



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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Intelligence
plus
character
that is the
goal of true
education.

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

➤ August 12th is our next Boo Bash meeting at 4pm. This will be at Clinton National Bank (235 6th Avenue South, Clinton)

➤ On September 12th our club will be planting trees in the Clinton area! We will need lots of help, so please start planning!



Key Dates

- August 10: Dave - CCSD Student Services Update
- August 17: Mariah - CCSD Curriculum and Instruction Update
- August 24: Andy G. and Andy F. discussing the Rotary Club of Clinton

Check It Out!

CONGRATS!

to Levi Jones and family on the birth of their new baby!



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Greg Farwell
YTD: 10

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: N/A
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$385

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



 **YouTube**
**WATCH OUR
MEETING HERE!**

**Clinton Community School
District Superintendent
Wes Golden**

Clinton Community School District Superintendent Wes Golden updated Rotary members on the district's priorities, progress, and future plans. He emphasized the district's mission to serve all students through an engaging curriculum and a caring community, while focusing on student achievement, a positive learning and work environment, and responsible financial stewardship. "When we say all students, all means all," Golden explained.

Golden reported that the Clinton High School renovation is approximately 96% complete and remains on budget, with the new commons area expected to open for students at the start of the school year. A community grand opening will be announced once construction is fully complete.

Golden also stressed the importance of community partnerships in supporting student success. He thanked Rotary for its continued investment in local schools. He noted that every member of the school community—from teachers and bus drivers to custodians and support staff—plays a vital role in helping students feel welcome, safe, and connected. He encouraged community members to remain engaged as the district continues to share updates and celebrate its progress.

In addition to the facilities update, Golden shared encouraging district-wide results. Student enrollment has increased for two consecutive years, teacher retention climbed to 93%—well above the state average—and chronic absenteeism dropped significantly. He also highlighted academic gains at the elementary and high school levels and discussed the district's approach to artificial intelligence, emphasizing that while AI is becoming an essential workplace skill, schools must continue teaching students to think critically and solve problems independently.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- AUGUST 10: DAVE - CCSD STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE
- AUGUST 17: MARIAH - CCSD CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION UPDATE
- AUGUST 24: ANDY G. AND ANDY F.

INVOCATION

AUGUST 10: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN
AUGUST 17: DAVE SIVRIGHT
AUGUST 24: MARY BETH SMITH
AUGUST 31: ANDY SOKOLOVICH



GREETER

AUGUST 10: PAUL HOLMER
AUGUST 17: GREGORY JASPER
AUGUST 24: DUSTIN JOHNSON
AUGUST 31: LEVI JONES

PROGRAM CHAIRS

AUGUST: WES GOLDEN
SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

AUGUST: RICH KLAHN & LEVI JONES
SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| • Rich Klahn | August 05 |
| • Charles Pelton | August 15 |
| • Gregory Jasper | August 23 |
| • Val Hill | August 30 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Charles Pelton
 - 50 yrs; Aug. 01 1976
- Marina Baer
 - 2 yrs; Aug. 12 2024
- Joe Brown
 - 26 yrs; Aug. 21 2000

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 2026-2027

- 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 2026-2027

- Gary Foster*: President
- Kathy Klahn*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| • Jim Bruhn* | • Kathy Klahn* | • Paul Holmer* |
| • Dale Dalton* | • Ryan Veenstra | • Heather Farwell |
| • Jennifer Graf* | • Sue Watkins | • Rich Klahn* |
| | | • Christie Atkins* |

ROTARY MOMENTS



When was the last time you spoke to someone about Rotary?



Remain relevant by helping to grow your club.



Sponsor a member today and be recognized.



When was the last time you spoke to someone about Rotary?

Rotary grows when we talk.

When we invite.

When we sponsor.

Every member we sponsor strengthens our club.

Every new voice adds value to our service.

Stay relevant by helping to grow your club.

Sponsor a member today and be recognized for the impact you make.

One conversation can change a life.

One new member can change a club.

August is Membership Month and New Club Development

Who will you bring into Rotary this year? Tag them below

#PeopleOfAction #Rotary

#MembershipMonth #ServiceAboveSelf