



Rotary
Club of Clinton



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2026

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MEETING LOCATION

Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:
Tuscany Event Center
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**"IF YOU WANT TO LIVE
A HAPPY LIFE, TIE IT TO
A GOAL, NOT PEOPLE
OR THINGS."**

- Albert Einstein

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ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presidential News

Boo Bash meeting will be on July 28th!

On September 12th our club will be planting trees! We will need lots of help, so please start planning!

Congrats to our most recent Paul Harris Fellows:

- Mary Swanson was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow +3 distinction.
- Norlan Hinke was recognized for reaching the Paul Harris Fellow +6 distinction!

Both members were thanked for their generous contributions and ongoing support of Rotary's mission.

**UNITE CREATE
FOR LASTING
GOOD IMPACT**

TOGETHER, WE MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN.



Key Dates

- July 20: Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Clinton County
- July 27: Clinton Public Library, Summer Reading Program

Check It Out!

Let's Support Venezuela!



Their recovery begins with our compassion.
Let's Support VENEZUELA.

The recent earthquakes have left families and communities across Venezuela facing tremendous challenges. Rotary is mobilizing to provide emergency relief, essential supplies, and long-term recovery support—but we can't do it alone.

Every contribution helps bring hope, comfort, and critical assistance to those who need it most.

Learn how you can help:

rotaryzones3334.org/disaster-recovery

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WEEKLY STATS

GUESTS:

- Mike Rausenberger
YTD: 2

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: N/A
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD
Total: \$N/A

MEMBERS:

- Current Members:
69
- Membership Goal:
75



Rotary Program Highlights: Dr. Anshu Chandra Shares Vision for Sustainable Eye Care in Haiti

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

Our club welcomed Dr. Anshu Chandra, a U.S.-trained optometrist, fellow Rotarian, and founder of the Global Eye Project, who shared her inspiring mission to provide sustainable eye care in Haiti.

After witnessing widespread preventable blindness during volunteer mission trips, Dr. Chandra dedicated her career to establishing permanent eye care services in underserved communities. Since opening a clinic in 2015, the Global Eye Project has provided more than 139,000 free eye exams, performed thousands of sight-saving procedures, and trained a local Haitian team to deliver high-quality care. The clinic also leads programs to screen premature infants and schoolchildren, helping prevent blindness through early detection.

Dr. Chandra shared moving stories of patients whose lives have been transformed through access to vision care, emphasizing that permanent, locally led services create lasting change far beyond short-term medical missions.

The clinic has now outgrown its current location and must relocate to a newly acquired site. Dr. Chandra invited Rotary members to help raise awareness and support the construction of a new facility so this vital work can continue.

As a token of appreciation, our club donated the children's book *Maisie Goes to the Eye Doctor* to the Clinton Public Library in Dr. Chandra's honor.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAMS

- JULY 20: DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY, CLINTON COUNTY
- JULY 27: CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, SUMMER READING PROGRAM

INVOCATION

JULY 20: DAVE ROSE
JULY 27: MARK RUTENBECK



GREETER

JULY 20: JENNIFER GRAF
JULY 27: VAL HILL

PROGRAM CHAIRS

JULY: SUSIE MESECHER
AUGUST: WES GOLDEN
SEPTEMBER: JENNIFER GRAF



FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JULY: BRAYDON ROBERTS
AUGUST: RICH KLAHN & LEVI JONES
SEPTEMBER: ANDY FERGURSON



Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jennifer Graf July 01
- Tom Determann July 21
- Brady Sachsenmaier July 26
- Susan Mesecher July 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- P. Michael Rastrelli
 - 37 yrs; July 01 1989
- Jill O'Neill
 - 8 yrs; July 02, 2018
- Amie Boetje
 - 2 yrs; July 15, 2024
- Brady Sachsenmaier
 - 1 yr; July 21, 2025
- Mary Connell
 - 30 yrs; July 29 1996
- Rod Tokheim
 - 20 yrs; July 31, 2006
- Gary DeLacy
 - 9 yrs; July 31, 2017

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 Atkins* |

ROTARY MOMENTS



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Leading with gratitude

I love the idea of a gratitude journal. The practice is simple: Write down three things each day that you are grateful for, and watch how it shifts your mindset, your energy, and even the way you move through the world.

To me, gratitude is more than a feeling; it is a force.

And in Rotary, gratitude is a reflection of who we are. When we thank our donors, we are acknowledging their contribution and honoring their belief in a better world.

I write in my gratitude journal often — not every day but enough to keep me grounded. I want to share with you an entry from January, written during the International Assembly. The assembly is more than our annual learning event for district governors-elect; it's a gathering filled with inspiration and moments that stay with you long after the lights dim.

My first entry was in gratitude to Debbie and Russell Doby.

In 2022, Debbie, then a district governor-elect, missed out on that inspiring assembly experience because of the pandemic. Then, a year later, just a few days before the district conference she was excited to host, Debbie and her husband were in a head-on collision. The other driver was killed; Debbie and Russell survived, miraculously.

Out of tragedy, they found grace. They

created an endowment fund for their district at the Arch Klumpp Society level, choosing to transform pain into purpose.

My second entry reflected on Ravishankar and Paola Dakoju from the Rotary Club of Bangalore, India. At the assembly, the couple pledged \$50 million to The Rotary Foundation, an extraordinary gift representing 85 percent of their wealth. Ravishankar said, "When you give more than you think you can, life returns to you more than you can ever imagine." That single sentence captures the heart of Rotary.

My final entry was in gratitude to Moh Eid and Chuck and Carol Stocking. After Moh's brother, Ibrahim, a humanitarian aid worker, was killed while helping victims of war, Chuck was moved to create the Ibrahim Eid Fund to support Rotary Peace Fellows. Their leverage gift was \$100,000 toward a million-dollar goal. That is what it looks like when grief becomes hope.

And today, my gratitude entry is for you. For longtime members and brand-new faces, for those who give year after year and those preparing to make their first gift. Thank you.

Let gratitude be our compass this year.

JENNIFER JONES

Foundation trustee chair