

District 6440 Histories

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My Fellow Rotarians:

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I present to you the 2006 edition of the History of District 6440. District Governor Tadashi Enami and I share these feelings as we reflect on PDG Mimi Altman's words from the most recent past edition, 1996 – "our district being rich with Rotary heritage, having begun as District # 8 in 1915, encompassing the entire states of Illinois and Indiana." Today our District 6440 encompasses the northeastern area of Illinois with 72 clubs, approximately 2835 members.

I accepted the opportunity to be District Historian in part because my father had valued being historian for many years before he passed away. Indeed, when I rotated out of my term as a local club president, I reflected on the inevitability and opportunity of change ... accomplishments, and opportunities for new ideas and renewed enthusiasm. But a "history" isn't only a story about change.

One of the strengths of Rotary is the blending of our traditional values with today's needs. Hopefully the stories herein can be an inspiration for us all, and for future Rotarians. The stories celebrate the commitment and service of our members, sharing the excitement of their work, the hope of ideals, and the practical ways of putting them into practice.

This history is an on-going work. It reflects the practical realities of our lives. We don't always find the time accomplish and celebrate the things that we would like. or those clubs and individuals whose stories herein are incomplete, please take heart in knowing that we welcome your material and information for future updates. Hopefully we can do so on "the Web" and in another printed edition ... yearly updates leading to publication at another milestone five years hence.

Let me as a newspaperman by trade, and on behalf of the district Governors who have had a special interest in maintaining the district history, PDGs Blane, Tolbert and Redmon, as well as Governor Enami, thank you for the good work that makes for "good copy."

Sincerely,

Robert Y. Paddock, Jr.
District Historian

History of Rotary

Once There Were Four Men ...

It was February 23, 1905, that Paul Harris, an attorney, invited four men to meet in an office in Chicago to discuss organization of a club based on the idea that Harris had been developing for several years — that men in business could and should be personal friends. Men invited included a coal dealer, a mining engineer, and a merchant tailor. The following day, Harris interested a printer and a real estate dealer. Within a short time the Rotary Club organization was complete.

Paul Harris declined any office in the new club and did not become its President until two years later.

It is significant that each of the first six members, of this first Rotary Club was a comparative stranger, in a large city; who had come from a small town to Chicago to go into business. And each, undoubtedly, felt the need of personal friendships to replace those that had been severed by removal from his former home. The aim of the first Rotary Club was the encouragement of friendship, fellowship and mutual assistance.

At one of the early meetings, several names were suggested for the new organization. Adopted was Paul Harris' suggestion, "Rotary", which was prompted by the original plan of the Club members to meet in rotation in their various places of business. Papers on business topics were read at these early meetings; the idea of community singing and original stunts to enliven the meeting was added.

The membership of the new Club grew rapidly. Its novelty was attractive and those who joined the Club found its friendship and fellowship a tonic that stimulated them to better endeavors in their business, social and community relationships.

As the Club's membership increased, it became inconvenient to meet in the offices of members. As a result, the Club began to hold dinner meetings, which later gave way to weekly noonday luncheons.

In 1907, Paul Harris was elected President of the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was during his term as President that he first stated his hopes to see a Rotary Club in every important city in the United States. It was also in 1907, that the Rotary Club's first public service was undertaken in an effort to broaden its activities by including definite work for the welfare of the community. This initial project consisted of the establishment of public comfort stations in Chicago's city hall.

In 1908, Rotary reached the West Coast of the United States with the organization of Club No. 2, in San Francisco, then Oakland, California, Seattle, Los Angeles and New York City.

The first Rotary Convention was held in the Congress Hotel of Chicago in August 1910 with Chesley R. Perry of Chicago as the presiding officer. The 19 Rotarian Delegates in attendance represented 14 of the 16 Rotary Clubs.

The National Association of Rotary Clubs was organized at this convention with a membership of approximately 1,500 Rotarians.

A constitution was adopted and the principles of the Rotary organization outlined in five objectives:

1. To organize new Clubs;
2. To promote the common good of all Clubs;
3. To encourage civic pride and loyalty;
4. To promote honorable business methods;
5. To advance the business interests of the individual members.

Paul Harris was elected President of the new organization. Thus, 1910 marked not only the organization of the various Rotary Clubs as a united body, but also the crossing of the first national boundary line with establishment of the Winnipeg, Canada Club.

First Clubs were organized in Europe, (London, England; and Dublin and Belfast, Ireland), in 1911.

The first issue of the Rotary magazine was published in January 1911, with 5,000 copies printed as the National Rotarian and adopted as the official magazine of Rotary at the Portland, Oregon Convention.

It was also at the Portland Convention that the two phrases, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service, Not Self," were highlighted, with the result that they were incorporated into the Rotary motto "Service Above Self - He Profits Most Who Serves Best."

Name of the National Association of Rotary Clubs was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, at the Duluth, Minnesota Convention, in 1922.

At the convention, the first model Club Constitution was adopted. In addition, the name of Rotary's official magazine was changed to The Rotarian. The first of the numerous appeals, which were later to come to Rotarians to help in disaster relief, came in March 1913, in response to which Rotary Clubs contributed over \$25,000 to a Rotary Relief Fund for victims of the Dayton, Ohio flood.

The first Rotary Club founded in a non-English-speaking country occurred in Havana, Cuba, in 1916; the event attesting to the universality of Rotary by proving that its principles possessed the vitality and appeal to transcend language boundaries as well as national boundaries.

The first convention held outside North America occurred at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.

Through the early years of Rotary, the thought frequently had been advanced that Rotary might well be a medium for advancement of international peace and good will. At the Edinburgh Convention, this objective was formally adopted; "To aid in the advancement of international peace and good will through a fellowship of business and professional men, of all nations, united in the Rotary Ideal of Service."

The name of the organization was shortened to Rotary International, in 1922.

One of the most far-reaching activities of Rotarians is the Foundation Program, in which over \$93,000,000 is granted, (not loaned), each year to youth and others for study and learning in countries other than their own. The goal improved international understanding and good will.

A trust was suggested at the Atlanta Convention of 1917 with the first contribution of \$26.50, coming from the Kansas City, Missouri Club. Rotary International appointed a Foundation Board of five trustees in 1928, which established a trust in 1931. Generous contributions started pouring in from clubs immediately after the death of founder Paul Harris, in 1947.

As of 1995, 639.8 billion dollars has been raised for the Foundation's global programs. More than 502,509 students have received International Rotary Foundation scholarships to study in countries other than their own. More than 29,500 non-Rotarian business people have been sent on Group Study Exchanges to all corners of the globe. Special grants support International Service Projects, of Rotary Clubs and districts; and, the 3-H: Health, Hunger and Humanity program sends volunteers and funding for life-saving projects in over 100 countries.

As of 1995, assets stand at \$423,000,000 with interest used to pay costs of the various studies and work exchange programs. Monies received from Rotarians and their clubs are generally held for three years before actual expenditures of the funds. Interest monies are then used to cover cost of planning and conducting the programs.

Youth Exchange, now involving 7,000 youth each year, was initiated in 1929, with annual expenditure of almost \$2,000, by each of the participating clubs, 75 countries involved to date. Other Programs:

In 1947 Foundation Scholarships were granted to college graduates to spend a year in a country other than their own. As of 1995 these scholarships averaged \$17,250 per student with 964 participating and 28,200 granted to date with 61 sending countries and 67 receiving countries.

Matching Grants: 633 awarded in 1994-95, sponsored by 72 countries, for projects in 88 countries, bringing the total number of grants to 433,349. Over \$28,000,000 has been awarded since the program's inception in 1964-65.

1965 - Group Study Exchange Program, in which four or five non-Rotarians and one Rotarian leader, in a variety of occupations, visit another country for 4-6 weeks. There were 500 teams, involving 2,000 people, visiting over 100 countries, at a cost of 5.5 million dollars in 1995 year; total expenditure of 50 million dollars since its inception, with 5,500 teams, involving over 29,500 individuals, in 100 countries.

1979 - Rotary Volunteers Program, in which professionals, (usually dentists and eye doctors), contribute 4-6 weeks time assisting in a developing country. This year 237 volunteers are involved, 2,000 since inception, serving in 93 project countries.

1979 - Health, Hunger and Humanity, (3-H), includes two new projects this year, at a cost of

\$600,000, 143 projects since inception, at a 33 million dollar cost.

1983 - Rotary Foundation Benefactors gives Rotarians the opportunity to include the Foundation in their wills; 23,181 Benefactors have included the Foundation in their wills, to date.

1985 - University Teachers volunteer their time and talent in developing countries; currently, 70 individuals, this year; at a cost of \$750,000, between 1985-95, 64 total to date, with 20 sending countries and 31 receiving countries. An additional 24 were awarded for study in 1995-96.

1985 - Polio Plus - \$248,000,000 pledged to date, with \$223,000,000 already appropriated; 248,000,000 children have been vaccinated against Polio and other diseases, to date, in 111 countries; 144 countries reported no cases in 1994.

1986 - Rotary Village Core, for communities not large enough for an official Rotary Club to be organized, 1,767 now in existence, in 46 countries.

The 514,105 Paul Harris Fellows, as of Jan. 31, 1996, have supplied funding for all of these Foundation programs. Total number of women in Rotary is currently estimated at over 60,000. In 1995, it was estimated that there were approximately 47,400 women Rotarians, in North America, 45,000 of which, are members of U. S. Rotary Clubs. Other areas of the world accounted for the remaining women members, as follows, (estimates only): Africa, 375; Asia, 4,700; Europe, 2,150; Latin America/Caribbean, 3,100; Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific, 1,800.

In 1995 there were 1,176,230 Rotarians, in 27,694 Rotary clubs, in over 154 countries. There are 90,643 members in the 3,941 Interact Clubs, for high school age youth, in 81 countries and 5,382 Rotaract Clubs, for 18-29 year old members, in

134 countries, all of them interested in serving some of the needs of their communities.

Statistics of Rotary's tremendous worldwide growth are impressive; however, Rotary's accomplishments through the years defy expression in figures. The fellowships created, improvement in the conduct of businesses and professions, playgrounds provided, crippled children helped, student grants, community-betterment.

Undertakings, increased understanding among nations, the countless other achievements of Rotary Clubs, and the activities of Rotary Foundation, all must be included when viewing the progress in Rotary.

In 1996, through a New Generations initiative, Rotarians increased their involvement with youth. The RI Board adopted the District Leadership Plan to give districts more flexibility in their structure. An Asia Regional Conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand. New countries included Antarctica and Armenia and membership grew to 1.2 million in 28,134 clubs. Three New Foundation programs were launched: Helping Grants, New Opportunities Grants, and 3-H Planning Grants. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund totaled \$60.3 million and the Permanent Fund reached \$66.1 million.

In 1997, the RI Council on Legislation met in Delhi, India. The first RI President's Conference was held in Russia. An emphasis on Urban Peace was instituted. Literacy was adopted as a pilot program.

In 1998, Rotarians were encouraged to take on projects that addressed children's needs. The RI Board and Foundation Trustees allocated \$20 million for a one-time initiative called Children's Opportunities Grants, to fund projects to help children. RI established a special Dream for the Future Committee to accept and evaluated project

ideas from Rotarians. The Permanent Fund reached \$105.2 million.

In 1999, emphasis was placed on strengthening clubs and admitting Central and Eastern European clubs into districts. The Rotary Foundation approved the 10,000th matching grant and approved \$2 million to support the newly established Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution during a six-year pilot period. The number of clubs totaled 29,728 and club membership is 1,193,461.

During 2000 and 2001, the Western Pacific region, including People's Republic of China, was declared polio-free. The number of polio cases declined 99 percent since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began in 1988. An emphasis was placed on treating avoidable blindness. The first awards were made from the Scholarships fund pool for Low-Income Countries. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund totaled \$61.1 million. The Permanent Fund reached \$122.6 million. 1,084 Ambassadorial Scholars from 67 countries studied in 70 countries.

In 2002, the European region was declared polio-free. An emphasis on membership growth added 54,939 members, the highest one-year increase ever. Rotary welcomed the United Arab Emirates, with readmission of the Rotary Club of Dubai. More than 1,100 Rotary clubs were chartered. The Rotary Foundation received the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund totaled \$67.5 million. The Permanent Fund was \$91 million.

In 2003, Rotarians raised \$119 million for the one-year polio eradication fundraising campaign to help fill the vaccine funding gap and support polio surveillance. The first class of the Rotary world Peace Scholars began studies at the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The Foundation streamlined

its Humanitarian Grants structure. Contribution to the Annual Program Fund totaled \$55.8 million while the Permanent Fund reached \$113.1 million.

During 2004 and 2005, an emphasis was placed on poverty alleviation, health concerns, literacy and education and promoting the family of Rotary. More than 800 Rotarians, Rotoractors and guest attended Rotary/UN Day at UN

Headquarters in New York. The Rotary Centennial history book, *A Century of Service: The story of Rotary International*, was introduced at the International Assembly. Fifteen one-day Presidential Celebrations were scheduled in various parts of the World.

In 2005, Rotary celebrated its centennial on February 23.

CHARTER, MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE
(AS LAST REPORTED)

Club	Charter Date	No. Members	Current Attendance %
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills	6/29/92	30	79.25
Antioch	8/28/69	59	NR
Arlington Heights	3/28/56	62	NR
Arlington Heights Sunrise	3/28/87	23	78.00
Barrington	8/17/60	45	70.00
Barrington Breakfast	4/19/88	39	57.10
Bartlett	10/02/80	23	72.43
Batavia	3/25/48	30	74.25
Bloomington-Roselle	1/24/97	26	54.00
Buffalo Grove	1/11/74	36	80.56
Carol Stream	12/30/80	23	60.87
Cary Grove	1/09/70	22	NR
Central DuPage A.M. (Wheaton AM)	11/06/90	49	NR
Crystal Lake	4/04/63	18	88.89
Crystal Lake-Dawn Breakers	10/20/89	50	94.00
Deerfield	11/13/30	27	NR
Des Plaines	5/12/51	34	64.71
Dundee Township	9/09/80	38	83.32
Elgin	5/01/22	98	NR
Elgin Breakfast	3/07/89	39	73.72
Elk Grove Village	11/23/70	31	68.30
Evanston	5/01/20	78	NR
Evanston-Lighthouse	6/27/85	66	70.08
Fox Lake/Round Lake	1/28/78	18	83.80
Geneva	3/15/65	34	58.00
Glen Ellyn	9/24/43	46	NR
Glen-Lo Park	6/19/87 — 6/30/04		
Glencoe	12/09/29	29	NR
Glenview	3/26/45	15	NR
Glenview Sunrise	10/12/88	52	84.00
Glenview Sunset	12/18/02	NR	NR
Gurnee	4/22/88	51	NR
Highland Park	12/28/27	75	47.00
Highland Park Good Morning	11/18/89	17	58.90
Huntley	5/17/00	20	65.00
Illinois Beach Sunrise	3/31/99	26	51.00
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff	12/06/59	23	48.00
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff A.M.	2/8/96	68	61.00
Lake in the Hills	6/30/04	31	66.00
Lake Zurich	9/27/79	20	79.00
Libertyville	4/11/62	47	72.87

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Club	Charter Date	No. Members	Current Attendance %
Libertyville Sunrise	4/11/87	61	NR
Lincolnshire Morningstar	6/29/92	28	59.60
Lombard	9/21/61	41	29.50
Long Grove	11/01/94	33	56.80
McHenry	4/12/55	53	NR
Mount Prospect/Prospect Heights	1/14/63	20	NR
Mount Prospect Sunrise	4/10/91	24	63.17
Mundelein-Vernon Hills	9/23/67	51	56.00
Niles-Morton Grove	3/19/62— returned charter		
North Chicago	3/29/29	23	62.00
Northbrook	3/12/65	84	NR
Northbrook Early Risers	6/10/93—returned charter		
Palatine	3/02/64	43	NR
Park Ridge	11/30/61	57	77.98
Richmond	9/09/54	21	NR
Rolling Meadows	2/28/72	21	53.60
St. Charles	11/28/40	49	64.29
St. Charles Breakfast	1/27/87	25	56.66
Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates	11/19/69	80	80.00
Schaumburg AM	3/22/90	25	88.00
Skokie Valley	11/16/39	60	65.99
South Barrington	4/25/03 — 11/30/05		
Villa Park	11/06/71	25	64.00
Wauconda	8/30/90	18	NR
Waukegan	11/01/16	34	NR
West Chicago	12/29/53	21	59.00
Wheaton	2/28/59	46	82.00
Wheeling	9/30/59	28	NR
Wilmette	3/07/24	73	NR
Wilmette Harbor	5/22/90	66	70.83
Wilmette/Kenilworth	2/1/96	13	NR
Winnetka Northfield	5/07/24	84	58.46
Woodstock	3/30/68	35	81.90
Woodstock Morning	7/01/93	22	80.00

"Admitted to Rotary"

Grayslake – Chartered Feb. 13, 2006

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

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1923-24 - Henry Ed Rompel	1928-29 - H. J. Rendall	1933-34 - Will C. Robb
1924-25 - John W. Casto	1929-30 - G. Bruce Machen	1934-35 - William N. Phillips
1925-26 - Harry F. Kelly	1930-31 - Norvall F. Fultz	1935-36 - William Michael
1926-27 - Charles W. Ward	1931-32 - William V. MacGill	1936-37 - John A. Mayhew
1927-28 - Andrew H. Anderson	1932-33 - Charles W. Kent	

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1937-38 - Richard E. Vernor	1941-42 - Herbert J. Raylor	1946-47 - William T. Stevenson
1938-39 - David E. Walker	1942-43 - Arthur Wm. Wood	1947-48 - Bart M. Gibbs
1939-40 - Norman C. Sleezer	1943-44 - Francis J. Budinger	1948-49 - Lloyd Hollister
1940-41 - Mannel Hahn	1944-45 - Frank M. Stager	
-41 - Dr. Wayne F. Graham	1945-46 - John L. Brearton	

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1949-50 - Roy A. Palmer	1950-51 - Otto Schweinberger	1951-52 - Wayne Walker
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1952-53 - Casper Apeland	1954-55 - John S. Sproull	1956-57 - George H. Rigler
1953-54 - Edward Miles Knox	1955-56 - I. W. Parrish	

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1957-58 - Ralph Morgan	1974-75 - Frank C. Potter	1990-91 - Robert Hanson
1958-59 - Mitchel P. Davis	1975-76 - Dr. Wendell M. Rovelstad	1991-92 - Hubert J. Frebault
1959-60 - Thor Holter	1976-77 - Stephen Jurco	1992-93 - Richard N. Beals
1960-61 - Kenneth Reeling	1977-78 - John Nelson-Hawkins	1993-94 - Frank J. Schwermin
1961-62 - Henry J. Schoder	1978-79 - Jack Blane	1994-95 - Galen M. Jarvis
1962-63 - Dr. Charles O. Sandberg	1979-80 - David M. Benrud	1995-96 - Mimi Altman
1963-64 - Richard G. Lontin	1980-81 - Carl W. Muhlenbruch	1996-97 Karen L. Kline
1964-65 - Dr. Edgar D. Gifford	1981-82 - Robert O. Brickman	1997-98 Lester W. Sommers
1965-66 - John W. Schaff	1982-83 - Edwin E. Kadrmas	1998-99 Anthony J. Tolbert III
1966-67 - Bernard R. Schaefer	1983-84 - Richard J. Budny	1999-2000 Robert T. Williams
1967-68 - Wesley L. Brown	1984-85 - Harold Lipofsky	2000-01 Gordon C. Schrubbe
1968-69 - Edward F. Slattery	1985-86 - Edward W. Pigg	2001-02 James A. Wolter
1969-70 - Abbot D. Spaulding	1986-97 - Harland Edwards	2002-03 Terry M. Mueller
1970-71 - Harold E. Atchison	1987-88 - Jack Bakeman	2003-04 Anthony J. Tolbert III
1971-72 - Emil Goellner	1988-89 - Russell Granzow	2004-05 Don Redmon
1972-73 - Robert L. Barr	1989-90 - Ralph W. Helm	2005-06 Tadashi Enami
1973-74 - Dr. Charles H. Shaner		

1973-74 Charles H. Shaner, District Governor – “*A Time for Action*”

Accomplishments: District clubs donated over \$8,000, to Amigos de las Americas, for training of youths to give medical assistance in Central America. Rotary Foundation awarded three scholarships to District 644. Group study exchange six-member team visited District 326, in northeastern India.

Rotary Foundation contributions and Paul Harris Fellowships increased significantly over previous year. Trustees of Rotary Foundation granted 685 educational awards for 1974-75, and 335 extra education awards for study in 1975-76.

Deerfield Club raised \$30,000, for mobile trauma unit, and sparked local communities to donate a second unit. Des Plaines proposed purchasing paramedic equipment for \$15,000. Elgin Club presented 230 awards to honor students in four high schools.

Youth Exchange Activity: Palatine Club hosted 11 Youth Exchange Students from Austria for one week. Twenty-one clubs were involved in youth exchange activity, either sending, receiving or both. Woodstock Club hosted all Youth Exchange Students for a weekend.

Miscellaneous Activities: District 644 was divided into two sections on July 1, 1973. The northern section kept the name District 644; the south section became District 645.

1974-75 Frank C. Potter, District Governor – “*Renew the Spirit of Rotary*”

Accomplishments: District World Community Service committee agreed to support the project of the Rotary Club of Mal del Plata Nort, Argentina, by furnishing instructional material for the Pierre Marie School for re-education of mentally retarded children of that community.

Highland Park Club received Rotary International Achievement Award for raising over \$9,000 for the Lambs, an educational facility for mentally handicapped.

1975-76 Wendell M. Rovelstad, District Governor – “*Become Involved*”

My basic thought behind this year's theme was to have the Rotarians in the District become better acquainted with each other and learn from each other what other clubs were doing.

The year started out on May 7, 1975, with a Club Assembly held at the Chateau Louise, in East Dundee. This was well attended by all clubs and it contributed to getting the District off to a fine start.

The first activity of the District was a trip to Scott Air Force Base, as guests of the U. S. Air Force. We traveled to the base in a cargo plane. On the way home, we stopped at McDonald Aircraft Corp. This was open to all Presidents-Elect and District Officers. The comradeship developed by the men who went on this trip was carried throughout the rest of the year.

The Governor's Club visits demonstrated the level of community involvement to which the clubs of District 644 had committed themselves. Repeatedly, the Clubs saw a need and it soon became a project

of the club. The District's Motto was developed during my year. It was Marion Schulz, wife of Rotarian John Schulz, who came up with the District Motto. She reasoned, since the offices of Rotary International were located in Evanston, IL, which is in our District, the Motto should be "The Home District". This was duly adopted at the District Conference and has been used by every District Governor since that year.

The District Conference was held at Lake Geneva, at the Abby. Upwards of 800 Rotarians and their wives attended the Conference. The Conference began with the Dundee Scotts opening the first evening dinner. Several motivational speakers, including Charles Jarvis and John Doremus highlighted the program. The assembled group came away with a more cohesive membership.

The year ended with a Vocational Conference sponsored by the Villa Park Club. The program was titled "Personal Performances"; and, the speakers were Dr. Preston Bradley, James Haysew and Delbert Staley.

1976-77 Stephen Jurco, District Governor – *“Rotarians! Lead!!”*

Basic goals for the year included reorganization and structuring - from both club and district level. Emphasis was on people, motivation to perform incitement to growing, setting goals for service, need for teamwork and vital need and importance of leadership.

Beginning with the Assembly, a new format was used with District Officials meeting in their own conclave the evening of April 27, 1977 - Advisory Council; the Cabinet, being the Chairmen of the committees; the Governor's Group Representatives; the District Officers and the Governor Elect. Each responded to the duties assigned and reported on his program.

The second meeting, which was on April 28, was an all-day session with Presidents Elect, club officers and Bulletin Editors. Material was provided for each session. Moderators and Reporters acted in their roles. Assembly sessions were taped with reports sent to all District Officials and Presidents.

New Cabinet positions were created - an Historian named for the District, a Community Projects post created; the naming of a Service to Youth Chairman, an Interact-Rotaract Chairman named; and the establishment of a World Fellowship post. In all, a total of 17 Cabinet posts were functioning, plus 14 Governor's Group Representatives and 10 Governor's Advisory Council members. New site for the Conference served to host a successful Presidents' Retreat, on October 5 and 6. An all-day meeting, November 3, was the occasion for the District Information Institute. Presidents and Chairmen of four specific committees attended. Rotary International requested this with Reverend Bob Campbell, PDG of District 645, covering the topics. An excellent representation was present.

Bulletin Exchange Week was re-established for exchange of ideas among the clubs. Cards, for return of information on programs and significant occurrences, were provided to circulate among clubs, or place in the Governor's Newsletter. The Newsletter distribution was expanded to include the Bulletin Editors, as well as Presidents and Secretaries.

First District Air/Land Rendezvous was held August 28-29, at DuPage Airport, a tremendous success. Bob Altman, International President, of the International Fellowship of Caravanners - the Recreational Vehicle group - did an outstanding job.

New Areas in Youth Exchange was combined, meeting with Wisconsin District 627, whose Governor, with yours, had a tea for all foreign students and their American parents. Later, a special American Christmas Tea was held for the District Exchange Students and their American parents, as well as the Rotary International Graduate Students. A special event also provided for participation by the Exchange Students and their American Families, with a visit to the American Indian Powwow.

The year, also, was completion of Sur de la Plata, Argentine, World Community Project. The District funded the purchase of special equipment for a handicapped children's home. Frank Potter, Cabinet Member, for Rotary Foundation, paid a personal visit and brought back a report. In addition, the District, in combination with Districts 645 and 646, embarked on the Matched District Program, with District 315, located in Central India.

	Rolling Mdws - \$50.00	\$Villa Park - 100.00
CLUBS PARTICIPATING	Wheeling - \$100.00	\$Woodstock - 100.00
Antioch - \$37.00	Evanston - \$100.00	Mount Prospect - \$100.00
Palatine - \$145.49	Skokie - \$300.00	Waukegan - \$100.00
Wheaton - \$50.00	\$West Chicago - 200.00	
Arlington Heights - \$218.00	\$McHenry - 50.00	

The Cabinet Members actively participated, by speaking throughout the District on their areas of activity. The GGR's organized Presidents' Breakfasts for the Governor's re-evaluation of club progress.

A new feature at the Conference was the creation of a Project Room for display, by each club, of its activity. This separated the Program action from Hospitality; and in the latter, an interest in creating an atmosphere to provide incentive for San Francisco by using that town as a motif for room decorations.

SUMMATION:

The Conference, with Arlington Heights and Mt. Prospect as co-hosts, attracted over 900 participants, greatest number to date. Wilber V. Lewis, R.I. District and Rotary Foundation Trustee, was President Robert Manchester's Representative.

The year's emphasis on leadership resulted in concentration on quality of membership, involvement in club activities and stricter adherence to attendance. This brought stronger base to many clubs and the district. Average attendance rose to its highest, at 84.07%. Attendance contests between clubs, as well as that between clubs of each GGR, stimulated attendance.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation averaged \$19.65 per member, which put our District in the top 50 of the 369 Districts of the Rotary World. We increased our Paul Harris Fellows by 32 - from 24 to 56.

The first Rotaract Club, in the new district, was installed in Glen Ellyn.

Special effort was made to bring the clubs to an understanding: Special Committee for Guidance in Legal Liability and Internal Revenue Standards established; new regulations passed and approved; new

account standard and budgetary goals established; re-structuring of the International students Project Program.

District Awards were presented to: Deerfield-Best Membership Growth, 12, (35 to 47); Wheeling-Best Attendance Record, 94.7%; Wilmette-Best Foundation Performance, \$6,000; Barrington-Outstanding Club in District. Antioch-Most Improved Club; Des Plaines-Greatest Percentage Foundation Growth, 800%; Wilmette-Best Bulletin; Des Plaines-Best Vocational Service Programs. Arlington Heights and Mt. Prospect were Conference Co-Hosts. Northbrook - Golf Tournament; Wheeling - Bowling Tournament; and St. Charles and West Chicago -Air/Land Rendezvous.

District Awards were presented to: Rolling Meadows-Greatest Attendance; Wheeling-Outstanding Displays, Community Service; Villa Park, Lombard and Glen Ellyn-Hospitality Room, 3-way tie.

It was a full and eventful year with great coordination between the PDG's, the Governor, Governor-elect and Governor Nominee setting a solid foundation for growth and a strong District. The title "HOME DISTRICT" will be carried with pride. As our motto says, "WE ARE ROTARIANS - WE WILL LEAD!!"

1977-78 John Nelson-Hawkins, District Governor – *“Enjoy Rotary”*

When it came time to review what has been done during the last six months and what one hopes will be achieved during the ensuing six months, you realize how short a span one year of Service really is.

Our concept for this Rotary Year has been for more Rotarians to enjoy being Rotarians and to share this special thing we call "Rotary" with more like-minded and qualified men in our many communities.

The incoming teams gathered together in late February to talk about their ideas and dreams of Rotary Service. If attendance was a guide, the enthusiasm for this year was boundless. In mid-May, the District Assembly, for all District Leaders, so excellently hosted and administrated by the Evanston Club, was held on the LakeShore Campus of Northwestern University. Again, attendance was beyond expectations; and while fellowship flourished, close attention to learning our jobs was the predominant factor. PDG Stephen P. Bellinger, from District 649, set an inspirational tone by his luncheon address; and, as well, all drifted back home, in the late afternoon. We were ever mindful of what our Special Year of Service together meant.

The installation dinners around the District in late June saw the reins of office handed over and the old guard wished the new well, and the new boys thanked the outgoing leaders for their help and training. Doc Busby, (Niles-Morton Grove), wrote a District Song for the Governor's Installation.

Despite normal summer vacations, official club visits began in late July and continued into early December. These visits produced a wealth of ideas, exchange of problems and successes. It can truthfully be said, clubs and district became more closely knit, more understanding of each other and a realization that we are all striving for the same purpose. A fresh approach was clearly the trigger for more involvement by more members at all the visits.

The District Chairmen and Group Representatives were visibly seen around the District, helping clubs where help was needed and supporting where support was wanted. Large clubs, small clubs, all clubs set themselves objectives that would undoubtedly strain them and demand maximum involvement of all Rotarians. But, achieve they did.

It is to the credit of every club, whether in membership, attendance, the Four Avenues of Service, Youth Exchange, Interact, or Rotaract, everyone did a little more than before; and thereby, showing by action rather than words deep concern and desire to SERVE TO UNITE MANKIND.

Fun, too, was evident throughout the District; Arlington went to the Races, Wheaton swam and water-skied, Lombard yachted, Highland Park celebrated its 50th Anniversary, Schaumburg took the District Golfers to task, Antioch sold junk, (country antiques); and, the Caravanners, the flyers, boaters all did their 'thing'. The Youth Exchange students went busing west and culminated in an outstanding successful weekend at Calvin College, in Grand Rapids.

Even the Governor's Springer Spaniel "Dram" won a Field Trial!! Too many events to mention all, but Rotary Fellowship was never forgotten.

The wife of our International President, Mrs. Doris Davis, and the wives of the Directors of Rotary International, honored the District Rotary Ann's by joining them for lunch in early November.

Deerfield, now the Deerfield-Lincolnshire Rotary Club, took on the task of hosting and administrating the District Information Institute. Again, attendance records were broken as President Jack's counselor, PDG Bill Steinmetz, from Indiana, brought fresh ideas to his task of running a very successful institute.

Skokie Club presented a well-earned Paul Harris Fellowship to PDG Harold Atchins, to the delight of all his friends throughout the District and Rotary World.

Good steel needs testing every so often so do Rotarians. Tragedy struck India in mid-November. Suddenly, and without warning, a cyclone of tremendous magnitude struck the East Coast of India, and specifically, deep into our Matched District 315 area. The death toll and damage was beyond comprehension. Yet, within hours of the call for help, Rotarians of this District had \$3,000 on the way to Dr. Venkatrao, District 315 Governor, for use as he saw fit. A further \$1,000 has since been donated. With Christmas fast approaching, many clubs remembered the old, lonely and under-privileged and saw to it that food, clothing and toys were distributed where needed.

Late in January, the Governor took his Presidents' Retreat to Bermuda, leaving Chicago moments before the snowstorm closed the airport.

To keep the wheels turning, Group Representatives organized a series of Half Way Breakfasts, so the various club Presidents and Presidents Elect and Governor could review what had been achieved, so far, and what was yet to be done. These meetings were very useful and a good way to ensure we still had our objectives clear and reachable.

Meritorious Awards were presented to PDG Steve Jurco and PDG Frank Potter for their success in convincing clubs and Rotarians to provide increased support for Rotary Foundation.

At press time, our District Conference lies ahead, an exciting Rotary adventure. Each year more and more Rotarians attend, more is learned about Rotary. More Rotarians meet and exchange ideas and more things are done for mankind. This year will be no exception and its success is assured by the Rotary International President's appointment of past Director and Vice President Dave Smith, and his 'Rotary Ann' Jodie, as his personal representatives to the Conference.

The Rotarians of the Home District, R.I. District 644, exemplify one man's opinion, maybe, but Paul Harris' concept of Rotary's objective.

"To help each other in every way that a kindly heart and friendly spirit could suggest-".

1978-79 Jack B. Blane, District Governor – *“Reach Out”*

A review of the Rotary Year could not be initiated without mentioning the support and guidance provided by my predecessors at all levels of the district. PDG's, District Chairmen, Governor's Representatives, club officers and members at large, assisted in every possible way over a year ahead of time. Without their guidance and encouragement, it would not have been possible to continue the momentum that was inherited.

In February, the Presidents-Elect met at evening firesides to plan their year ahead. Their early organization of clubs made possible an expanded District directory that included information on all club officers, Directors and key Chairmen. As a result, inter club communications was stimulated and Rotary knowledge shared.

Almost 300, gathered for the District Assembly, in mid-June, hosted by Wheeling and Schaumburg Clubs, at Palatine High School. Twelve separate discussion groups explored all Avenues of Service, with the day ending in a Great Spirit of fellowship and learning. We were proud to host an "All-Illinois Dinner", at the Tokyo International Convention, that included such notables as R.I. President, W. Jack Davis, and his wife, the George Means' and the Harry Stewart's. Over 90 people shared a traditional Japanese meal ... a super beginning to one of Rotary's finest events.

With very few exceptions, the official club visits went as scheduled, from mid-July to mid-December. Club Assemblies were usually held the night before the regular meeting, giving unlimited time to cover all subjects and really get to know the people without the pressure of a deadline. The club address was always an unpredictable situation, but it was clear that "The Home District" is composed of an endless variety of "good" people sharing fellowship ... to serve other people.

As we approached Rotary's 75th Anniversary, separate club Chairmen was selected to determine projects that will reflect this significant event, and will continue next year. A key element is the development of Rotary's International Health, Hunger and Humanity Program that will be funded for major service activities throughout the world. Even at this early stage, Evanston, Lombard, Park Ridge and Skokie have received Banner Awards, while a Plaque Award was presented to Barrington.

New emphasis was given to Vocational Service by using the case study approach in discussion. In addition, Vocational Service to Youth was introduced to many clubs, illustrating, and career interests of young people can be assisted by Rotarians in similar classifications.

We were extremely proud when Herb Pigman, (Evanston), was promoted to General Secretary of R.I., followed by the selection of John Stucky, (Wheaton), to coordinate the worldwide 3-H Program and John Schulz, (Wilmette), joined R.I. to provide service to clubs in eastern U.S.A.

International Student Project became a reality when we funded the exchange of two girls - one from Villa Park, the other from England. Both are studying vocational interests abroad and becoming involved in Rotary activities in countries other than their own.

In the planning is a Group Study Exchange team that will visit Ireland, this fall. Next spring, we will receive a team from Ireland about the time of our District Conference, with members participating in the 1980 International Convention, in Chicago.

Fellowship came in many sizes and shapes throughout the year. Each club seems to have its own particular style of fun that ultimately spills into its community, in so many beneficial programs. The District Golf Outing was hosted by Lombard, and the District Bowling Tournament, by Lake Forest.

A "Mixer Award" was created to encourage improved attendance and, at the same time, 'reaching out' to visit other clubs for added fellowship and stimulation. It must have worked, because 'The Home District', again, won the Illinois Attendance contest, achieving 85.02%, against the other five districts, ranging from 78% to 80%, over an eight month period.

Forty-six Rotarians flew to Freeport, in the Grand Bahamas, to share a Presidents' Retreat, filled with fellowship, fishing, Rotary discussions and warm breezes. It will be relived at a special breakfast at the District Conference; but this time, shared with our Rotary Ann's.

Youth Exchange is having another successful year with 25 exchanges, involving 18 countries. Activities included orientation sessions, a special Christmas party hosted by Wheeling, many unusual club events with special recognition; and, this summer will include a Canadian bus trip, in addition to the Western U.S. bus trip.

The rank of Paul Harris Fellows has grown to 115, with the district now at 300% level. As a result, four Foundation students were sent abroad this fall and interviews have just been completed that will send five next year. An additional recommendation was made for the Teacher of Handicapped Award. All of these, plus Group Study Exchange, and other fine programs were funded by our District's contributions to the Foundation. The Extension Committee is actively developing four Communities to create additional clubs with a good chance one or two will be ready before the year is finished.

Our District Conference will again be held at the Olympia Princess Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. President's Representative will be Gerry Wooll, of St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada. A past R.I. Director and Treasurer, will be a major part of the program, as all the youth exchange students will be joined by about 50 Interact members, providing entertainment, Olympics and many surprises throughout the

weekend. Four other District Governors, from Illinois and Wisconsin, will attend with a major feature of a sneak preview of the 1980 International Convention.

Like, day follows night, Rotary's opportunities to 'Reach Out' never cease. Let's 'Achieve more'.

1979-80 David Benrud, District Governor – *“To Know Rotary”*

The theme "To Know Rotary" was adopted after much thought as to what I, as District Governor for the year, would like to have accomplished. Many Rotarians, due to a lack of knowledge of Rotary, stand on the periphery of the organization, wanting to become involved but not knowing exactly how. While our year did not start until July 1, 1979, it got underway as early as February. We had Fireside meetings with all of the Presidents Elect and attempted to impress upon them some of the areas that we wanted to cover during the year. Even club Presidents' need Rotary knowledge.

Our District Assembly, held on May 24, at Harper college, was directed to the theme TO KNOW ROTARY. It was a good Assembly, with good participation and the moderators did a fine job.

As each club visit was made, the theme TO KNOW ROTARY was constantly emphasized. I was most anxious to answer questions on anything having to do with Rotary which, once again, was in keeping with my theme. The same theme continues even now as we prepare for the District Conference of 1980.

Rotary hospitality, and the friendliness of all Rotarians in the District, are what have impressed me the most during this year. To have been invited to the many club functions is very heart-warming and I will be forever grateful to the clubs of our District for this thoughtfulness.

As far as District 644 and its clubs is concerned, I am positive that there is no such thing as a bad club. We have good clubs and each is a personality striving to do a good job for Rotary in their respective communities. To each of these clubs I would say, "keep up the good work and get TO KNOW ROTARY".

The 1979-80 Rotary year has been a rather busy one for District 644. With the 1980 International Convention being held in Chicago this year, many of our people have put in long hours working on Home Hospitality and preparing to work on Reception Committees. Our Youth Exchange Chairman, Don Skeet, is making arrangements for 140-150 of our Youth Exchange students to be the flag bearers at the International Convention. There were a number of special events in the District during the year; the annual golf outing hosted by the Wheaton Rotary Club; and the annual bowling tournament hosted by the Schaumburg Rotary Club.

The Rotary Ann's of Northbrook hosted a luncheon for Edith Bomar, our first lady of Rotary, in January, and the Evanston Rotary Club hosted a dinner-dance for the President and Directors, of Rotary International, in February.

Our District is growing, thanks to the efforts of two of our PDG's Emil Goellner and Wendell Rovelstad. The Lake Zurich Rotary Club was chartered in the fall and three other towns may have a Rotary Club, before June 30; Glendale Heights, Bartlett and Dundee.

We have chartered two new Interact clubs this year---the Interact Club of Hoffman Estates-Schaumburg, sponsored by the Schaumburg Rotary Club and the Interact Club of Park Ridge, sponsored by the Park Ridge Rotary Club. The Rotary Clubs of North Chicago and Glencoe celebrated their 50th Anniversaries, Cary-Grove, its 10th and the Wheaton Club, its 21st Anniversary, by inducting three new members. Northbrook had a gala dinner-dance--15/75--to celebrate their 15th Anniversary and the 75th of Rotary International. The Lake Forest Club had a dinner on February 23, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Rotary.

We are looking forward to having our inbound Group Study Exchange team from Ireland visit us. They will arrive just in time for our District Conference and will depart just after the International Convention. Our District Foundation Chairman, PDG John Nelson-Hawkins, has a full itinerary prepared for them and is also working on our outbound team to Ireland, who will be going the latter part of September. He has also put a great deal of effort into the expansion of Paul Harris Fellows in our District. As of February 19, 1980, we had 166 Fellows in the District. The Rotarians, and Rotary Ann's, of District 644 are looking forward with anticipation to our District Conference, which will be held at the Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, April 25, 26 and 27. Dr. Harold Henderson and his Rotary Ann May, from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, will be our President's Representative.

It has been a good year, thanks to all of the PDGs in our District who have given of their time so generously to help me when I had a problem. They have truly LET SERVICE LIGHT THE WAY.

1980-81 Carl Muhlenbruch, District Governor – *“District 644 Continues to Grow”*

The Governor's Motto "GROW" verbalized an effort to increase the number of Clubs and members in the District and to GROW in every Avenue of Rotary Service. The theme word is an acronym for "Give Rotary Our Will". That the Clubs and Rotarians in District 644 have accepted this challenge is evidenced by their accomplishments during the 1980-81 Rotary year.

District 644 did GROW 8% in membership and by four new Clubs. Through the skill and dedication of PDGs Wendy Rovelstad and Emil Goellner, assisted by Special Representatives of the Governor and the sponsoring Clubs, the District chartered the following Clubs:

DUNDEE sponsored by ELGIN

BARTLETT sponsored by WEST CHICAGO

CAROL STREAM sponsored by WHEATON

GLENDALE HEIGHTS sponsored by LOMBARD

This notable achievement results from work started in the previous year, reflecting the support of many Rotarians and District Officers.

Building on the prior work of PDG Steve Jurco, a major push was made to encourage Clubs to establish charitable trust funds for their community service and other philanthropic activities. About one-half of the Clubs had established such an entity. An effort was made to improve communications by sending the Governor's NEWSLETTER to each Club's Bulletin Editor, Secretary and President (And through him to all officers and Board Members). In addition, the last issue of each quarter was sent in bulk for distribution to each Rotarian in the District.

In 1979-80, in Governor Dave Benrud's year, and under direction of DGE Ed Kadrmaz (West Chicago), the District got underway on Rotary International's "Health-Hunger-Humanities" (3H) Program. Twenty-eight Clubs participated in this fund raising effort. In anticipation of being able to acquire matching funds for a 3-H Program for life-support systems on the Island Exuma in the Bahamas, another fund raising effort was started in May of 1990 under the direction of Emil Hirsch (Wheeling). Over \$7,000 was raised from Clubs in District 644. District 404, including the Bahamas, which is associated with this International project, gave \$500. These sums were matched by the Rotary International Foundation in the amount of a grant of \$8,250. These funds were used for paramedic equipment, helping to outfit a small clinic-type hospital and providing other medical equipment and supplies. They provided paramedic training for people on Exuma and the surrounding islands. Work was started to set up a farming and food preservation project near Accra, in Ghana, in cooperation with District 910. If approved, it is hoped that the major funding for this Project can be under a 3-H grant with some financial support from both Districts 644 and 910.

Activities in International Service increased greatly under the direction of Conway Ramseyer (Niles-Morton Grove). The District was matched with District 481, in Argentina, to encourage meaningful communication between clubs for 1980, 1981 and 1982. A questionnaire on international fellowship was sent to every Club soliciting ideas on how to relate to our Argentine brothers. Building on those responses and in cooperation with Domingo Margiotta, District 491 Governor, the following were accomplished:

1. Both Governors transmitted to the Clubs in each District the desire to relate in a meaningful fashion. Replies were received from eight Argentine Clubs indicating interest in Club to Club, or person to person, communication. Jim Richter (Lake Forest) coordinated these efforts.
2. The Lake Forest Club was matched with Maipu, Cordoba, with 20 members exchanging correspondence. An effort was made to pair up individuals of similar classifications. Club to Club communication attempted to see if either could be helpful to the other.
3. A successful "road show" was developed focusing on the theme that Rotary offers a meaningful personal relationship with Rotarians throughout the world.
4. District 644 Rotarians who travel internationally were encouraged to attend Rotary meetings in countries visited.
5. The World Fellowship Program (directed by Billy McMinn, Rolling Meadows) worked through "ham" radio, photography, stamp and coin collecting, "chess by mail", and recreational activities as a means of strengthening International fellowship through Rotary.

Intense efforts were made to help the Clubs and the District in their Rotary service by sharing and learning programs relative to leadership and management of a Rotary Club. A Seminar on their subjects was held February 26, 1980, for Presidents and Secretaries-Elect as well as Governor's Group Representatives and District Officers. The Leadership Seminar of January 14, 1981 was enlarged to include incumbent Club Presidents and Governor's Group Representatives. The District Assembly on May 13, 1980, further expounded on the planning, organizing and controlling aspects of management by objectives as they apply to performance and accomplishments in the Four Avenues of Rotary Service. The concept of long-range planning was introduced into the majority of the Clubs in the District with a

hope for a salutary effect on long-range growth and programming. A successful Presidents' Retreat was held on November 7-8, 1980.

The District's Rotary Foundation Committee and the Governor were active in increasing the number of Paul Harris Fellows and the number of Sustaining Members in the District. Their efforts resulted in a more than 25% increase, to 221 Paul Harris Fellows and 140 Sustaining Members, a significant achievement.

The Foundation Committee working through the Educational Awards Committee, made presentations to a majority of the Clubs on the work of the Foundation and with substantial emphasis on the Scholarship Program. This work resulted in a greater number of applications for Foundation Scholarships. The District was able to increase its participation in the Foundation to the level of five non-competitive Foundation Scholarships.

The District Group Study Exchange team made a successful invasion of District 116, in Ireland. They represented their country with distinction. Their reports to Clubs pointed up the great contribution that Rotary's GSE program makes toward world understanding. PDG Dave Benrud was Group Leader.

Vocational Scholarships were awarded by the District for study in such areas as secretarial services, physical therapy, aircraft mechanics and nutrition, to name a few. This program, unique in the world of Rotary, was under the direction of PDG Chuck Shaner. The number of scholarships was increased from five to nine at the District Conference.

In the 1980-81 year, the District made use of 16 Governor's Group Representatives to keep up with increasing activities. In many cases, the Governor's Advisory Council, of Past District Governors helped them. The sharing of ideas, programs, manpower and cooperation among Clubs that resulted from their efforts is a matter of record.

Each year the Youth Exchange Committee rises to new plateaus of service. In 1980-81, 26 Clubs sent or received students. Wayne Parthun (Antioch) and his Committee did an excellent job and made significant contributions to the Central States Youth Exchange Program.

Terry Parke (Schaumburg) and Dick Budny (Villa Park) led Service and Vocational Service to Youth. Their efforts stimulated at least a dozen projects.

The Clubs and the Governor recorded the sights and sounds of their major activities on film and tape for sharing at CONFERENCE '81, and in other ways, such as District Assembly, Presidents' Retreat and for Club Assemblies. Many Community Service activities were seen this way. In addition, the Community Service Committee, under the direction of Max Whitman (Winnetka) compiled a history of all major programs in the District for reference and referral.

Interact continued to GROW under the direction of Jerry Cornell (St. Charles). Jerry also provided some assistance to District 629, Western Michigan. He and some District 644 Interacts attended their Conference in May, on Mackinac Island. Membership Development, chaired by Ron Christensen (Northbrook), presented excellent programs to about one-third of the District Clubs. This "must" program for all Clubs was well received and contributed to District GROWTH.

GGR Glen Lucas (Glenview) and Jack Lichter (Libertyville) promoted several Vocational Service programs. The Club Exchange Programs were promoted by the Governor's office.

In September the Wheaton Club held one of the best District Golf Tournaments ever. Participation was high and competition keen. They even had bait casting as an extra feature. On March 1, the District's bowlers gathered at Thunderbird Lanes for the tournament sponsored by Mt. Prospect. Both events deserved national television coverage!

The District turned out en masse, (full-time registration of 694), for CONFERENCE '81, which was held at the Olympia Resort, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, April 3, 4 and 5. PDG Paul Williams, from Buffalo, New York, was R-I. President Klarich's Representative. A feature of the opening session was a 3-screen simultaneous projection of 520 color slides, with sound effects and narration, titled "HOW DOES YOUR DISTRICT GROW?" This multi-media production showed the major events in the District year and highlights District and Club projects.

The District Awards Committee, led by Cal Stargel (St. Charles), developed the following awards for the year:

THE "8 IN 80" GROWTH AWARD - To each Club that recruited eight new members before February 28.

TOP MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD - To the first, second and third place Club's for highest percentage increase in net membership, before February 18, 1981.

BEST BULLETIN AWARD - Personal Awards to first, second and third place Bulletin Editors. Their clubs also received recognition - a special local insert for next year's Bulletin.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - Recognition for the first, second and third best attendance during the period September 1, 1980, through February 18, 1981.

GOVERNOR'S MAKE-UP AWARD - A new award to encourage Club members to visit other clubs.

1982-83 Edwin E. Kadrmas, District Governor – *"Priority"*

The Governor's theme for 1982-83, in District 644, was "Priority", an acronym for, "Promote Rotary Ideals to Others for Renewed Involvement throughout the Year." The round of activities of clubs, and individual Rotarians of the District evidenced practice, of this theme, with an even greater involvement in Rotary's outstanding projects in the Four Avenues of Service.

The District Membership Development Committee, under the very capable leadership of West Chicago Rotarian John Holden, held membership development seminars around the District and appeared on many programs to promote membership growth. The decreasing membership of the District was actually turned around; and, in fact, began to increase toward the end of the year.

Record contributions were given to the Rotary Foundation. Under the leadership of District Chairman PDG Dave Benrud, Rotarians in the District contributed over \$89,000, entitling us to send five Rotary Foundation Scholars, in 1984-85.

The Group Study Exchange Return Team went to District 963, in Australia. Team leader Clint Munch, of the Elgin Club ably led the second year portion of the exchange.

The District Exuma Project, started during the term of PDG Carl Muhlenbruch, continued in the District with medical service and paramedic training.

A record of eleven vocational scholarships was awarded to the District in various vocational areas, under direction of the Chairman, Dr. Charles Shaner, of the Mt. Prospect Club.

A World Community Service project to furnish a used fire engine to the Dominican Republic was successfully completed by District Conference time. Our World Community Service Chairman, PDG Frank Potter, was present in Santa Domingo for the presentation of the fire engine.

The wives of Rotarians in District 644 were organized during the year. Several meetings were held and a friendship quilt project was named. In addition to providing an outstanding quilt made up of a square from each of the clubs of the District, the raffle of the quilt at the District Conference raised enough funds to allow our eleventh vocational scholarship and an additional amount to complete the District fire engine project.

We were privileged to share several multi-District Programs with our neighboring District 645. Among these were an Ethnic Dinner, at the O'Hare Hilton and a Family Day, at Great America.

District social events were numerous during the year. The Rotary Club of Wheaton sponsored a record-breaking crowd for a fine District Golf Outing. District Fellowship Chairman, Bob Altman, organized a District Coho Derby, during July, with approximately 200 Rotarians participating. The fish stories abounded with excellent specimens vying for the awards. Lombard hosted the annual Bowling Tourney, which also became another outstanding District event.

The District Conference at the Abbey Resort on Lake Geneva was the highlight of the year. Under the leadership of Conference Chairman Dick Karnm, and the West Chicago, Geneva and Bartlett Clubs, we enjoyed an exceptional sellout Conference. Social activities, Plenary Sessions, speakers, entertainment, the Rotary Foundation Scholars Program, Group Study Exchange program and last, but, not least, our President's Representative Dave and Joy Clark, led us all to a successful conference. Considerable effort was expended to emphasize the human aspects of Rotary at this year's Conference.

The Youth Exchange Program was very active with 28 students hosted within the District during the year. District Youth Exchange Chairman Fred Wolf, and his committee, provided an exceptional program for the Youth Exchange Students during the year.

The main major thrust of your Governor, in 1982-83, was to give "Priority" to the Rotarians and Clubs of the District - To Promote Rotary Ideals to Others for Renewed Involvement throughout the Year. It was a source of great personal satisfaction to see the additional involvement of Rotarians of the District in various Club, District and International programs of Rotary.

1983-84 Richard J. Budny, District Governor – *“People Serving People”*

In looking back at the Rotary Year, it truly was a year of "People Serving People". Clubs and Rotarians throughout the district spent a great deal of time and effort to make this one of the greatest Rotary

years ever.

July was the District Coho Derby under leadership of Bob Altman, September brought the District Golf Outing, sponsored by the Mount Prospect club and the Districts first annual fall fishing trip through the efforts of Phil Bartnm, of the McHenry club.

In October, it was PDG David Benrud and his committee who organized the District Foundation Seminar. The Vocational Service Seminar under the leadership of PDG DICK Longtin, his committee and his fellow members of the Deerfield-Lincolnshire club highlighted November.

January brought a first in a long time for our District - RYLA. Due to the efforts of Jack Early and Emil Goellner, District 644 started on a program that has long been neglected in our District, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Our District, from the Freedom Foundation, to help us with this important program received a grant of \$5,000. January also was the time of year when the annual Presidents' Retreat was held, and this time, in sunny Hollywood, Florida, at the Diplomat Hotel. Back home in the District, it was back to work for the Presidents and the incoming Presidents for the mid-year meetings, which were Breakfast Meetings.

February brought, to the District, more fun and fellowship with the District Bowling Tournament hosted by the Rotary Club of Barrington. It was, also, the birth month of Rotary and Districts 644 and 645 hosted the Directors of Rotary International at 14 separate receptions throughout the two districts on the same evening. Over 700 Rotarians and friends attended these receptions in seven different locations all over District 644.

March winds blew in the District Conference at the Americana in Lake Geneva. Over 700 Rotarians and wives were in attendance. "Rotary is International" was the theme and there were programs of 26 Youth Exchange Students, Group Study Exchange (team from the Netherlands), the Foundation, International Conference Projects and Foundation Scholars were the highlights of the Conference. Very special "thank you" to the Villa Park Rotary club whose dedication and effort was above and beyond the call of duty.

A special note must be made of the service that was accomplished at this District Conference. On the motion of PDG Wendell Rovelstad, an investigation was directed to find the needs of District 773, following the devastating tornadoes that hit their area in North Carolina. Upon contacting the District Governor in 772, it was found that what they needed most was dollars. In a matter of 48 hours, District 644 Rotarians donated and pledged over \$5,000 to the District 773 Tornado Relief Fund. District Governor Dick Budny and District Regional Directors John Schulz and Jack Bakeman flew to Kinston, N.C.; and, at a regular meeting of the Kinston Rotary Club, presented a check for over \$5,000 for their Relief Fund.

Yes, "People Serving People" was the theme in our District; and, as you can see from the above, that theme was carried out for this Rotary year.

1984-85 Harold Lipofsky, District Governor – *"Discover a New World of Service"*

The year began with a District membership of 2,242 members, with 47 clubs. The year finished with a net gain of 64 members. International President Carlos Conesco initiated a new program called "2005" to eradicate Polio from the world by the year 2005, the 100th anniversary of Rotary. Each club was asked to participate in a World Community Service Project and the 2005 Project was away. Because of the response, the District reached a new high in Foundation giving.

August 29, Barrington hosted a Youth Exchange and Interact Swim Party. The Youth Exchange Program was featured in the Governor's newsletter, with photographs and biographies of all the exchange students. District 644 invited all Governors attending the International Assembly and Institute to be the guests of District 644, on their way to the Assembly.

September 19 the District Golf Outing was held at Indian Hills Country Club, sponsored by Mt. Prospect Club. October 3 was the annual Vocational Service Seminar. October 10-14, the District went to Bull Shoals, Arkansas, for a fishing excursion led by PDG Richard Budny. "

December 9, Barrington hosted Youth Exchange Christmas Party, January 8-9 the club Presidents review was conducted. January 31-February 3, the Presidents Retreat was held at Freeport, Bahamas. PDG Carl Muhlenbruch received the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Award.

February 3 the District was saddened by the death of PDG Steve Jurco, The RYLA Seminar was conducted February 16, at Harper College.

April 19-21, 800 members and guests at the Saturday dinner, which was held at the Americana Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, attended the District Conference. The President's Representative was John Craig and wife Syble, from Aukland, N.S. The Group Study Exchange Team from Netherlands and Foundation Students were guests.

During May our outgoing Group Study Exchange Team, led by Ken Hein, Northbrook, returned. The District Assembly was held at the Arlington Hilton, May 11. May 26-29, Kansas City was the site of the International Convention celebrating the 80th anniversary of Rotary, and the goal of one million members, was reached. District hosted a reception for all Illinois clubs at the Weston Crown, Kansas City.

June 4, Northbrook chartered a Rotaract Club. The Special Olympics Bowling was hosted by Rolling Meadows, on June 15, after the June 9-14 World Affairs Seminar, at Whitewater, Wisconsin. June 27 was the chartering of the first District breakfast club, the Lighthouse Club of Evanston.

The year of 1984-85 was a year of giving to the Foundation, good participation in all Avenues of Service and many new club projects.

1985-86 Edgar Pigg, District Governor – *"You are the Key"*

The 1985-86 Rotary Year actually got its start at the Presidents' Elect Training Session, in March, of 1985. This Session was held in the Swedish Glee Club, in Waukegan. During this Session Governor

Elect Edgar Pigg and the Presidents' Elect agreed to four objectives to be accomplished by each of our clubs, and District 644, during our year of leadership, 1985-86.

These four objectives were:

1. Increase membership by 10%.
2. Revitalization of interest and activities in Vocational Service with an in-depth study of the implication of the Four Way Test at each club.
3. Each club to adopt an International Service (World Community Service Project
4. Increase support of the Rotary Foundation, to the level of \$ 100 per member, during 1985-86.

These objectives were kept constantly before us all during the year. Our progress toward the accomplishment of them, at both club and district level, were received periodically.

On September 19, 1985, a devastating earthquake struck Mexico City and the area immediately around Mexico City. The loss of life and destruction of property was unparalleled in recent history in our hemisphere. Rotarians in District 417, in Mexico, called to the Rotary World for assistance to relieve the suffering and misery of the Mexican people victimized by this tragic event. District 644 responded generously to this call for help, raising over \$24,000 for Mexican earthquake relief.

At the beginning of the 1985-86 Rotary year, there were 48 clubs in District 644. At the completion of the year, there were 47 clubs. This was the result of the Glendale Heights Club being merged into the Carol Stream Club. Significant District events during the year: District fishing trip, 9/11-15, at Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, under leadership of PDG Dick Budny. District golf outing, 9/18, at Indian Lakes Resort, under the direction of Gary Heppe and the Lombard Club. Rotary Foundation Seminar, 10/1, at the Arlington Hilton, led by District Foundation Chairman, PDG Jack Blane. Group Study Exchange dinner, 11/8, at the John Evans Inn, in Crystal Lake, to hear from our GSE Team that visited the Netherlands, which was sponsored by the Crystal Lake Club. District Bowling, 2/9, at Elk Grove Bowl, sponsored by the Park Ridge Club, Presidents' Retreat, 2/27-3/2, at the Callaway Gardens Resort, Pine Mountain, Ga. District Conference, 4/11-13, at the Abbey, in Fontana, Wisconsin. District Assembly, 5/14, at Northwestern University. R.I. Convention, 6/1-4, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Installation of Incoming Governor Harland Edwards, 6/27, at the Orrington Hotel, in Evanston. A total of 1,102 Rotarians and guests attended all, or part, of our District Conference. R.I. President Ed Cadman sent his personal Representative PDG Bernardo Gomez-Vega and his wife Vicky, from Mexico City, who won a place in our hearts.

1985-86 proved to be a great year of Rotary Foundation support. District 644 Rotarians contributed \$192,168.12, or \$85.22 per member, to the Foundation. While this was short of our goal of \$100 per member, it represented an increase of over 50% more than our best previous year. Because of this record support for the Foundation, and his previous work on behalf of the Foundation, Governor Ed Pigg recommended to the Foundation Trustees that PDG Jack Blane be awarded the Foundation's Commendation for Meritorious Service. The Rotary Foundation Trustees concurred in this recommendation.

1986-87 Harland L. Edwards, District Governor – *“Rotary Brings Hope”*

In reviewing the year, it is altogether fitting and proper to thank my predecessors, at all levels of the District, for this guidance and support in making 1986-87 an excellent Rotary Year. We continued to build on the ongoing programs and added a few more.

In March the President's Elect Training Session was held at Northwestern University, with the Evanston Club host. In May, almost 300 gathered at Northwestern University for the District Assembly. Twelve separate discussion groups explored all Avenues of Service in a great Rotary learning experience, with Wilmette hosting the event.

The theme for the year as stated by R. I. President M.A.T. Caparas was "Rotary Brings Hope". It was a great theme to talk about all year. My Rotary philosophy was stated at every club visit: (1) Let's Have Fun, (2) Let's learn more about Rotary, (3) Let's do something! The goals for the year were:

(1) Achieve a 10% gain in new members. We didn't achieve this goal. Membership was up by 152 members, for a 6.5% increase.

(2) There was an addition of three new clubs in the District. Thanks to the efforts of PDG Dick Budny, as Extension Chairman, and a fine group of Governors Special Reps, we formed four new clubs. The new clubs areas: St. Charles Breakfast Club, Arlington Heights Breakfast Club, Libertyville Sunrise Club and Glen-Lo-Park, an evening club.

(3) Every Club to have a World Community Service Project. This was an ambitious goal that was not achieved. However, great strides were made in increasing interest in W.C.S.; and now, more than half of the clubs in the District either have, or are planning, W.C.S. projects.

(4) Contributions to the Rotary Foundation, of \$100 per member. The contributions to the Rotary Foundation for 1986-87 were \$240,274, of which \$115,182, was non-restricted; \$106,156, was for Polio Plus and \$19,036, was other. Based on a beginning of the year membership of 2,325, we made our goal. The District was awarded with a Presidential Citation for achieving goals. Eleven clubs also won Presidential Awards.

This was the year to get organized for the PolioPlus Campaign. Under the leadership of PDG Edgar Pigg, as Chairman and PDG Bob Brickman, as Vice Chairman, the stellar work of six area coordinators, our clubs increased their fair share commitments from \$791,000, suggested by the Rotary Foundation, to over \$1,500,000. Now the Clubs face the challenge of raising these funds; we know they will be successful in this endeavor. A District Committee (we were one of 15 pilot Districts in the United States) met many times during the year to pursue larger gifts to the Rotary Foundation. Under the leadership of Chairman Chuck Isley, of the Waukegan Club, we know their efforts will be rewarded with some large gifts in the near future.

New emphasis was given to Vocational Service, by the efforts of Emil Hirsch and his committee, in putting together and publishing a Career Search Directory. This Directory is for the use of schools and colleges in District 644 in Vocational Education Projects. We are not aware of any other District undertaking a Rotary/School Vocational Service Project, or Directory of this magnitude.

The District hosted a Fishing Event, a Bowling Tournament and a Golf Outing, during the year.

We were fortunate to be able to host a Group Study Exchange team, of five, from District 180, in northern Germany, during part of March and early April. This exchange came about through the good offices of PDG Edgar Pigg, who arranged it during his year in office. The team was with us during the District Conference.

The District Conference was held at the Abbey, in Fontana, Wisconsin, April 3-5. President M.A.T. Caparas sent his Representative PDG Joseph D. Howard and his wife, from District 517, in California. Under leadership of Dan Covitt, and the members of the host club from Evanston, we had a most successful Conference. Special activities, plenary sessions, speakers, entertainment, Rotary Foundation Scholars, Youth Exchange Students, G.S.E. Team and others contributed to its success. A special raffle, organized by Ben Karlson, of Evanston Club, raised more than \$12,000 for PolioPlus. The winners were named Paul Harris Fellows at the Conference.

The year 1987 will be remembered as the year of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld the California law which prohibits clubs, like Rotary, from excluding women from membership on the basis of their gender. Rotary will change dramatically as we admit female members. Whether we were for, or against, accepting women into membership, we should now accept that fact and go on with what we are about in the first place - serving others.

1987-88 Jack Bakeman, District Governor – *“Rotarians United in Service Dedicated to Peace”*

The Year of PolioPlus - Rotary International President Chuck Keller's theme - Rotarians-United in Service-Dedicated to Peace. Rotarians in District 644 welcomed the ladies into Rotary after the Supreme Court's ruling, May 4, 1987. The club participants at a record-breaking District Assembly, May 11, were about equally divided between those anxious to accept female Rotarians into their midst and those with a "let's wait-and-see" attitude. By the end of the 1987-88 Rotary year, the ladies were firmly entrenched in Rotary Service. Letters of welcome were written to 329 new members, as reported by the club secretaries, for the year - 24% going to the ladies. District membership increased 5.4%, to 2,548, including two new clubs. Barrington Breakfast and Gurnee/Waukegan were chartered at the District Conference. Glenview-Sunrise was provisional. Fellowship abounded. Club Presidents and District officers participated in two tours of RI Headquarters, one to the old building, on Ridge Road, and the second, to the brand new headquarters, at One Rotary Center, Evanston. Many District Rotarians attended the first World Peace Forum, on Rotary's birthday, February 23, at the Secretariat.

Bermuda was the site of the Presidents' Retreat. Presidents and wives enjoyed a relaxing weekend at the Hamilton Princess Hotel along with several District officers and wives - even the weather cooperated. District Fellowship also included the annual Fishing Trip to Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, with PDG Dick Budny, as Chairman; the Bowling Tournament, hosted by North Chicago; the Golf Tournament, hosted by Mount Prospect and Trap Shooting Tournaments, hosted by Richmond. The RI Directors, Foundation Trustees, and their wives were co-hosted at a District 644-645 dinner, in November, with 400 in attendance.

A Rotary Foundation Seminar was held at the Secretariat, September 2, PDG Jack Blane, Chairing. The Rotary Information Seminar was held in February, Chaired by PDG David Benrud. World Community Service Chairman, Joe Kaltwasser, reported 54 WCS projects from 25 clubs. North Chicago and Bartlett received Matching Foundation Special Grants. Wilmette received a continuing 3H Grant for their Ghana project.

Community Service Club Projects were almost innumerable. RI President Keller officiated at Wheaton's dedication of their Handicapped Children's Playground, in August. Seventeen RYLA recipients, from 15 high schools and 13 clubs, made a weekend trip to the Freedom Foundation, in Valley Forge, under the leadership of Hugh Frebault. Jack Lucas and his committee struggled to select only 13 \$1,000 Vocational Scholarships from among a record setting 70 worthy applicants.

The District Conference, at the Abbey, Lake Geneva, saw more than 1,000 participants. PDG T. D. Griley and his wife Dori, from Newark, Ohio, were President Keller's Conference Representatives. President Keller favored the Conference with a special video message just for our District. Not even the imminent threat of a tornado, during dinner on Friday night, dampened the spirit of the Conference.

The Conference spotlighted Rotary Youth. Twenty-four inbound Youth Exchange Students participated at Friday's dinner, as-well-as at Saturday's Y/E Session. The Rotaract Clubs, of Evanston and the newly chartered Elgin Rotaract members were recognized. Both inbound and outbound Foundation Scholars participated, as well as, the GSE Team soon to leave for Germany, with Dick Beal, Rolling Meadows, as Team Leader.

PolioPlus was the extraordinary effort of the year. PDG Edgar Pigg and his hard-working committee of Area Coordinators encouraged clubs to a fair share commitment of \$1,510,000. By year's end, Rotarians, clubs, businesses, and others dedicated to the eradication of polio worldwide, documented \$1.9 million. Worldwide, the \$120 million goal reached \$219 million by the time of the Philadelphia Convention. The largest single corporate gift in the world was received from Baxter Laboratories, in Deerfield, \$250,000, over five years. The Rotary Foundation received \$942,465, in 1987-88, from our District, with \$843,522 restricted to PolioPlus.

1988-89 - Russell H. Granzow, District Governor – *“Put Life Into Rotary - Your Life”*

District Golf Outing, 9/19, at St. Andrews Golf Club. District Fishing Trip was held 9/9-11. Rotary Information Seminar, 10/26, at Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, led by PDG David Benrud. Schaumburg Club roasted Stu Paddock at the Woodfield Hyatt, 9/23.

Gurnee-Waukegan Breakfast Club had chartered dinner, 9/27. Glenview Sunrise Club had charter dinner, 11/2. District 644 and District 645 hosted 160 Soviet leaders from Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. District Governor's Christmas party for Youth Exchange was hosted by Waukegan Club at St. Dimas Catholic Church, with a "sleep-over" at the First United Methodist Church, 12/9. District Conference was held at the Abbey, 4/21-23, with approximately 800 persons in attendance. Group Exchange between Districts 644 and 932, in South Africa, in the spring of 1989. Both teams attended our District Conference.

Presidents' Air/Sea Retreat to Nassau, 1/27-30, provided a happy time for 50 plus Rotarians and wives. Antioch Club hosted the Governor's Walk, 5/21. RYLA had its most successful program with 31 young people going to Valley Forge, PA, 3/9-12. District Assembly held at Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, 5/3. Presidents Elect Training Seminar at Hilldale Country Club, Hoffman Estates, 4/21. Elgin Breakfast Club celebrated their charter night at the District Conference, 4/21.

1990-91 - Robert L. "Bob" Hanson – *“Honor Rotary with Faith & Enthusiasm”*
(Sub-Theme) Save Planet Earth

The 1990-91 Rotary Year in District 644 was a story of successes, initiatives, sharing and caring. Among the years' highlights: After the tornado hit Plainfield, individual Rotarians, as-well-as our Clubs, sent Governor Bob to the Plainfield Rotary Club with checks and cash totaling over \$15,000. In addition, our District sponsored a breakfast, along with "The Kitchens of Sara Lee", for tornado victims and rescue workers, and also, sent a supply of teddy bears to help comfort the youngsters. We entertained our, first ever, mixed gender G.S.E. Team - from Japan. Our mixed gender team was delayed at Japan's request until the fall of 1991.

Wheaton A.M. and Wauconda were added to our District's list of outstanding new Clubs, along with Mt. Prospect A.M. The total, after these three, was 62 clubs. Although we had no specific goal in the Interact area, by the end of the year, we had added two new Interact Clubs. The majority of our Clubs, in line with the "Preserve Planet Earth" theme initiated "Plant-a-Tree" Programs. Capping off this theme, the annual Governors/Presidents' "Walk for the Foundation" was held at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. The District Governor, and many of the Club Presidents, participated in a tree-planting and beautification program for an inner-city school. The presence of Mayor Daley, and the local city council members, brought about TV coverage, both for the politicians and Rotary. President Paulo Costa, the RI Directors, the Rotary Foundation Trustees and 644 members participated in the planting of a "Friendship Tree", in Wilmette Park, from which hung the flags of the countries where Rotary is active.

All of the following had record breaking attendance: Rotary Information Fellowship; Vocational Service Seminar Golf Outing; Rotary Foundation Seminar Bowling Tournament; Mid-Year Presidents Meeting Walk for the Foundation

To supplement our already high level of giving to the Rotary Foundation, two-gallon buckets were distributed to every Club, the slogans "Change for the Better" and "Pennies for Peace" inscribed thereon. Concept was for Rotarians to put their loose change in these buckets at every meeting. The concept worked!! Over \$3,000 in loose change was counted, rolled and donated to Rotary Foundation for the District's account.

PDG Ken Wehrman from Arnold, Nebraska, represented President Costa at our District Conference and managed to tie together the 4-Way Test and Preserve Planet Earth in his keynote address. We began planning for a "District 644 Foundation Alumni Association" comprised of all past Rotary Scholars and G.S.E. Team Members.

"An Evening with Sir Edmund Hillary", the conqueror of Mount Everest, was presented with net proceeds being split between the Hillary Foundation and the Wilmette Rotary Foundation. Annual Presidents' Retreat was staged in Hawk's Cay, Florida, under direction of Rotarian Stan Sherman; another outstanding event, with a record turnout. Rotary Scholar, and film critic, Roger Ebert was the special luncheon speaker at the Rotary International Zone Institute held in our District; all local Rotarians were invited; so many showed up that we ran out of space.

The following NEW Club Awards were instituted in 1990-91:

Best Public Relations effort; Rotary Village Corps Sponsorship; Best Drug Abuse Prevention program; Best Preserve Planet Earth program; Rotary/youth partnership; Interact sponsor; Rotaract sponsor
Governor Bob ended all his club visits (and continues to use) with this: "What you are and what you have are Gods gift to you; what you do with what you are and what you have are your gift back to God."

1991-92 - Hubert J. "Hugh" Frebault, Governor – *"Look Beyond Yourself"*

The first official act in a Rotary year takes place several months before the year begins. The District Governor Nominee must conduct the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). In March 1991, this meeting was held at the Rotary International Headquarters, in Evanston. Spencer Robinson, General Secretary of RI, welcomed the District club Presidents-Elect, other presentations were made by RI staff members and a tour of the facility was included later in the day's events.

April 1991, the 491 Rotary District Governor Nominees convened in Anaheim, California, to attend the International Assembly, an intense eight-day training seminar for the incoming District leaders. The DGNs met the 1991-92 President of Rotary International, Raja Saboo, and learned his theme for the year, "Look Beyond Yourself". Unfortunately, the scheduling of the International Assembly coincided with the District 644 Conference dates, necessitating my absence from the Conference. I had the unusual experience, through the use of videotape, to present the 1991-92 District goals to the District 640 Conference, meeting in Fontana, Wisconsin, while I was in Anaheim, California.

During the Assembly, District Governor Nominees were informed, "all Rotary Districts would be designated by a four-digit number, by adding a zero to the existing District number." On July 1, 1991, the district number became 6440.

At the Assembly, the DGNs of 6420, 6440 and 6450 had been requested to study the possibility of forming a fourth district from the other three. I asked PDG Carl Mulenbruch to chair the District 6440 Study Committee. The committee recommended that the present boundaries of the district not be altered. The three governors involved with redistricting met several times before Rotary International withdrew the tentative plans for a new district.

As the Rotary Year began, District Rotarians were challenged to help meet the District goal of an average contribution of \$75 per member, in general giving to the Rotary Foundation, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Foundation's existence. Sustaining members and Paul Harris members were encouraged to reach the next plateau of giving through the twenty-first Century Club by pledging \$100 per year for ten years. Although our goal was not reached, Rotarians responded to the challenge and \$171,722 was contributed in general giving, without the use of matching corporate funds. This represented the highest amount in this category since the 1985-86 Rotary year. This year RI replaced the reward unit system with the SHARE system in order that Districts will have more program options and all Districts will be able to participate in Foundation Programs.

Four Ambassadorial Scholars were welcomed to our District and four scholars were sent abroad. One additional scholarship was given to a Czechoslovakian student, for study in the USA. The District Rotary Foundation Seminar was held on November 13, with 100 Rotarians representing 41 District clubs. In celebration of the Foundation's 75th Anniversary, a dinner, hosted by two Evanston clubs, two Wilmette clubs and Skokie Club, was held. We welcomed President Saboo and the RI Directors as guests. Functional Literacy, one of the programs which President Saboo stressed for District and club involvement, received attention from clubs and individual Rotarians who became involved in tutoring programs. At the District level, several planning sessions were held with representatives of Districts 6220, 6250, 6270, 6420 and 6450, to hold a Multi-District Literacy Conference, to assist Rotarians in forming an awareness of the problem and to discover the variety of possible programs for clubs to adapt for their own communities. Unfortunately, complications arose, causing cancellation of the program.

On November 15, 1991, the District's oldest club, Waukegan, held a dinner to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. RI Director Rick Kendall was the main speaker and I was honored to give the toast.

District fellowship activities included the annual Golf Outing (St. Charles club), the Bowling Tournament (Mt. Prospect club), the Fishing Trip and Ski Outings. Proceeds, from the Golf Outing totaled \$4,543, which was contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

Over twenty clubs joined with World Community Service Chairman, Kenny DeCamp, in supporting a project in Russia. Children of Chernobyl, through financial support, goods in kind, and hands-on-activities, to acquire and ship hospital equipment.

The second part of the 1990-91 Group Study Exchange visit took place with District 6440 hosting the team from District 2680, from Japan. Rotarian Robert Blumberg, of the Cary-Grove Club, was selected as the GSE Team Leader for the outbound team visit, to District 4370, in Venezuela, during May 1992. The inbound team visited us during April and stayed through the District Conference May 1-3, 1992.

The Youth Exchange Long Term Exchange Program sent 17 young people to other lands and welcomed 22 inbound exchange students. While in the District, students attended a number of District functions, including a Halloween Party (Deerfield), a Christmas Party (Barrington), Ski Outing (Libertyville MA) and the District Conference.

Members of the two Rotaract and six Interact clubs, one newly chartered, combined their efforts in furnishing assistance in the rehabilitation of a small Chicago hotel to apartments, a project in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. In September, a Leadership Workshop, for Interact officers and Committee Chairs was held at RI Headquarters, in Evanston; thirty-three Interactors attended. The Evanston Rotaract Club assisted in hosting a ceremony at RI Headquarters, on March 13, to commemorate World Rotaract Day. President Saboo, and PRIP Royce Abbey, were featured speakers. Rotaracters, also, provided home stays for International Rotaracters visiting the USA, for the Orlando Convention.

The RYLA Program was held, again, this Rotary year, in March on the Campus of the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, PA. Fifty area high school leaders and future leaders were selected to attend. They were sponsored by 30 of the District clubs.

Rotary International honored three Rotarians from the District for their work. PDG Jack Blane received the "Service Above Self" recognition, while PDG Jack Bakeman and Rotarian Joseph Boyd were recipients of the Rotary Foundation's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

PDG Bob Brickman was selected to represent the District at the Council on Legislation at Anaheim, CA. Two meetings were held prior to the Council meeting, one in Highland Park and the second in Glen Ellyn, to gain input from the clubs concerning the proposed legislation-

The District Conference was held at the Oconomowoc Resort in Wisconsin, May 1-3, 1992. PDG Frank Rasbury and Naida, of Ocala, FL, represented President and Usha Saboo. Rotary International Presidential Award honoree for International Service 1991, Rotarian Dr. William E. Sprague, spoke at the Rotary Foundation 75th Anniversary luncheon. Two clubs, Cary-Grove and St. Charles Breakfast, were presented with RI's Significant Achievement Award for meritorious service in Community Service projects. First time events at the Conference included a reception for Ambassadorial Scholars. The SFE teams of Japan and Venezuela visited a Hall of Achievement of club projects and breakout sessions featuring idea exchanges in the Four Avenues of Service.

In the weeks following the Conference, many District Rotarians participated in the Governor's Walk for the Foundation, sponsored by the Cary Grove club; the District Assembly, with RI President Elect Cliff Dochterman as the luncheon speaker, the District Assembly and the International Convention in Orlando, FL.

For the first time in several years, the District showed a growth in membership within existing clubs. Additional membership growth was due to the work of the District Extension Committee, PDGs Russ Granzow and Ralph Helm, resulting in the chartering of two new clubs in the District: Algonquin Lake-in-the-Hills and Lincolnshire. A third provisional club, Woodstock AM, postponed its chartering until July 1, 1992.

It is unfortunate that in writing a synopsis of a Rotary year the names of all District Rotarians and clubs cannot be included. It was because of the efforts and the willingness of the several thousand District Rotarians, to look beyond themselves, that goals were achieved that had not been reached before. The numerous and varied projects both international and in the community, were made possible by service-minded people who gave financially or by hands-on action. Our clubs, our communities and the world's people are better off today because the Rotarians of District 6440 put "Service Above Self".

1992-93 - Richard Beals, District Governor – *“Real Happiness Is Helping Others”*

President Cliff Dochterman selected "REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS" as the Rotary International theme and adopted by District 6440 for the year 1992-93. As I reflect on this year, I am sure "Happiness" was wide spread in District 6440 because of the multitude of service projects at the community, national and international levels. The initial event of club Presidents Elect was a reception and information meeting at the new Motorola Museum. Approximately 1/3 of the Presidents Elect attended and received their President's Training Manual; the remainder of the manuals were distributed personally.

On March 25, the President's Elect Training Seminar was held at the RI Auditorium, in Evanston, with nearly 100% of the President's Elect in attendance. It was hosted by the Arlington Heights Breakfast Club, Tom Mead Chairman. The District Assembly followed this on March 13, at the Holiday Inn, at the Crowne Plaza, in Northbrook. The Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows and Corbitte Henry, Chairman, hosted this event. With Rotary International President-Elect Cliff Dochterman as keynote speaker, a crowd of almost 450 attended. A gala party and dinner at the Avalon Banquets, on June 25, heralded the installation of the new Governor. The Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows was in charge of planning the festivities and Floyd Brown, of the Rotary Club of Elgin, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Shortly after July 1, the furious rounds of Official Governor's Visits, to 66 clubs, began. With only rare exceptions the visits went extremely well and I was warmly received at every club. These visits were the highlight of the year and I was amazed to learn the breadth and scope of the service efforts throughout the District. All visits, with one exception, were completed before Christmas.

