Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

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

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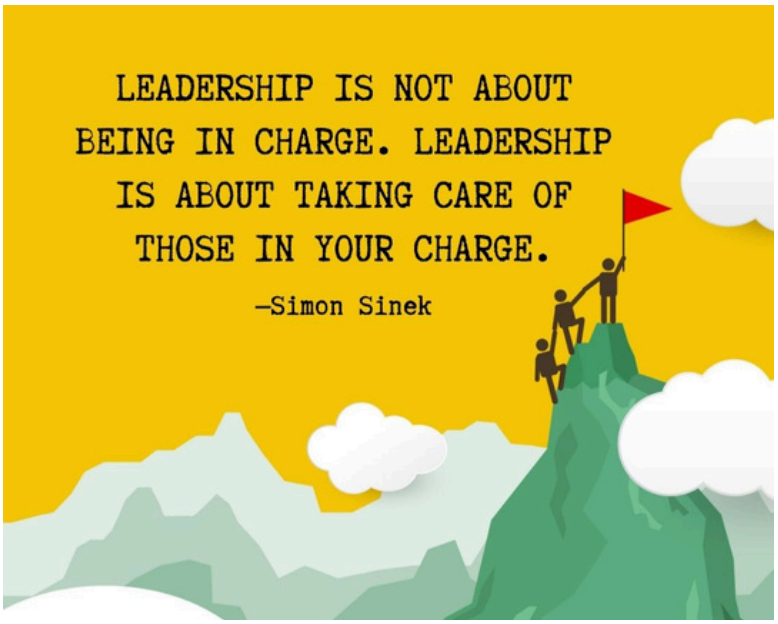
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube



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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!

Carolyn Robinson (right) has been training for the Everest base camp trek with Laurelle Price (left). *(ABC Illawarra: Sarah Moss)*

80yo woman takes on 17-day, 130km hike to Mount Everest base camp – to fight Polio with Rotary International!

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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: 03
In-person: 33
Total for August 18: 36

GUESTS:

- **Daniel Akins**
- **Chris Smith**
- **Mariah Reeves**
- **Matt Lorenzen**
- **Addie Lorenzen**
- **Haylee House**
- **Aubrey Fergurson**

YTD: 21

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- **Rotary Club: $218**
  YTD $1,131.00
- **Foundation: N/A**
  YTD $70
  YTD Total: $1201

MEMBERS:

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

WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

Mariah Reeves, Assistant Superintendent of Clinton Community School District

The Rotary Club of Clinton welcomed **Mariah Reeves**, Assistant Superintendent of Clinton Community School District, who shared updates on curriculum, instruction, and student success initiatives.

Reeves, a former teacher and principal with deep ties to Iowa education, emphasized the district's mission: empowering all students to be future-ready—with "all" being intentional and central to the vision.

Key highlights:

- **Curriculum Alignment**: All elementary schools will adopt the **Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)** program to ensure consistent, rigorous instruction across the district. Middle school is piloting new ELA programs and auditing math/science for greater rigor.
- **High School Initiatives**: Clinton High is introducing block scheduling for deeper learning, expanding work-based learning partnerships with local businesses, and launching a new mentoring model, pairing students with trusted adults throughout high school.
- **Student Outcomes**: Third-grade proficiency in reading and math nearly doubled in the past year. Graduation rates continue to climb—rising from ~80% two years ago to 85% this past year—with a goal of 90% and ultimately 100%. Dropout rates have also dropped significantly.
- **Teacher Support & Retention**: Vacancies were cut in half since last year, a testament to strong school culture and leadership. Principals are increasing classroom visibility, committed to connecting with "every teacher, every month."
- **Community Call to Action**: Reeves stressed the importance of partnerships with local employers and volunteers to support mentoring, job shadows, and career readiness opportunities.

Her closing message: *Equitable and experiential education equals success*. Community support remains vital in preparing Clinton students for life after graduation.

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- August 25: Clinton Community Schools: Update on CHS Construction: Phase 2 and 3/ Legislative Updates

INVOCATION

AUGUST 25: AMIE BOETJE
SEPTEMBER 01: NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 08: FRANCIS BOGGUS
SEPTEMBER 15: JULIE BRAY
SEPTMEBER 22: MATT BROOKE
SEPTEMBER 29: JOSEPH BROWN

GREETER

AUGUST 25: MARY SWANSON
SEPTEMBER 01: NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 08: DAVE SIVRIGHT
SEPTEMBER 15: MARY BETH SMITH
SEPTEMBER 22: ANDY SOKOLOVICH
SEPTEMBER 29: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN

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