

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 25, 2024

MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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Clinton, IA

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- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

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To handle yourself,
use your head; to
handle others, use
your heart.
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-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

DECEMBER 02, 2024 MEETING WILL BE AT GREAT REVIVALIST BREWERY

- 11:45 – 12:15 MEAL
- 12:15 – 1:00: GUIDED TOUR OF THE BREWERY
- RSVP TO DOUG BERTRAND at 563 - 357-1564 or

EMAIL doug.bertrand@carpetlandusa.net
IF YOUR SCHEDULE CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT DOUG.
WE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR MEALS BASED ON OUR FINAL COUNT. MEAL WILL BE GRILLED CHICKEN WITH SIDES ALONG WITH PITCHER OF THEIR SODA'S MADE ON PROPERTY.

Our Thursday extension club meetings are discontinued. Thanks to everyone who tried to get this off the ground! We'd like to encourage Rotarians to attend the Grow Clinton Biz After 5 on the second Thursday of each month.

The Clinton Kiwanis Club has challenged our club to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. We'll be at dueling doors at the Clinton Hy Vee on Saturday, December 7. A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting. If you want to help and didn't get to sign up, please contact Carrie at 563-249-9416 or cdonaire@gocfb.bank. The 4pm – 4pm shift is still available. Let's help raise money and let's definitely beat Kiwanis!

Join the viewing party for One Summit this Saturday, November 23 from 9am – 12pm at the Clinton Public Library. Reach out to Susie Mesecher with questions.

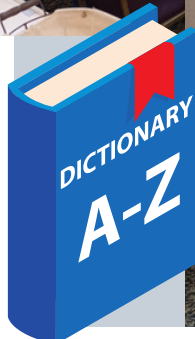
Reverend Ray Giminez is recruiting Rotarians to volunteer at the annual Victory Center Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Key Dates

- November 25: Americorp Reading Program
- December 02: Great Revivalist Brewery tour
- ** Must sign up ahead of time, See Doug Bertrand
- December 09: CHS Choir
- December 16: Gary Dolphin, Voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes!
- December 23: NO MEETING

Check It Out!

ROTARIANS
GETTING
THOSE
DICTIONARIES
READY FOR
OUR THIRD
GRADERS!



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 02

In-person: 34

Total for November 18: 36

GUESTS:

- Amber Mullins
- Reata Mullins
- Addison Holst
- Cohen Thorpe

YTD: 112

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- November 18 Meeting: \$452.00
YTD: \$3,857.50
- Birthday contributions included:
 - Dave Sivright \$81.00
 - Dale Dalton \$80.00
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$401

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



LIZ ESTILOW WITH MYGEAR OUTREACH



[Watch Our
Meeting
HERE](#)

This week, we had the profound privilege of hearing from Liz Estilow with MyGEAR Outreach. Estilow started MyGEAR a little over nine years ago. The program gives children who are going into foster care a duffle bag full of everything they need to feel welcomed and stuff to call their own. "I was a social worker and I needed a heavy break because I was just drained, but I wanted to stay connected with my foster families and my kiddos that I worked with. We, honestly, did not do anything for our foster kids or our foster families so my goal was to make sure that no child was going to enter foster care, adoptive care or relative placement with their items thrown in a black garbage bag and toted off," Estilow explained.

The program covers all ages, from infants to 18 years. The MyGEAR bag has "basic essentials," with nothing frivolous. These essentials consist of clean and new products, such as pillows, blankets, underwear, socks, pajamas, toiletries, and toys "because these kids are scared," stated Estilow. "This is going to be one of the most traumatic experiences of their lives. They do not want to leave Mom and Dad. This is not their choice. And it's scary." MyGEAR serves in Iowa: Clinton, Jackson, Scott and Dubuque counties, and in Illinois: Whiteside, Carroll, and Lee counties. The bags run around \$330 now, for just basic necessities.

Estilow has created fun, connection events for the kids and foster families to go to, including hosting five different holiday parties for the foster families. Clinton's Holiday party will be on December 02 at the Sawmill Museum. "I'm still looking for a sponsor to buy cases of water and some fruit juices and a hundred buns so if anybody wants to do that that'd be amazing!" mentioned Estilow.

Thank you, Liz, for all you do!!!

Contact Liz at: mygearoutreach@yahoo.com or [HERE](#)

[Click HERE to donate to MyGEAR through Paypal.](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

November 25: Heather Farwell

December 02: Meeting at Great Revivalist Brewery

December 09: Andy Fergusson

December 16: Gary Foster

December 23: No Meeting

GREETER

November 25: Francis Boggus

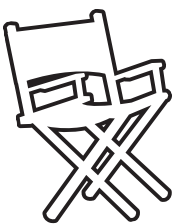


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December 09: Julie Bray

December 16: Matt Brooke

December 23: No Meeting



PROGRAM CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: ANDY GREEN

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: CHRISTIE AKINS & DAVE SIVRIGHT

DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND



Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dale Dalton
 - 46 yrs; Nov. 01, 1978
- Gregory Jasper
 - 29 yrs; Nov. 01, 1995
- Braydon Roberts
 - 6 yrs; Nov. 12, 2018
- Dave Sivright
 - 32 years; Nov. 16, 1978
- David Rose
 - 7 yrs; Dec. 11 2017
- Brent Albrechtsen
 - 3 yrs; Dec. 13 2021
- Andy Fergusson
 - 6 yrs; Dec. 17 2018
- Kathy Klahn
 - 20 yrs; Dec. 20 2004

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 Fergusson: 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 Fergusson
- Jennifer Graf* • Sue Watkins

ROTARY NEWS

Greetings, District 6000 Rotarians,

I invite and encourage every Rotarian in District 6000 to participate in this year's ONE SUMMIT. We will host the event at the Radisson Hotel, Coralville, Iowa, Saturday, November 23, 2024. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For your convenience we are also offering hybrid participation.

Mike Ruby, AG Coordinator, is encouraging the Assistant Governors to invite their clubs to meet collectively either in-person or via ZOOM. Likewise, if there are clubs located close to each other geographically, please organize a "Watch Party" to participate as a group to enhance discussion and ideas. Individual clubs may also choose to host a "Watch Party." The main goal is to PARTICIPATE.

The primary topics are Membership - Foundation - Public Image - Mental Wellness. (Please see attached agenda for specific topics). It is my intent as your District Governor Elect, that all events or meetings have value to every participant, limit the time commitment, while proving benefit for both time and cost to a participant. There is no registration fee for One Summit. I think you will find this agenda will meet this criterion.

We have knowledgeable presenters who will share brief commentary and then open up for discussion. As you will note in the agenda attached, District Learning Facilitator, Gretchen Nollman will then facilitate group feedback and discussion to allow all participants to take practical information back home for future planning and reference. In addition, District Governor Nominee Bill Bruce, will take a few minutes to explain how these issues fit into Rotary International goals for clubs in District 6000.

We hope you will join us, engage in the process and take-home good ideas for your club. And it's all free!

<https://rotary6000.org/event/one-summit/>

Thank You District 6000 Rotarians!!