

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 23, 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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Today I learned about a term called a "glimmer." Which is the opposite of a trigger. Glimmers are those moments in your day that make you feel joy, happiness, peace, or gratitude. Once you train your brain to be on the lookout for glimmers, these tiny moments will appear more and more.

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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!

Congratulations, Dave Sivright, on your induction to the Clinton County Walk of Fame! Ceremony is this weekend, Sunday, Sept 22, at the Eagle Point Park Lodge.

Reverend Ray Giminez is recruiting Rotarians to volunteer at the annual Victory Center Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

The book this week was donated by Jennifer Graf, and was written by Lori Freudenberg. The book can be purchased at Dudad's, Renaissance or Sashollie's in DeWitt.

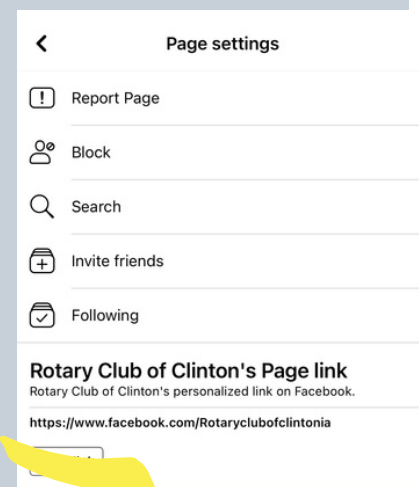
A Request from Our President:

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.

Key Dates

- 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 07: Merle Anderson, North Scott Rotarian. "Fall Update 2024 on Activities at the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda, Africa."
- October 14: NO MEETING; Columbus Day
- October 21: World Polio Day presentation
- October 28: TBD
- November 11: NO MEETING; Veteran's Day
- December 23: NO MEETING

Check It Out!





The Rotary Club of Clinton
proudly presents
**The 6th Annual
Boo
Bash**



Vista Grande • Friday, October 25 • 5:30 PM

• \$50 in advance, \$60 at door •

Register through www.rotaryclubofclinton.com

Platinum Sponsor



Gold Sponsors



Dave & Rita Sivright

Silver Sponsors



**James D. Bruhn, PLC, Farwell & Bruhn
Dale & Bobbie Dalton • Paul & Christine Holmer •
Andrew & Kristen Kida • Ron McGauvran •**

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Braydon Roberts • Mark & Denise Rutenbeck • Mary A Swanson •
Karen & David Vickers • Sue & Lenny Weih • Jeff & Shannon Sander-Welzien**



ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

ATTENDANCE:

Online: 3

In-person: 40

Total for September 16: 43

GUESTS:

- Sister Kathy Holland
- Michelle Plasschaert
- Chris Baldus
- Addison Lorenzen
- Haylee House

YTD: 36

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- September 16 Meeting: \$209
YTD: \$1978.50
- Foundation: N/A
YTD: \$885

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 68
- Membership Goal: 84



**Shannon Sander-Welzien and
Michelle Plasschaert discuss
Housing Initiatives**



WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

This week, we had the great pleasure of hearing from former Rotary president, Shannon Sander-Welzien and Michelle Plasschaert about the YWCA Empowerment Center's Supportive Housing Initiative update.

"The only known solution to homelessness is housing," explained Plasschaert, which is why the Empowerment Center focuses on the 'Housing First' model, where once obtained, other barriers, such as lack of employment, addiction, etc. can then be worked through. The main cause of homelessness in Clinton County is the lack of affordable housing. **One out of every three residents in Clinton County is at or near the poverty level.** ALICE -- Asset Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed -- are households that earn above the federal poverty level (FPL) but cannot afford the basic cost of living in their county. Despite struggling to make ends meet, ALICE households often do not qualify for public assistance.

The YWCA Intake Hotline receives 4,000+ calls in a year, with 100-200 applications on their intake list. "In Clinton County, homelessness is the number four top health need," stated Plasschaert. Sander-Welzien explained, "We have a major housing needs in Iowa." Sander-Welzien went on to discuss some statistics from Clinton County and the state of Iowa, as well as how we need to work together to decrease homelessness and offer affordable housing solutions. "We need to address those fears and not criminalize homelessness or criminalize affordable housing because we really need it for our community to thrive. It's part of ALICE -- your waitress, maybe even your teacher...those folks are struggling to pay for their housing."

The end goal is to graduate individuals out of the "cycle" of homelessness, move into their own homes, create a more efficient and accessible support network, but most importantly, to improve the lives of the affected individuals and their families. Iowa grows when we embrace the economic diversity of housing. The cost of doing nothing is something we cannot afford.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

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INVOCATION

September 23: Mary Connell
September 30: Dale Dalton

October 07: Gary DeLacy
October 14: **NO MEETING**
October 21: Tom Determann
October 28: Carrie Donaire

GREETER

September 23: Brig Tubbs
September 30: Ryan Veenstra

October 07: Karen Vickers
October 14: **NO MEETING**
October 21: Sue Watkins
October 28: Christie Atkins

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 Fergusson: 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*
- Dale Dalton*
- Jennifer Graf*
- Kathy Klahn*
- Lynn McGraw
- Sue Watkins
- Paul Holmer*
- Andy Fergusson

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 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.



CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPT 3 - 30

REFER A FRIEND!

GET REWARDED!

Help us share the joy a library card can bring to celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Cardholders are encouraged to refer non-library cardholders to sign up for a library card this September. If the non-cardholder signs up for a card during the month of September, then the person signing up for a card **AND** the person who referred them are entered to win \$50 in River City Gold. There's no limit on how many people cardholders can refer.