



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 02, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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"Life is like a bicycle.
To keep your
balance, you must
keep moving."

ALBERT EINSTEIN

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

➤ We need help setting up for the Boo Bash! Contact Andy or Paul to assist on Friday. 😊

➤ We have a sign-up sheet to distribute dictionaries! Contact John Frey if you would like to help. We're working on pairing up the delivery of the dictionaries with the delivery of our Kicks for Kids program.

➤ Billings have been emailed on October 5-7 and apologizes if sent more than once. Please remit payment ASAP as payment for Rotary International and Rotary District 6000 dues have not been paid by the Club and are past due.

➤ Pastor Ray needs help and turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving meal! Please contact him at: jeremiah3117@yahoo.com to volunteer to help!

Key Dates

- **October 30: BOO BASH!**
- **November 02: Kari White - Happy Joes**
- **November 09: Gabi Torres - Paint It Back, Gabi Bird Artist**
- **November 16: Mason's Lighthouse - Shanna Sieck, mother of Mason and PDG Steve Dakin**
- **November 23: Matt Parbs -Grow Clinton, Small Business, Shop Local & Business Start Ups**
- **November 30: Dan Sullivan - Adcraft & Sully Sports**

Check It Out!

Sponsor the Boo Bash here!



Get tickets to the Boo Bash here!





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:

- Dustin Johnson
- Charley Hunter
- Roger Woodcock
- Jaylynn DeBoer
- Kirstin Bengston
- Karleight Hansen
- Ava Bousman
- Daniel Tyler
- Jordan Tegeler

YTD: 63

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- 10/05/26: \$175
- 10/12/26: \$311
- 10/19/26: N/A
- 10/26/26: \$153

Club and Foundation

YTD: \$2,866.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



[WATCH OUR MEETING
HERE!](#)

Clinton County Treasurer Shares Updates on Tax Relief and County Services

Dustin Johnson, Clinton County Treasurer, spoke to our club about the Treasurer's Office, county finances, property taxes, and efforts to improve services for Clinton County residents.

Johnson explained how property taxes are calculated, emphasizing that levy rates, property assessments, and available tax credits all play a role in determining what taxpayers pay. He highlighted the Board of Supervisors' recent decision to transfer \$3.4 million to the county's debt service fund, helping reduce the countywide property tax levy and provide relief to residents throughout Clinton County.

He also discussed improvements in the Treasurer's Office, including a new customer check-in system that helped reduce the average wait time to less than one minute in September. Johnson emphasized the importance of respecting residents' time and making government services efficient, welcoming, and accessible.

Another key topic was the office's role in preventing vehicle title fraud. Johnson described how fraudulent vehicle sales, altered odometers, and stolen vehicles can create significant financial hardships for unsuspecting buyers. His office works with other county treasurers and law enforcement to identify suspicious transactions and help prevent fraud across Iowa. Johnson also highlighted the county's investment management efforts, which generated more than \$2 million in interest earnings last year when including funds managed for county programs. Keeping county investments with local banks helps support the local economy while generating returns for taxpayers.

Looking ahead, Johnson discussed the impact of recent property tax legislation and the importance of collaboration among local governments, schools, and community partners to make the most of available resources. He also addressed emerging issues involving e-bikes and high-performance golf carts, noting the need for clear, consistent regulations as technology and community needs evolve.

Johnson emphasized transparency, responsible financial management, fraud prevention, and responsive public service as important ways to strengthen Clinton County and serve its residents.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- NOVEMBER 02: KARI WHITE - HAPPY JOES
- NOVEMBER 09: GABI TORRES - PAINT IT BACK, GABI BIRD ARTIST
- NOVEMBER 16: MASON'S LIGHTHOUSE - SHANNA SIECK, MOTHER OF MASON AND PDG STEVE DAKIN
- NOVEMBER 23: MATT PARBS -GROW CLINTON, SMALL BUSINESS, SHOP LOCAL & BUSINESS STARTUPS
- NOVEMBER 30: DAN SULLIVAN - ADCRAFT & SULLY SPORTS

INVOCATION

NOVEMBER 02: SUE WATKINS
NOVEMBER 09: CHRISTIE AKINS
NOVEMBER 16: MARINA BAER
NOVEMBER 23: DOUGLAS BERTRAND
NOVEMBER 30: AMIE BOETJE



GREETER

NOVEMBER 02: CHARLES PELTON
NOVEMBER 09: DAVID PILLERS
NOVEMBER 16: DEREK PILLERS
NOVEMBER 23: BRAYDON ROBERTS
NOVEMBER 30: DAVID ROSE

PROGRAM CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: HEATHER FARWELL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: SUSIE MESECHER



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Claire Buyert November 01
- Dale Dalton November 15
- David Rose November 20
- David Sivright November 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dale Dalton
 - 48 yrs; Nov. 01, 1978
- Greg Jasper
 - 31 yrs; Nov. 01, 1995
- Braydon Roberts
 - 8 yrs; Nov. 12, 2018
- David Sivright
 - 34 yrs; Nov. 16, 1992

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 Akins* |

ROTARY MOMENTS

Providing Clean Water

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

Our impact on water, sanitation, and hygiene

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

WASH Global Grant Projects: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than US\$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.

Rotary-USAID WASH Partnership: Rotary and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance, and deliver safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources.

[Click HERE to learn more about Rotary's focus on clean water.](#)