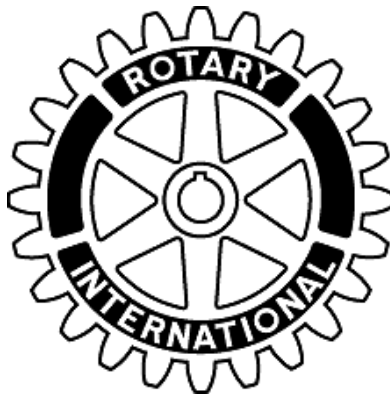


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Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to assist and guide Rotarians and Rotary clubs to accomplish the Object of Rotary, to ensure Rotary's continuing relevance, and to help build a better world, emphasizing service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encouraging high ethical standards, and creating greater understanding among all people to advance the search for peace in the world.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary can be considered the foundation stone on which the Rotary house is built. This brief statement, 106 words in its current form, is a key element of the Rotary International Constitution. It states the essential purpose of the organization – “to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise” – and then lists four areas by which this “ideal of service” can be fostered. They are: through the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one’s personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

This articulation of Rotary ideals began with the first constitution of 1906 which had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship and the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910 there were five objects in the statement and by 1915, six. The document went through several further revisions until a final revision in 1951 which made it a single “Object” which is manifested in four separate ways. The “ideal of service” is the key phrase, expressing an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one’s endeavors.

Following is the complete text of the Object:

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal 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’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Why Join Your Local Rotary Club?

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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?

Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

HISTORY OF ROTARY

Rotary was created when a young Chicago lawyer had the idea that business and friendship could be mixed in a way that everyone involved would have better business and more friendships. In February 1905, Paul Harris gathered together three business acquaintances: Gus Loehr, a mining engineer, Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor to explain his idea for a new club.

Paul recognized the difficulty of developing friendships in a highly competitive atmosphere so he limited membership to one man in each kind of business. This was the beginning of the classifications system used by Rotary to achieve a cross-section in each community.

From the beginning the club met weekly but they rotated the meetings among members' places of business – thus the name “Rotary”. Within a year the club was so large that they had to move the meeting place to a downtown restaurant.

Rotary, the forerunner of all service clubs did not start out with service as its purpose. Initially, the purpose for members was to get to know each other and to trade among themselves as much as possible. These first Rotarians soon realized that the club would not grow and develop with that kind of limited concept. Therefore, the focus was changed to one of service to others. By 1907, Rotary completed its first community service project – the erection of a comfort station outside of the Chicago City Hall.

The second Rotary Club was formed in San Francisco in 1908. In 1910, when the first national convention of Rotary Clubs was held, all 16 clubs were represented. In the place of “Let the buyer beware”, Rotary offered “He profits most who serves his fellows best”. Over the years the Rotary motto has evolved into “Service Above Self”.

In 1911, clubs were formed in England and Ireland and by the 1920's Rotary was firmly international with clubs on all five continents of the world.

FOUR WAY TEST

The 4 Way Test was developed during the Depression by Herbert Taylor, a man who had decided to leave his major executive position with a food company to take over a struggling cooking utensil firm. The company's financial position was desperate; a personal loan from a bank to Taylor was the only thing that kept it going. Taylor knew he had a good product, but so were his competitor's products. He realized that if he was to succeed he had to find something that would make his company different and better than those of his competitors.

The difference that Herb Taylor finally found derived from the decisions and policies he set to guide his floundering company to success and growth. The policies and decisions he made were all based upon simple questions he evolved to guide himself and his managers in all their policies and decisions.

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?

During his year as President of R.I. in 1954, Herbert A. Taylor gave his 4 Way Test to Rotary as our guide for all that we do or say or think.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our club, like most Rotary clubs, is organized into a committee structure based on the four avenues of service that is the basis of Rotary's service activities. You may select which committee you would prefer to serve on. Some members prefer to change the committee that they serve on from time to time, depending on what projects interest them. Some prefer to stay in one avenue throughout their Rotary career.

The following is a brief description of the avenues of service, from the Rotary committee handbook, and a listing of the projects that each committee is, or is anticipating doing this year, to help you in deciding which committee you would like to be assigned to.

Club Service Committee

Club service is regarded by many Rotary leaders as the most important part of the club mechanism, because without a vitally functioning club, little else can be performed via the other three avenues of service.

The purpose of Club Service is to foster the successful administration of a Rotary club. Members do this by regularly attending meetings, sponsoring new members, participating in club fellowship, taking part in programs, serving on committees and on the club's board of directors, and representing the club in outside activities. Rotarians have an obligation to strengthen their club; so all members should be encouraged to get involved in Club Service.

This committee's work includes:

- Program committee. Finding interesting, informative and entertaining programs for the meetings is a never-ending task.
- Club Fellowship. Rotary is based on meeting and getting to know the other members of the club. This committee organizes activities for the membership and their families.
- Membership. A dynamic club requires a continual infusion of new members and ideas. This committee develops recruitment programs.
- Orientation. The committee is responsible for educating new members.
- Publicity. We need to let the community know all the great things we do.
- Web page. We report our club activities at www.rotary5440.org/evanstonwy/
- Weekly Bulletin. Passed out at meetings.

