

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

## MEETING LOCATION

### **Monday Rotary**

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

### **Thursday Night Rotary:**

**Second Thursday of the**  
**month at 5:30,**  
**Rusty Barrel Lounge**  
**(224 5th Ave S, Clinton, IA)**

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**RotaryClubofClinton.com**

## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- **Facebook**
- **LinkedIn**
- **YouTube**

*"If your actions create a legacy  
that inspires others to dream  
more, learn more, do more and  
become more, then, you are an  
excellent leader."*

**—Dolly Parton**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

**Click [HERE](#) to sponsor or get tickets to the Boo Bash!!**

**Calling ALL ROTARIANS!!!!** Every time you visit a place in our community, whether it be a restaurant or a small business, please ask them for a basket or a gift card to their establishment. Businesses are more apt to give when customers ask and we need help for items for the Boo Bash!

**Our next Thursday night meeting is on Thursday, September 12 at the Rusty Barrel! Be there at 5:30 PM and have some fun with your fellow Rotarians!**

### A Request from Our President:

I am asking each Rotarian who is on Facebook to spend a few minutes to invite 10 friends to like our profile. Rotary Club of Clinton IA. We have had some good traction on recent posts and events. It's an easy and inexpensive way to gain some positive exposure and publicity for our club and all we do.

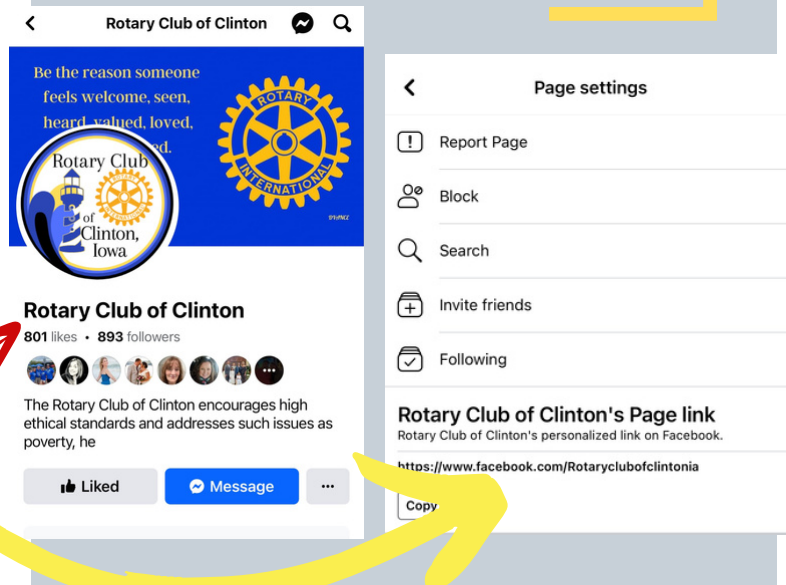
It's a simple process.

- From your profile, go to Rotary Club of Clinton. Click the ellipses. [screen shot 1]
- The next screen will look like this: [screen shot 2]
- Select "Invite Friends"

## Key Dates

- **September 16: Shannon Sander-Welzien Supportive Housing Initiative update**
- **September 23: Women in Business: Maryann Sheppard (Grandma's Goody Jar), Megan Dove (Three Dove Design), Deanna Posey (Deanna's Coffee)**
- **September 30: Iowa State Senator Chris Conouyer and (possibly) Marinette Miller-Meeks**
- **October 14: NO MEETING; Columbus Day**
- **November 11: NO MEETING; Veteran's Day**
- **December 23: NO MEETING**

## Check It Out!



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### ATTENDANCE:

Online: 2

In-person: 28

Total for September 09: 30

### GUESTS:

- Chris Mussman
- Eliza Mussman

YTD: 31

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- September 09 Meeting: \$199.50  
YTD: \$1769.50
- Foundation: N/A  
YTD: \$885

### MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



**TODDLER PLAYGROUP**  
@ THE SAWMILL MUSEUM  
2231 Grant Street, Clinton, Iowa

10am - 11am  
2nd & 4th Thursday  
of the Month

**FREE**

SEPTEMBER 12 & 26, 2024  
OCTOBER 10 & 24, 2024  
NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
DECEMBER 12, 2024  
JANUARY 9 & 23, 2025  
FEBRUARY 13 & 27, 2025  
MARCH 13 & 27, 2025  
APRIL 10 & 24, 2025  
MAY 8 & 22, 2025

Play activities that focus on promoting  
developmental and communication skills.

