

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



#RotaryFacts

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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 30, 2023

## MEETING LOCATION

### **Monday Rotary**

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

### **Thursday Night Rotary:**

Second and Fourth Thursday  
of the month at 5:30,  
Rusty Barrel Lounge  
(224 5th Ave S, Clinton, IA)

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## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- [Facebook](#)
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Rotary 

## DID YOU KNOW?

Countries around the world have honored the work of Rotary with commemorative postage stamps since 1931, when Austria printed the Rotary emblem on an official commemorative stamp for the Rotary International Convention in Vienna held that same year.



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**NEW**



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

- Starting next Monday, we will have a new additional way to raise money at Fellowship and otherwise. This is primarily aimed at supporting scholarships but could be used in other ways. Now folks can use their phones to text-to-give. So, people who are attending online or who don't have cash with them, can still give their "fines." They merely text the word "scholar" to 56651 and designate their amount. The first time they do that, they will have to include their credit card information; but it should be quick and easy after that.



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## Key Dates

- November 06: Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
- November 13: Skyline Center
- November 20: Illowa Council Boy Scouts of America
- November 27: No Meeting

## Check It Out!

Donations / Fines  
Support Scholarships

**Text**  
**SCHOLAR**  
to **56651**

# Boo Bash

# Thank You to Our Boo Bash Sponsors!!!!!!



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# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 1

In-person: 35

Total for Oct 30: 36

### GUESTS:

- Chris Smith
- Brian Tiesman
- Rich Phelan
- Luke Duenser
- Fidel Henderson
- Paster Ray Gimerez
- Alyssa Schroeder
- Ariana Cahoy

YTD: 90

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Oct 30 Meeting: \$131.00

Donations to the Foundation:

n/a

Foundation YTD: \$346

YTD Total: \$2929

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 73
- Membership Goal: 84



Watch our Meeting  
HERE

This week, we talked with Brian Tiesman, our Clinton County Assessor, and Jim Irwin, with the Clinton County Board of Supervisors.

Tiesman and Irwin discussed understanding your assessment. Tiesman began us off with some housekeeping items -- first and foremost being that the Assessor's office does not figure out taxes! They only deal with your property's assessed value (market value). Tiesman noted that taxes are determined by your local taxing body. There are two parts to the property tax system -- taxation and valuation. Taxation is the taxing authorities, such as schools, city councils, county supervisors, and other levy taxes, which provide services that taxpayers expect or demand. Valuation occurs when buyers and sellers of property create value in the Real Estate Market. The assessor's office studies this market, collects information and data about properties, and values all real estate on the odd years, except agricultural property, based on the market created by the buyers and sellers. They assess properties through an Iowa Department of Revenue Real Property Appraisal Manual that is updated around every ten years.

The largest effects on property values are material costs, labor costs, and market values. Tiesman stated, "At the end of the day, our question you need to ask to help determine the market value of your property of your home is, 'What would you sell your home for?' and that's what we ask everybody who comes in. A lot of people don't like to see their assessed values going up. I mean most people like to see their bank accounts going up, that's kind of the same thing. Your value of your home is going up, but of course, they know that connection with the levy rates also determines that their taxes could go up as well. Like Tom said, it doesn't necessarily always mean that's going to happen. We just don't know where even a rollback for the state's going to be set up for the next year because that can be adjusted as well by the department." Irwin added that "people always say, 'Well I've been in my house for 15 years and I haven't done anything to it!', but it goes back to the market value as Brian was talking about. Your market value is still going up and we're trying to capture that because he has to capture that on his side because if he doesn't then we'll get a re-evaluation or an Equalization from the state."

Irwin needs about \$27 million to run Clinton County. "We brought in about \$880,000 of new revenue over what we had last year. Pretty much year-over-year, we need 1.5% growth in the county to cover our ongoing expenses of wages, salaries, insurance costs, equipment purchases, and everything." Irwin touched on the increase in prices for normal equipment, such as a near \$10,000 increase in law enforcement vehicles and dump trucks, which have increased over \$100,000! "These are pretty significant increases on operational costs," explained Irwin.

Thank you, Brian and Jim, for all of the work you do for Clinton County!!!

# LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- November 06: Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
- November 13: Skyline Center
- November 20: Illowa Council Boy Scouts of America
- November 27: No Meeting
- December 11: A'Capella Choir
- December 18: Memorial Service: Remembering Rotarians
- December 25: No Meeting

## INVOCATION

- November 06: Christie Collins
- November 13: Mary Connell
- November 20: Dale Dalton
- November 27: No Meeting



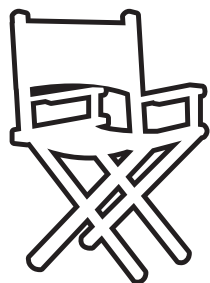
## GREETER

- November 06: Paula Steward
- November 13: Mary Swanson
- November 20: Marha Thrall
- November 27: No Meeting



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: ANDY GREEN  
 DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND & CARRIE DONAIRE



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

NOVEMBER: CHRISTIE COLLINS & DAVE SIVRIGHT  
 DECEMBER: CARRIE DONAIRE & DOUG BERTRAND



## Celebrations

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- Claire Buyert November 09
- Elizabeth Srp November 09
- Coach Dalton November 15
- Letha Dolph November 19
- David Rose November 20
- David Sivright November 22

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Coach Dalton
  - 45 years; Nov 01 1978
- Bill Greenwalt
  - 2 years; Nov 01 2021
- Gregory Jasper
  - 28 years; Nov 01 1995
- Brent Brightman
  - 2 years; Nov 08 2021
- Braydon Roberts
  - 5 years; Nov 12 2018
- Letha Dolph
  - 1 year; Nov 14 2022
- David Sivright
  - 31 years; 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 2023-2024

- Braydon Roberts: President
- Carrie Donaire: President-Elect
- Andrew Green: President-Elect-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Andrew Kida: Past President
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation

### Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2023-2024

- Gary Foster\*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck\*: 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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## 35th Victory Center Rescue Mission's Great Thanksgiving BANQUET

Wednesday  
**November 22** 2023

Join us at Clinton High School's  
Yourd Gym in Clinton, IA  
6:30 PM

Free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings!  
Door Prizes for Adults. Prizes for Kids.  
Delicious Desserts. Singing & Fellowship!

Victory Center Rescue Mission  
516 9th Avenue S ~ Clinton, IA 52732  
(563) 242-9016