



Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary
Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
2417 Cleveland St.
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- [Facebook](#)
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- [YouTube](#)

If cauliflower can
somehow *magically*
become pizza, then
you my friend, can
do **ANYTHING**.

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

➤ BE PART OF THE BOO BASH TEAM! Contact Andy for more information!

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

Check It Out!

PUBLIC IMAGE BRACE FOR IMPACT WORKSHOP

Rotary
District 6000

Patrick Harrison,
Rotary Zone 36 Public
Image Coordinator,
will share TOOLS,
TIPS and TACTICS to
elevate your Rotary
Club's Public Image.

- ✓ August 22nd
- ✓ 10AM - 4PM
- ✓ Ames, IA



Sat, Aug 22 at 10 AM

Public Image Brace for Impact Workshop

119 Washington Ave, Ames, IA 50010-6729,
United States



Rotary Club of Clinton's BOO BASH



**GET READY FOR THE SPOOKIEST NIGHT OF
THE YEAR, FULL OF MAGIC AND MISCHIEF!**



**October 30, 2026
5:00 PM**



**Copper Mill
2750 S 27th St, Clinton, IA**

Live DJ & Dance Floor

Best Costume Contest

Spooky Drinks & Treats

Silent Auction

Dress Code: Silly, Scary, or Spooky, Make it unforgettable!
Sponsorship Opportunities are Available!



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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Dave Hlas
 - Doug Peterson
- YTD: 12

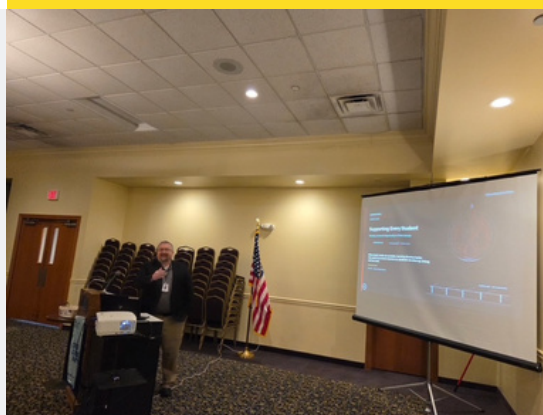
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

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

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$942.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



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

**Supporting Clinton Students
Beyond the Classroom**

Dave Hlas, CCSD's Director of Student Services, recently shared an overview of the district's efforts to support students and families facing challenges such as food insecurity, housing instability, transportation, health care, and mental health needs. With more than half of CCSD students qualifying for some form of meal assistance and approximately 125 students identified as homeless last year, the need for support is significant.

Student Services works to identify students who may be struggling, connect families with school and community resources, and provide ongoing support. Programs include meal assistance, the Backpack Program, after-school programming, mental health services, and assistance with basic needs such as clothing, hygiene supplies, bedding, and health care.

An important part of this work is identifying barriers early. CCSD monitors attendance, behavior, and other indicators that may signal a student or family needs additional support. Staff then work to connect families with appropriate resources and continue to follow up with them. Hlas emphasized that building trusting relationships with students and families is key, especially because families may be hesitant to ask for help on their own.

Hlas highlighted three key takeaways: **the need in Clinton is significant; transportation, food, clothing, health, mental health, and housing are major areas of focus; and strong relationships and community partnerships are essential to supporting students.** CCSD relies on community organizations, volunteers, and local partners to provide resources, mentoring, career opportunities, supplies, and other assistance. Together, the district and community can help remove barriers and ensure that a student's circumstances do not determine the opportunities they have to succeed.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- AUGUST 17: MARIAH - CCSD CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION UPDATE
- AUGUST 24: ANDY G. AND ANDY F.

INVOCATION

AUGUST 17: DAVE SIVRIGHT
AUGUST 24: MARY BETH SMITH
AUGUST 31: ANDY SOKOLOVICH



GREETER

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

- | | |
|------------------|-----------|
| • 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 Fergusson: 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



A Safe Transition Beyond the Wire

What happens when someone leaves jail with nowhere safe to go? In Topeka, Kansas, a Rotary club is helping change that story. Through Intersection to Care, Rotarians and community partners provide women with mentorship, health and technology classes, trauma-informed support, and safe housing as they transition back into their communities. The program has helped more than 1,000 women since 2022 — demonstrating how compassion, lived experience, and community partnerships can break cycles of incarceration and vulnerability. [Read how Rotary is helping women come safely home.](#)



The very famous Mary Poppins song "A Spoonful of Sugar" was actually inspired by the polio vaccine.

Songwriter Robert Sherman was having a hard time coming up with a catchy song for Julie Andrews hit movie. Inspiration struck him one night when his children told him all about the polio vaccine they received at school. They said it didn't hurt because the polio vaccine was placed on a sugar cube.

#Polio #EndPolioNow #MarryPoppins