Vocational Service

The second of the Four Avenues of Service, Vocational Service, fosters and supports the application of the ideal of service in pursuit of all vocations. Inherent in the Vocational Service ideals are:

1. *Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including loyalty to employers, employees, and associates, and fair treatment of those with whom one has business and professional relations.*
2. *The recognition of the worthiness to society of all useful occupations.*
3. *The contributions of ones vocational talents to the problems and needs of society*

Vocational Service is the responsibility of both a Rotary club and its members. The role of the club is to develop projects that help members contribute their vocational talents. The role of members is to conduct themselves, their businesses and their professions in accordance with Rotary principles and to share in projects, which the club has developed.

This committee's projects include:

- A major project is the very successful Career Day program done in conjunction with the high school.
- This committee is also involved in the "Four Way Test" program in the grade schools and the high school. Through the use of problem scenarios in a group setting, Rotarians guide the high school students through the use of the Four Way Test in decision-making.
- This committee selects the attendees to the "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" camp in Estes Park.

Community Service

Once described as the "heartbeat of Rotary", Community Service, the Third Avenue of Service, is a many-pronged effort to improve the quality of life within a village or municipality. Rotarians have long been making substantial and lasting contributions to their communities. To a large extent, Rotary's reputation is built on the myriad service projects undertaken by Rotarians.

This is the highest profile committee in the club:

- The club contributes to the Lord's Storehouse for feeding the hungry in the community.
- The club sponsors an Interact Club at the high school.
- The club grants Rotary Scholarships for college students.
- We honor a student from each school each month in the Rotary Student of the Month Program.
- Each year the club collects and then mulches the Christmas trees gathered from the community, thereby saving one weeks space in the landfill.
- We help with other community projects with donations of time or money.

International Service

A foundation for peace is built of many small efforts to advance understanding and goodwill among people of different nations and to improve the quality of life. Rotary International regards the building blocks of International Service as: special international observances and events; international meetings; international educational and cultural activities; the Rotary Foundation; and World Community Service.

Rotary International's formal commitment to international service began in 1921, when it was incorporated into the Object of Rotary. The Fourth Avenue of Service had begun unofficially in 1914, when clubs in England and Ireland housed Belgian refugees fleeing the war. Today Rotarians are still helping refugees, one of the huge range of activities that transcend national boundaries.

The club's international activities include:

- This committee selects an outbound international exchange student from Evanston. It is responsible for coordinating the hosting of an exchange student from another country who comes to live in our community.
- The club is involved with the district's "Group Study Exchange" program. We regularly host these groups of young professionals who are touring the district to see how their vocations are done in this country. We accept local applications for those who want to travel abroad.
- We recruit applicants for Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships. This scholarship program is one of the largest in the world.
- The club's involvement in the Foundation is one of the functions of this committee.
- This committee is involved in different international service projects singularly or with other clubs

EVANSTON ROTARY CLUB: A Continuing History

Key words for the Evanston Rotary Club could be change, perseverance and activism.

The Club was chartered on October 23, 1982. It's first Board of Directors were Ben Brychta*; Homer Mohn* - Vice President; Pat Hatch – Secretary; Milt Bedsaul* - Treasurer; Doug Snell* and Gary Crowder.

Other Charter members were: Dean Grisso, **Gary Larsen**, Joe French, LaMar Day, John Deru, Del Giles, Bob Smith, Norwood Sutton, Terry Sadler, Larry Lehman, John French, Russell Harvey, Richard Meyer, Frank Swan*, **Tim Beppler**, Dennis Ottley, Greg Hymas, Paul Martyn, Al Bradbury, Bob Osmond, Mike Walton, Edward Scislow and Robert Serman.

The Club was sponsored by the Green River Club. We received a charter gift of our Rotary Bell from the Green River Club. We also received a Rotary Bell from a Rotary Club in Evanston, Illinois.

The Charter dinner took place at the Sheraton Motel, which is now the Weston. Richard Meyer gave the invocation. Featured speakers included Lenn Jones, President of the Kemmerer Club and Elmer McKay, President of the Green River Club. District Governor Dick Barsness presented the Charter to the Club and Rotary pins to all charter members.

*Charter members with Rotary experience.

Names in **bold** are charter members currently in the Club.

1982 – '83 **Ben Brychta, President**
 Homer Mohn, Vice-President/President Elect

Board member Doug Snell had been elected to be the Club's first President, but he was transferred to Rock Springs the week before the charter night so Ben Brychta, who was serving as Provisional Club President, became President for the first year. In its first year, the club took in ten new members but still ended the year with fewer members than it began. High membership turnover has been a condition of this club ever since. That is life in Evanston. The club originally met at the B & B Motel (now the Days Inn). The club bulletin was started in March 1983. The club did its first club service project as a number of members rang bells for the Salvation Army during a very chilly Christmas season. In this first year, the club began its tradition of giving scholarships to Evanston High School students.