Goals for the year presented by the Governor and ratified by the Presidents and Clubs were:

Actively support the theme and goals of Rotary International and President Cliff Dochterman "REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS". Achieve a net membership gain of 10 %, with at least 5% in existing clubs. Organize and charter two new clubs. Support the Rotary Foundation \$180,000 General Giving. Enroll two new planned/ Endowment Foundation givers per club.

Each club to have a project to promote functional literacy. Improve ecology and the environment through "Preserve Planet Earth". Stress Rotary Basics - encourage the involvement of every Rotarian in some aspect of Rotary Service - Club, Community, Vocational or International.

Make the community more knowledgeable of Rotary activities and a partner in service.

Increase attendance at the District Conference by 10% and encourage families to attend.

The goals were generally achieved with the main exception of membership. Despite a determined effort, there was a net loss in members of 15. This occurred even with the chartering of two new clubs, which did achieve the goal of extension. The Rotary Club of Woodstock Morning received its charter on September 26, 1992, and the Rotary Club of Northbrook Early Risers its charter on June 10, 1993.

I would like to point out just a few examples of the many activities that brought "Real Happiness is Helping Others" to life. Every club had many very worthwhile projects.

Woodstock's Christmas Clearing House; Antioch's Auction Fundraiser; Schaumburg's Aids Awareness Program; Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers' Coat-a-Kid Project; Wilmette Harbor's Vocational Workshops; Palatine's Friendship Park; and Libertyville's Service to seniors.

New initiatives this year included district-wide liability insurance coverage. For the first time all clubs and Rotarians were covered by district sponsored liability insurance at a modest cost which saved individual clubs substantial amounts. A Rotary Information Seminar, called the ABCs of Rotary, under the excellent leadership and organization of Karen Kline, was an outstanding success and it has continued in succeeding years. The District responded to an extraordinary appeal by RI President Cliff Dochterman to aid refugees in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, with over \$16,000, from 40 clubs. This, with over \$1.5 million from Rotary Worldwide, was used to supply blankets, food, medicine, etc.

In June 1993, Rotary agreed to undertake a nationwide program, in the USA, to promote the immunization of children. The goal is to have 90% of the children 2 years and under fully protected by 1996. PDG Jack Blane was named as National Chairman of the Rotary International immunization effort.

Service to youth continued at a high level, with 22 clubs involved in youth exchange, sending 14 students outbound and hosting 21 students in our area. Seventeen Vocational Scholarships were awarded through the District program. This was an increase over recent years.

Foundation programs and activities were featured at the Foundation Seminar, on November 18, at the RI Headquarters, under the leadership of Foundation Chairman Joe Boyd. Foundation highlights for the year include:

Annual Giving: A record high of \$210,450, as contributed to the General Fund, for use in scholarships, GSE and Matching Grants. In addition, almost \$204,000 in Restricted Giving was received, making a total of over \$415,000, which was the third highest district amount in the US and Canada, and in the top 25 worldwide. An estimated \$30,000 was raised for the Foundation by the annual "Governor's Walk", on June 13. This year, the theme was "Take a Walk with Dick & Jane". The Rotary Club of Palatine hosted it. Group Study Exchange: We were happy to host the visit of the GSE Team from District 2350, of Sweden, April 3-May 6. Then, from April 16-May 17, our team, under the leadership of Jim Runnfeldt, returned the visit to Sweden. The interest in GSE continues to run strong. Ambassadorial Scholarships: Eight scholars from Japan, China and England pursued their studies in our District under Rotary Scholarships. From 6440, three ladies and two men were selected to receive scholarships, valued at approximately \$20,000 each, to study abroad. Matching Grants: Demand for Matching Grants increased markedly with nine grants being approved and four additional grants committed for a total of almost \$25,000 of District "Share" funds. Typical fellowship events were held, including Golf. Bowling and Fishing; all were well attended and provided a great opportunity for fellowship together.

The annual celebration of the Rotary year, the District Conference, was held at The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin, on Lake Geneva. About 770 Rotarians, spouses, children and guests enjoyed a country western motif and entertainment. PDG Frank and Eileen Totino were superb representatives of RI President Cliff Dochterman. Other outstanding speakers were Foundation Trustee William Sergeant, at the Paul Harris luncheon and Rick Jakle, at the Saturday Luncheon. Among the numerous awards presented was the prestigious "Service Above Self" award to PDG Bob Brickman. The Palatine Club was named the overall Achievement Award winner, for 1992-93. The Woodstock Club earned the "Significant Achievement" award and 43 clubs received the RI Presidential Citation. The Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows served as host club for the Conference and several other clubs assisted General Chairman Dave Mengler in his superb planning and execution of the District Conference.

The curtain came down ending another Rotary year at the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. In a new event at the convention called "The Rotary Challenge", the team from District 6440 achieved the semi-finals. This consisted of answering questions about Rotary information and history. Our team was composed of Karen Kline, Jim Kline, Frank Schwermin and DG Beals. An estimated 65 Rotarians and guests represented District 6440 at this outstanding convention.

In sum total, a very productive and satisfying Rotary year, clearly demonstrating that "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

1994-95 - Galen M. Jarvis, District Governor – “*Be a Friend*”

The 1994-95 Rotary year in District 6440 can be described as a year of CHALLENGE ... the challenge to both maintain and increase the level of excellence attained by my predecessors, as the district has grown and prospered. The agenda for the year was complete and dynamic. Among the events and activities that comprise the year, it was decided to focus on motivating the District leadership, namely District Chairmen and Club Presidents, to implement basic meeting procedures.

The kick-off occurred on March 5, with a PRE-PETS reception held in the Presidential Suite of the Arlington Park Hilton. The turnout of Presidents-Elect was excellent; fellowship and friendship prevailed. The spousal attendance provided an ideal opportunity for their involvement in the coming year. This event served as the prototype for future meetings throughout the year... lively, informative and upscale. The hotel was chosen as the "official" site for District meetings because of its central location and abundance of meeting facilities.

The PETS followed on March 30, with all but a handful of Presidents-Elect in attendance. As usual, the PDGs did a masterful job as discussion leaders. The introduction of a raffle of cases of wine served as a deterrent to late duck out's. The Governor's Group Representatives were invited and monitored the sessions. A special effort was made to cultivate the assistance of the GGR's by extending more responsibilities to them as conduits in the communications process from Governor to Clubs. They got together on a regular basis, during the year, for breakfast and provided valuable input.

The District Assembly was held May 18. Hosted by the Northbrook Rotary Club, it featured an extensive array of learning sessions and the novelty of lunching in a colorful circus tent. The guest speaker at lunch, PRI VP Bob Cerwin, did an outstanding job of putting Rotary into a motivational context that inspired all in attendance. Turnout for the assembly was in excess of 400. The raffle was again utilized, with wine as the pay out, and served its purpose.

The happening to remember was the District Installation Affair, a joint one with the Northbrook Club. July 6 was the date and Ivanhoe Country Club the venue. Attendance was just under 200 who were treated to an elegant experience with representation from across the District. Among the highlights were the making of 24 Paul Harris Fellows and an outstanding musical program. Ron Christensen truly outdid himself as Chairman of the event.

At this juncture, club visitations took center stage. Notwithstanding the receptions received by each club, one could only marvel at the talent and dedication that prevails throughout 6440. The theme of the Governor's message was to call attention to why individuals join and stay members of Rotary. This led into the era of President Bill Huntley, "Be a Friend". These thoughts were followed by the presentation of a video that was made to showcase the goings on at a District Conference. The intent was to try and increase both awareness and attendance, stressing the fun and fellowship aspects, as well as the informational ones ... with strong emphasis on the family aspects.

In the interim, the ABCs of Rotary were held on August 5, at the Secretariat, under the capable auspices of DGE Karen Kline and her committee. The Rotary Foundation Seminar on November 15, also, took place at RI with Joe Boyd officiating. Both meetings were well attended. President Bill joined the group for lunch at the latter affair.

January 27-30 was the dates of the Presidents/District Retreat, held in Tucson, at the Doubletree Resort. A long weekend of fun in the sun, outstanding golf and an unforgettable experience of being hosted for a reception, by members of the Rotary Club of Tucson, on the evening of arrival, was enjoyed by the District leadership and spouses in attendance. Super Bowl Sunday was ushered in with a pizza party.

Without question, the District Conference was the main event of the year, Location was The Abbey on Lake Geneva, Fontana, Wisconsin, between March 31-April 2. In an effort to maximize attendance, prices remained the same, as last year's even though the mail service, entertainment and presentation was considerably upscale.

Special emphasis was placed upon interesting and informative programs, with the highlight being the "Information Highway", presented at the Saturday AM Plenary Session. The format was a talk show setting (replete with couches and lamps) in an informal style. There were five panelists who discussed a variety of current topics focused on some of the dilemmas facing Rotary. An Ambassadorial Scholar from Australia, Anita Savage, hosted the show. She did a marvelous job of moderating. It was PDG Dick Budny who conceived this presentation and followed through with it.

PRI Director, Bill Ives, was the Presidents Representative assigned to the Conference and his remarks, on Saturday night, moved all in attendance. Stressing what must be done and what the current state of the organization is, was most stirring. The speakers at the Paul Harris Lunch, Riley and Pertle, gave a visual presentation of their experiences flying around the world in a single-engine Cherokee aircraft. The luncheon "headliner", on Saturday, was NFL referee, Jerry Markbreit, who dazzled all with his tales from the gridiron. The spouse program on Saturday AM featured Trudi Temple, the founder of Market Days. The Friday night entertainment was a Broadway Musical Review, with the "Opening Night" entourage, whose selections brought back fond memories...

The international aspects of the Conference were impressive to all. With both the Inbound and Outbound GSE Teams to the UK relating their experiences, as with the Ambassadorial Scholars and the Youth Exchange contingent, one had to get the feeling that this is what Rotary is all about.

A total of 595 attended the Conference. It bears mention that this was the first Conference to accept credit cards for payment of services. A commuter program was attempted, scheduling buses to accommodate the district with transportation to the Abbey and return. In all, it is still being talked about.

The concluding event of the year was the RI Convention, June 11- 14, in Nice, France. Over 100 Rotarians and families represented our District, an excellent turnout by any standards. Contributing to this was the fact that the District blocked 27 rooms, on a group basis, with RI and marketed these on a first-come, first-served basis. One of the high points of the Convention was a gala reception for the 6440 contingent at the Abela Hotel, on Saturday evening, June 10. Seventy-five "RSVP" were received for the affair. It was Stan Sherman who was responsible for the festivities.

In addition to the aforementioned major activities that comprised the 1994-95 Rotary year, no overview would be complete without documenting the following "happenings": (A) District membership increased in excess of 1%. (B) The Long Grove Rotary Club was chartered, on November 1. (C) The Foundation goal of \$200,000 was attained. (D) A check for \$8,000, raised within the District, was presented to a representative of the Rotary Club of Kobe, Japan, to assist in the recovery of the city from the earthquake catastrophe. (E) 42 Clubs sponsored 72 Vocational Scholarship applications, with 19 scholarships being awarded. (F) 51 students attended the RYLA weekend in March, at the Freedom Foundation, in Valley Forge, sponsored by 26 clubs in the district. (G) Continued emphasis was placed on the District's Electronic Bulletin Board, accessible to any Rotarian who has a computer and modem. Directly related to this is the Telephone HOTLINE that is maintained by the District, also promoted. (H) District communications being enhanced by a Governor's Newsletter, that was both timely and topical, Ken Hein, Editor. (I) Friendship Exchange with the UK that was very successful, with plaudits to the Palatine Club. (J) Although there was no formal District Vocational Seminar held, District Chairman, Don Dvorak (Wilmette) created a concept known as the "Career Assistance Team" (CAT). Its purpose was to assist as a result of downsizing, etc. Modus operandi for this project is the recruitment of Rotarians on the basis of vocation to interact with the "victims", offering both support and suggestions for possible placement. A roster of participants was organized and six clubs from the District were earmarked as participating in the pilot program. The idea was both timely and well received. Counseling could offer new vistas and hope for them.

It goes without saying that the guidance and input of my predecessors, the District Leadership, was invaluable and sincerely appreciated. It can be said, without reservation, that the "HOME" District is not just 'alive and well', but thriving through the efforts of many dedicated Rotarians. It was an honor and a privilege to serve them.

1995 – 96 – Mimi Altman, District Governor -
“Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace”

1996 – 97 – Karen Kline, District Governor –
“Build the Future With Actions and Visions”

1997 - 98 - Les W. Sommers, District Governor – *“Show Rotary Cares”*

Rotary International President Glen W. Kinross chose as his theme “Show Rotary Cares”.

We put this theme in action with five action goals

1. Literary plus was a primary goal and many clubs in the district joined the effort to increase the literary rates in their communities.
2. Continued support of the Rotary Foundation resulted in the raising of over \$200,000.
3. Membership in the district increased in 1987-98.
4. Under the leadership of P.D.G. Galen Jarvis over 700 individuals signed up to be organ donors.

5. Rotary Youth Exchange continued to grow in 1997-98.

In 1997 our district was approached by Rotary International to help raise funds that would cover one year's expense for the complete care of Lois Fermin, the little boy who is the last known indigenous polio victim of the wild virus in the Americas. I asked Gordon Schrubbe to raise \$12,000 to cover these costs. P.D.G. Schrubbe continues to raise funds for the support and education of Lois Fermin. In addition to providing funds for the Rotary Foundation, the support of Lois Fermin, we also provide \$10,000 for the Polio Plus Program in Togo. We had a very successful Group Study Exchange with District 2420 from Turkey. Kent Hinkson of the Libertyville Sunrise Club led our Term.

Our District Conference was held at the Abbey in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and our theme was "Showboat Weekend." President Kinross's representative was Mr. Cheng-Dai—Kim from Pusan, Korea. Sixty-five of the Districts seventy clubs were represented with a total attendance of 645.

I felt that 1997-98 was a great year for our district which has been blessed with outstanding leadership

1998 - 99 – Anthony J. Tolbert, District Governor – *"Follow Your Rotary Dream"*

The District had a great year with James L. Lacy as President of Rotary International. Membership ended the year just about where it started at a little over 2800. There was one new club added to the District. The Illinois Beach Sunrise was chartered on March 31, 1999, with Bob Grulke as its President. The Niles-Morton Grove Club returned their charter with 12 of their 14 members joining the Skokie Valley Club.

With eradication of polio being a major emphasis, our District collected money to purchase bicycles for Togo, Africa. In carrying out the National Days of Immunization the country needed bikes to carry the people into the inner parts of the country. There were very few roads and thus bicycles were the preferred method of travel. The bike's cost was \$66.00 each and our District contributed 500, which was matched by Rotary International. We gave a total of 1,000 bikes to Togo.

A catastrophe occurred in Central America during the year. Heavy rain and flooding occurred in Honduras and Guatemala. Our District made a special collection. We raised over \$50,000 for relief through the Rotary Clubs in that area. We also received a gift of two trailer loads of baby food that was given by Gerber Baby Food Company. We paid for the transportation to get the food to the countries.

The Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation was excellent. We raised \$237,000. One member in the District gave \$25,000 to be matched. The District came through and matched the dollars thus exceeding our goal of \$225,000.

The District had the usual golf outing, bowling tournament, District Assembly and PETS and the clubs had a number of great fundraisers.

Our major event was the District Conference. For the first time in 27 years we brought it back to the District. The Lincolnshire Marriott was the location in Lincolnshire. The registration attendance was 1002. This was the first time we exceeded the one thousand mark in many years. The programs featured Andrew Lackey, columnist for the Chicago Tribune, and Henry Hyde, representative to the U.S. Congress. The weekend was great and chairmen Joe Dickerson, Howard Frimark and Ray Carlsen and the entire Park Ridge Club had much to be proud of.

1999 - 00 - Bob Williams, District Governor – *“Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity.”*

The War Against Polio: Rotary International President Carlo Ravizza’s message - “Rotarians, your goal is to eradicate polio and certify the fact. In doing so, you will be expected to set the standards by which Rotarians who follow you will be judged”. Captain Carlo ‘s message was clear-cut, concise and understood. Your Governor’s job was to deliver that message to the membership.

As the Rotarians who were expected to “set the standards . . .” the burning question was – Where do we start? The answer was to be found among the inspired membership of the district. The Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, Club Officers, District Chairs, and Members at Large rallied behind Governor Bob with their guidance and encouragement to provide a year of World-Class performance.

The first step taken was to establish a District wide club contribution campaign to purchase (5) Polio Surveillance Systems for our Polio Plus Partner, District 9100 West Africa (a polio hot spot). Surveillance Systems are required to track and destroy the Polio virus. As a result of the tireless effort of our membership, we were able to meet and exceed our goal, providing or completing a total of (10) Surveillance Systems. Every club in the District contributed to this project and each received the first ever - Polio Plus Partners, 100% Club - award.

It was my hope that I would be able to attend the Presidential Conference in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, West Africa, meet our Polio Plus Partner, Governor Adotei Brown, D-9100, view the operation of our Surveillance systems and participate in the International Immunization Days (NIDS). Unfortunately, the Presidential Conference was canceled due to civil unrest in the area. This situation did not deter our plans to meet; Governor Brown and I worked out the details to present him as the keynote speaker at our District Conference 2000 in April. The conference was a huge success and earned District 6440 “The Rotary 2000 District Conference Award”. Best of all, our membership had the opportunity to meet our Polio Plus Partner – up close and personal. For two consecutive years following that event, District 6440 sent (NIDS) teams to West Africa to immunize kids against polio. I was honored to lead those teams and can say that it was truly, a life changing experience. We are now closer than we have ever been to eradicating the most vicious killer of children known to man.

The District Leadership Plan, utilizing the Rotary knowledge and energy of an (8) member Board of Advisors and (15) Assistant Governors to support and enhance the governor’s decision making and communication with (70) Club Presidents and the general membership and subscribing to the theory that an informed Rotarian is a better Rotarian; training sessions for all Rotarians included:

1. PRE-PETS 1/9/99
2. Assistant Governor Training 3/18/99
3. PETS 3/20/99
4. District Assembly and Expo 5/22/99
5. The ABC’s of Rotary 8/26/99
6. Zone Institute 9/15/99
7. Avenues of Service Workshop 10/28/99
8. Foundation Seminar 11/17/99

9. International Assembly 2/4/00
10. The Millennium District Conference 4/28/00
11. International Convention (Buenos Aires) 6/4/00

Extension, Membership and Retention efforts were strong in the District. With the Chartering of the Huntley Club, we grew to (71) clubs and approached a total membership of 3,000.

Other world-class highlights of the year included: Awarding (10) major donor recognitions for a total of 33; awarding at least (12) benefactors for a total of more than 100; awarding the first Bequest Society awards for a total of more than 10; awarding a George R. Means scholarship (Scotland); a successful Group Study Exchange with Poland; sponsoring five 1999-2000 Ambassadorial Scholars; hosting Ambassadorial Scholars from Taiwan, Japan, and Germany; hosting the fourth annual Link weekend in Evanston; thirty inbound and outbound students participating in the International Youth Exchange Program with (28) clubs sponsoring; organizing (2) new Interact clubs for a total of 25; reorganizing the Short Term Youth Exchange Program; organizing the “Midwest Rotary Districts, Gift of Life Program;” 120 young leaders attending our RYLA weekend; endowment and implementation of the Blane National Immunization Program; Jack Blane selected as District 6440 representative to the Council on Legislation, 2001; submitting a Proposal to the Council on Legislation for a 5th Avenue of Service; Literacy; awarding (224) Paul Harris Fellows including sustaining members, with a potential of (400) new Paul Harris Fellows providing more than \$250,000 in Paul Harris credits to match annual foundation giving. (District 6440, PHF Credit Bank); earning- The Rotary 2000 District Conference Award; contributions totaling more than \$180,000 from (70) clubs for our Polio Plus Partners in Districts 9100, 9110-9140, West Africa; meeting the Polio Plus Partners Matching Grant Challenge (same project). 100% of our (70) clubs contributed to the Polio Plus Partners Matching Grant for a total of more than \$360,000; awarding all clubs (70) in the District the – Polio Plus Partners, 100% Club – patch.

Meeting the Matching Grant Challenge (various projects) for a total of more than \$590,000.

Exceeding the \$6 million mark in total, all time Rotary Foundation giving in the district; annual Foundation Giving of more than \$293,000; total Foundation Giving to date, of more than \$750,000;

My hope is that every Governor following me will dedicate a major part of his or her year to continue to battle polio until the war has been won. Only time will tell. Do not forget the personal inspirational messages we have received from our Rotary World Leaders.

“Your goal is to eradicate polio and certify the fact. You will be expected to set the standards by which Rotarians who follow you will be judged”.

2000 - 01- Gordon Schrubbe, District Governor -
“In Our Club ... In Our Community ... In Our World”

2001 – 02 – James A. Wolter, District Governor –
“Mankind is Our Business”

2002 - 03 – Terry M. Mueller, District Governor – *“Sow the Seeds of Love”*

Rotary year 2002-2003 was led by Bhichai Rattakul from Bangkok, Thailand. The theme selected by President Rattakul was “SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE,” which permeated a year of tremendous successes. President Rattakul’s gentle, professional demeanor and his theme moved Rotary to a new level of service and caring for others.

PETS I was held January 19, 2002, at The Loft in Mount Prospect. Presidents-elect received their President’s Training Manuals along with calendars for the upcoming year. Approximately 55 presidents-elect attended with their spouses, assistant governors and leadership team members.

The first combination PETS II and District Assembly was held at the Arlington Heights Sheraton in March. On March 8, 2002, the presidents’ training was skillfully undertaken by Bob Keller (RC of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates) and Sam Salahi (RC of Wheaton). PRIVP Bob Brickman, keynote speaker, ended the session with a moving address on leadership. Presidents-elect, spouses and children then gathered for an evening of pizza and fellowship. The District Assembly under the direction of PDG Gordon Schrubbe followed on March 9, 2002. Over 250 club officers and directors enjoyed informative training sessions.

The Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers hosted the governor’s installation dinner June 29, 2002, at Boulder Ridge Country Club. Master of ceremonies for the festivities was Past Dawnbreaker President Don Devine with PRIVP Bob Brickman performing the governor’s installation. Official club visits started on July 9, 2002. The most rewarding part of this rotary year was meeting so many of the dedicated Rotarians in District 6440 and hearing about their clubs’ community and international projects. All 70 clubs visits were completed by November 21, 2002.

The main emphases adopted for the year were the Polio Eradication Fund Raising Campaign, strengthening clubs by working with a “bottom up” approach, increasing membership, promoting direct participation in service, and recommitting to Rotarian ideals of high ethical standards and community leadership. The successes achieved were beyond all expectations. District 6440 was a leader in the Rotary world, pledging and collecting approximately \$1.2 million for PEFC. Our district received the membership and development award for Zones 27 & 28 for achieving its membership goal. Two new clubs were chartered, the RC of South Barrington and the RC of Glenview Sunset. We also received a district Presidential Citation Award from President Rattakul for the high percentage of clubs that obtained their presidential citations.

Several seminars were held throughout the year including the ABCs of Rotary in August, hosted by the RC of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers and chaired by Roger Main. A district literacy event took place in September at the Indian Trails Public Library in Wheeling. In November, Rotarians from Districts 6440 and 6420 attended a membership seminar held at Judson College. November was also the month for The Foundation Seminar which featured PRIP Raja Saboo as the keynote speaker. District-wide fellowship events included golf (RC of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates) and bowling outings (RC of Glen Lo Park).

Youth programs continued to be very popular within the district. Twenty-eight inbound exchanges students were hosted while 14 students were sent to other countries. Participation in the RYLA program increased dramatically under the leadership of Sean Nelson (RC of Wheaton). Over 150 students attended one of two leadership weekend training camps in Troy, Wisconsin.

On September 21, 2002, the RC of Highland Park celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Highland Park Country Club. Rotary International Director Jerry Meigs was the keynote speaker. Due to cutbacks from The Rotary Foundation Trustees, District 6440 only had an outbound GSE team. The team lead by Ron Lemme (RC of Wheaton) took a group of four to District 1390 in Finland. They departed March 15, 2003, and returned April 16, 2003. Unfortunately, the team was in Finland during our district conference. With modern technology and a whole lot of luck, Dave Waring (RC of Barrington Breakfast) set up live video feed giving several hundred Rotarians attending the district conference the opportunity to talk to Ron and his team halfway around the world. Five Ambassadorial Scholars were selected to study abroad (two academic, two six month cultural and one three month cultural). Two inbound scholars were hosted by the district to study at Northwestern University and ESL Language School.

Thirteen matching grants were awarded by The Rotary Foundation to clubs in District 6440. Three additional grants were pending at the end of the year. A \$10,000 New Opportunities Grant was given to the RC of Illinois Beach Sunrise for a project in Africa. CAP (Community Assistance Program) grants were again a popular program with all \$10,000 available being used by clubs in the district.

With the focus on PEFC, there was much concern that annual giving to The Rotary Foundation would suffer. The goal established at the governors' international training session for District 6440 was \$250,000. As of May 2003, only \$138,000 had been collected, giving this district governor a few more gray hairs. But in true last-minute Rotarian fashion, \$275,388, or 110% of our goal, was collected for the Annual Program Fund. The total amount raised including APF, restricted giving and the Permanent Fund was \$1,081,314.

April 3-6, 2003, took us to The Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin for the annual district conference. Based on President Rattakul's international theme of Sow the Seeds of Love, the conference theme of Harvest the Rewards gave all clubs and Rotarians a reason to celebrate. PDG Peggy and Merrill Peter were President Rattakul's very popular and charismatic representatives. Keynote speakers were former GSE leader Rotarian Marilyn Fitzgerald and renowned author Alan Steinberg, contributor to The Rotarian Magazine. At the Saturday night gala, PDG Gordon Schrubbe was awarded the Service Above Self award for his participation in many medical missions to Peru. The RC of Dundee Township received the Outstanding Four Avenues of Service award. A new award, the Governor's award, was given to three clubs that went the extra mile to improve their clubs. Because of their renewed commitment to Rotary the Rotary Clubs of Deerfield, Wauconda and West Chicago were all honored with the award. Attendees numbered 800, representing sixty-six clubs.

On a sad note, my successor, DGE Robert Friedman passed away several months before his term began. He was a dedicated Rotarian who put a great deal of effort into preparing for his year. Bob was looking forward to leading District 6440 to a higher level.

The year ended in Brisbane, Australia at the International Convention where it was announced that Rotarians worldwide had raised \$88,557,000 for polio eradication.

I can sum up my year as governor as fun, fulfilling and productive. It was truly a gift. I thank all of the Rotarians in District 6440 for putting "Service Above Self" and making District 6440, its communities and the world a better place.

2003 - 04 – Anthony J. Tolbert, District Governor – *"Lend a Hand"*

The year was a very unusual one for the District. Jonathan B. Majiyagbe was President of Rotary International for the year. The nominating committee elected Robert (Bob) S. Friedman as District Governor from the Northbrook Club. Robert attended the Governor Training Session in Anaheim, California and our District Conference. He had prepared himself and his committees for the coming year. On April 29, 2003 Robert passed away. A funeral was held three days later, which was attended not only by family and friends, but also by hundreds of Rotarians in and out of our District.

The Past District Governors of District 6440 met three days after the funeral to choose a new District Governor, which is the procedure in our District. PDG Jack Blane convened the meeting at his home. After reviewing the options it was agreed that it would be better to have a PDG take on the responsibility for the year. Anthony J. (Tony) Tolbert III stepped forward and said he would accept the position if the PDGs agreed to give their help. Those PDGs present agreed and Tony was unanimously elected.

The year was a great year in spite of the change in leadership at such a late date. The District Governor asked all those who were on the Friedman team to stay on and fulfill their assignments for the year. Only two left the team from over 75 Rotarians.

The polio campaign was in the second year of a three-year program. Our District had pledged over one million dollars to polio and thus many clubs were paying down their debt during the year. These payments did not affect the Annual Giving for The Rotary Foundation. The District set a new record of \$313,000 which came to over \$112 average per member. The giving per member also was a new record for the District. The Group Study Exchange was with Finland. It was a great team and wonderful fellowship accrued during their four-week stay. The golf outing, bowling tournament, PETS and District Assembly went without a hitch. The clubs, as usual, held their fundraisers and served their communities well. Many clubs set new records.

"Celebrating At Home" was the theme for the District Conference as the District Governor again returned to the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Past General Secretary of Rotary International Herbert A. Pigman keynoted the Paul Harris Luncheon. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and the Jesse White Tumblers headlined the Saturday night Gala Dinner. It was a rocking evening. The following morning Thomas McDermott and his Dixieland Band sounded for the ecumenical service followed by a very inspirational message by Rotarian Dr. Paris Donehoo. It truly was a wonderful weekend.

The District added one club on the final day of the Rotary year June 30, 2004. The Lake in the Hills Rotary Club was chartered with Gerald Sagona as President. We lost one club during the year as Glen Lo Park returned its charter. Its eight members joined other Rotary clubs in the District. The membership during the year increased to about 2850 from 2800.

This was a very unusual year but a very active one with great spirit. Members stepped up big time. The Northbrook Club, of which Bob Friedman was a member, worked through their disappointment and grief and led the District in Rotary Foundation Annual Giving.

The District came together in a way that can only happen when there is a loss. The spirit was great, cooperation reached a new level, and many records were set both by the District and the clubs within District 6440.

2004 - 05 – Don Redmond, District Governor - Rotary's Centennial Year "*Celebrate Rotary*"

The beginning of this Rotary year July 1, 2004 brought very mixed feelings for many people the new District Governor included. My year as District Governor can best be described as a roller coaster ride – rich with thrills, excitement, ups and downs. I personally experienced the true spirit of Rotarians worldwide during a year that can only be described as incredible.

Major medical events that I experienced throughout 2004-2005 brought forth a level of fellowship and dedication from other Rotarians that literally changed my life. The odyssey began in June of 2004 when I was hospitalized, and underwent heart bypass surgery. My installation as Governor was delayed while I recovered from the surgery, but the district leadership never skipped a beat. With the support of my home club, Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates, Assistant Governors and indeed, the entire district, were a major source of strength for my family and me. Rotarians stepping up, displaying *service above self* was not a slogan, but part of my life. I have always been proud to be a Rotarian, but this personal experience brought the pride to a whole new level. And it kept getting better!

Although I had several more weeks before my complete recovery, I was discharged from the hospital on July 1. I had a very special function to attend. My daughter Sheri, who had grown up deeply involved in our family's Rotary life, was about to become the Centennial Charter President of a new Rotary club in Yorkville, Illinois, District 6420. As the new Centennial District Governor, I had the honor to help present the new club charter to Sheri and her club. It was an unforgettable night, and proof positive that my heart was strong and ready to take on the rigors of District Governor. July 19, 2004 brought a celebration and recognition of two of our founding fathers, Paul Harris and Sylvester Scheile, both of whom are buried next to each other in the south of Chicago. The Centennial Rotary International President Glen Estess and the two Centennial Governors from D6440 and D6450 did this recognition.

My installation as District Governor was yet another incredibly emotional evening. My dear friend and mentor, PDG Russ Granzow (the first District Governor from the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates club), attended my installation dinner, and his presence was an inspiration not only to me, but also to everyone in attendance. Although Russ has not been well physically in recent years, his mind is still razor sharp, and I've leaned on him for guidance throughout our many years together in rotary. His help during my year as DG was unparalleled. I can never thank him enough.

My installation done and recovery complete, I began the gratifying journey of club visits.

The enthusiasm, energy, and devotion to Rotary and its ideals radiated throughout our District. One club after another warmly welcomed me, and their boards shared their vision for the upcoming Rotary Year. My brief talks could never match the inspiration these clubs gave me. If you haven't made up lately, be sure and take the time to do it. Our district is overflowing with fine people dedicated to Rotary.

In August and September of 2004 a number of major hurricanes struck in the Caribbean and the state of Florida. The Rotarians of District 6440 immediately opened their hearts and wallets to the affected areas. Their generosity was overwhelming. Many sent funds directly to Florida Rotary Clubs and other organizations, while others sent funds to District 6440 for hurricane relief to be determined by the District Governor.

This outpouring of love and caring from the Rotarians of 6440 made it possible for the District to donate \$10,000 which helped build water wells in Haiti – an area that was particularly devastated by the storms. District 6440 provided fresh water to over 2,000 people with new wells being drilled.

December of 2004 brought another natural disaster of monumental proportions when a Tsunami struck India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other countries in the region killing tens of thousands of people. Again the outpouring of love and caring came from the Rotarians of District 6440. Many clubs and individuals started projects and sent money to the Rotarians of the area. District 6440 contributed \$10,000 of DDF money through Rotary International to the relief effort.

February of 2005 brought another health issue to me. While on vacation on the beautiful island of St. Martin with my wife Nancy, I became deathly ill with Legionnaires Disease. The local hospital was not equipped to provide adequate care for me, and I had to be brought back to the United States by Air Ambulance.

The Rotarians of the Rotary Club of St. Martin Norde helped Nancy and me through this incredibly difficult time. Without their help, I'm not sure I would have even survived the ordeal. For Nancy, stranded on an island, with a desperately sick husband, the Rotarians that rallied around her are people we shall never forget. We have developed a life long friendship with many Rotarians from St. Martin. Their spirit of friendship was a source of inspiration throughout my recovery. Once again, I was more proud than ever to be a Rotarian. Our District Conference in early April was an overwhelming success. The RI President's Representative to our conference, RI Director-elect Jerry Hall and his wife Tasha, were a marvelous choice. They represented President Glen Estess with great dignity and ability. The Plenary sessions were lively and well attended, and the food, fun and fellowship were outstanding.

The exchange students put on an unforgettable show during our International Friday night dinner, and the U.S. Navy band and their patriotic music inspired us all during our salute to America Saturday night. The Rotarians of District 6440 surprised me at our Saturday night dinner with a presentation of \$10,000 to benefit the hospital that struggled to care for me in St. Martin. I was deeply gratified by the gesture, and once again so very proud to be a Rotarian.

With the world Headquarters of Rotary International located in Evanston, Chicago was the obvious choice for Rotary International's Centennial Convention in 2005. Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in the city where it all began was an awesome task. Being one of the Host Districts required a lot of effort by District 6440 Rotarians.

Again they did a fantastic job working with the other Districts in our area. Over 42,000 Rotarians from around the world were fed, housed and entertained by the Rotarians of the Host Organization Committee, and the many clubs in these six Host Districts, 6440, 6450, 6270, 6460, 6540, 6220.

This, Rotary's Centennial Year was really quite remarkable. All that happened shows just how strong and what a great organization Rotary is. With the natural disasters and the outpouring of money and support to the victims this District has shown the true meaning of Service. We awarded 8 Ambassadorial Scholarships, 25 Vocational Scholarships and contributed to many international and local humanitarian projects. Many Clubs in the District awarded their own local scholarships exceeding \$100,000,

The Rotarians in our District contributed \$362,000 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Three clubs attained 100% Paul Harris recognition and one club attained 100% multiple Paul Harris status. It was yet another record setting year for the Rotarians of District 6440 "The Home District." 72 active and enthusiastic Rotary Clubs with 2,800+ Rotarians did it all!

On a personal level, this was the most rewarding year of my life.

"THANK YOU ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 6440"

2005 - 06 –Tadashi Enami, District Governor – “
Service Above Self”

District Conferences

March 22-23, 1960

Northwestern University, Evanston

April 27-28, 1965

Illinois Beach Lodge, Waukegan

April 26-27, 1966

Holiday Inn, Dolton

April 4-5, 1967

Henrici's O'Hare, Rosemont

March 29-30, 1968

Conrad Hilton, Chicago

March 25-26, 1969

Marriott Motor Hotel, Chicago

April 7-8, 1970

Arlington Park Towers, Arl. Heights

April 14-15, 1971

Arlington Park Towers, Arl. Heights

April 21-23, 1972

Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, WI

March 20-April 1, 1972

Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, WI

March 29-31, 1974

The Wagon Wheel, Rockton

April 4-6, 1975

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

March 26-28, 1976

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 22-24, 1977

Olympia Princess, Oconomowoc, WI

April 14-16, 1978

Olympia Princess, Oconomowoc, WI

May 4-6, 1979

Olympia Princess, Oconomowoc, WI

April 25-27, 1980

Olympia Princess, Oconomowoc, WI

April 3-5, 1981

Olympia Princess, Oconomowoc, WI

March 26-28, 1982

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 8-10, 1983

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

March 31-April 1, 1984

Americana Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

April 19-21, 1985

Americana Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

April 11-13, 1986

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 7-10, 1987

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 22-24, 1988

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 21-23, 1989

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 19-21, 1990

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 12-14, 1991

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

May 1-3, 1992

Oconomowoc Resort, WI

April 40-May 2, 1993

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 29-May 1, 1994

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

March 31 -April 2, 1995

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 18-21, 1996

Grand Geneva, WI

April 18-20, 1997

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 17-19, 1998

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 23-25, 1999

Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort

April 28-30, 2000

Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale

April 20-22, 2001

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

May 2-5, 2002

Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, WI

April 4-6, 2003

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

April 23-25, 2004

Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort

April 8-10, 2005

Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg

April 28-30, 2006

Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort

District Assemblies

June 17, 1965

North Central College, Naperville

June 27, 1966

Leaning Tower YMCA, Niles

June 21, 1967

Elmhurst College, Elmhurst

June 19, 1968

Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park

June 18, 1969

Arlington Carousel, Arlington Heights

June 10, 1970

Arlington Park Towers, Arlington Heights

June 16, 1971

Oak Lawn High School, Oak Lawn

May 16-17, 1972

Sheraton Oakbrook, Oakbrook

April 25, 1973

Lancer's, Schaumburg

May 1, 1974

Holiday Inn, Gurnee

May 7, 1975

Chateau Louise, Dundee

April 28, 1976

Holiday Inn, Mundelein

May 18, 1977

Northwestern University, Evanston

June 14, 1978

Palatine High School, Palatine

May 24, 1979

Harper College, Palatine

May 13, 1980

Holiday Inn, Mundelein

April 21, 1981

Harper College, Palatine

May 12, 1982

College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn

May 6, 1983

Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights

May 2, 1984

Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights

May 11, 1985

Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights

May 14, 1986

Norris Center, Northwestern U, Evanston

May 13, 1987

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

May 11, 1988

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

May 3, 1989

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

May 12, 1990

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

May 8, 1991

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

May 13, 1992

Holiday Inn, Northbrook

May 12, 1993

Northbrook

May 18, 1994

Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights

April 21, 1995

Sheraton, North Shore

District Institutes

Aug. 12, 1959 LaGrange

Nov. 7, 1975 Chateau Louise, Dundee

Nov. 3, 1976 Holiday Inn, Mundelein

Nov. 9, 1977 Sheraton North Shore Inn,
Northbrook

Oct. 11-14, 1990 Hyatt Regency Woodfield,
Schaumburg

Oct. 14-17, 1993Dearborn, MI

Oct. 6-9, 1994 Omaha, NE

President-Elect Training Sessions

Feb. 23, 1983 Sharko's Restaurant,
Villa Park

Feb. 22, 1984 Arlington Park Hilton,
Arlington Heights

March 14,1985	Swedish Glee Club, Waukegan	March 16, 1988	Hilldale Country Club, Hoffman Estates
March 11, 1986	Norris Center, Northwestern Univ., Evanston	March 8, 1989	Hilldale Country Club, Hoffman Estates
March 11, 1987	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	March 21, 1990	Rolling Green Country Club, Arlington Heights

President's Retreats

Jan. 27-30, 1983	Hilton Head, SC	Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1987	Cruise to Bahamas
Jan. 26-29, 1984	Hollywood, FL	Feb. 4-7, 1988	Hamilton, Bermuda
Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 1985	Freeport Bahamas	Jan. 27-30, 1989	Air/Sea Retreat to Nassau
Feb. 27-March 2, 1996	Pine Mountain, GA	Jan. 25-28, 1990	Western Retreat, Las Vegas

Foundation Seminars

Oct. 6, 1983 Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights
Nov. 6, 1984 Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Dec. 9, 1997 Rotary Headquarters, Evanston
Oct. 1, 1985 Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Nov. 1, 1988 Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows
Nov. 23, 1986	Nov. 15,1989 Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

Vocational Conferences

Nov. 9, 1983	Holiday Inn, Northbrook	Oct. 18, 1989	Harper College, Palatine
Oct. 3, 1984	Holiday Inn, Northbrook		
Oct. 15, 1985	Harper College, Palatine		

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conferences

Jan. 14, 1984	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Feb. 22, 1986	Barrington HS, Barrington
Feb. 16,1985	Harper College, Palatine	March 10-13,1988	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
		March 9-12, 1989	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

District Ski Outing

Feb. 18, 1990 - Americana, Lake Geneva, WI Winning Team - Libertyville Sunrise	Jan. 14-16, 1993
Jan. 18-20, 1992	Jan. 14-16, 1995
	Jan. 13-14, 1996

District Car Wash

June 13, 1993

May 21, 1999

District Golf Tournaments

- July 29, 1959** - Woodridge, Lisle
Sept. 14, 1966 - Woodridge, Lisle; Cicero host - Low Gross - Warren Wood, Naperville
Sept. 13, 1967 - Woodridge, Lisle; Cicero host
Sept. 11, 1968 - Woodridge, Lisle
Sept. 10, 1969 - Woodridge, Lisle
Sept. 8, 1971 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale; Cicero host
Sept. 27, 1972 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale; Cicero host
Sept. 19, 1973 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale
Oct. 18, 1974 - Crystal Lake, Crystal Lake; Arlington Heights host; Team Low Net – Barrington; Team Low Gross – Arlington Heights; Low Gross - Stan Magnuson, Barrington
Sept. 18, 1975 - Thorngate, Deerfield, Northbrook host
Sept. 20, 1976 - Mission Hills, Northbrook; Northbrook host
Sept. 12, 1977 - Itasca, Itasca; Schaumburg host
Sept. 11, 1978 - Brookwood, Wood Dale, Lombard host; Team Low Net - Lake Forest; Low Gross – Tom Gianos, Lake Forest; Low Net - Stan Magnuson, Schaumburg; Longest Drive – Bruno Waara, Arlington Hts.; Closest to Pin - Gary Heppe, Lombard
Sept. 17, 1979 - Itasca, Itasca; Wheaton host Team Low Net – Arl. Hts. and Lake Forest tied; Low Gross - Bruno Waara, Arlington Heights
Sept. 15, 1980 - St Andrews, West Chicago; Wheaton host; Team Low Net – Barrington; Low Gross – Bruno Waara, Arl. Hts, Bill Bennett, Lombard; Low Net - Jerry Peter, Glen Ellyn and Gary Heppe, Lombard; Longest Drive - Ken Rank, Schaumburg and Emil Goellner, Lombard; Closest to Pin - Jerry Hawk, Palatine and Ed Leahy, Cary-Grove
Sept. 23, 1981 - Villa Olivia, Bartlett; Lombard and Bartlett hosts
Sept. 21, 1982 - St. Andrews, West Chicago; Wheaton host; Team Low Gross - Arlington Heights; Low Gross - Rob Perry, West Chicago; Bruno Waara, Arlington Hts. and Scott Kilousek; Low Net - Wayne Stevenson, Carol Stream and Bob Christenson
Sept. 14, 1983 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale; Mt. Prospect host; Team Low Gross - Villa Park; Low Gross - Bruno Waara, Arlington Heights; Mike Graft and Wayne Miller, Barrington
Sept. 18, 1984 - Indian Hills Country Club, Winnetka; Mt. Prospect host;
Sept. 19, 1985 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale; Lombard host
Sept. 22, 1986 - Itasca Country Club, Itasca host
Sept. 28, 1987 - Itasca Country Club, Itasca; Mt. Prospect host
Sept. 19, 1988 – St Andrews, West Chicago; Buffalo Grove host; Team Low Net – Schaumburg; Low Nett - Ken Rank, Schaumburg
Sept. 18, 1989 - St. Andrews, West Chicago; Elgin Rotaract host; Team Low Gross – Geneva; Low Net - Pete Walter; Low Gross Course #1 - Rick Miller, Mt. Prospect; Low Gross Course #2 - John Nyuli, Geneva and Tom Schneider, Elgin Breakfast
Sept. 17, 1990 - Itasca Country Club, Itasca; Northbrook host

Sept. 11, 1991 - St. Charles Club host
Sept. 10, 1992 - St. Edwards, Buffalo Grove host
Aug. 30, 1993 - Buffalo Grove host

District Bowling Tournaments

March 10, 1965

Strike'n Spare Lanes, Northbrook

April 13, 1966

Hillside Bowl, Hillside

April 16, 1969

Hillside Bowl, Hillside

April 12, 1972

Hillside Bowl, Hillside

High Team Series - McHenry # 1

High Ind. Series (Hdcp)-H. Bogner, Lockport

High Ind. Series Scratch-T. Genova, Melrose Park

High Ind.- Game (Hdcp)-Rafferty, Lake Forest

High Ind. Game Scratch-T. Genova, Melrose Park

March 21, 1973

Hillside Bowl, Hillside

March 9, 1975

Striking Lanes, Mt. Prospect; Mt. Prospect host

High Team Series-Arlington Heights # I

High Ind. Series (Hdcp)-Barry Tully, Northbrook

High Ind. Series Scratch-W. Miller, Barrington

High Ind. Game (Hdcp)-Nick Barkulis, Arl. Hts.

High Ind. Game Scratch-Jack Blane, Wheeling

March 7, 1976

Thunderbird Lanes, Mt. Prospect

High Team Series-Lake Forest #1

High Ind. Series (Hdcp)-Chuck Wilkes,

Barrington

High Ind. Series Scratch-Tom Gianos, Lake Forest

High Ind. Game (Hdcp)-Tom Grant Lake Forest

High Ind. Game Scratch-Rollo Keubler, Rolling

Meadows

March 13, 1977

Hillside Bowl, Hillside; Wheeling host

High Team Series-Cary # I

High Ind. Series (Hdcp)-J. Gloyd, Niles-Morton
Grove

High Ind. Series Scratch-R. Schuler, Villa, Park

High Ind. Game (Hdcp)-E. Cepulis, McHenry

High Ind. Game Scratch-G. Branstrom,
Northbrook

Richard Lewis, Niles-Morton Grove

High Ind. Game Scratch-Robert Grulke, North
Chicago

Feb. 18, 1990

Bowling Green Sports Center, West Chicago; St.
Charles, Geneva hosts

High Team Series (Hdcp)-Batavia

High Ind. Series Scratch-B. Christian,
Schaumburg

High Ind. Game Scratch-E. Cepluis, McHenry

High Ind. Game (Women)-Jan Carroll, St. Charles

High Ind. Series (Women)-Nancy Faber, St.
Charles

March 17, 1991

Bowling Green Sports Center, West Chicago; St.
Charles

Geneva hosts

April 5, 1992

Mt Prospect host

March 14, 1993

Bertrand Lanes, Waukegan host

March 20, 1994

St. Charles host

Feb. 25, 1995

Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates host

District Tennis

Sept. 28, 1983 - Indian Lakes, Bloomingdale; Wheaton host

Fall Fishing Trips

Sept. 21-25, 1982 - Grand Marias, MN

Oct. 10-14, 1984 - Bull Shoals, AR

Sept. 11- 15, 1985 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 10-14, 1986 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 9-13, 1987 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 7-11, 1988 - Boulder Junction, WI

Oct. 4-8, 1989 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 19-23, 1990 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 18-22, 1991 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 16-20, 1992 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 15-19, 1993 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 14-18, 1994 - Boulder Junction, WI

Sept. 20-24, 1995 - Boulder Junction, WI

District Trap Shoot

Oct. 8, 1987 - Richmond Gun Club, Richmond

District Coho Derby

Aug. 1, 1982 Dick Dean, Villa Park-Largest Chinook (25-1/2 lbs.)

R. W. Bodinus, Arlington Hts.-Largest Trout (10 lbs.)

Ed Guziel, Arlington Hts.-Largest Coho (9 lbs.)

Bill Welter, Sr., Winnetka-Guppy Award

Governors' Walks for the Foundation

May 18, 1986 - Evanston host

May 17, 1987 - Dundee host

May 15, 1988 - Dundee host

May 21, 1989 - Antioch host

May 20, 1990 - Glen Ellyn host

Rotary Information Seminar

Jan. 27, 1988 - Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

Oct. 26, 1988 - Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

Feb. 22, 1990 - Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows

Rotary Conventions

1992 - Orlando, Florida

1993 - Melbourne, Australia

1994 - Taipai, Taiwan

1995 - Nice, France

1996 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1997 - Glasgow, Scotland

1998 - Indianapolis, Indiana

Rotary Club of Algonquin-Lake in the Hills

Chartered June 29, 1992

1993 – Participated in Lake in the Hills Air Expo, Eastview Elementary Career Days, and joint Newborn Smoke Detector Program with Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Department. Helped repair a gazebo in the Riverfront Park in Algonquin and assisted with the GSE Team from Sweden. Began a scholarship program and established an Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Rotary Foundation. Provided assistance to flood victims of the flooding that occurred in July. Collected and distributed over \$10,000.

1993 and 1994 – Produced community calendar featuring the first through third graders artwork based on Rotary themes. Sent several youths to RYLA. Sent several youths to World Affairs Seminar in Whitewater, Wisconsin. 1992, 1993, & 1994 – Participated in PADS program, an organization that provides shelter to the homeless in the winter months in the communities of Algonquin-Lake in the Hills and McHenry County.

1995 – 2005 - Annually, the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Rotary Club gives out several scholarships to local High School students: The Young Leader Scholarship an \$8,000 award. The Rotary Youth Leadership Scholarships in the amount of \$500. Since 2003: The Gordon Larsen scholarship a 4-year \$1,500 per year scholarship awarded to a student who is pursuing an entrepreneurial career. In memory of Gordon Larsen Charter member.

2005 - Our 10th Annual Golf Outing was held on June 6, 2005 at the Whisper Creek Golf Club. This fundraiser makes the above-mentioned scholarships and many other charity events possible for our students and community members.

The Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Rotary Club contributes annually to the community via these other fine events: Pancake Breakfast with Santa, the annual Paint-A-Thon, and Annual Fish Fry. We served 700 people at no charge at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

2006 – January: Helped a community member in need with raffle to help pay their heating bill. Our 11th Annual Golf outing will be held in June; the exact date and location is yet to be determined. The Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Rotary Club will contribute to Pancake Breakfast with Santa, the annual Paint-A-Thon, and the Annual Fish Fry.

Youth Exchange:

1993 – Hosted Jose Navarrette from Ecuador.

1994 – Hosted Haley Starke from South Africa.

1995 – Hosted Kate Stewart from Australia.

Sponsoring two outbound students – one to Australia and one to Germany.

2005 – Hosted Miho Ogura from Japan.

Sponsored Kristie Cook to Germany.

Rotary Club of Antioch

Chartered Aug. 28, 1968

1969 – Purchased exerciser for Antioch High School.

1970 – Erected Rotary signs in town.

1974 – Developed Elgin Interact Club.

1975 – Contributed Bicentennial working sawmill on Squaw Creek.

1976 - Contributed microfilm machine and enlarger to library.

1977 – Sponsored Fox Lake Rotary Club.

1978 – Purchased microfilm storage file for library. Big Event – Fundraising pork chop barbecue.

1979 – Supported Allendale School for children from broken homes; sponsored conversion of grade school building into an historical center; helped send Antioch police officer to special training program; and funded Meals on Wheels.

1980 – Main fundraiser – annual pork chop barbecue and auction. Initiated two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors; dinner for honor roll students at high school; and installed and donated playground equipment for St. Peters Church. Donated bleachers for Emmons Grade School; donated typewriter to Antioch Methodist Church; and donated addressette to Free Church in Antioch. Purchased preschool furniture for parks and recreation; purchased smoke detector for Antioch Fire Department; purchased appliances for Allendale School for Boys; and purchased drapes for Senior Home. Contributed to Antioch Viking Football League and Meals on Wheels for senior citizens.

1981-83 – Annual pork chop barbecue and auction netting \$20,000 in 1983. Support to Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Purchased gift certificates from mental health second-hand store to benefit needy people through local clergy. Club now gives \$2,500 per year and \$50 per year to High School scholarship fund for needy students in intermediate schools.

1988-89 – Annual pork chop barbecue auction netting \$42,000 thus making it possible to provide 75 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, a piano to Catholic grade school, a computer at a local public school, remodeling a local theater group building, assistance for mental health assoc., funding for local rescue squad, a computer scanner for high school newspaper, donation to Lake County homeless (PADS), a scoreboard and dishwasher for Allendale, new software for the fire department computer, donations to food pantry and Meals on Wheels, donation to Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and a \$10,000 donation to Antioch Historical Society for building's heating plant installation. Also continuation of scholarships awarded to Antioch High School students.

1989-90 – Contributed to the following: Allendale School, ACHS, Antioch Food Pantry, Antioch Grade School, Antioch Mental Health, Antioch Rescue Squad, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Hasting YMCA, Greenwing Youth, Lake Reg. Historical Society, PADS, Youth Iceless Hockey, and Food Basket among others. Also increased the amount of scholarships.

1990-91 – Contributed to the following: Allendale School, ACHS, Antioch Needy Kids, Antioch Mental Health, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Hasting YMCA, Community Chorus of Antioch, Girl Scouts of America, Lind. Drug/Alcohol, Greenwing Youth, PADS, Viking football, etc.

1991-92 – Contributions to: All Parent Network, Allendale School, Antioch Cent. Park, ACHS, Antioch Fire Department, Antioch Needy Kids, Antioch Mental Health, Antioch Rescue Squad, Antioch Wave Swim Team, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Hasting YMCA, Community Action Now, Community Chorus of Antioch, Cub Scouts #190, Family Service Agency, Floyd Brown Golf, Girl Scouts of America, Greenwing Youth, Lake County Animal Protection, Lake County Area Voc., Muskies, Viking football, scholarships, and others.

1992-93 – All Parent Network, Allendale School, ACHS, Antioch Explorer, Antioch Needy Kids, Antioch Township Library, Antioch Mental Health, Antioch Rescue Squad, Antioch Tele Care, Antioch Youth Baseball, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Moyoca, D.A.R.E. Program, Emmon’s School, Greenwing Youth, Lind. Task Force, Muskies, New Camp Hope, Operation Snowflake, Food Basket, scholarships, and others.

1993-94 – All Parent Network, ACHS, Antioch Food Pantry, Antioch Grade School, Antioch Music Parents, Antioch Rescue Squad, Antioch Wave Swim Team, Antioch TeleCare, Antioch Youth Baseball, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Moyoca, Camp Hasting YMCA, Emmon’s School, Floyd Brown Gold, Greenwing Youth, Kid Health Fair, Lake County Child Advoc.; Lake Reg. Historical Society, Muskies, PADS, Food Basket, scholarships, and others.

1994-95 – Contributions totaling \$22,696 were made to the following groups:
Antioch Community High School student newspaper – *Tom Tom*; A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Allendale School; Antioch Arbor Day; Antioch Fire Department; Antioch Grade School; Antioch Independence Day; Antioch Jay Cees; Antioch Lower Grade PTO; Antioch Parks and Recreation; Antioch Rescue Squad; Antioch Upper Grade (Snow Flake Program); Antioch Wave Swim Team; Antioch Youth Baseball; Boy Scouts of America; Family Service Agency; Greenwing Youth; Hastings Lake YMCA; Lindenhurst Youth Baseball; Lake County Against Sexual Assault; Lake County Child Advocate Center; Muskies, Inc.; Northern Illinois Council on Alcohol and Drugs; St. Ignatius Episcopal Church; and St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

1995-96 - Contributions totaling \$32,243 were made to the following groups:
A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Antioch Arbor Day; Antioch Fire Department; Antioch Grade School; Antioch Independence Day; Antioch Jay Cees; Antioch Rescue Squad; Antioch Upper Grade (Snow Flake Program); Antioch Wave Swim Team; Antioch Woman’s Club; Boy Scout Troop #92; Easter Seals; Emmons School; Family Service Agency; Greenwing Youth; Hastings Lake YMCA; Lindenhurst Youth Baseball; Lake County Against Sexual Assault; Muskies, Inc.; National Marrow Donor Program; P.A.D.S.; Parents Day Out; PM&L Theatre; St. Peter Catholic School/Church; and St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

1996-97 - Contributions totaling \$27,756 were made to the following groups:
Antioch Grade School; Antioch Public Library; Antioch Police Department; Antioch Viking Youth Football; Antioch Wave Swim Team; Girl Scouts of America; Greenwing Youth; Hastings Lake YMCA; Lindenhurst Youth Baseball; Lake County Center for Independent Living; P.A.D.S.; St. Peter Catholic School/Church; and St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

1997-98 - Contributions totaling \$15,698 were made to the following groups:
Antioch Community High School student newspaper – *Tom Tom*; A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Antioch Independence Day; Antioch Junior Woman’s club; Antioch Public Library; Antioch Rescue Squad; Antioch Telephone Care; Antioch Upper Grade (Snow Flake Program); Antioch Youth Baseball; Boy Scout Troop #190; Boy Scout Troop #92; Habitat for Humanity; Hastings Lake YMCA; Muskies, Inc.; St. Stephens Lutheran Church; and Village of Antioch.

1998-99 - Contributions totaling \$10,625 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School *Finesse* (student literary magazine); Antioch Independence Day; Antioch Public Library; Antioch Upper Grade (Snow Flake Program); Emmons School; Greenwing Youth; Hastings Lake YMCA; Meals on Wheels; Muskies, Inc.; St. Peter Catholic School/Church; and St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

1999-2000 - Contributions totaling \$11,346 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School; Antioch Community High School *Finesse* (student literary magazine); A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Antioch Festival of Arts; Antioch Independence Day; Antioch Telephone Care; Antioch Upper grade School – Destination Image; Antioch Upper Grade (Snow Flake Program); Boy Scout Troop #180; Central Baptist Children’s Home; Family Service Agency; Greenwing Youth; Habitat for Humanity; Hastings Lake YMCA; Lake Villa School District #41; Muskies, Inc; and P.M&L Theatre.

2000-01 - Contributions totaling \$11,250 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School *Finesse* (student literary magazine); A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Central Baptist Children’s Home; Girl Scouts of America; Greenwing Youth; Habitat for Humanity; Hastings Lake YMCA; Lake Villa School District #41; Muskies, Inc.; Parents Day Out; St. Peter Catholic School/Church; Village of Antioch; and YMCA of Lake County.

2001-02 - Contributions totaling \$12,504 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School *Finesse* (student literary magazine); A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Antioch Festival of Arts; Antioch Helping Hands; Antioch Parks and Recreation; Boy Scout Troop #190; Boy Scout Troop #92; Greenwing Youth; Hastings Lake YMCA; Little City Foundation; Miller Farm Ride for the Cure (Breast Cancer); Muskies, Inc.; Parent University; Safe Place; St. Stephens Lutheran Church; Team Diabetes Marathon; and World Affairs Seminar.

In addition to scholarships given to local high school students, the Club also donated \$35,000 to the Families for Freedom Foundation. The Families for Freedom Foundation will provide scholarships to the children of those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

2002-03 - Contributions totaling \$20,850 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School Football Moms; A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; Antioch School District #34; Antioch Fine Arts Foundation; Antioch Helping Hands; Antioch Telephone Care; Boy Scout Troop #190; Breast Cancer Education; Central Baptist Children’s Home; Greenwing Youth; Habitat for Humanity; Lake Villa School District #41; Muscular Dystrophy; Muskies, Inc.; PM&L Theatre; Safe Place; St. Ignatius Church; and St. Peter Catholic School/Church.

In addition, the Club donated \$20,000 to Polio Eradication.

2003-04 - Contributions totaling \$9,972 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Community High School Football Moms; A.L.L. (Antioch/Lake Villa/Lindenhurst) Parent Network; American Diabetes Association; Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Antioch Public Library; Antioch Telephone Care; Boy Scout Troop #190; Boy Scout Troop #92; Greenwing Youth; Hope Foundation; Hearts for Independence; Illinois Independent Living Center; KC’s Cabin Helping Hands;

Miller Farm Ride for the Cure (Breast Cancer); Miss Antioch Pageant; Muskies, Inc.; PM&L Theatre; Ron Santo Diabetes Walk; and Safe Place.

2004-05 – To date, contributions totaling \$9,600 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Antioch Public Library; Daisy's Resource and Developmental Center; Greenwing Youth; Habitat for Humanity; Hearts for Independence; Hope Foundation; Jamaica Hurricane Relief; Japanese American Arts Festival; KC's Cabin Helping Hands; Lake Villa School District #41; Miller Farm Ride for the Cure (Breast Cancer); Muscular Dystrophy; PM&L Theatre; Post Prom – Sequoit Pride; and St. Peter Catholic School/Church.

In addition, 18 Paul Harris fellows were sponsored by Club members, and Mrs. Vern Thelen (Vern Thelen a longtime member of the club passed away in 2003) donated \$23,000 to the Paul Harris Foundation on behalf of the Thelen Family, bringing the total donated to the Foundation by or on behalf of the family to \$50,000!

2005-06--To date, contributions totaling \$11,030 were made to the following groups:

Antioch Police Department – Shop With A Cop; Antioch Public Library; Antioch Upper Grade School - Band Trip for St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City; Boy Scout Troop #190; Daisy's Resource Center; Emmons School Kids Coalition; Festival Arts of Antioch; Greenwing – Ducks Unlimited; Hope Foundation; Illinois Independent Living Center; KC Cabin (for Open Arms Mission); Kids Hope United; Lake Villa Elementary School District #41 for Destination Imagination; Miller Farm for Ride for the Cure (Breast Cancer); Open Arms Mission; P M & L Theatre; Rotary District 6440 Hurricane Relief*; St. Peter School; Tim Osmond Memorial Fund; Toys For Tots **; Youth Ministry at St. Peter Church

* The Funding Committee recommend, and the Board approved, a donation of \$1,500.00 with a challenge to Club members to match the donation through individual contributions. Club members exceeded the challenge and contributed \$1,833.00. In addition the Club approved a recommendation from the Board of Directors that \$5,000.00, or an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the net proceeds of the 2005 annual pork chop dinner and auction, whichever was greater, be donated to the *Rotary District 6440 District Charitable Fund Inc NFP*. The "net" from the pork chop dinner and auction in 2005 was \$56,671.62. Ten percent (10%) of that figure, or \$5,667.16, was thus earmarked for hurricane relief. Additionally, at the Club meeting on November 3, 2005 the Emmons School Kids Coalition presented the Funding Committee with a check for \$1,000.00 to be applied to the hurricane relief effort of the Club. The total, therefore, that the Club has raised for hurricane relief, all of which was donated to the *Rotary District 6440 District Charitable Fund Inc NFP* was \$10,000.16.

** In approving the \$200.00 donation to the Toys for Tots program, the Board also adopted a challenge to members of the Club to match the donation. At its meetings on December 15 and 22 Club members donated an additional \$230.00, bringing the total donated to the Toys for Tots program to \$430.00

Youth Exchange Activity:

1970 – Hosted Daniel Carod from the Netherlands.

1976 – Hosted Jean-Marie Palu from France.

1977- Hosted Arni Jonsson from Iceland.

1978- Hosted Janet McMurray from Scotland.

1979- Hosted Matti Lauria from Finland, and sponsored student to Venezuela.

1980- Hosted E. Humbert from France, and sponsored student to Japan.

1981- Hosted Anne Kittilsen from Norway. Sponsored Chris Forster to Columbia, Rick Samson to Spain, Janja Schlosser to Japan, and Jan Sershon to South Africa.

- 1982- Hosted Manuel Porras from Venezuela, and sponsored Andrea Schloosser to Germany.
- 1983- Hosted Ralf Even from West Germany. Sponsored Angie Herreld to Brazil, Sue Samson to Norway, and Chris Waters to Finland.
- 1984- Hosted Benjamin Ferreira from Brazil. Sponsored Stephen Biel to Australia, Beth Haley to Norway, Laura Leffernan to the Philippines, and Christ Hubbard to the Philippines.
- 1985- Hosted Susan Biels from England and Kirsten Frazer-McKenzie from Zimbabwe. Sponsored Anne Bates, Christine Kuehn, and Brian Pomrening to Germany and Kim Tekampe to Columbia.
- 1986- Hosted Edson Melo from Brazil, and sponsored Enid Kaufman to Brazil.
- 1987- Hosted Anthony Cooper from Australia and Rafael Rossi from Brazil. Sponsored Ronnie Behnke to Brazil, Kelly Doyle to Germany, Pam Erickson to Australia, and Susan Hubbard to Japan.
- 1988- Hosted Nikki Knight from Zimbabwe and Bernard Graftiau from Belgium. Sponsored Tracy Barnes to Finland, Katie Chesla to Philippines, and Becky Kromer to Ecuador.
- 1989- Hosted John Mike Chanter from Australia and Techie Flores from Philippines. Sponsored Kristen Hettich to Finland, Jennifer Holbo to Australia, and Kathleen Honigmann to Germany.
- 1990- Sponsored Matt Olsen and Matt Twomey to Brazil.
- 1991- Hosted Leigh Pritchard from Australia. Sponsored Carol Cox and Carrie Holbo to South Africa, Dave "DC" Malson to Norway, and Rachel Rohde to the Netherlands.
- 1992- Hosted Paola Andreia Garcia from Brazil and Thomas Kjaegaard from Denmark. Sponsored Kathy Holmes to Finland.
- 1993- Hosted Kristine Litchford from Australia and Sarah Deboeur from Belgium. Sponsored Jill Johnson to New Zealand, Amy Holbo to Australia, Lisa Aronson to Sweden, and Kirsta Maker to Brazil.
- 1994- Hosted Anne Claire from France. Sponsored Mary Conti to Germany and Theresea Ecker to Indonesia.
- 1995- Sponsored Brian Seibel to Germany, Megan Aronson to the Philippines, and Ruth Warren to Brazil.
- 1996-97- Hosted (inbound) – Makiko Naka from Japan; Benedikt Scjhuerholz from Germany (short term) and Amanda Lima from Brazil (short term). Sponsored an outbound student.
- 1997-98- Hosted (Inbound) – James Ramos, and sponsored an outbound student.
- 1998-99- Hosted an inbound student and sponsored an outbound student.
- 1999-00- Hosted (inbound) – Magnus Boesen from Denmark. Sponsored an outbound student.
- 2000-01- Hosted (inbound) – Pisodej Boonyachot from Thailand. Sponsored an outbound student.
- 2001-02- Hosted (inbound) – Nicola Vultaggio from Belgium. Sponsored (outbound) – Vicki Powell to Finland.
- 2002-03- Hosted (inbound) – Sabrina Navarro from Argentina, Rafael Santos from Argentina, and Facundo Macarron from Argentina (short term). Sponsored an outbound student.
- 2003-04- Hosted (inbound) – Melike Ozcan from Turkey and Gigi Martyaiuk from Brazil. Sponsored (outbound) – Zach Nashlanich to Germany.
- 2004-05- Hosted (inbound) – Salla Lauria from Finland (we hosted her father Matti Lauria in 1979). Sponsored (outbound) – Jane Lichtwalt to Finland; Joe Pontillo to Sweden; Frank Baccia to Japan; Shawn Stampfl to Japan; and,

Alex Urban to Brazil.

Rotary Club of Arlington Heights

Chartered March 28, 1956

1956–1959 - Provided Rotarian subscriptions to high school library, public library, and Lutheran Home. Provided seven scholarships amounting to \$1,225 and contributed \$1,265 to: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Family Service, Rotary Foundation, and Youth Night.

1966-1970 - Provided 12 scholarships amounting to \$2,949. Sponsored Rotary Club of Mount Prospect, and contributed \$1,920 to: American Field Service, Cardinals Booster Club, Christmas gifts to needy families, Clearbrook Center, clothing for needy families, Crusade of Mercy, and Tip Top Teens awards.

Sponsored Rotary Club of Schaumburg, provided 15 scholarships amounting to \$2,865. Provided \$250 for students to attend short study courses, seminars, and institutes. Contributed \$2,281 to: American Field Service, American Legion Baseball, Arlington Heights Beautification committee, Arlington Heights Drug committee, Boy Scouts of America, Campus Crusade, Christmas decorations, Clearbrook Center, Club representatives in Work Study Exchange, Community Service plaques, Group Study Exchange Team from China, Jaycee hockey team, Little City, Memorial Day parade, National Council for Prevention of Drug Abuse, Oak Lawn tornado victims, Tip Top awards, United Fund and Young Republications.

1971-1975 – Presented \$400 in individual awards to “Honor Graduates,” and one \$250 scholarship. Contributed \$13,506 to: Amigo de Las Americas education project, Arlington Heights Beautification committee, Arlington Heights Historical Society, Arlington High School-DC Club, music fund, child family studies camp, Cancer Fund, Christmas decorations, Coronets Marching Unit, Forest View High School choral group, Golden Wheels transportation for elderly, Hersey High School band trip to Rose Bowl, Lambs (handicapped), George Lindholm Foundation.

Also, Lutheran Home, Memorial Day parade, needy families, North Star Mission, Northwest Community Hospital, Rotary Grove (trees planted as memorials to Rotarians), Salvation Army Counseling Center, Safe-a-Pet Foundation, School for handicapped children in Argentina, Sparky Safety Education program in grade school, Vision Conservation Institute, YMCA Chorallettes music fund, Youth Exchange, and Youth for Christ.

1976-1980 – Presented \$600 in books to St. Vincent Virgin Islands Library, \$400 to Rotary District India Relief Fund, \$330 to Arlington Heights Historical Society, \$1,400 to Pedro Nunez fire benefit fund, \$100 to building project of Rotary Club in Bombay, India. Contributed \$13,999 to: Eagle Scout sponsorship, Golden Wheels, Honor Graduates awards program, Outward Bound Scholarship Program, Rotary Foundation, Rotary Magazine subscriptions, Vision Conservation Institute (Safe Our Sight), Wisconsin Rural Affairs Council, Youth Exchange, Zero Vandalism Committee.

Also, Multiple Sclerosis swim program, Youth Football program, Boy Scouts, Rotary International Health, Hunger and Humanity Program, Rotary Grove, Group Study Exchange Team from Ireland, Lisa Gilstrap Special Education scholarship and Vocational scholarship.

1981-1982 – Presented \$2,535 to HHH program, \$7,000 to Northwest Community Hospital, \$3,538 to Golden Wheels transportation program, \$1,000 to Spina Bifida, and \$2,020 to Rotary Foundation. Contributed \$6,600 to Senior Emergency Lifeline, Youth Council, Youth Exchange, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Group Study Exchange, Junior Miss, debate team, Exuma program, and other endeavors.

1982-1983 - \$100 District fire engine fund, \$754 Golden Wheels transportation program for the elderly, \$250 Junior Miss scholarship program, \$300 Boy Scouts, \$4,500 toward \$10,000 pledge to Northwest Community Hospital, \$250 Rotary Foundation payment honoring Mike Silverman, \$300 Girl Scouts, \$500 Parkside Human Services of Lutheran General Hospital Senior Emergency Lifeline program, \$250 memorial for Carl Mees to Rotary Foundation, \$1,335 for 3-H program, and \$577 spending money for Beata Mueller from Germany.

1983-1984 - \$250 Junior Miss scholarship, \$425 District 644 scholarship, \$100 Group Study Exchange, \$1,000 book scholarships to eight high school seniors, \$350 Boy Scouts, \$350 Girl Scouts, \$100 Piano fund for Hendrickson Room at library, \$200 RYLA Awards, \$35 PTAs chemical study, \$100 Rose Parade float, \$100 Arlington High School debate team, \$250 memorial to Northwest Community Hospital in memory of Ilene Jenness, \$750 Clearbrook Center, \$200 Buffalo Grove Rotary Club Samaga Project, \$2,500 Northwest Community Hospital pledge, \$460 expense for Inbound Youth Exchange student, \$1,500 3-H program, \$250 partial payment on Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of Harold Nebel as Man of the Year, and \$100 Martha Mead on Eisenhower Tour.

1984-1985 – \$666 spending money for Thanut Liengpanieh of Thailand, \$810 expenses for Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students, \$900 Book scholarships to six high school students, \$250 Junior Miss scholarship, and \$250 RYLA conference.

1986-1987 - \$1,560 Mexico Relief Fund, \$1,000 Clearbrook Center, \$100 RMHS Convention II, \$100 Forest View HS scholarship, \$100 Hersey HS scholarship, \$200 Irving Park YMCA, \$10 District Walk-a-thon, \$200 Special Leisure Services, \$400 Boy Scouts, \$200 Hersey HS Hands Across America, \$500 Arlington Heights Centennial, and \$1,000 Arlington Heights Historical Society.

1987-1988 - \$750 for five book scholarships, \$6,559 spending money/medical expenses for Sari Tiainen of Finland, \$500 CEDA Thanksgiving, \$1,000 CEDA Christmas, \$820 Clearbrook Center, \$50 St. Charles Breakfast Club, \$200 Arlington Heights Breakfast Club, \$250 Jennifer Millay, \$350 NWCH TB Unit, \$35 Job's Daughters, \$250 Leukemia Foundation, \$225 Barrington Breakfast Club, \$50 RMHS music department, \$250 Junior Miss scholarship, and \$985 Arlington Heights Senior Center pool table.

1988-1989 - \$712 Clearbrook, \$50 Glen-Lo Park Club, \$700 PolioPlus, \$1,250 five book scholarships, \$35 Memorial Day wreath, \$780 Rotary International Youth Exchange, \$1,500 CEDA Thanksgiving, \$1,000 CEDA Christmas, \$650 Arlington Heights Senior Center typewriter, \$100 Rose Parade float, \$843 spending money for Tina Ni Claus, \$400 Special Olympics, \$50 Gurnee/Waukegan Breakfast Club, \$170 Sunrise Club, \$235 PolioPlus, \$1,000 Special Leisure Services, \$1,000 Clearbrook Center, \$250 Arlington Heights Soccer team, \$200 Hersey HS Oratorical Group, and \$50 Elgin Breakfast Club.

1990-1991 - \$150 Ecology conference, \$2,000 book scholarships, \$156 Crystal Lake Club "Save the World," \$510 RYLA Valley Forget student, \$250 Young Woman of the Year scholarship, \$234 Plainfield Tornado contribution, \$1,000 Clearbrook Center, \$1,000 CEDA, \$2,000 Heifer Project, \$500 Boy Scouts, and \$1,750 North School Park trees.

1991-1992 - \$2,000 book scholarships, \$1,000 Clearbrook Center, \$1,500 CEDA, \$300 Boy Scouts, \$300 Science Olympiad, \$1,000 Heifer Project, \$250 Young Woman of the Year, and \$300 Sisters Cities Association.

1992-1993 – \$100 Algonquin/Lake in the Hills club gift, \$50 toward Rotary float, \$2,500 book scholarships, \$250 District 6200 Hurricane Fund, \$250 District 6990 Florida Disaster Fund, \$1,500 Holiday Gift to CEDA, \$50 each to prom parties for St. Viator's and Prospect High Schools, \$50 Miss Illinois sponsorship, \$260 Wheeling High School World Affairs seminars, \$500 Boy Scouts, \$500 Girl Scouts, \$300 BSA Camp, and \$2,000 Heifer Project.

1993-1994 – Contributions included \$2,000 Heifer Project International, post-prom support \$50 each St. Viator, Prospect, and Buffalo Grove High Schools, \$3,000 CEDA, \$500 Girl Scouts plus \$50 memorial for Tom Mead, \$30 enable disabled student to attend class trip to Washington, D.C., \$100 Cure 2000 for leukemia patients, \$250 Special Olympics bowling tournament plus club participations, \$2,500 five book scholar representing each of the high schools that serve Arlington Heights students, \$50 District 214 Literacy Program, \$240 Gang Awareness breakfast sponsored by police department, \$500 Boy Scouts, \$300 student team South Middle School attending National Science Olympiad in Tucson, \$100 student attending summer student government program in Georgetown, plus \$260 in fine money to local child with rare disease.

Sent students to Rotary World Affairs Seminar in Wisconsin and RYLA in Pennsylvania; distributed "You Can Do It" books to all high schools that serve Arlington Heights and to the library. Agreed to provide \$12,000 over four years for landscaping at Lake Arlington. Entered the winning float in the July 4th parade; and held a successful raffle raising over \$20,000 for charitable fund.

1994-1995 – Contributed to: \$2,500 Five book scholarships, \$50 Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, \$250 Paddock Publications Junior Miss, \$50 Aid Alternative Health project, \$250 CBD lights, \$350 Northwest Action against Rape, \$1,000 CEDA, \$450 RYLA, \$2,727 AH food and toys, \$1,000 Clearbrook, \$5,000 Arlington Heights Park District trees, \$1,000 Green Castle Senior Citizen Housing, \$2,000 Heifer Project, \$50 District 214 Community Education – Literacy, \$100 Hersey HS and Prospect HS post prom, \$332 Les Turner ALS Foundation, \$500 Girl Scouts, \$300 Boy Scouts, \$1,200 book scholarships, \$200 Boy Scout Troop #34, and \$250 Student Council Conference.

1995-96 – Bob Paddock Jr., was president. A Rotarian Club President has an opportunity to build upon the past, using the tools and resources of the present...hopefully making for a better tomorrow. My year's emphasis was to focus on this purpose of Rotary, service above self, by emphasizing and highlighting the work of the four avenues of service (vocational, club, international, community, vocational, and club). As a club, I was pleased that we budgeted over \$31,000 to various charitable efforts.

As any officer of an organization knows, it is both a pleasure and responsibility to ensure that the formal functions of the organization are accomplished. The successes of a year's office are benefited by the ground work done during past administrations, and projects sometimes come to fruition during future administrations. Having held most posts within the club structure, being president was an opportunity to bring together what I felt were the strengths of club organization, using the talents of a great team.

What made the year especially rewarding was a committed and talented group that made the year a success -- Doug Mitchell (chair of Club Service), , Bob Nuccio (Vocational Service), Greg Dettro (International Service), Bob Schultz (Community Service), along with the counsel Tom Taylor (Past President) and efforts of Chris Meier (Secretary), Jim Hassenplug (President Elect), Kerry Pearson (Vice President), Bill Harris (Treasurer).

It is through the fellowship of meetings and activities that we motivate and multiply the effect of our individual efforts. Attendance at meetings is a measure of this involvement. During our year, we increased our membership attendance rate, having several months of over 94% - to 97% , even 99%, while maintain our members and growing slightly.

I emphasized the avenues of service by mainly relying on the service chairs to set the agenda for the meetings. We worked at the administrative necessities as well, incorporating the club to encourage participation by giving more legal protection for the service of club volunteers. The club photo directory, "The Blue Book", was updated and printed to facilitate fellowship and effective working relationships. We reemphasized our working relationship with the Arlington Morning club, enjoying their fellowship while being able to serve more. The process of reviewing the club's 1970's bylaws was started. A new club flag was approved, reflecting pride and service in the community.

The year's international visitors brought broadened understanding and shared enjoyment. We hosted a visiting GSE team from Sweden and supported the effort to send a team to Norway. Our in-bound exchange student was Pablo from Brazil...giving many of us the vicarious excitement and rewards of a teenage son! Plans were laid for an outbound student as well.

Internationally we renewed our involvement in the Heifer Project – giving cattle as a self-renewing, self-supporting form of aid for impoverished countries. Funds were given or committed to help dig wells in India, support an orphanage in Jamaica, and supply equipment to a hospital in Mexico.

One-on-one involvement is important for building productive friendships and providing service. Members continued to volunteer for the periodic immunization clinic at the village hall. A community appearance and environmental effort, Adopt-A-Mile, was implemented after several years of efforts with governmental bodies, club members picking up trash along Arlington Heights Road. The Pizza Booth fund-raising effort was reinstated at the village heritage Frontier Day's– we made more money than we ate up! It was an enjoyable year for involved members.

Locally, payment was made and a plaque posted to acknowledge the clubs' long effort to contribute of a grove of trees at the park district's Lake Arlington. A special effort and donation was made to support anti-drug and police relations program in the local schools, D.A.R.E. Contributions were made to several organizations and activities, including to the schools' Science Olympiad, the middle schools' Guide to Presidential Elections, post-prom alternatives to graduation alcohol parties, seed money for the

girl's high school basketball tourney, the Teen Center, and the Special Olympics. A contribution was made for the combined police and firemen's recognition statue in the town center. Audio visual equipment was given to the Arlington Historical Society.

'95/'96 was the 40th anniversary of the club. Service and fellowship is what has kept us together and renewing. Our anniversary celebration for club members and spouses was a luncheon at Rotary International Headquarters with the International President. It was a special year for me, too, not only because of the opportunity to serve, but also because I was installed as president by my father, Bob Paddock, Sr., a past-president as well.

1996-97 – James Hassenplug was president of the club, Karen Kline was Governor of District 6440, Luis Vincente Giay was president of R.I. with the theme of "Build the Future with Action and Vision." During this Rotary year, our club had an average of 76 very active members attending 91% of meetings. All four avenues of service exceeded all of their goals to win the "Presidential Citation Award!" Some honorable mentions: 27 from our club attended the District Conference; 3 members and spouses attended the International Convention in Glasgow Scotland; Christmas Holiday project served 26 needy families with 51 children; policeman of the year awarded through our Calderwood Trust; 12 new Paul Harris Fellows; over \$11,000 donated to Rotary Foundation; we sponsored one outbound exchange student to Argentina; accepted hosting an inbound exchange student; co-sponsored and funded a matching grant for a water purification plant in Chile; organized and sponsored the "Rolling Meadows Junior Girls Basketball League;" 5 high school seniors were awarded our \$500 Book Scholar Awards; 22 members attended our "Fireside-Chat;" and excellent club participation in our community immunization project. Too many other projects to mention! What a great year – I believe everyone enjoyed it.

