



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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- [YouTube](#)



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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

▶ BE PART OF THE BOO BASH TEAM! Contact Andy for more information! Our next meeting is on August 26th.

▶ On Saturday, 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 24:** Andy Green will discuss his next year with the Rotary Club of Clinton
- **August 31:** Jim Bengston will discuss Work-Based Learning at CCSD, Andy Ferguson will also discuss the Club and Foundation

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:

- Doug Peterson
- Mariah Reeves
- Sarah Oldsen
- Abby Paysen

YTD: 16

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$239.00
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$1,181.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



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

**Mariah Reeves gives a
Curriculum and Instruction
Update**

Mariah Reeves, CCSD Assistant Superintendent, who leads curriculum and instruction for Clinton Community Schools, shared an encouraging update on the district's progress and priorities heading into the 2026–27 school year. A central theme was the importance of a strong, caring community working together to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.

The district continues to focus on equitable educational experiences across its four elementary schools, consistent core curriculum, high expectations, professional development, and data-driven instruction. Reeves highlighted several positive indicators: the district enters the new year with just two certified teaching vacancies, teacher retention is nearly 85%—above the state average, and enrollment continues to grow. Student achievement and attendance remain key priorities, with goals of 80% proficiency in English language arts, mathematics, and science and 95% daily attendance for students and staff. Graduation is another bright spot: Clinton High School's graduation rate reached 92% last year, up more than 12 percentage points over five years, to reach 94%.

The Clinton Community School District is also expanding opportunities beyond the classroom. Work-based learning enters its third and final year of implementation, providing students with opportunities for job shadowing, internships, and career experiences through community partnerships.

Reeves encouraged local businesses and organizations to get involved, emphasizing, "It really does take every single one of us working jointly together to nurture the students we serve."

Overall, Reeves' message was one of continued progress, high expectations and partnership, with a focus on preparing students not only academically, but with the collaboration, critical thinking, adaptability and accountability they will need beyond graduation.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- AUGUST 24: ANDY GREEN WILL DISCUSS HIS NEXT YEAR WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
- AUGUST 31: JIM BENGSTON WILL DISCUSS WORK-BASED LEARNING AT CCSD, ANDY FERGURSON WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CLUB AND FOUNDATION

INVOCATION

AUGUST 24: MARY BETH SMITH
AUGUST 31: ANDY SOKOLOVICH
SEPTEMBER 07: **NO MEETING**
SEPTEMBER 14: MARY SWANSON
SEPTEMBER 21: MARSHA THRALL
SEPTEMBER 28: GRAHAM TIMION



GREETER

AUGUST 24: DUSTIN JOHNSON
AUGUST 31: LEVI JONES
SEPTEMBER 07: **NO MEETING**
SEPTEMBER 14: BRIAN KELLY
SEPTEMBER 21: KATHY KLAHN
SEPTEMBER 28: RICH KLAHN

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 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