1983 – '84 **Homer Mohn, President**
 Gary Crowder, Vice-President/President Elect
 Gary Crowder, President
 Milt Bedsaul, President

Homer Mohn began the year as President. At the urging of some members he changed the club to a breakfast meeting. In three meetings attendance dropped to 25% and the club immediately

returned to luncheon meetings. After two months, Homer Mohn moved to Oregon and Gary Crowder assumed the Presidency and all other offices changed. In December, Gary Crowder resigned to move from the area for health reasons. Milt Bedsaul was elected to assume the Presidency and once again all offices changed. This year the Evanston Rotary Club earned its first "Row Like Hell Award" from District 5440. Turnover of membership continued at a 30% rate. That the club survived was its greatest achievement of 1983-1984. The club began a long-term commitment to help the city develop what would finally become Ottley Park in the Twin Ridge Subdivision.

1984-'85 **Frank Swan, President**
Bob Spence, Vice President/President Elect

In August we formed "Rotary Anns" as a club auxiliary with Rosemary Shockley as its first President. The idea was that a Rotary Anns group would bring stability and strength to Evanston Rotary by bringing the club and all its families closer together after the difficulties and losses of the previous year. Our first Pancake Breakfast was held on Labor Day in 1984 as a result of the idea and organization Vice President/President Elect Bob Spence brought to Evanston from his former Rotary Club in Oklahoma. We had a 100% turnout of Rotarians and Rotary wives for this club's first major fund-raising project. That allowed the club to give \$750.00 toward needed ground work at Ottley Park. The Pancake Breakfast proceeds also enabled the club to have signs made for ECDC as a community service. Several members began their Paul Harris sustaining Fellow membership in support of Rotary Foundation.

1985-'86 **Bob Spence, President**
Jim Morse, Vice President/President Elect

Inbound Rotary exchange student was Lars Klaebel of Denmark. In August, the club hosted Alemsged Abbay, a University of California graduate student from Ethiopia. "Allum" who was granted a bus trip sponsored by the Rotary Club of Antioch, California traveled through the western U.S. visiting various Rotary clubs and discovered more of America before he returned to Ethiopia. In September, we welcomed Lars Klaebel, our first Rotary exchange student. We completed a several year community service project in Ottley Park by purchasing and installing \$9,000.00 worth of playground equipment. Much of the funding came from a grant from Natural Gas Pipeline and cash contributions from Amoco Production Company and Key Bank. Rotarians contributed over 100 hours of labor at Ottley Park. Our second successful Pancake Breakfast provided proceeds for some of the funds for the playground equipment as well as for Christmas food baskets. Sandra Meyer was elected President of Rotary Anns for 1985-1986. We also sponsored "Up With People", a traveling song and dance troupe of 134 young men and women from 17 countries as a fund-raiser and community entertainment. Rotarians hosted individuals from the troupe in their homes. It did bring great publicity for the club but lost money because the up-front costs proved to be too high. A larger attendance might have made up for the loss, but the only appearance date available to us fell during the hunting holiday and attendance was further hurt by a badly timed snowstorm!

1986 - '87 **Jim Morse, President**
Harold Shockley, Vice President/President Elect

Inbound Rotary exchange students were Sally Billeney of Australia and Peter Kickeram of West Germany. This year we agreed to receive two Rotary exchange students. Sally Billeney came from January to August, Peter Kickeram from September to June. That proved to be too much. We also tried another entertainment when we sponsored the "Young Embassadors", a song and dance troupe from BYU to perform in Evanston. Again the program brought a lot of good publicity to the club and public enjoyment as well. Unfortunately, the financial results were not positive. We sponsored "Adopt a Tree" program whereby Rotarians and Evanston residents planted many trees in Brookhollow Park. The fall of 1986 we began a club sponsorship of Evanston High School students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp. We started 1986-1987 with 43 members and took in over a dozen members but still ended the year at 45 members.

1987-'88 **Harold Shockley, President**
Mike Martin, Vice President/President Elect

Inbound Rotary exchange student was Janne Oksanen from Finland. Late in 1987, Rotary International voted to allow clubs to accept women into Rotary. In February 1988, Evanston accepted its first two women members. But this very significant change meant the end of "Rotary Anns" for the Evanston Club, especially since one of the new members (Kathy Pollard) was then the Rotary Anns President. In the two and a half years of their existence with the Evanston Rotary Club, the Rotary Anns has played a very important role for this club. They were an entirely independent group, choosing their own service and fundraising projects. They provided a strength and a stability to the club during some of the club's difficult early years. The Evanston Rotary Club sponsored "Up With People" again, this time with co-sponsorship help from Evanston Motor and Amoco Production Company.

1988-'89 **Mike Martin, President**
Norm Gaines, Vice President/President Elect
Norm Gaines, President

The year began with Mike Martin as President but in the spring his company transferred him to Idaho Falls. Norm Gaines assumed the Presidency several months early. We sponsored an essay contest and assisted with Special Olympics. We distributed food baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving. We also donated to Dace Billings, a high school senior to compete in "National History Day" at the University of Maryland. In March, the club joined the Uinta Arts Council to co-sponsor "Clarence Darrow One Man Show", a dinner theatre to raise funds toward the purchase of a kidney dialysis machine for the Evanston Regional Hospital. This event raised \$1220.00.

1989-'90 **Norm Gaines, President**
Dennis Poppinga, Vice President/President Elect

This year we worked with the Evanston Recreation Center on an Arbor Day tree-planting project. Periodically, this club seems to need a major reorganization. This usually follows years in which a lot of mid-year changes occur in the club leadership. 1989-1990 was one of those years.

