



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 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

### 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.

**Sponsor the  
Boo Bash here!**



**Get tickets to  
the Boo Bash  
here!**



## Key Dates

- **October 12: Andy Sokolovich, CEO & President of Grow Clinton**

## Check It Out!

### World's Largest Polio Walk

The World's Largest Polio Walk is just one month away, so register now!

The Rotary Club of Bettendorf, Davenport, Iowa Quad Cities, North Scott, and Muscatine will be walking alongside Rotary clubs from across the Quad Cities region - D6000 AND D6420 on **Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. at Vibrant Arena at the Mark**. Bring your family and friends and come walk with us as we raise awareness for Rotary's work to end polio.

Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Walk registration and donations: [poliowalk.org](http://poliowalk.org) — registration is free, and every walker needs to complete the waiver included in registration.
- Day of volunteer signup: [Sign up here](#)
- Walk apparel: [Shop here](#) — orders close October 7 at noon and will be available for pickup at the walk.
- Promotional video: [Watch and share](#)

Register, grab your gear, and help us spread the word. It should be a fun morning for an important Rotary mission.



# 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:

- Jill Larson
- Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks
- Scott Maddasion
- Rachael Anderson
- Parker Adami
- Liam Bellich

YTD: 46

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- 10/05/26: \$175

Club and Foundation

YTD Total: \$2,297.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 69
- Membership Goal: 75



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HERE!](#)



**Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks**

Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks outlined several priorities for the rest of the year, focusing on energy, economic development, housing, infrastructure, and government accountability.

### **Key priorities in Congress include:**

- Completing federal appropriations and funding the government and military.
- Advancing permitting reform to make it easier to build energy infrastructure, transmission lines, and manufacturing facilities while maintaining community input.
- Moving forward with legislation addressing AI, data centers, online privacy, and children's online safety.
- Advancing the Farm Bill and the Ratepayer Protection Act.
- Continuing efforts to prohibit congressional insider trading, prevent members of Congress from being paid during a government shutdown, and lower health care premiums.

**Energy and data centers:** Miller-Meeks emphasized Iowa's growing energy needs, noting the state's strong renewable-energy mix and the importance of bringing additional generation and transmission capacity online. She said communities should have a voice in infrastructure decisions while avoiding prolonged litigation that can delay projects and increase costs.

**Housing and economic development:** The Congresswoman highlighted bipartisan efforts to make housing more affordable, including support for rural housing and first-time homebuyers. She also discussed the planned steel mill investment in Lee County, describing it as a potential \$1.8 billion investment with approximately 6,000 construction jobs and 1,700 permanent jobs, with permanent positions expected to pay more than \$49 per hour with benefits. She said the project could help strengthen domestic manufacturing and create new opportunities in southeast Iowa.

**Local priorities:** Miller-Meeks also discussed federal support for Clinton-area projects, including infrastructure, the Mississippi River and locks and dams, workforce and technical training, and rural health care. She emphasized the importance of bringing jobs and investment back to communities that have lost manufacturing employment.

Overall, her message centered on growing Iowa's economy, expanding energy and infrastructure capacity, strengthening domestic manufacturing, and making housing more affordable.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- OCTOBER 12: ANDY SOKOLOVICH, CEO & PRESIDENT OF GROW CLINTON

## INVOCATION

OCTOBER 12: RYAN VEENSTRA  
OCTOBER 19: BRIG TUBBS  
OCTOBER 26: KAREN VICKERS



## GREETER

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**

- |                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| • 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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