Rotary Club of Clinton

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2025

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## MEETING LOCATION

**Monday Rotary**

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

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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

October 13: Tom Determann, State Representative - Past and Future Legislation
October 20: Norlan Hinke, District Governor
Friday, October 24: Boo Bash!
October 27: Brenda Thornton - North River Drive

# 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.

# Rotary Club of Clinton

PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Boo Bash

## Friday, October 24, 2025

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

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ROTARYCLUBOFCLINTON.COM

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON
WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: N/A
In-person: 38
Total for October 06: 38

### GUESTS:

- Dustin Johnson
- Kyla Bellich
- Sophie Schultz
- Bree Dalton

YTD: 66

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: $187.00
  YTD $2,027
- Foundation:
  YTD $120
  YTD Total:$2,219.00

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 67
- Membership Goal: 84

## Dustin Johnson, Clinton County Treasurer

Clinton County Treasurer Dustin Johnson, who has been Treasurer since 2020, came to our meeting on Monday. Johnson lives outside of Andover on a family farm, where he raises his three children. He has served on church counsel, 4-H, has been active with Farm Bureau for 12 years, served on the state Young Farmer Advisory Committee and served as Clinton County Farm Bureau president before appointed to serve as the county treasurer. He describes himself as a fiscally conservative Republican.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Financial Management: Receive, manage, and disburse all monies paid to the county, maintain records of deposits and withdrawals, and reconcile bank statements.
- Financial Reporting: Provide financial reports for the county.
- Investment of Public Funds: Oversee the investment of public funds, working with the County Finance Committee.
- Agent for State Agencies: Serve as an agent for the State of Iowa Department of Transportation and the Department of Revenue and Finance.
- Motor Vehicle Services: Handle motor vehicle-related services.
- Property Taxes: Collect property taxes and manage the financial processes related to them.

# LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- OCTOBER 13: TOM DETERMANN, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - PAST AND FUTURE LEGISLATION
- OCTOBER 20: NORLAN HINKE, DISTRICT GOVERNOR
- OCTOBER 27: BRENDA THORNTON - NORTH RIVER DRIVE

## INVOCATION

OCTOBER 13: CLAIRE BUYERT
OCTOBER 20: ALETHEA CAHOY
OCTOBER 27: MATTHEW CASTLEMAN

## GREETER

OCTOBER 13: GRAHAM TIMION
OCTOBER 20: ROD TOKHEIM
OCTOBER 27: BRIG TUBBS

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN
NOVEMBER: HEATHER FARWELL
DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF
NOVEMBER: DAVE SIVRIGHT & SUSIE MESECHER
DECEMBER: DOUG BERTRAND

## Celebrations

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 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