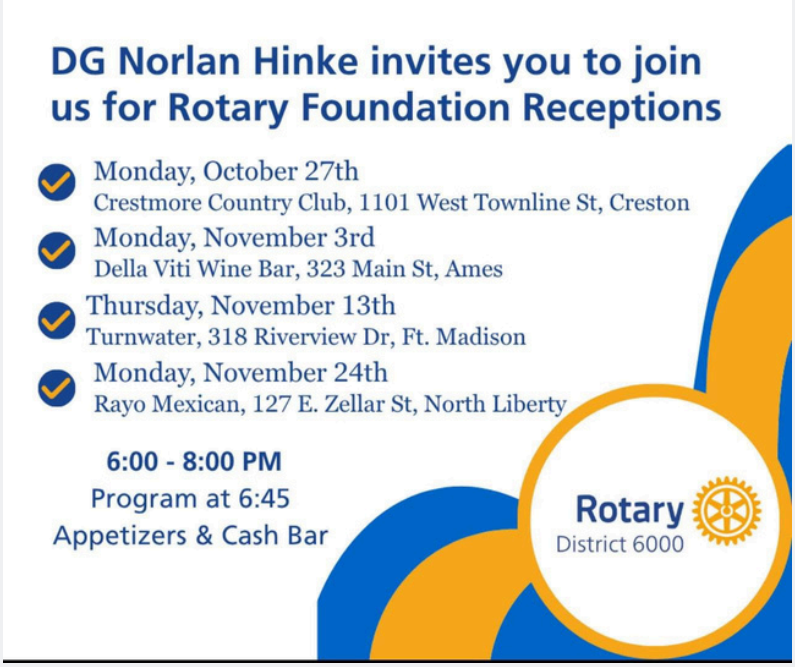
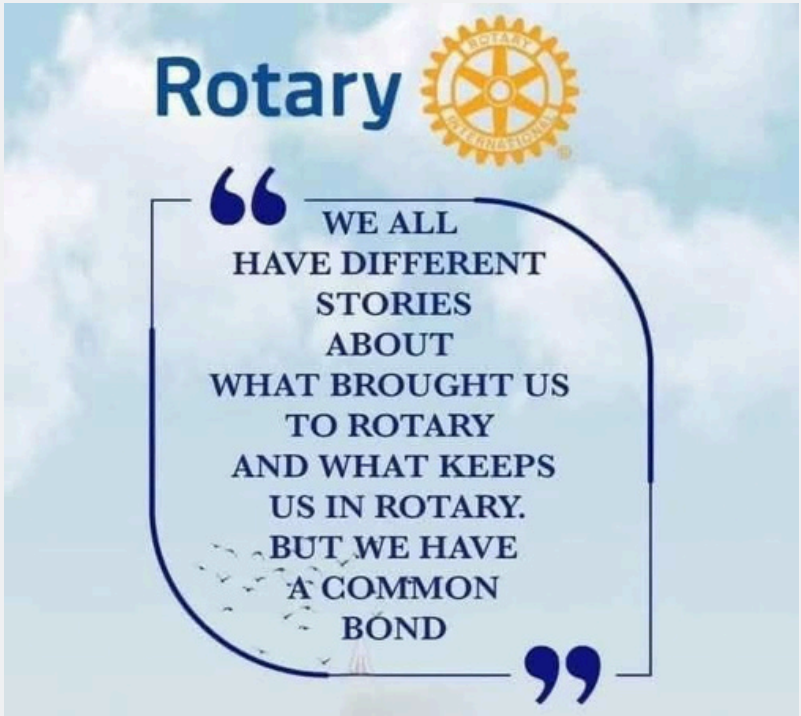
Rotary Board of Directors for 2025-2026

- Andrew Green: President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Carrie Donaire: Past-President, International Service
- Andy Fergurson: 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

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