1997-98 – Kerry Pearson was president. During the 1997-98 Rotary year our goals were to (1) continue our participation in the numerous service products started by prior boards, and (2) add new projects in support of all four Rotary avenues of service. We strived to engage in projects that would benefit our local community, as well ones showing our commitment to Rotary as an international service agency. We engaged in projects to help our youth, our seniors, our handicapped, our disadvantaged, our world, our community, and those who served and honored it. At District Conference in April, 1998 our Club received the award for Overall Outstanding Achievement in the Four Areas of Service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Co-sponsored Roteract Club of Northwest Suburban Chicago with Barrington Breakfast Club.
2. Immunization Project. Alternating months with Arlington Sunrise, club members help with crowd control, record keeping, etc.
3. Adopt-a-Highway clean up of Arlington Hts. Road .
4. Holiday Food/Gift baskets for approx. 40 needy people chosen by Village (in 1997 \$3,875 spent).
5. Senior Citizen Commission. Some Club members active in center, and Club donated \$5,000 to new woodworking shop.
6. Book Scholarships. Five, \$500 each to college bound students.
7. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. \$500 donated, plus member volunteer help day of tournament.
8. Junior Girls Basketball Tournament. Club sponsored and donated funds.

9. Program on NSSEO Foundation established to help students with special needs. \$2,000 donated from club members.
10. Student Guests regularly brought to club meetings to introduce to Rotary.
11. Job Shadowing. Club members volunteer to take students to work with them for a day.
12. Frontier Day's Festival. Members work in food booth during part of 4th of July festival. (\$300 raised.).
13. Christmas in April. Members volunteered time to help fix up homes of needy or elderly in Realtor sponsored project.
14. Sponsored two students to Rotary Youth Leadership conference (RYLA).
15. Sponsored one student to Rotary World Community Affairs Seminar.
16. Charitable Funds donated on projects without member participation:

Omni-Youth Services, Computer Equipment	\$2,200
Police information booklets for youth, handed out at Arlington "Frontier Days" festival	\$ 40
Rose Bowl Rotary Float	\$ 87
Boy Scouts - Sponsoring Local Troop	\$ 500
Girl Scouts - Sponsoring Local Troop	\$ 500
High School Post-Prom Activities (5 High Schools)	\$ 250
RYLA 2 students	\$ 520
Rotary World Community Affairs Conference 1 student	\$ 320
Rotary Foundation contributions via club	\$10,180
Little City Foundation	\$ 100
Hope Now (helps homeless)	\$ 500
Luis Ferman support fund	\$ 150
Donation to club sponsored outbound short term youth exchange student going to Belgium	\$ 300

CLUB SERVICE

1. Lifetime Achievement Awards given two members for their exemplifying the ideals of Rotary.
2. At our annual steak fry, we invite our sister club, the Arlington Sunrise Club.
3. Our club has its own Internet web site (up but under construction).
4. Our club recognizes from time to time a member who has exemplified "Service over Self" as our "Rotarian of the Month".
5. Our club, along with the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club, co-sponsored the Rotaract Club of Northwest Suburban Chicago.
6. Club members attend District Conference, District Assembly, and currently 2 members are registered for the Rotary International Conference.
7. Prospective New Member Orientation meetings held to educate about Rotary.
8. Fireside Chats held for fellowship and orientation.
9. Charitable Fundraiser raffle nets roughly \$19,000 year, which with fines funds numerous local and international projects. (See list).
10. Twelve weekly programs devoted to Rotary, 38 programs of wide range of interest, from NASA astronaut to Police Officer of Year.
11. Nine members with perfect attendance.
12. Social events of Steak Fry, Installation Dinner, Holiday Party, Valentines Day Lunch, etc.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

1. Job Shadowing program.
2. Advertising/participation in Dist. 214 Literacy program.
3. High school field trip to see demonstration of Website search tools.
4. Senior Citizen Center; some members actively involved and Club donation of \$5,000 for woodworking shop.
5. 4-way test recited at meetings.
6. NASA astronaut brought in to speak to 3 schools as club project.
7. Member support of Chamber of Commerce.
8. New and long time members give classification talks.
9. Student guests attend meetings to learn about Rotary.
10. Police Officer of Year Award given.
11. Lifetime Achievement Awards given.
12. Club submitted two applicants for District Vocational Scholarship Award.
13. Five, \$2,500 book scholarships awarded each year to high school graduates going on to college.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

1. Club hosted long term in-bound exchange student.
2. Sponsored short-term outbound student.
3. Donations via club to Rotary Foundation over \$10,000
4. Five new Paul Harris Fellows.
5. 139 Paul Harris Fellows through club.
6. Hosted GSE team leader from Turkey for part of stay.
7. Submitted candidate for outbound GSE team to Turkey.
8. Participating with Rotary Club of Arlington Hts. Sunrise on International Matching Grants project involving disabled children in slum areas around New Delhi, India. Our funding \$2,000.
9. Attendance by club President and President elect at RI convention.
10. Club meeting held advising members of last year's World Community Service Project (Medical supplies to Jamaica).
11. Programs held on GSE Teams to Norway and Thailand.

1998-99 – Greg Dettro was President

1999-2000 – Ron Walter was president. This year our major community project was "Rotary Park." We bought and installed playground equipment for handicapped children at Gillette School, which is situated right next to Prospect High School. The playground is formally known as Rotary Park complete with signage.

The club donated to the local Boy Scout Troop as well as purchased 2 sail boats at the Boy Scout Camp with the Rotary logo on hull and sail. The club supported all of the high school post prom committees that Arlington Heights residents attend. The club supported the Girl Scouts also. The club supported Thomas & South Middle Schools Science Olympiad. The club hosted a hospitality suite at the District Conference highlighting Arlington Park Racetrack as its theme. The club supported financially with a contribution to a new Rotoract Club in Buffalo Grove. Misc. charities include: Shelter Inc., The Bear Foundation, Clearbrook, Policeman of the Year Award, and Lifetime achievement awards.

2000-01 – Chris Meier was president. My goal for that year as President was to follow Frank Devlyn's (the R.I. President's) theme, "Create Awareness. Take Action." I believed our Club could best accomplish this by creating a better awareness of Rotary and its philanthropic actions and activities in Arlington Heights. In my year, when reviewing requests for charitable funding, the Board not only applied the 4-way test, but also reviewed the recognition that Rotary would receive for its donations. During my year as President, the Club funded the purchase of playground equipment for Gillette School in Arlington Heights; the playground was named Rotary Park. The Club signed an agreement with the Arlington Heights Park District to fund work at a softball field that would be known as Rotary Field. The Club also funded holiday gifts and food baskets for 36 needy Arlington Heights families, college scholarships for six Arlington Heights high school seniors, scholarships to NWSRA's day camp for two disabled children, relief to survivors of an earthquake in India, and, through a matching grant with RI, a water well for a school in Ghana, Africa.

Throughout all these charitable activities and the associated recognition, the accomplished goal of my Presidency was to create awareness of the charitable actions of the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights. Our Club truly created awareness and took action.

2001-02 – Lew O'Donnell was president. This was the year of education with one meeting per month designated as a District Program. This created an awareness of what Rotary is all about for all members, both new and old.

In the summer, we worked at the pizza booth during the 4th of July Festival. We also renamed the Book Scholarship in memory of charter member George Harris and awarded six grants at \$800 each. Our international project was building a well in Lagos, Nigeria with a matching grant of \$5,000 from Rotary International. This was accomplished with the help of the Rotary Club of Gowon Estates, Ipaja, Lagos, District 9110 Nigeria.

The groundwork was laid for our Centennial Project. This project will be a five-year project fixing up a home for adult males administered by Clearbrook (a local, non-profit organization in Arlington Heights). That year's Christmas project we supplied holiday food and gifts for forty families in town. In the spring of 2002, we dedicated Rotary Softball Field in conjunction with the Arlington Heights Park District. At the end of the year, we had ten new Paul Harris members with \$10,000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

2002-03 – Fran Rogers was president. The year 2002-03 was a very good year for the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights. We had a fantastic Board guiding our Club through many new and continuing projects. In "Rotary Time," it is hard to know where one activity starts another begins, since funds may be appropriated in one year, but projects completed in the next. Please forgive me if I miss some names along the way. The theme for the year 2002-03 was "Sow the Seeds of Love." My attendance at the International Rotary Meeting in Barcelona was an excellent way to start the presidential year. It is in the international setting that one realizes that Rotary is worldwide organization that reaches out to people across the world, quite literally giving people the seed they need to make their own way.

Jim Bertucci, Director of International Service, discovered the meaning of international health need. Under Jim's guidance, we allocated our entire contribution for the Polio eradication, \$20,000 up front in the first year, rather than over three years, so that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation could match

the funds. Our Club's generosity was a model for other clubs in District 6440. We finally completed and paid for a well in Nigeria, begun under Lou O'Donnell's past presidency. Bill Hoff, President Elect, guided Melinda Brauer, to an Ambassadorial Scholarship to study in Chile. Bill became very proficient in preparing and advising young college graduates on how to interview well.

On the home front, Tim Padgett, Secretary, kept the Big Wheel going on our high tech website. Many of us discovered that we could successfully receive our Big Wheel via e-mail just as easily as via the U.S. Post. And there were added savings on the postage! Howard Grue, Assistant Secretary, kept track of our attendance. He reported that we had 68 members, with 14 members proposing a new member in the previous two years. Our meetings averaged between 60 to 70 percent attendance. We found that attendance fell off when our "snowbird" members left for warmer climates, while the rest of us slogged through the snow. There was a serious commitment to club member attendance, as evidenced by the many perfect attendance awards at the end of the Rotary year.

Fellowship and programs were a driving force for attendance. Mary Kalou, Ron Walther, Jim Hassenplug, and Judge Ryan all developed their own Fine Master techniques. And who could forget the unique Gerry Oakes style? Joe Musolino managed a parade of programs that kept us informed, entertained and amazed. Thank you for those who came up with their impromptu classification talks when a presenter failed to "show!" These were some of the topics: programs devoted to our WW II Veterans, our Korean Veterans, Angel Flight, Athleticare, the Arlington Heights Parks Foundation, Calderwood, Selling Dynamics, Saudi/Arab/American Relations, organ transplant, Curly's Boys & Girls on Valentine's Day and who can forget the "Antique Roadshow!" (Members still wonder if Lou O'Donnell reads by the light of the antique lamp he brought for appraisal!)

Mary Kalou, our Treasurer, centralized Club record storage and coordinated the Club's application for the 501(c)3 non-profit corporate status for charitable funds. Kerry Pearson helped with the legal aspects of the latter. Jennifer Burnidge, Director of Vocational Service coordinated vocational scholarships and was a driving force in the Raffle, along with Vice President Scott Whisler and Mark Silverman. Perry Comadeca, Community Service Director, and Terry Ennis, Director of Club Service, organized a variety of club activities: baseball outing, the Christmas giving, Mike Silverman's hosting of the ABC's of Rotary. Kris Stabler was always there for us, whether it was hosting the Steak Fry, the Holiday Party (Great Band!!!) or opening up facilities for the Holiday Wrapping. Lou O'Donnell began his research for a Centennial Project.

Sadly, we remember that 2002-03 was a year of losses, too. We bade farewell to Rotarians Jim Drake and John Freiburg, Jr., and Kris Stabler's husband. We will long remember the good will and better friendships provided by these outstanding life models.

The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights is a unique organization that captures the energy of a vibrant community. Congratulations on fifty years of outstanding fellowship and service!

Fran Rogers

2003-04 – Bill Hoff was president.

2004-05 – Scott Whisler was president.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1967 - Hosted Hans Ake Dahlberg from Sweden. Sent two students to Japan.
1971 - Hosted Carlos Furro Serrano from Mexico.
1973 - Sent a student to Australia. Hosted Keiji Utsumi from Japan.
1974 - Contributed \$600 advance registration for two students to study overseas.
1975 - Hosted Regis Pires Maia from Brazil and Boel Nilehn from Sweden.
1976 - Hosted Marco Fabio Pompeu from Brazil, and sent a student to Brazil.
1977 - Sent a student to Sweden, and hosted Dominique Patient from France.
1979 - Hosted Anita Reid from Australia.
1981 - Hosted Birgitta Soderberg from Sweden, and sent Carolyn Wolf to Australia.
1982 - Sent Jill Belke to Finland and Rob McKeown to Japan. Hosted Beate Muller from Germany.
1983 - Hosted Isabelle Gaborieau from France.
1984 - Hosted Akiko Miyanohara from Japan.
1985 - Hosted Thanut Liengpanieh of Thailand.
1986 - Sent John Kottke to Australia, and hosted Sari Tianen from Finland.
1987 - Hosted Tina Niclaus from Germany.
1988 - Hosted Mariann Koch from Denmark, and sent Kate Thinnes to France.
1989 - Hosted Yuka Takahaski from Japan.
1990 - Sent Elizabeth Thinnes to Australia.
1993 - Hosted Michael Reimer from Australia with Arlington Heights AM Club. Hosted short-term exchange student Natalia Castellán from Argentina.

Rotary Club of Arlington Heights – Sunrise

Chartered March 28, 1987

1987-1988 – Club was formed in March sponsored by the Arlington Heights Rotary Club, which had first met on the same day 31 years before the Breakfast Club was chartered. The club received the 1987-1988 Presidential Citation.

1988-1989 – Participated in a program with Northwest Community Hospital to provide reading material for patients. Held an automobile raffle benefiting an international project through Rotary Foundation. Developed a newsletter. Started club program to raise \$2,500 for the Centennial Clock Tower in downtown Arlington Heights.

1989-1990 – Club program to raise money to install radios for sight impaired patients at Northwest Community Hospital (CRIS Radio). Involvement in a student exchange program. Involvement in group exchange program to Africa. Assisted with an action to benefit Northwest Community Hospital and Clearbrook Center. Sponsored formation of Sister Cities board in Arlington Heights.

1990-1991 – Established Sister City alliance with Wansdyke, England and had two club members visit Wansdyke. Sent \$1,500 to Harris Foundation, sponsored RYLA student, supplied 60 graduation T-shirts for Parents & Educators of Exceptional Kids, and received Exchange Student from Sweden.

1991-1992 – Sponsored Vocational Student from Hersey High School. Held White Elephant and Grand Mahout annual auction, and sponsored RYLA student.

1992-1993 – Jointly hosted Australian student with Arlington Heights Noon Rotary Club, supplied 78 graduation T-shirts for Parents & Educators of Exceptional Kids, contributed two scholarships for Girl Scouts, attained 100% member contribution to the Paul Harris Fellowship, and joint Food Pantry project with Kiwanis and Lions Clubs.

Rotary Club of Barrington

Chartered August 17, 1960

1961-64 - Contributed \$2,000 to AFS program, \$200 to medical and dental care for needy school children, \$100 toward providing “live” symphony music for Barrington grade school students, \$200 to Golden Age Club of Barrington, \$90 to Little City and sponsored Palatine Rotary Club.

1967-71 - Sponsored Christmas nativity scene in town, hosted Student Exchange Team from Taiwan, sponsored one team member to go to Taiwan, sponsored Cary-Grove Rotary club, contributed: \$100 to Barrington Garden Club for beautification of village, \$200 toward drug abuse program.

1972-75 - \$1,500 for Encyclopedias for school in Kenya, contributed: \$100 to Girl Scouts and \$100 to Boy Scouts, scholarship to Harper student to study dental hygiene for two years, \$100 to Barrington High School’s Travel America Course, \$100 to Scott Zidek Fund for medical bills, \$50 to help pay Don McLean’s medical bills.

1977-78 - Contributed \$7,500 to Good Shepherd Hospital, hosted Senior Citizen’s Club to luncheon program, contributed to Barrington Historical Society. Sponsored Interact Club of Barrington, Hockey Knot-Hole team and bicycle safety program of Barrington. Contributed film projector and screen to Countryside School for Handicapped, \$3,000 to CPR program of Barrington, MIC Ambulance of Barrington, donated material/installed an acoustical ceiling at the Countryside Center for the Handicapped.

1979 - Contributed \$2,500 to Good Shepherd Hospital to complete \$10,000 pledge. Contributed Resusci-Annie Mannequin (\$1,053) to Barrington High School for CPR program. Contributed \$600 to various youth activities in Barrington.

1980 - Hosted Study Exchange team from Ireland for one week. Sponsored one team member to go to Ireland with Study Exchange Team. Donated materials and service to club members to renovate the Barrington Scout Cabin, value exceeds \$5,000. Aided needy family at Christmas with food, clothing and furniture; sponsored hockey team and little league team; sponsored a Swim-a-thon for Chicago Lung Association.

1981 - Contributed \$10,000 to the Lifeline program for homebound senior citizens, base of the program at Good Shepherd Hospital, which is capable of handling over 900 clients. Lifeline consists of three parts; electronic equipment in the person’s home, emergency response center at the hospital and persons who agree to respond to calls for help.

1982 - Started an International Vocation Program in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Barrington Rotary contributed \$1,500 to the hospital in that city to help stock up on medical supplies. Contributed \$700 to

Youth Exchange program from proceeds at District Conference Hospitality room. Contributed to Ron Beese Park-in-a-park free to all in community. Started first Rotary Ann group in Barrington.

1983-84 - Donated \$3,000 to Countryside Assoc. for the Handicapped for a new roof; \$1,000 to the Barrington Youth Service, \$1,500 to start pharmacy in Puerto Vallarta Mexico with aid of local Rotary, began inviting two Barrington High School students to weekly luncheons and headed committee to return a 4th of July celebration to Barrington.

1984-85 - Continued support of activities with Puerto Vallarta Rotary Club in Mexico. Established the 4th of July celebration in Barrington as an ongoing community service. Contributions were made to Barrington Youth Services, Knot Hole Baseball, Operation Snowball, & a Christmas needy family.

1985-86 - \$2,000 annual high school graduate scholarship. Participated in Operation Snowball. Raised \$9,175 for charities at the Gentlemen's Night fundraiser. Mexico El Refugio Project in Puerto Vallarta continued with nine members and wives traveling down to inspect accomplishments. Held luncheon for seniors at Christmas. Club celebrated 25th anniversary. Rotocheer program started.

1986-87 - Raised \$5,000 holding "Brat" garden for Rotary charities. Received award from Countryside School for Handicapped for sponsoring project "Christmas Cards". Hosted 100 senior citizens for lunch at the Barn of Barrington. Held first "Toys for Tots" program raising money for over 400 toys. Hosted GSE team from Germany for three days. Raised \$12,000 at Gentlemen's Night. International project Puerto Vallarta trip, first year of PolioPlus raised \$52,000 and first Barrington foundation scholarship award to Many Ann McGrath to study in Spain.

1988-89 - Formalized procedures for Charities budget and continued ongoing programs.

1989-90 - Presented a total of \$3,000 in scholarships.

1989-90 - Attended Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea (incoming President Slocum and H. Lipofsky); contributed 453 hours of labor in support of Barrington area 4th of July celebration and related activities (raised \$2,050); continued to help organize a Rotary Club in Wauconda; provided \$1,000 to help defray cost of hosting Russian Exchange students at Barrington High School; purchased and delivered an IBM Personal Computer and software to Leningrad High School #213 in U.S.S.R and oversaw installation; donated approximately \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation in unrestricted funding, sponsored two Barrington High School students to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Conference in Valley Forge, PA; inducted ten new Paul Harris Fellows into club; nominated and secured selection of John Short to the Group Study Exchange Team to Belgium.

1990-91 - Organized and assisted in development and installation of newly chartered Rotary Club of Wauconda. Continued environmental work on Baker's Lake, working with Elgin Club to assist a hospital in Leon, Mexico. Sponsored many youth programs through RYLA and Whitewater; provided vocational scholarships for four high school students; and contributed \$10,000 in unrestricted funds to Rotary International Foundation. Raised funds from annual Members Night Fundraiser and through work in support of Barrington Area 4th of July celebration to distribute approximately \$18,000 to local Barrington charities.

1991-92 - Continued the Bakers Lake project. Began Monte Leon, Mexico program. Membership

committed \$30,000 over a three-year period to: Field of Dreams Baseball & Sports Center, which will include a "Rotary Center" (someone said the complex is "the best in the state").

1992-93 – Thirty-five members completed the Bakes Lake project by completely cleaning up the whole north part of the lake. Financed the parking and viewing area. Six members delivered an IBM computer program to Leningrad, Russia, USSR #213.

1993-94 - Continued the Monte Leon, Mexico program, which began in 1991 - acquired and shipped hospital equipment to them.

1994-95 - Continued the Monte Leon, Mexico project accounting for over \$500,000 of equipment. Heavy cooperation with the Elgin Rotary Club and Rotary in Mexico donating beds, incubators, sterilizers, etc. On March 17, 1994, the U.S. Agency For International Development registered Barrington Rotary Charities.

Institutes that have received Barrington Rotary medical material in 1993-94-95: Agency for International Assistance, Sofia, Bulgaria; Grain Train, Almaati, Kazakhstan; Peace Corps, interact project Almaati, Kazakhstan; Pathologist Overseas in Nariobi, Kenya; Casa Hogan Tepeyac in Leon, Mexico; Casa Salud para Ancianos in Moroleon, Mexico; Centro Salud de Huriangato in Huriangato, Mexico; Centro Salud de Moroleon in Moroleon, Mexico; Hospital General de Leon in Leon, Mexico; Humanitarian aid to Mexico, Mrs. Salinas (wife of the President of Mexico); Children's Hospital, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia; Grain Train, St. Petersburg, Russia; Institute of Traumatology & Orthopedy, Novosibirsk, Russia; Medical Clinic on Wheels in Ternopil, Ukraine; Kumba Town, United Republic of Cameroon; Los Alamos, Hospital, Moroleon, Mexico; Bulgarian Red Cross; Sofia, Bulgaria; Senafe Hospital, Senafe Eritrea; Fire Engine and two Ambulances, Moroleon, Mexico.

1995-96 – Ron Goldenstern was president. Continued with the shipment of medical equipment valued at \$333,000 to Mexico and Eastern European countries. Presented high school graduate scholarships and World Affairs Seminar scholarships. Contributions made to Barrington Youth Services, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

1996-97 – Margaret Semrad was president. Installed our first woman president. Contributed \$5,000 toward the construction of a new medical building in Palestine. Continued with scholastic, vocational, and World Affairs Seminar scholarships to high school students. Donated \$1,000 to Barrington Youth Services and \$250 each to Barrington Giving Day and Barrington Council on Aging.

1997-98 – John Gillett was president. Contributed \$2,000 to build a school classroom in Guatemala. Awarded \$5,000 in annual scholarships for college and World Affairs Seminar.

1998-99 – Ron Dockery was president. Participated in Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation food drive, giving \$1,770 to local food pantry, which earned an additional \$870 from the Feinstein Foundation. Contributed \$11,600 to R.I. for various international programs, including bicycles to Africa and Togo in conjunction with PolioPlus. Also, \$3,000 to R.I., unrestricted. Sponsored four high school students to World Affairs Seminar, \$4,000 for scholastic scholarships. Donations to local charities: Home of the Sparrow, Barrington Youth Services, New Generations, and Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. Held an evening with fellow Rotarians and guests from Moroleon, Mexico celebrating our years of World

Community Service to Mexico with medical equipment shipments. Donations of equipment this year exceeded \$10,000, \$3,000 of equipment sent to Latvia. Held a series of meetings on membership development and retention.

1999-2000 – Lawrence Irwin was president. With R.I. matching grant, donated \$38,000 to Palestine for school furnishings. Gave \$9,500 to Accion providing low cost business start-up loans, \$3,900 to Paul Harris Foundation, \$2,400 to school scholarships, \$2,000 to Barrington Youth Services, shipped \$500 worth of seeds to Ukraine for agricultural plantings. Donated \$675 to Boy Scouts, \$250 to Barrington Council on Aging, and \$1,000 to Barrington Area Foundation.

2000-01 – Joe Connelly was president. Realized \$30,000 from annual fundraiser. Donated \$2,700 to cost of sending G.S.E. to South Africa. Established Harold Lipofsky P.D.G. Endowment with initial seed of \$1,800. \$2,700 was sent to Blantyre, Africa to Open Arms Orphanage. With 3H Grant from R.I., \$100,000 went to Guanajuato, Mexico for medical equipment. An ambulance was shipped to Leon, Mexico donated by Elgin Police Force. Medical supplies sent to Armenia and Georgia. \$1,000 was given to orphanage in Malawi, Africa and provided containers to ship \$3,000 of medical supplies to Zambia and \$5,000 to Boy Scouts in Moroleon, Mexico. Continued with high school scholarship of \$6,000. Held a special meeting in January 2000 to welcome the new millennium by reflecting on the first forty years of the club. Available past presidents spoke of the activities during their year in office. The meeting was taped, and is used in the indoctrination of new members.

2001-02 – Joe Connelly was president. In partnership with Barrington Park District, donated \$25,000 to construction of a wheelchair accessible playground. Assumed administration of the Gift of Heart program from Long Grove Club. This program brings Eastern European children to the USA for medical/surgical treatment. Continued with high school scholarships of \$5,900, \$400 for senior citizens Thanksgiving luncheon, and \$2,000 to Barrington Youth Services. Gave \$500 to Eagle Scout project for high school beautification. Various international projects totaled \$2,500.

2002-03 – Gary Personette was president. Donated to local charities: \$2,000 to Barrington Youth Services, \$1,000 to Barrington Community Foundation, \$1,000 to Gift of Heart, \$2,000 to Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, \$500 to Barrington Career Developments, \$500 to Wings shelter for females, \$500 to Boy Scouts, \$4,000 in high school scholarships, \$1,400 World Affairs seminar, \$500 Barrington Giving Day, and \$450 to Barrington Council on Aging. Donated \$1,000 to Auxiliary of Good Shepherd Hospital to provide scholarships in health related studies. Distributed UNICEF PolioPlus collection boxes to local schools, raising \$3,350.

2003-04 – Kathy Connelly was president. Sponsored and assisted in development and installation of Rotary Club of South Barrington. Contributed \$9,300 to Harold Lipofsky Endowment Fund and \$2,000 to build a greenhouse in Cusco, Peru. High school scholastic scholarships totaled \$4,000. Donations totaling \$12,700 to local organizations including Barrington Youth Services, Wings, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, Boy Scouts, and Barrington Giving Day. Contributed \$3,800 to R.I. Foundation. Shipped a school bus converted to a Mobile Dental Unit to Mexico. Conversion of bus was a joint effort of several District 6440 clubs.

2004-05 – Kurt Marquardt was president. Donated \$8,500 to Barrington Park District to install water foundation at wheelchair accessible park. \$1,500 sent to Columbia College in Bogotá for books.

Donated \$1,660 to village of Barrington for Memorial Park honoring local police and firemen. High school scholarships equaled \$6,300. Contributed \$975 to the Wheelchair Foundation, \$1,000 to Tidewater School, \$1,000 to National Louis University, and \$500 to Family Literacy program. Locally, donated \$500 to Barrington Giving Day, \$1,000 to Operation Smile, \$1,775 to Barrington Area Community Foundation, \$1,000 to Boy Scouts, \$1,000 to Barrington Youth Services, \$250 to Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, \$1,000 to Animal House Shelter, and \$600 to Wellness Place. Shipped 100 chess sets to orphanage in Leon, Mexico.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1971 - Hosted exchange student from Brazil.
- 1974 - Hosted student from New Zealand, sent student to Pakistan.
- 1979 - Sponsored student to Finland.
- 19 86-87 - Hosted student from Sweden
- 1990-91 - Hosted student from Brazil, sent student to Germany, and hosted a summer exchange student from Belgium.

There is much club pride in its dedication to and consistency in various projects; namely, the many years of international service through the shipment of medical equipment and supplies to foreign lands. The program was first planned and initiated by member Larry Marquardt in 1982.

A second source of pride is that the club has awarded scholarships for over twenty years to Barrington High School students to attend the World Affairs Seminar. The one-week seminar, attended by over 1,000 students including many from foreign countries, allows for a lasting cultural exchange.

Third, annually we award \$2,000 four-year scholastic scholarship and a \$1,000 vocational scholarship.

The club plans to enlarge its annual fundraiser, allowing it to continue with the above programs and, hopefully, to add new ones.

Rotary Club of Barrington Breakfast

Chartered April 19, 1988

1988-1989 – Sara Newell, first woman president for a Rotary club. Annual Senior Citizen Christmas party. Donated clothes to Pan-Am club for day care school. Held raffle for charities raising \$5,000. In process of second fundraiser for Foundation and matching funds for Paul Harris Fellows.

1989-1991 – Hosted Exchange Student from Brazil and short-term Exchange Student from Belgium. Hosted summer picnic and holiday luncheon for Barrington Area Seniors. Sponsored Barrington area clothing drive donating items to Chicago area underprivileged. Raised \$7,500 holding reverse raffle for Rotary charities. Participated in RYLA and in Group Study Exchange with group from Japan. Sponsored high school student for World Affairs Seminar in White Water, Wisconsin. District 644 Vocational Scholarship program participant; donated 400 seedlings to area schools for Arbor Day observance. Raised \$1,800 sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Memorial Day, donating half of earning to Roy Wilmering Scout Cabin renovating project.

1993-1994 – Fellowship programs included: Field of Dreams family picnic, progressive dinner. Community Service: Traveling children’s museum established, provided daffodil bulbs to third graders in conjunction with Barrington garden clubs, revived Barrington High School Interact Club, and sent

three students to Valley Forge in conjunction with RYLA. One of five service groups sponsoring 4th of July celebration, conducted annual Clothes for Kids collection in fall working with elementary and middle schools, Memorial Day pancake breakfast with Scouts to fund Scout Cabin, Carousel reverse raffle raising \$4,568 for Rotary Maxillofacial surgery fund, Barrington Children's choir, trees for Barrington Park District, Children's Safety Town, Meals with Wheels, and Home of the Sparrow.

International Service for 1993-1994 - Included sponsoring two students to the University of Wisconsin/White Water work affairs seminar, Mexico surgery project, and Bosnia Children's Relief Fund. Also in Vocational Service was a \$500 vocational scholarship to a high school senior.

1994-1995 – Club Service included: Progressive dinner, family picnic, initiated “Rotary Ramble” month when each member attends as many other clubs as possible. Community Service included: Co-sponsored the Long Grove Rotary Club with the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club, “Playground for the Mind” Children's Museum continued, daffodil bulbs provided schools' third graders for spring planting, annual seniors luncheon and picnic, helped sponsor community's July 4 celebration, Clothes for Kids collection in November for Day of Giving in December, Memorial Day pancake breakfast which raised \$1,300 for Roy Wilmering Scout Cabin, carousel reverse raffle discontinued, was sponsoring group for Citizens for conservation's annual Planet Earth April program, helped sponsor with funds and labor annual Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association's spring fishing classic for more than 100 youths with disabilities, and distributed \$9,000 through Barrington Breakfast Rotary Charities, Inc.

International Service included Kobe, Japan earthquake disaster relief fund, supplied Foundation Scholar's applications to three candidates, began consideration of Rotary Foundation matching grant for Dr. Donn K. Branstrator's Lake Victoria perch research project. Distributed vocational scholarship of \$500 for graduating senior.

1995-1996 - President John Hipsky- **Club Service** - Membership built to 25. Rotary Ramble suggested with members attending meetings of other area Rotary clubs. After hours reception for proposed Rotary members. Resulted in five new members. Club anniversary held April 19, inviting former members. **Community Service** - Banquet for veterans in recognition of WWII 50th anniversary. Club was the first contributor to start of Barrington's Volunteer Center. Started Community Connection. Launched the Breakfast Club's charity fund-raisers with "Christmas in Sweden." Interact Club revival continued at high school. Holiday clothing drive became a "tradition" with Interact and Rotary with the second annual event. Memorial Day pancake breakfast proceeds were given to Roy S. Whilmering Scout Cabin fund. **International Service** - Paul Harris Fellows credited to club reached 32. Club contributed \$2,101 to TRF. **Vocational Service** - Two RYLA scholarships awarded in conjunction with Barrington Rotary Club.

1996-1997 - President Sheryl Saunders - **Club Service** - Membership grew from 19 to 40 under the direction of President Saunders. Special recognition received in person from World Membership Chair Don Kwait. "Christmas in Poland" fund-raiser with the Barrington Children's Choir raised \$7,800 for charities fund. Club helped charter the Northwest Suburban Rotaract Club. A Special program on downtown development featured the Libertyville Village Center. Received Presidential Citation for Balanced Club achievement. Club received District award for Club Service. Conducted Rotary Ramble, a club visitation contest. Held two firesides and one new members' event with Noon Rotary. **Community Service** - Memorial Day pancake breakfast raised funds for Scout Cabin and charities fund.

"Playground for the Mind" taken to various elementary schools' science classes and the Ice Mouse Mall fall festival. Helped judge speech contest for the Middle Schools' contests. Bulb planting projects for third grade students in Barrington schools. Participated in Highway cleanup of Route 14. Kicked off New Generations project and continued work with Interact Club. Participated in Fourth of July event. Worked on annual blanket/warm clothing drive with Interact. **International Service** - "Gift from Heart" project, bringing Polish children to U.S. for surgeries not available in Poland. The Rotary Foundation giving of \$4229. Fourteen new Paul Harris Fellows. Initiated project to purchase medical van for pediatricians in St. Kitts. Continues work on matching grant for Lake Victoria research project. **Vocational Service** - Charlotte Miller scholarship of \$500 to Barrington High School student. Sent three students to RYLA weekend in cooperation with Barrington Rotary Club.

1997-1998 - President Tom Hutchinson - **Club Service** - The installation dinner at the Bistro set the tone for an exciting and enthusiastic year. Membership grew from 39 to 45 members with classifications of Investment Banking, Information Technology Consultant, Insurance, Systems Management, Moving Services, Corporate, Funeral Home-Owner, Network TV Sales, Banking, Operations, Religion-Methodist. Rotary information was 25% of programs. Five officers attended the District Assembly Expo. The Board approved sending President elect and wife to attend 1998 international convention. New member education was developed and included; new member orientation prior to induction, new member kit (29 items), and new members pressed "Rotary in an Hour" tape. All members and their families were invited to work together at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and former members who belonged to other clubs came back to help. Interact and Rotaract Club members attended club meetings and made presentations. Fellowship programs were held quarterly. A Rotary informational brochure was developed. The number of marbles in the raffle was raised to 52; prize award rises to all time high. **Vocational Service** - Interact, Rotaract, New Generation organizations were approved. The Sister-to-Sister Program was co-sponsored with AAUW. A Literacy Program was established. Rotary members helped organize Community Connections and Volunteer Center. 4-Way Test became an integral part of weekly meetings and was recited by all at close of meeting lead by raffle winner. Vocational Scholarship Award re-established and two (2) \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors were awarded. **Community Service** - Club sponsored New Generations Forums on Young People Apathy. Clothing drive and CROP walk were held annually and PADS was supported weekly. New Generations continued its support for Barrington Youth Services and Barrington Area Council on Aging. Assisted monthly immunization program at Good Shepherd Hospital. Co-sponsored Village Green, a downtown area improvement of vacant lots. Sponsored annual bulb planting by Primary grade school students. Sponsored three (3) scholarships for RYLA. Had full participation of club members for Boy Scout Cabin Pancake Breakfast. Adopt a Highway Program was sponsored. **International Service** - Club hosted first exchange student since 1990, Kristina Madsen, from Denmark. Rotary Foundation contribution of \$100 per member was achieved. A program was presented on Permanent Fund Initiative of which a Club member was on the District Committee. Paul Harris Fellowships awarded to George Vodin, Emily Tonniges, and Krista Cherry. Club worked on WCS-Gumaca, a Philippines pre-school program with Gumaca Philippines Rotary Club. Participated in annual clothing drive for Chicago-area homeless. Gave weekly support of PADS, a community homeless shelter. Group Study Exchange (GSE) hosted Thailand Group Study Exchange (GSE) team member in the spring and co-hosted dinner for Thailand GSE team. District 6440-team leader addressed our club. The club co-sponsored financial assistance program with our Interact Club for preschoolers in Gumaca, Philippines. Entire club through fund-raisers sponsored St. Kitts/Nevis Medical Assistance project. Participated in St. Kitts/Nevis Medical Assistance Matching Grant.

1998-99 - President Donn Branstrator - **Club Service** - Membership was 43. We became a charitable foundation #01-034-381. The annual fundraiser was called "Chrisman in the Caribbean," held on the ship Odyssey. We enjoyed dinner and a silent auction while cruising the Chicago lakefront. The \$15,000 netted was targeted for St. Kitts, which was severely damaged in Hurricane Floyd. Some of the social events included professional hockey game with the Nellum Youth Service Home boys as our guests. We also hosted a birthday and Christmas party for them. We also had a canoe trip on the Nippersink River at which John Hipsky displayed how well he could swim in a tweed sport coat. **Community Service** - Village Green project - vacant lot in center of Barrington was planted with annual flowers with help from Grove Avenue school students. We helped support the Barrington High School Interact Club in collecting clothing for a local shelter; took part in a community garage sale, hosted the Memorial Day pancake breakfast, took part in the Adopt a Highway cleanup program, provided judges for the Middle School speech contest, worked with other organizations selling at the Fourth of July celebration, and joined the Relay for Life Cancer Walk. Interact reached a new membership high of 80 Barrington High Schoolers under the direction of Jim Otis, John Meier and Jerry Piper. **International Service** - Five Paul Harris Fellows were presented. Giving to the Rotary Foundation reached a club high of \$5127. We gave \$1,188 to Governor Tony Tolbert's "Bike to Toga" request. Five members hosted Argentines in the Group Study Exchange, April 3-10. Matching Grant has been initiated to purchase a van for St. Kitts. Early Birds in cooperation with the Noon Rotarians hosted exchange student Gabriel Espinoza of Bolivia. **Vocational Service** - The students were sponsored to RYLA with the Barrington Rotary Club. Odaly E Pozo was given the Charlotte Miller vocational scholarship of \$1,000 at the BHS awards night. Our New Generations initiative continues to grow with vigor under the direction of Early Birds John Hipsky, Jim Otis, and John Meier. We sponsored a student to the World Affairs seminar.

1999-99 - Dave Waring was President

1999-00 - John McLean was President

2001-02 - Dan Link was president

2002-03 - President Narayan

2003-04 - President Ronald Hamelberg – **Community Service** - Sponsored and financially supported “Children at Risk” program at two middle schools and one elementary school and several literacy projects – ESL program (3rd year) for adult parents and grandparents and bilingual library (1st year) at Sunny Hill Elementary School; financially underwrote and provided judges for Barrington Area Arts Council’s Annual Young Writers Project; and provided judges for Annual School District 220 Speech Tournament (earned District 6440 Award of Excellence in Literacy Projects). Sponsored “Beds for the Needy” project and 3rd Annual Spring Kite Fly for area youth. Participated with the two other Barrington area Rotary Clubs in “Adopt a Highway” program and Barrington’s annual 4th of July celebration. Provided financial support for Gateway Arch at new Barrington Public Safety Memorial Park (with Barrington Rotary Club), Barrington Council on Aging's new offices, New Generations and Interact Clubs at Barrington High School, Health World Children’s’ Museum’s fashion show, Barrington Police Department’s DARE Program, and Relay for Life of Barrington. Awarded annual Service Above Self scholarship to Barrington High School’s 2004 Class Valedictorian. **International Service** - Home hosted GSE Team from Finland, and sponsored a member and team captain of the GSE Team to Australia. Sponsored two, including one successful, candidates for Ambassadorial Scholarships. **Vocational Service** - Revival of Job Shadow Day at Barrington High School with several club members, provided annual scholarship for Harper Community College student, and sponsored a

candidate for District Vocational Scholarship. **Club Service** - Sponsorship of one of Club's most successful and fun filled fundraisers, *Allegro 2003*, at Sanfillippo Estate, and fellowship events including dinner/theater party in downtown Chicago, UIC basketball games, wine tasting party and post holiday (January) party. The club successfully completed its 3-year pledge of \$20,000 to the RI Polio Plus campaign in two years. Club also exceeded the average of \$100 per member in giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Deborah Villers 2004-2005

2005-06 President John. A Meier - **Club Service** - Scheduled 3 social events for the members: dinner at Lakeside Terrace restaurant, dinner at McKray Country Club, and a wine tasting at Jack's Cellars in Barrington. Participated in a Chicago Bulls "basketball night" with the Barrington Noon Rotary Club. Established "Rotarian to Rotarian" presentations at our weekly meetings. Pushed hard to upgrade the weekly meeting. Established a firm calendar of guest speakers with an emphasis on "learning something new" at every weekly meeting. Reduced the number of not-for-profit presentations. Emphasized use of technology during meeting. **Community Service** - Sponsored the 4th annual Barrington Community Kite Fly. Club had major participation in Barrington Fourth of July Brat Tent. Ela Township Food Pantry. Barrington Township Food Pantry. Support for "children at risk" in District 220. Participated in Relay for Life (American Cancer Society. Sponsored a major highway cleanup on US Route 14. Major sponsor for the Barrington Tree House Project, an elevated, handicapped-accessible tree house overlooking Cuba Marsh. Purchased Lego Robotics kits for District 220 elementary schools. Major participation in the District 220 Speech Tournament (judges). Sponsored "English as a second language" program for adults at Sunny Hill School. Purchased special PA systems for D220 to improve classroom learning. Developed special projects to benefit single parents (vehicle maintenance, small remodeling projects). Developed special projects to benefit seniors. Developed, sponsored and completed the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in the Barrington area. Developed and sponsored a community-wide Cyber Security Seminar. Major support for "Beds for the Needy", a local program which provides mattresses to those in need **International Service** - Helped sponsor an inbound exchange student from Ecuador. Hosted several inbound Group Study Exchange participants from Japan. **Vocational Service** - Sponsored several RYLA scholarships. Supported the Barrington High School Interact Club. Sponsored vocational scholarships for graduating seniors at Barrington High School. **Other Items** - Sponsored a major fundraiser ("The Rotary Masquerade") that raised \$40,000. Included a special "auction" to provide holiday gifts to needy kids in District 220.

Rotary Club of Bartlett

Chartered Oct. 2, 1980

1980 - Contributed \$50 to the Tracy Pagel Liver Fund, and \$10 to the Chilopee Boys Club.

1981 - Contributed \$100 to Streamwood High School scholarship fund. Donated \$214 in educational toys to the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Sponsored a basketball team at the Bartlett Park District. Donated \$150 to the Living Lord Lutheran Church in Bartlett. Donated \$500 to the Bartlett Football Association for new equipment. Donated \$500 to United Church of Christ's organ fund. Developed the Bartlett Jr. Golf program with club membership participation and a \$200 donation. Sent \$1,000 to sister club at San Nicholas Mission in Mexico to be matched by local clubs to feed needy people. Donated \$10 to Brain Tumor Research. Donated \$250 to Streamwood Lions Club.

1982 – Donated \$1,300 to the Elgin Jr. Service Board. Donated \$200 to the Bartlett Junior Golf program. Donated \$848 in materials plus club members' labor to the Bartlett Learning Center. Donated \$450 to sister club project, and \$25 to F.I.S.H., a local charitable organization.

1983 – Donated \$75 towards the development of an oral history by Bartlett. Donated \$500 to the Bartlett Historical Society. Developed a Bartlett Rotary Foundation scholarship with a \$1,500 investment. Donated \$50 to the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce, and \$50 to help the weekend housing of the Decatur Singers during their Bartlett performance. Donated \$500 to the Resurrection Church Needy Family Fund. Donated \$50 towards the Bartlett Days Celebration.

1988-1989 – Sponsored Christmas party for children of Bartlett Learning Center.

1989-1990 – Donated \$500 to a vocational scholarship, \$500 to a local family in need of help with major medical bills, and \$1,900 to the Bartlett Centennial Committee. Sponsored annual Christmas party at the Bartlett Learning Center, and sponsored Streamwood Honors Day.

1991-1992 – Donated \$5,000 to Jane Shover Easter Seals, \$100 to Camp Duncan Burn Camp, \$500 to St. Edward's foundation, \$50 to Bartlett Centennial School, \$150 to send a student to the National Young Leaders Conference, and \$100 per month to Foundation. Sponsored two district Vocational Scholarship recipients, purchased water fountain for Bartlett Park District, sponsor of Bartlett Junior Golf Program, sponsored student honors day for Streamwood High School, participated in student loan program, purchased and planted trees as an ecology and community service for new church in Bartlett, participated in Bartlett Centennial parade with float, and completed PolioPlus obligation.

1992-1993 – Donated money to have special bicycles made by the Telephone Pioneers of America, donated money to the Bartlett Park District to install bench along walking path, and sponsored Streamwood Honors Day.

1993-1994 – Scholarship fund established for daughter of deceased member. Members attended ABC's of Rotary. Held Rotary 5000 to raise funds. Precision Shopping Cart Drill Team in the 4th of July parade. Donated \$1,000 for cleft palate surgeries in Mexico, \$500 to Midwest flood victims, Student Awards program, and Adopt a Mile program. Donated to Food Pantry and Learning Center Party for Children.

Ongoing Activities:

The development of "Rotary Field," Sister Club Project, Bartlett Junior Golf program, Student Government Day, development of sustaining membership in the Paul Harris Foundation, the Bartlett Rotary Foundation Scholarship, the development (1983-84) of a Bartlett Rotary vocational scholarship with five winners thus far, and Scholarship Loan program to enable participants to earn their degrees by providing no-interest loans to young people interested in continuing their education beyond college sophomore level (seven loans to date).

Continues to sponsor Streamwood High School honor roll students with special luncheon and presentation of Special Achievement Certificates. 1990 plans include \$5,000 contribution to sponsor a community events sign for the Bartlett Park District.

We participated in a Needy Kids Christmas Project by donating mittens. Club volunteers worked at the Cook County Immunization Clinic once a month. We earned our money for the year at our Rotary 5000, which includes dinner and a reverse raffle. We also participated in Bartlett's Fourth of July parade with our Precision Shopping Cart Drill Team.

We helped needy children by donating coats for the Needy Kids Christmas Project. We raised money for our budget through our Rotary 5000. We worked at the Cook County Immunization Clinic and participated at the parade with the Precision Shopping Cart Drill Team.

Besides our fundraiser through the Rotary 5000, our monthly work with the Cook County Immunization Clinic, and our Fourth of July Precision Shopping Cart Drill Team, we began a joint international project with Coyoacan Rotary Club in Mexico. We sent medical equipment that we collected through donations to support a clinic in Mexico. We sent a donated ambulance to Mexico after we had it refurbished. We held a fundraiser to collect money to bring a previous exchange student and her parents back to Bartlett for a visit. After returning to Australia, getting married and having a baby, our previous student's infant was killed by their babysitter.

We ran a yearlong collection of personal care items for the Elgin Crisis Center. We donated money to build a sign for the Bartlett Learning Center. We sponsored a student for the Learning Center's annual class trip. Our fundraiser continued along with the Immunization Clinic help and the shopping cart drill team. We helped to fund the "Jim Jensen Pavilion" to honor a former Rotarian. We changed our fundraiser slightly and changed the name to the Lucky 10. We accumulated and shipped a trailer of medical equipment and hospital supplies to Mexico in cooperation with Elgin Noon Rotary Club.

We participated in the Vocational Scholarship program the immunization clinic, donated to the Bartlett Little League, United Way and the Bartlett Learning Center.

Vocational scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to two students. We made a United Way donation, a donation to the local food bank, donated \$300 to Schaumburg Rotary's international project and sponsored a hole at the Bartlett Learning Center's golf outing. We continue to work at the Immunization Clinic. We sold ice cream at a local Bartlett summer activity.

We donated \$500 to Bartlett Little League, over \$1,500 to the Bartlett Library, Easter Seals donation to their telethon, a donation to United Way and \$250 to Muscular Dystrophy. We sponsored two youth leaders through District 6440. We participated in an international project by giving \$1250 to a blindness project in India. We purchased library kits for the Bartlett Library that are given to children who sign up for a library card.

Donations were made to the Bartlett Little League, United Way, the Young Readers at the Bartlett Library, and the Bartlett Parks Foundation. We sponsored a hole at the Carol Stream Rotary's golf outing. We gave money to the Bartlett Little League, the Bartlett High School choir, and a donation was made to Evan's Hope Foundation in memory of the daughter of one of our club members. We made a donation to the Carol Stream Rotary Club for their international project. We donated money to the Bartlett High School choir, to the Bartlett High School girls basketball team, the American Liver Foundation, Bartlett Little League, and Points of Light. We sponsored a sign for the Bartlett Little League. We started a project to place a water fountain in the new Town Center in Bartlett. For international service we gave \$2100 toward polio eradication and \$500 for a food program in St. Martin.

This being the 25th anniversary of our club, we are encouraging all members to become Paul Harris Fellows. We will also recognize our anniversary at our fundraiser. We donated money to the Bartlett High School choir, to Lake Zurich for their fundraiser, to Living Lord church for the Crop Walk, to the Salvation Army, MYM, the Bartlett Little League, and the Bartlett Learning Center. We donated money so that a student could attend the Young Leaders Conference. We sent \$2000 to the Katrina Disaster Relief and sponsored a hole at the Carol Stream golf outing. We joined Carol Stream Rotary for an international project.

Every year we have a joint meeting with the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce. We are members of the Chamber. We conduct our fundraiser every spring, which allows us to help many people. Every year we have an Honors Day luncheon where we invite students from three high schools who have maintained straight A's since beginning high school. Their parents are also invited. We honor the students by giving each a certificate. We have participated in the Adopt-A-Mile program by cleaning litter up in an area of Bartlett each year. Once a year we have our meeting at Bartlett High School in their foods and nutrition lab. The students prepare lunch for us, and we make a donation to the lab.

Youth Exchange Activities:

1982 - Hosted a student from Finland, and sponsored a student to Norway and a student to the Philippines.

1983 - Hosted a student from Philippines, and sponsored a student to Germany.

1984 - Hosted a student from France, and sponsored a student to South Africa and a student to Belgium.

1985 - Hosted a student from Sweden, and sponsored a student to Germany and a student to Denmark.

1986 - Hosted a student from Bolivia, and sponsored a student to Brazil and one to Denmark.

1987 - Hosted a student from Denmark, and sponsored a student to Sweden and one to Brazil.

1988 - Hosted a student from Australia and one from India. Sponsored a student to Australia, one to Belgium, and one to Germany.

1989 - Hosted a student from South Africa, and sponsored a student to South Africa and one to Germany. Sponsored short-term Outbound student to Belgium.

1990 - Hosted a student from Brazil, and sponsored two Outbound students.

1991-1992 - Hosted a student from Japan and two Outbound students.

1993-1994 - Hosted a student from Denmark, one from Sweden, and two Outbound students.

1995 - Will host a student from Australia and sponsor two Outbound students.

1996-97 Hosted we hosted an exchange student from Mexico.

1997-98 Hosted we hosted a student from Ecuador.

Rotary Club of Batavia

Chartered March 25, 1948

1948-1949 – Established child guidance clinic for Fox River Valley providing preschool and school age children help with behavioral problems.

- 1949-1950 – Began full support of toy program with Batavia Fire Department to refurbish and distribute toys to needy at Christmas.
- 1950-1951 – Provided resuscitator for Batavia Fire Department. Donated \$1,700 to burned-out family.
- 1953-1954 – Donated \$800 grand piano to Batavia High School; originated “Arion Award” to two high school music students.
- 1954-1955 – Produced and distributed “Four Way Test” plaques.
- 1956-1957 – Donated \$125 to Salvation Army. Provided wheelchair to crippled, blind girl. Adopted Korean orphan.
- 1957-1958 – Continued support of Korean orphan, Christmas toy program, and Salvation Army and Arion awards.
- 1958-1959 – Continued annual programs and projects. Gave special chair to needy girl.
- 1959-1960 – Sponsored U.S. Navy Band for two performances jointly with West Chicago Club.
- 1960-1962 – Continued annual programs and projects.
- 1962-1963 – Hosted District Conference.
- 1963-1964 – Donated \$25 to Navajo Indian children in addition to regular charities.
- 1964-1965 – Continued annual programs and projects.
- 1965-1966 – Sponsored sheltered workshop, and continued annual programs and projects.
- 1966-1967 – Community Chest.
- 1967-1968 – Assisted “Batavia Cares,” supported Youth Problems conference, donated boat to Batavia Fire Department, and sponsored Robert Popeck to Group Study Exchange in Taiwan.
- 1969-1970 – Sponsored “Youth Action Program.”
- 1971-1972 – Organized “Operation Identification.”
- 1972-1973 – Celebrated 25th Club anniversary.
- 1973-1974 – Donated \$381 to Fire Department Rescue Squad, continued annual programs and projects.
- 1974-1975 – Operated local clean-up drive.
- 1975-1976 – Dinner for 15 Australian Rotarians and Rotary Anns. Donated \$2,000 to city tree fund.
- 1976-1977 – Spearheaded formation of “Interact” in senior high school, and supported blood bank.
- 1977-1978 – Donated \$1,598 to Boys baseball, donated \$665 to local projects and charities, celebrated 30th Club anniversary, supported blood bank, and continued to support Interact in senior high school.
- 1978-79 – Activities centered on the citywide blood drive, Las Vegas night, and bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Interact is going strong and gave our club \$200 for use in the International Student Exchange program. We also participated in the Batavia Fireworks Fund house-to-house canvas. Donations for the year were made to the Batavia Boy’s Baseball, Drug Abuse Program, Fireworks Fund, Scouting, Sheltered Workshop, AID, Harness for Seeing-Eye Dog, Salvation Army, Lions Club, and Batavia Museum. Attendance for the month of May was 98.27%. The highlight of the year was John Cronwell receiving a 30-year pin for perfect attendance.
- 1979-80 – Home hosted visitors to the International Convention in Chicago. Scheduled a citywide blood drive, worked on the door-to-door Batavia Fireworks Fund drive, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. This is the year we purchased an aerator for the depot pond. Contributions for the year included donated \$1,000 to Fox Valley Sheltered Workshop, Council on Aging, Fox Hill Charities, Batavia Fireworks Fund, AID, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Exuma, Tri-City Family Project, and Senior Planning Services. These donations were made possible by a very successful Las Vegas night. The Batavia Interact Club continued strong.

1980-81 – Las Vegas night again was the primary fundraiser. Local charities as well as the Batavia Fireworks Fund received our major donations. The Club again organized a citywide blood drive. Interact continued to grow, and we rang the bells for the Salvation Army. Socially, we entertained our Rotary Anns at Fishermen's Inn and climaxed our year with a trip to Sox Park.

1981-82 – Interact remained strong, and they purchased a Bull Dog uniform for the high school. Don Clark received a 25-year pin for perfect attendance. Proceeds of Las Vegas night were dedicated to new band uniforms at the high school. Contributions this year included the Fireworks Fund, Scouts, Sheltered Workshop, Salvation Army, Lions Eyeglass Fund, and tennis courts. We again braved the cold and rang the bells for Salvation Army.

1982-83 – Sponsored an exchange student from Denmark, Jetta Mortensen. Nominated Mayor Schielke for the group study team to Australia. Sent our banner on a mountain climbing expedition in the Himalayas. Cooperated with Geneva and St. Charles for the purchase of a Chevrolet van for the Sheltered Workshop. Again sponsored Las Vegas Night.

1983-1984 – Participated in Tri-City Rotary Club campaign collecting funds to donate van to Fox Valley Sheltered Workshop. Held dinner for benefit of Batavia High School Music Buffs, rang bells for Salvation Army, donated to family that lost home to fire, and donations made to various local charities.

1985-1986 – Operated Bike Corral, gave donation to Mexican Earthquake Relief, held a dinner to benefit Batavia Police Cadet Program. Large garage sale was held to raise funds to support various local charities.

1986-1987 – Dinner held to benefit student drug program, food certificates were donated for placement in food baskets, bells were rung for Salvation Army, and members participated in Easter Seals Telethon and President's Walkathon.

1989-1990 – Dinner held to benefit Operation Snowball, student drug program. Food certificates were donated for placement in Christmas food baskets, bells were rung for Salvation Army, and a 1990 Corvette was raffled off raising \$5,000 for the Valley Sheltered Workshop and \$7,000 for various local charities. Art auction to raise money for Fox Hill Community Services, and sold brats to raise money for the Batavia fireworks fund.

1990-1991 – Started two \$1,000 annual scholarships for graduating Batavia High School seniors, one for general Academic excellence and the other Vocational Studies. Sponsored drive to clean up shoreline of the Fox River with help of the Boy Scouts and the Batavia Park District. Donated monies to purchase 100 smoke detectors for Batavia senior citizens, and received help from the Batavia Fire Department to install the detectors. Funded the Batavia High School's Star Raiders Drug Prevention Program. Continued supporting Easter Seals Telethon, Batavia Fireworks Fund, A.K.A. Ministries, Sports Boosters, and Rotary Foundation.

1991-92 – Donations to Batavia Riverwalk \$50,000 over five years; Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence \$1,000/year for three years; Batavia Fireworks Fund \$2,000; Easter Seals \$1,000; Crimestoppers \$1,000; Rotary Foundation \$1,000; Batavia Rotary Scholarships \$2,000; RSVP-Smoke Detector Program \$500; Bulldog Booster Program \$300; Valley Sheltered Workshop \$500; Children of

Chernobyl; and \$2,500 including but not limited to Brownie Troop, Say No to Drugs, Mutual Ground, Boy Scouts, and Speakers Causes.

1993-94 – Donations from fund raising activities: Batavia Riverwalk \$17,000 as part of five- year commitment; Batavia Fireworks Fund \$2,000; Easter Seals Telethon \$750; Rotary Foundation \$1,750; and Batavia Rotary Academic Scholarships \$2,000. New Commitment to support Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry \$1,000; Valley Sheltered Workshop \$300; Batavia Bulldog Sports Boosters program \$300; plus contributions totaling \$2,000 to social organizations and civic group functions; such as, Say No To Drugs, Boy Scouts, and Families in Need. New fundraiser was a Golf Raffle with money going to Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and Batavia Fireworks Fund.

1994-95 – Donations to Riverwalk project, Easter Seals, Batavia Fireworks Fund, Literacy Volunteers, and two scholarships to Batavia High School Students. Supported the BHS Allnighter, and rang bells for the Salvation Army.

1995-96 – Donated \$1,000 to American Cancer Society for Middle School Cancer Awareness Kits. Also donated to Literacy Volunteers, Riverwalk project, Batavia Fireworks Fund, Easter Seals, two scholarships to Batavia High School students, and rang bells for the Salvation Army. Supported the BHS Allnighter.

1996-97 - Stared the Tri-City Organ Donor Program. Continued donations to Easter Seals, Batavia Fireworks Fund, Riverwalk Project, Literacy Volunteers, two scholarships to Batavia High School Students, and BHS Allnighter. Supported Rotary International-Paul Harris Foundation. Donated 50/50 Raffle monies to the Food Pantry and \$450 for Batavia High School band uniforms. Also rang bells for Salvation Army.

1997-98 – During the past year the Batavia Rotary Club recently completed its commitment to the Batavia Riverwalk for the Peg Bond Center and other aspects of the project. The Batavia Rotary sponsored two scholarships for graduating Batavia High School seniors. In addition, Batavia Rotary supports Crimestoppers, Easter Seals, DARE, the Batavia Food Pantry, the BHS Allnighter, Operation Snowball, BHS boosters, Cancer Society Elementary School Training kits, Kane County Immunization, and the Salvation Army. During the 1998-99 year, the club will establish a Foundation for Educational Excellence for the Batavia schools, in honor of the late Bob Becker who had been a president of the Batavia Rotary.

1998-99 – Finished completing the contribution of \$5,000 to Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence in memory of Bob Becker. The goal was to collect enough money so that a grant could be named after Rotarian Becker. The club continues its civic involvement with funding Crimestoppers, Easter Seals, DARE, the Batavia Food Pantry, the BHS Allnighter, Operation Snowball, BHS boosters, Cancer Society Elementary School Training kits, Kane County Immunization, and the Salvation Army. Two members of the club attended Operation Snowball Retreat weekend.

1999-2000 – This was a memorable year for the Batavia Rotary. They contributed \$5,000 to the Batavia Fireworks fund since it was the year 2000. Rotarian of the year was Tom Von Lunen. Tom helped with just about everything the club did this year. The Corvette Raffle continues to be a success and net earnings were over \$25,000.

2000-01 – The club hosted the same German Music group to come to Batavia and perform for the community as a cultural exchange program. The 15-member group came from Erding Germany. They performed at Navy Pier and other prominent locations in Chicago and many performances in Batavia Schools. Again the Corvette Raffle was successful net \$28,000. Rotarian of the Year was Thomas Van Cleave.

2001-02 – Began a commitment to serve one meal a quarter at Lazarus House, which is a local homeless shelter. The club had been serving at Lazarus House for a few years on an irregular schedule. Sponsored a student from Batavia to study in Brazil for the year. Rotarian of the Year is Mike Clark.

2002-04 – Another successful Corvette Raffle. Participated in Rotary Student Study Abroad by hosting Pong from Thailand.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1951-52 – Sponsored student to study in Sweden.

1968-69 – Hosted exchange student.

1982-83 – Sponsored student from Denmark, Jetta Mortensen.

1991-92 – Hosted seven German exchange students in member homes for one week.

1993-94 – Hosted 15 German musicians in member homes and one outgoing exchange student to Brazil.

2000-01 - Hosted the same German Music group to come to Batavia and perform for the community as a cultural exchange program.

2001-02 – Sponsored a student from Batavia to study in Brazil for the year.

Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle

Chartered Jan. 24, 1997

The history of the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club dates back to August 1996, when Chuck and Elaine Dobra, Steve Scholten, Jerry Gordon, and several others began discussing the feasibility of a Rotary club serving the Bloomingdale and Roselle communities. By January 1997, with the help of 6440 Past District Governor Frank Schwermin (Highland Park) and leaders, especially Alan Gabe, within the sponsoring Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Rotary Club, interest in forming our club was consolidated. The official Charter Date for the club was 24 January 1997. Delayed by site availability, the actual Charter Night for the club, with 21 charter members, was the very snowy evening of February 21, 1997 at The Pointe Restaurant.

The inaugural officers for the club from February 21 1997 to June 30, 1997 were also the same officers for the club from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. They were Chuck Dobra, President; Steve Scholten, President-Elect, Mike Darovec, Secretary; and Rose Wageman, Treasurer. Officers from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999 were Steve Scholten, President; Denis Jones, President-Elect; Barb Heineman, Secretary; and Mike Darovec, Treasurer. Officers from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 were Denis Jones, President; Bill Bahr, President-Elect; Barb Heineman & Bill Bahr, Secretary; and Rose Wageman, Treasurer. Officers from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 were Bill Bahr, President; Tony Przeklasa, President-Elect, Rob Burns, Secretary; and Steve Scholten, Treasurer. Tony Przeklasa was President for 2001-2002; Rob Burns was President for 2002-2003, Chirag Shah was President for 2003-2004, and Linda Zerwin is

President for 2004-2005. President-Elect for 2005-2006 is David Litt, with Kim Hannigan as President-Nominee for 2006-2007. Meeting places for the club have progressed from The Pointe Restaurant, to Villaggio Ristorante, to Indian Lakes Resort, to Mia Strada, to Spavone's Restaurant, to the Bloomingdale Golf Club, and now back to Spavone's. We are pleased that Tony Spavone, restaurateur and singer, is a member of our club. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:15pm. By tradition, the first meeting of the month focuses on our board meeting, the last meeting centers around a member's personal classification talk, and the remaining meetings involve guest speakers.

Over the years, the club has won many awards: District Outstanding Membership Growth, 1998-99; Rotary International Global Quest Membership Award, 2001-02; District Membership, 2001-02; District Outstanding Community Service, 2003-04; District Governor's Award, 2003-04, and several RI Presidential Citations.

Community service for the club has involved supporting many activities and organizations, including the following: MYMs (Melding Young Moms), CHARACTER COUNTS!, Rotary Youth Leader Camp (RYLA), Bicycles for Tobago (PolioPlus), KIDS CARE Photo IDs, toy distribution to needy (% Buffalo Prairie Gang & WDSRA), Lake Park HS – Helena Lange Gymnasium Student Exchange ("Der Austausch"), Educational/Vocational Scholarships, Children's Opportunity Grants, DuPage Positive Recreation Opportunity League (WDSRA), and the Bloomingdale Village Directory. Perhaps the club's most significant accomplishment has been the completion of the Miracle Field, under the leadership of PP Rob Burns, with the able assistance of Linda Zerwin and many others both inside and outside the club. This effort has garnered much in the way of publicity and stands as the club's Centennial Project to help celebrate the first 100 years of Rotary. Rotary International also honored the club for its efforts in 2001-02 for its increase in membership. That year, both Rob Burns and Bill Bahr each brought in three new club members, also winning individual recognition from RI. The club also received the 2003-04 District Governor's Award for its numerous activities, which included the Miracle Field effort as well as sponsorship of the District Bowling Tournament. The club has also received several items of publicity in the Rotarian magazine. One nice mention, in particular, was an article on our "Printer Cartridges to Eradicate Polio" effort.

Not yet large, the club is looking to grow and sees new membership as its greatest opportunity and continuing challenge. Come join us for lunch!

Club Presidents:

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| 1. 1997-98 Chuck Dobra | 4. 2000-01 Bill Bahr | 8. 2004-05 Linda Zerwin |
| 2. 1998-99 Steve Scholten | 5. 2001-02 Tony Przeklasa | 9. 2005-06 David Litt * PE |
| 3. 1999-00 Denis Jones | 6. 2002-03 Rob Burns | 10.2006-07 John Butts * PN |

1997-98 - With Chuck Dobra as our founding president, the club moved from The Pointe Restaurant, to Villaggio Ristorante, to Indian Lakes Resort.

1998-99 - With Steve Scholten as president, the club moved to Mia Strada. The year was fruitfully spent organizing our policies and practices, encouraging new member growth (receiving the District 6440 Award for Membership Growth) and establishing community traditions of service and fun.

1999-2000 - This year, with Denis Jones as president, the club held two major fundraisers: the SockHop (held at Trinity Lutheran Church in conjunction with VFW Post 7539) and an evening of Cabaret. The club moved from the Mia Strada to Spavone's Restaurant (briefly) and on to Bloomingdale's beautiful new golf club.

2000-01 - With Bill Bahr as president, the club began its year by holding its Summer Picnic at Pat and Judi DeMoon's lovely farm. We also participated in CHARACTER COUNTS! activities as well as the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association's Special Olympics. We hosted approximately 20 German high school students from Hamburg (Der Austausch) for Rotary lunch, gave away free KidCare photo ID's at the Bloomingdale Septemberfest, and exhibited at the 5 Star Expo. Our main fundraiser was another SockHop, with the proceeds again split with VFW Post 7539. This time our disk jockey was our own club-singer extraordinaire Gary Umlauf. Another fundraiser was the Bloomingdale Village Profile. With these funds we gave out almost \$5,000 worth of scholarships by supporting RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) with awards for 5 attendees, the 4 Way Test Essay Contest (awarded to Brad Crosson - Lake Park HS), and DuPage Area Vocational Education Awards. We also donated over \$7,000 total to the following causes: Children of the World, Humanitarian Service Project, Land Mine Survivors, Uganda Seed Project (RC Wilmette), District 6440 Hunger Relief – Ethiopia, Der Austausch (German American HS Student Exchange), CHARACTER COUNTS!, Brian Healy Fund, Deepalaya India Child Center, Der Austausch (German American HS Student Exchange), Melding Young Moms (MYMs) Easter Hams, Jane Shover Easter Seal Center (Elgin), American Cancer Society (Relay for Life), Boy Scouts of America, and Rotary Annual Giving Fund. As the year drew to a close, we also gave awards to Bill & Marla Bolen, Mary Hahn, & Donna Marino for community contributions and to members Pat DeMoon, Rob Burns, and Gary Umlauf for community/club contributions. For its year long efforts, the club received Rotary International's Presidential Club Citation. At the end of the year with the club's support, Bill Bahr was also nominated and began to serve a three-year stint as Assistant District Governor, a job that typically involves oversight of three to five of the district's other clubs.

2001-02 - The club started the year by moving back to Spavone's Restaurant. This year the club grew dramatically, adding seven members. Tony Przeklasa, as president and on behalf of the club, won Rotary International's Global Quest Membership Award, a beautiful crystal globe. Rob Burns and Bill Bahr won individual awards for each bringing in three new members. This year in April the club also began its tradition of stocking Turner Pond with fish.

2002-03 - With Rob Burns as president, the club was proud of its response to the polio eradication initiative. It was only Rob's first or second meeting as President, and we agreed to hand District Governor Terry Mueller a check for \$4,200 (21 members x \$200). This year Rotary International asked for \$300 per member, instead of the "usual" \$100, and we did it. Rob gave credit to his predecessors as some/much of this came from previous earnings. The club was also proud of our response to the Miracle League presentation in March of 2003 and especially the Spavone concert, where virtually all members participated. Rob thought it a good thing we "blindly" jumped into that project. Had we ever stopped and objectively analyzed the financial commitment, he doubted our Miracle Field would have become reality. Divine intervention and our being in the right place at the right time was key. "Thank the Lord" for Chicago White Sox contribution of \$150,000 and their faith in our effort. As well, special thanks to all community members who contributed to the Miracle Field project rounding out the contributions to \$375,000!

Our wine/barrel tasting and cheese party was great. On the other hand, fundraising (excepting Miracle Field) was like pulling teeth. Rob thought programming improved dramatically with Tony Przeklasa's chairmanship and thanked Tony for his work for the club in that regard.

Major challenges for the club were fundraising and engaging in community service projects requiring time. Virtually all our membership had to work day jobs, with time tugs from all directions. On the other hand, many of our Paul Harris Rotarians are company owners, presidents, and CEOs with a little broader latitude with their time, albeit with possibly even more work.

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club's Centennial Project is the Miracle Field in Roselle, Illinois. The field, part of the National Miracle League and the Miracle League of Illinois, is a ball-playing venue for children with disabilities to play baseball side by side with non-disabled children. This project had its beginning over a Rotary Club lunch in March of 2003 featuring a program highlighting the development of the Miracle Field in Geneva, Illinois. Rotarian Rob Burns, then president, asked if a Miracle Field could be incorporated in a municipal development project in Roselle.

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club spearheaded numerous community meetings enlisting the support of Roselle Mayor Gayle Smolinski, State Representative Carole Pankau, the Roselle Park District, Bloomingdale Park District, Medinah Park District, Keeneyville School District 20, Western DuPage Special Recreation, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation, and a host of community leaders and business people.

Significant fundraising involved much of the community. The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club held a concert featuring local entertainer Tony Spavone. Rotarian Corinne Kehoe and her husband, Frank, donated the lighting and electrical service for the field and scoreboard. Many other community members and groups stepped forward to lend support to the project. In October of 2003, the Chicago White Sox Charities contributed \$150,000. Wilson Sporting Goods also contributed athletic equipment for these youth players.

As of March 2005, through the generosity and the grass roots efforts of a caring community, the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary has raised, in monetary and in-kind donations, more than \$375,000 to make this dream a reality for an important youth group in the greater Chicagoland area. We were pleased to present this field to the Roselle Park District and to commit to its support in the years to come.

2003-04 - Chirag Shah was our president for 2003-04. With an invitation to his beautiful home in St. Charles, the club enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party. Almost simultaneously, the club presented the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry with a check for \$2,000. It was one of the largest donations they had ever received. It was also this year that the Miracle Field was inaugurated and we hosted the Australian Group Study Exchange (Winery Party). We also enjoyed fellowship by attending the Odd Couple play, hosted by member Tom Kruse and including acting by member John Butts. The club also hosted the District Bowling Tournament. For its efforts this year, the club received the District Governor's Award as well as the District Outstanding Community Service Award, 2003-04.

2004-05 - The Centennial Year. Perhaps the most interesting and appropriate "statement" of the club this year is a woman president. As president, Linda Zerwin felt honored and humbled at the same time

to be in this role. This demonstrates how far Rotary International has come in meeting the service needs of the community and showing diversity both locally and as an international organization.

In the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club, we have concentrated this year on finalizing our Miracle Field Centennial project. We continue to expand the membership of the club whose goal this year is ten new members! We are also expanding our community service projects to include fish restocking not only in Roselle but Bloomingdale Park Districts. We have done this program for the past three years, inviting school age children to help the club release fish into Turner's Pond in Roselle. We also double the service to the community by asking the children to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry. This year we will provide the same activity in Bloomingdale.

Along with the donations from the children, we will utilize the District's grant program to provide \$2,000 in gift certificates to the food pantry in \$25 increments for the purchase of perishable items by needy families.

Our Literacy Committee Chairman, Ken Gross, has moved us beyond reading at local schools annually to the Big Book Drive, which will take place in April 2005. Since this is our first time, our goal is participation from each of the invited schools in Bloomingdale and Roselle. We are excited to promote this effort and hope to make this an annual event.

We culminated the Centennial year with a party. The choice to host an international contingent of 45 Rotarians during the June RI Centennial Conference for a night of baseball on the Miracle Field proved to be the perfect ending of a landmark year. The Western DuPage Special Recreation baseball players put on a grand game for our guests. Some of our guests were moved to tears by the opportunity that the Miracle Field allows special needs children. The meal, provided by Tony Spavone's Restaurant, was exceptional! And, of course, no trip to Roselle is complete without a tour at Lynfred Winery! Thanks to Fred and his staff for a great place for fellowship.

The irony of Service Above Self is that each time one gives from the heart the returns are, well, 100 fold! As a Club, we thought we were giving to the community with our Centennial Project, the Miracle Field, and in the end it has given back to us more than we could ever have imagined. Here's to 100 more years!

2005-06- David Litt was Club President for 2005-06. The year started off with a celebration induction dinner hosted by our incoming president, David Litt and his wife, Sallie. Stepping away from our traditional meeting place, the members and their guests were treated to a wonderful Brazilian dinner at Sal & Carvao's in Downer's Grove. A great meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all. This year we had an unusually large number of speakers from the many-leveled world of politics. Our literary chairman, Ken Gross, again led the club in activities related to his role as District Literacy Co-chair. We have increased our ranks to include the Bloomingdale Library director. The passion for reading that these two men have has pointed the club into a much needed service direction. Ken is again heading the Bookworm Angels book drive.

To continue with our "service above self" motto, our club does well hosting other organizations in their fund raising. As he did last year, John Butt's led the effort to support the Boy Scouts with a successful fundraiser.

One of the goals for this year has been to identify a need on the Bloomingdale side of our club. To that end, a project was also begun to raise funds and contribute to a structure at the Bloomingdale Park District.

2006-07- John Butts will be Club President for 2006-07

Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove

Chartered Jan. 11, 1974

Contributions:

1973 - Community Concert Association \$50. Buffalo Grove Bike Safety Day \$50. 1974- Buffalo Grove Days puppet show \$200; Dockery Memorial Fund \$25.

1975 - \$50 Buffalo Grove High School music fund; \$50 Omni House ad; \$10 Jaycees pageant; \$200 Buffalo Grove Days puppet show; \$100 Buffalo Grove Jr. Bruins national softball; \$100 Bobby Libit trust fund; \$100 Park District tree fund; \$20 Buffalo Grove Days committee; \$50 Stevenson High School Band parents; \$25 High School District 214 placemats; \$50 Children's Memorial Noonan Fund; \$25 Buffalo Grove High School Expressions; \$75 Buffalo Grove High School Choral Guild.

1976 - \$20 George Williams College; \$200 Omni House; \$9.04 District 214 Sergei award; \$100 Campus Life.

1977 - \$160 International Rotary Foundation Scholarship; \$175 Buffalo Grove Recreation Association Sponsorship; \$28.68 District 214 Service award; \$975 Buffalo Grove Emergency Service Disaster Assoc.

1978 - \$160 International Rotary Foundation Scholarship; \$125 B.G.R.A. sponsorship of little league team; \$25 District 214 Service award to B.G.H.S. basketball coach; \$85 Christmas donations to needy family; \$50 Omni House; \$80 A Friend of Rotary; \$100 Paul Harris Sustaining member towards Dr. C. Miller; judging of Halloween costumes at Kohl's Foods; \$125 Club's first exchange student sent to the '79 Conference; sent president-elect Lee Rishall to the '78 Conference; Rotary Ball to raise money for the Buffalo Grove Community.

1979 - \$100 to Northwest Special Recreation Association; \$200 Omni House; \$125 Buffalo Grove Little League; \$75 Patrick Zedendahl exchange student; \$25 Rotary Club of Lake Zurich start-up gift; \$24 Archdiocese of Chicago Papal Visit; \$104.71 to exchange student and \$140 Christmas donation to needy families.

1980 - \$100 to Katy Murphy Leukemia Fund; \$125 Buffalo Grove Jr. baseball team; \$100 Shelter Foster Home; \$50 Northwest Suburban Council Boy Scouts; \$210 exchange student; \$895.50 to purchase Resusci-Annie for Buffalo Grove Disaster Assoc.; \$200 for doctors equipment Exuma Island Project; \$25 start-up gift for Elgin Rotary; \$77 participation in Buffalo Grove Days; \$250 aid to fire victim; \$210 to send Buffalo Grove resident to Arizona due to respiratory illness; \$21 toward Rose Bowl float; \$50

for Christmas basket to needy family.

1981 - \$25 Rotary Club of Carol Stream start-up gift; \$19.02 book for South African library; \$125 Buffalo Grove Recreation Assn. team sponsorship; \$300 Kim Koch Vocational scholarship; \$100 Community Christmas Basket.

1982 - \$140 Buffalo Grove Recreational Assn.; \$100 American Cancer Society; \$300 Kim Koch Vocational Scholarship; \$100 community fireworks; \$100 American Cancer society; \$200 Omni House Youth Service Bureau; \$175 CEDA Northwest family support.

1983 - \$100 Vahhalla Color Guard; \$100 community fireworks; \$210 American Cancer Society; \$300 Colin Morgan Scholarship; \$300 Joe Miller Scholarship; \$3,000 International Project, Mike Maxey to Samagai, Java; \$400 Christmas baskets.

1987-88 - \$500 vocational scholarship for student, \$500 Omni Youth Service, \$1,000 Wheeling food basket purchase and delivery in conjunction with Wheeling High school and Wheeling Rotary; \$500 Lekotek toys, \$500 Kids Line, \$150 sponsoring little league team, \$300 co-sponsored Concert in Park, \$550 Say No to Drugs Concert, invested \$2,000 CD toward handicapped accessible playground, \$100 Wheeling Calcutta ticket, \$500 Northwest Community Services and \$500 and manpower to Area 24 Special Olympics bowling tournament. Two major fundraisers - Pancake breakfast at Buffalo Grove Days and annual silent auction.

1988-89 - \$500 to Northwest Community Services for Christmas toys and baskets for needy, \$100 co-sponsored Bicycle Rodeo with Buffalo Grove Police Department, \$300 co-sponsored Concert in the Park with Buffalo Grove Park District, \$500 plus manpower to Special Olympics Area 24 bowling tournament, sponsored police officer to participate in torch run to benefit Special Olympics; \$500 vocational scholarship, \$1,040 sponsored International Service Project in Pantan, India for blood bank, \$300 to Children's Community Conference to support Children's Substance Abuse Program, invested \$2,000 CD toward a handicapped accessible playground, \$400 to Little City Foundation.

Also, \$304 to sponsor a neighborhood watch video with Buffalo Grove Police, \$500 sponsored the National Association of Student Councils National Conference, \$200 to maintain and preserve 100-year-old trees in Knopf Cemetery, \$1,000 co-sponsored Wheeling food baskets with Wheeling Rotary and Wheeling High School, \$500 Lekotek toys, \$500 Kids Line, \$150 little league baseball team, \$500 Northwest Community Services. Major fundraisers included Pancake breakfast and raffle and an auction with banquet dinner.

1988-89 - Sponsored Russ Gunther as one of the 25 non-athlete U.S. citizens to represent the U.S. at Summer Olympics in Korea. Sponsored the 644 Golf Outing at St. Andrews. Sponsored prizes and refreshments at Buffalo Grove Days \$100, fruit and juice for Buffalo Grove Blood Commission Drive \$100, co-sponsored Summer Concert in the Park \$325, supported Buffalo Grove Fire Fighters Ass'n for Lt. Robert Krause \$100, Rotary Club of Batavia Raffle \$100, Buffalo Grove resident Doug Stronach permanently injured from rock climbing accident \$200, American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund \$200, holiday food baskets for the Elderly and Needy \$1,000, Buffalo Grove resident Karen Wolf participating on U.S. Olympic Fencing Team \$100, Talkline \$500, B.G.R.A. baseball team \$150, Buffalo Grove Jazz Band \$250, Buffalo Grove Instrumental Band \$200, Resource Center for the Elderly \$200, Area 24

Special Olympics Bowling \$500, Rotary Club of Wheeling Calcutta \$100, Rotary International Service Project in Guatemala \$1,200, Buffalo Grove Police Special Olympics Torch Run \$100, Floyd Brown Golf Open for Rotary International \$600, supported Willow Stream Accessible Playground for past six years \$12,000, sponsor ongoing events at the Rotary Village Green throughout the year \$2,000.

