



Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary
Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

➤ Boo Bash meeting will be on July 28th at 3:00 at the Clinton National Bank (Trust and Real Estate)

➤ On September 12th our club will be planting trees in the Clinton area! We will need lots of help, so please start planning!



Key Dates

- July 27: Clinton Public Library, Summer Reading Program
- August 03: Wes - Clinton Community School District (CCSD) Update
- August 10: Dave - CCSD Student Services Update
- August 17: Mariah - CCSD Curriculum and Instruction Update
- August 24: Andy G. and Andy F.

Check It Out!

Let's Support Venezuela!



Their recovery begins with our compassion.
Let's Support VENEZUELA.

The recent earthquakes have left families and communities across Venezuela facing tremendous challenges. Rotary is mobilizing to provide emergency relief, essential supplies, and long-term recovery support—but we can't do it alone.

Every contribution helps bring hope, comfort, and critical assistance to those who need it most.

Learn how you can help:

rotaryzones3334.org/disaster-recovery

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Jennifer Jansen
- Alyssa Schroeder
- Selena Fergusson

YTD: 5

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: N/A
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$385

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



Jennifer Hart and Alyssa Strobbe

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

Jennifer Hart and Alyssa Strobbe were the featured speakers, sharing an update on **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** and its impact throughout Clinton County. Inspired by Dolly Parton's vision of helping every child develop a love of reading, the local program was established in 2012 by a dedicated group of educators and volunteers. Since then, the organization has distributed more than 164,000 free books to children from birth to age five, ensuring families across every corner of the county have access to quality children's literature.

The presenters shared that the program currently serves more than 1,200 children, reaching approximately 46% of eligible children in Clinton County. Each enrolled child receives one age-appropriate book in the mail every month, helping build home libraries and encouraging parents and caregivers to make reading a regular part of their children's lives. They noted that books are provided at a reduced cost through the national Imagination Library program. Still, local fundraising remains essential, with the Clinton County program requiring nearly \$38,000 annually to sustain its current enrollment. Support comes from grants, businesses, civic organizations, and individual donors.

Hart and Strobbe also highlighted research demonstrating the importance of early literacy. They explained that the first few years of life are critical for brain development and that children who are read to regularly are more likely to enter kindergarten prepared to learn, develop stronger language skills, and achieve long-term academic success. Beyond literacy, reading together strengthens family connections, encourages imagination, and provides meaningful opportunities for interaction in an increasingly screen-focused world.

Rotary members were encouraged to help spread awareness of the program by sharing enrollment information with young families and supporting local fundraising efforts, so even more children can benefit. The presentation concluded with a question-and-answer session about enrollment, funding, and the program's long-term future.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- JULY 27: CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, SUMMER READING PROGRAM
- AUGUST 03: WES - CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (CCSD) UPDATE
- AUGUST 10: DAVE - CCSD STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE
- AUGUST 17: MARIAH - CCSD CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION UPDATE
- AUGUST 24: ANDY G. AND ANDY F.

INVOCATION

JULY 27: MARK RUTENBECK
AUGUST 03: BRADY SACHSENMAIER
AUGUST 10: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN
AUGUST 17: DAVE SIVRIGHT
AUGUST 24: MARY BETH SMITH
AUGUST 31: ANDY SOKOLOVICH



GREETER

JULY 27: VAL HILL
AUGUST 03: NORLAN HINKE
AUGUST 10: PAUL HOLMER
AUGUST 17: GREGORY JASPER
AUGUST 24: DUSTIN JOHNSON
AUGUST 31: LEVI JONES

PROGRAM CHAIRS

JULY: SUSIE MESECHER
AUGUST: WES GOLDEN
SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JULY: BRAYDON ROBERTS
AUGUST: RICH KLAHN & LEVI JONES
SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jennifer Graf July 01
- Tom Determann July 21
- Brady Sachsenmaier July 26
- Susan Mesecher July 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- P. Michael Rastrelli
 - 37 yrs; July 01 1989
- Jill O'Neill
 - 8 yrs; July 02, 2018
- Amie Boetje
 - 2 yrs; July 15, 2024
- Brady Sachsenmaier
 - 1 yr; July 21, 2025
- Mary Connell
 - 30 yrs; July 29 1996
- Rod Tokheim
 - 20 yrs; July 31, 2006
- Gary DeLacy
 - 9 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 2026-2027

- 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 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

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| • Jim Bruhn* | • Kathy Klahn* | • Paul Holmer* |
| • Dale Dalton* | • Ryan Veenstra | • Heather Farwell |
| • Jennifer Graf* | • Sue Watkins | • Rich Klahn* |
| | | • Christie Atkins* |

ROTARY MOMENTS



POLIOPLUS FACT SHEET

Feb 2016

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If polio is not eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children will be paralyzed by it each year.
- In 2016, more than 450 million children were vaccinated multiple times using more than two billion doses of oral polio vaccine. This will be done every year until the world is certified polio free. Rotary funds will help do this.
- To date, 122 countries have benefited from PolioPlus grants.
- Since 1988, the number of polio endemic countries declined from over 125 to three.
- At Rotary's 2017 International Convention in Atlanta, global leaders pledged \$1.2 billion to the fight to eradicate polio.
- This pledge included Rotary's commitment to raise \$50 million per year over the next three years as part of the End Polio Now: Countdown to History campaign.
- Under an expanded partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched 2-to-1 (up to \$ 50 million per year).

1 billion

doses of oral polio vaccine delivered in 2024

270 million

children vaccinated in 2024

US\$0.15

average cost for a single dose of the oral polio vaccine

The world's progress in fighting polio might be one of the best-kept secrets in global health.

Bill Gates, Co-Founder and Chair, Gates Foundation