



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

### Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
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- [Facebook](#)
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- [YouTube](#)



"For there is always light.  
If only we're brave  
enough to see it.  
If only we're brave  
enough to be it."

AMANDA GORMAN  
THE HILL WE CLIMB

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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

- **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**
- **July 06: Jon Aytes, Clinton Airport Flight School**
- **July 13: VIRTUAL: Dr. Anshu Chandra, a Rotarian with the Niskayuna Rotary Club and Director of the Haiti Eye Clinic through the Global Eye Project.**

## 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:

- N/A  
YTD: 219

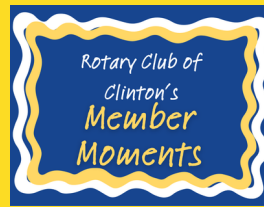
## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

- Rotary Club: \$173.00
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD  
Total: \$12,925.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members:  
69
- Membership Goal:  
75



## WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!

This past week, our club introduced a new meeting program: Member Moments, created by Jill O'Neill and facilitated by former President Carrie Donaire. Seven Rotarians joined us and shared their story....

**Sue Watkins (Temp Associates)** discussed how Temp Associates connects job seekers with employers and offers training, resume assistance, interview coaching, and other support services. She also highlighted the company's commitment to providing second-chance employment opportunities and helping individuals overcome employment barriers.

**Andy Ferguson (NelsonCorp Wealth Management)** shared his role as a tax strategist, helping clients proactively plan for taxes, retirement, and other financial goals. He provided examples of how thoughtful planning can help clients maximize tax-saving opportunities and avoid surprises at tax time.

**Tom Determann (Iowa State Representative)** provided an update on legislative priorities, including Highway 30 expansion, school funding, property tax reform, transportation funding, and other issues impacting eastern Iowa communities. He also offered insight into the collaborative nature of the legislative process.

**Kathy Klahn (Clinton National Bank)** reflected on her more than 50-year banking career and her longstanding commitment to community service. She shared stories from her professional journey and Rotary involvement while emphasizing the importance of family, teamwork, and giving back.

**Levi Jones (Law-Jones Funeral Home)** showcased how funeral homes have evolved to better serve families through modern design, renovations, personalized services, and updated technology. He shared examples of recent projects that have transformed funeral homes into brighter, more welcoming gathering spaces.

**Savannah Daugherty (Clinton National Bank)** explained the work of the Trust Department, including estate administration, trust management, retirement services, and helping families plan for the future. She highlighted the value of professional fiduciary services in easing burdens and reducing family conflict during difficult times.

**Heather Farwell (Citizens First Bank)** shared the story of Citizens First Bank and its commitment to relationship-based community banking. She highlighted the bank's strong support of local organizations, schools, and community initiatives, emphasizing a culture built on service and genuine care for customers.

The presentations were informative, engaging, and a great reminder of the diverse talents, experiences, and expertise represented within our Rotary club. Thank you to all of our presenters for sharing their stories and helping us get to know one another better.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- JUNE 22: MERCYONE UPDATES FROM JUSTIN NYLIN, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT MERCY
- JUNE 29: NO MEETING
- JUNE 30: ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CLINTON LUMBERKINGS
- JULY 06: JON AYLES, CLINTON AIRPORT FLIGHT SCHOOL
- JULY 13: VIRTUAL: DR. ANSHU CHANDRA, A ROTARIAN WITH THE NISKAYUNA ROTARY CLUB AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAITI EYE CLINIC THROUGH THE GLOBAL EYE PROJECT.
- JULY 20: DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY, CLINTON COUNTY
- JULY 27: CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## INVOCATION

JUNE 22: DAVID PILLERS  
 JUNE 29: NO MEETING  
 JULY 06: DEREK PILLERS  
 JULY 13: BRAYDON ROBERTS  
 JULY 20: DAVE ROSE  
 JULY 27: MARK RUTENBECK



## GREETER

JUNE 22: JOHN FREY JR.  
 JUNE 29: NO MEETING  
 JULY 06: RAY GIMENEZ  
 JULY 13: WESLEY GOLDEN  
 JULY 20: JENNIFER GRAF  
 JULY 27: VAL HILL

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

JUNE: JILL O'NEILL  
 JULY: SUSIE MESCHER



## 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.