



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 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.

 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.**

Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Walk registration and donations: 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.

Key Dates

- October 19: Scott Maddason, Mayor of Clinton
- **October 24: World's Largest Polio Walk!**
- October 26: Dustin Johnson
- **October 30: BOO BASH!**
- November 02: Kari White – Happy Joes
- November 09: Gabi Torres – Paint It Back, Gabi Bird Artist
- November 16: Mason's Lighthouse - Shanna Sieck, mother of Mason and PDG Steve Dakin
- November 23: Matt Parbs -Grow Clinton, Small Business, Shop Local & Business Start Ups
- November 30: Dan Sullivan - Adcraft & Sully Sports

Check It Out!

Sponsor the Boo Bash here!



Get tickets to the Boo Bash here!



Club Updates

Treasurer Updates

Billings have been emailed on October 5-7 and apologizes if sent more than once. Please remit payment ASAP as payment for Rotary International and Rotary District 6000 dues have not been paid by the Club and are past due.

"Every Rotarian, Every Year" (EREY) is a fundraising initiative within Rotary International that encourages each member to contribute at least \$25 annually to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund. This initiative aims to foster a culture of giving among Rotarians, enhancing the Foundation's ability to support various global projects and initiatives.

Understanding EREY

EREY plays a crucial role in supporting Rotary's mission.

- Definition — EREY stands for "Every Rotarian, Every Year," promoting annual contributions from all members to the Rotary Foundation.
- Contribution Requirement — Each Rotarian is encouraged to donate a minimum of \$25 annually, which helps achieve club participation goals.
- Recognition — Clubs achieving 100% member participation receive a special banner, highlighting their commitment to the initiative.
- Funding Impact — Contributions through EREY are vital for funding Rotary's programs across over 160 countries.
- Annual Fund Goal — Clubs are encouraged to reach a minimum of \$100 per capita in contributions to qualify for recognition

Check It Out!

We need auction items!

The Rotary Club of Clinton is seeking more auction item donations for the Boo Bash.

Members are encouraged to donate items or services themselves, or ask local businesses, friends, or service providers to contribute.

Every member is expected to participate by becoming a sponsor, donating an auction item, or doing both.





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
- 10/12/26: \$291

Club and Foundation

YTD: \$2,693.00.

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



[WATCH OUR MEETING
HERE!](#)

Andy Sokolovich,
President and CEO of Grow Clinton

Andy Sokolovich, President and CEO of Grow Clinton, discussed the organization's role in community development, tourism, and business recruitment. He highlighted the proposed QTS data center as a potential economic catalyst for Clinton, citing projected property tax revenue, construction jobs, and increased business for local businesses. He also emphasized the importance of balancing economic growth with responsible planning, community concerns, and long-term financial sustainability.

Sokolovich noted that the project could bring thousands of contracted construction workers to the area over several years, creating opportunities for local restaurants, retailers, hotels, and other businesses. He described the potential tax revenue as a significant opportunity to strengthen Clinton's finances and help fund future community improvements.

He also acknowledged concerns about traffic, environmental impacts, oversight, and the effects on neighboring properties. Sokolovich stated that evaluating these concerns alongside the potential economic benefits is an important part of making informed decisions about the community's future.

Sokolovich also stressed the importance of diversifying Clinton's economy while supporting existing industries. He said projects such as the proposed data center could help strengthen local businesses, create new opportunities, and ease financial pressures on the city. He acknowledged that growth brings challenges, including traffic and environmental concerns, but said those issues must be weighed alongside the community's long-term future. "We have to figure out a way to manage the municipality and do it in a very fiscally responsible way, but also understand that we could potentially have somebody to come in that pays a lion share of the property tax revenue necessary to make this community tick."

Beyond the data center proposal, Sokolovich highlighted Grow Clinton's broader efforts to attract visitors and investment. These include the popular Dambo troll sculptures, which have drawn visitors to the area, and the Hobo Renewable Fuels sustainable aviation fuel project, another potential opportunity for regional economic development.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- OCTOBER 19: SCOTT MADDASION, CITY OF CLINTON MAYOR
- OCTOBER 26: DUSTIN JOHNSON

INVOCATION

OCTOBER 19: BRIG TUBBS
OCTOBER 26: KAREN VICKERS
NOVEMBER 02: SUE WATKINS
NOVEMBER 09: CHRISTIE AKINS
NOVEMBER 16: MARINA BAER
NOVEMBER 23: DOUGLAS BERTRAND
NOVEMBER 30: AMIE BOETJE



GREETER

OCTOBER 19: LYNN MCGRAW
OCTOBER 26: LINDSAY MORHARDT
NOVEMBER 02: CHARLES PELTON
NOVEMBER 09: DAVID PILLERS
NOVEMBER 16: DEREK PILLERS
NOVEMBER 23: BRAYDON ROBERTS
NOVEMBER 30: DAVID ROSE



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



- Did you know that by donating the cost of your regular store-bought cup of coffee to The Rotary International Foundation's End Polio Now campaign, you could immunize up to 15 children against this terrible disease!!

How's that for a morning wake-up?

Image Credit: @ChangemakerEvanBurrell

- Alan Alda recalls contracting polio at age 7, years before a vaccine became widely available. He tells CBS News' [@drlapook](#) about enduring a painful treatment involving hot wool blankets wrapped around his limbs. **Click HERE to learn more!** (Note: Link will open up through Instagram.)