



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

**Monday Rotary**

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

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## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- **[Facebook](#)**
- **[LinkedIn](#)**
- **[YouTube](#)**

**4 FACTS ABOUT PAUL HARRIS**

“ Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves ”

- 1 PAUL WAS BORN IN WISCONSIN IN 1868**  
He spent his early years in Vermont.
- 2 HE BEGAN HIS LAW PRACTICE IN 1896 IN CHICAGO.**  
He would remain active in his practice for the next forty years.
- 3 HE WASN'T JUST A LAWYER**  
He worked odd jobs: for a newspaper as a salesman and a reporter, on fruit farms, as an actor and cowboy, and on cattle ships that traveled to Europe.
- 4 HE FOUNDED THE WORLD'S FIRST SERVICE CLUB**  
The Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905. The first four Rotarians were: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris himself.

**HIS DREAM LIVED ON** ☆

When Paul Harris passed away on 27 January 1947 his dream had grown from an informal meeting of four members to 1.2 million members brought together through service and fellowship in Rotary.

**Rotary** PEOPLE OF ACTION

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

**From Dale Dalton, Club Treasurer:**

"All contributions for the Scholarship "fines" received by the Rotary Club of Clinton, Iowa Charitable Foundation, Inc. AKA "Clinton Rotary Foundation", a 501(c)(3) qualifying organization, are eligible as a charitable tax deduction with adequate documentation. Gifts of \$250.00 or more receive a written receipt.

**For charitable donations under \$250, you do not need a formal receipt, but you must maintain other proof such as a bank statement, canceled check, or payroll record to claim a tax deduction.**

**IRS Requirements for Small Donations** - For cash donations under \$250, the IRS allows you to claim a deduction without obtaining a formal receipt from the charity, provided you have **alternative documentation** showing the contribution.

Acceptable records include:

- **Bank statements** showing the donation transaction
- **Canceled checks** or credit card statements
- **Payroll deduction records** if the donation was made through your employer
- If the donation was made in cash at an **unmanned location**, such as a donation tin or church collection plate, it is generally **not deductible** unless you have some form of record confirming the contribution

Always contact your tax accountant for additional information."

## SAVE THE DATE

**Our date at the Showboat will be on  
Saturday, June 20th!**

**We will be seeing Guys & Dolls, featuring our own amazing Rotarian, Andrew Kida! Our Pre-Party will be at Copper Mill. There will be a sign-up coming soon! Reach out to Dave Sivright if you are able to attend!**

## Key Dates

- **June 15: Member Moments**
- **Saturday, June 20: Annual Showboat Outing!**
- **June 22: MercyOne Updates from Justin Nylin, Director of Operations at Mercy**
- **June 29: NO MEETING**
- **June 30: Annual Meeting at the Clinton Lumberkings**

## Check It Out!

### ROTARY NIGHT AT THE LUMBERKINGS GAME

**CocaCola Picnic Garden**

**June 30, 2026**

- 1) Gates open at 5 PM at NelsonCorp Field, 537 Ball Park Dr., Clinton, Iowa
- 2) This event is the - Passing of the gavel to Andy Green.
- 3) Our Rotary Club will pay for the Member and one guest (w/o Beer).
- 4) Rotary Member will pay for adult beverages and other guests. Three vouchers for adult beverages = \$8.00. **Vouchers are valid only for the date, time (length of party, 5 - 6:30 PM) and location of party.**
- 5) Upon arrival at the front gate, look for the Customer Service Table (sign in and pay for guests and purchase adult beverage vouchers).
- 6) At registration, you will receive admission tickets to the Stadium complex.
- 7) Enter the Stadium complex through the front gate admission and have your ticket available for scanning. Security measures are in place.
- 8) Any questions, call Dale Dalton 563-503-1865 (Mobile number).