1990-91 - Completed the construction and opened the Handicapped-Accessible playground at Willow Stream in Buffalo Grove; provided funding for community entertainment at the Buffalo Grove Rotary Village Green and the Park District during the summer months; continued the annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast at the Buffalo Grove Days Festival which is a major fundraiser; participated in Village Bank Program as an International Service Project.

1991-92 - Started the next long-term program which was the Bike Path Beautification Program, a hands-on project which entailed fundraising, purchasing planning, design and manual labor to beautify village and park district bike paths; provided free entertainment with Rotary Village Green Concert program; assisted in funding of Buffalo Grove Blood Commission regular blood drives in the community; assisted in funding of Bowling Special Olympics and assisted during competition.

1992-93 - Continued to pursue the long term project Bike Path Beautification Program; initiated club activity in Interact program for Stevenson High School; organized the annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Buffalo Grove Days Festival.

1993-94 - Interact officially chartered at Stevenson High School; continued to sponsor the Rotary Village Green Concert Program; sponsored annual Pancake Breakfast and Bingo Night at Buffalo Grove Days Festival; participated in Thanksgiving Food Drive with Wheeling Rotary Club; completed Phase I on the long-term project bike path.

1994-95 - Arranged free entertainment for community through Rotary Village Green Program; continued to support the Interact program with three local high schools; long-term project Bike Path Beautification Program; participated in several "Casino Nights" for various organizations which provided substantial source of funds which Club was able to continue active donations; participated in annual food drive for needy families during Thanksgiving Holiday; continued to sponsor Interact program; organized Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast and sponsored Bingo Night at Buffalo Grove Festival; held three Casino-Nite events for other non-charitable organizations as fund raisers.

Major fundraisers included our annual Pancake Breakfast and raffle at Buffalo Grove Days and annual auction. Club received a 644 Distinguished Club Citation and Star Emblem.

Presidents include:

1996-98 - Ron Jonas	2000-01 - Mark Meyers	2003-04 - Al Viehman
1998-99 - Eric Smith	2001-02 - Ranny Welborn	2004-05 - Rick Drazner
1999-00 - John Green	2002-03 - Greg Lundgren	2005-06 Martha Weiss

Youth Exchange Activity:

1980 - Sent student to Mexico.

Rotary Club of Carol Stream

Chartered Dec. 30, 1980

On December 30, 1980, the Rotary Club of Carol Stream was chartered with about 25 members.

1980-Worked with Carol Stream Police department and Park District on Bike Rodeo Safety Project.

1981-Worked on Bike Rodeo, held first annual Blood Drive, participated in Anti-Vandalism Campaign with local merchants and police department, hosted "Octoberfest" for club members and guests. Passed the "Baby" to the newly formed Glendale Heights Club as the new club in the district. Co-sponsored Citizen of the Year dinner to honor outstanding village residents. Donated American and State of Illinois flags to newly dedicated village hall. Participated in Circle of Sharing clothing drive program of Salvation Army. Held annual picnic and supported Youth Soccer Boosters with \$100 donation. Procured "Tot Lot" equipment for playground, distributed 720 cases of cookies to needy and underprivileged of community.

1982- Instituted first annual membership drive, continued annual projects; Blood Drive two times a year, Citizen of the Year banquet, Anti-Vandalism campaign, Circle of Sharing Clothing Drive, Bike Rodeo, etc. Held "Octoberfest" at Hans Bavarian Lodge, donated wheel chair to paralyzed Vietnam refugee, gave basketball bleachers to park district. Sponsored "Donkey Basketball" fund raiser, donated \$100 to local resident who had lost husband, held Valentine Party, Fishing Derby, club shoot, held a banner design contest for club with local high school and Rotarians, and made patchwork quilt project at District Conference.

1983- Continued annual projects previously mentioned; installed "Horseshoe Courts" at park district; co-sponsored Carol Stream's 25th Anniversary Industrial luncheon at Indian Lakes Resort; held Las Vegas Night fundraiser, which allowed club to purchase other playground equipment for community, Christmas Gifts to local nursing home residents, and child daycare program.

1995-2006—The Carol Stream Rotary Club begins every meeting with the Rotary 4-Way test. Of the things we think do or say:

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?

By reciting that oath for twenty-five years, the club members commit themselves to upholding Rotary ideals and helping the Carol Stream community.

On December 30, 1980, the Rotary Club of Carol Stream was chartered with about 25 members. On December 17, 2005, current members celebrated the 25th anniversary and kicked off a year of celebration for the club. Club President and charter member, Russ Stock, looks forward to the upcoming year's activities, "The Carol Stream Rotary Club has a long history of helping the Carol Stream community and surrounding area. We intend to continue our projects in the area and around the world."

The basis for the formation was and remains to “Always look to meet a need” according to long-time member, Attorney Robert McNees. He points out that most people want to help others but there is only so much that can be done as an individual. By working together and partnering with the community, great things can happen. When Glenbard North has needed help and support, “We have provided that help”. Through the years the support has included awarding student scholarships (approximately 4 per year), nominating students for vocational scholarships from Rotary International, donating funds for the post-prom party so that students would have a safe celebration, funding the dugouts for the baseball team, helping the history classes travel to Gettysburg to study the Civil War, and providing an opportunity for high school students to study abroad.

Another way the club has helped to meet a need was to partner with the Village of Carol Stream. McNees reports that the village will call him when there is a family in town that has a fire or a serious illness that needs outside assistance. The club members also lend manpower and donations to the Village’s Christmas Sharing Program by filling grocery bags with food and non-perishable goods. The Club also mans the local beer gardens at community festivals to raise money for human service agencies. Since 1988, the club has headed the six annual blood drives in the community.

Another motto of the Carol Stream Rotary is the commitment to youth and service to the community. The club has been responsible for many actions to strengthen Carol Stream and make it a better place to raise a family. For many years, the club members planted trees on Arbor Day in Carol Stream parks. To make play areas and ball fields safer, the club installed lightening detectors to warn of storm activity. This past year, signs were installed at area parks for use with 911 calls. The club has also helped with signing up organ donors, bike rodeos with the police department, helping with ladybug distribution for gardens, food baskets for the needy, and last year’s linen drive that rounded up three fire truckloads of used sheets, towels and blankets for the needy.

The club members enjoy a great deal of camaraderie at their weekly Tuesday lunches at the Carol Stream Holiday Inn. After lunch there is a presentation on varying topics that have included handwriting analysis, weight loss, arbitration, civil war and antique cars. One acupuncture speaker used a club member to demonstrate how the ancient treatment works. The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association gave a talk on disability awareness and half the club members ate lunch with glasses that obstructed their vision or ties around their hands to impede motion. The goals of these luncheons are to present managers and business leaders with the tools to help them perform better in their job and help improve in the community.

Two of the activities the club is most known for are their “Chili Open Golf Outing” and their “precision grocery cart drill team”. Both of these activities raise money for the community projects. The Chili Open got its name from a February play in the cold and snow golf outing, where players could use tennis balls or colored golf balls to find their shots. “There were plenty of times the golf outing would be held in less than ideal weather,” said McNees who has helped with the 18 previous outings and will help with this year’s outing on May 4th at Villa Olivia in Bartlett.

Dick Wilson came up with the drill team idea as a way to collect donations for the food pantries in parades. Stopping on the sides of parades to get canned goods caused a delay in the parades so the team quickly morphed into a precision drill team with 15 different patterns. Sponsors buy ads signs for the

carts and the money raised funds college scholarships for Carol Stream residents and Glenbard North students.

The Club members have worked closely with area schools and libraries on a number of projects.

Rotary Club of Carol Stream has donated more than \$250,000 to the following donations:

Access DuPage; Polio Eradication in the World; Western DuPage Special Recreation Association; Miracle Field; Kids World Playground; Carol Stream Community Outreach Center; Hospice of DuPage; DuPage Pads; Family Shelter Service; Lightning Sensors for Athletic Fields; Humanitarian Service Project; High School Prom Overnight; PTA Council Projects; Carol Stream Park District; Arbor Day Trees for Parks; Glenbard North Sports; Illinois Organ Donors; DARE; Student College Scholarships; International Disaster Relief; Holiday Food Baskets for the Needy; Northern Illinois Food Bank; Glenbard North History Trip; Author's Festival; Character Counts; Carol Stream Police Defibrillators; Jay Stream School for Literacy Project; Park Clean Up; Marklund Home for Mentally Challenged.

Youth Exchange activity:

There are 74 clubs in District 6440, which covers the northern collar area around Chicago. Carol Stream Charter Member, Dick Wilson, heads the Exchange Student program for the 6440 District and has known most of the exchange students who have come to the area. The Carol Stream Club has sponsored 12 students from 11 different countries since 1991. Wilson says, "I am a tremendous believer that we break down the barriers between countries by sharing first-hand knowledge about each others' culture. These kids teach us about their homes and in turn, learn about Americans' culture". Most of these students return to their countries after the high school experience in Carol Stream but one, Rodrigo Therezo, from Brazil, is now attending college in Chicago and hopes to become a concert pianist upon graduation. Rotarian Jim Bailey and his wife Leigh have sponsored many students in their home.

- 1991 — Hosted Jacqui Stevens from Australia
- 1992 — Hosted Angela Lamberty from New Caladonia
- 1995 — Hosted Nic Bataille from Belgium
- 1997 — Hosted Lillian Musa from Brazil
- 1998 — Hosted Burcu Ozdeuir from Turkey
- 1999 — Hosted Christian Karisson from Sweden
- 2000 — Hosted Hermann Linden from Mexico
- 2001 — Hosted Helle Gjesse from Denmark
- 2002 — Hosted Tomislav Basic from Croatia
- 2003 — Hosted Gioia Astarita from Italy (Early Return)
- 2004 — Hosted Rodrigo Therezo from Brazil
- 2005 — Hosted Julia Topinoja from Finland

Rotary Club of Cary-Grove

Chartered Jan. 9, 1970

- 1971 - \$250 scholarship to Cary-Grove High School (CGHS) graduating senior. Donations to Lapaz Missions in Bolivia. Raised funds for local and Mississippi tornado victims.
- 1972 - \$250 scholarship to CGHS senior.
- 1973 - \$500 scholarship to CGHS senior. Started Cary-Grove Man-of-the-Year program. Initiated

“Medi-check” tagging program. Donations sent to Bonglet and Bolivia for school windows.

1975 - \$500 scholarship to CGHS senior. Man-of-the-Year program.

1976 - \$500 scholarship to CGHS. Man-of-the-Year program. Assisted with Jaycees for Paramedic ambulance. Presented U.S. Bicentennial program to community.

1977 - \$500 scholarship CGHS. Sponsored Cary-Grove’s first art auction.

1978 - \$500 scholarship to CGHS. Sponsored Cary-Grove’s second annual art auction. Completed first year in the student exchange program. Collected for Easter Seals, and was awarded the “Most Improved Club (small)” in district at District Conference. Sponsored Cary girls’ baseball team.

1980 - Sponsored Senior Citizen postal check system for area. Collected funds for Easter Seals. Sponsored girls’ youth baseball team. Established first Paul Harris Fellow. Two \$500 scholarships to Cary-Grove High School students. Made commitment to 3-H.

1981 - Sponsored Cary girls baseball team, Drug/Alcohol Abuse-Parent Awareness Program, Cary Senior Citizens’ Center Rehab Project, and collected for Easter Seals.

1982-85 - Each year three \$500 academic scholarships, one \$500 vocational scholarship. 1982 - Sponsored District vocational scholarship winner. Sponsor of Good Shepherd Hospital Lifeline Program, collected for Easter Seals, and sponsored Cary Girls baseball team, Cary Park Fountain Restoration project, Crime-stoppers program contributor, McHenry County Underwater Rescue\Recovery Boat co-purchaser, Action for Handicapped Electric Wheelchair purchase, District Governor’s Walk Participant, and Papua New Guinea Health Care Project contributor.

1986-92 - Each year two \$1,000 academic scholarships and one \$1,000 vocational scholarship to CGHS seniors. In addition, the club administers two \$1,000 vocational scholarships given by a current and a former member. 1987 - Admitted first woman member. 1989 - 100% participation in PolioPlus. All members became Paul Harris Fellows. 1989 - Began \$200,000 Cary Park Bandshell Community Service Project. 1991-92 - Sponsored creation of new club in Algonquin.

1991-92 - Initiated an International Service project involving acquiring and shipping to an inadequately equipped hospital in Poland used and useable post-operating room medical equipment; estimated value around \$200,000. 1992 - Contributed to Fox River Grove schools “QUEST” anti-drug use project. Participated in the planning committee for celebrating Cary’s yearlong Centennial celebration in 1993.

1992 - Continued scholarship program, administering two vocational and three academic scholarships. Sent two RYLA students to Valley Forge.

1993 - Scholarship program continued, administering two vocational and three academic scholarships. Sent two RYLA students to Valley Forge. PP Bob Blumberg led District GSE team to Colombia. Electrified the Cary Park Bandshell constructed as a Community Service Project.

1994 - Continued scholarship program, administering two vocational and three academic scholarships. Sent two RYLA students to Valley Forge. Contributed \$2,400 toward Fox Grove Playground Project, \$500 to local Food Pantry, and \$300 to Fox River Grove Librarian trip to Moscow to attend conference. Working on under-school-age Child Immunization Project with other clubs in McHenry County.

1999 - The Club donations furnish the community room at the Decker Library in Cary.

2000 - Tom Decker donates \$100,000 to establish a perpetuating scholarship fund to be awarded annually by the Club.

2001 - Chartered the Cary-Grove High School Interact Club; a high school service club that has grown from 20 to over 120 student members in 4 years and provides opportunities for community and international service.

2002 - The Club offers its first \$5,000 Rotary-Decker Scholarship; provides \$4,000 to 5 additional scholars.

2003 - The Club continues with its 2nd \$5,000 Rotary-Decker Scholarship; also provides \$4,000 to 5 additional scholars.

2003 - Cary-Grove Rotary Club raises \$10,000 for Rotary International's Polio Eradication Program.

2004 - The Club offers its 3rd \$5,000 Rotary-Decker Scholarship; also provides \$4,000 to 5 additional scholars. The Club sponsors Karl Rosenberg, Cary Park District Park Manager, to participate in Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Australia.

2005 - The Club is offering its 4th \$5,000 Rotary-Decker Scholarship; also intends to offer \$4,000 to 5 additional scholars. The Club is completing the landscaping and improvements project on the Rotary Bandshell in Cary for its Centennial Project; donations are being accepted at Cary-Grove Rotary Club, PO Box 6, Fox River Grove, IL 60021. The Club is seeking at least 10 additional members over the next year to join in the Rotary tradition of "Service Above Self" and encourage potential members to contact Mike Lindsey at mlindsey@mc.net.

Youth Exchange activity:

1972 - Sponsored college student to study one year in Australia.

1977 - Sent exchange student to Australia, hosted student from Sweden.

1978 - Hosted exchange student from Australia.

1979 - Hosted exchange student from Brazil.

1981 - Hosted short-term student from Belgium.

1982 - Hosted exchange student from Brazil.

1985 - Hosted exchange student from West Germany.

1986 - Sponsored student to Australia.

1987 - Hosted exchange student from Ecuador.

1990 - Hosted exchange student from Belgium.

1991 - Hosted short-term student from France.

1993 - Sponsored exchange student to Germany.

2003 - Sponsored international exchange student from Germany.

2005 - In August, the Club will welcome its next international exchange student, yet to be named.

Rotary Club of Central DuPage County AM

Chartered Nov. 6, 1990

1990-94 - First project - painting the PADS daytime Shelter. Continuing support of the residents of

DuPage County Convalescence Center, support for Rotary Foundation, of environmental projects, Eco-Fair, giving trees away, continuing clean-up of DuPage River, People's Resource Center, Rotary's World Affairs Seminar, and PAUSE group of Dist. 200 concerned parents. Building a playground for the YMCA Daycare Center. Co-sponsored the Seniors Honors Banquet.

Fundraising included Poinsettia and Easter lily sales, weekly raffles for Rotary Foundation, Valentine's Dinner Dance, and Golf Outing and Dinner.

1991-94 - Wheelchair ramp onto Wheaton home \$4,000, playground equipment-Holy Cross Church \$1,800. Cleaned up one mile of the Fox River and hauled it away. Participated in Adopt a Highway. Cleaned up some of the older homes.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1991-92 - Hosted in-bound Rotary Exchange Student.

1993 - Hosted some students from Germany.

1995-05 - In its 14th year, the club continues and adds to the fine traditions begun in 1990. Since it's beginning, the club has enjoyed its relationship to Cantigny Golf and Tennis with joint efforts in fundraising, community service, and weekly breakfast meetings.

Support for Rotary International - It is proud of its almost 70 Paul Harris Fellows. This is the most overt evidence of the club's appreciation for and support of Rotary International. To partially complete the picture of that support, Central DuPage AM sends students to RYLA and receives their report; sponsored outgoing foreign exchange student, Katherine Erikson, to Belgium in 1995; provided Scott White as the US Group Study Exchange team leader in 1998; provided and secured matching funds for the Rotary Little Faces medical project in Columbia, SA in 1998; collects \$30-\$50 weekly for the Foundation; honors Rotary Foundation Month annually; conducted the Governor's Walk at Cantigny in 1994, and provided 60 bicycles for Togo as a result of the Rotary appeal in 1998.

Sweat Equity for Community Organization - Interior decoration of local facilities e.g. Central DuPage Hospital's Wise Penny Resale Shop, People's Resource Center; did restoration work on the historic Baker House on North Avenue; completed construction of the Wheaton History Center's accessibility ramp; repainted that ramp in 1999; provide a singing float with the Wheaton Rotary Club for the July 4th parade; began and continue with the "Adopt a Stream" program for DuPage County by keeping two miles clean and clear of obstruction; provide volunteer traffic control personnel for Marianjoy's annual Steeple Chase; started in 1999 doing the same thing for the Wheaton Chamber's Classic Car Fridays during the summer; monthly card night and annual pancake breakfast for the DuPage Convalescent Center residents; landscaping for Canticle Place; food baskets at the end of the year holiday season; participating in an annual blood donation program; in 1995-96, worked with the Wheaton Housing Commission to do major yard cleanup at one home; distribute free white pine seedlings at Wheaton's Echo Fair (now ended); ran a Mentorship program three years for Wheaton high school students which is not being done anymore.

Financial Support to Community Organizations – Central DuPage AM has provided annual funds of up to \$1,000+ to Canticle Place, Bethlehem Food Center, Bridge Communities, Boy Scouts of America, Central DuPage Hospital and its affiliates, Conservation Foundation, Donka, Girl Scouts of America,

Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Volunteers of DuPage, Marionjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Operation Condor (with Wheaton Rotary), Outreach Community Ministries, People's Resource Center, Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS), Serenity House, Sunny Ridge Services, and the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA).

The club participates in fundraising events for Literacy Volunteers of DuPage (trivia quiz), and the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (corporate challenge).

The club provides substantial vocational and college scholarships to local residents.

Fundraising and Philanthropy Focus - The sale and distribution of Poinsettias grown at Cantigny has been a staple for the club since 1991. Thirteen hundred plants were sold in 2004. Other efforts not now continuing include Bowling for Pennies and the sale of Easter lilies.

In 1998, in an effort to raise the level of support provided and while continuing Poinsettia sales, the club successfully kicked off a spring car raffle event. In 1999 and continuing in 2000, that event was also to include a dinner and silent auction at which winners were announced. That event runs annually through 2005 though now does not include a dinner and silent auction.

To coincide with the increase in income, the club began a process in 1998 to focus financial giving. The decision was to continue the modest support provided local agencies and work toward effecting more impact on the need for computer literacy among the poor and disabled of DuPage County. The first grants in that area were made in 1999 and began a partnership between the Rotary Club of Central DuPage AM, Donka, and the College of DuPage to move skills up a level for possible employability. This effort continued in 2000.

2000 - As indicated in this document, many of the activities and events continue. A new wrinkle is that at the request of the City of Wheaton, consideration is being given to provide personnel for Bastille Days beverage disbursement. This would be another fundraising event. Club leadership is very aware of keeping a good balance between requiring members to be involved in raising money and also expecting them to help the club provide community service.

2004-05 – The club participated in funding the Rotary Centennial Plaza of the Wheaton Park District's Clock Tower Commons through a buy-a-brick campaign.

2005-06- The Rotary Club of Central DuPage AM has continued its community service efforts with such as: Convalescent Center card playing and pancake breakfasts, Winfield Creek Cleanup, Relay for Life participation, Literacy Trivia Bee, Vintage Rides parking assistance, Wheaton Autumnfest, Prairie Patch cleanup. Additions include helping out the local recycling plant, providing marshals for the Fourth of July Parade and helping a local agency sell refurbished furniture

By the end of the year, the club will have contributed \$26,000 in gifts or scholarships; all raised in 2004-05 by poinsettia and car/cash raffle ticket sales.

Internationally, the group is working on the Guatemala—'06 Eye Project to help residents of Coban, Guatemala with vision problems. The club received a matching grant from Rotary International for the

project that is being worked in conjunction with Loyola University and the Coban Rotary club. Including funds from Central DuPage, District 6440 and Rotary International, the total amount of the matching grant is \$11,250, with Loyola putting in the rest. The project will be an annual one and aims to eventually establish a Loyola Medical Center in the area. Rotarians will go to Coban and help as they can, while Loyola will provide professional vision care specialists.

Rotary Club of Crystal Lake

Chartered April 4, 1963

1964-73 - Proposed organization of "Community Council" to start construction movement toward improving Crystal Lake. Paid for orthodontics for disadvantaged person. Contributed money and material to help establish "Wingate Home" in Woodstock for retarded children. Arranged Christmas parties at Wingate with tree and gifts. Offered student loans to college students payable after graduation at no interest rate. Participated in Group Exchange with Taiwan business group. Supported clothes project of children's home. Participated in Group Exchange with young men from India. Built picnic shelter in park.

1973-75 - Donated toys for day care center. Built warming house for skaters next to park lake. Assisted in fundraising for County Easter Seal Program. Conducted National Safety Council award-winning bicycle safety project for entire country.

1976-78 - Donated money, materials, and labor to repair and construct playground equipment and bikes for Friendship House day care center. Painted and repaired bus for use in transporting high school band. Completed construction of new playground area for Friendship House day care center. Completed construction of announcing stand and refreshment center for the little league baseball field.

Charity fund contributions and/or loans to Boy Scout Troop (rehabilitate bus), Friendship House day care center (tricycles for tots), construction of Crystal Lake Senior Citizens Center, YMCA building fund, McHenry County College Choir, Banner Club in 3-H program.

1980-81 - Raffle project to raise money for charity fund, continued monetary support of high school band. Sixth year sponsorship of Babe Ruth league baseball, Friendship House day care center (tricycles for tots), granted funds toward construction of Crystal Lake Senior Citizens Ctr. Sponsored "Stephen Foster Singing Group;" sponsored "Snow Queen" contest and parade during Winter Contest. Donated to Exuma Project and to Col. Palmer House Restoration project; started McHenry Co. College Scholarship program.

1981-82 - Annual raffle project to raise money for Rotary Charity Fund. Seventh year sponsorship of Babe Ruth League. Continued support to Friendship House day care center. Sponsored Crystal Lake County High School Stephen Foster Singers. Sponsored Snow King and Queen contest during Winter Carnival. Awarded one-year scholarship to local area student to McHenry County College. Donation to Rotary Foundation. Sent student to summer speech camp. Sent operating table to Villaricca Hospital, Paraguay. Supported local Junior Achievement group. Donation to local high school competition band.

1982-83 - Annual raffle project to raise money for Rotary Charity Fund. Eighth year sponsorship of

Babe Ruth League. Contribution to Rotary Foundation. Contribution to Crystal Lake Food Pantry run by Crystal Lake Women United. Awarded one-year scholarship to local area student to McHenry County College. Donated to Junior Achievement. Purchase of Pogo Transporter for Cerebral Palsy victim. Donation to local Crime Stopper Organization.

1983-84 - Annual raffle project to raise money for Rotary Charity Fund. Ninth year sponsorship of Babe Ruth League. Continued support to Friendship House day care center. Contribution to Rotary Foundation. Awarded one-year scholarship to local area student to McHenry County College. Provided school district with educational material for elementary school fingerprinting program. Formed new fundraiser to support Rotary Charity Fund. Joined in with nearby Rotary clubs to help purchase a rescue boat for Chain of Lakes and surrounding area lakes to aid in saving drowning victims - a joint McHenry County area project.

1987-88 - Highlights included club donations for PolioPlus, awarded \$1,000 scholarship to student at McHenry County College, and club raffle netted \$20,000. Donated big screen television to county nursing home, and club celebrated 25th anniversary.

1988-89 - Sponsored and formed new Morning Rotary Club in Crystal Lake. Finalized plans and instituted a fundraising project to build a multi-level community center for residents of Crystal Lake in Veterans Acres. Annual raffle to raise money for Rotary Charity Fund. Sponsored Babe Ruth League. Awarded scholarships to local community college. Donated plaque to Crystal Lake high schools for continuing update of class valedictorians and various other donations to local area organizations.

1990-91- Held annual charity raffle and donated to the following: Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA, Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens.

1991-92 - Completed "The Rotary Building" (3 year project) and presented the over half million dollar structure to Crystal Lake Park Dist. Donations to: Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA, Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens.

1992-93 - Final donations secured for "The Rotary Building" such as gas stove, fig., etc. Donations to the following: Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA, Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens.

1993-94 - Held annual charity raffle with donations to: Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA, Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens.

1994-95 - Held annual charity Raffle "Cow Drop". Donated video equipment to local high school after theirs had been stolen. Contributions to the following: Junior High for their trip to Washington, D.C., Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA,

Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens.

1995-96 - Donations to the Continental Amateur Baseball Assoc., Babe Ruth Baseball Team, McHenry Co. PADS, McHenry Co. Easter Seals, Lake Region YMCA, Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Blackhawk County Conservation Dist., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Memorial Scholarship, Crystal Lake Gala Committee. Crystal Lake Community Arts Council and Crystal Lake Senior Citizens, Croatia/Bosnia Relief Fund, Rotary Dist. 6440 Flood Relief and the Foundation.

1996-97 – Held annual “Cow-Drop” raffle and sold soda pop at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) for disabled children, Home of the Sparrow for battered women, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, sponsored several local immunization awareness programs, and Rotary Foundation.

1997-98 – Held annual “Cow-Drop” raffle and sold soda pop at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, donated money and equipment to clinic in Mexico for children with cerebral palsy, and Rotary Foundation.

1998-99 – Held annual “Cow-Drop” raffle, sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, and donated money for Home of the Sparrow to build a fence around their sanctuary.

1999-2000 - Held annual “Cow-Drop” raffle, sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, placed Rotary Cog “Protect our Children” signs near local schools, and raised \$3,000 for PolioPlus.

2000-01 - Held annual “Cow-Drop” raffle, sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, and Rotary Foundation.

2001-02 – Held first Annual Breakfast with Santa providing Christmas presents and winter coats to 60-70 needy children from the local community who otherwise would go without. Held last annual “Cow-Drop” raffle (cow got loose), sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Association, Babe Ruth Baseball Team, 2nd annual Breakfast with Santa for 60-70 needy children, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, and donated money to Park District for Safety Town.

2002-03 - Held first Rotary Car Raffle, sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to: Continental Amateur Baseball Assoc., Babe Ruth Team, 3rd

Annual Breakfast with Santa for 60–70 needy children, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, and raised over \$10,000 for PolioPlus.

2003–04 – Held 2nd Rotary Car Raffle, sold soda pop, and provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest to raise money for donations to Continental Amateur Baseball Assoc., Babe Ruth Team, 4th Annual Breakfast with Santa for 60–70 needy children, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, raised over \$6,000 for PolioPlus, and sponsored Ambassadorial Scholarship winner, Katie Fitzpatrick.

2004–05 – Held 3rd Rotary Car Raffle, provided gate security at Crystal Lake Galafest (pop sales done by vendors) to raise money for donations to Continental Amateur Baseball Assoc., Babe Ruth Team, 5th Annual Breakfast with Santa for 60–70 needy children, NISRA, Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County PADS, RYLA, Rotary Memorial Scholarships to MCC, Rotary Foundation, raised \$4,000 for PolioPlus, and sponsored Ambassadorial Scholarship winner, John Fitzpatrick

2005-06: Lloyd Shaw took delivery of a Pontiac after winning the Rotary Car Raffle. The net proceeds go to our charity fund. Last fall we sold oranges and grapefruit, which brought profit to our charity fund. We also sold over 200 poinsettias that were raised at McHenry County College. The club will sell again this fall and will try to up the ante to 500 poinsettias and build on that annually. The Breakfast with Santa continued last year and we received a lot of financial support that we never received before. We received a District grant financial donation and other donations from the community that helped us pay for the toys, clothes and all the things we give to the 65-plus children. We also get entire fruit packages from local grocery stores for each of the children's families and two anonymous rotary members donate to purchase coats for the children. We've also committed \$1,500 per year to the Crystal Lake food pantry capital project fund for the next three years.

The club also worked on an international charity project where monies from our club, matched by District 6440 and then by Rotary International for septic systems and outside bathrooms for two schools in Coatepeque, Guatemala. To get the ball rolling, we donated \$250 and our club budgeted \$1,500. District 6440 matched our donation and so did Rotary International. All together, the project cost was \$7,000. Our president elect, Russell King is a civil engineer that designs septic systems in northern Illinois. He and his daughter went down to Guatemala on two occasions to inspect work and visit. Our club sees this as a real hands-on project. There are probably 500 schools in that area that need the same thing. We see this area as being something that we'll probably do additional projects for.

Other local community donations go to Home of the Sparrow; McHenry County PADS; RYLA; and PolioPlus.

June of last year, we donated a rotary park bench to the city of Crystal Lake at the intersection of Woodstock and Williams streets to coincide with the Centennial. The club worked extensively with centennial convention, many of our members attended and stayed overnight. We were in the Centennial parade and we did the different functions with the Convention. The main one at the field museum we entertained from 6 to 8 p.m. Thomas McDermott a rotary member and in The Sinful Saints, a Dixieland jazz band entertained at the house of friendship at McCormack place.

Vocational - We had two scholarships to McHenry County College, which is something we do every year. We've taken in two new members since June. We are working to develop new fundraising ideas that don't include raffles or gambling. Something innovative. We had a first-ever Dixieland brunch and had former district governors that went over really well.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1967-68 - Inbound student was Chris Levinson, Australia
1968-69 - Outbound student was Chris Piper, Australia. Inbound was Mari Haeger, Sweden.
1971-72 - Outbound students were Linda Church, Bolivia and Kim Berringer, France. Inbound was Sonia Rodriguez, Bolivia.
1972-73 - Outbound student was Nancy Harms, Brazil. Inbound was Cathy Guillaud, France.
1973-74 - Outbound student was Kathy Blaul, France. Inbound was Carlos Andrade, Mexico.
1975-76 - Outbound student was Bill Blaul, Australia. Inbound was Jose Abregu, Argentina
1976-77 - Outbound student was Rick Blue, Australia. Inbound was Cheryl Ritchie, Nova Scotia.
1978-79 - Outbound student was Lori McCall, Japan. Inbound was Harumi Sato, Japan.
1980-81 - Outbound student was Teresa Duffy, Sweden. Inbound was Per Olov Anderson, Sweden.
1981-82 - Outbound students were Mary Ann Fuhler, Japan and Lisa Johnson, Germany. Inbound was Omar Rivero, Bolivia.
1982-83 - Outbound student was John McCall, Finland. Inbound was Patrick Oetterli, Switzerland.
1983-84 - Inbound student was Harri Rehnberg, Finland.
1984-85 - Inbound student was Sabine Boumgart, Germany.
1985-86 - Outbound student was Craig Bengston, Norway. Inbound was Siri Bergsmo, Norway.
1986-87 - Outbound students were Heather Gilmer, Finland and Sherri Tibetts, Australia. Inbound was Folker Wergin, Germany.
1987-88 - Outbound students were Katie Caldwell, Brazil and Carrie Cudworth, Brazil. Inbound student was Sylvie Lehouck, Belgium.
1988-89 - Outbound students were Mary Ann Hansen, Finland and Amy Christensen, Germany. Inbound was Rhoda Tongko, Phillipines.
1989-90 - Inbound student was Rene Corrales, Mexico.
1990-91 - Inbound student was Jacob Fonss, Denmark.
1991-92 - Outbound student was Bob Wolfe, Switzerland. Inbound was Ilton Queiroz, Brazil.
1992-93 - Outbound student was Ann Prentice, France. Inbound was Waka Yamato, Japan.
1993-94- Outbound student was Casey Wolfe, Brazil. Inbound was Laetitia Grammatico, France.
1994-95 - Outbound student was Andrew Rosulek, Switzerland. Inbound was Tita Doran, Mexico.
1995-96 - Inbound student was Goran Skosples, Croatia.
1996-97 - Inbound student was Ratlh Andriani, Indonesia.
1997-98 - Outbound student was Nancy Rosulek, Chile. Inbound was Anna Tolkacz, Poland.
1998-99 - Outbound students were Adam Stark, Japan and Katie McNeils, Costa Rica. Inbound was Kazue Tanaka, Japan.
1999-00 - Outbound student was Kristin Hubbard, Belgium. Inbound was Christophe Flevet, Belgium.
2000-01 - Outbound student was Mike Hiddling, France. Inbound was Jose Homs, Mexico.
2001-02 - Inbound student was Sarah Evans, England.
2002-03 - Outbound student was Andrea King, Mexico. Inbound was Jessenia Cevallos, Ecuador.
2003-04 - Inbound student was Yare Porras, Costa Rica.
2004-05 - Inbound student was Anne Isager, Denmark.

Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawn Breakers

Chartered Oct. 20, 1989

1989 - First year goals included emphasis on club avenue for programs, membership drive, fellowship, etc. Held first fundraiser, holding a Road Rally throughout McHenry County. Proceeds of this function were given to Crystal Lake Rotary towards their "Buy a Brick" campaign to build a center in Veteran's

Acre Park. Now planning a major fund raising auction in April.

1990 - Fund raisers included a buffet dinner, silent auction and vocal auction, \$16,000 net. Conducted a "magazine"-recycling recycling day for community, contributed to Food Pantry on first Wednesday of each month. Sent student to World Affairs Seminar in Whitewater. Sponsored and participated in Kinship Program for young boys and girls from troubled homes. Contributions included \$300 slide projector to Home of the Sparrow, \$250 agriculture assistance program in Ethiopia, \$250 Felix Memorial Orphanage in Nigeria for baby supplies, \$100 to Crystal Youth Orchestra for instruments, \$500 to Junior Achievement, \$300 to Northern Illinois Special Recreation Assn., \$50 to Sheboygan Memorial Health Foundation Hospice, \$500 to Boy Scout Troop 164.

1991-92 - Annual fundraiser auction; sit down dinner for 320 enthusiastic bidders - raised \$18,000. Contributed to Desert Storm troops by sending "care packages". Sent \$2,700 to Rotary Foundation. Adopted a family for Christmas; supported Crystal Lake Interfaith Food Pantry, Plainfield Tornado Relief Fund, provided scholarship for student for United Nations Internship; provided wheelchair for boy; McHenry Co. Land Preservation Fnd.; McHenry Co. Family Alliance day care for seniors; Salvation Army; Kinship of McHenry Co.; PADS Coalition for the Homeless; Environmental Awareness program; "Plant a Tree" project; "Save Planet Earth" program; Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity Program, "Health for Children Moscow", Chernobyl Nuclear disaster hospital; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

1992-93 - Net profit of \$27,000 from annual fundraiser auction. "Coat-A-Kid" was started with 500 coats collected through local schools and redistributed through social agencies and schools. Supported "core charities" of Pioneer Center, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Alliance, PADS, and Home of the Sparrow, among others.

1993-94 - Auction was continued with additional raffle for a net profit of \$29,000. Sent student to Valley Forge for RYLA program. Contributions continued to "core charities"; set up local scholarship program in memory of member's son; vigorous involvement in the community with Cancer Walk, playground building, Kite Flies for Handicapped, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. Conducted successful career day with over 10 high school students spending day at work with members. Community Avenue organized painting of house for elderly and "Coat-A-Kid" continued with over 700 coats collected.

1994-95 - Annual auction fundraiser netted \$29,000. Continued support of "core charities." Main community project for year will local immunization in McHenry County. On going community projects including "Coat-A-Kid," "Adopt-A-Family" and the "NISRA Kite Fly." Installed "Frisbee Golf" at a local park. Charter President, Ron Kinder, said good-bye as he and his family moved out of state. Had our first "Road Rally"...good time had by all. Celebrated the club's 5th year anniversary.

1995-96 - Net profit for charity from annual auction \$28,500. Core charities supported were...NISRA, McHenry County PADS, Home of the Sparrow, and Main Stay Therapeutic Riding Program. First Mystery Bus Trip...went to see Willie Nelson. Collected over 900 coats with our "Coat-A-Kid" program. NISRA Kite Fly continues. Awarded four \$500 Scholarships to local high school students. Purchased the D A R E Van for the Crystal Lake Police Dept.

1996-97 - Net profit from annual auction \$28,000. Core charities supported...NISRA and Pioneer Center. Goals for community are to continue "Coat-A-Kid," D A R E van, NISRA Kite Fly, and "Adopt-A-Family." First annual "Mystery Plane Trip" was organized, and the Club Avenue of Service

Award was given to the Dawnbreakers for this innovative social event. Participated in our fist matching grant project, helping supply artificial limbs to polio victims in India. A donated ambulance was sent to a poor community in Mexico.

1997-98 - Annual auction proceeds netted \$34,000. Core charities supported include...NISRA and Pioneer Center. We continued our high level of giving to the Rotary Foundation. Sponsored this years Presidents Walk. Mystery Plane Trip went to Reno...fun, fun, fun. Co-sponsored new pavilion at local park with the noon Rotary Club. Sent five students to RYLA at Camp Edwards in East Troy, WI. Sponsored a GSE team member to Turkey.

1998-99 - Net profit from annual auction is \$38,000. Core charities continue as well as "Coat-A-Kid," NISRA Kite Fly, "Adopt-A-Family," and donations to local agencies and organizations. Mystery Plane Trip flew to Baltimore. Awarded seven RYLA scholarships to Camp Edward in East Troy, WI. Silver Sponsor of the McHenry County Relay for Life and had two teams participate.

1999-00 - Auction proceeds netted \$45,000. Core charities supported are NISRA and Youth Service Bureau of McHenry County. Six \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from each of the Crystal Lake High Schools. Dawnbreakers' 10th anniversary was celebrated at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena. Mystery Plane Trip went to Memphis...Elvis, Elvis, Elvis. Forty-one members signed up to donate to the Polio Plus Surveillance Station Project. Won 1st place trophy at the district 6440 Bowling Tournament in Rolling Meadows. Donated \$6,200 to McHenry County Safe Kids for "My First ID" system

2000-01 - Auction proceeds netted \$54,000. Supported three core charities...NISRA, Raue Center for the Arts, and Youth Service Bureau of McHenry County. Continued participation in "Coat-A-Kid," "Adopt-A-Family", NISRA Kite Fly, and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Continued donations to local agencies and organizations. Six scholarships were awarded to students from the three local high schools. Ms. Terry Mueller organized, arranged, and moderated the ABC's of Rotary held August 23, 2000 at One Rotary Center in Evanston. Sponsored an Ambassadorial Scholar to study abroad. Mystery Plane Trip went to New Orleans. Maureen Starmack named GSE Team Leader for District 6400 GSE trip to the Philippines in March. Our Terry Mueller has been selected as District Governor Nominee for the 2001-2002 Rotary years. Clubs Vocational Committee has instituted a new scholarship program designed for graduating high school students pursuing further education in vocational or alternative fields. Three students received \$500 each. Won the district Club Service Award and district Attendance Award.

2001-02 - Annual auction netted \$50,000. Supported four core charities...NISRA, Raue Center for the Arts, American Cancer Society, and Youth Service Bureau of McHenry County. Continued involvement with "Coat-A-Kid," Kite Fly, and "Adopt-A-Family" as well as donations to local programs, charities, and organizations. Sponsored an Ambassadorial Scholar. Mystery Plane Trip went to Colorado Springs. Hosted District 6440 Golf Outing at Oak Grove in Harvard. Collected clothing, school supplies, and items for our Polish Orphanage Project. Sending 14 students to RYLA Sponsored Relay for Life. Started a "Road Clean Up" program in Crystal Lake.

2002-03 - Ms. Terry Mueller is District 6440 Governor. Annual auction netted \$55,000. Supported four core charities...NISRA, Raue Center for the Arts, American Cancer Society, and Youth Service Bureau of McHenry County. Scholarship programs continue as well as support for local programs and

organizations. Donated to Habitat for Humanity. Represented Rotary in 4th of July parade with a float. Mystery Plane Trip went to Amelia Island, FL.

2003-04 - Auction proceeds netted \$56,500. Supported same four core charities. "Coat-A-Kid," "Adopt-A-Family" and NISRA Kite Fly continues. Sponsored an outbound GSE team member. Pledged \$10,000 for Polio Eradication. Participated in 4th of July parade with a float. Several Salvation Army buckets were stolen and we replaced the cash donations. Sponsored RYLA students. Awarded a Blaine Immunization Grant from Rotary International. Mystery Plane Trip went to Carefree, AZ.

2004-05 - Annual auction netted \$85,000...AWESOME...GREAT JOB!! Continued support of four core charities as well as local charities, activities, and programs. Continued participation in local blood drives. Sent care packages to our troops abroad. Hosting the annual District 6440 Golf Outing. On going participation in Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Donated \$6,185 toward the Crystal Lake Police Dept Mobile Command Center. Participating in the 100th year anniversary of Rotary at the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. Mystery Plane Trip???...WHO KNOWS...only THE SHADOW knows!!

Exchange Students -

1989 - This summer will be sponsoring first long term exchange student and three short-term students.
1990 - Sponsored girl from France and girl to Denmark. Short-term programs sent four students and hosted four students from Europe and two from Brazil.
1991-92 - Hosted two exchange students, both girls, from Olivia in Spain and Joelle from France. Short-term program for summer 1991 sent six students and hosted four students.
1992-93 - Hosted exchange student (girl) from Mexico. Hosted inbound and outbound students.
1993-94 - Hosted exchange student (boy) from Denmark. Hosted inbound and outbound students.
1994-95 - Hosted exchange student boy from India. Participated in inbound and outbound students.
1995-96 - Hosted exchange student girl from Brazil. Sponsored exchange student to Germany.
1996-97 - Hosted exchange student boy from Germany. Hosted exchange student from Germany.
1997-98 - Hosted exchange student boy from Netherlands. Sponsored outbound girl to Denmark.
1998-99 - Hosted exchange student boy from Mexico. Participated in inbound and outbound students.
1999-00 - Hosted exchange student girl from Finland.
2000-01 - Hosted exchange student boy from Poland. Sponsored outbound student girl to Finland.
2001-02 - Hosted exchange student girl from Japan.
2002-03 - Hosted exchange student boy from Germany.
2003-04 - Hosted exchange student boy from Bolivia.
2004-05 - Hosted exchange student girl from Hungary.

Rotary Club of Deerfield

Chartered Nov. 13, 1930

1980 - Donations of substantial amounts to Cambodian "boat people," marijuana lecture series at Deerfield High School. Furnishing needed clinic at Exuma Island, Multiple Sclerosis Bike-a-thon. Monitoring raffle with proceeds to be used to purchase emergency equipment for Salvation Army canteen truck. Support purchase of ambulance for Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Department. Planned and implemented the dedication of the Deerfield Post Office. A commemorative booklet, which chronicled the history of the Deerfield-Lincolnshire area. Actively supports Family Day on 4th of July.

1981 - Sponsored Marathon 4th of July activity. Money donated to community events and activities. Continued Drug Abuse program. Sent supplies to Exuma Island.

1982 - Bought and showed Drug Awareness program to high school and grade school students. Financial support for Exuma Island. Sponsored and conducted 4th of July Marathon. Continued \$8,000 Paul Harris Fellows. Raised \$1,200 for fire victim's family.

1983 - Sponsored Vocational Services Seminar, first in district in 15 years. Hosted Halloween party for youth students in district. Continued with contributions for Buffalo Grove project in New Guinea. Financially sponsored fingerprinting program for children in Deerfield-Lincolnshire. Continued with financial support to Exuma Island. Continued drug program for high school and grade school children.

1984-87 - Significant annual projects/events: Organize/administer July 4th Family Day mini-marathon, support youth baseball team, collect funds for Salvation Army and Little City. Other projects include supporting an auction for Irish Children's fund, Christmas Gifts to senior citizens at Winchester House, provide callers for blood donations, and club chili night.

1987-89 - Held art auction for school in Mexico, Irish Children's Fund co-op with Northbrook Club, and sent a collection of schoolbooks for school in Jamaica. Sponsored junior baseball league, mini-marathon at Deerfield Family day, Donut day for Salvation Army, Tag day for Little City, Christmas gifts to senior citizens at Winchester House; "Coat Off Your Back" co-op with Northbrook, held chili contest night.

1989-90 - Donated drinking fountain to Deerfield Park District, \$100 to Group Study Exchange, books sent to Ocho Rios Rotary for a school in Mexico, \$250 to Deerfield Park District, Phone-A-Thon calls made for Highland Park Hospital, \$400 for Little City, sent help to Puerto Escondido, Mexico, for hurricane relief, art auction held with proceeds going to school in Puerto Escondido, Mexico, \$50 and a club banner sent to new Crystal Lake Dawn Breakers Club, \$50 start up contribution sent to new Highland Park good morning Club, "Coat Off Your Back" co-op with Northbrook Rotary club, Christmas gifts donated for Waukegan development Center. Donations to Deerfield High School student, Stevenson High School student, and junior league baseball league. Ran Mini-Marathon at Deerfield Family Day and collected for Salvation Army Donut day.

1990-95 - Yearly Events: Organized and conducted Mini-Marathon for July 4th Deerfield Family Days; "Coat Off Your Back" benefit with Northbrook Rotary for Chicago Christian Industrial League; Tag Days for Salvation Army (2) and Little City; sponsored RYLA candidate to Valley Forge; successful fund raising drives by selling Entertainment Books and raffle tickets; "Great Pumpkin Sale" in downtown Deerfield.

1990-91 - Supported Ann Kiely Development Center, Waukegan with Christmas gifts. Provided \$5,000 to help Puerto Escondido Rotarians build a school for poor children.

1991-92 - Chartered new Lincolnshire AM Club. Promoted Literacy Program which trained four tutors with National Literacy Council. Provided \$5,000 gift to start funding for orphanage in Puerto Escondido. Provided support to VICA (Vocational Ind. Clubs of America) for State Skills Olympics at Springfield, IL. Sponsored two winners of District Vocational Scholarship Program.

1992-93 - Began program of support for new orphanage in Puerto Escondido. Created "Community Relief Fund." with Lincolnshire Rotary and Service Clubs from the four communities of Deerfield, Bannockburn, Riverwoods and Lincolnshire. Hosted Halloween party for Youth Exchange Students. Sponsored Inbound and Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars. Highland Park Hospital Phone-a-thon. Contributed money and food baskets to seven families at Christmas. Sponsored two successful vocational scholarship applicants.

1993-94 - Organized Quad-City flood relief effort with three other North Shore clubs; with Rotarians from Deerfield, Highland Park, Northbrook, and Libertyville assembled boxes of food/cleaning supplies. Continued support of Puerto Escondido orphanage with matching funds from District and R.I., which purchased basic necessities such as refrigerator, stove, dishes, silverware, beds, linens, etc. expecting to accommodate 30 orphans. Sponsored Outbound Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Highland Park Hospital Phone-a-thon. Christmas food baskets for needy families. Collected paperback books for Veteran's Hospital. Joint breakfast meeting with Lincolnshire to fund youth's airline ticket to NYC. Conducted quarterly fellowship events including night at Ravinia, evening at Dog Track, Game Night/Dinner, Comedy Club Night.

1994-95 - First five orphans entered Puerto Escondido orphanage. Club provided clothing. Christmas food baskets for needy families. Donations to Rotary Foundation and other worthy charities totaled more than \$13,000 for the year. Collected Fall school supplies for inner city school where member's spouse is a teacher; also collected gloves and hats at Christmas. Held quarterly events including Murder Mystery Night, Game Night, Christmas Brunch and Ravinia Night. Entertained Friendship Exchange couple from Yorkshire, England, and GSE Team from Yorkshire, England. Hosted Rotary Scholar from Taiwan.

1996-2005 – Continued the "Coat off your back" program with the Northbrook Rotary. This provides gifts of clothing, appliances, and cash to the Christian Industrial League of Chicago. Collected donations of cash for the Salvation Army at train stations and Deerfield Square. Continue to organize and put on the July 4th Deerfield Family Days 10k run/walk. Gave support to DHS music department. Participated in the Clean Waukegan Road Roadside from Greenwood to North village limits. Contributed to North Carolina Tornado Relief efforts as well as Plainfield Tornado Relief. Contributed substantially to the Katrina Relief fund and donated \$1,200 dollars to a local family for losses in a house fire. Gave to A Safe Place annually as well as donating gifts to the Winchester House, Waukegan Developmental Center and to International Students at Trinity International University. Also, worked to support the Deerfield Food Pantry. Gave Annual donation to the Rotary Rose Bowl parade float.

Top three in the district for all-time giving total to Rotary International at \$262,000. Involved with the Ambassadorial Scholars, The Group Study, Humanitarian, and Polio Eradication Programs. Continued support of the Irish Children's Fund and Funded water wells in India. Assisted the Cambodian Relief efforts as well as sent Kidney filters to Brazil and sent member Vic Carnelli to perform volunteer dental work in Ecuador.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1989-90 - Hosted Exchange Student Alfredo Monterudio from Mexico.

1990- Sent Student to Quito, Ecuador.

1992-93- Sent student to Royal College of Art in London.

1993-94 Sent student to Seville Spain.

Rotary Club of Des Plaines

Chartered May 12, 1951

1976 - Completed three-year \$15,000 pledge for equipment and supplies for Des Plaines Paramedics. Contributions: \$2,000 to new Senior Citizen Drop In Center for use as TV room; \$1,000 scholarship for high school student to attend college; \$200 to \$400 to Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families; \$40 Project Big (high school vocational guidance program); \$400 Nurses Lending Closet; \$150 little league baseball; \$100 Des Plaines Community Chest.

1977 - Developing and furnishing \$10,000 reading, conference, tutorial facility at Maine Township High School West; four \$500 scholarships to high school students. Contributions: \$400 in Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy families; \$40 to Project Big; \$300 Nurses Lending Closet; \$150 little league baseball; \$100 Des Plaines Crusade of Mercy.

1978 - Cadillac Draw annual fundraiser for community projects. Assisted Des Plaines Historical Soc. on completion of their building, \$8,000.

1979 - Cadillac Dinner \$15,000, \$120 holiday food baskets for needy families; \$100 Project Big; \$100 A.F.S. high school youth exchange; \$2,000 in scholarships for college; \$175 Des Plaines Senior Citizen Center; \$540 Mobile Crime Prevention display; \$225 West Park little league; \$500 wheelchair for high school student; \$8,000 to restore Kinders Historical Home. Honored 15 Eagle Boy Scouts during Youth Appreciation Week.

1980 - Support of Nang refugee family from Laos, time and \$3,500; support of City of Des Plaines holiday food basket program for needy; \$1,000 college scholarship program; support of local high school career night, support of local little league team, support to American Field Service; and support for Des Plaines Citizens' Center.

1981 - Main financial commitment to local park district for purchase of weather shelter and park benches. Additional projects included contributions to City of Des Plaines holiday food basket program; Project Big; Career Night; support of local little league team; support of local senior center with financial contributions and labor to paint and repair.

1981-82 - Items of Community Service included: Youth Exchange \$500; Maine West High School college scholarships \$1,000; little league baseball \$250; Senior Center \$300. Also, families of two members killed in an airplane accident were each given \$1,000. Des Plaines child in need of liver transplant given \$2,700 for plane fare to Pittsburgh hospital. Cadillac Dinner annual fundraiser held to support these projects.

1982-83 - Contributions: Des Plaines Park District - memorial band shell addition \$4,111.35; Maine West HS college scholarships \$1,000; additional scholarship \$250; R. I. Foundation \$676.42; Samagai project \$500; Des Plaines West little league \$250; Des Plaines Historical Society \$100.

1983-84 - Provided free denture labeling for residents of Lee-Manor nursing home. Contributions: Lutheran General Hospital Adult Day Service Center for senior citizens \$2,350; holiday food baskets for needy persons \$495; Maine West High School student scholarships to attend college \$1,000; and Paul Harris Rotary Foundation \$300.

1984-85 - Presented a large set of historical illustrated East Indian books to Des Plaines Public Library, which were received as a gift from the Delhi Midtown Rotary Club. Contributions: Shared cost of a van equipped with a lift to be used for transporting handicapped people within the City of Des Plaines \$10,993; Des Plaines West little league \$250; Essay Contest winners \$550; Maine West High School scholarships to attend college \$1,000; Mexican Earthquake Relief \$381; holiday food baskets for needy persons \$413.77; student expenses at leadership conference \$120.

1985-86 - Paul Harris Foundation contributions - President's walk \$1,930, regular contributions to Paul Harris Foundation \$865; Des Plaines West little league \$292; holiday food baskets for needy persons \$300; Maine West High school student scholarships to attend college \$1,000; smaller contributions to Aid for the Retarded, Des Plaines United Way, Special People group.

1987-88 - Contributions: Completed \$10,000 pledge for Northwest Suburban Day Care Center needy families; R. I. PolioPlus Campaign total of \$36,000; Paul Harris Foundation \$2,000; presented two \$1,000 Maine West High School student scholarships to attend college; sponsored Des Plaines West little league (won championship); OUR WORLD PROJECT, equipping a little league baseball team in the Philippines \$1,033.25; sponsored student who won a district vocational scholarship, delivered food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to needy families in Des Plaines.

1988-89 - Coordinating Dist. 62 project (will fund closed circuit TV for district); presented one \$4,000 and one \$2,000 scholarship to Maine West High School students; sponsored students to RYLA; sponsored Des Plaines little league team; delivered food baskets; pledged \$2,500 for dialysis machine in India; financially supported United Northwest Center for Mentally Retarded; provided career counseling to new students with one-on-one interaction and PolioPlus continues (tripled fair share); accepted first women as members of club, Alice Osherman and Marilyn McDermid.

1989-90 - Donated \$4,000 to Maine West High School for new scoreboard in the spectator gym; sponsored one student to Whitewater and two students to RYLA; sponsored Rotary little league team; delivered food baskets; expanded student \$1,000 scholarship to four years consecutively; provided career counseling to new students one-on-one; continued commitment to PolioPlus; committed to \$1,000 per day ongoing to the Des Plaines Day Care Center.

1990-91 - Provided a four-year \$4,000 scholarship to a Maine West student. Continued support of Northwest Suburban Day Care Center. Provided scholarships to RYLA and Whitewater. Began three-year pledge to Des Plaines Senior Center.

1991-92 - Joined with Rotary Club of Chandigarh, India, in providing funds for a vocational training center (\$4,000) and matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, grand total of \$16,000 provided. Donated the first two years' pledge to Des Plaines Senior Center \$10,000. Provide a four-year scholarship to Maine West student.

1992-93 - Sponsored two students to RYLA; \$4,000 scholarship to Maine West student, \$1,000 Day Care Center. Supported "Magic Message" center system of PSEN for gang control; supported Des Plaines Food Pantry. Completed \$15,000 contribution to Senior Center. Supported post-prom activities of school. Donated \$1,000 for "Hurricane Andrew" victims.

1993-94 - Sponsored two students to RYLA, \$4,000 scholarship, post-prom activities and world seminar

(Maine West). Supported flood relief, \$1,000 Crimestoppers, \$1,500 YMCA program, \$1,500 Food Pantry, \$1,000 Senior Center, and \$500 United Way.

1994-95 – Celebrated RI's 90th Anniversary with display at First Maine Travel Agency; Donated money to Des Plaines Library and Des Plaines Community Senior Center; gave 2 scholarships to high school students and supported the Maine West After Prom program; and supported a LL baseball team.

1995-96 – High school scholarships; increased distribution of food baskets to needy families- Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter; visited social service agencies; \$1,000 vocational scholarship; \$3,000 to Maine West for High School Scholarships; \$500 to United Way; \$300 sponsored LL team; \$1,500 to Avenues to Independence; \$1,000 to Lattof YMCA; \$1,000 to NW Suburban Day Care Center; \$500 to Science & Arts Academy; and \$750 to Maine West After Prom.

1996-97 – \$7,500 to RI Foundation for International Project in India; \$3,000 to Maine West for scholarships; \$1,500 to Avenues to Independence; \$500 to support RYLA; \$1,000 to United Way; \$1,000 to Lattof YMCA; \$440 to support the DP Medical Lending Closet; \$300 – LL baseball team; \$750 to Maine West After Prom; \$250 to Science & Arts Academy; and \$2,000 for high school scholarships.

1997-98 – International Project through RI Foundation for a Bore Hole in Africa; \$100 to DP Library; \$500 to Algonquin School special program; \$250 to United Way; Food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas; \$200 for the Jessica Sweeney Cancer Fund; \$500 to support veterans program; \$500 to Maine West After Prom; \$600 to DP Senior Center for wheelchairs; \$500 to DP Library for books; \$2,000 to United Way; \$3,000 for high school scholarships; \$1,000 to Salvation Army; \$300 for LL baseball team; \$500 to PADS; \$1,000 to Lattof YMCA; \$350 to School District 62 for Jr. Great Books; \$200 to the District 62 Paul Jung Fund to support summer school programs; \$500 to Rotary Club of Long Grove joint program; and \$1,500 to Operation Condor.

1998-99 – \$1,500 to Science & Arts Academy; \$5,000 paid out to Maine West for scholarships; \$700 for 2 vocational scholarships; \$1,700 for the Salvation Army; \$657 for books for District 62 schools; \$300 for a LL team; \$2,000 to the United Way; \$600 for the Senior Center Medical Lending Closet; \$500 in support of Special People; \$500 to Center of Concern; \$500 to Maine West After Prom; \$500 to Des Plaines Crimestoppers; \$1,000 to Lattof YMCA; \$250 to Maine East HS Medical Clinic; and joined with Rotary Club of Mapongula, South Africa to fund a Bore Hole.

1999-00 – \$440 to School District 62 Paul Jung Fund; \$175 to Friends of the Library; Joined with Rotary Club of Varanasi, India (\$2,000) in funding an Eye Bank; \$750 to Avenues to Independence; 2 - \$1,000 scholarships for 4 years to HS seniors; \$840 - Special effort to support PolioPlus; Food baskets for needy families, \$100 to Maine West HS Fine Arts Boosters; \$500 to Maine West After Prom; \$657 to DP Senior Center Medical Lending Closet; \$2,000 to United Way; \$500 to Science & Arts Academy; and \$250 to Self Help Closet.

2000-01 - \$200 to the Self Help Closet; \$750 to District 6440 Hunger Relief Project; \$250 to Help to the Children Program; \$100 to MW Fine Arts Boosters; \$1,000 to Science & Arts Academy; \$2,000 to the United Way; \$540 to the School District 62 Paul Jung Fund; \$725 to the DP Medical Lending Closet; \$200 to the DP Library; \$300 to the Salvation Army; \$1,000 to the Lattof YMCA; and \$2,000 for high school scholarships.

2001-02 – Made first \$10,000 payment towards a \$30,000 pledge to DP Library for Rotary Heritage Reading Room; \$7,500 for an International project to provide a van to Rotary District 3010 (India) Welfare Society for mobile blood collection unit throughout Delhi, India; Adopted Orchard Place Elementary School; sponsored “Latino Pride! Latino Success!” conference at Maine West HS; provided 2 - \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors; \$2,000 to United Way; \$250 to the Erie Neighborhood House; \$1,250 to Salvation Army for the Back to School Program; \$600 to the Des Plaines Medical Lending Closet; \$500 to the Maine West After Prom; and \$1,000 to the Science & Arts Academy.

2002-03 – \$2,000 for high school scholarships (4 @ \$500); second \$10,000 payment to DP Library for Reading Room; \$300 to the Self Help Closet; \$240 to District 62 Paul Jung Fund; \$2,000 in support of the local United Way; \$2,500 to the DP Library Foundation; \$200 Maine West Fine Arts Boosters; \$1,700 in support of the “Gears” Program at District 62 schools; \$100 for the Center of Concern; \$500 to the Science & Arts Academy; \$500 to Maine West HS; and \$1,250 to the Salvation Army Back to School Program.

2003-04 – Paid last payment of \$10,000 to DP Library for Reading Room; Grand Opening of the room; Gave \$2,000 with matching grant of \$1,000 from RI to establish the “Gears” program at District 62; gave \$2,000 to the Des Plaines United Way; \$500 to the Maine West After Prom; \$1,250 to the Salvation Army Back to School Program; \$2,000 for high school scholarships; \$892 in support of the “Gears” program; and Contributed \$500 to the Self Help Closet.

2004-05 – Contributed \$2,500 to an International project in Ecuador to fund heart surgeries for young people; Contributed \$5,000 to the DP Senior Center to be used to open up a Medical Lending Closet in their new facility; \$2,000 to the NW Sub United Way; \$500 to the Self Help Closet; and \$1,250 to the Salvation Army Return to School program

Youth Exchange Activity:

1980-81 - Hosted exchange student.

1981-82 - Hosted exchange student.

1988-89 - Hosted exchange student, and committed to support International Scholar.

1991-92 - Hosted exchange student Claudine Soares from Brazil.

1992-93 - Host exchange student.

Rotary Club of Dundee Township

Chartered Sept. 9, 1980

1981-83 - Grants to Boy Scouts, Family Service Association of Dundee, TLC Center. Past two years ran the Dundee July Days parade and Bingo tent for “Taste of Dundee.” Also, “Line Tree” for Christmas in Tower Park. Several \$1,000 Vocational and Scholastic scholarships to Dundee High School students.

1984 - Grants to Family Service and other local organizations. Hosted G.S.E. of Netherlands for day.

1985 - Sponsored member of the G.S.E. to the Netherlands. Participated actively in Easter Seal Marathon. Contributed to Tom Thumb Day Care Center, Dundee Scots Marching Band, Dundee Township Sesquicentennial and the Chile Earthquake.

1986 - Raised scholarships to \$3,000 yearly, sponsored Miss Fox Valley and German G.S.E. for day.

1987 - Raised scholarships to \$5,000.

1988 - Raised \$13,000 for PolioPlus in bowling. Hosted the Governor's Walk. Raised the scholarship awards to \$9,000. Ran food booths at the Historical Society "Americana Day" and Fireman's Festival Sponsored Kelly Brothers circus. Entertained Rotary Russians overnight and at a club breakfast.

1989 - Increased scholarships to \$11,500. Hosted four Russians for four days and G.S.E. from South Africa for day. Sponsored an art auction.

1990 - Books collected for library in Zimbabwe, Africa. Christmas trees and food for the needy. Hosted GSE team from Belgium for day. Vocational Day with Rotarians for half day. \$12,500 awarded for scholarships with the establishment of a 4-year scholarship.

1991 - Scholarships increased to \$14,000.00. Participated in "Dickens in Dundee" by hosting Breakfast with Santa. Also, food booth at Fireman's Festival. Hosted German singing group Mecklenburquisher Kinder Ensemble for a week. Started the Children of Chernobyl fund in conjunction with the Moscow Rotary Club. Shipments of medical and school supplies have already been sent. Started plans for a new park, which will be handicapped accessible. Locally, participated in the Fox River Clean-Up.

1992 - The Children of Chernobyl program continued with more medical supplies being sent. Entertained the German student group from Neubraudeuberg. Sponsored the "Dickens in Dundee" breakfast, Firemen's Festival food booth, and Fox River Clean-Up. Clubs scholarships were also continued.

1993 - Continued support for Jane Shover Easter Seal and Community Crisis Center. Again sponsored "Dickens in Dundee" breakfast and Firemen's Festival booth. Held fundraiser at Poplar Creek, as well as a Grapefruit sale. Entertained Swedish Group Study, a German Youth Choir, and the Yugoslavian Bolic Dancers. Aided in supporting the Bosnian basketball players. Collected books for Zimbabwe were delivered. Awarded \$22,400 in scholarships.

1994 - Formed Interact Club at Dundee-Crown High School. Took medical supplies to Yugoslavia. Contributed \$2,000 for Natasha Ageev (a Russian) to study at Judson College. Sent five students to RYLA. Participated in the Jane Shover Marathon, Fox River Clean-Up, and the Firemen's Festival. Granted \$26,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Extensive work in RI. "Health to the Children International".

1995 - 2006 - Our big project is our scholarships for kids coming out of high school. In the last 10 years, we've given away over \$300,000 worth of scholarship. This year we'll probably give \$30,000 again in scholarships. We are able to do that through our own fundraising and some corporate donations. It's about two-thirds funded through our club and about a one-third through corporate donations, usually from a business affiliated with one of our Rotarians.

We fundraise through three major events. Our biggest fundraiser is our Citrus Fruit Sale, where we get a truck-full of grapefruit and oranges around each December and sell locally. Gross sales for this fundraiser average about \$30,000, and we profit about \$21,000. We've averaged about \$15,000 a year over the last ten years. So we've gotten better and we've also partnered with other Rotary clubs.

We also have Bowling Fundraiser, and we make approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000. Our third fundraiser is our reverse raffle, where we sell about \$10,000 worth of tickets, have a big dinner and split the funds with the winner. Some local philanthropy includes an annual Shadow Day, where we have high school youths spend half a day with rotary members, and then take them to our Rotary meeting. We also have a

Halloween Party for disabled kids, where we partner with the Holiday Inn and decorate two floors for the children to enjoy at no cost to the Rotarians. This year we had about 500 children partake. Then we also do a Christmas party for Boy and Girls club for needy kids who might not have Christmas, so we have Santa give them gifts. We usually have a service project, one day we put up drive safely signs around schools, we helped plant flower around parks, we bought rotary benches for parks and so on and so forth. We also pretty much every year sponsor a foreign exchange student inbound and outbound.

Youth Exchange:

1983 - Hosted first student, Juan Seba from Columbia, South America.

1985-86 - Jean Christophe Baxas from France.

1986-87 - Ammol Chandan from Bombay, India. Summer short exchange - one to France.

1988 - Summer short exchange - one from Finland and Norway.

1989 - Hilary Kitto from Zimbabwe. Summer exchange - two from Belgium, one from West Germany.

1990- Yvette Eddington from Perth, Australia. Short exchange to Germany and one from Germany.

1991 - Sponsored Outgoing exchange student to South Africa. Sponsored short term exchange student from Germany and one to France.

1992 - Sponsored Erin English to Zimbabwe; hosted Helene Andrade from France.

1993 - Sponsored Cammie Schultz to Finland; hosted Carla Kaiser from Brazil. Sent Holly Miller as short term to France.

1994 - Sponsored Amanda Roudebush to Denmark. Hosted three short term from Belgian and three short term from Germany. Sponsored two short terms to Germany

Rotary Club of Elgin

Chartered May 1, 1922

Awards Day – For more than half a century, Elgin has hosted honor students from Burlington Central HS, Elgin HS, Elgin Academy, Fox Valley Lutheran Academy, Larkin HS, St. Edwards HS, and Westminster Academy, and at an Awards Day. The luncheon continues to draws over 600 students and parents each year.

Members ring Salvation Army kettle bells each year and have won engraved bell in 1977, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988 from bringing in more than any other Elgin service group. The bell ringing is supplemented by fines collected during the Christmas season being donated to the Salvation Army kettle drive as well as voluntary cash contributions by the Club Presidential Classroom Project – Continues annually to send several local high school students to Washington for several days to give them a better idea of how our federal government functions. Vocational Scholarships – Provides approximately \$5000 in academic and technical-vocational scholarships each year for Elgin Community College students. Each year sends high school students to Philadelphia as part of the RYLA project.

Projects:

Club chooses worthy projects each year for contributions: 1960 – Established Community Concern for Alcoholism \$2,000; 1961 – Sailboat for Camp Edwards (YMCA) \$2,000; 1962 – Student Aid Foundation \$1,000, station wagon for YMCA \$2,610; 1963 – half cost of station wagon for Larkin Home \$1,500, Judson College Grant \$800; 1964 – YMCA Building Fund \$2,500; 1965 – YMCA mortgage retirement \$1,000, Easter Seal Equipment \$1,500.

1966 – St. Joseph Hospital building fund \$3,000; 1967 – Student Aid Foundation \$2,000, E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$1,000, Jobs for Youth (city program) \$500; 1968 – Foster Parents, United Fund, misc., \$570, E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$1,000; 1969 – Screen, projector, and sound equipment for Hemens Building \$3,411, E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$2,000, Salvation Army and Rotary playground \$2,640.

1970 – E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$2,000, misc. \$1,000; 1971 – Salvation Army and Rotary playground equipment \$1,455, misc. \$600, E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$2,000; 1972 – E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$3,000, Salvation Army Rotary playground blacktopping \$3,400, misc. \$600, Larkin Home (John Genderson Memorial) \$1,009; 1973 – St. Joseph Hospital building fund \$3,000, E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$2,000, misc. \$600, Judson College \$1,500, Operation Save \$1,500; 1974 – E.C.C. Nurses Scholarship \$2,000, Fox Valley Mental Health Association, Salvation Army Nutritional Aid Program, and YMCA West-Side Facility \$3,000, misc. \$750.

1975 – Clock in Elgin mall \$3,300; 1976 – Life Pak Unit \$5,500; 1977 – Easter Seal Society for audiovisual equipment \$3,864; 1978 – Parlaska Memorial Indian Library \$4,000; 1979 – YMCA \$1,000, Summit School \$2,000, Fox Valley Mental Health \$1,000; 1980 – Boy Scouts \$2,000, R.I. 3H Project \$1,500, YMCA \$800, Community Crises Center \$700.

1981 – Family Service \$1,800, YMCA gym mats \$1,000, Community Concert for Alcohol and Drugs \$1,000, Rotary Park \$1,000; 1982 – Sent nine high school seniors to Washington, D.C. for educational program \$3,000, Mary Lenz (Marquette U. scholarship) \$2,000, Scott Sund (Northwestern U. scholarship) \$2,000.

1982 - 83, members distributed weekly federal cheese and butter to \$5,491 persons. For many years, club has hosted honor students from local high schools to meetings. 1983-84 – Club given Paul Harris Foundation award for highest participations in the 1982-83-scholarship fund.

1984 - 85 – Elgin Community College nursing emergency loan fund started. Nurses scholarship fund awards annually valued at \$7,500. Started sponsoring Miss Elgin pageant. Each year club gives \$5,000 for the event, of which \$3,000 and \$3,500 goes for scholarships.

1985 - 86 – Donated \$1,000 to Mexican earthquake relief.

1986 - 87 – Club has 96% participation in raising \$130,111 for Polio Relief.

1987 - 88 – Club sponsored Rotaract Club with 34 charter members. Donated \$5,125 to charitable foundation.

1988 - 89 – Donated funds to San Francisco earthquake relief, anti-drug program, Rose Bowl float, and Elgin Community College. In the late 1980s, the club donated significant funds to furnish a park for the Elgin Sports Complex.

1990 – Donated \$5,000 to M-S program for independent living.

1992-93 – Sponsored junior college student. In 1993, furnished landscaping along Route 31 north of City of Elgin. In the summer of 1994, planted bulbs, etc. with the theme of the project to emphasize Illinois prairie grasses, plants, and bulbs. The Mexican Project – One of the largest, most ambitious, and successful projects was started in 1990. The program provides hospital equipment to a hospital in Leon, Mexico. Thus far, over \$1,000,000 in equipment has been furnished to the Mexican towns of Leon, Moroleon, Uriangato, and Loreda. Since its initiation by the Elgin Club, Schaumburg, Waukegan,

Barrington, Arlington Heights, and Palatine Clubs have contributed very significantly to the project. The project has become so well known to hospitals, ten doctors from St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin trained 30 Mexican doctors in the use of the equipment.

1994 - 2005 – Continued to sponsored Polio Relief efforts in conjunction with Rotary International, the World Health Organization, and the Bill Gates Foundation.

1994 - 2005 – Helped Fund Numerous Charitable Causes: Beds for YWCA Camp; Bibs for Baby; Bears for City Cap; Blood Drive; Junior Service Board; Motorized scooters for new Gail Borden Library; Sponsor Kid’s for Camp; Tsunami Relief; Two Water Buffalo for Indonesia; Services for Village in Nigeria; Head Start Food Pantry; St. Joseph Thanksgiving Dinner; Dental Van; Barrington Well Child Center; P.A.D.S.; Ecker Center; Day of Caring for YMCA/Ecker Center/YWCA; Belarus/Russia Netting Machine; Shoes for Jamaica and Easter Seals

2000 – Funded Rotary Wheel as a part of the Riverfront Improvements in Downtown Elgin and helped Fund Pioneer Memorial Project by Tygraev Rovelstad.

2001-present – Sponsored Early Act Club at St. Joseph’s School.

2005 – Completed “75th Anniversary” 4-Year Scholarship for student at NIU, and co-hosted RI Convention Hospitality Event at Max McGraw Wildlife Center.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1972-73 - Hosted Julie Walker from Australia.

1974-75 - Hosted Patricia Bertin from Rhodesia.

1977-78 - Sent Tray Helm to Mexico and hosted Osa Skoglund from Sweden.

1978-79 - Sent Mary Shawn Knott to Mexico and hosted Regina Taioqui from the Philippines.

1980-81 - Sent Ann Nordstrom to Belgium and Carol Connors to Australia. Hosted Nathali Marchant from Belgium. Sent Greg Bruhn to Ireland.

1982-83 - Hosted Maraine Marshal from Liege, Belgium.

1983-84 - Hosted Thomas Bach from Omea, Sweden.

1984-85 - Hosted Mehpare Taki from Istanbul, Turkey; sent Megan Timmons to Zimbabwe

1986-87 - Hosted Fausto “Butch” Aquino from Manila, Philippines.

1987-88 - Hosted Tina Kytomaa from Joensuu, Finland; sent Brian Hoeft to Los Mochis, Mexico and Erika Koltveit to Gentofte, Denmark.

1988-89 - Hosted Celine Glorieux from Cessox, France; sent Tammy Wagner to Bearsden, Scotland.

1992-93 - Hosted Japanese junior college student

1994-2005 - Hosted exchange students from several countries, including Mexico and Brazil

1994-2005 - Hosted GSE for Young Professionals from South Africa, Australia, South Korea, etc.

Rotary Club of Elgin-Breakfast

Chartered – April 1989

1989-90 - Pig roast and raffle sponsored in August raised approximately \$3,400 for the Community Service Area, sponsoring one student with RYLA scholarship; donated \$100 to YWCA for youth-oriented projects; contributed \$650 in Christmas gifts to Elgin Community Crisis Center; participated in blood drive for Heartland Blood Center; Collected about \$775 bell ringing for Salvation army, and

sponsoring an outbound Exchange Student for the following school year.

1994-95 Goals: Continue a healthy tract of aggressive fundraising. 1993 and 1994 the club made donations of over \$20,000. Beneficiaries of these funds included: Gang Resistance program of Elgin pioneered by Elk Breakfast, and scholarship programs for youth and adults; Elgin YMCA and Elgin Crisis Center.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village

Chartered Nov. 23, 1970

1980-86 - Completed five-year pledge to Alexian Brothers Medical Center for \$2,500 and also five-year \$2,500 pledge to Elk Grove-Schaumburg Township Mental Health Center. Annually provide two \$500 vocational scholarships for local high school students. Financed students to the President's Classroom Week in Washington, D.C. Provided funds for special events of the Northwest Suburban Council Boy Scouts of America. Collected and distributed Christmas Baskets for needy families. Provided food certificates for needy single mothers through the Elk Grove Township Community Day Care Center. Purchased and distributed seedling trees to all Elk Grove grade schools for Arbor Day. Participated in the Elk Grove Chapter of Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Christmas time by providing bell ringers. Ongoing sponsor of High School District #214 Arts Unlimited program. Annually provide two \$500 scholarships to Harper College. Annually underwrite the cost and have members serve the meal at New Year's party for over 150 senior citizens. Purchased a film for \$800 to be used by the Alcohol and Drug Dependence Program serving the Northwest Suburban area. Provided \$2,000 for the Meals on Wheels program. Provided assistance to Elk Grove Police Department, Girl Scouts and Elk Grove United Fund. Major fundraiser is an annual carnival.

1987-88 - Carnival held annually has grown and changed from May through 1987 to September in 1988. Sponsored a Casablanca Night fundraiser for PolioPlus, which resulted in club being designed a 2000% Plus Club.

1988-89 - Carnival held in August provided funds in excess of \$21,000. A World Community Project was approved by Rotary International involving Camp Elim in Haiti with their matching our Club's \$1,000 contribution.

For 1989-90, funds have been allocated for Junior Achievement grants, two \$500 scholarships, \$700 Rotary Youth Leadership grants, and the Kenneth Young Center. Contributed thus far: \$2,000 to Meals on Wheels, \$3,000 to construction of new kitchen for Center, \$2,500 to support Senior Citizens Center, \$1,000 to Kids Line/Talkline. Funds have also been designated as \$2,000 for Crisis Assistance, \$2,000 for Substance Abuse and support for Special Olympics for Handicapped.

2001-02 – William J. Beaupre was president. I am extremely proud of my year as president. However, I must point out that all of our accomplishments were done because of a great club that works well together. The following is our major accomplishments for my year: Donated ambulance to Hillside ESDA; \$5,000 to boys baseball; \$15,000 to multiple local charities; \$2,000 to 9/11 relief fund and helped collect funds; catered senior luncheon for more than 200 seniors at Christmas; \$1,250 to avoidable blindness in India; coordinated our \$2,500 into matching grants for Haiti trade school; shipped used text books to Africa to help with literacy; awarded \$6,000 in scholarships for college and trade; and established new Interact club at Elk Grove High School. We received an award for Foundation

contribution and an award for international project.

2003-04 – Matthew Personette was president. Many thanks to the hard working members in the club who contributed to the following accomplishments: Our annual fundraiser set a new record this year, raising over \$50,000 in net proceeds; we donated over \$22,000 to 34 local charities in the community; we also donated \$4,000 in Scholarships to District 211 & 214 students; we voted to set up a reserve fund of \$10,000 for future community projects; and lastly, we donated over \$10,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

2004–05 - We joined the Rotary International in celebrating 100 years of Rotary service throughout the world. To honor this accomplishment, and in recognition of our club's contributions to the village, Elk Grove Village named our club the Grand Marshals for the annual village parade. The parade coincides with our annual Rotaryfest - a community celebration of food, fun, and entertainment. Our donations to local charities topped \$23,000. In addition, we provided volunteer hours to such worthy causes as the ACS Relay for Life, Young Life, and the Knights of Columbus MHL Drive. We raised additional dollars for victims of the Asian Tsunami disaster and Caribbean hurricane relief. We provided funding for the Leap into Literacy Program and received district recognition for our efforts. We created CARE packages for soldiers in Iraq as a result of a request from a local family whose son was stationed there with the Marines. We donated money, in conjunction with the Hoffman Schaumburg club, to create a soldier memorial at Conant H.S. We presented college scholarships totaling \$8,000 to local high school students from Elk Grove High School and Conant High School. Finally, we undertook our single largest international project - WISRAD and successfully raised approximately \$50,000 to purchase an X ray machine for the island of St Lucia. The raffle to raise the funds gave away a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle as top prize to the winner (A fellow Rotarian from Wheaton). Clubs throughout district 6440 and 6450 helped by purchasing tickets as our club visited many other clubs and shared the WISRAD story and fellowship at their weekly meetings. We recruited 2 new members and enjoy the continued friendship and fellowship that makes Rotary a special service organization.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- Hosted foreign exchange student from Columbia, South America.
- 1988-89 - Hosted exchange student from Mexico.
- 1989-90 - Hosted exchange student from Finland.

Rotary Club of Evanston

Chartered May 1, 1920

In 1961 the Club dedicated the Rotary Club of Evanston’s International Friendship Garden where trees are dedicated to country’s that have Rotary Clubs. The Garden includes a flowering Rotary wheel, crabapple alley, and a new stone Friendship Circle commemorating the 100th anniversary of Rotary. Bricks with names of countries, individuals, and Rotary Clubs line the base of the Friendship Circle. Coinciding with the Chicago 100th year international convention, the Club will rededicate the International Friendship Garden.

Community service includes the annual Joseph Pearson memorial Scholarship (established in 1921) at Northwestern University as well as four-year scholarships of \$1,500 to Evanston Township High School students attending an Illinois university in both vocational and academic programs. The Club has an annual job shadow day.

Programs of the Club's Charitable Fund annually sponsor grants to community organization amounting to \$10,000 annually. Additionally the Club strives to do a hands-on-community service project each month. The Club sponsors 1 – 3 fundraising events during the year, which provide the basis of charitable giving.

Rotarians from around the world that are visiting RI headquarters are frequent guests at noon meetings giving meaning to the Club's unofficial motto as the "Home Club". The Club has supplied 3 district governors and an endowed Ambassadorial Scholarship (Donald Fergusson).

