



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2025

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JULY 14, 2025

## MEETING LOCATION

### **Monday Rotary**

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

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- Facebook
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*you may be the first  
person who turns on a  
light in a dark room.*

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

**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 in July, on Wednesdays at 4:00 at the Copper Mill (2750 So. 27th Street Clinton IA 52732)!**

**If you can volunteer to help with the RYLA Camp at Grinnell College, it's from July 26 - August 1. Please reach out to Andy for more information!**

## Key Dates

- July 14: Senator Mike Zimmer
- July 21: Anna Current will speak about the Xicotepec service project she participated in this spring and her experiences with RYLA and Rotaract.
- July 28: President Andy Green will present on his Rotary year

## Check It Out!



Rotary Club of Clinton  
PROUDLY PRESENTS  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**BOO BASH**  
FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 24, 2025  
500 PM  
THE COPPER MILL  
2750 SO. 27TH STREET  
CLINTON IA 52732  
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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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 01

In-person: 28

Total for July 07: 29

### GUESTS:

- Janette McMahon
- Wayne Steen
- Hoeke Scheel
- London Collins

YTD: 04

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$ 151

YTD \$ 151

- Foundation: N/A

YTD \$0

YTD Total: \$151

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84



[WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!](#)

### Janette McMahon and Susie Mesecher

#### Clinton County Library Leaders Share Vision & Updates

Janette McMahon, Director of the Dewitt Community Library and a prominent leader in Iowa's library network, joined Clinton County library colleagues to present updates on library initiatives, funding, and future plans.

#### Key Highlights:

- **Regional Collaboration:** The Clinton County Association of Public Libraries (CCAPL) represents six libraries (Calamus, Camanche, Clinton, Curtis Memorial/Wheatland, Dewitt, and Lost Nation) working together to serve county residents through shared resources, services, and programming.
- **Funding & Contracting:** In Iowa, state law requires cities without libraries to contract for library services. These contracting cities provide over \$17,000 annually, supporting materials, programming (like summer reading), and eBooks through Bridges and other platforms.
- **Rural Access:** Libraries serve as vital access points for rural residents. The county contributes over \$100,000 per year, helping to fund materials, programming, and staff—especially critical for small or low-hour libraries.
- **Major Project – Union Catalog:** A new countywide online catalog system is being rolled out, allowing residents to search and request materials from multiple libraries in one place. It's already improving circulation and saving thousands annually. Clinton Public Library is evaluating joining due to existing commitments with the Rivershare consortium.
- **Innovation & Resilience:** Despite funding challenges, libraries continue expanding programs—from toddler story time to adult clubs—and plan author events featuring local writers. The message is clear: Libraries remain busy, adaptive, and essential.
- **Advocacy & Caution:** Concerns were raised about future funding cuts at the federal and state level, especially affecting IMLS, which supports eBooks and interlibrary loans. Staff emphasized the importance of maintaining support to avoid reduced hours or services.
- **Gratitude & Vision:** Both Mesecher and McMahon expressed gratitude to the Clinton County Board of Supervisors and reinforced the need for future library development—particularly a new library facility in Clinton.

McMahon summarized the importance of libraries by stating, "Libraries are more than books—they're where our communities come together, where curiosity is sparked, and where everyone is welcome to learn, dream, and grow."

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

JULY 14: KAREN VICKERS  
JULY 21: SUE WATKINS  
JULY 28: CHRISTIE AKINS



## GREETER

JULY 14: DENNIS LAUVER  
JULY 21: LYNN MCGRAW  
JULY 28: LINDSAY MORHARDT



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

JULY: SUSIE MESECHER & JILL O'NEILL  
AUGUST: GARY DELACY & WES GOLDEN

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JULY: BRAYDON ROBERTS  
AUGUST: RICH KLAHN



## *Celebrations*

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Jennifer Graf July 01
- Tom Determann July 21
- Susan Mesecher July 29

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- P. Michael Rastrelli
  - 36 yrs; July 01, 1989
- Jill O'Neill
  - 7 yrs; July 02, 2018
- Amie Boetje
  - 1 yr; July 15, 2024
- Mary Connell
  - 29 yrs; July 29, 1996
- Rod Tokheim
  - 19 yrs; July 31, 2006
- Gary DeLacy
  - 8 yrs; July 31, 2017



# 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 2025-2026

- Andrew Green: President
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Carrie Donaire: Past-President, International Service
- Andy Ferguson: 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
- Mark Rutenbeck\*: Vice-President
- John Frey\*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton\*: Treasurer

#### **Directors**

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|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| • Jim Bruhn*     | • Kathy Klahn* | • Paul Holmer*    |
| • Dale Dalton*   | • Lynn McGraw  | • Andy Ferguson   |
| • Jennifer Graf* | • Sue Watkins  | • Heather Farwell |

### ROTARY MOMENTS

