Rotary Club of Clinton

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2025

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

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

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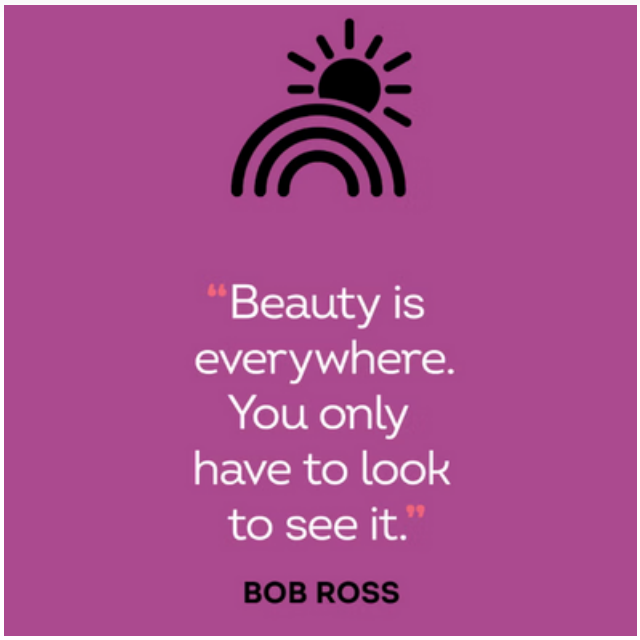
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- YouTube



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Presidential News

Please Share our Rotary and Boo Bash Social Media!!!!

We need YOU on a Rotary Committee! Start thinking about what areas you can help in: Youth Services, Community Services, Membership, Fundraising, Publicity, and Foundation!

Boo Bash Alert!!!!! Our Annual Boo Bash is coming up...circle it now on your calendars for Friday, October 24, 2025! Boo Bash Committee is looking for new members -- they're meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 4:00 at the Rusty Barrel!

Key Dates

- September 01: No Meeting in honor of Labor Day
- September 08: Dave Spicer discussing Climate Change and Rotary
- September 15: CEO of Bethany/Bridgeview, Lara Ingram
- September 22: Women in Business: featuring Dr Ann Colby, a well-known Chiropractor, and Danielle Colby, owner/operator of Ecdysiast Arts Museum in Davenport
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Check It Out!

Carolyn Robinson (right) has been training for the Everest base camp trek with Laurelle Price (left). *(ABC Illawarra: Sarah Moss)*

80yo woman takes on 17-day, 130km hike to Mount Everest base camp – to fight Polio with Rotary International!

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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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Sponsorship Levels

TITLE SPONSOR ($10,000):

- TWO RESERVED TABLES (16 GUESTS)
- CHAMPAGNE SERVICE
- TOP-TIER PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE, AND SIGNAGE
- RECOGNIZED AS THE TOP SPONSOR

DIAMOND SPONSOR ($5,000):

- ONE RESERVED TABLE (8 GUESTS)
- CHAMPAGNE SERVICE
- HIGH-LEVEL PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

PLATINUM SPONSOR ($2,500):

- 8 TICKETS + BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE
- PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AT THE EVENT
- EXTENSIVE PROMOTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

GOLD SPONSOR ($1,000):

- 6 TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION, NAME/LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

SILVER SPONSOR ($500):

- 4 TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION, NAME/LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT WEBSITE AND EVENT RECOGNITION

BRONZE SPONSOR ($250):

- 2 TICKETS
- NAME FEATURED ON THE EVENT WEBSITE

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 03
In-person: 25
Total for August 24: 28

GUESTS:

- **Richard and Brenda Dimond**
- **Nicolas Renter**

YTD: 24

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- **Rotary Club: $126**

YTD $1,257.00

- **Foundation: N/A**

YTD $70
YTD Total: $1327

MEMBERS:

- **Current Members: 67**
- **Membership Goal: 84**

CLINTON SCHOOLS
RIVER KINGS AND QUEENS
est. 1835

WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

Superintendent Wes Golden joined us to share updates on the Clinton Community School District, with a focus on the ongoing construction at Clinton High School. Golden emphasized the district's mission of educating all students to their highest level of achievement through engaging curriculum and a caring community. He highlighted the board's narrowed priorities—**student achievement, work environment, and financial stewardship**—and shared the district's vision of preparing students to be future-ready, whether through college, trades, military, or apprenticeships.

Clinton High School Construction:

- The project is now in its **final phase.**
- The academic wing, performing arts center, shops, and arts areas are complete.
- Current work includes the commons, kitchen, art section, and administration offices.
- For the first time in decades, there will be parking in front of the school and a drivable loop around the entire building.
- The structure should be under roof before winter, with completion targeted for late 2024 or early 2025.

Budget & Finances:

- About 90% of the project is complete and remains within budget.
- The district still has about 19% of contingency funds available.
- The school tax rate has steadily declined over the last several years, reflecting the board's focus on being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Upcoming Vote – PPEL Levy Renewal:

- The district's Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL), which funds essentials like roofs, technology, buses, and building repairs, expires in 2027.
- This November, the board will ask voters to renew the current 75¢ levy for another 10 years—not increase it.
- These funds are critical: a new school bus now costs $157,000, and district roofs and technology needs add up quickly.

Teacher Recruitment:

- While hiring remains challenging in areas like Spanish and special education, Golden reported progress thanks to alternative pathways into teaching (such as paraeducator-to-teacher programs and licensing for experienced professionals).

Golden closed by stressing the importance of community support—not only through November's levy vote, but also by staying engaged in sharing the district's story and advocating for students' futures.

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LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 01: NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 08: FRANCIS BOGGUS
SEPTEMBER 15: JULIE BRAY
SEPTMEBER 22: MATT BROOKE
SEPTEMBER 29: JOSEPH BROWN

GREETER

SEPTEMBER 01: NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 08: DAVE SIVRIGHT
SEPTEMBER 15: MARY BETH SMITH
SEPTEMBER 22: ANDY SOKOLOVICH
SEPTEMBER 29: SHANNON SANDER-WELZIEN

PROGRAM CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF
OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGUSON
OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF

Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Christie Akins — Sept 05
- Mike Kroemer — Sept 13
- Kathy Klahn — Sept 15
- Karen Vickers — Sept 15
- Cheryl Frey — Sept 17
- Julie Dunn — Sept 20
- Brig Tubbs — Sept 21
- Andy Fergurson — Sept 21
- James Bruhn — Sept 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Ron McGauvran
  - 47 yrs; Sept 01 1978
- Doug Bertrand
  - 29 yrs; Sept 16 1996
- Karen Vickers
  - 29 yrs; Sept 23 1996
- Marsha Thrall
  - 3 yrs; Sept 26 2022
- James Bruhn
  - 29 yrs; Sept 30 1996

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*
- Andy Fergurson
- Heather Farwell

ROTARY MOMENTS