The Club has sponsored Charter members of the Moscow, Russia Rotary Club, as well as sponsored Evanston's Lighthouse Rotary Club. The most recent International Service projects have been a blood bank in Mexico as well as a mosquito-netting project in Uganda.

Rotary Club of Evanston-Lighthouse

Chartered June 27, 1985

1987-88 - Donation made to Knollwood Fire Dept. Delivered 3,000 balloons imprinted with "Smoke Detectors Save Lives - Are Yours Working?" to fire chief. Continued to support Council of Elders Pops & Moms. Donation to PolioPlus of \$3,145 to date.

1988-89 - 1,000 lbs. of textbooks to Indian Reservation in Tsalle, NM; Sponsored cruise to benefit Evanston Shelter for Battered Women; time and \$1,600 to C.O.E. Pops & Moms; donated canned food and case to A.C.O.R.N. Christmas gifts for kids to an adopted day care center; secured donations of toys, money, etc. for Evanston Salvation Army's day-care programs and summer camp; \$100 to FISH; and Sony Color TV to Salvation Army.

1989-90 - 4th of July parade hot dog fundraiser nets \$1,200; \$600 to Evanston Salvation Army for holiday winner and Christmas gifts to homeless; donated \$3,000+ toward purchase of drug-sniffing trained canine for Evanston Police department. Member contributed time, labor, and lumber/equipment for construction of Penny Park in Evanston for kids. Sent textbooks to India, Mozambique and Sri Lanka. Club completed its three-year \$10,000 to \$11,000 pledge to PolioPlus with a third and final donation of \$4,000+.

1990-91 - 4th of July fundraiser nets \$900 and Poinsettia sales netted \$2,200. College scholarship contributions to high school kids. DARE program tee-shirts donation which police department gives to school kids. Co-hosting "Rotary Ecology Day"; shipment of textbooks to Native American Educational Services in Chicago; \$600 to Evanston Salvation Army's Christmas dinner for homeless; funded/planted trees at Penny Park on Arbor Day; \$300 to Evanston HS bi-lingual program; \$250 to Amigos de las Americas; contributed to Plainfield Tornado Disaster Fund, Lighthouse Preservation, and Evanston Women's Club Halloween Fund House for the Handicapped.

Sent 300 textbooks to Mozambique with additional shipments to Turkey and Ecuador. Four big bundles to North Gujarat University, India.

1994-95 - Poinsettia sales netted \$2,500. Provided continued support of scholarships through Co-Pops for lower income children to junior college. Provided soccer equipment for Tahuichi Bolivia soccer club, with matching funds from Rotary reached \$40,000. Other contributions to Evanston Summer

Youth programs, Family Focus, Mothers Against Gangs, and Y.O.U.

Exchange Students:

1988-89 - Hosted Noriko Yoshida of Kyoto, Japan.

1989-90 - Sent Janet Carr to England

1990-91 - Sent Robin Joy to Australia

1995-2005 - We were founded in 1985 as the first breakfast club in the district. We have kept an emphasis on giving to youth organizations in Evanston, and our support has gone in recent years to a wide variety of Evanston organizations, including but not limited to Child Care Network, New Beginnings for Young Families, Evanston Community Development Organization, Project Red Flag, Kingsley Summer Reading, SOAR (One on one mentoring), Grandparents raising Children, Strength in numbers, and YOU (the Youth Organization Umbrella.)

Our biggest fundraiser, Christmas sales of flowers, fruit, and Hams had sales of over \$60,000 this year; and we need the money, as our Centennial Project, replacing a Fitness Trail on the lakefront, will require over \$30,000. This also fits our goal of helping youth in Evanston, working to combat obesity.

In the international sphere, we will be making ten large wells in Togo, we are developing a Brazilian Pediatric Clinic, and will be working with Global Medicine to do tropical disease research in Ghana.

What works particularly well in our Club? We are one of the few clubs in the district, which loves to get together outside meetings with fellow members and spouses and friends. We are going up to Milwaukee again this year to see the Cubs, we go annually to the Evanston Women's Club show with a dinner before, and we often have other dinners for members and companions at unusual restaurants. We sponsor the clean up of a section of Golf Road, and the sign on the road proclaims our interest to everyone driving by. Christmas in April joins us with the older Evanston club in rehabbing the home of a needy family.

We are proud of the fact that our location in Evanston gives us some very valuable members from Rotary itself, but is also a source of interesting speakers.

Our annual Christmas party, where we invite the town's leaders to a wonderful spread at Rotary Headquarters has gone a long way to reinforce Rotary's image in the community. We do an annual beach sweep of the beach surrounding our lighthouse. Historically, our program chairmen have brought the best of the universities in town and the surrounding area and other interesting people with challenging ideas for programs. We are famous for our program quality.

Not a problem exactly, but an area deserving attention is increasing our membership. A recently appointed committee is addressing the question with imaginative ideas.

Evanston Lighthouse Rotary will be very visible in the Centennial Year, with our members offering support and help to our welcome visitors.

Rotary Club of Fox Lake

Chartered Jan. 28, 1978

1978 - Rotary International awarded club 300% effort for the annual fundraiser in August, a chicken and corn roast.

January 1979 - held a First Anniversary party at Holiday Park

1980 - Rotary International awarded 400% annual fundraiser. Home Hospitality at 1980 convention boat

ride and picnic at Eagle Point, held chicken and corn roast at Fagan's and Octoberfest at Holiday Park. Contributions included 100 tickets to circus to needy children, donations to Christmas party for the needy children at Camp Duncan and donation to Boy Scouts.

1981-83 - Contributions to Chain-O-Lakes Community Orchestra \$250 each year for past three years. Camp Duncan, Christmas party \$250 for needy children; Boy Scouts, Northern Illinois Council \$50; Lions Candy Day sales \$50; Korpan's Christmas Parade \$25; Brad Hage Fund, benefit to help boy hurt in diving accident. Chain-O-Lakes Golf League, donated plaque and two trophies to winners of league yearly competition. Sponsored Grant Township girls little league yearly competition \$125. Hosted District 644 picnic June '81-'82. Annual Octoberfest fundraiser for Club. Sponsored float for Fox Lake Diamond Jubilee \$300. Contributions to CITA, Handicapped children program \$100.

1985-86 - Contributed to Chain O'Lakes Orchestra. Helped George Lain with his Blood and Handicap Fishing tournament, Needy Kids Party-1st year-285 kids, spaghetti dinner.

1986-87 - Kept club alive even with two restaurant moves; held 2nd annual spaghetti dinner, second Needy Kids Party for 280, assisted Fox Lake Community Center.

1987-88 - Held Needy Kids party – 325 kids, held first annual raffle for Polio Fund; sponsored two students to world affairs.

1988-89 - Car homecoming parade-Grant Community High School and car in Christmas parade. Held Needy Kids Party for 300 kids, co-sponsored with Eye Care Center of Lake County free eye exams for needy, held 2nd raffle and 3rd annual spaghetti dinner. Presented 1st annual quarterly-recognition program for community service awards, and sponsored two students to World Affairs Seminar.

1994 - Includes: Children's Neediest Christmas Party, 23rd annual, with over 300 children from Fox Lake and Round Lake area; ages 5 to 10 were treated to food gifts and entertainment. Also, 60 children at a local "Head Start Program." Held Honors Night sponsoring two students for the Dist. 6440 scholarship. Fox Lake Rotary 4th annual golf outing with over 100 participating; Floyd Brown—Underwriters golf outing; Senior Wellness Day; adopt a highway program; spaghetti dinner, super raffle, Youth Organization League sponsorship; Christmas dinner. Special Benefit for Cody - organized a super raffle for a member's 4-year-old son's hospital bills due to cancer. Donations to: Snowball (drug prevention program), Lake Co. Bus. & Prof. Women, Lake Co. Red Cross, Fox Lake Choices, American Cancer Soc., American Legion Needy Children Fund, Fox Lake Economical Dept. Committee, Fox Lake Lions Club Candy Day, Fox Lake Beautification Fund, Crimestoppers, Korpan's Landing Children's Christmas Party, Rotary Rose Bowl Float committee, Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce & Ind., Grant High School "Tech Prep" Educational Foundation, Johnsburg Educational Fnd. Participated in July 4th parade, homecoming parade and the Christmas parade in Fox Lake.

Youth Activity:

1978-80 - Sponsored high school student to World Affairs seminar, Univ. of Wisc., .Whitewater.

1982-83 - Sponsored exchange student Asta Birgis from Iceland. Sponsored high school student to seminar on World Affairs, University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

1994 - Donated three scholarships to World Affairs Seminar.

Rotary Club of Geneva

Chartered March 15, 1965

1966 - Bicycle Safety Program.

1969 - Volunteer work crew repaired and painted Geneva Rehabilitation Center.

1976-77 - 5th annual bell ringing to help Salvation Army. Donated swimming suits to Individual Development Center for Handicapped. Posted school warning signs in Geneva area in conjunction with Geneva Police Department. Sponsored second annual Christmas party for trainees at Individual Development Center. Seventy handicapped persons treated to lunch, musical entertainment, Santa Claus, and gifts. Fifth annual Dress-A-Doll program presented 50 dolls to Salvation Army for distribution to needy children.

1977-78 - 6th annual Dress-A-Doll program presented 50 dolls to Salvation Army for distribution to needy children at Christmas. Sponsored third annual Christmas party for trainees at the Individual Development Center in Geneva. Seventy handicapped persons treated to luncheon, entertainment by Geneva High School choral group, and a magician in addition to visit by Santa who distributed donated gifts to all.

1978-79 - Introduced Geneva High School senior boys to Rotary via two luncheon meetings each during school term. Two students in attendance each meeting with time allotted for brief statements from students. 53% of the club membership attended District Conference where Geneva Rotary hosted a hospitality suite - first such effort in club history.

1979-80 - Presented \$100 savings bond to 'most-improved' student at the Mid Valley Vocational School, Kaneville. Received the award for the Best Club Attendance at the 1979 District Conference. Hosted annual Christmas party for 70 handicapped trainees at the Individual Development Center providing luncheon, entertainment and gifts for each person. Annual Dress-A-Doll contest with more than 50 dolls to the Salvation Army and club donated \$15 to Lake Zurich Club as Charter Night send-off.

1980-81 - Presented \$200 Rotary Vocational Award to most-improved student at Mid Valley Vocational School. Held annual Swedish Days concession booth during "Geneva Swedish Days." Held Las Vegas Night and accepted donations to fund Swedish Days fireworks display for Geneva community. Funded purchase and coordinated installation of drinking fountain for Geneva. \$300 contributed to Rotary Fnd. Sponsored softball team for 9-12 year old girls. Contributed \$1,440 to Geneva Public Library.

1982-83-84 - Donations from past three years to Geneva Park District \$40,000 pavilion. Donation of \$5,000 to Geneva Public Library; three year project for books of countries around the world where Rotary clubs are located. Sponsor a boys and girls little league baseball team each year, \$500. Donation of \$250 for a Swedish Day Festival fireworks display yearly. \$500 in savings bonds toward a vocational scholarship for student from Mid Valley Vocational School. Christmas party, dinner, and presents for handicapped persons, \$500. Dress-A-Doll contest for donation to Salvation Army.

Provided drinking fountains at various locations at a cost of \$500. Bell ringing for Salvation Army. Circus fundraiser, which included guests of 100 handicapped people at discount rate and a Las Vegas Night fundraiser, which is handled yearly.

Donated a public address system to Geneva High School athletic department and donated money to

Geneva Community Hospital for infant car seats. Geneva, Batavia, and St. Charles Rotary clubs worked together to donate 15-passenger van to Valley Sheltered Workshop for handicapped persons. Held a bike-a-thon to pay for fireworks display and joined Batavia Rotary to raise money and purchase a computer system for Tri-City Family Service. Donated money to Fox Valley Hospice, Tri-Comm Agency, Geneva Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, Geneva Sesquicentennial Committee, "City Filled with Joy" Geneva project, Geneva High School, Geneva Public Library, Tri-City Family Services, and Geneva Community Center.

1984-85 - Hosted high school students and senior citizens. Held annual Christmas luncheon party for 125 handicapped persons and staff from Kennedy Rehabilitation Center. Rang bells and sponsored a Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds and dolls going to Salvation Army. Sponsored a soccer team. \$500 savings bond toward a vocational scholarship for student from Mid Valley Vocational School. Contributed to RYLA; \$1,650 toward high school public address system, \$280 for infant car seats for Community Hospital Project, \$1,650 to various charitable institutions, and \$1,075 to various charitable projects.

1985-86 - Hosted high school students and senior citizens. Held annual Christmas luncheon for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kennedy Rehabilitation Center in Aurora. Rang bells and sponsored Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds and dolls going to Salvation Army. Gave \$500 vocational scholarship award to a student from the Mid Valley Vocational School. Contributed to RYLA; \$2,000 to Geneva Sesquicentennial Celebration; high school pizza project; \$1,300 Chamber of Commerce for Swedish Days fireworks display; donations to various charitable projects. Hosted a foreign exchange student.

1986-87 - Hosted high school students and senior citizens. Held annual Christmas party for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kennedy Rehabilitation Center. Rang bells and sponsored a Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds and dolls going to Salvation Army. Sponsored a Brotherhood Tree at Christmas time with children's gifts going to Salvation Army. Gave \$500 vocational scholarship award to student from Mid Valley Vocational School. Contributed \$2,350 to high school sports score board; \$500 to Children's section of Geneva Public Library; \$400 to Geneva High School locker project; \$500 to Tri-City Family Services; \$1,200 toward the high school public address system; \$500 to Kid's Day in Geneva. Sponsored a soccer team and outdoor concert for Geneva Park District. Hosted a foreign exchange student.

1987-88 - Hosted high school students and senior citizens. Held annual Christmas party luncheon for 125 handicapped people and staff from the Kennedy Rehabilitation Center. Rang bells and sponsored a Brotherhood Tree and Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds, gifts and dolls donated to Salvation Army. Sponsored a soccer team. Gave \$500 vocational scholarship award to student from Mid Valley Vocational School. Contributed \$2,350 to high school for scoreboard and new band uniforms for high school concert band; an athletic scholarship award; \$200 donation to Boy Scouts; \$500 to Hospice; \$3,300 toward Geneva Park District's new Sunset Park Facility. Participated in Philippine book project.

1988-89 - Hosted high school students and senior citizens. Held annual Christmas luncheon party for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kenneth Rehabilitation Center. Rang bells, sponsored a Brotherhood Tree and Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds, gifts, and dolls going to Salvation Army. Sponsored a soccer team. Awarded \$500 scholarship to student from Mid Valley Vocational School. Contributed \$42,350 to high school for a new score board; \$3,300 to the Park District for their new Sunset Park facility; \$1,000 for Geneva Kid's Day; \$200 to Crimestoppers; \$200 to RI District for

Eyeglass Project; \$210 to Geneva High for new band uniforms; \$370 to underprivileged kids to recreational camp; \$500 to help furnish new high school weight room and participated in high school football team pizza project.

1989-90 - Hosted high school students. Held annual Christmas luncheon party for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kennedy Rehabilitation Center. Rang Bells, sponsored Brotherhood Tree and Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds, gifts, and dolls going to Salvation Army. Sponsored a Soccer team. Awarded \$500 scholarship to Mid Valley Vocational School student. Donated \$3,300 to Park District for new Sunset Park Facility; \$500 Geneva's Kid's Day; sponsored boys baseball team and girls softball team; \$250 to send two Geneva girls to international clinic; \$50 Geneva High quit smoking campaign; \$150 to sponsor Team USA soccer player; \$100 sponsor student trip to Washington, D.C.; sponsored Youth International Orchestra; sponsored Circus for Kids. Contributed \$2,700 funds to Rotary Foundation. Initiated Spring Bulb beautification of Geneva bike trail system. Hosted youth exchange student Ellyn Leyskens from Belgium.

1990-91 - Held annual Christmas luncheon party for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kennedy Rehab. Center. Rang bells, sponsored Brotherhood Tree and Dress-A-Doll contest with proceeds, gifts/dolls going to Salvation Army. Sponsored soccer team. Awarded \$1,000 Donald G. Marched scholarship to Mid Valley Vocational School student. \$5,000 to Delnor-Community entrance project; \$500 for Geneva's Kid's Day; sponsored boys baseball team and girls softball team; \$50 Geneva High quit smoking campaign; \$5,000 unrestricted funds to Rotary Foundation. Continued Spring Bulb beautification of Geneva bike trail system. Began Rotary Auction as a fundraiser and GRRR. Road Rally fundraiser. Hosted youth exchange student Naoki Natsui from Japan.

1991-92 - Annual Christmas luncheon party for 125 handicapped people and staff from Kennedy Rehabilitation Center. Christmas bell ringing for Salvation Army. Dress-A-Doll contest and donation. \$1,000 Donald G. Marched scholarship awarded to Mid Valley Vocational School student; \$5,000 second payment to Delnor-Community Hospital Flag Court project. Geneva Rotary Road Rally and Raffle and Swedish days fundraisers.

1992-93 - Held annual A.I.D. Christmas luncheon. Christmas bell ringing and Dress-A-Doll program. Competed in spelling bee for literacy. \$1,000 Donald G. Marched vocational scholarship awarded. Final \$5,000 to Delnor -Community Flag Court project. First of three \$500 payments to Tri-City Family Services building fund. Hosted Youth Exchange student Istvan Toth from Budapest, Hungary, and sponsored Chelsea Hoffman to Brazil. Fundraisers included Geneva Rotary Road Rally and Raffle, duck race, and Swedish days.

1993-94 - Held annual A.I.D. Christmas luncheon, bell ringing, and Dress-A-Doll program. Participated in vocational awards, Driver's safety school. Fundraisers included Road Rally and Swedish Days event, which raised over \$13,000. These funds were disbursed to Park District baseball teams, post-prom party, Tri-City Family Services, CASA disaster relief for Hurricane Andrew, Bosnian students, and Geneva Chamber of Commerce. Final installment to Valley Shelter Vehicle (handicapped business).

1994-95 - Donated two water fountains on 3rd street; donated new band uniforms for the school, Gave \$3,000 to RI. Sponsored the AID Christmas party; Salvation Army bell ringing; Post Prom Party, donated \$12,000 to philanthropic charities.

2001-02 - Completion of the \$15,000 pledge for Lazurus House, first phase of the Rotary Corner project which included paving and landscaping Rotary corners at 3rd and Campbell, Hosted GSE team from India.

2003-04 – The annual Swedish Days food booth and Harley motorcycle raffle netted \$34,000 in revenue for the Geneva Club. Philanthropic disbursements were made to the Rotary Foundation for Polio eradication, Suicide Prevention Services for education, Geneva High School for vocational scholarships, holiday party for AID residents, Rotary Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange, Tri-City Family Services, Glenwood School for Boys, Geneva Jumpers, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Literacy Volunteers of America, Illinois Special Olympics, Gurnee Rotary Foundation, Geneva Academic Foundation, Friends of the Geneva Library and Geneva American Legions. The major community project was installation of the street clock at the corner of Third and Campbell (Rotary Corners). The major international project was delivery of over four tons of books to Africa and India, which were donated by Houghton Mifflin. The club performed weekly food collections, did Salvation Army bell ringing and helped the Geneva Beautification Committee. The club earned honors at the District Conference for promoting literacy.

2004-05 - Centennial Year and 40th anniversary year. Completed a centennial project with the installation of a Rotary Clock on 3rd Street in Geneva. Donated to Tri-City Family Services, Geneva Jumpers, Tsunami relief, Humanitarian Service Project: Children's Christmas and Birthday Project for 5 children in Geneva, American Cancer Society, Literacy Volunteers of America. Committed to provide tents for the wilderness program at Tri-City Family Services. Started a new Project, a fund raising auction, with some funds going to Leukemia-Lymphoma Society. Completed \$11,000 pledge for polio plus. Hosted the group study exchange team from Korea and hosted the welcoming reception. Celebrated our fortieth anniversary as a club on Feb 23rd (same day as RI). Donated \$1,000 to help develop a women's clinic in Ghanna. Sponsored inbound and outbound youth exchange. Sent 3 students to RYLA. Provided \$3,000 in scholarships for local youth. Membership at this time 31 members

2005-06 Club President John Kador said he considers Youth Exchange to be a very bright accomplishment for Geneva Rotary. Five students engaged in Youth Exchange. Edmund Falandysz from Poland was our inbound student, and we had four outbound students: Mary Bach, Gregor Hamilton and Rachel Walker are in Brazil; and Julie Allen is our other outbound student—she is in Venezuela. We have a traditional year-end Holiday celebration for about 150 developmentally disabled adults, and it was extremely well received. The projects involves buying individual presents for each attendee as well as a nice meal and professional entertainment. We're very proud of that. The District rewarded us with a District Simplified Grant, so we're proud of that and grateful for that. Next month, we're having a Group Study Exchange team from Japan. They'll be in the district for 6 weeks and with us for one week. We've set up a nice program for them. We're very pleased that we added 7 new members in my tenure and we're at 35 now.

Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn

Chartered Sept. 24, 1943

History:

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn was sponsored by the Oak Park Rotary Club and chartered in 1943. In 1954 the Glen Ellyn Club sponsored the West Chicago Club, and in 1957 the Rotary of Glen Ellyn

sponsored the Wheaton Club.

Over the past 50 years, the Glen Ellyn Club has held noontime meetings at several locations. The Club now meets every Thursday at 12:10 p.m. at the Glen Oak Country Club. Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn speakers have included U.S. and State Senators and Representatives; State, County, and Village heads; foreign consuls; judges; local TV personalities; nationally known scientists; race car drivers; musicians; local high school student groups; and many more.

Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn started fundraising in 1965. 1988 was the start of our annual Citrus sale, which produces average net sales of \$24,000. The Citrus sale is our major fundraiser followed by Big Wheel Night which is a banquet for 100 plus individuals at \$150 per person with net proceeds of \$7,500. Funds raised have been used for local scholarships, currently \$16,000 per year for needy graduates of our two high schools. Since 1965 the Club has given \$300,000 to 150 students with dozens of heartwarming success stories. Additionally, the Club has given funds to many local groups including Family Shelter Services. In 1988-89 the Club gave \$10,000 and four hours work from each member to Prairie Path Park near the Glen Ellyn train station. In 1989-90 the Club assisted a Mexican Club in buying one used ambulance for use in suburban Mexico City. In the early 1990's the Club appropriated \$9,000 to be used over three years for elementary and secondary scholarships in an impoverished Mexico City suburb.

One of the Clubs first International projects in 1996-97 was with the Rotary Club of St. Thomas East End. As part of hurricane re-building, our Club helped the St. Thomas East End Club create a reading room for children for before and after school supervision and homework help. More recent International projects include our Club helping the Wheaton Noon Club, in 2001-02 to fund the first MRI machine in Peru. The machine was donated by a hospital in France. We helped to pay the cost of freight. In 2002-03 we helped to plumb four grammar schools in Cochabamba, Bolivia which brought fresh water and sanitation to more than 4000 students and their families. In 2003-04 we continued our work with our Bolivian Rotarian partners. The project was so successful that we agreed to fund four more grammar schools in Cochabamba. In 2004-05 we applied for and received a new grant to provide fresh water, which will impact more than 4000 students and their families in four more schools in Bolivia. We are just finishing this complex project as this report is being composed. This worthy project used up our Clubs budget and our district allowance for grants for the year. Late in the fiscal year, we were asked if we could fund a bus for an orphanage by a new graduate (PhD) before he returned to Uganda. Rather than say no, we located a Club that was not using its district allowance and partnered with them. Our thanks go to the Lombard Club for helping us. In 2005-06 our Club applied for a new grant to be funded by four clubs (Oak Brook, Hinsdale-Oakbrook, Glen Ellyn, Jammu, India), district (6450 and 6440) and RI. The Sahara School in India needs a bus to pick up children who need physical and speech therapy. Our Club is also in the early stages of doing a project in India with a club from Denmark. This will be a three country project including India, Denmark and the United States of America.

The Glen Ellyn Club has always supported local high school athletics. Every September, Glenbard West and South Athletic Directors speak at our Club meeting about the upcoming athletic year. For non-athletes the club has a "Significant Achievement Day". Each spring six students from each high school are honored for being outstanding contributors to their school life and their community. Citations are awarded and full publicity given these students. Christmas 1947 started the tradition of an annual holiday concert by the Glenbard West High School Choir. Since the establishment of Glenbard South High School, the madrigal singers share their musical talents with the Club every Christmas. The Junior High jazz bands and marching bands have also performed for the Club.

In recent years the Club has entertained an exchange student and three times sent a local student overseas. The Club regularly submits applications for both district and national R.I. scholarships. A few local students have received scholarships. Many pleasant events are enjoyed by Glen Ellyn Club members and their spouses including, the annual Installation and Recognition dinner, wine and cheese party, steak fry, Bull's game, Kane County Cougar's game, and theatre presentations, to name a few. The social activities play a major role in maintaining the Clubs enthusiastic membership. The Club welcomes new members and continues to grow.

Rotary Club of Glencoe

Chartered Dec. 9, 1929

In cooperation with the Foundation and other clubs, sent blind young lady to four Latin American countries to initiate program to rehabilitate blind women. Developed civic program, which allowed student to spend one day with local authorities, learning government functions. Sponsored local students one-week trip to Washington, D.C. to study functions of Congress. Assisted students in sports activities.

Sponsored baseball and softball teams. Directed cooperation with Braille printing presses in Spain and Latin America to develop better services for the blind. Provided help in Ecuador, including organization of chicken farm; sent pigs and bull to help farmers to improve breeds; sent braille clocks to four schools for the blind; established two sewing schools, one in slums and one in orphanage. Sent money to pay for eye operations in cooperation with blindness prevention program called "Okulo pro Okulo" (an eye for an eye) which operates mobile clinic units in Africa. Bicycle safety program. Boy Scout activities. Bicentennial projects. Sponsored art exhibit for local and foreign high school students' participation. Encouraged youth operatic group performances. Created ROAR (Rotarians of Amateur Radio). Organization prints call letters for Rotary ham operators all over the world.

Collected and sent books to schools in Ecuador. Sent 50 Mahler canes to four Rotary Clubs in Ecuador for distribution to schools for the blind. Provided English correspondence courses through Hadley School in response to club in India. Worked with Venezuela Government in setting up rehabilitation center. In cooperation with Osaka, Japan club, distributed folkloric tales to department of blind and physically handicapped through Chicago Public Library. Provided seed money for PTA Safety Town for children.

50th anniversary celebration of club preceded participation in various facets of 75th anniversary of RI. Operation Detector (smoke detector) program of education for the community. Participated in organization of, and sponsored continuing operation of Glencoe Explorer Post 25, Boy Scouts of America. Sponsored and produced operas performed in Glencoe by professional opera company; members were in charge of arrangements, ticket sales, and promotion. Purchased and arranged for transportation of ten sewing machines to Ecuador used by educators to establish a school to teach sewing to blind girls and women. Sponsored, promoted, and participated in presentation in the Glencoe rodeo and circus. Sponsored and participated in two annual "Operation Smoke Detectors" in Glencoe. Financially supported numerous family service projects in Glencoe. Support Glencoe Community Blood program financially and with volunteers. Supported Los Amigos Latin American youth program for number of years providing health services to underdeveloped areas. Conducted "Career Day" student government programs for past ten years in conjunction with local schools. Carried out scholarship programs to help finance studies by area students overseas as well as in area schools.

1988-89 - Participated in all President's PolioPlus Walks raising funds for the program; supported the Glencoe Park District tree planting program; financially supported the Ecuador Disaster Relief efforts following an earthquake, working with the Rotary Club of Ibarra; support Glencoe Blood drives by providing coffee, juice, snacks, and one person to assist with registration; supported Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics; supported Winnetka senior Center; provided funds to Colegio Nacional Guayaquil for disaster relief; with R.I., providing ten typewriters for school in Ecuador; hosted two Russian businessmen on Rotary Exchange program; and are sending "Rehabilitation Watches" for the blind to the Rotary club in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

1991-92 - Ongoing projects include; sponsoring baseball and softball team; Boy Scouts Explorer Post 25; ROAR; supporting Glencoe Blood drives providing coffee, juice, snacks, and one person to assist with registration; sending "Rehabilitation Watches" for the blind to Rotary Club in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

1994-95 - Contributions have been made to the International Rotary Foundation, which allows college students from other countries to study in the United States and students from this country to study abroad. Gathered and sent ten tons of clothing to Bergen, Holland. Created a group called ROAR (Rotarians of Amateur Radio).

Glencoe Rotary accomplishments since 1996-97

Glencoe Rotary continued International Rotary Foundation contributions yearly—virtually all members contribute. The club sponsored a village-wide blood drive four times a year. Co-sponsored the Fourth of July village-wide parade, games, and art fair celebration. Sponsored a youth softball team in the local league.

Our small club consists primarily of local retail merchants and professionals, local government and nonprofit organization officials, and retirees. We do not have a large commercial area within our village—a handicap in increasing our local business membership.

We have sought out women members—now numbering four—and have had five as president since Rotary permitted women members in the late 1980s.

Rotary Club of Glenview

Chartered March 26, 1945

The Rotary Club of Glenview was founded March 26, 1945, the 13th club to be formed in District 6440 and only the second to be formed after World War II. In this Centennial year of Rotary International, we in Glenview celebrate our 60th year.

The Glenview Club Charter Members 60 years ago were: Lester W. Coons, real estate; Frank Edward Day, manufacture; Rev. Robert A. Edgar, minister, protestant; George K. Fiske, plumbing & heating; Theodore H. Gewecke, pharmaceutical manufacturing; Dr. Christian F. Harbeck, optometry; Alfred J. Haupt, funeral directing; Walter J. Hoffman, municipal government; Charles Levernier, retailing, groceries; Ray J. Nehmzow, transportation, bus; Curtis S. Newcomb, retailing, men's wear; Carl C. Rennekar, retailing, drug store; Adolph Roth, laundries; Frank G. Rugen, retailing, general merchandise; Ralph Synnestvedt, architecture, landscaping; Robert L. Wyatt, real estate

Sixteen prominent men of the Glenview community (Rotary rules then did not require 25 to begin a club) got together to do something for Glenview.

To get a picture of whom those men were, Walter Hoffman and Frank G. Rugen have had Glenview schools named after them. The club's first president, Clyde Lyon (interestingly not listed as a charter member) also has a school named after him. Robert L. Wyatt was one of the founders, in 1930, of Glenview's public library. The Reverend Edgar was, in 1941, the first full-time pastor of the Glenview Community Church, one of Glenview's landmark churches. Ralph Synnestvedt, a horticulturalist and landscape architect, discovered (created, found?) a type of plant, which will forever bear his name. The other charter members were all prominent business and professional men, men whose names still echo in the community 60 years following the founding of the club, many having served in various capacities in the boards and committees of Village of Glenview.

Oddly enough, at Rotary's Centennial our club again finds itself at sixteen members, down from a high of over 60 members in the 70s and 80s. But, not so oddly, the 16 are all prominent members of the community, including park district superintendent, high school principal, president of the largest local real estate firm, local bank executives, lawyers, and other professionals.

In the 1950s the club spent many hours in fundraisers to support the various activities of the Hadley School of the Blind. Further efforts were centered on the development of a community organization, which evolved into the Glenview Safety Council. The club sponsored a Boy Scout troop (repeated again and again in the club's history) and a Little League team. High school students from Glenbrook High School (later divided into North for Northbrook and South for Glenview) were invited to attend each club meeting. The club sponsored vocation guidance days at the high school and awarded scholarships to needy college bound students. The Korean War came and passed, tragedies happened as in all wars and the club helped the local Girl Scouts adopt a Korean War orphan. At the end of the 50s the club was sponsoring annual secretaries days and began hosting foreign exchange students eight weeks a year.

In the 1960s the club shifted its focus from Hadley School to the local Glenkirk School for retarded children (an association that continues to the club's 60th anniversary year, 2005). The interest was not simply financial but hands on as club members painted and fixed up the local Glenkirk facility. But the club also continued its support of a Boy Scout troop and the Little League. Pancake festivals were originated to support the club's academic scholarships, but then the club, recognizing the prevalence of academic scholarships, shifted its focus to vocational scholarships. The club broadened its perspective with an investment club, a poker club, and even began a Rotary Ann club. The club had a float in Glenview's first Independence Day.

In the 1970s the club's interest in foreign exchange students blossomed into participation in the Rotary Foundation's yearlong exchange program with students from Australia, South Africa and Rhodesia. The club also helped put together Glenview's first Civic Awards night, an activity it supports to this day. Other "targets" of the club's interest and support included the new Glenbrook Hospital, Glenbrook South High School's Career Day, Marching Band, and Master Singers.

In the 1980s began participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program, while continuing its own vocational scholarship program. We tried selling books at Glenview's Street Fair to support these endeavors. The club introduced special academic recognitions to local Glenview graduating seniors in

all of the community and surrounding schools, which continues during Student Recognition Day to this day. The interest of the club was again not simply financial, and it built a covered sand box for the Wesley Day Care Center (architect designed). On another front the club began a multiyear connection to service in Mexico, which, again, continues to this day. The 1980s saw the club's first woman member (others quickly followed). And the club served as a parent, giving birth in 1988 to a breakfast club (Glenview Sunrise) started by several of the parent club's members, and in 1985 to an Interact Club at Glenbrook South High School. Both of these clubs continue today. Our club's primary pride and joy is the Interact Club for Junior and Senior students at Glenbrook South where the joy of service is awoken in many young people. We closed the 80s with a club membership of 62 matching 1972-73 as the highest membership of any year.

The 1990s saw the club building wooden toys for sale and distribution to local needy children. The local Sunset Village Mobile Home Park with a largely immigrant population saw our presence in holiday parties and in sponsorship of a new outreach Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Working in conjunction with the local Youth Services organization we sponsored a Girls Club that gave teen girls a place to go for after school fun. One of our prides (as the older club) was in defeating the Glenview Sunrise Rotary Club in Volleyball two years running. Sadly, the 90s also saw the passing of our last Charter Member as Ralph Synnesvedt, a club member since the club's founding, joined Paul Harris in Service in another realm.

The last few years, years of the new Millennium have seen the club shrink significantly but with no less interest in service to the community. Our club presidents have recycled a bit with Dr. Joseph Pribyl notably serving for three consecutive terms, and several others serving at least two (though not necessarily consecutive). New members have joined however, our new Executive Librarian, a local Scout District Executive, and a local signage businessperson, interestingly, all women of prominence, including at least one (and perhaps more) future club presidents. Our club continues its commitment to Boy Scouting, to Student Recognition Day, and assistance to Mexican concerns. For the past few years we have held a Cinco de Mayo celebration raising money for an orphanage in several Latin American countries. We have paid to rehabilitate their soccer field, buy ovens for the orphanage and support other works. Club members have journeyed to the local facilities, helping out and enjoying the warmth of the children. This Centennial Year our club has joined with our sister Glenview Rotary Clubs: Glenview Sunrise and the new in 2000 evening club: Glenview Sunset, together with the Glenview State Bank to erect a Rotary Centennial Memorial Clock at the new town center: The Glen on the old Glenview Naval Air Station.

No matter how large or small our club has been, it has had two focuses: Outward in service to Glenview and the world and inward in fellowship among its members. Our current membership averages many years of Rotary Service, sort of proof positive of the proposition that we serve and enjoy in a marvelous community: Glenview, Illinois.

Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise

Chartered Oct. 12, 1988

1988-89 - First year of formation won District Public Relations Award and sponsored an RYLA youth. Responded to South African students who needed overnight accommodations coming through Chicago. Started the development of a Junior Act Club with the junior high students (food and clothing drive). Sponsored a Glenview youth baseball team.

1989-90 - This was a year of consolidation and growth. Many of the projects started in our first year were enhanced and continued. Of prime importance was our expanded fundraising and community outreach activities. We participated with the Glenview Rotary Club in its highly successful "Fifties" party fundraiser and in a "New Traditions" barbershop harmony concert. We became involved with support for the DCFS children at Old Orchard Hospital and with a sharing program jointly sponsored with the children of Springman Junior High School wherein books were delivered on one occasion and a Christmas party was provided to children of Einstein School in the inner city of Chicago. An outstanding installation banquet was held with Mimi Altman the principle speaker.

1990-94 - **International:** Participated with three other Rotary Clubs and matching grant from Rotary Int. donated school bus to an orphanage in Mexico. Created the International Fellowship of Rotarian Gardeners. Donated 480 lbs. of assorted vegetable seed to the marginal farmers in the Philippines who were victims of a typhoon. Donated used computers and related equipment to schools in South America and Russia. **Local:** Adopted one mile of Waukegan Road and regularly don safety vests and clean area. With assistance of Cub Scouts, planted gardens and delivered hanging flower baskets to homes of elderly and physically impaired. Created "Butterfly Garden" at Flick Park. With assistance of students at various locations, created vegetable gardens at Glenkirk, Wesley Day Care Center and offices of Youth Services of Glenview. Sponsored an essay contest on "How My Generation Will Help Save the Environment" with three \$200 cash prizes to be utilized for the environment project of their choice. Donated reference book (\$225) to reward Glenbrook South High School students for taking first place in statewide horticulture competition. Created a "Demonstration Garden" at the library.

1995 - Participated with three other Rotary Clubs with matching grant from R.I., donated a school bus to an orphanage in Mexico. Created International Fellowship of Rotarian Gardeners. At the request of a Rotary Club in the Philippines, we donated 480 lbs (including freight) of assorted vegetable seed to the marginal farmers who were victims of a typhoon. Donated many used computers and related equipment to several schools in South America and Russia. Continues to provide a scholarship to student in Santiago, Chile through Rotary Club of Apoquindo, Chile. Visited Nuestro Pequenos Hermanos Orphanage in Miacatlan, Mexico. Continue to support the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Einstein School projects, Glenview Boys Baseball Team, Club House at Springman, and the Debra Gelfand Fund. Each year hold the "Thank You" brunch for senior citizen volunteers. Boy Scouts have undertaken project of building birdhouses and feeders and will hang them in the backyards of several senior citizen's homes. Provided tee shirts to students participating in summer English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Westbrook School. Made financial contributions to Inner Voice Job Training & Literacy Programs. Annually provide a scholarship for a student in Oakton Community College Honors Program. Created "Game of Glenview" based on Monopoly Game and, to date, have netted approx. \$5,000. Intend to sell this game at our Annual Street Sale in July for additional funds.

Youth Exchange:

1989-90 - Hosted Adrian Ventimillia of Quito, Ecuador.

Rotary Club of Glenview Sunset

Chartered Dec. 18, 2002

Rotary Club of Glen-Lo Park

Chartered October 12, 1987

An evening club with a Super Bowl party the major fundraiser.

1985 - Donation to the temporary residence for senior citizens in Aurora.

1986 - Provided Good Samaritan Hospital with a new TTD machine by which the deaf may call the emergency room.

1987 - Donations to the Willowbrook H.S. band and West Suburban Association for Retarded Children.

1988 - Donations to Wheaton Youth Outreach, Vietnow, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, and PolioPlus campaign.

1989 - Donated funds to buy uniforms for Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Olympics; children at Good Samaritan Hospital and the Rotary float for Rose Bowl parade.

1990 - Donation to Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association for Retarded Children and the Special Recreation Olympics.

1991 - Donations to the Diecke Home, PolioPlus campaign, and the Northwest DuPage Special Recreation Association.

1992 - Donations to four needy families of Christmas gifts for children, the Glen Ellyn Senior Citizens, Ray Graham Assoc., and the Life Education Center.

1993 - Donations to the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Assoc., Diecke Home, children at Good Samaritan Hospital, and the Community Nursing Association of DuPage County.

1994 - Donations to the Community Nursing Assoc. of DuPage County, to four needy families for Christmas gifts, Northwest DuPage Special recreation Assoc., and Ray Graham Assoc.

1995 - Donation of \$1,500 to Community Nursing Assoc. for a new care facility, ten cases of food and \$215 to York Township Emergency Food Pantry, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Assoc., and Good Samaritan Hospital. Began project to sponsor student education in the Philippines.

Rotary Club of Grayslake

Chartered Feb. 13, 2006

The Rotary Club of Grayslake was officially chartered on February 13, 2006; three months after holding its first meeting as a provisional club on November 14, 2005 with just 7 potential members. At its Charter Night celebration on April 11 the club had reached a total of 27 members with several potential candidates attending. Presenting the Charter at Charter Night were Rotary International President Elect, William B. Boyd from the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, New Zealand and District 6440 Governor 2005-2006 Tadashi Enami. The Grayslake club was unique in having four sponsoring clubs contributing to its organization: Antioch, Gurnee, Libertyville Sunrise and Waukegan. Leading the effort were Wauconda Rotarian Marianna Zeidler, as the District 6440 Governor's Representative and Past District Governor Frank Schwermin as the Chairman of the District 6440 Extension Committee. The Rotary Club of Grayslake meets Mondays at 11:30AM for lunch, at the Lake Forest Hospital Outpatient and Acute Care Center in Grayslake. Charter President is Charles F. Clow.

Rotary Club of Gurnee

Chartered April 22, 1988

Eight members from the Rotary Club of Waukegan formed this new breakfast club. The new Rotary club was first named The Rotary Club of Gurnee-Waukegan. The name was shortened to the Rotary Club of Gurnee in 1994.

The first major fundraiser for the club was the Lippizan's Horse Show in 1989, which raised over \$6,000. In 1990 and 1991 the club sponsored a 50's Sock Hop with entertainer Ronnie Rice and raised over \$10,000. Since 1993, the club has held an annual charity auction and dinner. \$14,000 in funds was raised with the auction in 1993. This event has been more successful every year. In 1999, over \$42,000 was raised to be dispersed among local charities.

In addition to donating funds to local charities, the club is an active participant in community activities such as Adopt A Highway, Gurnee Turkey Trot, Gurnee Days Festival, and food drives for the local shelters. Some of the organizations the club has a working relationship with include Big Brothers, Big Sisters, The Salvation Army, A Safe Place, La Casa, Love Inc., Northeast IL Council Boy Scout Association, Habitat For Humanity, Literacy Volunteers of Lake County, and Community Youth Network. Other projects the club has participated in with Rotary headquarters include the Governor's Walk, the District Bowling Tournament, the District Golf Outing, Polio Plus projects, Bicycles For Togo, and the Oklahoma Disaster fundraiser. Every year, many of the members attend the District Conference.

The Rotary Club of Gurnee has also been active in the foreign exchange program. The club has sponsored numerous inbound and outbound exchange students from such countries as Brazil, Germany, South Africa, and Sweden. The club also provides numerous vocational scholarships to local high school students on a yearly basis.

In recent years, the club has enjoyed rapid membership growth, receiving recognition from Rotary International. The club boasts an active membership of over 50 members. All new members are encouraged to participate in a "Fireside Chat," an opportunity to learn more about the clubs and ways to get more involved. Every year, one member receives The Rotarian Of The Year award for his/her achievements during that Rotary year. The club works hard to find interesting speakers for each weekly meeting. Highlights of every meeting include "Braggin Bucks," an opportunity to share personal news with the rest of the club and the singing of the club song. The Rotary Club of Gurnee is a friendly organization that welcomes visitors and fellow Rotarians.

Rotary Club of Highland Park

Chartered Dec. 28, 1927

Organized three other Rotary Clubs: Deerfield, Lake Forest, and Libertyville. Founded Family Services of Highland Park, now known as Family Services of South Lake County with branches in Mundelein, Barrington, and Lake Zurich. Founded the Senior Center of Highland Park

At the end of World War II, sent hundreds of parcels to persons in devastated areas of Europe. Members actually constructed an iron lung during the war and donated it to a hospital. Placed siren at the Lakefront to summon first aid in case of waterfront incidents. Sponsored hobby shows and student activities of all kinds from high school dances to Boy Scout camps. In the Bicentennial year, in conjunction with the Deerfield Rotary Club, purchased the film "The Patriot" for loan to countless schools and organizations. Established a Student Loan Fund to assist college educations. Celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 1977.

Continues to contribute both money and manpower to the Volunteer Pool; Lambs Farm; Highland Park Senior Center; North Shore Senior Center (in Winnetka); Rotary's "3-H," the Grove School for brain damaged children; Highland Park Police Safety Program; and Highland Park Historical Society.

Donated a laboratory microscope to Hebrew University in Israel. During R.I. Convention, hosted foreign guests in 1980. Sponsored a "Walk-a-thon" to conserve gasoline; gave money to Youth Exchange Students. Donated to Sr. Center photo lab and lapidary equipment. Sponsored Field Service activity at Highland Park High School. Housed foreign students. Major fund drive for several years, and in 1984 is the Villa St. Cyril Home (for the elderly) in Highland Park. Other 1983-84 programs are the Drug Abuse and annual Highland Park Hospital Phonathon to raise funds for equipment and other needs. Sponsored teacher from Dist. 107, in Rotary Teacher Exchange Program. Raised funds to assist earthquake victims in Mexico. Also raised funds for Villa St. Cyril, Family Network Inc., Family Service of Lake County, and Highland Park Citizens for Drug Awareness.

1987-88 - Participated in the "Free Tuition Family Planning" project in Lucban, Philippines. Ranked 6th in terms of funds gathered for PolioPlus on a per member basis. Launched a fund drive for the United Way of Highland Park/Highwood. Formed a committee to update edition of book "Pioneer to Commuter", which will be used as a fundraiser.

1989 - President came in 1st at 10K Walk-A-Thon with immediate past-president and member following. Donations used for preparation and disbursement of Christmas food boxes for North Suburban Self-Help Center. Helped organize Sunrise Breakfast Club of Highland Park.

1990-91 - Purchased and planted \$1,000 worth of trees in conjunction with Highland Park Good Morning as part of R.I. President's ecology goal. Raised \$10,000 for Villa St. Cyril, a home for the aged. Provided two \$2,000 scholarships to two deserving Highland Park High School students. Provided \$1,000 each to the Highland Park Nursery and Day Care Facility and the Tri-Con Nursery School. Participated in President's Walk and raised \$930 for Rotary Foundation.

1991-92 - Sponsored \$2,000 scholarship for student to National Louis University, \$2,000 scholarship for student to Indiana University, and sponsored a Highland Park High School student as a participant in the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation. Donations include: Villa St. Cyril \$10,000, Family Services of South Lake County \$3,500, Family Network \$1,500, H.P. Citizens for Drug Awareness \$1,500; St. James Church \$100, Tri-Con Child Care Center \$1,000, H.P. Community Nursery Day Care Center \$1,000, H.P. Dist. 111 for Summer School Students \$500, and United Way \$2,500. Sponsored an essay contest in H.P.'s elementary school districts on ways people might improve environment. H.P. Rotary also donated \$250 to each school district for a tree. Additional \$250 was provided to replace trees planted by the Rotary Club the previous year, which did not survive the winter.

1993-94 - Participated in "Work Fair" with College of Lake County at Highland Park High School and also participated in a successful infant immunization campaign in Highwood. Goals include fellowship, fundraising events, and continued support of community and international programs. Our club has presented The Rotary History and Heritage International Fellowship Hall of Fame award to seven members with membership of 50 years or more. This recognition comes with a personalized framed certificate.

In 1995 we elected the first woman president of our Club, Constance Skibbe Newport. Connie was then Director of the Park District of Highland Park. Since then we are proud to have as Presidents Jane Greenfield, Director of Highland Park Library; Mari Barnes, member of the Highland Park City Council; and Martha Gray, member of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Agency. Our President-Elect for 2005-2006 is also a woman, Kris Slattery, of Slattery Design.

The April 26, 1996 issue of the Sunday *Chicago Tribune* featured the tradition that the Highland Park Rotary Club has had of singing songs at each meeting with a three-column article. The title of the article was "Oh, say can you see the silent times ahead? Highland Park Rotary Club pioneers its tradition of keeping alive the old favorite tunes."

In 1996 our Club sponsored a member of the Highland Park Library, Julia Johnas, to be a member of the Outward Bound Group Study Exchange team to Norway. She returned with a glowing account of not only the many libraries she visited but also the many points of interest that she explored. Our Club also sponsored three Short-Term Exchange Students from Belgium.

District Governor Karen Kline introduced a District-wide project to clean up areas that needed some attention. Our Club provided volunteers to clean up the Moraine Park Beach in Highland Park.

Larry Rosser, CEO of Opportunity, Inc., an organization that employs handicapped people, asked for help with an outing of their employees at a golf driving range. A large group of employees attended, and were coached by volunteers from our Club on how to handle a golf club and achieve a proper swing. The group had a great experience. Bob Barnard, a long-time member of our Club and a prominent citizen of Highland Park, initiated a drive each fall for warm winter clothes for indigent families in the Highland Park-Highwood area. These drives were always successful in collecting a large quantity of these clothes. These drives have been a yearly project, and have continued after Bob's death several years ago.

The late Willie Cortesi organized yearly Rotary fellowship visits to Arlington Race Track. With his knowledge of horses, he gave tips as to likely winners. Without Willie, a visit to the Race Track will never be quite the same.

Highland Park Rotary Club continued its annual Bocce tournament with the Winnetka Club, sometimes with the participation of the Highland Park Good Morning Club. This tradition continued to several years, but stopped when the Winnetka Club lost interest.

In 1997 we had a huge Fundraiser honoring John Cortesi for his many outstanding contributions to our community. John was a long-standing member of our Club until his death in 2002. The Highland Park Country Club was packed with people from the entire community as well as Club members, in honoring Our charity contribution reached an all-time high of \$43,500, divided among The Holiday Drive, Bethany Early Childhood Center, District 113 Operation Snowball (an anti-drug club), Family Network, Family Services of South Lake County, Heller Nature Center Summer Scholarships, Communities in Partnership Summer School Scholarships, Highland Park Community Day Care Center, Highland Park Historical Society, Opportunity, Inc., Right From The Start, School-Age Child Care Fund, Suburban Fine Arts Center, Tri-Con Child Care Center, United Way of Highland Park, Immaculate Conception Pre-School Scholarships, and Immaculate Conception Memorial Garden. Long-time Rotarian Dr. Albert Slepian was honored by the University of Illinois, where he is Emeritus Professor of Dermatology, for his contribution to the University of Illinois Foundation. There was an extensive write-up in its publication, "Investing in Illinois." In 1997 our Club had as a speaker Bruce Johnson, former member, as was his father Marshall Johnson, who was an outstanding landscape architect, and son-in-law of world-famous landscape architect Jens Jensen. Jens started his career in the Cook County park system, working his way from laborer to Superintendent. He developed a "prairie style" of landscaping, keeping things low and horizontal, in harmony with Frank Lloyd Wright's style. He designed many estates on the North Shore.

Jack Zimmerman, of the Ravinia Festival, gave an illuminating talk on its history, Walter Damrosch, a famous conductor often heard on his weekly broadcasts with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted at Ravinia in 1905, playing two concerts seven days a week. Ravinia was then a popular entertainment park with rides and a carnival atmosphere. The scene next moves to 1936, Frederick Stock, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, in the midst of the depression, announced to the audience that unless the musicians of the orchestra could find more work that it was likely that the orchestra would lose the bulk of its players. This galvanized some of the audience to find more work for them, and the result was the Ravinia Festival.

In April 1998 the Club hosted six students from the Northern Ireland Exchange Program—"Toward A Better Understanding" (TABU). They visited the Chicago Violence Prevention Program, a met with Cardinal George, and visited an interfaith event at Temple Am Sholom. They also observed a peer-mediation program at a school. This was so successful that the Club decided that every other year we would host visits from students from Northern Ireland, and in alternating years send students from Highland Park High School to Northern Ireland. This program has received wide recognition, including the State of Illinois. All the students have agreed that the exchange has been a major experience in their lives.

In 1999 our Literacy Committee was able to get 1000 Golden Books for 6 to 9 year old children. In addition the Club was able to collect hundreds of used books by leaving boxes at various stores, banks, and libraries. The books were donated to Tri-Con Nursery School, Community Nursery School, Bethany Church School, North Shore Estates, and Highland Park Youth Services. Books on an adult level were donated to the College of Lake County Literacy Program. Our fundraiser in 1999 was dedicated to the Fell family. The Fell family lived and worked in Winnetka and Highland Park since 1913. Fred and "Red" Fell have been members of Highland Park Rotary Club—Fred until his death several years ago, "Red" Fell still a member as of 2005.

One of our outstanding members in Carl Statham, owner of the Highland Park Ford agency. Carl, and African-American, worked his way up the ladder in the automotive industry. Now he tries to help youngsters in Chicago schools interested in the automobile industry, and takes them to his establishment to learn about the many facets of this industry. Carl is also prominent in finding candidates for Vocational Scholarships. In 2000 we heard From Larry Sassarossi about plans to improve the central business District in Highwood. All the plans he spoke about have taken place by 2005. The central business district has been improved beyond recognition.

In 2002 Highland Park Rotary Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary. A History Committee wrote and published a book: Highland Park Rotary Club: Seventy-Five Years of Community Service.

Youth Exchange Activities:

1991-92 - Sponsored Alison Alter as Rotary Scholar to Florence, Italy. Sponsored Alison Weise as Exchange Student to Blenheim, New Zealand. Sponsored Makoto Sawabe as Exchange Student from Arida, Japan.

Rotary Club of Highland Park Good Morning

Chartered Nov. 18, 1989

1989 - Sponsored by Robert S. Altman and the Highland Park Noon Club.

1990 - Co-sponsored RYLA youth award with Deerfield/Lincolnshire Club. Sponsored fundraiser "Movie Night" benefiting environmental projects for "latch-key" kids. Provided donation to Plainfield tornado relief fund. Donated food to Glenkirk Home for handicapped. Sponsored a spaghetti luncheon at Karger Center for approximately 150 senior citizens, now an annual event celebrating the anniversary of the Club charter. Established the Robert S. Altman Memorial Vocational Scholarship. Co-sponsored tree planting with Highland Park Noon Club. Held first auction as fundraiser.

1991 - Current project is a silent and live auction. Working with Tegusagulpa, Honduras Rotary Club contributing to homeless children project. Supporting local Highland Park project (School Age Child Care for Latch key kids in our community) and hope to start an Interact Club at Highland Park HS in the fall of '92. Join in Highland Park Fourth of July parade. Purchased basketball equipment for Pueblo Indian children in New Mexico.

1992 - Joint project with Deerfield Club to charter a bus and go to the flood victims in Iowa to package foods. Contributed to Family Network, a local support group. With matching grant from R.I., purchased bus for Working Boys Center, Quito, Ecuador. Silent and Live Auction again brings success as fundraiser.

1993 - Utilized donated merchandise to open re-sale shop project as fundraiser. Donated clothing from a Winter Coat Collection Drive to SEA in Waukegan.

1994 - Held a Comedy Night fundraiser. Member-volunteers painted interior of Independence Center (organization helping mentally ill and developmentally disabled) in Waukegan. Held first Bingo Night as fundraiser. Co-sponsored an immunization clinic program with Highland Park Noon Club in conjunction with Lake County Health Department.

1995 - Held a second Comedy Night fundraiser. Member-volunteers painted interior of Tri-Con Day Care Center, which provides day care on a sliding fee scale. Constructed float for Highland Park July 4th parade.

2004-05 – We supplied a July 4th float in our town parade, and it was a boat pulled by a Hummer with the banner: HIGHLAND PARK GOOD MORNING ROTARY "COME ABOARD," followed by a Fellowship barbecue. Our annual hosting of a Thanksgiving luncheon for our seniors in our Community culminated with awards for community service to local philanthropic institutions. Our monthly food baskets for the needy and our holiday gift giving of new shoes and clothing to children within the community day care programs were well received. We hosted The Korean Exchange Team with a trip to Botanical Gardens, lunch, and a tour of UL.

Our District Simplified Grant was designated for PADS, a local homeless shelter, to provide them with needed goods. We donated to the Tsunami effort through Rotary. We participated in several joint projects: providing equipment for a handicap accessible park, pediatric heart surgery in Quito, Ecuador, and building an air strip in Africa to bring in medical supplies and help. Our club initiated a Centennial Fellowship Outreach event at Ravinia Music Festival with seven surrounding Rotary clubs participating jointly in the project to help "Celebrate Rotary" with convention visitors. Our club provided scholarships to several college bound students this year. Our fundraiser this spring at the elegant Forge Club is a silent art auction as well as a wine tasting with wonderful entertainment and food. Our guest speakers from service organizations also received a stipend for their charities. We have learned of many

new ways this year to help others. We have been much more visible and successful at public relations this year getting news releases in the local paper about up-coming events and community participation.

We are currently at 19 members. Our greatest challenge as a small club is retaining members.

Rotary Club of Huntley

Chartered May 17, 2000

Membership – 25

Past community service efforts: Provided lights for the flag pole in the refurbished town square – this was our very first project in 2001. Grafton Township Coat Drive – to collect and provide warm lightly used coats for the needy annually. Adopt a Highway – Highway clean up along a major highway into Huntley annually. Adopt a Family – to give Christmas to a needy family annually. Huntley High School Scholarship - \$500 scholarship to a student exemplifying the ideals of Rotary started in 2004

International service efforts: Heifer International project to provide breeding animals to developing countries. Polio Plus contributions. Local fundraisers: Annual Fruit Sale; 8-Ball Pool Tournament; Annual Popcorn in the park, live local bands sponsored by local bank; annual Pancake breakfast in the park for families participating in the local Family Outing; Duck Pond and Antique Machinery Show at the Town Picnic in 2004; and Entertainment books annually.

Youth Exchange – As a new club we are particularly proud of our achievements here.

2002 - Sponsored one Ambassadorial Scholar to Austria.

2002-03 - Sponsored one outbound student to Belgium.

2003-04 - Sponsored inbound students from Mexico.

2004-05 – Sponsored inbound students from Germany.

2005-06 - Will be sponsoring a student for 2005/06.

Most innovative idea – 8-Ball Tournament held in November 2003 at Sun City.

Upcoming new community service in fall, 2005 - We received a district grant to put 200 dictionaries in the 3rd grade classes at our local elementary schools.

Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club

Chartered March 31, 1999

The Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club was originally conceived in September 1997 as Rotary Clubs in the area began to discuss the development of a new club in the Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion area. Bob Grulke and Mike Bruno organized the original meeting. In March 1998, Mimi Altman spoke to the provisional club’s membership about the message of Rotary International.

The club began production of *The Water’s Edge* weekly newsletter on March 5, 1998. The club hosted their first Rotary Exchange Student, Aline Martinelli from Araraguara, Brazil beginning in July 1998. She attended Zion-Benton Township High School. The club organized its first fundraiser in December 1998 raising over \$3,000 with only fifteen provisional members. Further exchange students came to the club from Mexico, South Africa, and Venezuela. Outgoing exchange students were placed in Demark,

Germany, and other spots around the World. The club, not being biased, also adopted a highway in 1999. It has not gone anywhere.

Membership continued to move tantalizingly close to the twenty necessary for a charter, but never surpassed nineteen until March 18, 1999. The club immediately applied to RI for a charter that was granted on March 31, 1999. The club's Charter Banquet was held on May 8, 1999 at the Illinois Beach Lodge and Resort, which was also the club's weekly meeting place at the time. Tony Tolbert III, the district governor at the time, was the banquet's keynote speaker. The club's charter president was Bob Grulke.

The club helped to launch the "Trumie Golf Classic" in May 1999. It was designed to help a local family raise money to pay medical bills. It led to the founding of the club's own golf outing in May 2001. The club's golf outing was named the Jack McElmurry Memorial Golf Outing in 2004 after one of the charter members of the club who passed away after providing a great deal of leadership for the outing.

The club quickly launched a local scholarship program to provide scholarships for Zion-Benton Township High School students. Mike Baumgartner received the first \$1,000 scholarship in May 2000. He planned to attend UW-Parkside and studied English and education. The scholarship program has continued to expand until currently \$12,000 worth of scholarships are awarded annually to local students. The club also presented a Youth Service and Leadership Award to graduating eighth grades at the local middle schools and junior highs.

The club has also sponsored a number of literacy related projects. During the Zion Jubilee Days celebrations, the club has worked with the Zion-Benton Community Reading Foundation to give away books to interested readers. In 2005, the club also sponsored a paperback exchange rack in the Zion Metra Station in cooperation with the Zion-Benton Public Library.

On the international scene, the club involved itself in the first years of the 21st century in a partnership to provide prosthetic limbs for patients in Borada, India. The club began working with Andy Gomez and other staff from Zion-Benton Township High School to build a partnership with Esangweni Secondary School in South Africa. The partnership has netted two inbound exchange students. The club also helped to underwrite a group of teachers who went to South Africa to provide professional development to the South African teachers. The partnership also supported the installation and support of a computer lab at Esangweni School. This made Esangweni one of the only township schools in South Africa to have a complete computer lab.

In the spring of 2002, the club moved its meeting site to the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club. The North Point Marina is the country's largest fresh water marina. By 2003, the club had grown to more than 30 active members. The club regularly supports a wide range of community service projects and programs. In May 2004, it underwrote the cost of presenting phone cards to all of the Zion-Benton Township High School graduates who had enlisted in the military so that could call home from basic training. In April 2005, the club hosted a GSE team from Finland.

Rotary Club of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Chartered Dec. 6, 1959

International Service - For over 20 years involved in-bound and out-bound long-term youth exchange

programs; out-bound short-term youth exchange program for two years; hosted District 644 in-bound summer bus tour 1985-1988; hosted an annual Thanksgiving luncheon for area international students for over 25 years; exceeded \$30,000 PolioPlus goal by \$6,000 in 1988 and generated 25 new Paul Harris Fellows in that year via PolioPlus; hosted ten Soviet young emerging leaders in 1988, sponsored one out-bound group service exchange team member to South Africa in May, 1989, and hosted one South African team member at that time; hosted the Australian GSE team in 1982; club president-elect and spouse have attended RI conventions annually for many years.

1993 - Program to support Vilnius University Hospital (Lithuania) resulted in over \$16,000 cash plus donations of medical equipment with replacement value in excess of \$100,000.

Vocational Service - Career Shadow Day program begun at Lake Forest High School in 1988 and continuing; District 644 Vocational Scholarship 1989; rotating member vocational update at weekly meetings. 1993 - Continuing to promote Career Shadow Program giving an opportunity to local high school and some college students to spend a day "Shadowing" a community person in his/her job.

Community Service - Spring fundraiser 1980-89 which raises upwards of \$12,000 annually for local charities; solicit area businesses for annual United Way campaign for over 20 years raising upwards of \$13,000 annually for local charities; needy food drive at Christmas for local hungry for many years; established an annual \$4,000 college scholarship at Lake Forest High School in 1987 which is ongoing; Salvation Army bell ringers 1988; earlier projects included building a toboggan slide for the community and working on the Lake Bluff Gazebo. 1993-94 - Sponsors a four-year \$5,000 college scholarship to local high school student. Also awards a \$1,500 vocational scholarship to local high school. Support local charitable organizations.

Youth Exchange Activity:

For many years hosted at least one student from a foreign country and sent at least one student to a foreign country except for 1982.

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| 1980 - Hosted student from Sweden | 1985 - Hosted student from Brazil |
| 1981 - Hosted student from Japan | 1986 - Hosted student from South Africa |
| 1984 - Hosted student from South Africa | 1987 - Hosted student from Brazil |

Rotary Club of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Morning

Chartered Feb. 8, 1996

The Rotary Club of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff was chartered on February 8, 1996. Thirty-six (36) members started the club. In four years, we have grown to a club of forty-nine (49) active members. Other accomplishments are:

Raised and distributed over \$100,000 to local and international charities through five major fundraisers; hosted five long-term international exchange students; sponsored nine students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference; created an annual "Breakfast on the Beach," which has honored hundreds of young volunteers; honored thirty-six (36) people with Paul Harris Fellowships; filmed a series on vocations of our members for cable TV; held a series of socials, sporting events and educational tours to enhance fellowship; created an Interact Club.

1995-96 - Fred Jackson was Club President. Membership: The LF/LB Morning Club was chartered on February 8, 1996. Thirty-six (36) members formed the nucleus. Six new members were added the first year. Club Services: As a newly chartered club, the Board of Directors stressed the importance of the

bonding of the club members in anticipation that long-range goals of service above self would emerge from a strong, unified group. A golf outing was held in the spring, a morning exercise class was formed, and program speakers were asked to address issues of service. International Service: The club funded a short-term Outbound Exchange Student and shared in the funding of an Inbound Exchange Student with the LF/LB Noon Club. At year-end 33, of the 42 members were Paul Harris Fellows. Community Service: The first local service project was a "Breakfast on the Beach" for the Senior Citizens of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.

1996 – 97 - John Looby was Club President. Membership: Six new members were added to the club. Club Services: The second annual golf tournament was held in the fall. A Bocce Ball Tournament and dinner was held with the LF/LB Noon Club, and a club dinner honoring our exchange student was held at the home of President Looby's father. International Services: Twelve (12) new Paul Harris Fellows added. The club hosted its first full term exchange student, Lis Nunes Soares. Vocational Services: Two local high school students were selected to represent us at the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. Community Service: The first annual Volunteer of the Year Breakfast was held at the Forest Park Beach. This event honored over 100 students who had volunteered at various service agencies during the year.

1997 – 98 - Kent Street was Club President. Membership: One new member was added to the club. Club Services: Our annual Golf Tournament with the Noon Club was held in Waukegan. A theater trip to see Joseph took place in December. The annual Christmas Party and Changing of the Guard Picnic were held as in the past. International Services: Five (5) new Paul Harris Fellows added. We shared an International Exchange Student sponsorship with the Noon Club. Vocational Services: Two local students were selected to represent us at the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. Community Services: The first annual Economic Breakfast featuring Michael Moskow, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, was held at the Lincolnshire Marriott. Over \$17,000 was raised. The first co-sponsored Antique Auto Show was held at Deerpath Park. Over \$3,000 was raised. We formed our own foundation to better secure local donations.

1998 – 99 - Bill Sturm was Club President. Membership: Five new members were added to the club. Club Services: The fourth annual Golf Outing between the LF/LB Noon and Breakfast Clubs was held in Waukegan. An Exchange Student Cocktail Party was held at President Sturm's residence. A Membership Cookout was held at the Looby residence. The annual Christmas Party was held at the Harrison Conference Center. The annual Changing of the Guard Picnic was held at Northcroft Park. International Services: Four new Paul Harris Fellows added. We hosted exchange student Adriana Saldanha from Brazil. We participated in the Rescue Dada Project through the purchase of a vehicle for a center in Nairobi. We supplied 66 bags of clothing for hurricane stricken areas in Central America. Vocational Services: We produced vocational tapes on local business and distributed them to the schools and local libraries. Career Days was created in which monthly panel discussions by area professionals are presented to Lake Forest High School. We sponsored three students for the Rotary Youth Leadership program. Community Services: The 50th Annual Lake Forest Antique Auto Show was co-sponsored with the Antique Auto Show. Major fund-raiser, The Economic Breakfast, was held at Lincolnshire Marriott. Featured speaker was Robert Dederick. Annual Volunteer Awards Breakfast for area students was held at Lake Forest Beach. An Interact Club was formed at Lake Forest Academy. Awards The club received a Club Achievement Award and Club Participation Award at the District Conference.

1999 – 00 - Pat Vacala was Club President. Membership: Five new members were added to the club. The club now totals forty-nine (49) members. Club Services: The main fundraiser for the year was a

breakfast at the Lincolnshire Marriott in which Paul Vallas, Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools, led a discussion on Education/Business Partnerships. The club grossed \$24,340 from the event. One of the social outings took us to Crabtree Farm in Lake Bluff for a guided tour of the facility and the collection of Arts & Crafts furniture of Mr. John Bryan who has assembled for the largest single collection in the world. The annual golf tournament, which included both the LF/LB Noon Club and our club, was held at Bonnie Brook Golf Course. A Bocce Ball Tournament is scheduled for March 11, 2000. International Services: During the year, ten (10) new Paul Harris Fellows were added. We also hosted our third exchange student, Ulrike Weyrauch. Vocational Services: Three local high school students have been selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership program in East Troy, Wisconsin in March of 2000. Community Services: The Volunteer of the Year Breakfast, which honors young people who have volunteered for community service, will again be recognized at a breakfast at the Forest Park Beach. We will again host The Antique Auto Show, which has become a second source of income for the club. Over \$12,000 was raised this year.

2000-01 - Marilyn Howell was Club President.

2001-02 - Tom Dickelman was Club President. Membership: We experienced one of the biggest growth years in history by bringing in 12 new members. The District honored us with an award for the best percentage of growth. President Dickelman spoke to the District on club growth. A brochure on Rotary Membership was developed. Club Service: The main fundraiser was the Economic Breakfast in which Diane Swonk told us about the economic outlook and her experiences in 9-11. Proceeds from the Economic Breakfast supported the Nuestro Center in Highwood, Rotary Peace Scholarship, and Women's Opportunity Fund in Peru. We held a Bocce Tournament and Golf Tournament. Christmas dinner with friends and families was held at the Harrison House. International Service: We sent an outbound student, Daniella Sloan, to Turkey. We also sponsored an inbound exchange student. The President attended the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Vocational Service: We sponsored nine RYLA students. Community Service: We sponsored the first Flower Sale in Market Square and an Antique Auto Show at Deerpath School.

2002-03 - Terry Desmond was Club President.

2003 - 04 - Geoff Woie was Club President. Membership: We welcomed five new members into the club bringing the total membership to 63. An excellent new orientation session was developed. Four potential new members were in the pipeline. We continued a sponsorship of an Interact Club at Lake Forest Academy. The accounting of our resources was brought in line with full compliance relative to the club's 501c4 and 501c3 status. Club Service: The Economic Breakfast raised \$14,000. The funds were distributed evenly to RI's World Peace Scholars and Hunter Women's Health Center of Lake Forest Hospital. A number of social events - Second City, Christmas Party and Broomball - were held. The annual Golf Tournament was held (The AM Club recaptured the trophy), and a Bocce Ball tournament was played in Highwood. International Service: We hosted an exchange student, Kenny Hansen, from Denmark. President Elect was sent to RI Convention in Osaka. A number of new Paul Harris Fellows were honored, including our Exchange Student, Kenny Hansen. Vocational Services: The Club continued its support of RYLA and presented a \$500 vocational scholarship to a Lake Forest High School student. Community Service: We again sponsored a Plant Sale in Market Square and the Antique Auto Show at Deerpath School. The annual Youth Appreciation Breakfast was held at the Lake Forest beach.

2004 – 05 - Kim Bradley was Club President. Membership: We have added 11 new members into the Club and it will be a total of 15 new members for this administration by June 30 bringing the total membership to 74. We consistently provide an excellent new orientation so that each new member has a clear understanding of our Club’s mission and vision and joins a committee and community outreach program. We have a total of 49 Paul Harris Fellows. Club Service: We continued a sponsorship of an Interact Club at Lake Forest Academy. Our Economic Outlook Business Breakfast net \$28,000. The funds were distributed between RI’s World Peace Scholars (\$10,000), Lake Forest Hospital Mobile Healthcare Coach (\$5,000), Lake Forest Graduate School of Management Scholarship \$5,000), and \$8,000 into a Community Outreach Contingency fund. The 2005 Economic Outlook looks to be the most successful event ever with a targeted donation goal of \$100,000. The Club also made generous donation to the Tsunami disaster Relief Program a total \$6,000. The club donated \$115 to the District’s goal effort to send funds to by medical equipment and supplies for a hospital on St. Marren that treated District Governor Don Redmon. A number of social events take place frequently: Plays, Bocce Ball Tournament, Baseball Games, Golf Outing, Christmas Party, and Youth Exchange Welcome Dinner Party. International Service: We hosted two exchange students, Corinne Liesching from Switzerland and Igna Felizzia from Argentina and one outbound student, Marki to Spain Vocational Services: The Club continued its support of RYLA sending nine (9) students and presented a \$500 vocational scholarship to a Lake Forest High School student. Community Service: We sponsor a Plant Sale in Lake Forest Market Square and the Antique Auto Show in conjunction with the Antique Automobile Association of America at the Deerpath Middle School. We raised over \$18,000 with a record number of people attending this all day event. The annual Youth Appreciation Breakfast was held at the Lake Forest beach for all the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff students that participate in community service. Their names are read aloud and each receives a certificate of recognition from our Club. We are one of four Clubs sponsoring a “Night at Ravinia” for 150 visiting Rotarians from around the world on June 18. Also we have a Centennial Community Project where we are creating a Permanent Rotary Icon at the Gorton Community Center.

Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills

Chartered June 30, 2004

Rotary Club of Lake Zurich

Chartered Sept. 27, 1979

1979-80 - Helped sponsor a drug abuse publication for the community. Sponsored and helped put on the American Cancer Bike-A-Thon day. Sponsored medical care for a Laotian family. Set up a call-in service for elderly people of the community.

1981-83 - Donated “Welcome to Lake Zurich” signs. Two \$500 scholarships to local high school students. Participation with Barrington and Cary-Grove in “Life Line” system.

1984-89 - Affiliation with the Lake Zurich Omni House Chapter became a firm commitment of the club. On-going material and financial support has grown each year. Club visibility within the community is enhanced with the introduction of our Annual President’s Raffle. The Lake Zurich Rotary Club “Travel Expo” became an annual event allowing exhibitors such as airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, and tourist boards to present their services to the community. This event also allows the club to showcase the World of Rotary.

1989-95 - Still affiliated with Lake Zurich Omni House Chapter and continue to have annual President's Raffle. Conducted annual food drive and have local food pantry. Annual donation for library repaired equipment; participate in "Tree in the Park" project, building a nature walkway in 1992.

Have held a 4th of July Corn Roast in 1992 and 1993 for the Taste of Lake Zurich as a fundraiser. Sponsor pilot reading program for Sara Adams Elementary School to combat illiteracy. Participated in producing a color brochure highlighting Lake Zurich High School's team sports for 1994. Sponsored "Toys For Tots" Christmas program 1991 through 1994. Participated in RYLA program sponsoring two students to Valley Forge in 1993 and 1994.

2004-05 - Rotary International celebrates 100 years and the Lake Zurich Rotary Club celebrates almost 26 years as a service organization serving the needs of local and international communities. The Lake Zurich Rotary Club was established in 1979 and is comprised of many local business people and village officials. The club is involved in numerous fundraising events and donates funds to many worthy organizations throughout the Lake Zurich area. They meet weekly on Fridays for lunch and a meeting/program at Di Pieros in downtown Lake Zurich.

Considered a small Rotary Club averaging 20 members, the Lake Zurich Rotary Club is known for excellent member participation in various charitable endeavors. Over the years, we have expanded our activities and have taken on a few large projects including a Halloween Reverse Raffle and Party, the President's Raffle, and the Downtown Lake Zurich Revitalization Clock Tower Project. This new two-faced Rotary Clock Tower will create a focal point along the shores of Lake Zurich and be an integral part of the downtown revitalization.

Because of the funds raised through the club's various raffles, numerous charitable organizations have benefited from financial donations from the Rotary Club. Just some of the organizations include Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, Countryside Association, Northern Illinois Food Pantry, Wellness Place, Cancer Society, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, Hermanos Orphanage, Hearts in Motion, Polio Eradication Projects, and the Rotary Foundation.

The Lake Zurich Rotary Club helps out local, financially challenged families. Sometimes with a monetary donation but often by completing home repairs and yard work. The club adopted a local roadway many years ago keeping the area clean and built part of a local Lake Zurich playground. These things, along with others, are just a small part of the Rotary Club's service to the community.

The Lake Zurich Rotary Club sponsors an Interact Club at Lake Zurich High School. These fine young citizens have helped out with many of the Rotary Club's activities in addition to all the events they host and sponsor each year. Also, the Rotary Club awards at least two young adults vocational scholarships along with sponsoring up to four students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference.

As Rotary International celebrates 100 years this year, this small but extremely active local Lake Zurich Rotary Club continues to show the community Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

2005-06 – All of the 2005 projects and donations are ongoing things we have been doing and will be or have donated to in 2006.

Lake Zurich Rotary Club has undertaken Project Patrick in an effort to help the family of Patrick Leibforth who is now 10-months old and was born with a congenital heart defect. Before he was born

the family undertook a room addition and remodeling of their home. But once the bills started mounting the work stopped, materials were returned and the home equity loan taken for the work was applied to his medical care. Lake Zurich asked local businesses, service clubs, networking groups and individuals to help. Project Patrick is almost finished and the house looks terrific. The Rotarians did a great job volunteering their time and raising money and finding contractors to help with the skilled labor needed to complete the house. A special thanks goes out to all the contractors, businesses, organizations and individuals that donated their time and money to help this family. A large article with photos about Lake Zurich Rotary club's involvement was recently published in the Pioneer Press and the Lake Zurich Rotary club will be recognized at an upcoming Lake County Board meeting.

In October, the Lake Zurich Rotary club hosted a Reverse Raffle and Halloween Party at the American Legion Hall in Lake Zurich. This annual, fun event for the club was a success and raised funds to be donated to local charities. A small portion of the raffle proceeds was placed into the ongoing Clock Tower Project Fund. As part of the downtown revitalization, the rotary club has pledged to install a beautiful clock tower.

Celebrating almost 27 years, the Lake Zurich Rotary club is comprised of many local business people and village officials. The club is involved in numerous fundraising events and donates funds to many worthy organizations throughout the Lake Zurich area. They meet weekly on Fridays for lunch and a meeting at Di Pieros

Rotary Club of Libertyville

Chartered April 11, 1962

1963-64 - Entrance to village signs (in cooperation with Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club). Constructed bridge to village park.

1964-65 - Boy Scout project and various donations.

1965-66 - Bicycle testing program. Auto safety inspection project. Various donations.

1966-67 - Bicycle testing program. Auto safety inspection project. Donated boat to Boy Scout camp. Condell Hospital donation. Sponsored Korean orphan. Various donations.

1967-68 - Sponsored "Rubinoff and Her Violin" concert. Various donations.

1969-70 - Children's Halloween party and various donations.

1970-71 - Children's Halloween party. Boy Scout show concession catering. Various donations.

1971-72 - Travel and adventure series. Boy Scout show concession catering. Sponsored district conference. One high school scholarship. Various donations.

1973-74 - Travel and adventure series. Boy Scout concession catering. One high school scholarship. Various donations.

1974-75 - Travel and adventure series. Boy Scout show concession catering. One high school scholarship. Various donations.

1975-76 - Travel and adventure series, sponsored formation of Jr. Achievement program. Sponsored wrestlers to Europe competition. One high school scholarship. Various donations.

1976-77 - Travel and adventure series. One high school scholarship. Jr. Achievement program. Conducted giant garage sale. Various donations.

1977-78 - Travel and adventure series. First annual fundraising raffle. Two high school scholarships. Various donations.

1979-80 - Second annual fundraising raffle - Boy's Club building. Travel and adventure series transferred to Lions Club. Two high school scholarships. Two world affairs seminar scholarships. Sponsored district vocational college scholarship recipient. Various donations.

1980-81 - Third annual fundraising raffle. Three high school scholarships. Two world affairs seminar scholarships. Various donations.

1981-82 - Fourth annual fund raising raffle. Five high school scholarships. Various donations.

1982-83 - Fifth annual fundraising raffle. Five high school scholarships. Four world affairs seminar scholarships. Winchester House patio project started as club's "Sweat Equity" project. \$1,000 donation to Condell Hospital, three \$500 scholarships, Crisis Center \$750. Sponsored inbound Foreign Exchange student.

1983-84 - Fifth annual fundraising raffle. Participated in funding a lighted soccer field with the Libertyville Park District. Finished the Winchester House patio project. The area allowed families to have a picnic with their family members at Winchester House.

1984-85 - Special emphasis on Paul Harris. Approximately \$10,000 donated for a soccer field. \$2,500 was donated to C.A.S.A. for a David Thoma presentation.

1985-86 - Seventh annual fundraiser. Recipients were as follows: \$2,500 sod for soccer field, \$2,500 C.A.S.A., \$1,000 to Senior Council, \$1,000 to J.A., \$1,000 to Liberty-Fremont Society, and \$750 to David Adler Cultural Center. Every fifth Thursday was a Ladies Night. The object was to get more Rotary partners involved.

1986-87 - Formed a new Breakfast Club, Libertyville Rotary Sunrise Club. Began two new international projects - Books for Africa and participated in the Irish Children's Fund. Organized the first Paul Harris Recognition Banquet for Libertyville members. Set up a policy to recognize board and committee members from Libertyville. Club won Presidential Citation. Newsletter judged District's best. Serenity House major recipient of fundraiser. Sponsored a Rotary Float in Homecoming Parade. Five \$500 scholarships were awarded.

1987-88 - Club had its most successful fundraiser. Individual club members contributed substantially more than the established goal for PolioPlus and 47 people became Paul Harris Fellows through this program. Inducted first woman of the club. Five scholarships were awarded. Participated in pumpkin carving contest judging and in painting the fence at David Adler Cultural Center.

1988-89 - Memorial scholarships were initiated to honor all deceased members of the Club. Lisa Borodkin awarded \$15,000 District 644 scholarship. Accepted check from Ray Bernard Open of \$10,560 for PolioPlus. Provided housing assistance for delegation from the Soviet Union. Gave out six \$500 scholarships and continued to sponsor five students for World Affairs Seminar. First District member baby shower.

1989-90 - Club had its most successful fundraiser in October 1989. Club awarded six \$500 college scholarships to Libertyville High School graduates. Sponsored short-term student to Belgium and two District 644 graduate scholarship winners to study in England and Austria.

1990-91 - Started groundwork for a new building for girls' softball teams' equipment. Awarded six college scholarships to Libertyville HS graduates. Interact sponsored a Senior Citizen's prom at Hawthorne Lakes. Sent five students to the world affairs seminar.

