

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF  
AUGUST 14, 2023

## MEETING LOCATION

### **Monday Rotary**

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

### **Thursday Night Rotary:**

Second and Fourth Thursday  
of the month at 5:30,  
Rusty Barrel Lounge  
(224 5th Ave S, Clinton, IA)

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## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [YouTube](#)

My kidnapers returning  
me after listening to me talk  
about **Rotary** for two hours



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**NEW**



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

- Click [HERE](#) to view our July Club invoice!
- Rotarians say YES! It's time to help with calling sponsors for the Boo Bash! (See attached document in your email.)
- **Please Sign Up for the Boo Bash Prep... It's a super easy way to help out our club and it doesn't take much time!!! Contact Sabrina, Christie, Carrie, Cheryl, or Braydon!**
- Remember that we won't be meeting next Monday at Rastrelli's. Our meeting will be at the jail! :)
- Rotarian Shannon Sander-Welzien spoke about the Y's Supportive Housing Initiative. Please read more about this on page 5!

## Key Dates

- **August 21: Clinton County Jail Tour -- Sack Lunch at Jail**
- **August 28: MS FEST/The Bob Finch Memorial Fund**

## Check It Out!



**Congratulations to Norlan for getting the District Governor Citation Award!**

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 2

In-person: 33

Total for August 14: 35

### GUESTS:

- Charlie Graf
- Deb OConnor
- Brinley
- Regan Michaelsen
- Aaron Depron
- London Collins

YTD: 21

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

August 14 Meeting: \$158

Donations to the Foundation:

\$200

Foundation YTD: \$246

YTD Total: \$1258

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 73
- Membership Goal: 84



**Regan Michaelsen**



[WATCH OUR MEETING HERE](#)

During President Braydon's year as the Rotary Club of Clinton's President, he wanted to focus his Presidential project on highlighting nonprofits around Clinton County. Each month, we will hear from local nonprofits and what they do. This week, we got to hear from Regan Michaelsen, who is the Director of Information, Referral & Assistance Services (IRAS).

On May 11, the FEMA funding for homelessness during COVID ran out. The need in Clinton and Clinton County is very high and a lot of the stuff that we were able to fall back on is going away. As Andy Green stated, when introducing Michaelsen, "The need is up and the money is down." Michelsen has been with IRAS since 2003 and as director since 2008. Though there have been a lot of changes to the organization, the mission has stayed the same -- to serve the people in our community.

IRAS assists in rental and utility assistance and emergency shelter when possible. During COVID, they were able to help 200-300 people with these services, but since May, they haven't been able to due to funding. However, they are still able to help with the "gaps in service" for people. IRAS does not get funding from the state or federal funds, which does give them some flexibility in being able to help people.

One of the many changes over the years has been merging with the Benevolent Society. IRAS is now the largest food pantry in Clinton. Through the pandemic, we lost all but two of the food pantries in town. Michaelsen stated, "On a monthly basis, we're serving about 300 people a month. Last year we saw a 300% increase in how many people we were serving, that were coming in that for a need for food, so that need is huge. This year, I think by the time we finish our fiscal year in September, we'll see about a 60 percent increase compared to the year before." IRAS also has a Backpack Buddy program, which services around 170-180 kids every weekend throughout the school year, and a Mentoring program, which helps connect people to prescription medication through MercyOne.

#### Ways You Can Help

You can help IRAS assist those in need in the following ways:

- Volunteer to help for one of our fundraisers or food distributions.
- Join the IRAS Board of Directors or work on a committee
- Donate needed resources
- Household cleaning supplies
- Personal hygiene items
- Cash or gift cards

# LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

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- **August 28: MS FEST/The Bob Finch Memorial Fund**



## INVOCATION

August 21: Marsha Thrall  
August 28: Rod Tokheim

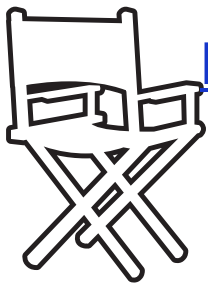
## GREETER

August 21: Ron McGauvran  
August 28: Lynn McGraw



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

AUGUST: GARY DELACY  
SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

AUGUST: MARSHA THRALL & RICH KLAHN  
SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



## *Celebrations*

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Charles Pelton
  - 47 years; August 01 1976
- Sam Genson
  - 2 years; August 02 2021

# 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 2023-2024

- Braydon Roberts: President
- Carrie Donaire: President-Elect
- Andrew Green: President-Elect-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Andrew Kida: Past President
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation

### Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- Gary Foster\*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck\*: Vice-President
- John Frey\*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton\*: Treasurer

#### Directors

- Jim Bruhn\*
- Kathy Klahn\*
- Paul Holmer
- Kathy Forrest
- Lynn McGraw
- Andy Fergurson
- Jennifer Graf\*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



- Shannon spoke to our club about the YWCA's Supportive Housing Initiative. Please read information about this [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).
- Annually, Citizens First Bank hosts a local photography contest. They publish those photos in a wall calendar. The photography contest is open now! The information about the contest rules and the timeline can be found at [gocfb.bank](http://gocfb.bank) or you can reach out to Carrie Donaire. It's a great way to highlight local photographers and the calendar is free of charge! The photos do have to be digital and the deadline is August 31!