1990-'91 **Dennis Poppinga, President**
Jim Palmer, Vice President/President Elect
Kevin Pollard, Rotarian of the Year

Dennis Poppinga was blessed to have virtually no club membership loss nor changes in officers in his year as President. In January, we began our first Christmas tree mulching project. Charter member Frank

Swan and his wife, Nancy became Evanston's first two Paul Harris Fellows by completing their sustaining member contributions this year. The highlight of the year occurred when our club hosted a Rotary group study exchange team from District 319 of Bangalore, India for a week. The team was led by Rotarian K.K. "Suri" Suryanarayana. Members of the team were A. Shivaram, Ravi Shankar, Ramesh Bhandari, N. Dewakar, and B.V. Nagaraj. We were one of about a dozen clubs in District 5440 to host this group.

1991-'92 **Jerry Harris, President**
Larry Meyer, Vice President/President Elect

Jim Palmer was to be President but moved to Texas just before taking office so Vice President/President Elect Jerry Harris took over. In the last two months of his year, Jerry was transferred to Rock Springs by his firm; however Jerry resolved to complete his year as President. We received our Rotary War Wagon made as a high school project with materials purchased by the club. Our Christmas tree mulching project continued a second year.

1992-'93 **Larry Meyer, President**
Russ Noel, Vice President/President Elect
Larry Meyer, Rotarian of the Year

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Jennifer Boehme to Finland, inbound Rotary exchange student was Sanna Leena Rynanen from Finland. By September, all offices under President Larry had already changed twice! As usual, nothing changes in this club but change. The War Wagon was finished in time for the 9th annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast. The club briefly reached a high of 56 members. We also had as many as 18 Paul Harris Sustaining Members this year.

1993-'94 **Russ Noel, President**
Todd Hoover, Vice President/President Elect

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Laura Matchiniski to Mexico, inbound Rotary exchange student was Lazue Hirano of Japan. We had Rotary signs made and installed at the Weston Budget Inn where we were meeting at the time. One of the most significant events of this year was the club's involvement in setting up a Rotary Career Center at the high school with a donation of nearly \$6,000 contributed toward needed computers and vocational programs. We began a Student of the Month program wherein a different Evanston student attended one Rotary meeting each month so that students could learn about what Rotary is and does and so that the student could report on events at school.

1994-'95 **Todd Hoover, President**
Jim Wise, Vice President/President Elect
Conni Steininger, Rotarian of the Year

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Heather Lancaster to Finland, inbound Rotary exchange student was David Germeau of Belgium. David Germeau was like another Rotarian as he pitched in to help at our annual pancake breakfast fund-raiser and tree mulch service project. This year the club instituted a team competition among members to encourage better attendance and to foster membership growth.

1995-'96 **Jim Wise, President**
Conni Steininger, Vice President/President Elect
Dennis Poppinga, Rotarian of the Year

Members rang bells at Christmas for the Salvation Army. The money raised stayed in Evanston to help the needy. The club helped the Parks and Recreation Department install a Frisbee golf course at Hamblin Park. The club contributed to the Lord's Storehouse to help the needy. Tree mulching continued. The club contributed to the expenses of two middle school students to travel to the National History Day competition near Washington D.C. The club honored charter member Norwood Sutton with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

1996-'97 **Conni Steininger, President**
Tim Beppler, Vice President/President Elect
Tom Wagner, Rotarian of the Year

Inbound Rotary exchange student was Cornelia Widmer from Switzerland, outbound Rotary exchange student was Brenna Nuss to Brazil. Conni Steininger was Evanston Rotary's first woman President. Membership grew to 54 men and women. Following R.I.'s theme "**Build for the Future with Action and Vision**", Conni initiated several youth oriented programs: 1) funded purchase of "drug addicted computer babies" for Best Beginnings program, 2) assisted a school in Bombay, India to purchase school supplies for poverty stricken children, and 3) assisted with DARE graduation program for middle school students. The club recognized outstanding community volunteers in addition to continuing past projects. The club received a Presidential Citation Award from R.I. for outstanding involvement in all four avenues of service.

1997-'98 **Tim Beppler, President**
Tom Wagner, Vice President/President Elect
Diane Datteri, Rotarian of the Year

Show Rotary Cares: for your community, for our world, for its people was the theme for President Tim's term in office. To show that Rotary cares for our community, our club became involved in the Community Foundation of Visioning Project of Uinta County, continued our involvement in donating food to the local food bank (Lord's Storehouse), the Read To Me Literacy Program, and continuation of the very popular Interact Club at Evanston High School. To show that Rotary cares for our world, our club began the process of submitting Megan McCloskey's name for the Youth Exchange Program, submitting Gordon Park's name for leader of a Group Study Exchange to Brazil, and our club continued its support of RI's Polio Plus Program. To show that Rotary cares for its people, our club donated \$1000.00 to establish a blood bank in India and lots of food was donated along with half of our weekly drawing was sent to the Lord's Storehouse to feed needy citizens. These are just a few of the many projects initiated or continued during Tim's term.

