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## Clinton Rotarian named Guardian of Integrity

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**Clinton Rotarian Paul Holmer**, center front, was recently named a 2025 Guardian of Integrity by Rotary District 6000. The award is to recognize contributions to Rotary's core values of integrity and service as well as the ideals of fairness and respect.

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Paul Holmer, a member of the Clinton and Dixon, Ill., Rotary Clubs for 21 and 13 years, respectively, is a 2025 Guardian of Integrity.

“I didn’t know it was coming,” said the retired Lutheran minister at Monday’s Clinton Rotary Club meeting at Rastrelli’s Tuscany Special Events Center in the Lyons District, adding that he didn’t think he did anything to deserve it and anything he accomplished is because of club members’ help.

“I want to thank all of you for making this possible for me,” he said.

Since 2011, clubs in Rotary District 6000 have been each invited to nominate active members to receive the award named in honor of the late District Gov. Paul E. Hellwege. The recipients were announced at the April 12 Rotary District Conference.

Past recipients from the Clinton Club were Gary Foster (2011) and John Frey (2023).

A description of Holmer in a conference pamphlet states he is someone who “has helped to create an even more steadfast connection among members of his club to build community by doing service activity together. Even fundraisers are opportunity for companionable interaction and building friendship. Paul did the same for his parishioners. He created a respite care program for senior citizens and gave them a new community of friends as well as helping family caregivers. Paul embodies ‘unwavering dedication to serving others.’”