1991-92 - Constructed storage facility for Libertyville Girl's Softball League. Raised \$20,000 for local organizations at annual fundraiser. Continued to award \$500 college scholarships to local high school students. Interact Club sponsored for "prom" at senior center.

1992-93 - Assembled book of resumes for terminated employees of closed Komatsu-Dresser plant in Libertyville and circulated them to local businesses. Raised \$15,000 for local organizations at annual fundraiser. Continued to award college scholarships to Libertyville High School students. Received District's Outstanding Achievement Award for Club Service and Presidential Citation for Balanced Club Achievement.

1993-94 - Raised \$25,000 at annual fundraiser for distribution to local charities and scholarships. Continued college scholarships and RYLA scholarships for local high school students. Sponsored joint international project with Rotary Club in LaPaz, Mexico.

1994-95 - Raised \$30,000 at annual fundraiser due to addition of silent auction items. These funds were distributed among 13 different worthy organizations. Increased college scholarships awarded to high school students to a total of \$10,000. Continued participation in RYLA conference. Raised funds for Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Initiated participation in Adopt-A-Highway Program. Established award program for Libertyville civil servants.

1995-96 – The club raised \$25,000 at its annual fundraiser. The newest recipients of funds from the event was the College of Lake County, which received \$1,000 to support a scholarship for a qualified graduate of Libertyville High School or Carmel High School. Jim Meyer of Libertyville was selected as an Ambassador Scholar. He began his studies in February in Wellington, New Zealand.

1996-97 – The club began the year with 60 members and closed with 57. Marta Cwalina of Warsaw, Poland was our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange. The club fundraiser netted \$29,0026 and distributed \$28,000 by giving \$7,500 in scholarships and direct cash grants to 16 community charities. We had visits from three former Youth exchange students; Ru from Brazil, Isabelle from Belgium and Agens from France; within the space of six weeks. Libertyville gave its first \$2,500 scholarship grant to College of Lake County. Some of the funds were earned running a beer tent for the Libertyville Days Committee. Tony Gacs of the PADS organization of St. Joseph's Catholic Church won the club's community Service Award, which included a \$500 gift to PADS. First delivery of the RotoLib club newsletter was made via fax.

1997-98 –The club secured a matching grant of \$10,000 for a project to refurbish a kitchen in a home for the elderly in La Paz, Mexico. Clubs from La Paz and both Districts involved joined our club in putting together the \$20,000 deal. Juan Pablo Rodriguez of Veracruz, Mexico was our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange. President Jack Martin put major emphasis on membership and "grew" the club from 51 to 62 members Ray Echevarria was our outbound youth exchange to Brusqu, Brazil. Our October fundraiser

gathered \$24,500 for distribution including \$7,000 in scholarships and gifts to 22 local charities. The Christmas Adopt-A-Family was again a success. Carl Piccolo of Youth and Family Services was the winner of our Volunteer Community Service award. We also awarded Youth and Family Services \$500 in Carol's name.

1998-99 – Libertyville began the year with 62 members and ended up with 65. The club raised \$4,800 by running the beer tent at Libertyville Days, which was added to the club fundraiser. The club raised \$33,000 for charity—including \$6,000 in scholarships. Diana Diger was our outbound Rotary Exchange student from Mexico. The club unveiled a new Paul Harris matching plan and induced \$11,000 in gifts from 18 people in its first month. We sent five students to RYLA. For the first time, the club mandated 10 percent of its total fundraising would be sent to Rotary Foundation for annual programs.

1999-2000 – The club's first Rotary Open golf tourney at Thunderhawk on Sept. 23 raised nearly \$7,000 for club projects. 87 golfers participated at the event. In all, the club distributed \$36,000 in support of \$7,500 in scholarships and \$28,500 in gifts to 25 charities. Cindy Chen was our outbound Rotary Exchange student to Port Alegre, Brazil. The club held a book drive for the library at the new Vernon Hills High School. Our WCS project resulted in a new well for the people of Dharmapuri, India. RotoLib, our newsletter got its first distribution via e-mail. Club members donated \$3,600 to Turkish earthquake and the club's board voted to add \$4,000 in club funds. We also spent \$3,000 to support a Polio surveillance station in Africa.

2000-2001 – The club's biggest new project was participating in the Christmas in April program on the North Shore with a thorough cleanup of Lake County Haven and some new furniture for the residential program for homeless women and children. The annual fundraiser earned \$28,000, with \$9,500 of that going to scholarships and the rest to various community groups. The club donated \$375 to fight hunger in Ethiopia, welcomed inbound Rotary Exchange student Katariina Kainulainen from Laminstranta, Finland. The club grew from 57 to 60 members.

2001-2002 - The club assisted the Libertyville High School Interact Club in staging a most successful Holiday Adopt-A-Family program. The Interact Club produced a holiday dinner for 100 families, feeding 300 people and being sure all kids received gifts. The club supported the avoidable blindness campaign with \$1,250 and gave \$1,000 for special education program in the Philippines spearheaded by the Antioch Rotary Club. Club members volunteered to help the Mainstreet Libertyville organization serve beer at its Oktoberfest, Mainstreet's biggest fundraiser. In our own fundraisers, the 3rd annual Rotary Golf Open, we raised over \$5,000 and our winter fundraiser collected \$28,990 for local scholarships and charitable gifts. We sent five students to RYLA.

2002-2003 – Aya Kaneko of Kazoo City, Japan was our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student. The club pledged \$20,000 for the polio eradication campaign, which resulted in 15 new Paul Harris Fellowships and multiple pins. The club awarded \$8,500 in scholarships to 10 students and gave 20 local charity groups a total of \$16,500 in gifts thanks to earning from a first eve Casino Night. We closed the year with 45 members.

2003-2004 – Twenty-five club members earned new Paul Harris recognition, mostly because of the continuing Polio Eradication campaign. On Jan. 15, the club named its first committee to look into a major project—building a shelter at Libertyville's soccer complex. A new Luau theme for the club fundraiser and a new venue at the Independence Grove Forest Preserve were highly successful. A total of \$31,720 was raised for club giving in the community and for 8 scholarships. The club wrestled with a

possible change of venue for meetings as well, but after many visits to other potential locations, decided to stay at Lams Farm. The club participated in its first Jewel-OSCO Shop and Share days and also added several collection dates to help stock the township food pantry.

2004-2005 – Our fifth Rotary Golf Open cleared \$6,000 in September and was followed by earnings of more than \$35,000 from our Irish Blarney Bash in March. The club-sponsored a ski outing with the Sunrise Club hosting 25 exchange students at Devil’s Head in January. A Bangladesh well digging project earned district-matching funds. Madeline Feight, our outbound youth exchange, spent a year in Para De Minas, Brazil. Real progress was made in April on the club’s planned shelter project at the Libertyville Soccer Complex. Plans were completed and all bids collected. Only a building permit and an adjustment in the physical site remained to be negotiated for a spring start of construction on the \$50,000 centennial project. Club membership stood at 46 as of May 1.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1973-74 - Sponsored Rotary Exchange Student.
- 1979-80 - Sponsored Outbound Exchange Student to Australia.
- 1982-83 - Sponsored Rotary Exchange Student.
- 1988-89 - Sponsored Rotary Exchange Student Rosa Marioly Anez Hurtado from Bolivia.
- 1989-90 - Sponsored Mary Sue Petroschius to South Africa and Anges Delahaye from France.
- 1990-91 - Sponsored Kaisa Kujanpaa from Salo, Finland and Mary Patroschlus to South Africa.
- 1991-92 - Sponsored Isabelle Hamelryckx from Belgium.
- 1992-93 - Sponsored Silvana Nicoletti from Belgium and Maggie Franta to La Paz, Mexico.
- 1993-94 - Sponsored Ruberlene Dos Santos Andrade from Brazil.

Rotary Club of Libertyville-Sunrise

Chartered April 11, 1987

1987-88 – On March 4, 1987, the first organizational meeting to establish a morning (“breakfast”) club in Libertyville was held at Condell Memorial Hospital. Stuart H. Howes was selected as special representative to serve as liaison for the District Governor in establishing the new club. Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. was established as the weekly meeting time. On April 11, 1987, Rotary International granted a Charter to the new club.

On May 21, 1987, a Charter Night Dinner was held at The Country Squire in Grayslake, Illinois, in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Dinner of The Rotary Club of Libertyville (Noon Club). The following officers of the new Sunrise Rotary Club were installed at the dinner: President Wayne A. Clauss; President-Elect Dennis J. Dunn; Secretary James C. Riley; and Treasurer Craig J. Martens. There were 31 Charter Members of the Club. Significant accomplishments during the first year included: A booth at the Libertyville Days summer festival “Taste of Libertyville”, raising \$650 for the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation by selling strawberries. Sales of “Entertainment ‘88” books netted \$2,227, which was donated to Rotary International’s Polio Plus Campaign. Members of the Club pledged over \$34,000 to the Polio Plus Campaign by becoming Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows. Assisted the Lake Forest Rotary Club with the International Youth Exchange picnic. Co-sponsored the annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Received the District 6440 award for “Best Attendance.” Received the Presidential Citation Award for 1987-88. Stuart H. Howes was selected as the Club’s Rotarian of the Year.

1988-89 – President Dennis J. Dunn. The location of the meetings was changed from Condell Memorial Hospital to the Hidden Cove Restaurant. The club began the year with 36 members. Significant accomplishments included: First fall fundraising effort was an Art Auction held in the Auditorium of International Mineral Corporation in Mundelein on October 1, netting \$24,600 for charitable giving and Club projects. Recipients of the proceeds included A Safe Place; Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lake County; and Libertyville Boat Club. Club members participated in a workday of “sweat equity” at Lake Minear to assist the Libertyville Boat Club. Sale of Entertainment ’89 books netted over \$1,200. Participated in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing, and received \$832 of the \$3,800 raised for Club projects. Co-hosted the 5th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Sponsored a bowling team for “Bowl for Kid’s Sake” that raised \$220 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Assisted in supporting an International staff person from Hong Kong to attend the Boy Scouts of America summer camp program. Co-sponsored music performance competition of the Libertyville-Fremont Concert Society. Supported local high school students who competed in the national finals of a math competition, as well as a high school team competing in a State engineering and technical competition. Purchased and donated three “dorm” refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the second year.

- Joe McDonough and Larry Neal were co-nominees for Rotarian of the Year.

1989 - 90 - President C. Richard Austin. The club began the year with 37 members and 33 Paul Harris Fellows, including 21 club members, 10 Rotary partners, and 2 children of Rotary members. Significant accomplishments included: Second annual Art Auction held at the IMC Auditorium on September 16 netted \$11,500 for charitable giving and Club projects. Charitable Giving Committee established to review requests for contributions. Receipts of charitable giving funds included Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lake County, A Safe Place, Libertyville-Fremont Concert Society, and Omni Youth Services. Club’s participation in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing resulted in a return of \$3,754.83 for the club’s charitable giving activities. Sale of Entertainment ’90 books netted over \$1,400. Club members assisted the Village of Libertyville with the “Snowfest ‘90” winter games. Co-hosted the 6th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Sponsored a bowling team for “Bowl for Kid’s Sake” that raised funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Supported the Applied Technology Department of Libertyville High School in organizing a competition for junior high school students. Purchased and donated three “dorm” refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the third straight year. The club was also awarded the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and the distinction of meeting the District Governor’s Goal for Rotary Foundation.

1990-91 President James DeSanto – The club began the year with 37 members. The location of the meetings was changed to Meadows 21 on North Milwaukee Avenue during the year. Significant accomplishments included: The third annual Art Auction was held at the IMC Auditorium on September 15 and grossed \$23,500 for the club’s charitable giving activities. Recipients of funds included Big Brothers/Big Sisters, A Safe Place, Omni Youth Services, and Habitat for Humanity. Hosted summer Youth Study Exchange student Jeremy Perkin from Cirencester, England. Co-hosted the 7th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Hosted Youth Study Exchange student Aileen Lieu from Nagasaki, Japan, for the school year. Club members “rang the bells” for The Salvation Army at kettles placed at the Jewel Food Store in Mundelein. Participated in the 10K Classic, raising over \$1,000 for the Chicago Lung Association.

Hosted the District 6440 Ski Outing at Devils Head, Wisconsin. Supported a 30K walk for the March of Dimes for the Youth of Waukegan. Participated in "Plant a Tree" to "Preserve Planet Earth", planting 55 trees and bushes (one for each member) in Libertyville parks. Sponsored one Libertyville High School student to attend the Leadership Conference at the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the fourth straight year.

1991 –92 - President Jules Traut - The club started the year with 58 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: Fourth annual Art Auction netted \$9,300 for charitable giving projects. Recipients included A Safe Place, Half Way House, Women's Residential Services at Winchester House, and Habitat for Humanity. Conducted clothing drive, "Clothes for Vets" at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in North Chicago, Illinois. Initiated an "Adopt-a-Home" community project to do spring clean up for senior citizens and shut-ins. Participation in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing resulted in \$5,023 to be used for club projects. Co-hosted the 8th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Sponsored an essay contest for Libertyville High School students on the topic of "The Four Way Test", awarding prizes totaling \$1,000. Hosted the annual District 6440 ski outing. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the fifth straight year.

1992 – 93 - President Anthony Moree – The club started the year with 63 members. Some of the significant accomplishments included: Presented a Second City Show as a spring fundraiser, with the proceeds donated to the Libertyville Civic Center (formerly, the post office). Participated in the "Out to Lunch" program, an event held at Cook Park in Libertyville during the summer season, by staffing a popcorn wagon. Sale of Entertainment '93 books netted over \$1,700. The club's participation in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing netted the club \$5,192 to be used for club projects. Co-hosted the 9th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Participated in a beautification project at the David Adler Cultural Center by donating \$850 toward the purchase of bushes and shrubs. Ten new Paul Harris Fellows were inducted. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the sixth straight year.

1993 – 94 - President Lawrence J. Petroschius, Jr. – The club started the year with 57 members. Significant projects during the year included: Presented a Second City Show as a spring fundraiser, with proceeds donated to the Libertyville Civic Center. Initiated hosting Bingo Night for senior citizens at Liberty Towers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Co-hosted the 10th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. An Art Auction held in the fall as a fundraiser netted approximately \$14,000 for charitable giving. Club members "rang the bells" at Salvation Army kettles during the month of December. Participated in the March of Dimes Walk that netted \$48,000 in Lake County. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Received the District 6440 award for Best Attendance for the seventh straight year. President Larry Petroschius died unexpectedly on January 17, 1994. President-Elect Larry Garlasco served the remainder of the term.

1994 – 95 - President Lawrence J. Garlasco – The club began the year with 52 members. The location of the weekly meetings was changed to Raffaelli's Restaurant in April of 1995. Significant accomplishments during the year included: Third annual Second City Show was held as a spring fundraiser, with proceeds donated to the Libertyville Civic Center. An Art Auction fundraiser was held in the fall, netting \$11,662 for club projects. Charitable giving recipients included A Safe Place, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Libertyville, Youth and Family Counseling, Hurricane Andrew Relief Fund, MainStreet Libertyville, OMNI Youth Services, The Glenkirk Foundation, Women's Residential Services, Habitat for Humanity, Midwest Flood Relief, the David Adler Cultural Center, Libertyville Senior Council and scholarships for students at Libertyville High School. Excavated and installed a 20' x 20' basketball paid and hoop at A Safe Place. The club's participation in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing generated \$3,359 for the club's projects. Co-hosted the 11th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Began sponsoring quarterly blood drives, in conjunction with the Village of Libertyville. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors.

1995 – 96 - President William R. Rickert – The club started the year with 46 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser, a dinner and silent auction, was held at the Royal Melbourne Country Club in Long Grove and raised a record \$20,000 for club projects. Began participation in the "Adopt-A-Highway" clean-up program on Peterson Road (IL 137) from Milwaukee Avenue (IL 21) to Butterfield Road. Co-hosted the 12th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Conducted an immunization clinic at Hawthorn Intermediate School, in conjunction with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club and the Mundelein-Vernon Hills Rotary Club. The club's participation in the Lake County Life Underwriters Association charity golf outing generated \$1,789 for the club's projects. Second annual family pig roast was held at Lake Minear. A dunk tank featuring club members was an attraction at the Libertyville Days Festival, and \$1,000 was earned for club projects. President Bill Rickert and President-Elect Howard Jaffe and Mary Fran Nordstrom attended the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Rang the bells for Salvation Army kettles at Target Greatland Store in Vernon Hills and collected \$1,221. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors.

1996 –97 - President Howard Jaffe – The club began the year with 53 members. Some of the significant accomplishments included: The annual Fall Fundraiser, a dinner and silent auction, was held at The Ivanhoe Club and netted \$21,000 for charitable giving. A spring fundraiser was held in May, a performance by Second City at the Centre Club in Libertyville. Third annual family pig roast was held at Lake Minear. Co-hosted the 13th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Eight Chicago Bears luncheons were held at Raffaelli's Restaurant, with proceeds of between \$1,000 and \$1,100 going to each of the following charities: Lake County Haven, David Adler Cultural Center, Free Spirits Baseball Team, SEDOL, Lake County Food Pantry, Career Resource Center, CASA, and The Rotary Foundation. Outbound Youth Study Exchange student Carolyn Wilcher spent the year in Belgium. Short-term outbound Youth Study Exchange student Lara Saipe spent the summer in France. Community blood drives were held in September and March. Spin the Wheel for assessing fines was introduced by President Howard Jaffe. Bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles was done by Club members at Target and Wal-Mart in Vernon Hills, collecting \$1,248. Club members participated in collecting for Misericordia Candy Days in April for the first time. A dunk tank featuring club members was an attraction at the Libertyville Days Festival, and \$1,000 was earned for club projects. A combined celebration of the club's 10th anniversary

and the Noon club's 35th anniversary was held in April. President-Elect Mary Fran Nordstrom attended the Rotary International Convention in Glasgow, Scotland. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors.

1997 – 98 - President Mary Fran Nordstrom – The Club began the year with 64 members. The location of the weekly meetings was changed to the Princess Restaurant (formerly The Landings of Libertyville) during the year. Some of the significant achievements included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at The Lake Forest Club. The annual family picnic held at Lake Minear featured roast turkey. Co-hosted the 14th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Highway clean-ups, community blood drives and bingo at Liberty Towers continued. Members collected for Misericordia Candy Days and staffed an aid station for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. A dunk tank featuring club members was an attraction at the Libertyville Days Festival for the second year. Member Kent Hinkson was selected as the Rotary leader for a Group Study Exchange to Turkey. Club members hosted members of the Group Study Exchange Team from Turkey during their visit to the U.S. Sponsored a Youth Study Exchange student, Charlotte Avery, to spend the year with host families in Hungary. Seven new Paul Harris fellowships were awarded to club members. Four children of Rotary members became Paul Harris fellows. Members rang the bells at Salvation Army kettles at Jewel Food Store and Franklin Foods in Libertyville and at Dominick's Food Store in Vernon Hills, collecting \$2,566. "Service Above Self" award established for non-Rotarians in the community who exemplify selflessness in their work to help others. The first award was presented to Portia Wallace. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Outgoing President Mary Fran Nordstrom selected Ken Chapin as Rotarian of the Year.

1998 – 99 - President A. Kenneth Chapin - The club began the year with 70 members. The location of the meetings was changed to Lambs Farm during the year. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at The Lake Forest Club, netting over \$26,000 to be used for charitable giving. Donations totaling \$31,800 were given to local charities which included The Haven, Lake County YMCA, SEDOL (Special Education District of Lake County), David Adler Cultural Center, Free Spirits Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Libertyville High School Music Department, Youth Conservation, Families in Touch/Teen Moms, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp, Career Resource Center, Youth & Family Counseling, American Legion Auxiliary, Libertyville Senior Council, a Safe Place, and the Libertyville Parks and Recreation Department. The second "Service Above Self" award was presented to Joyce Quilty. Co-hosted the 15th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. The club participated in the Libertyville Days festival by marching in the Libertyville Days Parade and handing out candy along the parade route. Continued participation in highway clean-ups, blood drives, staffing an aid station for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, collecting for Misericordia Candy Days, and bingo at Liberty Towers. Dennis and Ronnie Mudd became the recipients of the third "Service Above Self" award. The club sponsored Christina Henslee as an outbound Youth Study Exchange student to Finland. Club members spent two days doing clean up and restoration in the gardens behind Winchester House; and devoted one day to working at several Habitat for Humanity project sites. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. The club was awarded the District Governor's President's Award. Outgoing President Ken Chapin selected Ralph Laedtke as Rotarian of the Year.

1999 – 00 - President James Naylor – The club began the year with 70 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at The Lake Forest Club, and netted \$41,000, including \$8,000 in corporate sponsorships, for the club’s charitable giving efforts. The first annual Charitable Giving Dinner was held to present checks to all the recipients of the fundraising proceeds at the same time. Participated in the Adopt-A-Resident at Winchester House Christmas program, and gathered Christmas gifts for 60 residents. Co-hosted the 16th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Continued participation in highway clean-ups, staffing an aid station for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, collecting for Misericordia Candy Days, and bingo at Liberty Towers. With the retirement of Bulletin Editor Ralph Laedtke, electronic distribution of the weekly newsletter was started. Club members provided sweat equity for a Habitat for Humanity project. Contributed to a Rotary Foundation project to fund a PolioPlus surveillance station in West Africa. Purchased and donated three “dorm” refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Outgoing President Jim Naylor selected Tucker Olson as Rotarian of the Year.

2000 – 01 - President Melanie VanHeirseele – The club began the year with 71 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at the Harrison Conference Center in Lake Bluff, netting in excess of \$42,000 for charitable giving purposes. The second annual Charitable Giving dinner was held in March. Big screen TV and VCR video center purchased for Lambs Farm banquet room, a combined project with the Noon Club. Club Internet website designed by member Gary Dowty. Co-hosted the 17th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. The club hosted the District 6440 bowling tournament at Hawthorn Lanes in Vernon Hills. Club participation continued for highway clean-ups, ringing the bells at Salvation Army kettles, collecting for Misericordia Candy Days, purchasing Christmas gifts for residents at Winchester House, and bingo at Liberty Towers. Club members supported MainStreet Libertyville by working at the Harvest Fest pumpkin patch and the Octoberfest food tent. Club members supported the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation by working at the beer tent during Libertyville Days. Four members walked 6.2 miles in Walk America to help raise funds for the March of Dimes. Provided sweat equity for projects at The Haven and Habitat for Humanity. Four outbound Youth Study Exchange students were selected for placement in Brazil, Costa Rica, Denmark and Russia. Completed a matching grants project with Rotary International and a club in Dolmabache, Turkey, to provide funding for the development of a ceramics workshop that provides occupational training for developmentally disabled students. The club’s vocational scholarship program was redesigned as “The Sunrise Rotary Award” for graduating seniors at Libertyville High School who qualify. Organized the “One Strike You’re Out” campaign to raise funds for an early warning lightening protection system to be installed in all parks and playing fields in Libertyville. Inducted five new Paul Harris fellows. Purchased and donated three “dorm” refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Outgoing President Melanie VanHeirseele selected Ned Larson as Rotarian of the Year.

2001-02 – President Michael Thompson – The club began the year with 69 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at the Harrison Conference Center in Lake Bluff and netted over \$37,000 to be used for the club’s charitable giving projects. The third annual Charitable Giving Reception was held on April 3, 2002. Completion of the “One Strike You’re Out” fundraising campaign, collecting over \$20,000 through raffle ticket sales and solicitation of private and public donations. Installation of the system, in cooperation with the Village of Libertyville, began in Spring 2002. Club members collected and donated over \$7,000 to Rotary Districts 7230 and 7250 to aid in their efforts to provide relief for the victims of

the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. Co-hosted the 18th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Hosted an inbound Youth Study Exchange student from Brazil, Wilian Silva. Two outbound Youth Study Exchange students were selected for placement in Brazil and France. Continued the club's involvement in highway clean-ups, Harvest Fest, Oktoberfest, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, purchase of Christmas gifts for Winchester House residents, collecting for Misericordia Candy Days, and bingo at Liberty Towers. Provided volunteer effort for the Condell Medical Center Twilight Run held in May, 2002. Nine new members were added during the year. Fellowship events included the annual holiday party, an outing to Wrigley Field, a wine tasting party, and a pool party at the home of President-Elect Tucker Olson. Inducted 8 new Paul Harris fellows. Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Cindy Harger was selected to receive the club's "Service Above Self" award for her significant contributions to the success of The Lake County Haven. Special recognition was given to Dennis Kratochwil by outgoing President Mike Thompson for his extraordinary efforts in the area of public relations. Outgoing President Mike Thompson selected Melanie VanHeirseele as Rotarian of the Year.

2002-03 – President Tucker Olson – The club began the year with 66 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at the Harrison Conference Center in Lake Bluff and netted over \$42,000 to be used for the club's charitable giving projects. Installation of the Lightning Detection System at Libertyville proceeded at parks and playing fields, including the Libertyville Sports Complex, Butler Lake Park, Adler Pool and Butterfield School, thanks to the generosity of Club member Jeff Harger and his company, Harger Lightning Protection. An additional \$5,000 was contributed toward the continued implementation of the system. The Village of Libertyville was awarded the Governor's Hometown Award for the project. \$15,000 was pledged by the club towards the Rotary International program to eradicate polio worldwide. Over \$21,000 was contributed from the club's Paul Harris Fund, through member contributions, and in matching funds from the club. The fourth annual Charitable Giving Reception was held on March 26, 2003, and \$38,000 was presented to local charities. Hosted inbound Youth Study Exchange Student from Brazil, Cristiane Silva. Two outbound Youth Study Exchange students were selected to visit Italy and Ecuador. Co-hosted the 19th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Continued the club's involvement in highway clean-ups, Harvest Fest, Oktoberfest, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, purchase of Christmas gifts for Winchester House residents, collecting for Misericordia Candy Days, and bingo at Liberty Towers. Participated in holiday collections for Lake County Haven and Toys for Tots. Collected 5,000 used books for the Book Worm Angels program to supplement the libraries at schools in Chicago. Sponsored 5 high school students to the Rotary Youth Leadership conference. Inducted 18 Paul Harris Fellows, including 6 multiple Fellows. Fellowship activities included the annual holiday party, and an outing to the Dance Center North production of "The Nutcracker." Purchased and donated three "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors. Outgoing President Tucker Olson selected Larry Jelinek as Rotarian of the Year.

2003-04 - President Marty Neal – The club began the year with 70 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville and netted over \$52,000 to be used for the club's charitable giving projects and scholarships. Twenty-four members of the club volunteered to become the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a FEMA training program for local community preparedness. The team will be used to assist emergency service personnel in times of disaster. Hosted an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany, Katarina Kocera. Hosted an

inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Brazil, Rochelle DeAssis. Selected two Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students; Jessica Rodriquez to Brazil and Dori Shin to Mexico. The fifth annual Charitable Giving Reception was held on April 14, 2004, and \$46,000 was presented to 28 local charities. Charter club member Sam Licocci was given honorary membership designation. Continued the club's involvement in highway clean-ups, Harvest Fest, Oktoberfest, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, purchase of Christmas gifts for Winchester house, Book Worm Angels, bingo at Liberty Towers, and collecting for Misericordia. Hosted Group Study Exchange teams from Australia and Finland for a day of activities and fellowship. Co-hosted the 20th Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Pat and John De Wolf were selected as recipients of the club's Service Above Self award for the volunteer work they do at Condell Medical Center. Sponsored 3 Libertyville High School students to the Rotary Youth Leadership conference in Wisconsin. Inducted 8 Paul Harris Fellows, including 4 multiple Fellows. Award \$3,000 in scholarships on Honors Night at Libertyville High School. Purchased and donated four "dorm" refrigerators to be used as door prizes at the Libertyville High School after-prom party for seniors, and two to be used as door prizes for Vernon Hills High School. Outgoing President Marty Neal selected Steve Risley as Rotarian of the Year.

2004-05 – President Steve Risley - The club began the year with 62 members. Some of the significant accomplishments during the year included: The annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville and netted over \$51,000 to be used for the club's charitable giving projects and scholarships. Hosted an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from the Philippines, Melanie Ursa. Hosted an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Australia, Leah Bickerton. Three club members, who are part of the CERT Team, Peggy Freese, Jeff Harger, and Howard Jaffe, volunteered to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Frances in Florida. Received a \$1,000 grant from District 6440 for purchase of a trailer to hold the equipment needed by the CERT team. An additional \$5,000 was contributed by the club for this purchase. Over \$1,500 was donated by the club for tsunami relief. The club hosted the annual District 6440 Bowling Tournament at Hawthorn Lanes in Vernon Hills. Continued the club's involvement in highway clean-ups, Harvest Fest, Oktoberfest, bell ringing at Salvation Army kettles, purchase of Christmas gifts for Winchester house, Book Worm Angels, bingo at Liberty Towers, and collecting for Misericordia. Co-hosted the 21st Annual District 6440 Ski Outing for visiting Youth Study Exchange students with the Libertyville Rotary (Noon) Club. Diane Chapin was selected as the recipient of the club's Service Above Self award for the volunteer work she has done to create opportunities for children with Downs Syndrome. Sunriser Howard Jaffe secured US Cellular (Sox) Field for June 21, which will be dedicated as Rotary Night during Rotary's Centennial Anniversary International Convention that will be held in Chicago. The sixth annual Charitable Giving Reception was held on May 4, 2005, and \$40,000 was presented to 31 local charities.

Rotary Club of Lincolnshire Morningstar

Chartered June 29, 1992

As late as 1991, there was no service club in Lincolnshire, one of Chicago's wealthiest suburbs. Then groundbreaker Mimi Altman – our first female District Governor – and Ted Joseph of the Deerfield Club talked to Lincolnshire businessman Tom Klym about starting one. With Jim King, Guy Lothian, Shirley Friedlander, Bob Tepper, John Staub, Jim Dolan, and Herb Didier, enough members were gathered for provisional status. The club began meeting in a dark upstairs corner room in Lincolnshire's otherwise beautiful Marriott Resort. Past District Governor Russ Granzow gave Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club its first Rotary informational session.

Despite dire warnings that enough people who would come to a 7:00 a.m. every week could never be found, by 1992 the club had grown to 26, enough for a charter. According to Bob Tepper, the first meeting in 1992 with District Governor Dick Beals was “inspiring, because Dick was so eloquent.”

During the first year, the club’s Thursday meeting place was changed to Walker Brothers Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue in Lincolnshire. Ever since, club members have been able to look forward to Ray Walker’s fine food, Steve Adkisson's splendid hospitality, and great service from Isabella and Jan Schragger every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. Shirley Friedlander, who was the Director of the Lincolnshire Chamber in the early 1990’s, remembers that the “flavor of the club, which was camaraderie, a shared attitude of enjoying life together and having fun” was there from the beginning.

What’s distinctive about the Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club is the level of giving for the size of the club. Robert Gremley described it as “a handful of people who have sent tons of medical equipment to Russia, and brought disadvantaged kids from Poland here for surgery through the Gift from the Heart program. One year they bought a thermal imaging device worth \$22,000 for the Vernon Fire Protection District (now Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Protection District) to enable them to detect life in a burning building. They’ve given in energy and dollars way out of proportion to the number of members.”

Stan Roelker names the annual Herb Didier Memorial Golf Outing as “Lincolnshire Morning Star’s biggest fundraiser, and for that reason an important event in our history.” Initiated in 1993, the golf outing was named after charter member Herb Didier, who died during the club’s first year. From 12 golfers netting \$200, it has grown to over 100 players netting close to \$20,000 each year. From the beginning, the golf outing has made a difference. In 1994, Augie Grundei spearheaded the first donation to the newly constructed Vernon Area Library, eventually directing \$4000 of golf outing proceeds to purchase books.

The Herb Didier Memorial Golf Outing has a history of its own. For the first few years, Jim King hosted a volunteers' dinner following the outing. One year, he arrived with dozens of guests only to realize he had forgotten to tell his wife, and then learned it was their wedding anniversary. Jim’s wife, Phyllis, laughed and went along with it.

Because of Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club’s experience, it was asked to host the District golf outing in 1995. A huge effort and great performance by local members resulted in a great success, with all proceeds going to the District. When asked to estimate the number of volunteer hours needed to create a successful golf outing, club members couldn't quantify the enormous amount of labor donated by Rotarians and friends. The success of the Herb Didier Memorial Golf Outing made it possible to give \$6,000 to two agencies each year for the past four years. Recipients have included A Safe Place, The Riverside Foundation, Shore Community Services, CASA, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Waukegan.

Another early fundraiser was a Theater Outing/Brunch, especially enjoyable because many couples stayed overnight in Lincolnshire. In 1994, \$1,600 was raised in a Theater Outing Fundraiser for the Joint Committee on Humanitarian Medical Aid. Funds provided medical equipment and medical supplies to a hospital in Russia (now Ukraine). In March 2004, the club set up a transportation fund with Vernon Township to assist low-income families in their transportation needs with bus tokens, taxi vouchers and gas vouchers for emergencies. A total of 7 families from Catholic Charities and Vernon Township were on Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club's holiday gift list in 2004.

Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club also offers opportunities to give, through an annual blood drive, or through a cell phone-recycling project to benefit victims of abuse.

“Our members are extremely busy professionals. They get involved and pull it off. We’re not a check-writing club,” said Bob Tepper. “It’s that spirit, of pulling together to make it happen, and having fun while we’re doing it, that’s one of the reasons why we love our club,” says Shirley Friedlander, the first woman President of Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club (2002). According to Bob Gremley, “because of its reputation for good work in the Lincolnshire area, a call from a Morning Star Rotary Club Member ‘opens the door.’”

Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club is also known for hospitality, “the way we meet and greet visitors. They go away happy because of us, and the great Walker Brothers’ breakfast,” said John Staub. In August of 2004, the club received its first exchange student from Italy, and hosted her family at several venues when they visited Lincolnshire in December.

The combination of hospitality and friendly fun attracts kindred spirits. There are many friends who got involved with Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club’s fundraising efforts. Support from Barbara LaPiana, and Manny Patterson of WW Grainger was crucial to the success of many events. Sue Hoth, an honorary member of Gurnee Rotary, worked as Tom Klym’s assistant and “right arm. Sue helped run the golf outing every year until 2004. Sue did the financial statements and reporting for over 10 years. Sue passed away in 2004, so last year was the first year we had to run the golf outing without her. “She was greatly missed,” said Jim Dolan.

Dan Friedlander, Shirley’s husband and an honorary member of Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club, helps with “every event. He is the photographer and does P.R.,” said Tepper. Many other spouses help with fundraising. John Staub’s wife, Chris, managed the gift lists for six “adopted” families at Catholic Charities. Family members also get in on the fun. Every 4th of July, Lincolnshire Rotary had a float in the parade. Tepper described how “the kids would be in it, and afterwards we would all go to a party at Jim Dolan’s or Augie’s.”

Youth Exchange students to Lincolnshire Morning Star have greatly enriched our lives: Lorelei Heylinger 2004-05 from Italy and Knot Likitkumchorn 2005-06 from Thailand. From Lorelei and her family, we learned about violin making and saw how the arts curriculum at Stevenson High School could inspire a young photographer to follow in her grandfather’s footsteps. With Knot, we have all become involved in the development of an athlete and learned a great deal about tennis competition.

Tom Klym summed it up when he said, “The Lincolnshire Rotary Club is a chance to meet wonderful people, have fun, try – no, not try, do – some good, and have fun while doing it.”

Presidents of Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club, in order of their year of office, are:

1992-93: Tom Klym	1998-99: Greg Koehlinger	2004-05: John Staub
1993-94: Milt Pfetzer	1999-00: Bob Gremley	2005-06: Jim Dolan
1994-95: Bob Tepper	2000-01: Tadashi Enami	PE 2006-07: Gaylord Fill
1995-96: Jim King	2001-02: Peter Chamy	PE 2007-08: Joe Nordstrom
1996-97: Guy Lothian	2002-03: Shirley Friedlander	
1997-98: Jay Fishcorn	2003-04: Vic Fernitz	

Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary Club is proud to be the home club of 2005-06 District Governor Tadashi Enami, who continues to make history.

Rotary Club of Lombard

Chartered Sept. 21, 1961

1964 - Packed and transported dental equipment to Brazil, which had been donated by a Rotarian. Awarded over 26 scholarships to high school seniors. 1961-76 - Financial contributions to senior citizens, paramedics, Good Samaritan Hospital, West Suburban School for Retarded Children, Police Recognition Committee, Lombard YMCA May Talk, Work Community Service, Dambrai, Hong Kong District Workshop for the Blind.

1975-77 - Financial contributions to paramedics, Log Cabin Bicentennial project, scholarships, exchange students, YMCA, Man Material Welfare film, other high school programs, home delivered meals, West Suburban School for Retarded, Senior Citizens, children's Christmas party, Nurses Club, needy family, Senior Men's luncheon, Miss Yorktown, and miscellaneous awards. Rotary Ann donations: Lombard Park District summer camp for handicapped children, Senior Citizens, home delivered meals, and Lilac Parade.

1978-79 - High school scholarships \$1,400; YMCA programs \$425; West Suburban School for Retarded Children \$270; and children's Christmas party \$407.70. Library Hearing equipment \$434, Four-Way test award \$500, Lilac Parade \$144.27, Senior Citizens Men's Lunch \$142.50, Chamber blood draw refreshments \$35, and Easter Seals \$50. Rotary Ann contributions: Home delivered meals, Lombard Nurses Club, and Chamber of Commerce Blood Bank.

1979-80 - Contributions: High school scholarships \$2,000; Four-Way test award \$500; YMCA programs \$500; Senior Citizens \$683; Lombard Jr. Wrestling \$250; children's Christmas party \$310; Lilac Parade \$200; Exchange Students \$584.50; and Youth Exchange \$495. Fundraisers included Club's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, first Country Auction and special luncheon for the Ray Graham students in Lombard.

1985 - Fundraisers included St. Patrick's Day dinner, Reverse raffle, and Christmas auction. Donation to Sister Brigitte Yengo to perform social work in the Congo. Two students received \$1,000 scholarships. Several exchange students rode Club's float in annual Lombard Lilac Parade. \$100 donation to relief fund in Mexico City. Annual Coho fishing outing was held. Christmas party held at Ray Graham Home.

1986 - Fundraisers included Reverse raffle, Christmas auction, and St. Patrick's Day dinner. Held annual fishing outing and summer picnic. Celebrated 25th anniversary of the Club. Continued financial assistance of \$200 per month to Catholic nun in African Congo.

1987 - Held St. Patrick's Day dinner, Christmas auction, Reverse raffle, fishing outing, summer picnic, and Valentine's Day outing. Contributions to Sister Yengo were matched by Rotary Int'l. Made commitment to PolioPlus program. Helped sponsor Glen-Lo Rotary Club. Donated \$1,000 to Diecke Home.

1988 - Sponsored three high school students to attend World Conference in Wisconsin. Fishing outing,

St. Patrick's Day dinner, Christmas auction, summer picnic, Valentine's Day outing, and Reverse raffle were held. \$6,500 reached in pledge to PolioPlus. Brought back informal evenings at the homes of Rotarians. Rotary International approved 100% matching of funds to Sister Yengo of which the total is \$20,000. Participated in Lilac Parade and scholarships to high school seniors amounted to \$3,000.

1989 - Held annual summer picnic, reverse raffle, Christmas auction, Valentine dinner, fishing outing, and St. Patrick's Day dinner. \$4,000 in scholarships awarded to high school seniors. Donated \$500 to Lombard TLC camp, \$500 to Salvation Army for Hugo and Bay Area relief, \$250 to NESDRA, and Christmas and Thanksgiving food donations made to needy families. Christmas party was extended to include families from the Family Shelter Homes.

1990 - Social activities included summer picnic, reverse raffle, Christmas auction and dinner, Valentine's dinner and theatre, day at the races, fishing outing, and St. Patrick's dinner dance. Scholarship of \$5,500 was awarded to Lombard High School seniors. Donations to the hurricane Hugo and San Francisco earthquake relief fund were given by our club. Donations to other organizations included TLC, YMCA, NEDSRA, Senior Center, Salvation Army, and Family Shelter Service. This year's Christmas party included Family Shelter Home children and their mothers from the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton homes.

1996-97-All of the functions that year were successful: Fishing on Lake Michigan, Sweetheart's Night, Picnic, Christmas Show, and the reverse raffle. The only poorly attended function was the Saint Patrick's Day dinner. All in all I enjoyed a very well supported year, although Rich Gallichio said I really went overboard with little or no regard for the budget. What's that anyway? We tried and missed-Brian

2001-02 – Mike Fugial, president. Mankind is our Business — RI President Rick King. We had seven new members — lost two members. Experienced a 10 percent increase in attendance and 70 percent at weekly meetings. Instituted a Member Recognition Program (Eagle Pins) for recruiting new members or multiple reverse raffle participants. Sponsored GE Student Nicola to National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

• Completed the Member Classification Survey for purpose of recruiting new members and complete the Member Satisfaction Survey. Flemming and Bell Family Contribution of \$1,000/\$500 to endowment at DP Community Foundations. Four members participated in the District 6440 Golf outing. Donated to the construction of Hammerschmidt School playground. Donated to the Lombard Park District — Memorial Entrance Project. Contributed \$1,250 to the RI Avoidable Blindness Fund. Contributed \$130 to the NY Firefighters via the Memorial Crystal. Record Proceeds from the Reverse Raffle were \$9,513. Sponsored GE student Ashley Sipowicz to attend the District RYLA Conference. Breakthrough change of image via West Wing (“fat-ass Rotarian gasbag”). McCormick Endowment matching grant— (\$10,000)— through the DuPage Community Foundation. Hosted our largest holiday party with 122 members, family and guests. Participated in the Toy Bench Project and developed a 40 years of Service Pamphlet. Accepted a banner from Astronaut Dan Tani, which was part of the Endeavor Space Mission. Sponsored a Lombard Baseball league Team from the Spring/Summer 2002 season. Hosted dinner for the Group Study Exchange from India on April 18. Sponsored the “No-Work Fundraiser”— a cruise trip with commissions to RC of Lombard. Awarded nine scholarships to area students on May 23. Sponsored the Lombard Character Counts! Coalition and the 2002 Parent University. Sponsored two GE Students for Vocational scholarships through District 6440. Three members attended COTS Training in March

(Topel, Johnson and Wittacre). Dr. Gary Smit provided a leadership presentation at the RYLA Conference. Awarded the Kathy Bernard 2002 "Friend of Education Award" by SD No. 44. Donated \$2,600 to Blane Community Immunization Grant for East Public Health Center. Received a club Service award at District Conference in Milwaukee. Deb. Allen received a commemorative Eagle Pin from RI President Rick King for sponsoring three new members.

2003-04 – Deb Allen was president. - Three months were very memorable in 2004 for something out of our control. The negative thing, which wasn't our fault, was that we had to move our meeting location. We found out that the Terrace was closing as of Super Bowl Sunday, so we had to move to a temporary restaurant until we found a permanent meeting location at Casey's, which is kitty corner from the Terrace. that the restaurant, the Terrace was closing as of Super Bowl Sunday, we moved to a temporary restaurant and then to t Kaycees kitty corner from the Terrace. Also, we had our first "Business After Hours" program in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, where we were able to showcase what Rotary was about to other members of the community and network. It was held at the Terrace and it was very successful with approximately 50 people attending and receiving two new members in the process. In February, we had our first Valentine Part/Wine Tasting at the temporary location. We had a local wine distributor come and talk about his different wine and our members had a chance to purchase some after dinner. Mind you, these were the new things beyond the traditional Reverse Raffle, scholarships and donations to local charities that our Rotary club does.

2005-06 - Dan Tufano, president - Governor Tadashi Enami.

June 23: Installation dinner officiated by PDG Bob Williams. July: \$500 donation to Lombard Historical Society. August: \$100 donation to local Eagle Scout for Community Service Project. Increased Birthday Fund Food Gift Certificates from \$100 to \$125-\$150. September: Combined annual picnic with golf outing. Visit from Gov. Tadashi Enami. October: Reverse Raffle to fund our Scholarship Program. Collected \$25,230. November: Bring a Vet to Lunch for Veterans Day. December: Christmas Party, gave single mom with 5 children \$500.00 JC Penney Gift Card and \$150 food gift certificate. January 2006: Sent in additional funds for second well in Haiti and working on third well. February: Wine Tasting Dinner. Donations include: \$1,800 to Tri town YMCA; \$2,000 to Park District for Henderson Plaze; \$500 to St. Maarten Hospital; \$5,000 final payment for Polio Plus; \$500 to Deicke Home; \$300 to PADS Dinner; \$750 to Katrina Relief; \$1,250 Grant to increase amount \$3,750 for a total of \$5,000 to dig a well in Haiti; and \$500 to First Things First

Youth Exchange:

1980 - Hosted student Pabelo Ecuica from Argentina; sent Marlene Naughton to Sweden.

1985 - Hosted student Rogerio Barros from Brazil.

Rotary Club of Long Grove

Chartered Nov. 1, 1994

1994-95 - Adopted section of Highway 83, which passes through Long Grove. Donated two park benches to Long Grove's new Buffalo Creek Park. Sent over \$1,200 to Oklahoma City Rotary Club Relief Fund. Assisted with clean up during Long Grove's highly successful Strawberry Fest weekend. Hosted four Rotarians from Sheffield, England, on Friendship Exchange sending two of our members. Hosted Swedish Ambassadorial Scholar Charlotta Kopanyi.

The Rotary Club of Long Grove came into being as the result of Thomas Kinkade's painting "The Rotary Club Meeting," which was displayed in a local art gallery and a conversation that transpired between two of the three founders of the club. The club was chartered, November 1, 1994, by then RI President Bill Huntley. Ten years later, November 2004, President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stennhammer (2005-06) recognized the club for its contribution to the local community and its becoming 100 percent Paul Harris Club for having contributed in excess of \$100,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

Over a decade of serving the Long Grove area, the club has raised countless dollars for local nonprofit organizations through the club's Charitable Fund and participated in numerous Rotary Matching Grants. The Gift from the Heart Foundation, an organization that provides rehabilitative services to deformed-by-birth Eastern European children has been the recipient of over \$60,000 in funds. The Elmhurst Area YMCA received \$25,000 from the club's first major fundraising project. This was followed by a gift of \$18,000 to the "Healing the Children," a group that provides medical services to children of poverty-ridden countries. Most recently, the club has been the sponsoring organization for the annual Long Grove Heritage 5k race and Pancake Breakfast. By partnering with other charities, the club has facilitated raising funds in excess of \$25,000 each year for the partner agencies while adding \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year to the club's Charitable Fund.

In the past, the club has been engaged in Youth Exchange, as a host, and has been the sponsor of Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange participants through the Rotary Foundation. The club has been a part of a bi-annual dental mission to South America in conjunction with the Rotary club of Cherry Creek, Colorado for many years, and currently the International Service Committee is pursuing the establishment of a Sister Cities/Project Relationship with a club in Matamoros, Mexico.

Rotary Club of McHenry

Chartered April 12, 1955

Numerous years - Banquet and awards for high school basketball players, wrestlers, cheerleaders and their families. Annual party for Children's Home in Woodstock, Career Day at high school.

1955-56 - Established student fund.

1956-57 - Donated \$124 for Christmas gifts for Woodstock Children's Home and American Red Cross.

1957-58 - Club took care of three needy families at Christmas. Created student loan funds available for college education. Installed ski tow for skiing, tobogganing, and sledding. Donated \$1,200 public address system to high school.

1959-60 - Donated clothes, shoes, and free lunches to needy children of McHenry public school; \$250 to McHenry swimming pool fund, \$100 to McHenry Fiesta Day.

1960-61 - Teenage ballroom dancing class for 7th and 8th graders. Basketball game for crippled children fund. Children's Christmas theater party. Cash gifts of \$5 for people in Hartland Home from McHenry. Purchased clothing for needy children. Participated in Get-Out-and-Vote campaign. Participated in Easter Seal tag day. Made student loans of \$650 and \$100.

1961-62 - Made student loan of \$500. Contributed clothing to needy school children. Helped send boy to Boy's State, Springfield.

1963-64 - \$10,725 contributed to new library fund.

1964-65 - Made city benches to be used in park

1965-66 - Donated reference books (\$125) to McHenry Public Library. Gifts to residents of Valley Hi Nursing Home. Donated nearly \$1,000 to Easter Seal Therapy Center.

1966-67 - Christmas gifts to Woodstock Children's Home. Began construction of washroom facility and concession stand at McHenry High School (\$2,000 and 1,000 hours).

1967-68 - Collected for Easter Seal Therapy Center.

1968-69 - Collected \$1,125 for Easter Seal Therapy Center. Donated \$1,835 to Boy Scout fund. Presented television to Woodstock Children's Home for Christmas. Sponsored and supported little league football \$300. Loaned \$2,900 to college students. Provided heat, etc. for high school field house, \$430. Presented two scholarships to high school students for Music for Youth camp at Northern Illinois University. Provided bus, etc., for children from Woodstock Children's Home to attend Shriner's Circus.

1970-71 - Raised money for little league in Taiwan. Provided entertainment and gifts for Valley Hi Nursing Home. Sponsored student for nation-wide convention of American Academy of Achievement. Donated tables and chairs to Woodstock Children's Home. Contributed \$1,225 to Easter Seal Therapy Center. Co-sponsored spring sports banquet, donated \$500 for "Rotary Gear" football team.

1971-72 - Donated \$300 to McHenry Rescue Squad, \$100 to Johnsburg Rescue Squad. Donated \$500 to junior football league. Sponsored fall cookout and Valentine party at Valley Hi Nursing Home. Completed park shelter. Contributed \$1,300 to Easter Seal Therapy Center.

1973-74 - Annual cookout at Valley Hi Nursing Home.

1975-76 - Donated Defibrillator to McHenry Rescue Squad \$3,600. Purchased materials and built bleachers for Peterson Park \$700. Sponsored three local boys to attend All State. Entertained residents of Valley Hi Nursing Home at picnic. Established \$1,000 scholarship fund for deserving senior from local high school.

1978-79 - Held annual cookout entertaining residents of Valley Hi Nursing Home with picnic and entertained 20 Australian Rotarians with picnic in their honor. First two Paul Harris Fellows. Donated \$3,500 to installation of Miracle 4-slide Climbing Complex at Peterson Park.

1979-80 - Final \$3,500 payment to city for slide and climbing complex at Peterson Park. Donated \$300 each to Johnsburg and McHenry Rescue Squads for paramedic training. Raised \$2,200 for McHenry Fiesta Day activities; sponsored prizes for faculty-student fishing derby. Contributed \$900 to District 3H program. Awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to local graduating seniors. Entertained folks at county home with cookout. Collected record \$2,310 for McHenry County Easter Seal Therapy Center. Sponsored two students to Boy's State. Established \$2,000 fund to landscape city's Rotary Park.

Sponsored a Christmas party for Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 644. Annual fundraiser Ham Dinner record 1,932 people. Raised \$3,000 in car raffle. Donated to city park for Easter Egg Hunt. Hosted 30 Rotarians from R.I. Convention in Chicago for Home Hospitality. Hosted local farmers for Rural-Urban Day program.

1980-81 - Sponsored two high school students to peer group counseling clinic \$100; sponsored two students to Boy's State \$150; two \$500 vocational scholarships to two students; sponsored winning student in district vocational scholarship program with \$1,000 award; awarded \$1,000 academic scholarship. Donations to Exuma Island project, 3H program, and two science books for Alexandria project. Held annual Valley Hi picnic, raised \$2,509 for Easter Seals, completion of recreational center at Pioneer Center, co-sponsored with other service clubs trip to Disneyland for girl dying of cancer, provided funds for fireworks program, annual Ham Dinner for fundraiser, \$100 each for McHenry East and West High School bands, and check to McHenry Rescue Squad for \$330.

1981-82 - Collected \$2,240 for Easter Seals. Held annual Ham Dinner fundraiser. Provided barbecue lunch at Valley Hi Nursing Home. Participated in hosting group study exchange team from Queensland, Australia. Provided approximately \$2,000 for two scholarship awards to two local high school graduates.

1982-83 - Held annual Ham Dinner, Easter Seals collection, and Valley Hi picnic. Committed \$2,750 to park in McHenry. Started project to purchase special boat for McHenry County Search and Rescue team.

1983-84 - Sold popcorn during McHenry's Fiesta Day; held annual Valley Hi Nursing Home cookout for residents. Annual Ham Dinner raised \$5,723. Small city park the club developed was dedicated. Club received Community Service Award from Illinois Parks and Recreation Assoc. Hosted Rural-Urban Day luncheon for local farmers. Presented rescue boat to McHenry County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency at the District Conference as project was joint effort of clubs in McHenry County. Collected \$2,630 on Easter Seal tag day. Presented one-time-only contributions of \$500 to Crimestoppers, \$785 to CAAA Better Way; and \$1,000 to Hospice, an elderly live-in facility. Awarded \$1,500 scholarship to McHenry High School senior for college.

1984-85 - Projects and activities included popcorn sales at McHenry's Fiesta Day, picnic for Pioneer Center, annual cookout for residents and staff of Valley Hi Nursing Home, annual Ham Dinner fundraiser cleared \$8,298, donated to the FISH organization and Kinship project. Hosted farmers and secretaries to luncheon on Rural-Urban day and Secretaries Day, awarded \$1,500 to McHenry High School senior for college, collected \$2,600 on Easter Seal tag day, and donated \$2,500 to purchase material to rebuild little league storage shed destroyed by vandals.

1985-86 - The club ran all usual projects: Annual Ham Dinner-net \$8,500, Easter Seal tag day-net \$2,500, Secretaries Day and Rural-Urban day luncheons, picnic for Pioneer Center, sold popcorn at Fiesta Day, donated \$2,500 to Northern Illinois Medical Center for six medical alert devices, \$3,000 to McHenry Township for washroom in the park, \$2,500 to McHenry City Park District, \$700 to Kinship, \$500 to McHenry Police Department 'I Search Program' and \$100 plus four picnic tables to Family Service and Community Mental Health Center.

1986-87 - Annual and new activities of club were: Valley Hi Nursing Home cookout, Pioneer Center picnic, popcorn sale, ham dinner-net \$7,185, FISH donation of \$1,353 and canned goods, Rural-Urban and Secretaries day luncheons, participated in McHenry Sesquicentennial pageant and collected for the Easter Seal tag day for the last time (now part of United Way).

1987-88 - Sponsored: Softball tournament for McHenry Area Pigtail League, cookout for disadvantaged adults of Pioneer Center; donated to fund assisting handicapped citizens, Valley-Hi luncheon, Christmas gift collection for Valley-Hi, drug/alcohol substance abuse summer camp for McHenry Area Youth Commission, FISH, McHenry Beautification drive, Easter Seals, Kinship of McHenry County, PolioPlus drive, and New Guinea project for updating medical training for local anesthesiologist. Purchased computer-training equipment for Pioneer Center and film projector for Family Service and Mental Health of McHenry County.

1988-89 - Furnished patient waiting room at local hospital for families of terminally ill patients, \$5,000. Sponsored dinner/dance to benefit FISH, \$3,430.

1989-90 - Fundraising events included Annual Ham Dinner which netted \$10,258.94 and Reverse Raffle \$4,640. Annual projects included Pioneer Center Picnic, Valley Hi Nursing Home chicken BBQ, three McHenry High School senior scholarships \$1,500 each. Other projects included donated \$400 to Hurricane Hugo Relief, \$1,000 Country Home Wheelchair lift, \$500 Easter Seal Telethon, \$1,000 House of Sparrow (homeless women), to Kinship-McHenry County, wheelchair to Russia, held benefit dinner and a tag day for FISH raising \$4,962.42. Purchased three additional medical alert devices and constructed wheel chair accessible garden for Valley Hi Nursing Home.

1990-91 - Fundraising events included Great McHenry Duck Race netted \$10,000; Dance for FISH raised \$1,328.73; Ham dinner profit \$11,844.84; FISH collection day raised \$1,800.29. Cooked for the Pioneer Center Picnic; held chicken cookout for the Valley Hi Retirement Home; planted a tree in Rotary Park and held second Reverse Raffle with proceeds to Rotary Foundation. Donations included: Plainfield tornado relief; Lions Club candy day appeal; FISH; USO; Home of the Sparrow; World Hunger project; Pioneer Center; VFW flag pole; and Family Services; etc.

1991-92 - Fundraisers included Duck Race split \$4,600 with McHenry Youth Commission and NIMC Fnd.; Ham Dinner with a profit of \$9,605; Reverse Raffle raised \$4,000 for scholarships; can collection for FISH netted \$1,924 and President's Walk \$750. Donated to FISH, Hope of the Sparrow (new roof), McHenry Area Youth Commission, and sponsored three students to Rotary World Seminar. Held Pioneer Center Cookout, Picnic in the Park, Western Night, club golf outing, Christmas Party, and Funny Bowl.

1992-93 - Fundraisers: Ham Dinner and can collection for FISH. Held Pioneer Center picnic, Valley Hi Nursing Home picnic, Picnic in the Park, McHenry/Richmond R.C. Western Night, club golf outing, Christmas party, Mystery Trolley Trip to Chicago, and Funny Bowl. Donations included: Florida Hurricane Andrew and to FISH.

1993-94 - Held Pioneer Center Picnic, Valley Hi Nursing Home Picnic, Career Day for local high school students, Picnic in the Park, club golf outing, Christmas party, and Funny Bowl. Fundraisers included Reverse Raffle \$4,000; can collection \$1,699, Ham Dinner profit of \$10,540, President Walk \$386.

Bought shelter kit and assembled for Fort McHenry \$7,000. Donations to FISH, Kinship, and Post Prom Activities.

1994-95 - Fundraising included Ham Dinner \$13,000 and the Reverse Raffle \$4,500. Annual projects included the Pioneer Center Picnic, Valley Hi Nursing Home Chicken Cookout and FISH collection, which raised \$2,100 for FISH. Three \$2,500 academic scholarships and three \$500 vocational scholarships were given to McHenry and Johnsbury students. Donations included \$7,000 for McHenry Library Children's Story Room, \$3,000 for the McHenry Area Youth Commission, \$3,000 for Home of the Sparrow expansion, \$500 to high schools for post prom activities, and \$1,500 to Little League for improvement to the fields at VFW. Additional donations included \$1,000 for Oklahoma City Bombing disaster victims and \$200 to Odyssey of the Mind Competition for McHenry students. \$500 to relief fund for victims of the Kobe, Japan, earthquake.

1995-96 – John Verchota was club president. Our exchange student, Sebastian Cavallo from Chile, arrived in time for his first meeting at the Valley Hi chicken cookout in August. Mimi Altman, the District Governor, visited the club on September 14. Jude Hermann, Don Gerstad, and Bill Dumalski (Mr. 4-Way Test) all retired and were unanimously voted in as honorary members. The Reverse Raffle was held October 4 and raised \$4,200 for the Scholarship Fund. Don Howard was the top salesman for the Ham Dinner, bringing in \$1,384. Overall, our main fundraiser netted \$10,300. Membership increased by a net of three members during the year. Donations of \$6,500 were made to the Youth Commission, Family Services, Home of the Sparrow, Pioneer Center, FISH, the soccer fields, Youth Baseball, and toward new entrance signs into the city. Also, the membership voted to increase our three academic scholarships to \$3,000 each from the current \$2,500. International project funds of \$2,000 were contributed to the Oaks International Center for Children in Oklahoma and the Harvest International Project in Haiti. Al Blake completed 40 years of perfect attendance with the club.

1996-97 – Terry Hargrove was club president. On August 29, we held a cookout for residents of Valley Hi. On September 25, we held a reverse raffle, which netted \$4,200. On October 26, we held a ham dinner, which netted \$8,281. On April 16, we held a fireside meeting for new members. This year, the club formed an Interact club.

Club financial distributions: \$500 to McHenry Youth Commission, Family Service, Home of the Sparrow, FISH, Pioneer Center, and the International Project for the Indian Center in Oklahoma. \$1,000 checks to the McHenry School District for a soccer field, and to the McHenry Jr. League for field improvements at the VFW. Also, \$2,000 set aside for future entrance signs to McHenry. Besides the \$500 given to FISH in November, a donation of \$1,110 in the spring and a collection of over \$1,700 for a total of over \$3,310 to FISH. Donated \$750 to build bus shelters in Katmando, Nepal. In June, \$200 to the McHenry Fire Protection District for a Camp Duncan burn camp. Finally, \$600 to Pioneer Center for a refrigerator. Club social events: 7/18 – Picnic in the Park with 90 plus in attendance. 10/2 – Joint meeting with Richmond RC for DG Karen Kline's visit. 5/14 – Anniversary party. 12/14 – Christmas party. 4/26 – Staff appreciation day. RYE student, Benoit Dessailly, Belgium. Outbound, Will Busse, Germany. New members = 5, resignations = 3.

1997-98 – R. Watson was club president. Goals for the year – Increase club membership's awareness of Rotary through education/programs. Increased member's participation in Rotary events outside our club. Identify and participate in a new major project for the club. Minimum of six new Paul Harris

Fellowships.

Club activities: 7/10/97 – Club assembly; meeting with Assistant District Governor Bob Williams. 7/17/97 – Picnic in the Park; Fiesta Days. 7/27/97 – ABC's of Rotary; visit to RI headquarters in Evanston, IL. 8/14/97 – Valley Hi Nursing Home; chicken cookout. 8/28/97 – Visit by District Governor Les Summers. 10/8/97 – Reception for exchange student Janie Latayan at Warsaw Inn. 10/30/97 – Club visit and lunch at Home of the Sparrow. 11/1-2/97 – Club booth at McHenry Trade Fair. 12/18/97 – Christmas Party at McHenry Country Club. 4/18-19/98 – District Conference, Lake Geneva. 4/23/98 – Staff Appreciation Day Luncheon. 5/7/98 – Club visit and cookout; Modine Manufacturing, Ringwood. 5/16/98 – District Run/Walk; Moraine Hills State Park. 5/28/98 – Club Anniversary Party. Program Highlights: 4/9/98 – Janie Latayan presentation on the Philippines.

New members: Mike Chambers & Adam Steel. Resignation: John O'Hagen, Pat Joyce, and Albie Adams. Projects: \$4,000 donation to City of McHenry toward four "welcome" signs at city entries. Volunteers painting at new facility for Home of the Sparrow. RYLA Participants: Alexis Watson, Rebecca Canterbury, and Tiffany Umbarger. Fundraising: 7/29/97 – Reverse raffle netted \$4,250, with Tom Bolger being the top seller. 10/19/97 – Ham dinner netted \$13,082 with Don Howard being the top seller. 5/16/98 – Fish collection netted \$2,000 with Phil King and Ken Schaeffer being the top collectors.

Other highlights: Formation of the Interact Club; \$500 donation by Rotary Club. Ten new Paul Harris Fellows.

Fun stuff: 11/16/97 – "Shear Madness" stage show trip. 2/22/98 – District Bowling Tournament Team – R. Watson, S. Simon, P. Mueller, R. Denson, and B. Schwartzloff. 4/9/98 – "Gypsy" stage show at Marriott Lincolnshire. 5/21/98 – Mystery Trip to Clubs game.

1998-99 – Jeff Perley was club president. I felt I had a very good year. Things ran smoothly and everyone had a good time. This I attribute to the participation of my board and all of the members. Thanks to our program chairperson, Phil Bartmann, we had many excellent programs throughout the year.

We had two main fundraisers during the year. First was a Reverse Raffle, where we raised \$4,550 for our scholarship fund. We award three \$3,000 academic scholarships, one for each of the high schools in our area, and three \$500 vocational scholarships. Second was our annual Ham Dinner, where we raised \$13,717 for our benefit fund. With these funds, we (1) sent a nurse to Honduras (with medical supplies) for a week; (2) \$1,500 to two food pantries, who we also received \$745.59 for with the Feinstein Challenge; (3) \$1,000 to McHenry Township Fire Protection District for purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera; (4) \$1,000 to M.A.Y.C. for a billboard; (5) \$1,000 to Pioneer Center for Tots & Senior Care; and (6) \$1,000 to Valley Hi Nursing Home toward a handicap van, along with other smaller local contributions. Rotary also collected \$2,291.38 for FISH during a collection day, and \$1,010 for Thanksgiving dinners put together by a local supermarket for the food pantry. Also donated was money to the Foundation for bikes to Togo and disaster relief in the Balkans and Oklahoma along with three new Paul Harris Fellows. We also do a chicken cookout for Pioneer Center and the country nursing home. The clients really look forward to this event every year.

This year, we had an exchange student from Germany, Bjoern Rinderhagen. He stayed with three families in Johnsburg and attended Johnsburg High School. While there, he played on the soccer team (after we found him a size 15!!). He attended all of our Thursday meetings and had a nice stay here.

We had many social events this year that were very well attended. A group of Rotarians went to Marriott Lincolnshire to see two shows, one in the fall and one in the spring. We also had a group go to the Volo Bog with the family for a day of nature. There was also record attendance at the Christmas and Anniversary parties. The team we sent to the District Bowling Tournament took first place in handicap and scratch score! Quite an accomplishment. We also had a Funny Bowl with just our club. No spouses could be partners and no straight bowling, only fun and unusual bowling allowed. Also, we had a boat in the local Fiesta Days boat race.

We had only one member leave us this year; while we had five new members join. We look forward to fellowship and support in coming years. To further Rotary in the community, we held a mixer for the area businesses and had a float in the Fiesta Days Parade. We also started an Adopt-A-Highway program where we clean a two-mile stretch of Route 120.

1999-00 – Debbie Harr was club president and was our first woman president in 45 years. Fundraising included a ham dinner, netting \$12,000 and a Reverse Raffle, netting \$4,500. Special events included Rotary/Chamber of Commerce Mixer, Plywood Boat Challenge – Fiesta Days (took third place in the boat race), Fiesta Days Parade Float, Pioneer Center Picnic, Valley Hi Nursing Home Chicken Cookout, and FISH Collection (raised \$1,013.50 for FISH). \$750 will be raised and contributed to the PolioPlus project. Scholarships totaled \$2,500 and \$5,000 is allocated for our Foundation this year. Our inbound exchange student is Sayaka Tachikawa from Japan.

2000-01 – Jay Adams was club president.

2001-02 – Scott Simon was club president. Accomplishments: Installation of officers; Picnic in the Park (club service); Pioneer Center Picnic (handicapped youth and adults); Valley Hi Picnic (retirement home); Reverse Raffle (fundraiser); Club Assembly and Board Meetings in September & December; Club Golf Outing (club service); Ham dinner (fundraiser); Christmas Party (club service); \$4,000 distributed to four local charities hit hard by 9/11; Gift of Life (child brought to America for life saving surgery) – international service; Literacy Project (distributed book packs at Immunization Day); Skate Park – Skate Zone - \$10,000 donation; Rotary Park spruce up (Rich Rad); Home improvement (bathroom upgrade) for a handicapped resident; and Canine Companions for the Handicap. Donated to Home of the Sparrow. Tagged for FISH – net \$2,074. Highway clean-up program. Club activities: 7/9-12 – Lake Erie Fishing Trip. 5/16 – Anniversary Party. 5/2 – Staff Appreciation Day. December – Christmas Party.

2002-03 – Jim Nyduna was club president. On 8/21, held a Valley Hi Chicken BBQ for county retirement home. On 8/28, held a Reverse Raffle, which netted \$7,600. On 7/10, held a Pioneer Center Picnic. Club financial distributions: Donation to McHenry East Club for needy - \$100. Donation for FISH - \$570. Donation to Challenger Center - \$500. Donation for college tuition to three students \$3,000 each. Donation for the Rotary Foundation - \$5,000. Donation for Polio Eradication - \$5,000. RYE student: Farewell to Vereno exchange student – Germany. New student – Javier Reyes, Santiago, Chile. Club social events: 7/18 – Picnic in the Park. May – Anniversary Party. December – Christmas Party.

2003-04 – Earl Ferris was club president. On 7/12, the club built an entered a Plywood Boat Race –

they won the race. On 8/16, hosted the Pioneer Center Picnic. On 8/21, had the annual Chicken Cookout for the Valley Hi county retirement home. On 6/20, held a Reverse Raffle, netting \$7,600. On 10/19, held a ham dinner, netting \$11,139. On 5/14, held a fish fundraiser, netting \$2,090. Club social events: On 7/17, held Picnic in the Park. On 6/24, held our anniversary party. December – Club Christmas party. RYE student – Hilda Koeler, Hungary.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1970-71 - Hosted first foreign exchange student from Greece.
- 1971-72 - Sponsored foreign exchange student.
- 1973-74 - Sponsored student to New Zealand.
- 1975-76 - Hosted student from Brazil (and visiting parents).
- 1977-79 - Sponsored one student to Australia and one to Japan. Hosted student from Rhodesia.
- 1979-80 - Hosted student from Brazil and sponsored one to Australia.
- 1980-81 - Sponsored Terry Boyer to Australia, hosted Rosie Nagle from Rhodesia and Jenny Roberts of South Africa.
- 1981-82- Hosted Flava Fusaro, Brazil. Sponsored Laura Franks, Finland and Cindy Gunderson, Sweden.
- 1982-83 - Hosted Ian Belton from Perth, Australia. Sponsored Norman Rokosz to Bolivia, Terry Cluff to Ecuador and Laura Carlson to New Zealand.
- 1983-84 - Hosted Pat Lot of Brazil.
- 1984-85 - Hosted Darren Habbs of Australia and Francois Dieux of Belgium (short term).
- 1985-86 - Hosted Sandi Sticklen of Zimbabwe and Rosemary Longo of Brazil (short term); sponsored outbound Kelly Covalt to Denmark and Marsha Demers of Australia.
- 1986-87 - Hosted Katherine Indekeo of Belgium; sponsored Outbound Jennifer Gerstad to Belgium (short term) and Samantha Scolaro to Belgium (short term).
- 1987-88 - Hosted Ikuyo Taniguchi of Japan and sent Tina Hennip to Denmark.
- 1988-89 - Hosted Mary Lou LeGrande from Netherlands and sent student to Spain, another to Denmark
- 1989-90 - Hosted Vicki Rodriquez from Popyon, Columbia and sent Elisa Broderick to Japan; Hosted four short-term students from France.
- 1990-91 - Hosted Steiner Haugland from Norway and sent Melissa Broderick to Japan.
- 1991-92 - Hosted Aziz Tuffi Saliba, Brazil and sent Dave Knefey to Denmark.
- 1992-93 - Hosted Gerhard Lategan of South Africa and sponsored Priscilla Barth to Finland.
- 1993-94 - Hosted Deicoo Teixeira from Brazil and sent Mario Carbonetti to Argentina for one month.
- 1994-95 - Hosted Deiceo Teixeira from Brazil.
- 1995-96 - Hosted Sebastian Perex from Chile.
- 1997-98 Inbound – Janie Latayan, Phillippines. Outbound – Will Busse, Germany.
- 1998-99 Inbound - Bjoern Rinderhagen, Germanys

Rotary Club of Mount Prospect

Chartered Jan. 14, 1963

1979-84 - Participated as a sponsor of PolioPlus in excess of \$52,000.

1987-88 - Contributed to international service project for funding aid to the Children's Malnutrition

Need in the Philippines. Assistance and donation to the Special Olympics for the handicapped.

1988-95 - Following reflects seven years of continued service to the citizens of the community, state, nation, and countries throughout the world: Contributing \$57,000 to Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus program. Chartering Mt. Prospect AM Rotary Club. Raising over \$12,000 by sponsoring and producing a Ladies Fashion Show in order to present a new GMC van to Mt. Prospect Human Service Dept. for benefit of Senior Citizen Center. Raised over \$9,000 from another Fashion Show, which enabled the purchase of "Jaws of Life" for Mt. Prospect Fire and Police departments. Provided funds annually to assist local missionary group (headed by one of our members) to build a church, medical center, recreation hall, and dig a well to supply fresh water for a small village in Dominican Republic.

Continue to award four or more scholarships each year to high School graduates in community. Provide financial assistance to deserving young people who want to continue their education at four-year or community colleges/trade schools. Donated sizable "audio library" and several recorders to local senior citizen center to help "shut-ins" enjoy large and varied good books.

Continue tradition of making annual donations to legitimate and worthy/needy organizations in community with the bulk of assistance going to help children and young adults. Continue to take an active roll in local Special Olympics program with special emphasis on bowling tournament.

1996-2004 – For the past several years, our club's fundraising events have include the sale of citrus fruit around the Christmas holiday in addition to our annual Classic 5000 Dinner and Raffle, held in February. The proceeds from the aforementioned events go toward awarding annual college scholarships totaling \$5,000 annually; contributions are made to the local Mount Prospect food pantry; book supplies are given to low-income District 57 students; contributions were made toward the annual Book Worm for District 57; sponsored two students each year at the Rotary RYLA Conference; planted trees each year the River Trails Park District Golf Course and collected both food and clothing for Katrina victims. One member flew two separated fathers due to the storm back from Mississippi to their respective families in the Northern Cook County area. This past year, member of the club have participated with high School District 214 helping secure internships. Three interns have worked for one semester with one of our members allowing for a job shadowing which has enhanced each participant's education.

2004-2005 - We were able to continue our scholarship programs, we give 2,000 to local students, it's 1 for two years and we have 10 recipients annually. That went well. We also give to the literacy program Book Worm angels, we also gave to food pantries in the area. This club is a very small club, Struggled with membership so we've been trying to get our membership, we became the Mount Prospect of Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights Rotary to expand our membership, Matt Zimmerman who was city manager of prospect Heights, but we're hoping to do more membership drives in the are to include more members from that area. We have a lot of Local government people in our club, school superintendants, bankers, village managers, city managers, and the fire chief. I think what's really unique about our club is that many of our members are already serving the community they have more resources and knowledge of what is in need in the community. A really nice group of people. Rotary is a very worthwhile service organization, it's a special place to belong to because it binds International, National and local people together.

2005-06 - The Mount Prospect/Prospect Heights Rotary Club has worked on a major literacy effort with a group called Bookworm Angels and with the schools of Dist. 57. They've picked up 59 boxes of books from the most recent drive and sent them to inner city schools where they don't have home libraries or access to as many books. Two other District 57 schools held "Bookworm Angels" drives before the holidays and made similar contributions.

We hold an annual student luncheon that highlights the top middle school students in Mount Prospect called the Leadership Luncheon. We highlight the top ten students nominated from all graduating junior high/middle schools in Mount Prospect. We also worked on a joint project with the Mount Prospect Lion's club called Operation Roar, where we collected material to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. This material was later transferred on-site in Mississippi. We also provide our high school students a number of \$2,000 scholarships, as we do every year, totaling approximately \$8 to 12 thousand to give them a leg up for college tuition. Other things we have coming up this year: an event for visiting students from our sister city in Sevres, France. We're working with the Sunrise Rotary Club to host a breakfast for the students in April.

Also, a GSE (Group Study Exchange) team from Japan will be coming to Mount Prospect in May. We'll present to them the environment of Mount Prospect, including some fun things and provide an evening dinner for them as well.

Finally, we will be working with our morning club on an international project to assist a nutrition center in Guatemala. The money is already budgeted for it, and we're hoping to have the project begun within the next couple of months.

We're a very active club that strives to not only help the local community but the international community as well by providing as much service as possible!

Youth Exchange Activity:

Has hosted many Youth Exchange students including 1977-student from Mexico and 1978-student from Philippines.

1976-77 - Sponsored Exchange Student from Mexico.

1978-79 - Sponsored Exchange Student from the Philippines.

1988-95 - Sponsored Exchange Student Franklin Cueto from the Philippines and also a short term youth in summer from France. Sponsored Exchange Student from Philippine Islands.

Mount Prospect Sunrise Rotary Club

Chartered April 10, 1991

Established in 1990, has raised more than \$150,000 for a variety of community and international service projects such as vocational scholarships, donations and food for local needy families, the Community Family Health Center, support for a drug treatment program in Brazil, a "Gears" program to provide a unique educational opportunity for elementary school children, support for local drug awareness and gang prevention programs, a student leadership program for junior high students, and support for Hispanic Parent Programs. Donated \$2,500 to Special Leisure Services Foundation with seven other local Rotary Clubs to purchase a special accessible bus for disabled. For many years, provided volunteers to work on the Christmas in April project for the poor, elderly or disabled who are unable to maintain their homes in the community. Helped WINGS purchase appliances for a shelter. Supported the PADS program providing shelter for the homeless.

In 1992, the club contributed funds for a community development program in Hainamosa, Dominican Republic.

In 1994, the club took on a small scale World Community Service Project with the Rotary Club of Puerto Cortes, Honduras, to collect and send children's books to Honduras for use with a local literacy project. The club's ALL STAR Reading Program benefited Cabrini Green, Randhurst Family Resource Center, and a library in Santo Tomas, Nicaragua. It has regularly supported literacy programs. In addition over \$6,000 was contributed to the Rotary International Foundation

In 2002, members pledged \$7,800 to the Polio Eradication campaign. In addition, club members make regular contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Other projects include the Mount Prospect Veteran's Memorial Foundation, the Mount Prospect Library Foundation, and support of the Mount Prospect Police Department to purchase infant car seats. The club selects from 2-4 local high school students each year for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It supports two vocational scholarships each year for high school students. In 2001, the club established the John McNamara Service Above Self Award to honor a non-Rotarian for service to the community. The late John McNamara was the club's fifth president, 1995-1996. The club supports exchange programs with the Rotary Club of Sevres, France, a Paris suburb that has a Sister Cities relationship with the Village of Mount Prospect.

The club's first fundraiser was a Hawaiian luau at Friendship Conservatory during a March blizzard. Its annual auction and citrus sale became well-recognized community events and raised many thousands of dollars for Rotary service projects. Now its annual breakfast raffle, with a local high school choir providing the entertainment, helps to engender the spirit of holiday giving in Mount Prospect.

Rotary Club of Mundelein-Vernon Hills

Chartered Sept. 23, 1967

Since 1967, hosted special education school for mentally handicapped at Christmas. Presented school with portable TV, PA system, classroom tape recorder, exercise equipment for therapy, etc. average annual contribution \$300. Furnished room at Condell Memorial Hospital \$2,400, and contributed to resuscitation equipment \$1,000. Furnished fencing and backstops for little league field \$4,500. Donated over \$1,800 (and 150 hours) to YMCA painting old building. For past eight years, awarded two \$500 scholarships to College of Lake County.

1976-77 - Donated \$2,000 to Central Lake Valley Family YMCA Building Fund. Contributed \$150 to Mundelein High School choral department. Hosted annual Christmas party for special education school (Laremont). Presented school with three 20" bicycles and television action game.

1977-78 - Held annual steak fry in August with proceeds going to purchase equipment for village of Mundelein to use in conducting cardio-pulmonary resuscitation courses for the public. Raised funds to purchase scoreboard for gymnasium of local elementary school. Sponsoring a sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship, and sponsoring Rotary Foundation Scholarship recipient who studied in Oxford, England.

1979-80 - Cooperated with Mundelein High School to buy CPR equipment for community use, \$350.

Sponsored annual Christmas party for Laremont Special Education School; purchased tape recorders, tape players, two bicycles, sleds, and roller skates. Donated \$100 toward Mundelein High School choral group's trip to Canada. Annual fundraising projects: Annual steak fry; art auction; selling of Christmas poinsettias. Donated \$50 to Mundelein for 4th of July promotions and had a float in the parade.

1988-89 - Hosted senior citizen group at the new park district senior facility with a Valentines dinner. Two \$500 scholarships to be presented to Mundelein High School students. Hosted Christmas program with refreshments and gifts for Laremont Special Education School. Held glad and tulip bulb sale to brighten Mundelein with beautiful flowers, and at Christmas sold poinsettias and wreaths. President of club and past president hosted two Russians, then were guests of the people they hosted in Russia.

1989-90 - Purchased training materials and magazines for Omni Youth Services. Donated \$1,000 to Mundelein High School Wayne Bottoni Memorial Scholarship Fund. Presented Mundelein High School with two yearly \$500 scholarships. Presented two \$250 scholarships to Rotary Vocational Scholarship recipients from Mundelein High School. Hosted annual Christmas party for students at Laremont Special Education School. Held annual tulip/daffodil bulb sale. Sold poinsettias and wreaths at Christmas.

1990-91 - Presented Mundelein High School with two yearly \$1,000 scholarships. Donated \$1,000 to Mundelein High School Wayne Bottoni Memorial Scholarship Fund. Presented two \$250 scholarships for Rotary Vocational Scholarships. Hosted annual Christmas party for students at Laremont Special Education School. Held annual tulip/daffodil bulb sale and Rotary Rose sale. Sold poinsettias and wreaths at Christmas. Sold entertainment books.

1993-94 - \$1,000 scholarships (five) to Mundelein High School, Libertyville High School, Stevenson High School, and Carmel High School, plus one to the most worthy graduate in area. Gifts to Laremont School, C.A.P.E. and Mundelein PRIDE. \$1,000 gift to community family raising child with M.S.

1994-95 - Five \$1,000 scholarships to each of the high schools in club area - Mundelein, Liberty, Stevenson, Carmel, and one to the most worthy graduate in area. Gift to Laremont School, C.A.P.E. and Mundelein PRIDE. Decorated store window at Debbie's Floral Shop to commemorate Rotary International's birthday. Donated \$1,000 to a community family with a child suffering from MS.