1998-'99 **Tom Wagner, President**
Howard Smith, President Elect
Mike Adams, Rotarian of the Year

Outbound student was Megan McCloskey to France, inbound student was Andrea Cevallos from Ecuador. **Follow Your Rotary Dream** was the theme from President Tom's term in office. He stressed that theme by beginning each and every club meeting by sharing with all members his Rotary Dream for Rotary International, for our district, and for our club. For projects, President Tom concentrated on the Student of the Month program, the Teacher of the Quarter program, the Relay for Life event, the Day at the Bear event, the 4-Way Test program in our elementary schools, and so on and so on. It was a busy year with more than 32 projects started and completed during the year where Rotarians were asked to follow their own Rotary dreams.

1999-'00 **Howard W. Smith, President**
Diane Datteri, President Elect
Julia Abbott, Rotarian of the Year

Outbound student was Chrisina Goosens to Equador. Inbound student was Ivan Gurlekian from Argentina. **Rotary 2000, Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity** was the theme for President Howard's term in office. This theme has and always will be what Rotarians are all about and as such, was stressed by RI President Carlos Rivizza, District Governor John Vandel, and by President Howard. For projects, President Howard continued with the Student of the Month program, the PTSA Teacher of the Quarter program, the 4-Way Test in our elementary schools, and joined with the Evanston Education Association in sponsoring the Teacher of the Quarter program (separate from PTSA). Evanston High School's Interact Club was very active and successful this year, with all of the praises going to its officers and members. It was another very busy year for our club with more than 32 projects started and completed.

2000-'01 **Diane Datteri, President**
Steve Moscinski, President Elect
Dennis Poppinga & Julia Murray, Rotarians of the Year

The theme this Rotary year by International President Frank Devlyn was **Create Awareness – Take Action**. District Governor was C. David Hergert from Nebraska and Assistant District Governor was our own Tim Beppler. New traditions for this year included: a Cajun turkey fund raiser, weekly 5 minute profiles of all members, monthly fellowship programs, magazine and book collection for the local jail, 4-Way Test programs with high school students, curbside pick-up for the City, and a Superbowl Raffle fund raiser. Continuing projects included test tapes and coloring books for second graders, Salvation Army bell ringing, Christmas tree mulch, student of the month program, and sponsoring the Evanston High School Interact Club. Donations were made to the High School Library, Lord's Storehouse (both money and canned goods), local scholarships, and RYLA participants. Inbound exchange student, Ivi Gurlekian left for Argentina during this year.

2001-'02 **Steve Moscinski, President**
Julia Murray, President Elect
Tammy Koncitik, Rotarian of the Year

The theme this year by International President Richard King was **Mankind is Our Business**. We started the year off with the Fourth of July Chuck Wagon Dinner. The first new project of the year was helping with the Wyoming Senior Olympics held in Evanston. In August exchange student Zac Metcalf left for Taiwan and we received Marie Noel Cottier from France. September was a very solemn month with the tragedy that happened to our country but our club pulled together and raised over \$1200, which was matched by the Rotary Foundation for the 9-11 relief. Things calmed down and we continued the many great programs that our club has always done, Labor Day pancakes, Student of the month, 4 way test, tree mulch, book drive for the jail, and donations to the Lord's Storehouse to name a few. The International committee started a service project with Ecuador and will continue. The club had more Paul Harris Sustaining members join than ever before. Also, in June we received a vocational exchange student from Russia, Irina Filatova.

2002-'03 **Julia Murray, President**
Shelly Hoopes, President Elect
Dale Collum, Rotarian of the Year

The theme from International President Bhichai Rattakul was **Sow the Seeds of Love**. This was a special year for our club as we marked our twentieth anniversary with a dinner in October. We invited current members, past members and our district governor Bill Pettus. We shared memories of moments of fellowship and service above self that we have enjoyed through the years. A new combination fundraiser and fellowship activity, our first annual golf tournament, premiered in July. On the international front, we sent local student Krista Johnson to Norway and accepted Kristian Mortenson as our inbound student from Denmark. We enjoyed fellowship with his parents and sister when they visited for spring break. Kristian's father was serving as president of his Rotary club this same year. Irina Filatova, from Russia, finished her four-month vocational exchange in tourism. We increased our emphasis on promoting other international programs such as Ambassadorial Scholars. Support continued for our ongoing vocational and community service projects. We started our Centennial project to be completed in 2005.

2003-'04 **Shelly Hoopes- President**
Sam Dalton- President Elect
Dan Knox- Rotarian of the Year

The RI theme this year was **LEND A HAND**, from President Jonathan Majiyagbe, from Kano, Nigeria. Our District Governor was Mike Tormey, from Greeley, Colorado. Assistant District Governor was Julia Murray, from our very own club. We continued with our main fund raisers: 4th of July Chuck Wagon Dinner and the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast. Both were the best ever! And to fund our Centennial project, we had a "Bearly Spring Golf Fling" held in March in the snow, and had a terrific turn out and made a nice sum of money. Our Centennial Project is adding to the Bear River State Park in the form of an outdoor amphitheatre, or interactive learning center of some kind. Many thanks to Diane Datteri for spear-heading this project. Also in March we had a terrific group of Doctors visit us from Russia. Our student exchange program was once again a success; with Michaela Mladakova here from the Czech Republic. Our outbound students were Ariel Calmes to Belgium and Matt Orton to Brazil. We started a "Family of Rotary" Committee to include our families more in our everyday activities of the club. We also received the Presidential Citation from RI, and the Governors Citation for all of our hard work.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, ROTARIANS !