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**Eliza Mussman**

Picture courtesy of Jenna Blount  
Clinton Herald



## WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

Eliza Mussman joined us on Monday and discussed our wonderful Sawmill Museum. Mussman graduated from Clinton High School, received her Associate of Arts from Clinton Community College, and has her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and her Master's degree in Public History. She has served as Executive Director for the Sawmill Museum since June 2023.

Once known as the "Lumber Capital of the World," Clinton, Iowa's pivotal role in the lumber industry and expansion of the West makes it ideally suited to host the lumber museum and learning center. The Sawmill Museum started as a project funded through the local Kiwanis Club and they opened their doors in October of 2011. "Our mission, of course, is to preserve, collect, interpret, and explore the history of American Sawmill Lumber and Forestry Industries. We, of course, focus a lot on Clinton's role but we do talk a bit about the wider impact of that and the culture that it kind of created," explained Mussman. The Sawmill Museum is open seven days a week and is only closed nine days a year! Their hours are: Monday: 1pm-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-6pm and Sunday: 1pm-5pm.

In addition to the exhibits you can find at the Sawmill Museum, they also have a lot of events, including the annual "Food and Beverage Fest," which is the last Thursday in January. (Look forward to this event on Thursday, January 30th, 2025!) This is one of their most popular events, which brings in over 300 people in the museum, with 17-20 vendors, bringing in free food and drinks! Tickets go on sale in late November, early December. The Sawmill Museum also hosts a Summer Camp program, Demonstration Day, which is an event with old-fashioned crafts, and being part of "Paint it Back."

Coming up, the Museum will host their annual Charity auction on September 27, 2024. This event includes both a silent auction and a live auction and is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Additionally, they will be having a Toddler Playgroup, which will focus on sensory play and possibly neurodivergent. This event is completely FREE.

Thank you, Eliza, for all you do for the community!



# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

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## INVOCATION

September 16: Pete Clausen  
September 23: Mary Connell

## GREETER

September 16: Marsha Thrall  
September 23: Brig Tubbs



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF

OCTOBER: HEATHER FARWELL & CARRIE DONAIRE

## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON

OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF



## *Celebrations*

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

- |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| • Christie Atkins | Sept 05 |
| • Mike Kroemer    | Sept 13 |
| • Kathy Klahn     | Sept 15 |
| • Karen Vickers   | Sept 15 |
| • Cheryl Frey     | Sept 17 |
| • Julie Dunn      | Sept 20 |
| • Brigham Tubbs   | Sept 21 |
| • Andy Ferguson   | Sept 21 |
| • James Bruhn     | Sept 22 |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| • Ronald McGauvran | ◦ 46 years; Sept 01 1978 |
| • Douglas Bertrand | ◦ 28 years; Sept 16 1996 |
| • Karen Vickers    | ◦ 28 years; Sept 23 1996 |
| • Marsha Thrall    | ◦ 2 years; Sept. 26 2022 |
| • James Bruhn      | ◦ 28 years; Sept 30 1996 |

# 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 2024-2025

- Carrie Donaire: President
- Andrew Green: President-Elect
- Dale Dalton: Treasurer
- Susie Mesecher: Secretary
- Carrie Donaire
- Cheryl Frey
- Rod Tokheim
- Jill O'Neill
- Braydon Roberts: Past President
- Andy Fergurson: Foundation

### Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for 2024-2025

- Gary Foster\*: President
- Mark Rutenbeck\*: Vice-President
- John Frey\*: Secretary
- Dale Dalton\*: Treasurer

#### **Directors**

- Jim Bruhn\* • Kathy Klahn\* • Paul Holmer\*
- Dale Dalton\* • Lynn McGraw • Andy Fergurson
- Jennifer Graf\* • Sue Watkins

## COMMUNITY NEWS

You're invited! Join the Clinton Public Library for a LibraryTALK session at Grow Clinton.

This is an opportunity to share your ideas on how the library can better support our community as it develops its next strategic plan. Free lunch is provided for all attendees.

Registration is required. Please RSVP on the [Grow Clinton website](#).

-[LibraryTALK at the Library](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 17 6 - 7 p.m.

Clinton Public Library, Multipurpose Room

Pizza provided. Registration is encouraged but not required. Register by Friday, September 13th.

-[LibraryTALK at City Hall](#) (Drop in and chat with us informally.)

Friday, Sept. 20th 3 - 6 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers (611 S 3rd St, Clinton, IA)

Sweet treats provided.