



**Rotary**  
Club of Clinton



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2026

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## MEETING LOCATION

### Monday Rotary

Rastrelli's Restaurant:  
Tuscany Event Center  
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“Every strike  
brings me closer  
to a home run.”

BABE RUTH

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Presidential News

### REMEMBER – NO MEETING NEXT MONDAY!!!

But we WILL be at the Lumberkings on Tuesday for our annual meeting - reach out to Dale for more information!

Gary Foster presented the proposed leadership and board slate for the Foundation Board for the upcoming fiscal year. New board member candidates recommended by the membership committee include Ryan Veenstra, Rich Klahn, and Christie Atkins, with Mary Beth Smith identified as an alternate. Leadership for the new fiscal year will include Gary Foster as President, Kathy Klahn as Vice-President, Dale Dalton as Treasurer, and John Frey as Secretary. Returning board members are Jim Bruhn, Jennifer Graf, Sue Watkins, and Heather Farwell, while Andy Ferguson will serve as liaison between the Rotary Club and the Foundation. Following a motion, a second, and a vote, the slate of 11 foundation members was unanimously approved.

### 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.

## Key Dates

- **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: N/A
- Foundation: N/A

Club and Foundation YTD  
Total: \$12,925.00

## MEMBERS:

- Current Members:  
69
- Membership Goal:  
75

## WATCH OUR MEETING HERE!



MercyOne Clinton Shares Major Healthcare Updates with Community

MercyOne Clinton Director of Operations Justin Nylin recently provided a community update highlighting several initiatives improving local healthcare access and patient care.

Key developments included the launch of a new patient shuttle service, offering free transportation to medical appointments for residents in Clinton, Camanche, and Fulton. Since April, the service has provided 301 rides to 99 patients, helping reduce transportation barriers to care. “One of the biggest reasons people miss appointments or delay care is simply because they don’t have reliable transportation,” Nylin explained.

MercyOne also reported strong performance in emergency cardiac care despite the closure of its cath lab. Patients experiencing cardiac emergencies are being transferred efficiently, with transport times meeting national care standards. The addition of an on-site medical helicopter, operational since April, has reduced critical transport times by approximately 30 minutes.

Digital health access continues to expand through MyChart, MercyOne’s patient portal. Nearly 39% of patients have activated accounts, allowing them to view test results, communicate with providers, schedule appointments, and manage care more easily. “Our goal is to continue investing in services, technology, and people so care remains accessible right here in our community.”

Another major milestone is the introduction of robot-assisted surgery. Since acquiring a surgical robot in May, MercyOne Clinton has completed 27 robotic procedures. The technology supports greater precision, less invasive procedures, and improved patient outcomes.

Nylin also recognized outstanding staff achievements, including two MercyOne Clinton nurses receiving Great Iowa Nurse Awards, and highlighted the hospital’s ongoing commitment to expanding access, investing in technology, and strengthening community healthcare services.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLINTON LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAMS

- 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 29: NO MEETING

JULY 06: DEREK PILLERS  
 JULY 13: BRAYDON ROBERTS  
 JULY 20: DAVE ROSE  
 JULY 27: MARK RUTENBECK



## GREETER

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 FROM OUR CLUB:

### 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."