2004-'05 **Sam Dalton – 100 Year Celebration President**
Joe Locurto – President Elect
Shelly Hoopes – Rotarian of the Year

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Jordan Calmes to the Czech Republic, inbound Rotary exchange student was Tomoya Hiaro from Japan. The RI Theme this year was "**Lets Celebrate 100 Years of Service**" from President Glenn Estess Sr. Our district governor was **Bill Muldoon** from Craig Colorado. We started the labor of building our Centennial Project, a community outdoor amphitheater. We, also, maintained our main fund raisers; the 4th of July Chuck Wagon Dinner and the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast. We started on our regular Golf Tournament in May which will fund additional Bear River Projects and Evanston City Renovation Projects. We received the Presidential Citation from RI for highest percent of average attendance for our size of club in our district. It was a fun year to celebrate Rotary's first 100 years and its vast potential as we enter our second century of service.

2005- 06 **Joe Locurto – President**
Van Johnson – President Elect
Diane Datteri & Dennis Poppinga- Rotarians of the Year
FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Lydia Decaria to Brazil, inbound Rotary exchange student was Adriano Oliveria from Brazil. The RI Theme this year was again “SERVICE ABOVE SELF” from R I President Carl Stenhammer. District Governor was John Patton and Assistant District Governor was Julia Murray. Our main focus this year was completion of our Centennial Project – THE BEAR TALES FIRE CIRCLE At the Bear River State Park. Again, we continued with our main fundraisers: Annual 4th of July Chuck wagon dinner, the Labor Day pancake breakfast, Bearly Spring Golf Tournament, Interact Club, 4-Way Test at the elementary schools, and Rotary Foundation. Several Rotarians were fundamental in starting up the Uinta County Recycling Center, and we started the Recycled Rotarian Program where club members donate their time working at the Center. We also launched the Uinta County Dictionary Project – sponsored by the Club, Smith’s Food & Drug, and Uinta County State Bank. Due to unforeseen employment challenges, our President Joe had to leave us and take a job in Nevada. Our Past President, Sam Dalton, graciously took over for Joe to finish up a great year. Diane Datteri showed an awesome power point at our End of Year Banquet, and a good time was had by all. Thanks again Rotarians for all you do!

2006-'07 Van Johnson – President
Toni Bradford – President-Elect
Tim Sehorn- Rotarian of the Year

The RI theme this year was “**Lead the Way**” from president William Boyd. District Governor George McIlvaine visited the club in August. We continued many of the projects from previous years including the dictionary project, student of the month, sponsoring the Interact Club, sending two students to RYLA, the Christmas tree collection and mulch, supporting the local recycling center and scholarships to high school seniors. Our main fund raisers continued including the Pancake Breakfast, the 4th of July Chuckwagon and our golf tournament. The Centennial Project Committee was renamed the Special Projects Committee to continue to raise money for designated community projects. We took a break from sponsoring a youth exchange student. The Rotary International Convention was held in Salt Lake City, Utah giving us an unusual opportunity for interaction with fellow Rotarians from all over the world. Dmitri Lugovoy and Sergey Papshev from the Saratov Center Rotary Club of Saratov, Russia as well as Russian Rotaractors Olga Alexandrova and Egor Prokfyeh visited Evanston and traveled around the district attending local events and the international and district conferences. We were also joined by Rotarian Philip and Sally Thomas from Cardiff, Wales as Philip researched ancestors from the Evanston area. New community service projects initiated this year included picking up trash, shoveling snow for seniors and remembering seniors on Valentine’s Day. We lost our long-time home for our Tuesday lunches at the Elk’s Club and moved to Lotty’s Restaurant for our meetings.

2007-'08 Toni Bradford – President
Sandra Lowe – President-Elect

Outbound Rotary exchange student was Myrtle John to Belgium, inbound Rotary exchange student was Roger Francis Duran from Mexico.

2008-'09 Sandra Lowe – President
Pam Handly – President-Elect

2008-2009 was a record setting year for our Club. Over 90% of our Club members were Paul Harris sustaining members and over 10 of our members were presented with their Paul Harris Fellowship status during this year. Congratulations to all Paul Harris Fellows! Members of our club were successful in

reorganizing and restarting our Evanston High School Interact Club. The RI theme was "Make Dreams Real" this year, the District Governor was Stuart "Stu" Palmer and the RI President was K.K. Lee from Korea. Our World Community Service project concentration was given to the "Guatemala Literacy Program" and Julia Murray was instrumental in setting this up. Four members, including Sandra Lowe, Toni Bradford, Diane Datteri and Julia Murray, committed to going on the GLP tour in February, 2010, as representatives for our Club. One of newest members, Rob Sachs, developed a new website for our Club, keeping all members current and informed on all the Club projects. Our weekly meetings continued to be held on Tuesday's at noon and were located at the Bear Town Restaurant. Our Club continued with its annual Club fund-raising events, which included the Bearly Spring Golf Fling, the Labor Day Pancake breakfast and the 4th of July Barbeque. Kudos to all the members that make these events possible! Without the volunteerism and dedication that each Rotarian continues to make, this Club would not be successful.

