



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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-ROALD DAHL

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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 at 4PM.**

➤ 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 31:** Jim Bengston will discuss Work-Based Learning at CCSD, Andy Ferguson will also discuss the Club and Foundation

Check It Out!

SPONSOR THE BOO BASH!

BE OUR TITLE SPONSOR & GET:

- TWO RESERVED TABLES (16 GUESTS)
- CHAMPAGNE SERVICE
- LISTED WITH ROTARY ON ALL EVENT MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
- WEEKLY PERSONALIZED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WITH NAME AND LOGO
- PERSONAL RECOGNITION AS TOP SPONSOR AT THE EVENT



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:

- Marguarite Robbins
YTD: 17

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!**

**Andy Green's Rotary Year and
International Conference Experience**

Andy reflected on both his Rotary year and his trip to the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. He emphasized how attending Rotary International events gives members a much broader perspective: while local service is meaningful, seeing Rotary's work and its members from around the world makes the organization's global impact much more tangible.

The Taipei convention was attended by approximately 40,000 people, with about 75% coming from Taiwan. Andy was impressed by Taipei's efficient use of space, extensive public transportation, rooftop gardens, and vibrant urban culture. Traveling alone for much of the trip pushed him outside his comfort zone—particularly as a self-described picky eater—but he embraced new foods, experiences, and opportunities to meet people from around the world.

Highlights of the convention included cultural performances, Taiwan's president's opening remarks, and keynote speaker Malala Yousafzai. Andy was especially struck by Malala's message about placing greater trust in women leaders around the world. He also attended sessions ranging from Rotary leadership discussions to the use of AI in Rotary clubs.

One message that particularly stayed with Andy came from incoming Rotary president Larry Lunsford. Rather than simply deciding what a community needs, a good Rotary club should ask the community what it needs and then adjust accordingly. Andy connected this idea to the Rotary theme of "Create Lasting Impact," stressing that service should aim for meaningful, long-term results rather than temporary effects.

Outside the convention, Andy explored Taiwan with people he had only recently met, visiting a mountain village, experiencing a monsoon, navigating night markets, trying unfamiliar foods, and learning directly about Taiwanese culture. These spontaneous connections with strangers became one of the most memorable parts of his trip.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- AUGUST 31: JIM BENGSTON WILL DISCUSS WORK-BASED LEARNING AT CCSD, ANDY FERGURSON WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CLUB AND FOUNDATION

INVOCATION

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



GREETER

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*
- Dale Dalton*
- Jennifer Graf*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Ryan Veenstra
- Sue Watkins
- Paul Holmer*
- Heather Farwell
- Rich Klahn*
- Christie Atkins*

ROTARY MOMENTS



From Florida to Thailand, Rotary clubs are finding creative ways to meet community needs and support good causes. In Sebring, Florida, Rotarians helped build a much-needed public restroom to accommodate visitors drawn to the city after its appearance on HGTV's Home Town Takeover. In Ontario, the Rotary Club of Sarnia-Bluewaterland raised more than US\$42,000 through its annual used book sale, with leftover books supporting organizations as far away as Canadian troops stationed in Latvia.

Meanwhile, a UK Rotary club is putting pets to work for polio eradication through the PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub, where animal-loving donors pledge at least \$100 annually to PolioPlus. And in northern Thailand, the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International turned a tethered hot-air balloon into a fundraiser, dropping 300 golf balls onto a green and raising about \$4,000 for projects benefiting children.