Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

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

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SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

Whatever makes your soul happy.

do that.

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Presidential News

Please Share our Rotary and Boo Bash Social Media!!!!

We need YOU on a Rotary Committee! Start thinking about what areas you can help in: Youth Services, Community Services, Membership, Fundraising, Publicity, and Foundation!

Boo Bash Alert!!!!! Our Annual Boo Bash is coming up...circle it now on your calendars for Friday, October 24, 2025! Boo Bash Committee is looking for new members -- they're meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 4:00 at the Rusty Barrel!

Key Dates

- August 18: Clinton Community Schools, Update from Curriculum and Instruction
- August 25: Clinton Community Schools: Update on CHS Construction: Phase 2 and 3/ Legislative Updates

Check It Out!

🎃 Boo Bash Fundraiser – October 24

👻 Sponsorship Push:

- Boo Bash sponsorships are slow to come in.
- All members are asked to help: Review the sponsorship master list and commit to contacting at least one prior sponsor or donor.
- Weekly Boo Bash meetings are held Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at The Rusty Barrel.

💡 Fundraising Plans:

- Planning fun in-event fundraisers like:
  - Costume contests
  - 50/50 raffles
  - Gift basket drawings

If you prefer not to reach out yourself but have a contact, share it with Heather Farwell, Lindsay, or Christiey, and they'll follow up.

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Boo Bash

Friday, October 24, 2025

5:00 PM

The Copper Mill
2750 So. 27th Street
Clinton IA 52732

Be A Sponsor Today!

PROCEEDS FROM THE BOO BASH WILL SUPPORT SEVERAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT.

GET READY FOR A SPOOKY-GOOD TIME!

THE 2025 BOO BASH WILL FEATURE:

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

RAFFLES & GAMES

BUFFET DINNER

CASH BAR

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Sponsorship Levels

TITLE SPONSOR ($10,000):

- TWO RESERVED TABLES (16 GUESTS)
- CHAMPAGNE SERVICE
- TOP-TIER PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE, AND SIGNAGE
- RECOGNIZED AS THE TOP SPONSOR

DIAMOND SPONSOR ($5,000):

- ONE RESERVED TABLE (8 GUESTS)
- CHAMPAGNE SERVICE
- HIGH-LEVEL PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

PLATINUM SPONSOR ($2,500):

- 8 TICKETS + BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE
- PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AT THE EVENT
- EXTENSIVE PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

GOLD SPONSOR ($1,000):

- 6 TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION, NAME/LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

SILVER SPONSOR ($500):

- 4 TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION, NAME/LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

BRONZE SPONSOR ($250):

- 2 TICKETS
- NAME FEATURED ON THE EVENT WEBSITE

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 0
In-person: 28
Total for August 11: 28

GUESTS:

- **Rhea Wright**
- **Steffan Holtorff**

YTD: 14

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- **Rotary Club: $ 123.00**

YTD $913.00

- **Foundation: N/A**

YTD $64.82
YTD Total: $977.82

MEMBERS:

- **Current Members: 67**
- **Membership Goal: 84**

WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

Rhea Wright

Rhea Wright, Director of Student Services, oversees a wide range of programs including special education, preschool, talented and gifted (TAG), at-risk students, and support for homeless students. A graduate of Western Illinois University (Elementary Education) and Drake University (Special Education), Wright began her career at Sac & Fox Settlement School, later working in Fort Dodge and with Heartland AEA before joining Clinton.

Key Updates

- **Preschool:** 8 sites serving ~288 students, operating at 92% capacity last year. Openings remain for 4-year-olds.
- **Special Education:** Serves students ages 3–21, including a unique Deaf/Hard of Hearing program and therapeutic classrooms with positive attendance and academic results. Clinton has eliminated a previous $2.7M special ed deficit.
- **Homeless Support:** Identified 158 homeless students last year; already 38 for the coming year. Provides immediate enrollment, fee waivers, transportation, basic needs, and community resource connections.
- **Talented & Gifted:** Serving 10–12% of students; new high school initiatives include career counseling and early access to college courses.
- **At-Risk Programs:** Multiple layers of support—social workers, counselors, at-risk staff, and in-school therapists.
- **English Language Learners**: 1.7% of students, primarily Spanish-speaking, with tailored instruction and support.
- **Chronic Absenteeism:** Significant reductions—special education absenteeism down from 39% to 24%; general education from 28% to 18%.

Community Needs:

Wright encouraged the community to help identify struggling or homeless families and connect them with the district. There is also an urgent need for qualified staff, particularly in special education. “If we don’t make every student feel welcome, connected, and safe, it’s going to be really hard for them to learn.” – Rhea Wright, Director of Student Services

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- August 18: Clinton Community Schools, Update from Curriculum and Instruction
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INVOCATION

AUGUST 18: DOUGLAS BERTRAND
AUGUST 25: AMIE BOETJE

GREETER

AUGUST 18: MARK RUTENBECK
AUGUST 25: MARY SWANSON

PROGRAM CHAIRS

AUGUST: GARY DELACY & WES GOLDEN
SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF
OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

AUGUST: RICH KLAHN
SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGUSON
OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF

Celebrations

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

- Charles Pelton
  - 49 yrs; Aug. 01 1976
- Marina Baer
  - 1 yrs; Aug. 12 2024
- Joe Brown
  - 25 yrs; Aug. 21 2000

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: 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*
- Andy Fergurson
- Heather Farwell

ROTARY MOMENTS