2009-'10 Pam Handly – President
Michael Adams – President-Elect

ROTARY FOUNDATION

One of the most important aspects of Rotary is the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation funds several important worldwide programs. Rotary Foundation was formed in 1916 and grew slowly for the next 30 years. But in 1947, following the death of Rotary founder, Paul Harris, the foundation really took off with the creation of the Paul Harris Fellowship.

One major program of the foundation is the provision of graduate scholarships for study in foreign countries. Each year the foundation grants over 1000 scholarships worth \$20,000-\$25,000 each.

The foundation also funds annual group study exchanges. These involve the travel of four or five young business people on a five-week observation tour to a foreign country under the direction of a Rotarian. The exchange is completed with a reciprocal visit from a similar group from the visited nation or district. The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, education and other essential needs primarily in developing countries. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is Polio Plus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide by 2005 – Rotary's 100th anniversary.

The sources of the foundation's funds are contributions and fund raisers from Rotary Clubs around the world and contributions from individual Rotarians and non-Rotarians. All gift funds given to the foundation are put into interest bearing accounts for three years before being put to use. All administrative expenses of the foundation come from the interest earned. 100% of all gifts to the foundation are used for foundation projects.

Any individual male or female, alive or deceased may be named as Paul Harris Fellow upon the donation of \$1,000 to the annual fund of the Rotary Foundation in that person's name. There are now more than 764,000 Paul Harris Fellows.

Rotary members who pledge to contribute \$100 per year to the annual fund of the foundation are recognized as Sustaining Members of the foundation. Rotary members who donate or make provisions in the estate plan for a gift of \$1000 to the Permanent Fund of the foundation are recognized as Benefactors of the foundation.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Rotary uses a classification system to establish and maintain a vibrant cross-section or representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members and to develop a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. This system is based on the founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.

A classification describes either the principal business or the professional service of the organization that the Rotarian works for or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. There can also be several classifications within a profession. Some examples of classifications include: high schools, universities, eye surgery, banking, pharmaceutical-retailing, petroleum-distribution, and insurance agency.

MEMBERSHIPS

There are two types of memberships available in Rotary, active and honorary.

Active members are the majority of the club and are subject to all the rules and benefits of Rotary membership. Rotary International guidelines dictate that no more than five active members or ten percent of the club, whichever is greater, can be from the same classification. This is intended to insure that no one classification dominates a club. Older active members can apply to the club board for an exemption to the attendance requirement. The policy states: "A member's absence shall be excused if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved." This is to continue the flexibility allowed in the past when the "senior active" memberships were available.

Honorary members are community members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, but are not currently members of the club. The term of membership shall be as determined by the board. Honorary members are exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, have no vote or classification and cannot hold club office. They shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy other privileges of club membership. They may be charged to cover meeting meal expenses.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

When you are absent, your classification is not represented. Missing four (4) consecutive meeting or failing to attend 50% of the meetings during a quarter of the Rotary year can result in loss of membership. This is a Rotary International rule.

If, for business or health reasons, you are unable to attend the regular meeting, you may make up at any Rotary Club or at any other Club event either 14 days prior to or 14 days after our regular meeting. Such make-ups will give you the opportunity to make new acquaintances and share the fellowship of Rotary in another town or city.

Upon written application to the Board, showing good and sufficient cause, leaves of absence excusing attendance may be granted for specified periods of time.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Maintain a minimum 50% attendance at club meetings

Club meetings can be made-up at other Clubs, board meetings, or other Club events

Pay a one time initiation fee and normal billings quarterly

Be active on assigned committees

Assist with Club projects

Be a strong proponent of Rotary to the Community

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE POLICY-RED BADGE PROGRAM

It is the policy of the Evanston Rotary Club that all new members are to be provided with the support necessary to ensure that they develop into a productive and long-term member of the club. To these ends, the club has developed a support program entitled "The Red Badge Program". This program outlines the duties and responsibilities of the sponsoring member, the new member and other club individuals and/or committees, etc.

Responsibility for developing and monitoring the Red Badge Program is assigned to the Membership of Club Service Committee chairperson. This individual will take the steps necessary to keep the program current, to ensure that it is being used to benefit all new inductees and to report periodically to the Board of Directors the effectiveness of the program.

The success of the Red Badge Program depends primarily upon the amount of time and effort that the sponsoring member devotes to generating a "bond" between themselves, the new member and Rotary. It is not in the best interests of anyone to allow the membership of the club to develop a high rate of turnover and absenteeism. This is unfulfilling to the new member, expensive for the club and of no benefit to the community we serve. Rotary studies indicate that the initial months of a membership determine to a great extent what the long-term prognosis of a membership will be.

A new member who gets strong initial support from the club has a much better chance of developing into a productive member who contributes to the overall success of the club. The Evanston Rotary Club believes that it is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to provide the primary support by following the steps outlined in the Red Badge Program.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PROCEDURE – RED BADGE PROGRAM

The sponsoring member agrees to the principals expressed in the Red Badge Program and agrees to follow the steps outlined in the program.