1995-96 - Presented five \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students. Hosted annual Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to be used by students and staff in each of the classrooms. Conducted a charity fund-raising event, which resulted in over \$17,000 being realized. Established a scholarship fund in memory of deceased member Debbie Mullen. Participated in fund raising by the sale of Entertainment books, daffodil sales, and a raffle event.

Established a Charitable 'Casino Lease Program' which would assist other charitable organizations and also provide income for the Club. Provided funds to assist with equipping an ambulance in India.

1996-97 - Presented five \$1000 scholarships to area high school students. Again hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Established the Mundelein-Vernon Hills Rotary Foundation, a 501C-3 organization. The foundation was established to oversee charitable contributions and provide long-term funding for the Clubs projects. Continued leasing our license and providing workers for charitable fundraising events. Sold Entertainment Books and participated in collecting

funds for the Salvation Army. Supported and donated to Rotary Internationals Polio Eradication Program. Brought our web-based bulletin on line. Provided assistance to the Mundelein CAPE program, OMNI Youth Services and the Vernon Hills Park District.

1997-98 - Presented six \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Increased our membership by 10%. Conducted another successful casino fund raising event for the Club. Sponsored the Vernon Hills Trick or Treat night. Sponsored a motivational speaker for Mundelein and Libertyville High Schools. Sold daffodil and tulips to increase the Clubs funds and beautify the communities. Contributed to the Girl Scouts, Children's Memorial Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Glenkirk Foundation, Hawthorn School, Omni Youth Services, Mundelein Little League, Vernon Hills Park District, and a local family in distress. The Club also participated in a youth exchange program with Australia.

1998-99 - Presented seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Assisted Fremont Library with their 'Give-A-Gift' program. Donations were made to the Mundelein High School Interact Club, Washington School, Omni Youth Services, Mundelein Little League and Rotary Internationals Polio Eradication Program. Assisted the Salvation Army in their annual fund raising activity. Sponsored students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly.

1999-2000 – Presented seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Sold daffodil and tulip bulbs to support our charity programs and beautify our communities. Assisted the Salvation Army in their annual fund raising activity. Sponsored Interact Club at Mundelein High School. Sent two students to the Rotary Youth Exchange Assembly. Donated to many local charities.

2000-01 – Presented seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Established the Donald Deuster charity fund through our foundation. This fund provided for beautification efforts in the Mundelein and Vernon Hills communities. Hosted an exchange student from Mexico for the school year. Again hosted charitable casino events after an absence, in order to re-invigorate the Clubs ability to give.

2001-02 – Presented seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Contributed to many local charities and began participation with Rotary Internationals Polio Plus pledge program in an attempt to eradicate the few remaining areas of the world still suffering from this disease. Continued to sponsor and work with the Mundelein High School and Vernon Hills High School Interact Clubs. Participated in numerous community activities in both the supporting and sponsoring roles.

2002-03 – Changed our meeting location to the Dover Straits Restaurant. Due to this change we began to once again increase our membership. Continued to provide seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Began a partnership with Kirk Players, a local community theatre group. Participation increased our clubs ability to assist. Began our annual golf outing and saw a dramatic increase in funding ability through this program. Our flagship accomplishment was the establishment of our 'Dictionary Program'. Through this unique program the Club provided dictionaries to each child attending third grade in

Mundelein and Vernon Hills. The Club received two District 6440 awards for the first time in many years!

2003-04 – The Club continued to prosper and increase our membership once again. We presented seven \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students and hosted the Laremont School holiday party and presented gifts to the school. Once again, District 6440 recognized the Club as award recipients. Many donations were made to local causes in Mundelein and Vernon Hills. Our Literacy efforts continued through the ‘Dictionary Program’ where each third grade student in both communities received dictionaries from the Club.

2004-05 – The Club continued to prosper and membership reached fifty again for the first time since 1996. The casino license lease program was re-instituted and provided to be a major source of income for the Club. A \$10,000 raffle was instituted and funds received were distributed to several local charities. The Club completed the Millennium Project by creating a garden area at the Mundelein Park Districts Senior Center. The Club continued to support Laremont School by hosting an annual holiday party and supplying needed items. It was also determined that the Club would provide four scholarships this year, one being \$5,000 and two being \$2,500. It was felt that the increase would provide more substantial assistance to those seeking to complete their education. The Club also sponsored the ‘Super Senior’ program at Mundelein High School. Many additional donations were made to local community groups and agencies.

Youth Exchange Activity:

Hosted students from Australia, Japan and one from Sweden. Hosted group from Formosa for two and three day visits.

1979-80 - Hosted student from Tumba, Sweden, and sent student to Boort, Australia.

1989 - Four student members of Interact were able to visit France and Germany during summer.

2000 - Hosted an exchange student from Mexico. The student spent time with three families.

Rotary Club of Niles-Morton Grove

Chartered March 19, 1962

Donated a microfilm reader to Niles Library. Annually sponsors a Senior Citizen dinner. Annual contributions to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Community Fund. Contributes to a locally sponsored foreign missionary. Provided time and money to mark 6-mile Bicycle Path through local forest preserve district. Donated funds to the education portion of the Family Service program. Contributed playground equipment for handicapped children.

1980 - “The Music Man” tickets fundraising at Nile West. Art auction at Niles Trident Center fundraiser. Sponsored senior citizen’s lunch at Prairie View Center. “Fiddler on the Roof” ticket fundraiser. Raffle at Bunker Hill Country Club raised over \$1,000.

1981-83 - Contributions to Northwest Suburban Council Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Niles Township Sheltered Workshop, Ballard School, Maine/Niles Special Education Summer Camp, Maine/Niles Special Education Olympics, World Affairs scholarship, two Niles Township vocational scholarships, United Way of Skokie Valley, Morton Grove Park Dist. July 4th celebration, and Niles Park Dist.

camping program. Service senior citizens luncheon yearly to about 200-250 seniors of the Niles or Morton Grove communities. Yearly fundraisers include: District 219 theatre ticket sales, "Stepping Out" booklet sales, pizza sales in conjunction with the Explorer Scouts, and Community "Flea Market".

1985-86 - Jamaican Blue Mountain project main project included sending tools to help cottage industries get started.

1987 - Donated \$500 for installation of emergency lights in windows of residents of Morton Grove.

1987-1988 - Reached goal of \$24,000 towards PolioPlus; provided initial funding for community Dental Assistance for the elderly. Contributed to: World Community Project-computer study in Egypt, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Cancer Society, Orchard Mental Health Center Sheltered Workshop, Niles West HS band Fiesta Bowl trip, Maine Twp. HS Operation Snowball (anti-drug and alcohol program), and Skokie Valley United Way.

1988-1989 - Sponsored and furnished Help Alert lights to elderly in Niles-Morton Grove; initiated monthly draw fundraiser; art show fundraiser; continued support of previous organizations.

1989-90 - Tried to establish matching overseas club to furnish dental equipment and continued support of previous organizations.

Youth exchange activity:

Over the years has sponsored four exchange students including one from the Island of Tasmania.

Rotary Club of North Chicago

Chartered March 12, 1929

The North Chicago Rotary Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waukegan and had 28 charter members. In the opening years, the club helped finance and guide two high school students, initiated a "Boy's Week," and provided aid for a crippled child. During the depression year's members brought their own "brown bag" to meetings.

The second decade the club organized a free dental clinic and provided a Halloween party for children. Members sold War Bonds and sponsored a local USO. They organized a Lake County Grade School Basketball Clinic and Tournament, sponsored a student at Boy's State Camp, and provided a scholarship for a local college student.

In the 50's the club sent three under-privileged boys to summer camp, instituted a \$250 annual scholarship program, provided local schools with dental supplies and free eye examinations with glasses to the needy, and aided in vocational services supporting local Junior Achievement Program. During the 60's membership was expanded to include the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Downey Veterans Admin. Hospital. In 1968 a Group Study Exchange from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong were hosted by the club.

1970's brought a summer band camp scholarship and workers for Downey Veterans Admin. Hospital recreation day fair. Rotary Anns were formally organized and the club sent its first sponsored youth exchange student abroad and received its first inbound student. It began sponsorship of Interact, which

became involved in activities and fundraising for scholarships. At the 50th Anniversary dinner-dance, the club designated its first Paul Harris Fellow.

In the 1980's an additional annual youth scholarship was established in honor of a club member to an outstanding student who is active in school and community service. Other scholarships during this time were for college students, community junior athletic teams, and student activity awards. Promoted vocational scholarships, U.S. Savings Bonds to top grade school graduates and sponsorship of National Honor Society Banquets, NJROTC trips, forensics summer camp, Boys' State, RYLA Leadership Training Program, and Easter Seals summer camp. Financial support for these activities was accomplished by establishment of the Youth Foundation Fund.

"Meals on Wheels" was adopted by the club for seniors and needy of the community. Contributions were made for disaster relief for victims of earthquakes in Mexico and Columbia. The club's first world community service project of \$2,400 went to the Rotary Club of Kabankalan, Negros, Occidental, Philippines for a Nutritional Clinic and the club committed \$15,000 to PolioPlus which brought the total to 20 Paul Harris Fellows and 4 sustaining members. Had continued this program a second year.

In October 1987, the first women were installed as club members. Due to the change in requirements for membership in Rotary, the Rotary Anns ceased to exist as an organization since they no longer encompassed the spouses of the club members. A new district committee for ROTEX (a group of returned youth exchange students) was founded by a club member; the club has actively supported the youth exchange program, which to date has hosted 12 inbound and had 11 out-bound students. Since 1959, 136 local students have received approximately \$41,000 in scholarships.

As the club entered the 90's, community service-oriented activities were the main focus; such as, development of a tutoring program with the elementary schools and expansion of the neighborhood watch concept. Established the Dr. Charles R. Thomas Education Support Endowment Foundation was established in conjunction with School District #187.

1990-91 - Involved in CADA (Citizens Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse) sponsoring a luncheon each year. Working with School District 187 to run a reading program.

Youth Exchange Activities:

1976-77 - Hosted Floris Aukema from Netherlands; sponsored Daryl Donald to Brazil.

1978-79 - Hosted Renata Roriz from Brazil and Juan Abeti from Venezuela; sponsored Natalie Hutchison to Australia, Lois Rigwood to Brazil, and Bud Denny to Bolivia.

1979-80 - Hosted Claes-Ake Gimmersta from Sweden.

1980-81 - Hosted Teresa Paras from Philippines; sent Melissa Cardon to France.

1981-82 - Hosted Wagi-Walo Derikoye from France.

1982-83 - Hosted Oscar Ruiz from Bolivia.

1984 - Hosted Mika Sulamaa from Finland and sent Yvette Barbre to Brazil and Jorgi Reese to Mexico.

1986 - Hosted Man Thrana from Norway.

1987 - Hosted Maria Eliza Ruiz of Mexico and sent Corinthus Alston to Philippines.

1988 - Hosted Mariko Fukushima of Japan and sent Rebecca Shortridge to Brazil.

1989 - Inbound student Ana Roca from Ecuador, outbound students Sars McVey to Australia and Thircy McDinnes to Brazil

1990 - Inbound student Cedrick Bomartier from Belgium.

1991 - Inbound student Tuija Malinan from Finland and outbound student Jennifer Clare to New Caledonia.

Rotary Club of Northbrook

Chartered March 12, 1965

The Northbrook Rotary Club was chartered with 35 members in 1965. By the time the Charter Night dinner was held a month later there were 10 additional members. In 2005, the club has 88 members.

Major Accomplishment: The club spearheaded and financed the study leading to the creation of the North Suburban YMCA. A total of \$7,000 was donated for the initial development, and later the club donated a pool lift for handicapped swimmers. The “Y” has been a beneficiary of club fundraising efforts throughout the years.

Current Projects:

The club sponsors a used clothing drive for the Chicago Christian Industrial League, an organization that trains homeless men and women for the workplace. The "Coat Off Your Back" drive and accompanying financial support for the League has been an on-going project for the club since 1965.

The first meeting of the month is “Township Food Pantry Day” with Rotarians donating canned goods and “Fun & Frolic” proceeds to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Our efforts provide hundreds of bags of food and thousands of dollars each year to help feed families in our own township. In 2003-04 we applied for, and received, a District 6440 Simplified Grant to build and assemble shelving to expand the capability of the Township Food Pantry.

The club has sponsored the Glenbrook North Interact Club since 1977. Interact Club members organize three Blood Drives each year at the school, assist the Rotary Club with our Annual Rotary “800” fundraiser and “Coat Off Your Back” clothing drive, and perform other community and regional service projects.

The Annual Rotary “800” fundraiser provides over \$50,000 each year for the Charitable Foundation. The Annual Rubber Ducky Race on the River also raises funds in support of charitable projects. Begun in 2003, the first race raised \$10,525 for the Rotary polio eradication effort.

Since 1976 the club has served coffee to hundreds of people at the annual Fourth of July community Pancake Breakfast, and the club participates in the afternoon parade. In groups of three or four, Glenbrook North High School student leaders attend our weekly meetings. At the end of the year the student guests run a meeting that is often the highlight of the year. This program is currently in its 32nd year.

Currently, the Charitable Foundation awards \$7,000 in academic scholarships to deserving Glenbrook North High School seniors. In addition, \$5,000 in vocational scholarships are also awarded. The Robert S. Friedman Inspiration Award was given for the first time in 2004 to a student who has faced incredible obstacles while pursuing his education.

In 2002-03, a student sponsored by the club was awarded a District 6440 Vocational Scholarship and in 2003-04 two students were awarded District Vocational scholarships. The first class of Rotary Peace Scholars included Matthew Bright, the candidate sponsored by the Northbrook Rotary Club. In 2003-04, there were 23 local non-profit organizations that received over \$20,000 in charitable donations.

Also in 2005-06 the club sent six of our members, five spouses and a friend to Sumpango, Guatemala to begin construction on a two-bedroom, 2-bath structure to house children at the Orphanage Misioneros del Chimo. At the end of the five days, more than half the building was finished. The \$5,000 to accomplish the project was donated by our Club. Another crew will travel there in June 2006 to take on another project.

ADDITIONAL CURRENT PROJECTS

Community and Youth Projects: Sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 162; Christmas in April - members volunteer to repair local homes in community for people who are low-income or incapacitated; Back to School – Northfield Township –Annual member donations purchase basic school supplies for low-income students in Northfield Township; donated \$1,000 to the Northfield Township Food Pantry, which will be used to provide Birthday Boxes for 100 children whose families are registered with the Pantry; Holiday Gift Program for Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook – members purchased gifts for children of low-income families; club sends four students to RYLA; and the club will host a home hospitality event during the June 2005 RI International Convention.

Vocational: Presented the third Annual “Ethics in the Workplace” at GBN program with Rotarians telling how they apply the Four-Way Test in the workplace, and presents a Volunteer Award for graduating eighth graders at Northbrook middle schools.

Literacy: Collected books from School District 30 and donation of \$1,000 to “Book Worm Angels;” members participated in the “Giving Tree” program at The Book Bin; coordinated the distribution of textbooks from Northbrook Elementary School District #30 to Lawrence Hall Youth Services; provided books for sale at the annual District 6440 Literacy meeting; received a District 6440 simplified matching grant to provide two dedicated computers at the Northbrook Public Library for the VITA program to assist parents to learn English; and presented dictionaries to over 50 third and fourth-grade students at Brown Elementary School. This is the neighborhood school attended by homeless children who live at the Christian Industrial League.

International Projects: Computers to Bosnia for email pals; twenty-two used computers sent to child-care center in Argentina; team from club planning trip to Guatemala to build two dormitories and a bathroom at an orphanage; donation to Latin American Medical Providers (LAMP); and donations to tsunami relief.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS

International: The club has been involved with many outstanding projects over the years. They include: sending 7 tons of books to the “Books for Bahamas Program;” 500 relief packages to Vietnamese orphans; donations to Guatemala and Mexico City earthquake relief and Italian flood relief; “Books to Jamaica;” medical equipment to Bahamas; the Irish Children’s Fund; Save Your Sight visual testing program; and a joint project with the Long Grove Club for toilets in India. The Akha Women’s Project purchased land and equipment to provide housing so students could attend high school and avoid

prostitution in Thailand – total funding for this multi-year project was \$23,000. Additional projects include the funding for senior citizens to visit the museum at the International Center on Deafness and the Arts (ICODA) to gain an understanding of hearing loss and functioning; multi-year support for Latin American Medical Providers (LAMP) to purchase antibiotics and anti-fungal medications to be used during the yearly medical mission in Guatemala; donations for mattresses for orphans in Moldova; and water wells in Ecuador for pure water in schools.

Youth Exchange Activity: Sent and hosted three students for three-week Belgium Youth Exchange, hosted student from South America, sponsored student to Australia, and sponsored and funded students in the Amigos program. Hosted 15 Belgian students for one week, hosted 20 Foreign Exchange students and a short term Brazilian student, and hosted a 1991 Great Lakes final farewell overnight and final party. Group Study Exchange: Two of our members have led GSE Teams – to the Netherlands and to Argentina.

Rotary Club of Northbrook Early Risers

Chartered June 10, 1993

1993-94 – Collected \$635, twenty-five bags of clothes, and three cases of food for Illinois flood victims. With Northbrook Rotary (noon) collected \$1,800 and many donations of clothing for the Christian Industrial League. Collected in excess of 700 books for the Northbrook Public Library. With noon club collected \$586 and multiple bags of groceries for the Northfield Food Pantry. Sent a grant of \$500 to Northbrook Fourth of July Committee. Sent a grant of \$250 to Glenbrook North Grad Night. Collected used wheel chairs and sent them to a club in Cipolletti, Argentina in August 1994. Raised over \$5,000 through an art auction for day care scholarships.

Hosted Mary Ann Keenan and a Group Study Exchange from New Zealand. Sponsored Glenbrook North student to the RYLA seminar in Valley Forge, PA. One club member was chosen to lead a GSE team to Argentina. It was a memorable team as it was the first team where all members spoke Spanish.

The Argentineans talked about how “respectful” it was for Americans to arrive speaking their language. The club charitable contributions focused on children, especially the young children of Northbrook. Contributions were made to: Northbrook YMCA/Kids Korner Childcare Center, Northbrook Park District/Adventure Campus day care, Northbrook District 28 Kid Care program, Northbrook Community Nursery scholarships, Northbrook Little Ones scholarships, Northbrook Countryside Montessori scholarships, and International Center for Deafness.

The Northbrook Early Risers “closed its doors” a few months before the start of the 2000-01 Rotary year. Several members of the Club continue their Rotary service as members of the Northbrook Rotary (noon) Club.

Rotary Club of Palatine

Chartered March 2, 1964

1965-66 - Funded various local projects including distributing Christmas baskets to needy families.
1966-67- Donated school supplies to Chihuahua, Mexico.

- 1967-68 - Provided funds for a youth playground project with a club in Chile.
- 1968-69 - Purchased a van for "Sing Out Palatine."
- 1969-70 - Donated funds /manpower to paint the Countryside Center for handicapped.
- 1970-71 - Donated funds/manpower for one intersection as part of the Palatine beautification program.
- 1973-74 - Sponsored Little League baseball teams.
- 1974-75 - Purchased a bus for the Palatine Police Department for use in public relation and emergencies.
- 1979-80 - Donated monies for the restoration of the Clayson House (Palatine Historical House).
- 1980-81 - Sponsored a play at Cutting Hall.
- 1981-82 - Sent books to complete a library in South Africa, and donated to the Senior Citizen Center.
- 1982-83 - Donated a Scoliometer to local schools.
- 1983-84 - Manpower for Clearbrook Center, and sponsored a play at Cutting Hall.
- 1986-87 - Bought new benches and trash containers for downtown Palatine.
- 1987-88 - Bought additional benches and containers for downtown Palatine.
- 1988-89 - Participated in RI PolioPlus Program.
- 1989-90 - Participated in RI PolioPlus Program.
- 1990-91 - Provided funds to build a handicap accessible playground at Twin Lakes Park.
- 1991-92 - Provided additional funds for the playground at Twin Lakes Park.
- 1992-93 - Provided additional funds for the playground at Twin Lakes Park.
- 1994-95 - Purchased computer hardware and software for use by new immigrants installed at the Palatine Library.
- 1995-96 - Provided funds to build the Gazebo in Palatine's Town Square.
- 1996-97 - Provided additional funds for the Gazebo.
- 1998-99 -
- 1999-00 - Donated various funds to promote literacy.
- 2000-01 - Funded a Literacy Program for at-risk students in cooperation with District 15.
- 2001-02 - Funded a Literacy Program for at-risk students in cooperation with District 15.
- 2002-03 - Donated funds to build the Palatine Firemen's Memorial to honor firefighters' who have died in the line of duty.
- 2003-04 - Provided additional funds for the Palatine Firemen's Memorial.
- 2004-05 - Provided funds for the Palatine Police Department Summer Camp & Mentoring Program.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1967-68 - Hosted an Inbound student from Sweden.
- 1968-69 - Hosted an Inbound student from Argentina.
- 1976-77 - Hosted an Inbound student from Mexico and Brazil; Sent an Outbound student to Sweden.
- 1977-78 - Hosted an Inbound student from Finland.
- 1978-79 - Hosted an Inbound student from Germany.
- 1979-80 - Hosted an Inbound student from New Zealand.
- 1980-81 - Hosted an Inbound student from Australia; Sent an Outbound student to France.
- 1981-82 - Hosted an Inbound student from Brazil; Sent an Outbound student to Finland and France.
- 1982-83 - Hosted an Inbound student from Japan; Sent an Outbound student to West Germany and New Zealand.
- 1983-84 - Hosted an Inbound student from Finland; Sent an Outbound student to West Germany.
- 1984-85 - Hosted an Inbound student from Colombia; Sent an Outbound student to Peru.
- 1985-86 - Hosted an Inbound student from Denmark; Sent an Outbound student to Sweden.
- 1986-87 - Hosted an Inbound student from Japan; Sent an Outbound student to France.

- 1987-88 – Hosted an Inbound student from Sweden and Colombia; Sent an Outbound student to France and Australia.
1988-89 - Hosted an Inbound student from Brazil; Sent an Outbound student to Norway.
1989-90 - Hosted an Inbound student from Sweden and South Africa.
1990-91 - Hosted an Inbound student from India.
1991-92 - Hosted an Inbound student from Norway; Sent an Outbound student to France.
1992-93 - Hosted an Inbound student from Germany.
1993-94 - Hosted an Inbound student from Japan.
1994-95 - Hosted an Inbound student from Mexico; Sent an Outbound student to France.
1995-96 - Hosted an Inbound student from Denmark.
1996-97 - Hosted an Inbound student from France.
1997-98 - Hosted an Inbound student from Brazil.
1998-99 - Hosted an Inbound student from Germany.
1999-00 - Hosted an Inbound student from Zimbabwe.
2001-02 - Hosted an Inbound student from Russia.
2002-03 - Hosted an Inbound student from Japan.
2003-04 - Hosted an Inbound student from Germany.
2005-06 - Will be hosting an Inbound student from Mexico.

Rotary Club of Park Ridge

Chartered Nov. 30, 1961

1962 - Placed Four-Way Test plaques in Maine East High School. Assisted needy 15-year-old Joseph Stephen to obtain education in Tanganika through Save the Children Fund.

1968 - Sponsored special concert to raise funds to send portable tape recorders and tape cartridges to military hospitals in Saigon and invited 25 veterans of Vietnam as special guests for dinner and the show.

1971 - Donations: \$100 Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

1972 - Donations: \$100 YMCA, \$120 Park Ridge School for Girls, \$150 Park Ridge boys' baseball organization, \$75 Project Big.

1973 - Held Las Vegas night to benefit "Amigos de las Americas" project and to sponsor six girls to serve as paramedics and goodwill ambassadors in Latin America. Donated: \$150 boy's baseball, \$50 North Area Youth Guidance.

1974 - Donations: \$1,500 City of Park Ridge, \$94 Park Ridge United Fund, \$125 Rhythm Club, \$200 Lutheran General Hospital, \$50 Maine Township High School East activities, \$100 Des Plaines Rotary Foundation, \$100 Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, \$50 North Area Youth Guidance.

1975 - Donations: \$1,200 Amigos program, \$74 Maine Township High School South, \$200 Park Ridge Speed Skating Club, \$2,500 Northwestern Suburban Aid for the Retarded, \$400 Park Ridge YMCA, \$100 Park Ridge Family Service-Mental Health, \$180 Save the Children Federation, \$175 Park Ridge boys' baseball, \$74 Project Big, \$175 individual donations.

1976 - Lent assistance to Edison Park Home by remodeling three classrooms. Donations: \$200 Holy Angel School, \$125 Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, \$60 Park Ridge Amateur Hockey, \$796 Los Amigos de las Americas, \$250 Maine Township High School East Bicentennial Fund, \$100 Project Big, \$175 Park Ridge boys' baseball, \$180 Save the Children, \$200 Lutheran General Hospital, \$100 Maine Township Mental Health Family Services, \$105 Park Ridge Spirit of '76, \$150 Maine South Music Boosters, \$50 individual donations.

1977 - Donated: \$500 Park Ridge Paramedic vehicle fund, \$175 Park Ridge boys' baseball.

1978 - Donations: \$195 Park Ridge boys' baseball, \$125 India Relief Fund, \$250 Holy Angel School, \$250 Project Big.

1979-80 - Annual Oktoberfest, Park Ridge inter-service club meeting with Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary as Host, joint luncheon with Des Plaines Club, Christmas auction, supports Park Ridge Senior Citizens programs, Park Ridge Special 75th Anniversary project honoring all age groups in community. Financial aid to YMCA. Playground equipment in community parks. Counseling and financial aid to Park Ridge School for Girls. Personal involvement and support for Edison Park Lutheran Home. Aid to handicapped and underprivileged children. Support Park Ridge sports - baseball, hockey, and football. Supplement education scholarships.

1982-83 - Club is participating in youth exchange after a ten-year absence. Club is strong in Vocational Scholarships, Social Group Exchange, Rotary Foundation, and Membership. Continuing to sponsor Vietnam boat family. Donated \$2,000 to Park Ridge "CPR-a-thon". Sponsor annual Oktoberfest and participates in youth exchange activities.

1984-85 - Second CPR training for Park Ridge was funded and staffed by Rotarians. Twenty-four parkway trees were planted. Funds raised through "garage sale" held at Maine South High School.

Movie purchased for Maine Township and Park Ridge Youth Campus. Sponsored teen dance at Park Ridge YMCA.

1985-86 - Established/furnished Rotary Adolescent Rec Room at Lutheran General Hospital. Established separate Vocational Scholarship Fund for club and distributed \$12,000 to community and R.I. projects.

1986-87 - Silver Anniversary Year with special banquet held, anniversary supplement for local newspaper, and anniversary project of furnishing youth lounge in local hospital. Disastrous flood along Des Plaines River prompted volunteer labor and donations by club. Shared hosting Group Study Exchange Team from Federal Republic of Germany with three other district clubs. Special gifts to CRIS, a radio reading service for the blind, and to the newly established Community Teen Center. Continuing support of community agencies with gifts over \$2,300.

1987-88 - Shared in hosting visiting Rotarians with other clubs in district. Raised over \$10,000 in annual fundraiser for distribution in community and over \$42,000 for PolioPlus program.

1988-89 - More interest, camaraderie, and fund were instilled during the year. Club members not only attended with better interest but also stayed after the meetings in conversation. Membership included

club's first woman Rotarian. Increased the results of annual fundraiser to \$115,000 for distribution through our Foundation.

1990-91 - Raised over \$23,000 in annual fundraiser for distribution to the community. Participated in hosting GSE team. Continuing vocational scholarships along with the Bob Barker scholarships. Co-sponsored tent sale with Lions Club. Sponsored a recycling booth at Octoberfest.

1991-92 - Thirtieth Anniversary year - special dinner held commemorating the event. A twenty-eight-page news magazine celebrating the club's anniversary as well as providing information to our community was published. A new World Community Service Project was launched in Papau, New Guinea with assistance from District 644 and Rotary International matching grants to purchase textbooks, educational materials, and supplies for school system in Wau Valley. Co-sponsored a tent sale with Park Ridge Kiwanis with proceeds benefiting the Park Ridge Youth Campus; expanded the Speakers Bureau/Shadowing program to include all local schools in our community. Undertook the largest community service project in Park Ridge Rotary history - providing playground equipment accessible to children with disabilities. Annual fundraiser netted over \$32,000.00 with proceeds used toward the purchase of equipment for the playground as well as continuing support to local community Service Agencies.

1992-93 - Bob Black – President. In joint effort with the 20th Century (now Park Ridge) Juniors, a total of nearly \$90,000 was raised and added to a grant from the State of Illinois to bring the amount to \$120,000 to complete the universally-accessible playground at Maine Park, so as to provide a state of the art experience for all children and a fishing area at Maine Lake. The club moved its meeting location to the Park Ridge Country Club from Summit Square. Membership was maintained in the 80's and attendance percentages remained very high. We earmarked the proceeds from the fundraiser. The club also sponsored a new Boy Scout Troop (I believe it was #288 out of Carpenter School), which soon was folded in with Troop 50 at the Presbyterian Church.

1993-94 - Anthony J. (Tony) Tolbert III - President. The installation was held at the O'Hare Marriott with the Three Saints and a Sinner providing the entertainment (Rev. Paris Donehoo's group). The annual fundraiser was a dinner/auction held at the O'Hare Marriott. We raised \$25,000. Our principal gift was to WINGS. Ed McCabe gave a house on Touhy Avenue to WINGS; and our money was used to buy furniture and refinish the house with new carpet, paint, and kitchen appliances. The year became known as "The Year of the Pig." Our club cooperated with the South Park Carnival and we held Pig Races as a second fundraiser. The year concluded with a pig roast at the Park Ridge Youth Campus for the changeover dinner when R.I. President Bill Huntley swore in Ray Carlsen. The club raised over \$20,000 through a benefit dinner and silent auction to refurbish a home provided by a member, which was then given to WINGS.

1994-95 - Ray Carlsen – President. Participation of the R.I. president that year in our installation picnic at the Youth Campus.

1995-96 - Gerald Hagman – President. Supported R.I. campaign to eliminate polio and held a benefit banquet and silent auction to provide \$30,000 in funding for the Teen Center in the Methodist Church.

1996-97 - Joyce Christiansen – President. Solicited funding for Park Ridge signage for the service clubs; i.e., Rotary Club, LGH, Kiwanis, etc. that are around town. Also we participated in the purchase of the Lightning warning/protection system, ThorGuard, which was the first citywide installation by Thor-Guard. Donated money towards the purchase of the Dare Van by the Park Ridge Police Department. The Holiday Party was the first to also be called the Anniversary Celebration.

1997-98 - Bob Kowall – President.

1998-99 - John Warnimont – President. Eighty-two Rotarians successfully completed a two-year commitment to support a day care at the Youth Campus and a lawn service at Avenues to Independence. The annual fundraiser was able to contribute \$28,800 toward Rotary giving in our community, and also paid tribute to Marty Butler. The Raymond Hendee Scholarship was initiated. Support was provided to member Tony Tolbert, who became District Governor.

1999-2000 - Bill Haley – President. The Club contributed approximately \$35,000 to organizations providing services to our community including, Avenues to Independence, the Park Ridge Youth Campus, Have Dreams, the Center of Concern, and many others. Included in our donations was a gift of \$5,000 to the Park Ridge Fire Department for its purchase of a Hazard House used to educate children regarding fire safety. We received a Children's Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$12,500 from Rotary International to implement the Club's Asthma Awareness Project for the benefit of local schools. In International Service, the Club sponsored a successful applicant for the Group Study Exchange Team to Poland. The Club continued its successful job-shadowing program with a fall and spring session for local high school students. We also recruited a successful applicant for the District's \$1,500 Vocational Scholarship for a local student. The club also continued its plant-a-tree essay contest to encourage writing among our school children and participated in the book collection efforts for the ton-of-books project. Our club was one of three clubs in the district that received multiple awards at the Rotary District Conference - for Vocational Service, Community Service, and overall achievement. We also received a polio plus participation award for our donation to the polio surveillance stations in Africa. Also through the efforts of John Warnimont our Club initiated its annual Citrus Sale to raise funds for our Club Foundation. Initiated exploration of World Health Imaging System for Radiology (WHIS-RAD), an X-ray project for underdeveloped countries.

2000-01 - Ed Coyne – President. Initiated the New Models for Clubs Pilot Project; the establishment of the two meeting times for one club, which added a second meeting each week and required a rewrite of the bylaws. Four members who were or became Presidents of the Club attended the San Antonio Rotary International Convention to introduce the WHIS-RAD project to attending members. Hosted a community banquet and silent auction honoring the retiring coach of the State Champion Maine South Football team. Provided scholarship for outstanding athlete/scholar at Maine South.

2001-02 - Bob McBride – President. Rotary web site established. 40th anniversary year of Club celebrated with a club group photograph taken and December Anniversary and Holiday Party commemorating our 40 years plus a special newspaper supplement about the club and its initiatives. Two representatives of our Club, John Vanden Brink and Jim Schaefer, traveled to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe to determine the feasibility of the site for the pilot WHIS-RAD X-ray equipment. Rotary International grant approved in the amount of \$20,627 for establishing a WHIS-RAD X-ray machine in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. New constitution and by-laws drafted for our Club. Annual blood drive held.

Hosted a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar from South Korea. The Club held a fundraiser - "Is There a Treasure in Your Attic" based on the Antique Road Show. Donations to organizations serving our community including gifts to Wings and The Harbor. Ethiopian hunger relief donation of \$12,500 was made.

2002-03 - Bill Parker – President. Moved from Country Club to Crystal Palace. Installed \$45,000 WHIS-RAD x-ray system in MaterDei Hospital in Zimbabwe through fundraisers and a matching grant from Rotary International. Pledged and paid \$21,000 to Rotary International for polio eradication. Park Ridge Rotary and Park Ridge Library collaborated to sponsor a Book Worm Angels Book Drive. More than 4,000 books were collected to create lending libraries for Chicago public elementary schools. Sponsored a vocational day for Rotary's 2001-02 Group Study Exchange from India. Sponsored successful application of Ambassadorial Scholar who received a \$21,000 grant from Rotary International to study in Brazil. Provided a District Vocational Scholarship of \$1,500 to Maine Township High School senior to pursue a career in culinary arts.

2003-04 - John Vanden Brink – President. Initiated first BB-QUE and Family Picnic for the community of Park Ridge. Used the funds raised for two \$2,500 "make a difference" college scholarships for students in need. Started a mentoring program at Maine East. Funded a grant for L'Opera Piccolo, an opera participation experience for underprivileged children. Provided a grant to Maine East clinic with help of the Blane Immunization grant for translations. Sponsored successful application of Ambassadorial Scholarship for a student to attend school in Mexico. Hosted a multi-service luncheon for local service clubs and Rotary clubs in the area. Sponsored four students to Rotary Youth Leadership program (RYLA) plus multiple vocational scholarships with District funding. Started the Youth Exchange program and helped host an Ambassadorial Scholar from Taiwan. Hosted GSE team from Australia. Supported Tony Tolbert as District Governor to carry on after Bob Friedman, the Governor-elect. This was first time an individual held this position twice in the District's history.

2004-05 - Jim Schaefer – President. For the second year, the club sponsored Annual Back-to-School BB-QUE and Family Picnic open to the entire community, the proceeds of which are used to help fund scholarships for graduating high school students. We welcomed our first Youth Exchange Student in more than 20 years, a girl from Germany who is living with one of our members for the entire year. Our sixth Annual Citrus Sale turned out to be our most successful one to date. The disastrous tsunami that struck Southeastern Asia mobilized the Club into donating over \$4,000 for relief supplies to the stricken region. Funded a health literacy partnership with Advocate Lutheran Hospital supported in part by District simplified grant funds. Plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International in Chicago by hosting a group of 40 to 48 R.I. conventioners at various members' homes in Park Ridge and sponsoring a project booth on WHIS-RAD.

Rotary Club of Richmond

Chartered Sept. 9, 1954

Sponsor annually: Senior high school Girls night and senior high school Boys night for Richmond-Burton and Alden-Hebron High Schools. Annual fundraisers include antique car project, spaghetti dinner, and an auction. Each year participates in the Richmond Round-Up Days.

Previous contributions and projects: \$5,000 donated to Woodstock Hospital to furnish a room in maternity section; \$1,000 street signs and road guide maps of Richmond area; \$360 painting Richmond water tower; annual drapes for stage at high school and Bicycle Safety program. \$960 wrestling mats for high school gym; \$100 to send boy to boy's state and girl to girl's state annually; \$785 Richmond library. Purchase of rainwear for patrol at school crossing; donated flag pole at high school; annual trip to Cub ball game for Safety Patrol children, \$1,000 donation toward tennis courts at grade school; annual collection for Easter Seal Drive.

\$2,156 building of Park Shelter in conjunction with Richmond Lions Club; \$1,000 donation for Hebron Rescue Squad; \$1,250 donation for Spring Grove Fire Department emergency lighting system; \$6,000 concession stand and restrooms at city park. Clean up day at Nippersink Creek of debris; \$100 little league catcher's equipment; \$1,500 scholarship for Richmond-Burton and Alden-Hebron High Schools; \$100 grade school lighting; \$1,583 for top surfacing of tennis courts at grade school plus striping applied by club; \$200 for Exuma Island Project.

1981-83 - Contributions: \$1,730 to McHenry County Rescue Boat with other McHenry County Rotary Clubs an equal amount; \$2,500 toward purchase of a room at Northern Ill. Medical Center (McHenry Hospital); \$150 towards the purchase of blood testing equipment for a local elementary school age child; \$600 to Richmond-Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce to erect welcome signs for community; \$400 towards the purchase of computer equipment at Alden-Hebron High School; \$2,000 for local youth athletic activities; \$250 to aid two local families burned out of their homes; \$50 to Hebron National Honor Society; \$200 toward purchase of van for senior citizens; \$50 toward purchase of radios or vans, \$4,500 in scholarships at Richmond-Burton HS and Alden-Hebron HS for seniors to pursue college or vocational training; contribute approximately 40 Christmas gifts each year to local nursing home residents.

1987 - Activity sign in Richmond for area \$2,500.

1988 - Books for Hebron Library \$1,250; start of Creative Arts Center of Nippersink \$1,000; Nippersink Library computer \$1,000; roofing of old school building in Union, IL, Historical Museum \$800; Richmond area Boy Scouts \$300; and sign and entrance work in Spring Grove Park \$2,025.

1989 - 13 Scholarships for Richmond-Burton and Hebron High Schools \$3,250; Richmond-Burton track team uniforms \$1,000; Richmond area (Daisies) Girl Scouts \$100; Richmond pony league uniforms \$550; Richmond area food pantry \$400; student to RYLA conference \$500.

1989-90 - Youth Exchange \$542.66, nine scholarships \$4,950, Rotary Foundation \$1,100, RYLA \$480, World Affairs Seminar scholarship \$200, assisted with Richmond High School post-prom party \$300, G. Houston family fire relief \$500, and gifts \$1,045.50.

1994-95 - Events included Richmond Round up days-food tent, hay rides, pony rides; Rotary Auction, In-House Auction; Spaghetti Dinner; Rotary Foundation Projects including monetary donations throughout the world. Rural-Urban Night inviting local farmers to meeting for meal and program. Senior Boys and Girls Night inviting high school seniors from Richmond Burton High School and Alden-Hebron High School. Held a Christmas Party with members bringing gifts for nursing home residents. RYLA - Sent two high school students to Valley Forge.

1996-2005 – We have been able to keep a high profile in the communities we serve while struggling with dwindling membership during the past nine years. We continue to raise money through dinner/auction and food tent at the Richmond Round Up Days. The auction is now being done in partnership with Richmond High School Booster Club. The majority of the monies go directly to high school programs and scholarships for graduating seniors. A major project continues to be scholarships to Richmond High School and Hebron High School. In addition, we provide financial support to local food pantries, Family Alliance, community college scholarships, Big Brother/Sister, Hospice, and other school projects.

We constructed a pavilion for a local park in memory of Loren Miller, a long-time Rotarian and community leader. We did major renovation of a community information sign that Rotary donated to the village. Each year, we select a Rotary Person of the Year and honor that person at our annual Christmas party. Outside of local communities, we contribute to PolioPlus, International matching grant projects, hunger relief, wheel chair project, WWII Memorial, Red Cross, and others.

2005-06 - This year we've donated to Big Brother Big Sister, a community food pantry, local historical societies, Katrina Relief and others. Youth Exchange has been a surprise. We have sponsored three students to attend RYLA this year—we haven't done that in a while. Our major fundraiser is a silent auction that will happen in a month, which is generally well received and our second major fundraiser is our food booth, and we've been doing that for approximately 25 years. The one this past August went well, but the weather for this even has been all over the place—one year cold, another year windy and last year it was very hot. This event is on schedule for this August again. Also, we had six members become Paul Harris Fellows.

Youth Exchange: Host an exchange student each year.

Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows

Chartered February 28, 1972

1972 - Financed and built concession stand for Rolling Meadow High School, conducted automobile emission tests for City of Rolling Meadows.

1973 - Underwrote expense for Rolling Meadows Park District Hockey Team in traveling league.

1974 - Donated \$950 to Youth Assistance Programs.

1975 - Helped finance Christmas decorations for City of Rolling Meadows.

1976 - Financed audio-visual presentation for Clearbrook School.

1977 - Purchased tape/slide projector for Rolling Meadows Fire Department for fire safety programs.

1978 - Sponsored Harper College student to United Nations conference.

1978-79 - Donated 16 adult-passenger bus to Rolling Meadows Park District.

1979-80 - Sponsored student to Illinois Citizenship Experience.

1980-81 - Coordinated campaign to equip Crime Prevention van for Rolling Meadows Police Department.

1982 - Donated funds to children's TV project.

1983-84 - Pledged financial support to develop recreational area for Rolling Meadows senior citizens.

1984-85 - Started college scholarship program. Donated pool tables to Golden Aged Senior Center.

1986-87 - Started Student of the Year Award.

1987-88 - Awarded first 4-year renewable college scholarship; led G.S.E. team to Germany; sponsored student for vocational scholarship.

1988-89 - Sponsored student for Illinois Citizenship experience; provided volunteers and funding for Clearbrook Special Olympics.

1989-90 - Sponsored student for Rotary Youth Leadership Award program; helped Special Recreation Association establish Special Leisure Foundation; funded and worked with Golden Agers Senior Center in making Rotary waste receptacles for the City of Rolling Meadows. Funded club's first float in 4th of July parade. Donations to Clearbrook Center, Northwest Recreation Association, RYLA, Rolling Meadows High School Illinois Citizenship Experience and an after prom cruise, local church to help homeless, Special Leisure Foundation Services, Plainfield Rotarian Tornado Relief Fund, and local police department for their new Neighbor Resource Center. Donation of time and monies to City of Rolling Meadows Diamondfest; helped run the Special Olympics bowling tournament; and donation of time during Christmas for Salvation Army Bell-Ringers.

1990-92 - Purchased air conditioning system for Police Neighborhood Resource Center. Contributed to development of a Barrier Free Fully Accessible Recreational Area in partnership with Rolling Meadows Park District and Northwest Leisure Services Organization. Participated in Diamondfest and Fourth of July festivals. Provided landscaping for new community living facility of Clearbrook Center and assisted in annual Special Olympic events. Provided four \$500 scholarships annually. Participated in High School Community Service, Cooperative Education, and Prevocational Education Programs. Hosted Deputy Admin. of German Consulate October, 1991.

Participated in Rolling Meadows High School "Embracing Our Cultures. Assisted Salvation Army with holiday donation campaigns. Sent teens to RYLA Experience at Valley Forge. Sponsored a candidate for the Foundation Award, September 1991.

1992-93 – Dr. Ron Errico was President. This was a busy year for the club since our member, Dick Beals, was the District Governor. We organized and arranged a very successful District Assembly with over 400 in attendance; and we hosted an informative, entertaining, and well-attended District Conference at the Abbey on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

1993-94 – Larry Fleming was President. Our club earned the distinguished Presidential Citation for balanced club achievement and inducted one new member. We were active in the community and participated in the "Christmas in April" cleanup project; carnival fundraiser \$3,300; District bowling/golf outings; toys and food for needy families collection, which over 150 families benefited; and Job Shadow Day. We developed a program to encourage all our members to become Paul Harris Fellows.

1994-95 – Carole Medal was President. This was the year the Atrium restaurant informed us we could no longer meet there on Monday. The Holiday Inn welcomed us back to a newly remodeled facility with better service and food. We resurrected the community leadership awards and honored Mayor Carl Couve as Community Leader of the Year. The Rolling Meadows Police Department was honored for their visionary leadership in creation of the Police Neighborhood Resource Center.

1995-96 – Phil Burns was President. During this year we increased income, added three members, and

started some new practices, which continue today.

1996-97 – Amy Charlesworth was President. The club celebrated its 25th anniversary this year by hosting current and former members as well as Past District Governors to a dinner. District Governor Karen Kline gave the keynote. We sponsored a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Amy Doering, to represent us in France. We also had one of our applicants chosen for the GSE Team. We had a record two applications for vocational scholarship. Along with the usual social activities, we added a family event this year, “Chili Willie” a pot luck featuring chili as the entrée. The club donated over \$8,000 to various worthy community causes.

1997-98 – Jim Turi was President.

1998-99 – Karen Milligan was President.

1999-2000 – Matt Hill was President. The Rotary Club reflected on all of the little fundraisers we did throughout the year and made a decision to hold one big fundraiser per year to collect funds that would support our entire annual budget of granting six scholarships totaling \$3,200, provide monetary donations in the amount of \$10,000 to local non-profit organizations, assist in an International Project averaging \$2,000, continue our commitment to the community with \$2,000 for Rotary Park improvements and payments, support Rotary Foundation with \$2,500 for the continuation of Foundation Programs and the one-off donations.

2000-01 – Jim Hayden and Mark Nannini were Presidents. This was a transition year for Rotary. We went from meeting at the Denny’s to moving to the Sheraton Hotel. We also experimented with a breakfast meeting vs. the lunch and changed the meeting day from Wednesday to Monday. Mark took over as president into Jim’s term. The push was to get membership over the magic number of 20. Rotary was present to celebrate the city’s 45th anniversary at the all city picnic. Rotary participated in fundraising through the city auction. Club donated the entrance signs with Rotary Wheel to the city. Fundraising for Rotary Park began with construction later in the year. Donated over \$8,000 to local charities. Ambassadorial Scholar, Victoria Rio, develops plan to build school in West Africa.

2001-02 – Mark Nannini was President. This was a very fun year. This year we had an event every month. This year we won a Literacy Award from the District, thanks to the celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. During the year, we lost Al Yuen (8/29/01), a charter member with perfect attendance and a true representation of a Rotarian. We renamed the vocational scholarship in his honor. Rotary Park was dedicated, and we began the “Adopt a Highway” program. We donated over \$7,000 to local charities.

2002-03 – Ed Connolley was President. The club supported the special Polio Eradication Drive by achieving our goal amount.

2003-04 – Matt Hill and Amy Charlesworth were Presidents. Earned the Literacy Award from District 6440 for collecting books for Bookworm Angels.” Sponsored a local literacy event, “Dr. Seuss Birthday Party,” and allocated funds for the library “Bibliotheca” at the PNR. Earned the Presidents Citation Award for meeting goals within all avenues of service. Sponsored community member Andrew Martin who received a district vocational scholarship. Added a service project due to earning a District Grant and used matching donation from Wal-Mart to purchase \$2,000 of food and pantry items for Meadows Community Services. Brought in four new members.

2004-05 – Mark Nannini and Dick Beals served as co-centennial President. The group made a key effort during the year to complete our Centennial Project of installing a flagpole and drinking fountain at Rotary Plaza in Rolling Meadows. Club members also helped maintain the park y planting flowers, watering them, and picking up litter. The club received a Rotary International Presidential Citation for participating in all four avenues of Rotary Service. The group sponsored two students for a trip to RYLA, and other high school students were awarded college or vocational scholarships. The annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Auction was very successful in raising funds to support our donations to various worthy community causes. A generous donation was also made to South Asia Tsunami relief. Member participation included maintaining the park included gathering several hundred Thanksgiving food baskets, adopting a stretch of highway and ringing the Christmas bell for the Salvation Army.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1972-73 - Hosted Duncan Bennett from Australia.
- 1974-75 - Hosted Marco Villar from Mexico and sponsored Dave Adams to Mexico.
- 1976 - Hosted Meomo Villar from Mexico.
- 1977 - Hosted Saade de Souza from Brazil.
- 1977-78 - Sponsored Cathy Heile to Sweden.
- 1971 - Hosted Valeria Benfica from Brazil.
- 1983 - Hosted Juanita Fields from Australia.
- 1986-87 - Hosted Veronique Chaurier from France.
- 1991 - Sponsored Paul Carlino to Japan in Group Study Exchange Team. Hosted Berlin Exchange Team in October 1991.

Group Study Exchange Team Members sponsored by Rolling Meadows Club:

- 1987-88 - Dick Beals, team leader, to Germany.
- 1989-90 - Dick Beals, team leader, to Belgium.
- 1989-90 - Dana P. Lyons, team member, to Belgium.
- 1990-91 - Mike Carlino, team member, to Japan.
- 1992-93 - Heather Krupke, team member, to Sweden.
- 1993-94 - Kristen Parrish, team member, to New Zealand.
- 1996-97 - Richard Wright, team member, to Thailand.
- 2003-04 - Victor Mahler, team member, to Australia.

The club endorsed these Ambassadorial Scholars:

- 1996-97 - Amy Doering, France.
- 1999-00 - Jennifer Parrish, New Zealand.
- 2000-01 - Pamela Rogers, Mexico.
- 2002-03 - Eric Ziobrowski, Venezuela.
- 2005-06 - Dylan Drugan, Venezuela.

Epilogue – Richard N. Beals, District Governor 1993-93:

After serving as District Governor, I have continued in Rotary activities by serving in a number of club, district, and to a limited extent, Rotary International responsibilities. At the club level, I have worked primarily in the international area striving to promote club support of Ambassadorial Scholarship candidates, Group Study Exchange Team candidates, and Matching Grants for humanitarian projects.

For the district, I have served mainly in responsibilities for the Rotary Foundation Committee including at various times as annual giving chair, GSE chair, and vice-chair of the Foundation Committee. Currently, I serve as the District Foundation Chair – a position I have filled for the past five years. Other efforts were Membership Development Chair for one-year and an ongoing interest and participation in the program to increase the level of infant immunization.

For Rotary International, I served one year on the Task Force to Alleviate Poverty and Hunger and for the two most recent years as a National Advisor for the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman

Chartered November 19, 1969

1971-72 - Purchased 12-seat passenger van for YMCA \$10,000.

1972-73 - Purchased Schaumburg Police Evidence Technician van \$9,000.

1974-75 - Donated \$10,000 to YMCA to purchase land for new building; organized entertainment, and provided tribute to retiring mayor at Schaumburg Barn Dance.

1975-76 - Contributed \$5,000 to purchase trees and shrubs in Spring Valley Nature Center.

1976-77 - Contributions: \$1,800 Boys' Club of athletic equipment; \$500 Historical Society for architectural fees to renovate farmhouse.

1977-78 - Contributed \$2,500 to YMCA toward purchase of a van.

1978-79 - Contributed \$1,400 to Hoffman Estates Park District to build Rotaryville, a safety instructional program.

1979-80 - Contributed \$2,500 to Elk Grove-Schaumburg Township Mental Health Association for furniture and equipment for new building, \$500 to Clearbrook Center, and \$500 to Twinbrook YMCA.

1980-81 - Major Projects: Hoffman Estates Park District \$2,000, reconstruct Rotaryville. Jennings House (Shelter Inc.) \$1,800, purchase furnishing for recreation room. Hoffman Estates Fire Department \$750 for underwriter rescue equipment. Clearbrook Center \$500.

1981-82 - Kirk Center South \$1,000 to purchase Hogg chairs. Hoffman Estates/Schaumburg Council of Churches \$800 to purchase Church Directory. Schaumburg Historical Society \$600 for remodeling first public school. Vocational Scholarships \$1,000. Parents Who Are project \$550 to print pamphlets for Schaumburg Twp. project

1982-83 - Jennings House \$1,750 to complete furnishing recreation room. Hoffman Estates Park District \$1,000 matching fund for Rotaryville Safety Town. Kirk Center South \$1,000 purchase classroom equipment and therapy equipment. Vocational Scholarships \$1,500, Village of Hoffman Estates \$250 for capital improvement for old village hall.

1985-86 - Donations to Clearbrook Center \$1,500, Schaumburg/Elk Grove Mental Health Center \$1,500, Twinbrook YMCA \$1,500, Youth Exchange (Outbound) \$1,500, Youth exchange (Inbound) \$1,300, Mexican Relief \$1,000, Polio 2005 \$1,000, vocational scholarship \$750, Shelter, Inc. \$500, Twp. HS Dist. 211 drug program \$540, Rotary Foundation President's Walk/Matching Funds \$865, Karwczyk family relief \$25, Schaumburg Trojans \$250; Sister Cities Commission \$250, Boy Scouts

\$200, Girl Scouts \$200, Schaumburg HS fitness team \$190; and RYLA \$130.

1987-88 - Service to Youth scholarship \$2,500, vocational scholarship \$1,500, Youth Exchange (Outbound) \$810, Youth Exchange (Inbound) \$2,080, Talkline/Kidslines \$1,000, housing and shelter \$1,000, Ill. Tenn Institute \$740, Kenneth Young Center \$500, Spring Valley Foundation \$500, Twinbrook YMCA \$300, Rotary Foundation President's Walk \$210; Northwest Suburban Special Olympics \$200, Boy Scouts \$150, Girls Scouts \$150, RYLA \$260, and PolioPlus memorial Nancy B. Guerra \$100.

1988-89 - PolioPlus \$8,448, transfer scholarship \$2,500, Hoffman Estates Veteran's Memorial \$1,600, vocational scholarships \$1,500, Rotary Foundation \$1,000, Shelter, Inc. \$1,000, Youth Exchange \$830, children's museum \$500, Clearbrook Center \$500, Special Olympics \$500, Variety Club Charities \$150, Memorial Day service \$75, and other contributions \$413.

1989-90 - Contributions: Kenneth Young Center \$10,000, Gordon Nelson Education Fund (member trust fund set up for children) \$5,000, Rotary International Paul Harris Awards \$4,800, Twinbrook YMCA \$2,000, RYLA \$1,650, and \$5,000 distributed to Clearbrook Center, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, senior prom, Conant band, Shelter Incorporated, Exchange Students, Memorial Day, and Schaumburg AM Club.

1990-91 - Contributions: Children's Home & Aid Society \$10,000, Shelter Incorporated \$10,000, Rotary International Paul Harris Awards \$3,000, Transfer Scholarships \$2,500, Hoffman Estates Park District \$2,000, Special Leisure Services \$2,000, Vocational Scholarships \$1,500, Schaumburg Disabled City \$1,400, RYLA \$1,260, Talkline \$895, Youth Exchange \$895, Children's Museum \$500, Clearbrook School \$500, senior prom \$500, and Tournament of Roses \$100.

1991-92- Contributions: Donation and purchase of a statue worth over \$11,000 for the Schaumburg Police Department called "The Schaumburg Protector" showing a police officer holding a child's hand. Donation to Rotary Foundation \$5,375, Transfer scholarship \$2,500, Vocational scholarships \$1,500, RYLA \$2,040, Schaumburg Senior Citizen Prom \$500, sponsor Thanksgiving basketball tourney \$500, sponsor handicapped bowling tourney \$500, Children's Advocacy Center \$2,000, Harper College Child Learning Center \$200, Sr. Citizens of Schaumburg Township \$2,000, Schaumburg Township District Library \$1,000, Dist. 644 World Community Service project \$800, Illinois Prairie Girl Scout Council \$1,000, The Kids on the Block Puppet Troupe \$1,500. Sent and hosted one exchange student. Also hosted a 10K run in the community.

1992-93 - Contributions: Rotary International Fnd. \$5,450, Transfer scholarship \$3,000, RYLA \$1,560, Vocational Scholarships \$2,100, Youth Exchange program \$1,500, Thanksgiving basketball tourney \$500, Senior Prom \$500, Septemberfest queen's float \$500, Prospect Heights Lions \$100, Memorial Day Observance \$200, 10K run \$2,800, Special Recreation Bus \$2,500; Northwest Action Against Rape \$6,000; Jennings Home \$3,000, Clearbrook Center \$3,000, Bosnia Relief Fund \$1,000, Mexican Relief Fund \$500, Hurricane Relief Fund \$1,000, Children's Advocacy Center \$3,000.

1993-94 - Donations to: Rotary International Fnd. \$4,900, Transfer scholarship \$4,000, RYLA \$500, Vocational Scholarships \$2,500, Youth Exchange program \$1,500, Thanksgiving basketball tourney \$500, Septemberfest float \$500, Prospect Heights Lions \$100, Memorial Day Observance \$150, James

“Doc” Moon scholarships \$4,500, Schaumburg Park Fnd. Barn Fund \$250, Flood Disaster Relief \$2,000, Needs Assistance project \$1,200, Special Leisure Services \$140, Williaman Family Crisis \$200, Children’s Home Aid Society \$500, Rainbows \$2,000, Kenneth Young Centers \$2,000, Twinbrook Family YMCA \$800, Salvation Army \$4,214, Special Leisure Services \$2,000, and Health to the Children \$1,000.

1994-95- Contributions to: Rotary International Fnd. \$15,600, Transfer scholarships \$2,500, RYLA \$521, Vocational Scholarships \$2,500, Youth Exchange program \$3,960, Thanksgiving basketball tourney \$500, Septemberfest float \$425, Prospect Heights Lions Club \$100, Memorial Day Observance \$150, James “Doc” Moon scholarships \$2,500, Neurublastoma Children’s Cancer Society \$1,655, N.S.S.E.O. \$1,000, Children’s Advocacy Ctr. \$1,000, Shelter, Inc. \$1,700, Rotary Safety Town \$2,925, Handicapped baseball program \$5,520, Schaumburg HS VIP Prom buses \$500, Camp Courageous (handicapped children) \$500, “People to People” exchange scholarship \$250, Japan earthquake \$1,000, NW Action Against Rape \$450, Jamaican Rotary Exchange \$300, Conant cheerleaders \$500, Shriner’s Circus (underprivileged kids) \$250, IL Friends of St. Colletta \$299, Rotary Rose Bowl Parade (float) \$102, Special Olympics advertising \$140, and Schaumburg Teen Center \$750.

Rotary Club of Schaumburg AM

Chartered March 22, 1990

1990-91 - Chartered in March 1990 - Sponsored by Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Noon Club. First fundraising project was golf outing, which has continued as a fellowship fundraising project each year. Ran taco/nacho booth at Schaumburg Septemberfest. Donated over \$6,600 to over twenty local organizations.

1991-92 - Continued existing fundraising events increasing revenues to over \$12,000. Sponsored World Community Service project by selling raffle tickets to every club in District 6440. Raised \$4,600, which was combined with matching grants to benefit educational projects of the Rotary Club of Kirstenbesch, South Africa. Assisted Schaumburg Township in preparing Christmas food baskets for the needy. Granted three local, vocational scholarships.

1992-93 - Continued existing fundraising events and sponsored first annual Art Auction. Continued vocational scholarship program.

1993-94 - Expanded Art Auction to include a silent auction which more than doubled revenue. Continued existing fundraising events, with over \$15,000 donated to various community organizations.

1996 –97 - Donated money to Polio Plus campaign for children in Ghana Donated nearly \$12,000 to various organizations throughout the Chicago land area as well as the Rotary Vocational Scholarship Fund. Sent \$750 to a New Delhi school for tables and benches, with district and RI matching dollars the total will be \$6,000 for the school. Volunteered at the Schaumburg Park Foundation Pig Out event. Worked with the Barrington Noon Rotary Club to help them with their international service project. Our \$1,000 contribution will assist in gathering and shipping supplies to under-developed countries. Worked on the Christmas in April project by donating \$2500 and personal time.

1997-98 - Club ran a fundraiser golf outing. Raised \$5,000 for the Rotary Foundation (goal was \$2,000). Donated \$985 to two clubs in India for physics and chemistry lab equipment. After matching funds

from Dist. 6440, the sponsoring clubs and the Rotary Foundation the funds raised were \$8,000. Sent a student to Australia for the year. Sent \$500 in gift certificates and groceries to the Welfare Services of Schaumburg during the holidays

1998-99 Carol Pandak was president
2000-01 Paul Hennip was president

2002-03 - Tom Meyer was president. Completed our Rotary Centennial Project, assisted the Schaumburg Park District Staff in building a tool shed at the Spring Valley Farm in Schaumburg. Distributed \$15,000 to local and international organizations.

2004 - 05 - We contributed \$20,000 to local and international organizations as well as Vocational Scholarships. We held another successful art auction. Hosted 30+ international guests during the convention. Participated in a flag ceremony at US Cellular Field. Took a fantastic trip to Washington DC to present our clubs first honorary Paul Harris Fellowship to Mr. Eric Orsini. Volunteered and attended... the district conference and the hospitality rooms that followed. We are proud to claim this year's Rotarians of the Year for District 6440, Paul and Judy Hennip. Held a wine tasting fundraising event. Sold citrus for a club fundraiser. Contributed close to \$5000 to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry over the course of the year and through our District Simplified Grant project. Supported an outbound student to Germany. Among the guests that visited our club ... Anja, the Assistant to the Prince of Schaumburg, Germany. Coordinated fellowship events including a trip to see Flannigan's Wake dinner theater. Initiated a Rotary Foundation Chair. We volunteered at the Schaumburg Campanelli YMCA at Healthy Kids Day.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1992-93 - Sponsored first outbound student to France, and hosted inbound student from Chile.
1993-94 - Sponsored outbound student to France, and hosted inbound student from Australia.
1998-99 - Hosted an inbound student from Germany
2000-01 - Hosted an inbound student from Finland

Rotary Club of Skokie Valley

Chartered Nov. 16, 1939

During the past 65 years, the club has served as the local Rotary organization representing Skokie and Lincolnwood communities and recently has been merged with the communities of Niles and Morton Grove Club, which has been dissolved. With the expansion of the Rotary area served, the name of the Skokie club has been changed to Skokie Valley Club. Community and international service has been a continuing program of the club. Each year, financial grants are provided to local organizations serving education, youth, performing arts, cancer, mental health, family services, and other community organizations. Annual programs serving both fundraising and fellowship include the pancake breakfast, shopping benefits days, holiday flower sales, Skokie Festival of Cultures assistance, and the Soup Kitchen.

In recent years, the club has undertaken a very significant and difficult activity with sponsorship of the local performance of the Carson & Barnes Circus in the summer of 2003 and again in July of 2005.

Club members have been organized for circus promotion, provision of facilities, ticket sales, sponsorships, marketing, parking, tent raising, public relations, etc. The five-ring circus is known as the "Biggest Big Top on the Earth," seating up to 2,700 people each performance; and includes acrobats, jugglers, wild animal acts, flying trapeze artists, and clowns. It is complete with elephants, camels, tigers, lions, and other exotic animals. The 2003 sponsorship by the Skokie Valley Club permitted the club to contribute a very significant amount to the regional fundraising for the "PolioPlus" Rotary worldwide program. The club expects to achieve a much larger contribution for the July 2005 circus. If the plans are effective, the club hopes to provide about \$30,000 to PolioPlus. If all goes as planned, the goal is in excess of \$88,000 for ticket sales, parking, sponsorships, and posters.

The club membership is organized for monthly meetings dedicated to circus planning issues. The previous initial appearance of the circus in 2003 was a success, with four sold out shows, attended by about 10,000 people.

The circus has not diverted the members from attention to worldwide programs. World Community Services (WCS) programs have been completed or are in process in India, Guatemala, Peru, Israel, and Panama, cooperating with local clubs in those countries in every instance.

The Skokie Valley Club membership is currently in the upper 20% of the membership of the 70 clubs in Region 6440 exceeding 65 members. Eight membership drive teams have been organized, each with a team leader to recruit new members from the four communities the club represents. Prizes will be awarded for the team recruiting the most new members. The membership plans to ensure that the club's membership represents a variety of community professional men and women including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, military, and religion.

Significant events since chartering the club in 1939:

Annual grants to social service agencies and other local community organizations; annual vocational scholarships for high school students; grants for specific medical programs of local hospitals; annual support for various social service organizations; annual boat trips for retarded children – several years; aid to handicapped – when presented; Hadley School for the Blind; Orchard Village – annual; foreign exchange students; Gamin project for abandoned children; annual pancake breakfasts since 1988 – funded by Rotarians and sponsors; youth exchange – Dist. 219 students; Interact Club formed at Niles North High School in 1988; auction for local, international, and Rotary activities raised in excess of \$4,000; Niles Township sheltered workshop, B'Nai B'Rith; Ezra Jewish assistance; Boy Scouts – north suburban program; Skokie Festival of Cultures – annual volunteers; Guatemala project for homeless girls needing food, education, and housing; Skokie sculpture park; big wheel auction, golf, raffle, PolioPlus contribution - \$24,000; support with Centre East Theater fire rehab.; and assumption of responsibilities of Niles-Maine Rotary Club and members.

Typical local grants – 2001:

East Prairie School - \$1,000; North Shore New Horizon Band - \$500; Centre East Youth Theater - \$2,000; North Shore Center for Performing Arts - \$2,500; Oakton College Education Foundation - \$1,500; American Cancer Society Walk-A-Thon - \$1,000; Orchard Village - \$2,000; Metropolitan Family Service - \$500; and golf – Maine Park District summer program - \$1,000.

Participation in major District 6440 support:

Rotary response to Tsunami disaster – District allocated \$10,000 from authorized 60% of funds received from clubs; district training club presidents-elect on 1/28 and 3/11: PolioPlus to eradicate Polio worldwide; find 1,200 students to study abroad in developing countries; and grant university teachers to teach in underdeveloped countries.

Rotarians:

Neil King, current Rotarian, an early member. His father was a charter member of the Skokie Club in 1939. About 60% of current memberships are Paul Harris Fellows.

World community service projects:

Provide buses to transport deaf students in Kampur India to school facilities; equip a park in Israel with equipment for use by both Israeli and Palestinian youth; and provide specialists and instruments for on-site testing of Panamanian children for hearing and fit with hearing aids.

Skokie Rotary history since 1939:

Some of our current Rotary memberships have made long-term contributions to the local Skokie club, with the most significant contribution in assuming the position of club president. Neil King, a Rotarian since joining the Skokie Club in 1956, has served as president in 1969-70. His father, Armond King, a prominent Skokie realtor, was a charter member of the club in 1939 and was one of the early presidents serving in 1946-47.

The following are some of the long-term Rotarians who continue to serve our club today:

Ed Copeland joined the club in 1970 and served as president in 1984-85. Ed is the long-term manager of the Comfort Inn in Skokie, formerly the Howard Johnson. Ed has been active in the annual pancake breakfasts where the Rotarians cook and serve the pancakes. He is also active in our annual picnic and is a Paul Harris Fellow, which honors the founder of Rotary, 100 years ago in Chicago.

Carolyn Anthony, director of the Skokie Public Library, joined Rotary in 1987 and served as club president in 1992-93. She has held positions with District 6440 serving the entire 70 plus clubs directing the ambassadorial scholars attending local universities and other programs of the Rotary Foundation, including group study awards, youth activities, vocational scholarships, and world community services.

Jeff Brock joined in 1970 and served as president in 1977-78. Jeff is a highly regarded dentist and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Ray Hartstein, a founding chairman-trustee of Oakton College, joined Rotary in 1973 and assumed the presidency of the club in 1987-88. Ray has continued to serve both Rotary and the new college in many capacities during his tenure. He was a Rotary delegate at the international conference held in Munich Germany, and he has chaired many club activities over the years of his membership.

Al Rigoni, village manager of Skokie, joined Rotary in 1986 and was elected as president for 1996-97. He has chaired the pancake breakfast and his a Paul Harris Fellow.

Some other prominent local personalities have served our village and the Rotary club. Some have also served as club presidents. To name a few, Roland Moore was president in 1943-44 and again in 1968-

69; Williard Galitz was the president for 1945-46; Jim Mancuso was the president for 1960-61; and Dick Longtin, who served as the president in 1962-63, went on to serve as the district governor for District 6440 representing all 70 plus clubs. A few other local Rotarians, who during their term served as club president, were Karl Schmidt in 1963-64; Norm Schack in 1967-68; and Dr. Jeff Brock in 1977-78, who currently serves as an active club member.

Other notable citizens of Skokie who were active Rotarians and contributed to the growth of the Skokie Club, also known as the "mother club" due to its proximity to the International Headquarters of Rotary in Evanston are as follows: John Haben (funeral); Jerry Tennebaum (hardware); Dorothy Litwin (Centre East); Mayor A. Smith; Mayor Mike Greisdorf; Clyde Parker (219 superintendent); Ben Marsh (village manager); Ermin Kramer (1st National Bank); Charles Keim (furrier); Harold Atchison (Rotary district governor); and Cliff Falkenheyn (jeweler).

A few other Rotarians that contributed much to their (our) community were: Rev. Walter Homes; Dan Beres (Crafty Beaver); Lew Diesselhorst (insurance agent); Dick Meyer (local manufacturer); Lance Robinson (Evanston realtor); Gene Demming (chamber of commerce); Bill Meyer (founder of Skokie Kiwanis Club); Jim Carlson (1st National Bank of Skokie); Bill Miller (Skokie police chief); Tom Giles (219 educator); Otto Arndt (charter member – Skokie Rotary and Lutheran minister); John O'Connell (founder of Skokie Federal); and many more like Don Buscher (Ace Hardware) also a Rotarian; Bob Rube (park district), and Ollie McCracken (president from 1983-84).

Now a few words about your historian, Paul Gilson: a 50+ years Skokie resident; a Rotarian; a founding trustee of Oakton College, which I served for 12 years; a board member of Centre East Performing Arts; a Fellow in the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning (ASHRAE) engineers; and a registered professional engineer in Illinois and Indiana.

Rotary Club of South Barrington

Chartered April 25, 2003

At that time the group was meeting at the barn at the residence of Mr. Bill Rose. Barn might sound a little like a strange location for a Rotary meeting, but this "barn" was actually a lovely building furnished with tables, chairs, a full kitchen, fireplace, and all fashion of memorabilia of Bill's remarkable adventures. The South Barrington Club is forever grateful to the Roses for their hospitality. In December 2004, the club moved to another Rose location, the Millrose Restaurant & Brewery at 45 South Barrington Road. Once again, the club has a warm and inviting private meeting room.

The Rotary Club of South Barrington has a long list of projects accomplished during its short existence. Here are a few examples: Rotarians raised funds to join other walkers at the Cancer Survivors Walk at the Barrington High School, donated time to mentor students at an area grade school, adopted a family for the holidays and provided gifts of much needed clothing and food, collected children's books for the literacy campaign, and braved the cold weather of the spring to raise funds for Polio Plus - Rotary International's Worldwide project to eradicate polio. Partnered with Barrington Area Council On Aging (BACOA) in the First Annual Barrington Brew Fest to raise funds for the good works of both organizations. Hosted the Finnish and the Australian groups of the international Group Exchange Studies program, a fellowship building and ambassadorial program that sends small groups of young business professionals to other countries to learn more about similar businesses and to be immersed in the culture of their host country.

The Rotarians of the South Barrington Club invite you to visit us on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. for a one-hour meeting at the Millrose Restaurant & Brewery, 45 South Barrington Road. Enjoy the fellowship and learn more about Rotarians and their motto, Service Above Self.

Rotary Club of St. Charles

Chartered Nov. 28, 1940

Sponsor Annual Fine Arts Banquet recognition ceremony honoring high school graduates who have been active in the Arts. Regular contributions to Boy and Girl Scouts. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop. Sent oxygen therapy equipment to India. Supplied hospital equipment for children of Chernobyl project. Annual support of Easter Seals. Outfitted the Salvation Army Lounge. Annual ringing of bells for Salvation Army. Honored outstanding senior high school students. Sponsored Interact Club. Established Dr. Potter Annual Scholarship Award. Established Karl Asplund Annual Award (citizenship scholarship). Sponsored inter-service club - Chamber of Commerce meeting honoring high school swim champs. Financial support of city recreational park designated "Rotary Park" in honor of R.I. 75th Anniversary. Financial support: Camp Elim in Haiti, Park District Environmental Workshop for Youth.

Sponsored Safe Gun Handling Clinics for Scouts, sponsored Christmas programs for Valley View School for Boys. Provided food and clothing for Illinois flood victims. Provided labor and materials in preserving the historical landmark, the Durant House. Financial support for cleft palette clinic in Mexico. Financial contributor to local Arts and Music Festival. Provided housing subsidy for a local senior citizen for a year.

1988 - District Community Service Award for support of Pottawatomie Indian Statue project. The 15' bronze statue, placed on the east bank of the Fox River near St. Charles was designed and sculpted by a club member. Conducts fundraising ham dinner. Attained PolioPlus goal, awarded continuing education scholarships to St. Charles High School graduates and to Elgin Community College graduates. Sponsored fundraising Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra concert.

1994 - Sponsored fundraising Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra concert. Sponsored four applicants for Ambassadorial Scholarships, one was selected for India. Sponsored students to RYLA conference and World Affairs.

Annually sponsor a boat trip and luncheon on the Fox River for members of the Tri-City (Batavia-Geneva-St. Charles) Senior Handicapped Organization. Sponsored and contributed to the finance drive to raise money and build a community outdoor gazebo at one of the local city parks. Annually conduct an auction to finance the majority of above named projects. Established a local charitable foundation to encourage and facilitate contributions.

Youth Exchange Activity:

Hosted students from Japan, Finland, Sweden, Bolivia, Mexico, New Zealand, Holland, Brazil, and Denmark. Sponsored students to Japan, Holland, Bolivia, Brazil, Sweden, and Australia.

Rotary Club of St. Charles Breakfast

Chartered Jan. 12, 1987

1988-89 - Completed the PolioPlus campaign, raising four times the original goal for a total of \$12,000. Conducted Tag Day for American Cancer Society; sent \$500 to Building Together program which provided roofing for 12 homes in the slums of Santiago, Chile; donated \$1,000 and performance hands on construction project for Riverwoods Youth Camp; ranked third among community organizations in Tri-Cities in amount received for Salvation Army bell ringing; provided \$400 vocational scholarship award. Financial supports: Say No to Drugs \$300; Easter Seal Rehab program \$300; St. Charles Swim Team \$200; Community Youth Service \$500; Helping Hands \$200; Park Gazebo Fund \$500, Boy Scouts\Career Awareness \$700.

1991-92 - Ran successful golf tournament raising \$3,000.00. Held successful auction in conjunction with noon Rotary Club of St. Charles raising \$10,000 for each club. Started continuing community programs such as senior breakfasts, senior bingo parties, environmental project with schools involving tree planting, became involved in smoke free class of 2000 project with school district and Cancer Society. Contributions to: Operation Eyesight for World Community Service Projects, Tri-City Family Services, United Way, historical museum, Riverwoods Christian Youth Camp, Cancer Society Salvation Army, Casa, and other charities in community. Working and contributing funds for project in Mexico involving facial maxillary surgery for children with cleft palates.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1988-89 - Hosted student from Brazil, Danial Szikszay.
Also hosted students from Denmark, Japan, and France. Sent students to Norway, Sweden, and Japan.

Past presidents:

1998-1999 - Dave Niesen	2001-2002 - Paul Jones	2004- 2005 - Tom Craven
1999-2000 - Susan Schmidt	2002-2003 - Bob Jacobius	2005-2006 - Jonelle Von Hatten
2000-2001 - Henry Malo	2003-2004 - Peter Smith	

2004-05 - The club is known as the “most active club” in St. Charlestowne Mall. We changed the location of our meeting place. We were meeting at Vi’s Last Call and now we are meeting at Hotel Baker in downtown St. Charles. We set a Membership Goal for each member bring in one new member- to date the members have brought in three new members. We currently have 35 members. We have had success in getting more members active in fundraisers and events. One of our challenges has been recruiting new members.

Our club has been very active in the community: We serve approximately 125 senior citizens breakfast quarterly; we provide bingo for approximately 75 senior citizens quarterly; during the city’s scarecrow festival, we operate the NASCAR racing tent for the city and share the proceeds. We ring the bell at Charlestowne Mall for the Salvation Army during the holidays; we are elves in the Christmas parade and collect toys for Toys for Tots; and we hand out food baskets to needy families during the holidays for the Salvation Army. Each year our club has a community silent/live auction and donates a portion of the proceeds to a needy family in the community and to Polio Eradication; our club pledged donation for three years to Polio Eradication; and we have approximately 45 guest speakers from the community

during the year speak at our regular weekly meeting. We are active in the Youth Exchange Group, normally donating funds each year to an exchange student.

2005-06: The club is still known as the “most active club” in St. Charles. We are still meeting at the Hotel Baker in downtown St. Charles. We set a Membership Goal for each member to recruit a specific job class, which is going fairly well. We currently have 29 members. We have had success in getting more members active in fundraisers and events. One of our challenges has been recruiting new members. We have instituted one evening meeting per month, the first Tuesday of each month. The board meeting precedes the regular meeting; following the evening meeting we have a social. We have invited the other clubs in the tri-city area to attend our evening meeting or the social to increase familiarity and good will between clubs. It seems to be going very well. We had introduced a monthly social last year and that was a giant success. This enables members to really sit down and talk with one another, which we can’t always do after our morning meetings.

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Rotary Club of Villa Park

Chartered Nov. 6, 1971

1972 - Initiated annual contributions to shoe fund for needy children. Initiated Secretaries’ Appreciation luncheon.

1973 - Assisted police department with bicycle safety program.

1974 - Donated audiometrics testing room to Easter Seals Treatment Center in Villa Park. Established \$600 scholarships at Ray Graham Center for the Handicapped. Sent local Girl Scout to conference in Maryland. Assisted Lions in purchasing motorized wheelchair for Villa Park girl.

1975 - Donated subscriptions of Rotarian to Villa Park and high school libraries. Honored Willowbrook High School football team on winning season. Completed payments on \$10,000 Easter Seal project.

1976 - Inaugurated new \$10,000 project to build Rotary Park in Villa Park. Sponsored Willowbrook Vocational Day at high school. Built prize-winning float in Villa Park Bicentennial parade. Sent student to forestry camp. Equipped physical fitness room for Villa Park Police Department.

1977-78 - Hosted Willowbrook football team at lunch. Donated baskets for the needy. Donated to India tornado relief program. Installed playground equipment at Easter Seal Treatment Center in Villa Park.

Donated over \$4,000 for shoes for needy children and Rotary Park. Completed commitment of \$10,000 to Rotary Park. Donated Visual Test Equipment to high school and Villa Park Library.

1979-80 - Donated \$2,000 to Villa Park Recreational Department to continue with the development of Rotary Park. Donated \$3,000 to Easter Seal Center to provide care to needy children. Provided \$600 to shoe fund for children of needy families. Co-hosted third International Student Exchange weekend with Lombard Club. Sponsored a Willowbrook High School student's attendance at a journalism workshop for editors of high school yearbooks. Two students sponsored by Villa Park received the new \$1,000 District Vocational Scholarships.

1980-81 - Held a Country Western Bar-B-Q. Painted home of an elderly widow in Villa Park with club members working on house three Saturdays. Participated in a vocational service project with local high school. Awarded \$1,000 vocational scholarship to local high school student. Donated funds to purchase a rescue tool for local fire departments, approximately \$5,000.

1981-82 - Donated \$1,200 to Brandon Elza for communications board that will enable him to attend public school.

1982-83 - Helped host Australian Group Study Team. Held career day for Willowbrook High School students. Tot lot completed on the Prairie Path. Donated \$750 to the Villa Park Historical Society, \$1,500 to the Clothes Closet, and presented Easter Seals with \$2,000.

1983-84 - Presented John Newton from Villa Park a \$1,000 vocational scholarship award. Held Christmas Party for exchange students from district.

1984-85 - Held a garage sale and Christmas auction. Shawn Hanly of Willowbrook attended RYLA Conference representing our district.

1985-86 - Donated \$600 scholarship for handicapped of the Ray Graham Association. Started to build a gazebo in Rotary Park. Sent \$1,000 to Mexico City area affected by the earthquake.

1986-87 - Donated money to local service agencies, Villa Park Historical Society, Easter Seals, DuPage Emergency Center, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, and Ray Graham Association. Held a President's raffle, finished the Gazebo in Rotary Park, and began work on the PolioPlus Campaign.

1987-88 - Held a garage sale. Sponsored a RYLA student.

1988-89 - Constructed Ray Rugaard Memorial Pavilion. Donated \$3,500 to Easter Seals. Sponsored student for \$1,000 vocational scholarship. Initiated a three-year international project to a hospital in Bolivia. Donated \$600 for a wheelchair for an Easter Seals patient.

1989-90 - Assisted with humanitarian project in Bolivia. Participated in Octoberfest, Villa Park's 75th birthday festival, and in "Operation Snowball" at the local high school.

1990-91 - Made significant contributions to "PolioPlus", a local young quadriplegic man for communication equipment. Received large gift from estate of a past president for scholarships.

1991-92 - Organized and participated in Summerfest '92. Continued contribution to Coochabamba,

Bolivia for medical project. Presented gift of \$500 to Lombard YMCA. Participated in Odyssey Of The Mind program and conducted successful Christmas auction.

