



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
2417 Cleveland St.
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- [YouTube](#)

Happiness Quote

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Being happy
never goes
out of style.

- Lilly Pulitzer

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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.

Key Dates

- September 28: Women in Business featured speakers: Kemi Busker and Carrie Donaire

Check It
Out!



thank you!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON CLUB NOTIFICATION

Rotary Club Dues Increase Passed with Membership fees going up 20% for all Membership Types

The Club recently completed a review of its budget after identifying an annual operating shortfall of approximately \$9,000. The review found that club dues have not kept pace with rising costs. Dues were last increased in 2019, while the cost of meals and other club expenses has increased significantly.

To address the immediate budget shortfall, the Board has approved a 20% increase in membership dues, effective with the October 1 billing.

Dues are used to cover the club's operating expenses, including meals, Rotary International and district-related costs, ClubRunner, publications, printing, and other administrative expenses. Charitable contributions, scholarships, and funds raised through activities such as Boo Bash are not used to cover these operating expenses.

The Budget Review Committee will continue looking for ways to reduce expenses and improve the club's financial management. The goal is to avoid large increases in the future by reviewing costs more regularly and keeping dues more closely aligned with inflation and operating expenses.

The increase is intended to ensure that funds donated to Rotary can continue to support community projects and charitable causes, rather than being needed to cover the club's operating costs.



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:

- Lisa Mosier
- Merle Anderson
- Kim Clausen

YTD: 30

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- 09/7/26: No Meeting
- 09/14/26 Meeting: \$265.00
- 09/21/26 Meeting: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$1,824.00

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



 **YouTube**
**WATCH OUR
MEETING HERE!**

Imbabazi Center for Women and Children: An Update from Uganda

Merle Anderson and Lisa Mosier recently shared an inspiring update on the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children in southwest Uganda. Imbabazi, which means “mercy,” provides education, support, and opportunities for children who otherwise might not have the resources to attend school.

The center currently serves 62 children—27 boys and 35 girls—from primary school through university. Four students now attend university, a significant milestone for a program that began in 2011 to help children earn a high school diploma and build a path toward employment and independence.

Rotary clubs and individual sponsors have funded important improvements, including classroom renovations; a new roof and solar panels; a tent and 100 chairs for community gatherings; beds and mattresses; new uniforms; and improved sanitation facilities, including an accessible toilet and rainwater collection system.

The sponsorship program helps cover school tuition, clothing and supplies, gifts, and emergency needs. Primary-school sponsorship is approximately \$390 per year, while secondary-school sponsorship is approximately \$600 per year. College sponsorships are also available.

Lisa introduced several children currently in need of sponsors, including Pretty, Bruno, Precious, and Vivian. Their stories illustrate the challenges faced by many children in the region and the difference educational support can make.

As Merle emphasized, “The work is intended to be sustainable and not dependent on just one or two people.” Local leadership, including founder and director Robina Hakeza, continues to build a strong network committed to serving the children and community.

Those interested in learning more, becoming a sponsor, supporting the center’s annual wish list, or participating in a future trip to Uganda can contact Merle or Lisa for additional information. A future trip is tentatively planned for July 2029, including a visit to the center and an opportunity to meet the children, with an optional gorilla safari!

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- **SEPTEMBER 28: WOMEN IN BUSINESS FEATURED SPEAKERS**
KEMI BUSKER AND CARRIE DONAIRE

INVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 28: GRAHAM TIMION



GREETER

SEPTEMBER 28: RICH KLAHN



PROGRAM CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF
OCTOBER: TOM DETERMANN
NOVEMBER: HEATHER FARWELL



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON
OCTOBER: JENNIFER GRAF
NOVEMBER: SUSIE MESECHER



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
- Brigham Tubbs Sept 21
- Andy Fergurson Sept 21
- James Bruhn Sept 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Ronald McGauvran
 - 48 yrs; Sep. 01 1978
- Christopher Smith
 - 1 yr; Sep. 15 2025
- Douglas Bertrand
 - 30 yrs; Sep. 16 1996
- Karen Vickers
 - 30 yrs; Sep. 23 1996
- Marsha Thrall
 - 4 yrs; Sep. 26 2022
- James Bruhn
 - 30 yrs; Sep. 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 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



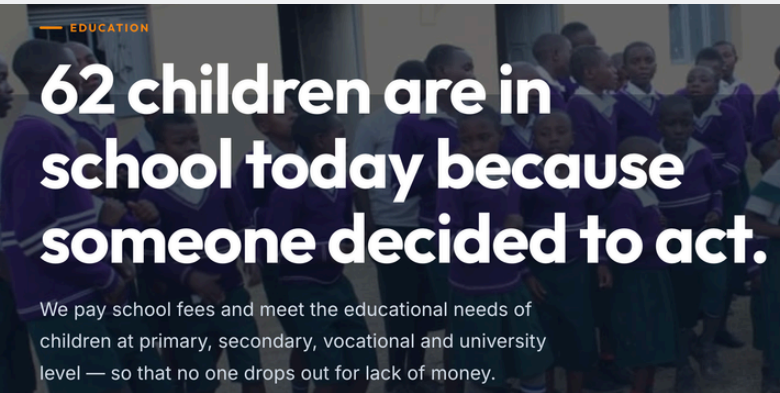
62 children are in school today because someone decided to act.

We pay school fees and meet the educational needs of children at primary, secondary, vocational and university level — so that no one drops out for lack of money.



Every child here has a name, a story and a future worth funding.

ICWAC works with vulnerable children and the caregivers who raise them so that school fees, a meal and clean water are never the reason a childhood is cut short.



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