**GO LUMBERKINGS !!!**

**Party lasts for 1.5 hours prior to the game's scheduled start time at 6:30 P.M. Includes all-you-can-eat plus all-you-can-drink soda and water; adult beverage tickets to be redeemed up to game time may be purchased at the front gate registration for \$8.00. General admission to the ball game is also included. Prices are \$34.00 - Adult w/3 beer vouchers, \$26.00 - Adult (no beer), \$22.00 - Youth (ages 14- 20), \$17.00 - Children (ages 6-13), and children 5 & under are FREE. PLEASE PAY AT GATE FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL GUESTS.**

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON WEEKLY ROUND-UP

## WEEKLY STATS

### GUESTS:

- Merle Anderson  
YTD: 219

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$178.00
- Foundation: \$164.00

Club and Foundation YTD  
Total: \$12,742.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members:  
69
- Membership Goal:  
75



**WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!**

At a recent Rotary Club meeting, longtime Rotarian and humanitarian Merle Anderson shared the story of the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda — a nonprofit organization focused on education, child protection, and community support. After retiring from River Valley Cooperative, Anderson dedicated himself to volunteer work through Rotary International. **Through his experiences, he discovered what he calls an important truth: “It is impossible to give more than you receive.”**

The Imbabazi Center was founded by Robina Hakiza, one of seven educated daughters in a culture where girls are often undervalued, and education for women is rare. Motivated by witnessing girls sold into slavery as children, Robina created the center in 2010 to provide vulnerable children with education, safety, and hope for the future.

Today, the center supports 62 children, many of whom are orphans or at risk of exploitation. Anderson emphasized that education is the key to breaking cycles of poverty and human trafficking. Students attend private schools with trained teachers and smaller class sizes, a major improvement over overcrowded public schools where classes often exceed 100 students.

The organization now supports students from preschool through university, with several children currently pursuing higher education — opportunities many once believed impossible. Beyond education, the center provides essentials such as beds, clothing, school supplies, meals, and medical support. Anderson noted that many children in Uganda sleep on bamboo mats on dirt floors, making even a mattress and a blanket feel like a life-changing improvement.

The center also operates a Village Savings and Loan Association for caregivers, primarily women who otherwise have no access to traditional banking or loans. Through small-business loans and training, caregivers can better support their families and the children in their care. Rotary partnerships have also helped fund sustainable clean water projects serving thousands of residents in the region, significantly improving health outcomes.

Anderson encouraged community members to consider child sponsorships, which provide not only financial assistance but also emotional support through regular communication and encouragement. Sponsorships help children stay in school and pursue dreams that once seemed unreachable.

The presentation closed with a reminder of the power of service, compassion, and education to transform lives around the world.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- JUNE 15: MEMBER MOMENTS
- JUNE 22: MERCYONE UPDATES FROM JUSTIN NYLIN, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT MERCY
- JUNE 29: NO MEETING
- JUNE 30: ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS

## INVOCATION

JUNE 15: CHARLES PELTON  
JUNE 22: DAVID PILLERS  
JUNE 29: NO MEETING



## GREETER

JUNE 15: CHERYL FREY  
JUNE 22: JOHN FREY JR.  
JUNE 29: NO MEETING



## PROGRAM CHAIRS

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL



## FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS

JUNE: ALETHEA CAHOY



## *Celebrations*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Christopher Smith June 03
- Gary Foster June 03
- Lynn McGraw June 05
- Paula Steward June 06
- Ray Gimenez June 18
- Shannon Sander-Welzien June 21

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Ruty Rutenbeck
  - 37 yrs; June 01 1989
- Heather Farwell
  - 3 yrs; June 02 2023
- Carrie Donaire
  - 13 yrs; June 17 2013
- Wesley Golden
  - 2 yrs; June 24 2024
- David Pillers
  - 14 yrs; June 25 2012

# 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 2025-2026**

- 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 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\*
- Heather Farwell

## **ROTARY MOMENTS** **IN THE WORLD**

Experience different cultures and build international friendships through Rotary Friendship Exchange

### What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.

### Benefits of an exchange

- Broaden international understanding
- Explore a profession or job in a different context
- Build enduring friendships
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants
- Establish a foundation for peace and service. This can be done virtually or in person in a way that builds peace

### Choose a destination

Explore our Exchange Finder Map to view current exchange locations and the districts that serve them. Connect with the district's Rotary Friendship Exchange chair for help finding potential international hosts and planning your itinerary.

### Define your purpose

Friendship exchanges are organized around at least one of three themes: culture, service, and vocation.

### Fund your exchange

All exchanges are paid for by the participants or their districts. Hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden. Club or district funds may be available to offset the costs of exchanges that have a vocational emphasis.

### Share your story

After your trip, submit a report to your district, as well as to [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org). It's your chance to tell us about your experience, make suggestions, and share what you learned.