1992-93 - Two vocational scholarships awarded. Made grant and enabled a matching grant for a hospital in Equitas, Peru. Significant gift made to "PolioPlus". Participated in Operation Snowball and Odyssey Of The Mind. Made contribution to Villa Park Library. Conducted a successful Summerfest and made a \$1,500 contribution to Easter Seals.

1993-94 - Joined four other Rotary Clubs in applying for a Rotary Foundation matching grant, which supported a team of dentists who conducted cleft palate surgery on needy children in Taluca, Mexico. Continued to support the Odyssey Of The Mind program in School Districts 45 and 88, and area organizations such as Easter Seals and NEDSRA. Initiated support for the Literacy Volunteers of DuPage to support tutoring for adults in the Villa Park Area. On a monthly basis collected food for the York Township Food Pantry.

2003 – Sponsored a "refrigerator program" to a town in Thailand.

2004 – Co-sponsored Child Car Seat Safety Program along with the Villa Park Police Dept. We made available child car seats to needy families.

2005 – Donated Centennial Rotary Year Clock located on the Prairie Path to the Village of Villa Park. Donated a fishing pier at a local park district pond in the name of a deceased member...Dick Ernst.

2005-06 – Numerous Rotary Club members donate their time in local school "mentoring program."

Annual -- We have sponsored a "Vocational Scholarship"(\$1000) program every year with Willowbrook HS. We also offer a separate "Scavone Scholarship" (\$2000) to graduating seniors from Willowbrook HS. These projects above are in addition to our usual annual donations to the local charities such as Northeast Special Education Program, Easter Seals, DuPage Emergency Center, Illinois Special Olympics, Ray Graham Program, Diecke Home in Lombard, District 45-- Destination Imagination Programs, and Tri-town YMCA.

We also sponsor a high school student each year for the World Affairs Seminar.

Our major fundraisers each year includes: Annual Christmas Auction (each year for about 25years); President's Raffle tickets (for the past 10 years); and Annual Fall Golf Outing (past 5 years).

Youth Exchange Activity:

1976 - Hosted student from Brazil.

1977-78 - Hosted student from Australia and her parents came for visit. Co-hosted 2nd International Weekend for all District 644 and 645 Youth Exchange Students with Lombard Club. Sent student to South Africa. Sent student to Great Britain on 644 Vocational Study program.

1978-79 - Hosted fourth student from Brazil.

1981-82 - Sent Karen Chesire to Sweden.

1983-84 - Hosted Claire Goodard from Zimbabwe.

1984-85 - Hosted Charlotte Hartwig from Denmark.

1986-87 - Sent Maureen Kavanaugh to Oslo, Norway.

2004-05 – Sent Elise Willer to France

2006-07 – Hosted Maria Echeverri from Medellin, Columbia

Rotary Club of Wauconda

Chartered Aug. 30, 1990

The Wauconda Rotary Club was chartered in 1990 to provide a means for local business people to foster the idea of service in personal, business and community life. As the Wauconda area continues to grow, Rotary will enable its members to stay in touch with business trends and community activities, by providing an environment of fellowship and involvement.

First community project was to provide a DDT machine for the deaf for NISRA. Ongoing projects have included: Providing Thanksgiving dinner for needy family, providing Christmas dinner and gifts to a needy family, and sending student to World Affairs Seminar in Whitewater, WI each June. Also provided overhead projector to Wauconda Nursing Home and donated money for their garden. Provided crafts to the Island Lake Nursing Home and continue to support them when needed.

Contributed money for the stocking of Island Lake, Tent for Boy Scout Troop 90, and supplied trophies for the NISRA basketball tournament. In 1993 raised money and physically constructed a picnic shelter in Cook Park for the Park District. Sponsored Explorer Troop 176 in automotive mechanics for two years.

1992 - Hosted a get acquainted night for the community at Mers Restaurant with astronaut Jim Lovell the speaker. Each year our big fundraiser has been a Silent Auction held in conjunction with a Candlelight Town. Another successful fundraiser has been a spring raffle.

1995 - Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for Wauconda Park District, which will be an annual affair. Donated money for prizes, and have a judge in the first Venetian Night held in Wauconda July 3.

1995-1996 – Ken Locher, President. Sponsored a local student, Jaclyn Stangler, as a representative to People to People in Australia. Held a silent auction/dinner fundraiser in September at the local American legion Hall. Sponsored needy families through food donations at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The club continued sponsorship of the Easter egg hung at the park district. Two local students participated at the World Affairs Seminar. We also began a quarterly donation of \$250 to the local food pantry.

1996-97- John Barbini, President. Sponsored a local baseball team for nine- and ten-year-olds. Purchased a racing wheel chair for the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. Created a scholarship program for graduating students for the local high school to include a \$500 vocational scholarship and a \$500 bachelors' degree scholarship. Continued sponsorship of Easter Egg Hunt for needy families at holiday time, and the Food Pantry. Sponsored a matching grant to help equip an x-ray room for Moro Leone, Mexico. Received the 1996-1997 Presidential Citation award at the district 6440 Convention. Special note: the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association, in conjunction with the Wauconda Park District, dedicated the handicapped-accessible fishing pier on Bangs Lake, which will be known as the Arthur G. Farley Accessible Fishing Pier. This is named after the first president of the Wauconda Rotary Club, who passed away in November of 1996. The Wauconda club had been

influential in laying the groundwork for the pier under Art's leadership.

1997-98- Kathy Pullam, President. The club sponsored an applicant for an Ambassadorial scholarship, but the applicant was not accepted. Contributed to "pathfinder" schools in Rio de Janeiro province in Brazil. Contributed funds for a "Bicycle for Togo" as a district sponsored project. Due to a business transfer, our president, Kathy Pullam, resigned on April 1, 1998, and was replaced by president-elect Julie Mayer. The club continued with established community service projects as in past years.

1998-99- Julie Mayer, President. Established a literacy project in conjunction with the local school district and the Wauconda library to provide equipment and software for teaching English as a second language. An initial contribution of \$500 was made to start the project. We also donated funds for another local student, David Schwarz, to attend People to People, in New Zealand. Applied for and received a grant from the Feinstein Foundation to provide funds for the local food pantry. The club received three awards during the district convention—Club Service, Presidential Citation and Outstanding Vocational Service. We also granted a \$200 donation to the Kosovo refugee fund.

1999-2000 – Jim Kaiser, President. Sponsored Niki Eklund as a People to People representative to Europe this summer. Contributed \$500 to the charity "Watered Garden," which serves mentally handicapped children. Donated funds to the Barrington high school Fin arts Program. Continue with donations to the Library literacy project, Easter egg hunt, and will sponsor the NISRA fishing derby in the spring. Our club became one of the sponsors for the newest organization in Wauconda, the United Partnership for Better communities. Several of our members are now charter members of that organization. We donated \$250 to YMCA Camp Duncan to provide funds for scholarships for needy children to attend summer camps.

2000-2001 – Ralph Wirebaugh, President. Established the practice of presenting a "Rotary Minute" as part of the weekly program, describing some aspect of Rotary. Sponsored a Rotary club float in the Wauconda Township 150th Anniversary parade. Celebrated the club's 10th anniversary with a gala dinner and entertainment event on November 3rd at the Millcreek Banquet facility in Wauconda. Provided \$200 for two local students to attend the National Blind Sports Program. The club donated \$250 to Hunger Relief in Ethiopia. Donated \$500 in co-sponsorship with the Wheeling club on a project to provide heart surgery in Ecuador. The club received a Presidential Citation award at the District Convention.

2001-2002 Jim Radtke, President. Applied for and received a Blaine Immunization Grant for \$1,000, which was used for sponsoring an immunization day awards ceremony at the local schools. Continued and expanded our sponsorship of the literacy program at the local library with another \$500 contribution. The club sponsored a booth at the local street dance to raise funds for our benevolent activities. Donated \$750 to the Wauconda Park District toward their project of constructing a Skate Park. Partnered with the Rotary Club of Glenview Sunrise—contributing \$500 toward the purchase of sewing machines for an orphanage in Honduras. Received the Community Service award at the District Convention. Contributed toward the district Wheel Chair Project. Purchased and installed Rotary signs around all of the schools in Wauconda (Drive Carefully—Protect our Children.)

2002-2003 – Sam Martinez, President. Club members participated in the village of Wauconda's 125th Birthday Celebration with a number of members riding on the big fire truck in the parade. Also, sold

cotton candy at a booth that same day at the street dance. Participated in raising funds directly for Polio Plus through local corporate donations. Installed Rotary signs on the "Welcome to Wauconda" signs at the village limits. Applied for and received a CAP grant for the purchase of banners to be used by the United Partnership recognizing Wauconda as a "First Class Community." Sponsored a winning candidate for one of the District 6440 Vocational Scholarships. Won the Governor's Award at the District Convention. Also received a 2002-2003 Presidential Citation from RI President Bhichai Rattakul.

2003-2004 – Andy Bicknase, President. Donated at total of \$1,500 to the local library to complete their project of creating a special room for instruction of English as a second language. Sponsored a booth at the Wauconda Business Expo. Donated \$200 to the Wauconda Bulldogs Special Olympics. Coordinated a community-wide project to raise funds for a handicapped accessible pontoon boat to be used in conjunction with the handicapped accessible fishing pier on Bangs Lake. We raised over \$15,000 through private and corporate donations for this project; the boat was purchased and is in use on the lake.

2004-2005 - Nancy Burton, President. Contributed another \$1,000 towards an Immunization Day for the Wauconda Schools. This has become an annual project. Donated \$500 to the Family Child Foundation, a local organization that provides backpack and school supplies for the needy children. Donated \$500 to the District for Haiti Hurricane relief. The United Partnership for a Better Community, to which many of our Rotary members belong, was honored to receive the Governor's Home Town Award on behalf of the Village of Wauconda. Partnered with Rotary club of Evanston with a \$500 donation to provide mosquito nets for Uganda. One major challenge for the Wauconda Rotary Club has been membership or the lack of members. The club's membership is between 16-18 members. After 13 years of being a breakfast club, the club made a decision in January this year to change from a breakfast club that met at 7:00 a.m. to go to lunchtime club with meetings at 11:30 a.m. One of the major reasons for this change was to have the ability to recruit more members. This change occurred as of January 2005. Our club looks forward to our new challenge of spreading the Rotary word and having more community members become involved.

2005-2006 – Mike Wahl, President. Applied for and received a \$1,000 Simplified Grant from the District. This was used along with club funds for the purchase of a \$4,500 trailer to be used by Wauconda CERT: Citizens Emergency Response Team. If there is a community emergency such as tornados, floods, airplane crashes etc, this team responds to that emergency and all of their equipment and supplies are stored in that trailer. Continued our partnership with Evanston Rotary for another year on the mosquito net project in Uganda with another \$500 donation.

For a small club we are very proud of the community service projects we are able to support. The following list is a few of our major accomplishments - Founding member of the United Partners for a Better Community (this community organization went on to win the Governor's Home Town Award in 2004); provide financial scholarships for local high school students; financial support to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry; provided the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association financial support to construct the Arthur G. Farley Fishing Pier along with purchasing of a handicap accessible pontoon boat; co-sponsor of the Wauconda Park District' annual egg hunt; assist the Wauconda Township in providing food to needy families during the holiday season; contributed funds

for Wauconda High School students to attend the National Blind Sports Program; and contributed financially to the Wauconda Library to provide various materials to aid in their literacy campaign.

International Projects - Continue to support the Polio Plus program; contributed funds for medical supplies to Mexico, a needy school in India and for Kosovo Disaster Relief; and ten percent of all fundraisers are contributed to the Rotary Foundation for World Service Projects.

Rotary Club of Waukegan

Chartered Nov. 1, 1916

1919 - Contributed \$500 to institute program of medical assistance for crippled children. Sums were contributed annually until 1940 when financing was taken over by the Community Chest. Transported children from their homes to Masonic Temple for treatment and to Shrine Hospital in Chicago until it was assumed by Crippled Children's Clinic.

1921 - Initiated program of community activity with underprivileged children. This program led to establishment of Big Brother and Big Sister Assoc. in 1935.

1939 - Grade school band program established by Rotarians and Rotary Anns with musical instruments and uniforms provided.

1942-46 - Contributed generously time and money to assist USO and Servicemen's Center in Waukegan.

1948 - Started two Jr. Achievement programs in Waukegan, which still continue to be a major project of the club.

1950-55 - Annual Christmas parties provided for children of Lake Bluff orphanage.

1953 - Collected funds and clothing, sending 40 boxes of clothing to Korean orphans.

1969-73 - Annual Gourmet dinners prepared and served to raise funds for Club's youth projects: Happy Day Nursery, high school band, Jr. Achievement, Half-Way House, and Opportunity New Tomorrow.

1973 - Initiated the practice of assessing members \$25 per year to continue funding numerous youth projects. Assisted in raising funds to erect new building for Happy Day Nursery. One classroom was dedicated to Waukegan Rotary in recognition of generous support over the years.

1974 - Took leadership in Salvation Army campaign to raise funds for new service center in Waukegan. Have continued to man kettles and collect funds to help Salvation Army.

1976-77 - Annual ice cream socials held to initiate new community service projects.

1978-79 - Purchased lighted stop signs for all school crossing guards in Waukegan. Instituted annual event, Waukegan Rotary Community School raised \$7,000 for charity.

1979-80 - Dropped practice of assessing members \$25 each year for funding of projects. Vocational schools scholarships for students to the College of Lake County. Camp scholarships for YMCA camp. Leadership to Jr. Achievement divisional structure new in 1979. Leadership given to renovation of YMCA.

1980-81 - Hosted four families from France during Rotary International Convention. Provided leadership to many organizations: Jr. Achievement, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, YMCA, and Shimer College. Manned Salvation Army kettles. Provided funds for replacement cabin at YMCA camp. Supported Waukegan Park District soccer program.

1981-82 - Held 5th annual community Christmas concert, raising funds for local charities and providing a community service. Manned Salvation Army kettles. Began free bus pickup for seniors to attend Christmas concert.

1982-83 - 6th annual Christmas concert raising funds for charity. Manned Salvation Army kettles. Instituted recognition luncheons for three classes of student achievers: student body leader, academic achievers, and athletic achievers from four area high schools.

1988 - Has continued with various fundraisers and gave birth to new Rotary Breakfast club in the same area - Gurnee-Waukegan.

1991-93 - Celebrated 75th anniversary. Held duck race to raise funds for the Health Reach Clinic. Beautification of Waukegan lakefront through our ecology project.

1993 - In conjunction with Boy Scouts of America, donated 10,000 issues of Boy's Life magazine to boys who can't afford subscriptions. Clothing drive for the homeless. Support Friends of the Hungry with a cash donation. Continue to hold annual fruit fundraiser. Bell ringing at Christmas for Salvation Army.

1994-95 - Began Free Immunization project for Waukegan and North Chicago area, supplying manpower and cash donations to Health Reach Clinic with the North Chicago Rotary Club. Started very ambitious project, adopting a park with a five-year contract to improve Washington Park. Participated in skills re-training program to help heads of households back into work world. Recognized various members of the community with luncheon and plaque; scholastic and athletic honors students with luncheon; and hosted annual Salvation Army luncheon. Furnished labor and \$2,000 to send supplies and equipment to a hospital in Mexico.

1997-98 – John T. Larsen was president. As past president of the Rotary club of Waukegan I have a special interest in seeing that our club continues on the path set forth by all former presidents and boards. This is why I have remained active in the club since my presidency. I have served on the board for most of the years since I was president and served several positions prior to my term. I am a self-described Rotary brat – being third generation Rotarian in the Waukegan club. I remember Rotary years, members, and some presidencies back to the mid 50's. Some of these early memories are quite clear. Memories of Christmas parties when children were invited and Santa would pass out gifts. I also remember my father's presidency in 1969. His fundraiser was a chicken dinner. I joined in the work of cutting the whole chickens into pieces, cooking, serving and cleaning up. This was my first Rotary service project. My own Rotary presidency was filled with the usual and some unusual projects, problems, a sense of accomplishment and relief at being able to pass the position off to one of my friends knowing that I had served to the best of my ability. We received the Presidential Citation that year and the credit for this goes to my board and chairs. It is with a sense of pride that I look forward to

next year when my daughter will serve as president of our club. She is the fourth generation of our family to be a member of the Rotary Club of Waukegan and the third generation to serve as president.

1999-2000 – Alain H. Oller was president. Organized three fundraisers to include a bowling event, silent auction, and citrus sale. Four Avenues of Service Award.

2000-01 – Mark Thorn was president. The plan for my year as president actually started out at the district assembly for Al Oller. The idea then was for a three-year plan. The numbers of Rotarian members had started to see a decline in some of the district clubs, and many of the programs that the clubs were involved in recently were not in continuity from year to year. So, the idea for the next three years was for the presidents to plan what they were going to do together for an easy flow of ideas, programs, and goals. By looking three (3) years into the future we could hopefully accomplish these goals. I believe our goals were (or something like this): (1) strengthen the club membership numbers by retaining present members and having a definite goal of adding new members. This would be done through: (2) Quality and interesting club programs that would improve attendance at meetings. (3) Fellowship outside the club meetings to include the other members of the Rotarian's family, so the club member could be with their family, spouse, or significant other AND the club.

Some of the more outstanding programs: Moving our meetings to Brydges House was a GREAT start; FBI speaker about world safety after 9/11; club assembly that had an icebreaker of the game "Spoons" (a wild time!); the Rear Admiral Daniel L. Kloeppel of the U.S. Navy and his wife; the Past Presidents of The Rotary Club of Waukegan; "Benny The Bull" from the Chicago Bulls; the Rotary International Credit Card; picnic at Washington Park for the remodeling dedication with The Rotary Club of North Chicago, the Waukegan Jazz Steppers, and Glen Harris cooking; and the 1st Rotary of Waukegan Youth Exchange Day, complete with picnic at Bowen Park and Glenn's barbeque.

Some of the fellowships: Real fireside chats at Olson Comfort; Christmas in April entire house project; July 4th parade programs distributed; Halloween Fest at Bowen Park; Festival of Trees; Citrus Saturday; Food Pantry drive; Book drive for the Navy base; Literacy project with Oakdale Elementary school; Salvation Army Bell Ringing; District Bowling; Beach Clean up; International project: Hunger in Ethiopia; Valentine's Day Gifts of toiletries to the Kiley Center; Road trip to Milwaukee; Road trip to UIC basketball game; Beach Party in the Hunter's barn; Picnic at the May's with Som's boxing Kata; and golf outing at Shepard's Crook and dinner at Stonecreek.

Other notes: Nadine & Mark attended the International Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina; inbound Youth Exchange Student Achinee "Som" Yimklai from Thailand; outbound Youth Exchange Student Elizabeth Kozlik to Australia; Group Study Exchange Team Member Julie Duffy to the Philippines; five (5) new club members; two (2) Friends of Rotary Members (Bruce Diederich of Waukegan Roofing and Jason Grothe of WXLC/WKRS Radio) for their help with Christmas in April; PDG Mimi Altman passed away; and the Rotary Club of Waukegan named the Club of the Year at the District Conference, winning and placing second & third in most categories.

Thoughts: Going back almost five (5) years it is hard to remember all the little things (and even some of the big ones) from my year. Since we had the three-year plan I may have confused events from some of those years too, if I have please correct me. It was a great year. We were very busy helping others, we had a fun time, and we achieved our goals. The success of our programs, membership gains,

fellowships, and ultimate district awards were not because of just the president. It was because the club members followed through in their delegated responsibility of which the president had guided and ultimately entrusted them. Everyone pulled their weight and took a part in the activities of the club. The success was a culmination of three years of hard work building up to and peaking in this year. Some members obviously did more than others, but ALL were involved in the achievements. As the president, I could not have been prouder of our club during my year of presidency because were a team, not a bunch of individuals.

2003-04 – John Bucher was president. I set two objectives for my 2003–2004 year as Rotary President. First, I wanted the club membership to grow. Second, I wanted to promote more involvement with our current members.

Concerning membership growth, I earmarked several club and board meetings to discuss this issue. Based on a variety of excellent input, the club decided to conduct a formal new-member drive. This program was a month long and culminated in a club meeting dedicated to prospective new members. We had 16 guests attending this meeting. As a result, five of these guests decided to become members of Waukegan Rotary. Based on this model, the club has scheduled to have two “prospective new member” meetings this year.

More involvement was my second goal. The club scheduled more social events geared toward our members and their families. We featured six events and enjoyed excellent participation. We also setup an informal network to contact members who missed two consecutive weekly meetings. This resulted in better attendance and good fellowship on a weekly basis.

Our club continued to support the Rotary In-Bound Youth Exchange program. We sponsored a young lady from Brazil. As in the past, this proved to be a meaningful experience benefiting not only our exchange student, but the club members as well. We continued to support the local “Feed the Hungry” program. On five occasions, our club prepared a dinner and fed over 100 people in need. Our club continued to actively sponsor and support the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other local charities. Because of our local, national, and international work, our club earned the Presidential Citation Award for 2003–2004.

In summary, being President of the Waukegan Rotary Club has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It was an honor to be given this opportunity. My only regret is not being able to accomplish more during my term.

2004-05 – Alicia Mentell was president. Fellowship: Annual Picnic at the Mays, fireside Chat at the Thorns, Octoberfest at Bowen Park, trivia Challenge with North Chicago Rotary, Christmas Social at the Andersons, Mardi Gras with Waukegan Main Street, Rotary 100th Birthday Celebration at the YMCA, and district Bowling at Vernon Hills.

Fundraising: Raised over \$10,000 through the sale of citrus & entertain books. Raised around \$1,000 for PolioPlus through sale of Polio Hope Bears. Rotary International Centennial Celebration: Presented monthly PowerPoint presentations highlighting the history and accomplishments of Rotary International with speakers from our club, district, and Rotary International.

Vocational Service: Presentation by Congressman Mark Kirk, hosted ten high school students for Job Shadow Day, and sponsored three high school students on a College Campus Tour.

Community Service: Distributed programs at American Independence Parade, fed the hungry every fifth Tuesday, cleaned up bike path, ran pumpkin toss at Halloweenfest, collected non-perishable food for Great Lakes Naval Base, financial grant to Oakdale School Literacy Program, volunteered as celebrity readers at Waukegan Public Library, rang bells for Salvation Army collecting almost \$1,000, pledged plunger at Polar Bear Plunge for Special Recreation Athletes, and sponsored three RYLA students.

International Service: Hosted Rotary Playday for District 6440 Inbound Exchange Students, hosted Group Study Exchange Team from Korea, sponsored construction of house in India as part of Tsunami Aid, sponsored Group Study Exchange applicant to Korea, served as Airport Greeters for Chicago Convention, and hosted Rotarians from abroad at Host Hospitality.

Youth Exchange Activity:

- 1967 Hosted student from Argentina.
- 1970 Hosted student from Argentina.
- 1973 Hosted group of summer exchange students from Austria. Entertained groups of students in the summer.
- 1978 Organized the Interact Club - 20 members.
- 1980 Sent student to South America.
- 1981-82 Hosted student from Germany.
- 1983-89 Hosted students from Australia, Japan, Brazil, Ecuador, and Finland.
- 1994 Hosted one student from Spain and one from the Czech Republic.
- 1995 Hosting student from France, and sponsoring two outbound students.
- 1999 Inbound exchange student, Bruno Barbosa, from Brazil. Outbound exchange student to Germany, Justin Mentell from Waukegan.
- 2000 Inbound Youth Exchange Student Achinee "Som" Yimklai from Thailand; outbound Youth Exchange Student Elizabeth Kozlik to Australia
- 2004 Hosted Inbound Student from Slovakia.

Rotary Club of West Chicago

Chartered Dec. 29, 1953

The first project of the club was the first public swimming pool in West Chicago. It opened in Reed-Kepler Park July 4, 1955, and was operated independent from the city 17 years until it was transferred to the city after all bonds were paid off or donated. The next community project was a World Travelogue series held six times a year at the Community High School auditorium for the past 16 years with profits derived therefrom used for various community needs.

Project and services of the past years have included: Support for local library, Salvation Army (donut days), Los Amigos Americanos project, re-building city entry signs, supporting Win-Way Share Food program, and co-hosting Annual Teacher's Welcome Luncheon. Funds raised through Las Vegas Nights, coupon book sales, yard and garage sales, pop stand sales which have generated donations for local hospitals, Christmas decoration, and personal emergencies which have confronted local citizens

and institutes.

1995 current projects are: Maintenance of the Sam Bishop fund for needy and deserving students at West Chicago Community High, annual breakfast with Santa with proceeds going to WAYS (Wayne-Winfield Youth and Family Services), annual fundraiser in conjunction with West Chicago Historical Society for support of Wayne and Helen Fox Community Center, ongoing support and interest in Nepal Dentistry Project (pioneered by member John Yancey), coordination for last 14 years of Community Blood Drive, participation in literacy tutoring, shadowing program in connection with WCCHS, participation in Immunization for Children, Meals on Wheels delivery, and Local School District Education for Excellence projects.

1996-05 - Current Membership: 28.

Over the last decade our club has seen some peaks and valleys of membership -- falling as low as 17 and reaching 30 members in late 2004. Past President, Ed Hedeem (02-03), has been responsible for most of the upsurge, which currently finds the Club with a membership of 28.

The last ten years saw the death of two long-time charter members of the Rotary Club of West Chicago, Wayne Fox and Arne Knutsson, our first President and one of the few in our history to twice serve in that capacity. Both men had perfect attendance throughout their active Rotary membership. Two other charter members, Meric "Chip" Belding and Bruce Bennett also passed on. We lost a number of members to retirement, resignation, or death who had been members for 20 years and more: Pat Finneran (Past President and long-time Club Secretary) and Dr. Frank Riley (Past President and founder of our long-running blood drive). Ron Ingraham (Past President and many years as Club Treasurer); Ed Walen (Past President); Dr. Wes Watanabe (Past President); and Milt Sauer (Past President) -- who graciously remembered our Club in his will with a sizable sum --as did Charter Member Fox.

The Wayne and Helen Fox Scholarship (\$2,000) was established at the West Chicago Community High School, where Mr. Fox attended and was a legendary athlete who played one year at Illinois when old "Red" Grange starred for the Illinis. Rotarian Knutsson, who was the "Father of The West Chicago Rotary," was honored this past year in our Club 50th and Rotary 100th Anniversary project, --a memorial plaque, stone, and Planting at Reed-Kepler park commemorating Arne and Rotary's Efforts in establishing West Chicago's first swimming pool and Park District.

Over the past ten year period our Club has pursued a number of projects, -- among which are: Regular Prairie Path Cleanups and placing a Picnic Table on the Path in Reed-Kepler Park; The Blaine Immunization program for our community; an ongoing sponsorship of a Dental Clinic in Nepal (--set-up by our member, Dr. John Yancey); an India Spinal Rehab multi-club project; helped fund a Children's Park in Amman, Jordan as well as local after party for our WCCHS prom; and regular support of the Wayne and Helen Fox Community Center and the Humanitarian Service project which helps need Senior Citizens. We are especially proud of 2004 project spearheaded by then member Ken Tinnes, which provided a \$3,500 special bicycle for a local teenager, who was severely injured by a hit and run driver while bike riding.

Our main fundraising projects have been three motorcycle raffles, three art auctions, and an Annual Golf Tournament. We supported our Community at "West Chicago Blooming" and Railroad Days. We also closed out our longstanding Blood Drive after more than 20 years and more than 800 pints collected. This drive (directed by the Rev. Welton Warkentin for the past 20 plus years) was discontinued in 2002

although several Rotarians continue to give in the name of the club.

2005-06 This year we held a very interesting installation ceremony, historical in nature. Past District governor and current South American Director of Polio Plus <insert Name Here please> conducted the installation. We had families from all over the world for the ceremony during the centennial celebration of Rotary International. It was really special. It is a significant accomplishment for West Chicago Rotary that the first woman president was elected last year considering our club is 52 years old. Also, West Chicago Rotary moved to its very own clubhouse after 51 years.

Local Service:

- West Chicago funded two vocational scholarship applications for a local high school in School District 94 in West Chicago for \$1,500 dollars each. That's typical for the district sponsors.
- We also are participating in a literacy project for community service. We have partnered with the West Chicago Public Library District and have received matching grants for an interactive literacy project where Rotarians tutor non-English speaking families at the library over a ten-week period. It started January and is ongoing through May.
- We donated for the 11th year in a row to the Humanitarian Service, which is a local agency in West Chicago and we sponsor needy senior citizen through that project. We provide monthly delivery of food and non-perishables. It also allows us to honor them with a gift from their wish list. We were recently recognized as having done that for the eleventh consecutive year.
- Our fundraising efforts included a golf outing in September and that is where we raised the bulk of our funds, which we are distributing to our community.
- Our club contributed to Rotary's Initiative to support victims of Hurricane Katrina. Other donations include: The Lions Club in their effort to build a war memorial here in West Chicago; the West Chicago Public Library; DuPage CASA; The Helen and Wayne Fox Community Center; "All Night Long" an after prom program through School District 94; and others.
- We're sending four students from the local high school to RYLA.

International Projects:

- Clean water for Haiti, Wheaton Rotary and West Chicago Rotary have partnered to help relieve the No. 1 problem in Haiti — access to clean water. By contributing \$2,500 dollars each and donations from the District and the Foundation, our donations have translated into the purchase of a special truck made specifically for the terrain in Haiti that costs \$24,000. This truck will be used to transport about 120 cement water filters that are built in such a way that a person can just pour water on top and clean water comes out from the bottom
- Guatemala Medical Relief project, One of our members, Dr. John Yancy, a dentist, partnered with in Wisconsin District 6270 on a project to serve the southeast of Chiquimuillia, Guatemala, where they have limited to no health care at all. A team of 30 assorted health care professionals and interpreters treated approximately 1,200 patients, Also, Yancy and the Theinsville-Mequon Rotary the on a second international program to bring dentistry to Guatemala. In January of 2006, the group spent a week (Jan. 10 through Jan. 17) performing general dentistry.

Youth Exchange Activity:

Has hosted students from Australia, Brazil, Columbia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, and Mexico; sponsored students to Belgium, France, Spain, former Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), South Africa, and New

Zealand.

Rotary Club of Wheaton

Chartered Feb. 28, 1959

Donated money to send International students at Wheaton College to Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored Audubon wildlife lectures, netting \$3,000 for DuPage Audubon Society over six years. Assisted in providing dental care by obtaining and shipping equipment to community in Brazil. \$1,000 contribution to Boy Scouts for camp refrigerator. Contributed 200 man-hours to development of Cosley Park, a youth-oriented farm and museum. Occasionally entertained athletic squads, forensic teams, and choral groups from local schools.

1960 - Raised \$681 for organization of DuPage Summer Symphony Orchestra. Co-sponsored annual sports honor banquet for honor roll students.

1963 - Sponsored local students to student exchange program at Campus YMCA, St. Louis, MO. Annual contribution to Jr. Achievement Center.

1964- Annually hosts international college students at dinner and evening of entertainment.

1965 - Annually sponsors high school student to Boys State in Springfield, IL.

1965-67 - Contribution to YMCA building fund.

1972 - Started Blood Assurance Program for City of Wheaton.

1973 - Contributed \$500 to Amigos de America.

1974 - Contributions: \$500 to Wheaton Park District to sponsor formulation of plans for children's park; \$2,500 development of Cosley Children's Park.

1975 - Contributions: \$3,500 to Central DuPage Hospital building fund; \$100 to Senior Citizen's Club for piano.

1976 - Donated \$5,000 Hurst Rescue Tool for City of Wheaton.

1977 - Contributions: \$3,000 to City of Wheaton for formulation of citywide bike trail; financial support to College of DuPage Swing Chorus to tour Europe, and financial support to Miss DuPage County Beauty Pageant.

1978 - Co-sponsored eyeglasses pickup for needy person in Haiti. Contributions: \$750 to Wheaton Youth Outreach for drug rehabilitation work. Financial support to All American 77 project, Red Grange Memorial for City, and \$100 to School Community Resource Center.

1979-80 - Presented park district/village with lighted Community Message Board as the 75th Anniversary Rotary project; established senior college level scholarship program; fire prevention week coloring contest; planned series of activity evenings for DuPage Convalescent Home residents; participated in Belgian student exchange program; conducting Vocational Service Stress seminars.

1983-84 - Established an undergraduate scholarship of \$1,000 for students with two years of college credits on the basis of academic standing.

1985-86 - Began 3-year Community Service project to be named the Creative Playground to mark the 25th anniversary of Wheaton Rotary, park for use of physically handicapped is budgeted at \$40,000.

1987 - Financial contribution and participation by Rotary work crews at Wheaton Recycling Center.

Financial support for Junior Achievement supplemented with volunteer Rotarian help in the classroom.

1988 - Raised college scholarships to two \$1,000 grants to students in degree program and \$500 assistance to a vocational program student. Concluded Creative Playground with total of 1,300 man-hours of labor by Rotarians and \$65,000. Achieved over \$31,000 in PolioPlus contributions to the Foundation. Held first international theme dinner "Christmas in Austria" raising \$7,300.

1989 - Contributed over \$11,000 in funds and donated materials and services for construction of an emergency medical helicopter landing pad at Central DuPage Hospital, and provided 320 Rotarian man-hours to qualify facility as a Level II Trauma Center in Loyola Lifestar Network. Sponsored student to RYLA conference in Valley Forge. Awarded special R.I. Foundation grant of \$850 in addition to \$1,000 contribution for purchase of audio equipment and tapes for Blind Girls School of Dawas, India, a world Community Service Project. Annual theme dinner raised \$8,200

1990 - College Avenue commuter station project will be funded with \$5,000 and Rotarian labor. Established a club vocational service project of pairing Rotarians with high school students enabling them to monitor a day on the job.

1991 - Sponsored organization of Wheaton Rotary AM Club; International Student Dinner at Wheaton College; and games/refreshments one Wednesday each month at DuPage County Convalescent Center. Organized Interact Club at Wheaton North High School. Continued recycling programs with Rotarians working one Saturday morning each month at Wheaton Recycling Center.

1992 - Major hands-on projects of constructing two bridges, sidewalks, and ultimately a gazebo for Sunnyridge Family Center. Christmas Ethnic Dinner (Christmas in Mexico) raised nearly \$20,000 for projects. Awarded \$2,500 in scholarships to needy students competing their final two years of college. Donated \$1,000 to international project "Opportunity" for Jamaica.

1993 - \$2,500 scholarship was awarded to three college students. Supported tutorial project for Dist. 200. Continued game night at DuPage Convalescent Center. Supported W.D.S.R.A. and D.A.R.E. programs among many other philanthropic projects.

1994 - Constructed handicapped facilities for local Drama/Theater Center for estimated cost of \$12,000 and 200 man-hours. Donated \$2,200 toward construction of a shelter at local park and \$1,000 toward National March for Parks. Hosted International Student Dinner at Wheaton College. \$4,500 scholarship was awarded to needy college students. Donated \$3,000 toward purchase of a pediatric intensive care unit for local hospital.

1995 - Awarded \$3,500 scholarships to students. Donated \$3,500 toward philanthropic projects. Sponsored an ambassadorial scholar. Raised \$20,000 at International theme dinner/fundraiser. Sponsored first annual high school students volunteer recognition banquet. Officially established a sister club relationship with a club in Belgium for future international projects. Continued game night at DuPage County Convalescent Center.

1996 - Rotary Club of the Year for District 6440; built an \$8,500 Gazebo for Memorial Park in Wheaton with over 200 man-hours donated; donated an aviary to the DuPage Convalescent Center; gave

out \$7,500 in college scholarships; hosted an exchange student from Germany; and sponsored an ambassadorial scholar from Wheaton to study in Switzerland.

1997 – Built first playground that was disabled accessible in DuPage County at Jefferson School.

1998 – Hosted student from Japan.

1999 – Organized Project Condor to Juanaco, Peru to provide medical treatment, supplies, and equipment. Hosted student from Peru and Mexico.

2000 – Gave out \$8,500 in college scholarships. Organized Project Condor to Juanaco, Peru.

2001 - Hosted free community party in Memorial Park in Wheaton with free entertainment. Organized Project Condor in Juanaco, Peru.

2002 - Donated \$10,000 and much manpower to a playground project at the YMCA, also gave \$6,000 and organized another Project Condor trip to Juanaco Peru.

2003 - Hosted exchange student from Sweden. Donated \$15,000 to Centennial Park project in downtown Wheaton. Met 100% PolioPlus participation.

2004 – Donated \$5,000 and many man-hours to the Humanitarian Service Project.

2005-2006 — Donated \$20,000 in scholarships, donated to Katrina relief fund; we built a playground for a local elementary school. Wheaton Rotary club is also creating and supporting a program to keep young girls out of prostitution in Thailand. We are working on our ongoing book drives to support local organizations work with literacy. Other programs include: food deliveries for local low-income families; Christmas gift donations and delivery for 50 children in our area; partnering with another club to help build a well in one of the poorest villages in Haiti. Finally, we are working with another club to provide clean, safe school floors for classrooms in Uganda, Africa

Youth Exchange:

1986 - Hosted student from South Africa; sponsored student to Philippines.

1987 - Hosted student from Venezuela.

1988 - Hosted short-term student from Brazil; sponsored short-term student to Italy.

1989 - Sponsored short-term student to West Germany.

1990 - Hosted student from Denmark.

1996 – Hosted an exchange student from Germany, and sponsored an ambassadorial scholar from Wheaton to study in Switzerland.

1998 – Hosted student from Japan.

1999 – Hosted student from Peru and Mexico.

2003 – Hosted exchange student from Sweden.

Rotary Club of Wheeling

Chartered Sept. 30, 1959

1959-99 – Club Service:

Includes fellowship events; such as, installation dinners, club picnics, children’s party at Thanksgiving, Christmas dinner, events at Ravinia Festival, baseball games, fishing trips, bowling tournaments, theatre parties, Calcutta fundraisers, publication of a Rotary Ann cook book, Octoberfest parties, host Group

Study Exchange members, etc. Seek new members with diverse classifications, properly orient them in Rotary, and assign them to active committees.

Encourage regular attendance at club meetings, coupled with make-ups at neighboring clubs, district events, club projects, and international meetings. Recognize those members who achieve perfect attendance.

Participate in a major fundraising event to enable charitable distributions within the community, the Rotary Foundation, and other worthwhile organizations.

Maintain an active public relations program to reach out within the community, advising Rotary activities, and encouraging participation in Rotary programs.

Include a “Fun and Frolic” segment at each club meeting to instill camaraderie and fellowship, combined with painlessly extracting funds to support various club endeavors. Prepare a weekly club bulletin reflecting current club membership, officers, and directors; a calendar of events; special announcements; visitors; and guests; a review of current and future club programs and (sometimes) a discreet cartoon. Each member has the opportunity to obtain quality program presentations to broaden members’ knowledge of the world around us.

In 1973 under the leadership of Don Russ and Bill Simpson, Wheeling sponsored the chartering of the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club. Hosted District Conferences in 1979 and 1991.

1959-99 – Community Service:

Celebrate each club anniversary with a Senior Citizen Bingo Party. Sponsor a Thanksgiving or Christmas Food/Clothing Distribution to needy families, working with the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club, and the local high schools. Conducted a \$1,000 Idea Contest for the best-proposed community project. Present Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) to high school students. Give Mark Woods Music Scholarships to elementary schools. Attend monthly immunization clinics at Wheeling High School to assist health providers. First Aid calculators to every home and business in Wheeling. Perform highway cleanup with Boy Scouts to support local ecological programs. Held pancake breakfasts, ham dinners, Ray Rayner shows, circus acts, Big Wheel 500 races for young children, etc. to involve Rotary within the community. Supported community groups; such as, Omni House, Harper College Foundation, Boy & Girl Scout Councils, Special & Golden Olympics, family fests, 4th of July celebrations, Clearbrook Home, Horizons Children’s Center, etc. At Wheeling High School: “Wildcat” Spur Club, Peer Counseling Program, English as a Second Language, Presidential Classrooms, Teacher of the Year Awards, Speech and Debate Scholarships, and sponsored track meet activities, finances, and “Golden Books” to support Community Education Literacy Program; sponsored students for World Affairs Seminar; provided funds annually to District 214 Community Education Scholarship Foundation.

1959-99 – Vocational Service:

Acknowledgment of the Four Way Test at each meeting. Distribution of Four Way Test Plaques to Wheeling schools and businesses. Participated in Wheeling High School’s Project Cooperation. Conducted Tours of Club Members Businesses and Professions. Presented Vocational Excellence Awards in Wheeling area. Created a Four Way Test Essay Contest for elementary schools. Included members Classification Talks in club programs. Sponsored an annual Secretary’s Day special program.

1959-99 – International Service:

Dental chair unit and x-ray machine for Philippines. Books for a new university library in India. Contribution toward a homeless children's facility in Lesoto, South Africa. Financed money to dig wells for drinking water in India. Sponsored an eye clinic for cataract removal in India. In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Mundelein, Lake Zurich, and Northbrook AM, supplied an ambulance/mobile clinic for a region in India. Participated in the PolioPlus Partners Program, providing funds for surveillance stations in Africa, insulated vaccine carriers (Ghana) and bicycles for vaccine distribution (Togo).

1959-99 – International Youth Hosted Wheeling Rotary came from: Africa, Australia, Brazil, Germany.

1959-99 – Rotary Foundation Programs Supported by Wheeling Club:

Annual Programs Fund	-	\$41,815 (ranking #13 of 71 clubs)
PolioPlus/Matching Grants	-	\$170,000 (ranking #1 of 71 clubs)
Endowment/Perm. Fund	-	\$27,825 (ranking #1 of 71 clubs)
Total Giving	-	\$240,000 (ranking #1 of 71 clubs)

Paul Harris Fellows/Sustaining Members 98/32
Foundation Benefactors 2

2000-05 - International Service:

Began partnership with Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador to provide endoscopic heart surgeries for children. By 2005, over 20 surgeries have been performed. Now working on setting up major heart surgeries and seeking to install potable water systems in rural schools around Quito. Club has used Matching Grants and partnered with several other clubs for all of these projects. Sent \$2,200 to UNICEF for tsunami relief efforts in South Asia. Arranged for Rotary Transportation Grant for a truckload of materials collected by the students of Wheeling High School for the Nangweshi Refugee Camp. Worked with the Rotary Club of Lusaka, Zambia to ensure that the shipment arrived safely and intact at its destination. [2003]

2000-05 - Vocational Service:

Chartered our first Interact club at Wheeling High School – 2004. Annually, provided funds for at least 4 local high school students to attend RYLA and for 3 High School students to attend the World Affairs conference. Annually, provided a \$1,000 scholarship for a student from Wheeling High School. Hosted exchange student from Stockholm in cooperation with Buffalo Grove Rotary Club (2004-2005). Interact Club presented at the District 6440 Assembly – 2005. Sponsored students for vocational scholarships. Had student chosen as vocational scholar – 2003/2004. Provided Rotarians to speaker about small business concerns to the Wheeling High School Entrepreneurship club.

2000-05 - Club Service:

Funds for grant projects raised through a Calcutta Raffle and Dinner each November. 2004 – Additional funds raised via a silent auction during the Calcutta dinner for Centennial expenses. Annually, provide a luncheon and entertainment for the seniors at the Wheeling Senior Center upon the occasion of the Club's birthday. Achieved 100% Paul Harris Club status – 2004/2005 Rotary year. Beginning in 2004, in cooperation with the Village of Wheeling, erected and maintained a light pole banner celebrating Rotary. Arranged for Rotary video short to be played twice a day on local cable channel. Set up fellowship activities at least once a quarter each year.

2000-05 - Community Service:

Provides “Bozo Buckets” game to occupy children during annual 4th of July festival. (2002-2005). Provides “Thanksgiving dinner boxes” for up to 200 needy families in conjunction with the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club. (2000-2005). Provided cleaned, gently used winter coats for same group (2000-2003). Donated several musical instruments to Wheeling High School Band. Planted demonstration flood plain garden near creek in Wheeling. Purchased the plants and Rotarians did the planting under local water conservation experts - 2003. Renewed garden annually, 2004, and 2005. Participated with a team in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life fundraiser and donated enough money each year to be a sponsor, 2001-2004. Donated money in 2005 since Relay for Life was held during Rotary’s Centennial International Convention in Chicago. Donated funds to the Robotic Club of Holmes Middle School. Donated funds at the 10-year sponsorship level to the Indian Trails Public Library District Foundation towards the purchase of a bookmobile. Rotary logo to be displayed on the bookmobile. With the local Boy Scout Troop, did a one-mile stretch of highway clean-up quarterly from 2000-2004. Donated funds for McGruff uniform for Wheeling Police District. Donated funds to School District 214 Community Education Foundation to support program for illiterate adults and for ESL classes. Supported Community Immunization days with supplemental staffing for registration and provided early reader materials and a storyteller during the fall immunization process.

2000–05 – Donated funds to the following organizations:

Wheeling High School Service Learning Club, Wheeling Park District, Omni Youth Services, Jane Goodall Institute, Boy Scout Troop 401, NWSC Boy Scouts, Rotary Float – Rose Bowl, Northwest Special Recreation Association, Leyden Family Services, Operation Snowball, Countryside Association, Cowboy Dreams, Polio Plus (extra donation), Rotary Gift of Life, Cindy Busamante Education Fund, Ethiopia Relief Fund, Haitian Relief Fund, CEDA, Children’s Advocacy Center, Wheeling Police Department, Wheeling Historical Society, Girl Scouts, Heart of American Ride for AIDS, Points of Light Foundation, AIDS Marathon

Rotary Club of Wilmette

Chartered March 7, 1924

1934-43 - Transportation cost for crippled children to attend school. Transportation of orphans to Shrine circus. Lunch for outstanding 8th grade students. Sponsor of Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts. New Trier football luncheon. Host for Girl Scouts at Shrine Circus. War Relief contributions. Contributions to Wilmette Service Men’s Center.

1954-65 - Administration of Salk Vaccine.

1968-83 - Contributions: Wilmette fire department ambulance, scholarships, senior citizens, Wilmette baseball, equipment for nurses, NTHS Jazz band to Europe, Wilmette Civic Affairs, Visiting Nurses Association, high school graduates’ Educational Awards, and sponsorship of students to President’s Classroom, Washington, D.C.

1978-87 - Contributions to Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette Beautiful Committee, Los Amigos, Wilmette Youth Resources and continuation of previous contributions sponsorships. 1979 - First contributions to “3-H Program’ of Rotary Foundation.

1983-89 - International Projects: Grant for Ghana Agricultural training Project for School, farm, and ponds to teach grain farming and raising of fish, rabbits, and chickens for food. Training 1,500 trainers to train others throughout the Nation how to convert grain protein to meat protein. Second, treating 600 suffering from Tuberculosis with the Rotary club of Surendranagar, Gujarat, India. Third is to supply solar operated radio relay stations connecting the northern part of Suriname to southern part for medical help, these first three with funding/backing from Rotary International.

The fourth project with the Rotary Club of Cairo, worked with World Wildlife Fund for a Park for Peace at Ras Mohamred to protect endangered marine life and honor Anwar Sadat as a person of peace. Also working with the Rotary Club of Cairo - sponsored a student getting her Master's Degree in Computer Science. Wilmette Club has PolioPlus Program contributions total over \$102,000. Soviet Cultural Exchange program. All projects still in process for 1990.

1989-90 - Organized second club in the Village of Wilmette called Wilmette Harbor Club. Initiated Interact Club in Loyola and Regina Schools. Spent \$10,000 to renovate Wilmette Youth Resource Club House. Penang Project: Advanced \$8,000 to install a computer facility as part of an existing boys' club in Penang, Malaysia.

1991-92 - PADA Project (Parents Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse) inspired by Club President Bob Larsen and funded by Wilmette Rotary Golf Outing. Organized and Developed (by Jim Allans) Guyana, Northern Brazil Health for Humanity program bringing doctors, nurses, and medicines. Health and Hunger program implements work with students at Maryville Academy to help young people from the inner city. Help Preserve Planet Earth involves the distribution of trees and seedlings to schools, education of people on ideas of America The Beautiful, and developing internationally planting trees in 25 countries.

1987-94 – A follow-up project, “Training Peasant Farmers in Ghana” won our club a Rotary International Presidential Citation and was completed in 1993. We joined forces with the Northbrook Club, District 6440, and R.I. to sponsor a medical clinic and paramedic training in the island of Exuma in the Bahamas. Developed by member Jim Alans, the Guyana Northern Brazil Health for Humanity Project brought special support to 500,000 rural people in Guyana and south central Venezuela in the form of doctors, nurses, and medicines. Plan Earth was designed and nurtured by member Joe Goldstein with three sections - distribution of trees and seedlings to schools with kits for students; education of people to the ideas of “America the Beautiful”; and developing an international aspect of program planting trees in 25 different countries.

PolioPlus program proved to be one of the most successful outreach campaigns waged on behalf of children of the world and by 1993 had ended the scourge of polio in the Western Hemisphere.

Launched a second club, Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor.

Youth Exchange Activity:

1939 – Wilmette club member Robert M. Johnson came up with the idea of offering a scholarship to outstanding graduate students for a year's study in a country other than their own sponsored by Rotary.

1944 - First student from Argentina to study at Northwestern. Annually awards two scholarships

enabling college graduates to study for one year in other countries.
1966 - Established high school youth exchange program.
1967-71 - Hosted 135 high school students and sent 125 abroad.

Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor

Chartered May 22, 1990

1990 - Upon chartering, 65 charter members planted the charter oak tree in Gillson Park. First service project was collecting 12,000 eyeglasses for an eye clinic in Thailand. Entertained ten short-term youth exchange students from Austria. Hosted four neighboring clubs and R.I. Board of Directors for planting of a blue spruce in Gillson Park to honor first Rotary International Ecology Day.

1991 - Sponsored Jeff Hemeseth on GSE team to Japan and was sector chair for the incoming team. Focused on ecology by planting a flowering crabapple tree in Wilmette and sponsoring Governor's Walk at the Botanical Gardens. Provided a counselor for an Ambassadorial Scholar from England.

1992 - Entertained GSE team from Venezuela. Donated a large quantity of hospital equipment to the Children of Chernobyl project. Club provided another host counselor, this time for an Ambassadorial Scholar from Korea.

1993 - Vocational service project, which targeted adults who were unemployed or contemplating career changes, capped an ambitious program, which won the district vocation service award for the year. The club sponsored Stephanie Schramm on the GSE team to Sweden.

1994 - Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Recognized 26 Paul Harris fellows in the Club. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 10 students from Austria for an exchange

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1996 - Developed a "Butterfly Garden" in Gillson Park. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 10 students from Austria for an exchange. Provided \$800 in support of Brazil Sister Families Project. Established \$1000 scholarship at Oakton Community College in name of Wilmette Harbor Rotary Club. Began work with newly formed Interact Club at New Trier High School. Distributed \$15,000 in grants to local agencies and organizations

1997 - Distributed \$15,000 in Community Service grants to local agencies and organizations – funds generated from fundraisers. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 6 students from Austria for an exchange. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Sponsored two students for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp. Sponsored two students for attendance at the World Affairs Seminar at the

University of Wisconsin. Provided \$600 in support of New Trier High School students Youth Exchange to Japan. Sponsored a booth at the Wilmette Community Fair

1998 - Presented a Paul Harris Fellow to retiring School Superintendent. Provided two \$750 scholarships for vocational students. Contributed to literacy project in Brazil. Distributed \$15,000 in Community Service grants to local agencies and organizations – funds generated from fundraisers. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 10 students from Austria for an exchange. Sponsored local “Beach Sweep” in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris.

1999 - Assisted in the fundraising for the shipment of forty foot container of supplies for children in Kosovo. Raised \$12,000 in fall fundraiser for distribution to local agencies and organizations. Donated funds for the development of the Wilmette-Kenilworth Evening Rotary Club. Sponsored local high school student in the Rotary International Peace Conference in Uganda and provided \$1200 grant for his expenses. Participated in the annual Wilmette Community Fair. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 10 students from Austria for an exchange. Sponsored local “Beach Sweep” in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris

2000 - Hosted an Ambassadorial Scholar from New Zealand. Community Service Committee disbursed \$14,000 to local agencies and organizations. Donated \$1500 to Hearts to Honduras Project for Interact Club. Hosted GSE Team from Poland for two weeks. Sponsored two \$750 vocational grants. Sponsored Peace Essay Contest through Interact Cub. Sponsored local “Beach Sweep” in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Contributed \$3,000 for polio surveillance teams in Western Africa. Donated \$7,500 for a literacy project in La Pampa, Argentina – Rotary International matched this grant for a total contribution of \$15,000. Donated \$1,500 for a music school for disabled children in Poland. Raised \$18,940 from area Rotary Clubs and a matching RI grant to provide drinking water for a new school in Campana, Argentina. Donated funds for a hydroelectric generator for a school in Honduras. Hosted an Ambassadorial Scholar from France. Sent three students to Austria for an exchange. Hosted 12 students from Austria for an exchange. Provided 45 holiday gifts to children in Chicago elementary school through Letters to Santa program. Sponsored two students for the RYLA

2001 - Sponsored local “Beach Sweep” in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Created website for club. Received the Rotary International Presidential Citation to Create Awareness and Take Action. Sponsored Peace Essay contest for Interact Club at New Trier High School. Participated in community’s Multi-Cultural Day. Supported through donations and books drive, Literature For All of Us, a local organization that organizes books groups for teen mothers. Continued youth exchange with Austria, sending over three students and hosting ten students. Supported World Community Service project with Lima, Peru to equip a small medical clinic. Hosted in bound GSE Team from Philippines for one week. Club member Walter Reed was awarded the Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians. Donated \$1,500 for a revolving loan program for young business people in the Dominican Republic. Donated \$500 for disaster relief in Ethiopia. Donated \$500 for earthquake relief in India. Raised \$16,500 in fundraising activities to support local agencies and organizations. Funded high school student’s participation in the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Collected more than 100 children’s books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us.

2002 - Continued youth exchange with Austria, sending over three students and hosting 16 students. Sponsored two \$750 vocational grants. Sponsored Peace Essay Contest through Interact Club. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Provided more than \$12,000 in grants to local agencies and organizations. Sponsored concert for Wilmette Harbor Rotarian and acclaimed tenor, raising \$5,000 for Rotary community service efforts. Collected more than 100 children's books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us. Awarded President's Scholarship for Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Coordinated Trick or Treat for UNICEF, raising over \$5,000 for Polio Plus. Collected clothing, sheets, rugs and other items for Sarah's Circle, a Women's Shelter. Eyeglass collections over the history of the club reached 20,000 pair. Participated in the District's September 11 Relief Fundraising. Continued youth exchange with Austria, sending over three students and hosting ten students.

2003 - Sponsored outbound Ambassadorial Scholar Magdalena Walczak. Donated \$16,400 in grants to local agencies and organizations. Donated \$4,000 for club foot operations for children in Nepal. Participated in two matching grants with clubs in Argentina. Sponsored Peace Essay contest with Interact Club. Provided \$2,200 in funding for Peru San Christoforos Home for Young People with Disabilities Bakery Project. Provided \$2,200 in funding for Fabretto Children's Foundation in Nicaragua to purchase tools for vocational training. Provided supplies for Hearts to Honduras. Provided \$500 to anti-slavery organization to bring former slave Francis Bok to Wilmette to speak to Rotary Clubs and junior high students. Provided \$500 for local Community Picnic. Collected more than 100 children's books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us. The Wilmette Harbor Rotary Club in cooperation with Rotary International launched "Cookies For Dough" a fundraising effort that involves selling cookies as a fundraiser for local clubs and Rotary International.

2004 - Donated \$12,500 to local agencies and organizations. Coordinated Trick or Treat for UNICEF donated more than \$3,500 in proceeds to Polio Plus effort. Collected more than 100 children's books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris. Sponsored and staffed two soup kitchens through the Evanston Ecumenical Council. Supported the wishes of two families in need during the holidays through the Howard Community Center. Sponsored and housed Youth Exchange student Olivia Schurmans. Sponsored and paid for private high school tuition for student through Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids. In cooperation with two other Wilmette Rotary Clubs, raised more than \$25,000 for Rotary Centennial Project to benefit the Wilmette Historical Museum. Ranked number 3 in District 6440 for Total Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation. Club collected two vanloads of paper goods for local food pantry at food pantry's request.

2005 - Collected more than 100 children's books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us. Sponsored and housed Youth Exchange student Midori Hrada from Japan. Sponsored and paid for private high school tuition for student through Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids. Received \$1,000 District Simplified Grant to assist in purchasing children's books for Literature for All of Us and hosting four soup kitchen where approximately 100 individuals are fed a hot meal on each occasion. Sponsored three students for RYLA. Sponsored \$1500 Vocational Scholarship for student at Oakton Community College. Hosted more than 50 international Rotarians for "Home Hospitality Night" during the Chicago Rotary International Convention. Approximately 12 Club members attended the

Rotary International Convention and worked at the Information Booth, the Club's Booth and assisted with other Host activities including parade marshall and guides at Rotary International. Club members donated an average of \$158 to the Rotary Foundation. Sponsored President's Scholarship for Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Distributed \$9,000 in grants to local agencies and organizations. Dedicated Gillson Park Garden to member who passed away. Raised \$1,000 for continued maintenance. Established Club's Rotary Foundation as a 501c3. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris.

2006 - Collected more than 150 children's books and 30 journals for teen mothers involved in Literature for All of Us. Sponsored and housed Youth Exchange student Ekin Urcan from Turkey. Sponsored and paid for private high school tuition for student through Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids. Sponsored three students for RYLA. Club Member Bonnie Agnew led GSE Team to South Korea. Club also sponsored another GSE Team member. Eight club members did repairs and painting in bathrooms at local homeless shelter. Donated \$4500 to the District 6440 Fund for Katrina Relief efforts. Club sponsored three soup kitchens that provided 100 meals each time. Sponsored local "Beach Sweep" in cooperation with Great Lakes Federation, collecting approximately 60 bags of garbage and debris

In addition, each year we have a holiday party, host a new members' breakfast and have numerous fellowship activities at the homes of Rotarians and at local restaurants.

Youth Exchange:

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Rotary Club of Wilmette-Kenilworth

Chartered Jan. 1, 1996

As one of the few evening Rotary Clubs in the district, the Wilmette-Kenilworth Rotary has had a unique perspective throughout its history. To this day, the Club provides a smaller, more relaxed and more casual style of Rotary for its members and guests.

The Club was inaugurated in 1996, by a group of business people who wanted to participate in Rotary at a more convenient time of day. The first president was Cindy Falzer, and the Club met at the Ouilmette Depot. For years a highlight of the club was enjoying Wednesday evenings in the summer outdoors on the deck. A fire at the Depot in October 2004, forced the Club to seek a new location, and it has now settled at the Michigan Shores club in Wilmette. Traditional fundraisers mounted by the Club have included annual winetasting parties, and an income-tax-day raffle.

Special causes sponsored by the Club have included a campaign against avoidable blindness, and contributions to the new museum of the Wilmette Historical Society.

A huge success for the Wilmette-Kenilworth Rotary was a benefit dinner in October 2005 for a children's hospital in Izmel, Turkey. The combination of a good cause, an interesting venue, and lively

entertainment led to the raising of some \$12,000 for both medical and playground equipment for the hospital.

Rotary Club of Winnetka-Northfield

Chartered May 7, 1924

Annual scholarship loan fund for needy students started in 1926. Contributed funds in 1928 to Winnetka Community House. 1931 subscribed \$4,000 to Service Club Room and contributions to dental clinic. Eye examination and glasses furnished to needy children 1930-35. Furnished necessities to victims of broken homes and assistance to Hadley School for Blind 1927-39. Equipment for youth hostel in Wheeling 1938-39. Furnished new and used tools to Onward House in Chicago 1937-38, and sent boys to Community House Camp and Boys State Week Camp in Springfield.

Helped destitute families in and near Winnetka for many years, Aided Allendale Farm School for Boys in 1931. Funds, labor, and materials to build the Izaak Walton League's Cabin in the Woods. Provided flood relief to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, quake relief in South America and contributed funds to Boy Scout Camp. In 1949 aided a Winnetka policeman stricken with polio.

1973 - Collected winter clothing for Christian Industrial League. Annual Yager Scholarship to dental student. Completely rehabilitated room of Community House, \$15,000. Donated Resusci-Annie training dummy to Winnetka Fire Department. Support for: Rhodesian in-country student scholarships and Amigos Foundation in immunization work in South America. Financial aid for student attending Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. Provided an automatic sprinkler system for the flower boxes installed in 1979 on Elm Street Bridge over Northwestern tracks in Winnetka, and celebrated completion of Project "Spring on the Bridge" with dinner dance on bridge.

1980-83 - Winnetka Community Garden, transformed abandoned electrical yard into spectacular outdoor meeting room for Winnetka Community House at cost of \$27,500. Purchased ceiling fans and 100 chairs for Winnetka Community House. Cleaned up grounds about Winnetka's train stations, and provided funds to maintain grounds. Purchased baseball backstops for the Winnetka park district and school district. Provided support to a nurse to attend the ill and aged through North Shore Senior Center.

1986-87 - Provided two \$1,500 scholarships to two New Trier high school graduating seniors for college as in past years. Concluded a fundraiser for two world community service projects: Medical/dental clinic for village of LaPaz, Bolivia, and development of cottage industries in Guatemala.

1987-88 - The club's fundraising activities have been aimed at providing the traditional New Trier scholarships, supported the Presidential Classroom for several high school students, and the Los Amigos program. Opportunity International has been a new focus for the Club's sponsorship. It provides capital to small businesses within third world countries. Jobs are created and developed. The Club also continued its drive for PolioPlus.

1988-89 - Opportunity International working with various foreign Rotary Clubs to help start small businesses within third world countries, are continuing to participate in Presidential classroom, three \$1,000 scholarships given to New Trier students, contributes annually to Amigos De Las Americas

activities, and held two fundraising activities - a September Scramble Golf Outing and Gift Bricks selling project to renovate certain locations in Winnetka.

1989-91 - Supported Winnetka police officer Patricia McCormick to attend a conference for female police in Moscow. Donated \$500 to Irene Josselyn Clinic to provide a minuteman power supply. Donated \$1,260 to the North Shore Senior Center House of Welcome for a music therapy program for victims of Alzheimer's disease. The Club continued to support Opportunity International, Presidential Classrooms program, and the Amigos De Las Americas activity. Haven was given \$2,000 to update phone and beeper equipment. Harkness House for children received \$1,500 for their scholarship program. The Winter Team in Voluntary Service from De Pau University was given \$500 to purchase building materials for a church and community center in Honduras. Our Club continues to support three \$1,000 scholarships per year for graduating New Trier students.

1991-92 - Continued annual support for New Trier High School Scholarship Fund \$3,000, Presidential Classroom \$1,350, Amigos de Las Americas \$1,000. Participated selling brats, etc. in Winnetka Sidewalk Sale. Provided \$900 grant to Family Services and provided \$1,000 grant to college graduate to participate in World Teach program in Costa Rica teaching English. Donated \$250 to CAIA Women's Center in Moscow. Sponsored Fold Festival for benefit of Good News Partners and donated \$2,000 to support the after school program for children. Helped fund \$1,700 music therapy for House of Welcome, a facility to provide day care for Alzheimer victims. Co-sponsored with St. Andrew's of Jamaica to raise \$26,600 for an Opportunity International project in Jamaica; contributing \$3,500 to this effort. Sent 20 volunteers to answer telephones during WTTW (PBS) fundraising efforts.

1992-93 - Donated \$3,800 to Family Service of Winnetka/Northfield. Contributed \$1,500 to New Trier Presidential Classroom, \$500 to Josselyn Center for Mental Health, \$300 to Winnetka Youth Organization, and \$2,000 to help fund Winnetka July 4th celebration. Donated to American Red Cross Disaster Relief fund and Greater Chicago Food Depository. Contributed \$2,000 to Cove School, \$900 to North Shore Senior Center, and \$5,200 to Paul Harris Fellowship Fnd. Also \$500 to Good News Partners and donated to Post High School Committee for Youth.

1993-94 - Contributed \$15,500 to Winnetka Streetscape beautification project, \$4,500 to New Trier's Presidential Classroom and Scholarship program, \$1,000 to International Scholarships, and approximately \$5,000 to various other community service projects. Donated \$1,850 plus one month of member Sue Barkley's time to Golden Triangle Project, and supported the Winnetka Youth Organization for their trip to Kentucky to help build low-income housing. Also contributed \$2,000 to the North Shore Senior Center and \$1,500 to Cove School

1996-05 - Our club has had a stellar set of presidents in the years 1996-2005, not that the previous ones weren't wonderful as well. The presidents were, in order of their reign, Don Van Arsdale, Suzanne Barkley, Peter Skalski, David Fell, Robert Mardirossian, Rodger Morris, David Grant, Bob Baker and ArLynn Presser. The Winnetka-Northfield Rotary Club has accomplished many great things while maintaining a commitment to enduring friendships, fun get-togethers, and mutual support.

Don proved to be a great leader, determined in particular to bring our club into the twenty-first century with a website which he continues to maintain on our behalf. During Suzanne's term, Rotary International awarded our club a 3-H Grant - Health, Hunger, and Humanity. The grant funded a micro-

lending project called SEED, in a radically poor area of Uganda called the Rakai District. SEED provides monies, in the form of small business loans, to women for the purpose of starting a business or continuing one that is successful. The highlight around that was a trip by some of our members to Uganda with a check in hand for approximately \$350,000. Winnetka-Northfield members met with the Rotary Clubs of Entebbe, Kampala, and Masaka to tell them the exciting news and hand over the monies... and CELEBRATE with them. That SEED Project is now self-sustaining. We funded a number of local and international organizations including the Winnetka Youth Org., Haven, Music Institute of Chicago, Friends of the Library, a woman's shelter in Evanston, books for Uganda, Lawrence Hall, and Interfaith House.

During Peter's term, club members purchased a total of 27 Bicycles for Togo, Africa for \$66.00 each to facilitate delivery of polio vaccine in rural areas. Then there was Hurricane Mitch, which devastated Honduras and Guatemala. Our club coordinated the collection of four vanloads (about half a ton) of clothing and also came up with \$1,030 for medicine and water. We received a District 6440 Community Service award for our involvement with Interfaith House, a halfway rehabilitation facility whose board chairman was Winnetka Rotarian, Paul Allen. We also received a Friend of the Township award from New Trier Township for community involvement and assistance to the New Trier Food Pantry.

During David Fell's year, our club successfully sponsored Ben Schonthal as an Ambassadorial Scholar, our first in many years. We had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day benefit, which enabled us to continue to support ongoing projects such as the micro lending program in Uganda and the Interfaith House in Chicago, as well as numerous local charities.

Robert, who is now an assistant district governor, worked to increase membership and Paul Harris Fellows. The annual fundraiser netted over \$27,000. The club work projects at the Skokie Lagoon and the House of Welcome were a wonderful sign of our commitment to our local community. We awarded two (2) \$1,500 vocational scholarships to Oakton students and sponsored a NTHS student to RYLA weekend. During that same year, our club donated \$1,700 to RI President Frank Devlyn's Preventable Blindness campaign; \$1,500 to Ethiopia Hunger Relief Fund; and \$20,000 to local, regional, and international groups and causes. Robert also received a Presidential Citation for recognition as an outstanding club from RI President Devlyn.

Rodger was president for a second time and he truly embodies the Rotary spirit. Today, he acts as our treasurer. During David Grant's term, for the first time in more than ten years our club hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Grace Ramirez from Columbia had an experience of America that she will remember her whole life. During that same year, we set an all-time club record for charitable contributions. We approved more than \$120,000 in donations to many different recipients. During the year we gave \$30,000 to the polio campaign, \$6,850 to the RI Annual Program Fund, and \$34,000 to more than 20 organizations through our local foundation. Additionally, we also made commitments of major grants of \$25,000 to the WCH and \$25,000 for a Rotary Centennial Project.

During Bob's year, the Centennial Project came to fruition, a beautiful addition to our parks system. Bob made a commitment to highlight the need for Every Rotarian, Every Year donation to the Foundation. He also shepherded our club through difficult economic circumstances. During ArLynn's year, the club rose close to \$20,000 in its benefit and we made a commitment to gaining new members and having strong fellowship.

Youth Exchange Activity:

Hosted a total of 16 students: Two from Mexico, two from Japan, two from Finland; one each from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Philippines, Rhodesia, and Taiwan.

Rotary Club of Woodstock

Chartered March 30, 1968

1968 - Initiated development of Woodstock Rescue Squad.

1970 - Participated in Taiwan little league project and started Easter Seal project.

1971 - Started annual project of honoring Woodstock High School Valedictorians. Supported Boys State and conducted Boy Scout fund drives. Started annual art auction project to raise funds for community projects and youth exchange activities. Recognized two area men for bravery and service to fellow men.

1972 - Started annual Christmas Clearing Project to coordinate giving of gifts, goods, and clothing in Woodstock area. Organized fundraising project for Christmas clearing house, approximately \$5,000 annually. Annual project supporting McHenry County Clothing Closet.

1973 - Participated in Amigos de Las Americas project. Initiated annual "Weekend in Woodstock" project for youth exchange students. Contributed \$150 for audio-visual equipment to migrant children's school. Set up student loan fund for McHenry County college students. Initiated student guest program with local high schools.

1974 - Participated in District Argentina School Project. Contributed \$300 to Hibbing, Minnesota Rotary Club for Irish children program. Participated in Ryder's Woods, environmental improvement program. Provided "Rotarian" subscriptions to Woodstock HS and public library. Annual event of setting up Christmas Houses on square in Woodstock. Started "Woodstock Clubs of the World" project. Participated in project to support Old Woodstock Opera House.

1975 - Initiated annual project to support community 4th of July committee.

1976 - Special effort initiated to increase percentage level in Rotary Foundation.

1977 - Started informal meeting of Rotary Ann's.

1978 - Established program to set up responsibilities of club officers and policy guidelines to assist future presidents to insure continuity.

1979-80 - Christmas Clearing House recognized 192 families in Woodstock area. Art auction fundraiser and a weekend in Woodstock for exchange students.

1987-88 - Has continued Easter Seal Society tag day support, sponsors a Rural-Urban luncheon annually, raised money/contributed to Little City, Boy's State, Marian High School, Boy Scouts 4th of July celebration, and sent disabled high school student to Handicamp for physically disabled in Norway. Also donated to Woodstock Public Library and New Guinea project.

1988-89 - Helped gather and ship large supply of medical goods in continuing New Guinea project. Brought technician in from New Guinea to observe and learn of our hospital procedures. Participated in funds of approximately \$9,000 for project. Met and exceeded PolioPlus commitment.

Purchased chair lift for county home van. Continued with Christmas Clearing House, which has grown to distributing approximately \$22,000 in donated money, toys and food to about 300 families each year.

1989-90 - Started a short term youth exchange with one of our sister clubs in England.

1990-91 - Over 250 families received food and gifts. Three students from Woodstock, England visited.

1991-92 - Donated \$4,000 to Woodstock Baseball Assoc. and \$900 to Easter Seals. Past international project, Mooga, came for a visit. Held first annual Celebrity Night to benefit Christmas Clearing House. Arbor Day Tree Planting was an Ecology program with over 100 trees/shrubs planted at seven schools. Four vocational scholarships given and DARE program was expanded. Seven Rotarians went on a summer exchange to Woodstock, England.

1992-93 - Chartered Woodstock Morning Club. Annual art auction is moved to Bull Valley Golf Club. Donated \$2,000 to Hoops in the Park, and allocated \$5,000 to Area Youth Soccer Assoc. Over 400 families received food/gifts through Christmas Clearing House. First Group in state to have the Adopt-A-Highway project.

1993-94 - Helped spearhead a community joint-service project called Lake Vegas Round-Up. Tree dedication for past mayor. Completed commitment for eight soccer fields, more than \$5,000. Donated \$1,000 to Adult & Child Rehab Center/Easter Seals for youth wheel chair. Contributed funds to send DARE officer to training and help with purchase of supplies. Sent two students by RYLA and sent two students to District Vocational Scholarship.

1994-95 – Denise Graff Ponstein was president.

Marble game began thanks to Tom Berthold - raised \$2,500 for club the first time. Youth Exchange – Inbound Lene Bjerregaard, Denmark; outbound – Mike Laing, Carol Heider, Liz Lerner. Also hosted short-term exchange students. Committed \$5,000 to Memorial Medical Center Foundation (over 5 years). Joint community service project/4th of July participation – Jim Champion. Successful Celebrity Night held at the Tapestry Restaurant - \$1,700. Fireside at Semrows. Haunted House fundraiser at Berthold's retail store in Elk Grove Village. Brought back original rule of only needing one meeting for proposing a new member. Delivered 410 families and over 200 seniors for CCH and Tag Days – raised \$8,600. Pioneer Center kids and Rotary kids Christmas Party. Inducted new members Andy Hartlieb, Mike Morris, Tony Caravella, and Jack Davison. D.A.R.E. graduations and picnic. Art Action – Chuck Boe chair and committee raised \$4,500. Vocational scholarships – gave away two \$500 scholarships. Started immunization program with county and Rotary district – Lloyd Show. Had 4-Way Test billboard put up – Frank Gosser. First blood drive – Tom LaFontaine. Planting at City Park by Dream Field – Luke Lohmeyer and committee. Saying 4-Way Test at end of meeting.

1995-96 – Joe Hentges was president.

Built the community changeable message sign on Route 47 in front of Burger King as a club project. The project cost was \$15,000. Added seven new Rotary members to our club. Contributed \$1,000 to the Adult and Child Rehab Center. Co-sponsored the McHenry County Youth Immunization Project.

1996-97 – Mary Kinert was president.

1997-98 – Susan Martino was president.

Received two District 6440 club awards – community service and vocational service. One hundred percent active participation by all club members. Contributed \$1,000 to the Adult and Child Rehab Center. Designed and distributed “Do It Once, Do It Well” plaques with Rotary emblem (this project was recognized by Rotary International).

1998-99 – Eric Burrell was president (moved partway through term).

1999-00 – Andy Hartlieb was president.

Dinner/Auction fundraiser – increased gross revenues over \$30,000. Improved Rotary “Park” with “Welcome to Woodstock” sign near Routes 120 & 47. Served as president for 18 months due to Eric Burrell moving.

2000-01 – Terry Carroll was president.

Pierre-Olivier Nayna (France) – Rotary Youth Exchange student – inbound (club has hosted every year since chartering in 1968). Daniel Billimack (Japan) – Rotary Youth Exchange student – outbound. Obtained “Blaine Immunization Grant” from Rotary International in the amount of \$1,000; and with matching club funds, purchased/installed wall-mounted “train play station” and McHenry County Health Center. Obtained “Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grant” from Rotary District 6440 in the amount of \$1,000; and with club funds, purchased “Automatic-External Defibrillator (AED)” and gifted to City of Woodstock – Police Department for use in patrol car. George W. Frejd was honored by Rotary International with its distinguished Four Avenues of Service for Individual Rotarians Award. Charter member, George William “Bill” Frejd, passed away on 2/13/01 and a Memorial Vocational Scholarship was established in his honor. Mr. Donald Frejd presented the club with an antique “Spinning Wheel” in memory of his brother. Denise Graff Ponstein recognized as recipient “Joe Conerty Award” – highest club award. Donated \$750 to the Rotary District 6440 Ethiopian Hunger Relief Campaign as part of \$44,000 raised by District 6440. Hosted Group Study Team (GSE) from Poland. Hosted Group Study Team (GSE) from Philippines (joint club meeting with Woodstock AM and McHenry clubs). Received “Presidential Citation Award” from Rotary International. Rotary Club of Huntley chartered on 9/29/00, three Woodstock Rotarians, one spouse, and exchange student in attendance. Fax machine donated to “Home of the Sparrow.” Pioneer Center received \$300 donation. Northwood School received a \$1,000 donation for a computer. Club sponsored a “Blues Music Trip” to Wisconsin. Exchange student “Get Acquainted Social” hosted by Ann Hughes at her home on Friday, 10/13/00. Funded \$1,000 toward “Multi-Club Fresno, Mexico Clinic” – Rotary International project (our club donated \$3,000 at \$1,000/year). Contributed \$300 to “Main Stay Therapeutic Riding School for kids with special needs. The Rotary Foundation – Annual Giving Fund received a contribution of \$100 per Rotary Club of Woodstock member. McHenry County Cooperative Dental Program received \$1,000 donation to purchase a \$3,000 dental unit used for low-income residents. Co-nominated (with Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers) Assistant Governor Terry Mueller for Governor of District 6440 for 7/1/02-6/30/03 year. Joint club picnic hosted at Doug Wilbrants’ farm and held 9/00 for exchange students with Richmond and Crystal Lake Noon clubs. Successful Dinner/Auction fundraiser held 5/01 with an appearance by “Abe Lincoln.”

2001-02 – Mike Morris was president.

Started UNICEF Halloween project with proceeds benefiting PolioPlus. Challenger Learning Center for Science & Technology sign - \$6,000. Donated \$1,000 to the 9/11 Relief Fund.

2002-03 – Larry Bohn was president.

Celebrated our club's 35th Birthday with an updated club booklet. Experimented with new, "hour" meeting format. Added "meeting photographer" to the duties of the Greeter and initiated a club Web site. Continued annual programs and projects.

2003-04 – Ann Hughes was president.

Inbound Exchange Students:

1968 - Lissa Maki-Vaikkila from Finland.

1969 - Ana Maria Banegas from Bolivia.

1970 – Jane Sinuns from Northern Ireland.

1970 – Thierry Servot from France.

1971 - Martien Spijkerman from Netherlands.

1971 – Hitoini Hayakawa from Japan.

1972 – Braddon Holmes from Australia.

1973 – Silvia Cristina Dodero from Argentina.

1974 – Maria Soledad Carbo Lopez from Mexico.

1975 – Nadia Yen from Australia.

1976 – Lais Quinan from Brazil.

1977 –Robert Anton Papini, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

1978 – Laura Gama Nogueira De Sa from Brazil.

1979–Caron Lee Thompson,Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

1980 – Junko Kai from Japan.

1980 – Teija Uutela from Finland.

1981 – Nielon Breinstrom from Sweden.

1982 – Sara Signorini from Italy.

1983 – Angelis Glyka Barajas from Mexico.

1984 – Carston Schmidt from Denmark.

1985 – Jose Navarro from Mexico.

1986 – Daisy Mae Uy Kim pang from Philippines.

1987 – Karin Heslop from Norway.

1988 – Jan Ecklund from Sweden.

1989 – Jan Roselius from Germany

1990 – Wayne Noland from South Africa.

1991 – Katya Binello from Brazil (early return).

1992 – Wayne Francis from Zimbabwe.

1993 – Camila Petroni from Brazil.

1994 – Lene Bjerregaard from Denmark.

1995 – Raph Las Marias from Philippines.

1996 – Triinu Groon from Estonia.

1997 – Isak Christernin from Sweden.

1998 – Kauuko Iida from Japan.

1999 – Gizem Boyacioglu from Turkey.

2000 – Peirre Nayna from France.

2001 – Abduiquadir Varawala from India.

2002 - Robert Wohlberg from Germany

Rotary Club of Woodstock-Morning

Chartered July 1, 1993

1993-97 – Involved in Adopt a Highway in joint effort with the Woodstock Noon Club. Provided Scholastic Scholarships for high school students. Helped renovate a home for Home of the Sparrow, a homeless shelter for women and children. Contributed with monetary donations to Centegra Hospital of Woodstock. Sponsored a student at Boys State. Provided leadership skills for high school students through a job-shadowing program. Provided Grant money to Northwood School for a pilot program to develop self-esteem and life long learning skills for students. Purchased \$3,000 worth of furniture for the Family Alliance new senior center. Participated in Good Neighbor Day by handing out 166 dozen roses to participants for a purpose of sharing them with friends, co-workers, and teachers. Sent money to purchase medical equipment for the people of Pakistan.

1998 – Began sending aid to Frenillo, Mexico to treat children with Cerebral Palsy where 70 children are affected by Central Nervous Disorder. Sent five Good Will ambassadors to Frenillo, Mexico to help with the needs of the clinic and the children.

1999-00 – Sponsored two students to RYLA. Sponsored a youth exchange student. Hosted a GSE Team. Provided 144 books to a kindergarten program “Love to Read Week.” Funded a tax assistance program for seniors. Provided a vocational scholarship to study auto mechanics. Supported the Fox Lake Classical Book Project.

2001 – Created a playhouse, and did office renovations for Mainstay Therapeutic Riding Stable. Provided plaques for McHenry County 4H Livestock Fair winners. Purchased four fire mask communicators for the Woodstock Fire Department.

2002 – Sent a semi truck loaded with medical supplies to Laredo, Texas where the Rotary Club of Frenillo, Mexico, picked it up. Support of the Challenger Learning Center for Science and Technology - in connection with the Noon Club, we purchased the building sign for Challenger Center as well as the “Welcome to Woodstock” sign.

1993-05 – Continued support of the Christmas Clearing House, Adopt a Highway with the Noon Club, as well as the Boys and Girl Scouts. Provided funding for the High School Madrigal singers. Devoting funds for the Adult and Child Rehab Center to help with the Handicap Children of McHenry County. Weekend in Woodstock and Youth Exchange.

Youth Exchange:

Our club’s first experience with youth exchange was in August 1995 with a student from Mexico. We have sponsored a student every year since. We have now hosted high school students from ten countries including Denmark, France, Germany, Brazil, two from Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Dominican Republic, and Russia.

Beginning in 1996, we committed to the outbound exchange program where we have had one student participate, studying in Japan.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster.

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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