1. For the first month of membership the sponsoring member will act as a close “buddy” to the new member. This means that the sponsoring member will greet with the new member, will sit with the new member at every Rotary function (lunch, activities, etc.), will attend Rotary functions with the new member, etc. In the second month of membership, the sponsoring member may, or may not, follow the schedule of the first month. The level of support will depend on the new members ability to be assimilated into the club and desire to have the sponsoring member provide the support of the first month. In the third month the sponsoring member may not sit next to the new member or greet with the new member. This will force the new member to broaden their acquaintance network at Rotary functions.
2. Before the new member attends their second meeting, the club president and club service chairperson will meet with the new member to discuss and agree to a committee assignment for the new member. The assignment will be based upon the service desires of the new member.
3. At the time of induction, the sponsoring member will be given a copy of the “Good Beginning” worksheet. It is up to the sponsoring member to make the necessary arrangements in order for the new member to complete the worksheet within the allocated time. At the end of the 3-month period it is required that the worksheet be completed. At the next weekly meeting following the 3-month anniversary date the new member will be presented with their blue badge by the sponsoring member.
4. The new member must be encouraged by the sponsoring member to become actively involved before the 3-month period is up. It is extremely important for the new member to feel that they have become a “part of the group” during this time. The role of the sponsoring member in accomplishing this cannot be overemphasized.
5. During the 3-month period the rest of the Rotary membership should be especially cognizant of the uneasiness and apprehension that a new member might have. They should go out of their way to sit with the new member, go to lunch with the new member if the opportunity presents itself, etc. The membership should do what it takes to make the new member feel at ease with the Rotary meetings and events.
6. At the end of the 3-month period, but before the blue badge is presented, the club president and sponsoring member will meet with the new member to discuss the first three months. The objective of this meeting will be to compare the new members initial expectations of Rotary to what was experienced and to address any problems an/or questions that the new member may have.
7. At the presentation of the blue badge, the club president will point out the commitment that both the sponsoring member and the new member have made over the past three months. At this time the new member, by accepting the blue badge, will make a commitment to Rotary service.



**EVANSTON ROTARY CLUB
A NEW ROTARIAN'S "GOOD BEGINNING WORKSHEET"**

New Rotarian Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Date Joined _____

New Rotarian greet for 4 meeting dates (with sponsor when available)
(date) _____

Profile for Rotary Directory completed and turned in to President or Secretary
(date) _____

New Rotarian attend a Board of Director's meeting
(date) _____

New Rotarian attend a new member orientation meeting
(date) _____

New member maintain 75% attendance record first 3 months:
Month 1 _____
Month 2 _____
Month 3 _____

Date "Good Beginning" worksheet completed _____

CLUB TRADITIONS

Weekly Raffle

\$1.00 tickets are available for purchase prior to the start of each weekly meeting.

½ of the money will be used for donation to the “Lord’s Storehouse”

½ of the money will be given to the holder of the winning ticket

Guests to the Club are traditionally given tickets by the host Rotarian

Weekly Program/Speaker

Programs are scheduled for each weekly meeting

Each speaker receives lunch and a Rotary token as a thank you

Weekly Fines by Sergeant of Arms

At the end of each weekly meeting the Sergeant of Arms “fines” members for various things

These “fines” are used to fund Club projects

The amount of “fines” are pre-approved annually by each member individually

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month

Rotarians are responsible for the cost of lunch directly to the restaurant

All members may attend and may use this as a make-up meeting

District Conference in May

Annual Club Banquet in June

FEES AND DUES

One-time Initiation fee - \$50.00

Quarterly dues paid in advance for:

July-September

October-December

January-March

April-June

\$20.00/per quarter – local club and Rotary International dues & insurance. Annually \$ 80.00

\$130.00 – meals (\$10.00 x 13 weeks, you are charged whether you attend or not) Annually \$ 520.00

\$ 56.00 4th of July Chuckwagon dinner tickets

\$ 60.00 Labor Day Pancake breakfast tickets

CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

New member orientation

Weekly meetings with club members, represent a cross section of the community

Weekly club bulletin, speaker and meal

Rotary pin

Rotary name badge

Participation in local service projects

Welcome at club meetings throughout the world

Rotary International magazine

Opportunity to serve and contribute toward Rotary International's worldwide goals of peace, human understanding and goodwill

**Evanston Rotary Club
Member Information**

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____
Fax _____
Email Address _____
Birthdate _____ Anniversary Date _____
Family Members _____

What do you like to do for fun? _____

Program Recommendations _____

Amount willing to be “fined” this year \$ _____ (Suggest \$25-\$100)

Committee Request: (select 1)

_____ Club Service – Fellowship, Program, New Members

_____ Vocational Service – 4 Way Test Programs, Career Day, RYLA

_____ International Service – Youth Exchanges, World Community Projects

_____ Community Service – Tree Mulch, Interact Club, Lord’s Storehouse, Student of the Month

**Rotary Foundation Giving
New Member Orientation**

Name _____

_____ Yes! I would like to contribute \$25.00 quarterly to the Rotary Foundation. I understand that this billing will be in my normal quarterly billing due to the Evanston Rotary Club and that the Evanston Rotary Club will then forward this amount on in my name as soon as I accumulate \$100.00.

_____ No, I am unable to contribute at this time.