



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 05, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
2417 Cleveland St.
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“
Fate shuffles
the cards and
we play.

”

Arthur Schopenhauer

Buboquote.com

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

Rotary Boo Bash — October 30

The annual Boo Bash will be held on October 30. Support our event by:

- Becoming a sponsor
- Volunteering the evening of the event
- Donating or assembling a basket
- Helping contact local businesses for support

Sponsorship forms are available, and members can also sign up online.



thank you!

Key Dates

- October 05: Scott Maddason, Mayor of Clinton
- October 12: Andy Sokolovich, CEO & President of Grow Clinton

Check It Out!

Follow the Women in Business – Kemi Busker and Carrie Donaire on their Social Media Links here:

- [Busker Live Entertainment](#)
- [Justice Dance and Cheer](#)
- [Mama Gets Casual Facebook](#)
- [Mama Gets Casual Instagram](#)





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:

- Charlie Graf
- Missy Kock
- Shona Ernst
- Eileen Golby Osf
- Marie Goldbeck-Strunk
- Kelly Goodman-Smith
- Megan Dove
- Ari Lewerentz
- Sarah Salstrom
- Heather Bahnsen

YTD: 40

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- 09/7/26: No Meeting
- 09/14/26 Meeting: \$265.00
- 09/21/26 Meeting: \$170.00
- 09/28/26 Meeting: \$218.00

Club and Foundation
YTD Total: \$2,212.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 75



**WATCH OUR MEETING
HERE!**

**Women in Business featured speakers:
Kemi Busker and Carrie Donaire**

Kemi Busker shared the story behind her two Clinton-area businesses, Busker Entertainment and Justice Dance and Cheer Studio. Busker Entertainment, launched with her husband around 2020, offers family-friendly entertainment, including balloon twisting, princesses, superheroes, mascots, face painting, and more, for parties, community events, and corporate celebrations throughout the tri-state area.

In 2022, Busker opened Justice Dance and Cheer Studio in Clinton, offering ballet, hip-hop, tap, jazz, cheer, and private choreography. She emphasized creating a safe, welcoming environment where children can build confidence, character, and skills while representing Clinton through competitive cheer. Busker also spoke honestly about the challenges of balancing entrepreneurship, family, and leadership, including the financial and administrative demands of running a business.

At the heart of her work is a desire to help local children recognize their value and potential. She shared that success isn't just about winning competitions, but about helping young people become confident, caring individuals and giving them opportunities to pursue their goals.

Carrie Donaire, marketing officer at Citizens First Bank, spoke about her entrepreneurial venture, Mama Gets Casual, a pop-up boutique specializing in curated secondhand clothing. Her goal is to take the work out of traditional thrift shopping by carefully selecting unique garments and presenting them in a boutique-style experience.

Donaire highlighted her interest in slow fashion, encouraging consumers to choose quality, secondhand, and longer-lasting clothing. ([Read about fashion trends here.](#)) She enjoys finding unique brands, styles, and vintage pieces that may not be readily available locally, while giving shoppers a more personalized experience. She also emphasized the importance of collaboration, partnering with local entrepreneurs, creatives, and community organizations for themed shopping events and seasonal collections.

Balancing a full-time career with her business has brought challenges around time, space, and managing aspects of the business outside her expertise. For now, Donaire plans to continue with the flexible pop-up model and grow at a pace that works for her. She encouraged other entrepreneurs to embrace collaboration, seek out community resources, and recognize that there is no single path or pace for building a business.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- OCTOBER 05: SCOTT MADDASION, MAYOR OF CLINTON
- OCTOBER 12: ANDY SOKOLOVICH, CEO & PRESIDENT OF GROW CLINTON

INVOCATION

OCTOBER 05: ROD TOKHEIM
OCTOBER 12: BRIG TUBBS
OCTOBER 19: RYAN VEENSTRA
OCTOBER 26: KAREN VICKERS



GREETER

OCTOBER 05: MIKE KROEMER
OCTOBER 12: DENNIS LAUVER
OCTOBER 19: LYNN MCGRAW
OCTOBER 26: LINDSAY MORHARDT



PROGRAM CHAIRS

OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN
NOVEMBER: HEATHER FARWELL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF
NOVEMBER: SUSIE MESECHER



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Matthew Castleman October 01
- Ronald McGauvran October 04
- Dustin Johnson October 05
- Douglas Bertrand October 12
- Andrew Green October 26
- Amie Boetje October 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Susan Mesecher
 - 7 yrs; Oct. 01, 2019
- Tom Determann
 - 31 yrs; Oct. 02, 1995
- Pete Clausen
 - 35 yrs; Oct. 07, 1991
- Paula Steward
 - 9 yrs; Oct. 09, 2017
- Val Hill
 - 23 yrs; Oct. 20, 2003
- Derek Pillers
 - 1 yr; Oct. 20, 2025
- Juliann Bray
 - 23 yrs; Oct. 27, 2003
- Shannon Sander-Welzien
 - 13 yrs; Oct. 28, 2013

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



62 children are in school today because someone decided to act.

We pay school fees and meet the educational needs of children at primary, secondary, vocational and university level — so that no one drops out for lack of money.



Every child here has a name, a story and a future worth funding.

ICWAC works with vulnerable children and the caregivers who raise them so that school fees, a meal and clean water are never the reason a childhood is cut short.



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