Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 06, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

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

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- Facebook
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Presidential News

Start Planning Now! Our District Conference will be on May 01 in Coralville. You can add it to your calendar NOW. 🙂

Early Bird Tickets for the Boo Bash are on sale for $55 until 10/10. Don't delay - save your spot today!

Boo Bash Alert!!!!! Boo Bash Committee is looking for new members -- they're meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 at the Rusty Barrel.

Program Chairs: Presenters need to email presentations to the Rotary Gmail and bring them on a flash drive to ensure a smooth presentation! Please and thank you. 🙂

If you can help sponsor the Victory Center's Thanksgiving Meal, please contact Pastor Ray Gimenez!

Key Dates

AT THE TIME OF PUBLISHING, PROGRAMS WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

Check It Out!

Since 2019, our club has partnered with the University District Rotary in Seattle and Rotarians in Mexico to support subsistence farmers in Oaxaca, one of Mexico's poorest regions. What began with a single greenhouse has grown to over 150, and now includes water cisterns to ensure year-round food security despite climate challenges. Families are staying together, farmers are transitioning to sustainable crops like nopal cactus, and the community itself contributes labor to each project.

This year marks a milestone: the project has advanced to a $60,000 Rotary Global Grant, with contributions from our club, Seattle, and Mexico—multiplied by district and Rotary Foundation support. Thanks to your donations, the cisterns are now filling with rainwater, sustaining farms through the dry season. This effort reflects the very best of Rotary: collaboration, adaptability, and lasting impact for families.

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Boo Bash

Friday, October 24, 2025

5:00 PM

The Copper Mill
2750 So. 27th Street
Clinton IA 52732

Be A Sponsor Today!

PROCEEDS FROM THE BOO BASH WILL SUPPORT SEVERAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT.

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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WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 05
In-person: 46
Total for Sept 29: 51

GUESTS:

- Charlie Graf
- Sarah Salstrom
- Jenny Holm
- Ida Lorenz
- Michelle Plasschaert
- Brenda Dimond
- Richard Dimond
- Valentina Molina
- Kyla Bellich

YTD: 62

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: $ 194
  YTD $2,027
- Foundation: N/A
  YTD $70

YTD Total: $2,097

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84

YWCA Empowerment Center

WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

YWCA Clinton Update: Supportive Housing & Women of Achievement

The YWCA Clinton shared an important update on supportive housing efforts and upcoming community recognition.

399 Supportive Housing Project

- Construction is underway on 399 Housing, a $6.9 million project that will provide 24 **furnished one-bedroom apartments** for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.
- The building will also serve as a **community hub**, offering laundry, showers, a café for job training, computer access, and on-site case management.
- Based on the Housing First model, the program focuses on providing stable housing first, then addressing barriers like employment, mental health, and substance misuse.
- Opening is planned for **December 2025,** with space for about 36 residents at a time.
- This investment aims to reduce strain on emergency services, improve public safety, and provide long-term stability for families and individuals in need.

Community Context

- One in three Clinton County residents lives paycheck to paycheck, and local resources for homelessness prevention are shrinking.
- The need is clear: **the county has a shortage of 1,600 affordable housing units for residents** earning below 30% of the area median income.
- Supportive housing is proven to lower community costs—studies show reduced ER visits, jail stays, and taxpayer expenses.

Women of Achievement Awards

- The **53rd Annual Women of Achievement Awards will be held March 26, 2026,** continuing a tradition started in 1973.
- The event honors women and businesses that go above and beyond for Clinton County and surrounding communities.
- Categories include Young Woman of Achievement (with a $500 scholarship), Professional, Religious, Community, Business of Achievement, Unsung Hero, and YWCA Honoree.
- Nominations open January 1, 2026, with details available at ywcaonline.org.

Together, these initiatives reflect the YWCA's mission: supporting housing stability, empowering families, and celebrating the women who strengthen our community.

LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

OCTOBER 06: JAMES BRUHN
OCTOBER 13: CLAIRE BUYERT
OCTOBER 20: ALETHEA CAHOY
OCTOBER 27: MATTHEW CASTLEMAN

GREETER

OCTOBER 06: MARSHA THRALL
OCTOBER 13: GRAHAM TIMION
OCTOBER 20: ROD TOKHEIM
OCTOBER 27: BRIG TUBBS

PROGRAM CHAIRS

OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF

Celebrations

- Matthew Castleman — Oct 01
- Ronald McGauvran — Oct 04
- Douglas Bertrand — Oct 12
- Andrew Green — Oct 26
- Amie Boetje — Oct 28

- Susan Mesecher
  - 6 yrs; Oct. 01 2019
- Tom Determann
  - 30 yrs; Oct. 02 1995
- Pete Clausen
  - 34 yrs; Oct. 07 1991
- Paula Steward
  - 8 yrs; Oct. 09 2017
- Val Hill
  - 22 yrs; Oct. 20 2003
- Juliann Bray
  - 22 yrs; Oct. 27 2003
- Shannon Sander-Welzien
  - 12 yrs; Oct. 28 2013
- Luke Duenser
  - 2 yrs; Oct. 30 2023

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 Fergurson: 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
- Kathy Klahn*: Vice-President
- John Frey*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton*: Treasurer

Directors

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

ROTARY MOMENTS