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SERVICE ABOVE SELF
2013

100th Anniversary
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3 August 2013

To the members of the Rotary Club of Joliet, Illinois, USA

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Joliet, Illinois, USA. I share your pride in reaching this significant milestone.

Just as every Rotarian is different, so too is every Rotary club. Each club discovers for itself how best to serve its community, and its members. Every club has the opportunity to strengthen its community. Your community has been given a great gift for the past 100 years. Joliet is a better place because of each one of you, as is our world.

Additionally, each club adds its unique character to the Rotary International family. This diversity is part of Rotary’s strength, and it is what will keep Rotary vital as we face a rapidly changing future.

I look forward to working with each one of you as we Engage Rotary—Change Lives.

Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton

August 3, 2013

To the members and friends of the Rotary Club of Joliet, IL:

On behalf of your fellow Rotarians throughout the greater Chicago area in District 6450, it is my privilege to congratulate the Rotary Club of Joliet on the occasion of your one hundredth anniversary. In 1913 you were chartered as the seventy-eighth Rotary club in the world, and since that time you have been a strong force in community leadership. Your club’s history is filled with memorable instances of community service, international partnership, and leadership within Rotary itself. Over the years your club has taken the initiative in establishing new Rotary clubs in our area, and four governors for our district have come from your membership. The Rotary Club of Joliet has been an outstanding leader in Rotary service, and we salute you for your efforts.

Now begins your second century of service! In this important year the Rotary International theme is “Engage Rotary Change Lives.” I can think of no better way of encouraging your continuing work as a club. By doing the things you do, you make an enormous difference in your community and around the world, and you build on the traditions and efforts of those Rotarians who established your club one hundred years ago.

Our very best wishes to you as you continue your work in the spirit of “Service of Above Self.”

Yours in Rotary service,

Cliff Lyda

2013-14 District Governor
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am deeply honored and humbled to be the President of the Joliet Rotary Club as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. It is a tribute to the hundreds of Rotarians that came before us, and it is our job to ensure that Rotary will be here 100 years from now to serve the community of Joliet.

Rotary is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million businesses and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace. About 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas conduct projects to address today’s challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty and lack of clean water, while encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations.

Polio Plus is Rotary’s flagship. By the time polio is eradicated, Rotary club members will have contributed more than $850 million dollars and countless hours to immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

I am personally indebted to Rotary for showing the meaning of Service Above Self and giving back to the community. I have received much more than I have given. I would like to thank my father, Robert Thornton, who was President 1975-76, my sponsor Bill Lauer who was President 1991-92, and the Presidents I had the pleasure of serving with on the Board: Dan Vera, Mike Rittof, Jane Hopkins, Mike Murray, Dan Mihelich, and Tim Brophy.

I would also like to thank my current Board: Bret Mitchell, Mark Griglione, Dan Malinowski, Tom Grotovsky, Laurie Rambo, Kathleen Zydek, Lisa Kinser and John Spesia, as well as Bill Kaplan who serves as legal counsel and Lisa Las who does our Rotary Wheel and Website.

The efforts of Ed Dollinger, Mike Rittof and the Centennial Committee made this celebration tonight possible.

Finally, we are honored to have our Rotary International President Ron D. Burton, here to celebrate our special night.

Sincerely,

David J. Thornton
THE FOUNDERS
OF THE
Joliet Rotary Club

This is a photo of the original members of the Joliet Rotary Club.

Fourth row: Edwin B. Lord, Ralph Austin, Thomas P. Lennon, Vaughn W. Brooks, Otis Haven.
HOW IT ALL STARTED

The history of the Joliet Rotary Club

Joliet had a Rotary Club before Rotary International ever knew anything about it. In fact, the Joliet Rotary Club existed before its own members realized that another organization was using the name “Rotary” elsewhere.

It all began with a study club dedicated to business building, efficiency and character development.

In 1910, George Lennon of Joliet enrolled in a North Shore business school organized by Arthur Frederick Sheldon. The slogan of Sheldon’s school was “He profits most who serves best.” It was adapted from a motto used by a fledgling Chicago organization called the Rotary Club.

After completing the course, Lennon recruited 16 businessmen for a bi-weekly study group in Joliet led by a lecturer from Sheldon’s business school. The group flourished, meeting at the Commercial Club in the Clare building at Ottawa and Van Buren streets, with each member taking his turn at chairing the sessions. From this procedure, it was suggested that the group be called the Rotary Club.


Under the dynamic leadership of Harvey Weeks, a young bond salesman for the Woodruff Trust Company, the group embarked upon an ambitious venture. They staged a Joliet Business Show and Efficiency Conference from June 11-14, 1913, in the newly completed, but unoccupied Adam Arcade Building. The show displayed modern business and office equipment at no charge to exhibitors. Mayor Harvey E. Wood made the opening address and the public attended by the thousands. The show was a complete success.

By this time, the Joliet club had learned that an organization of international scope, another Rotary Club, was in existence. In fact, Harvey Weeks had approached Rotary National to suggest affiliation. The senior group firmly rebuffed the overture, maintaining its policy of opposition to clubs in cities of less than 75,000 in population.

However, the widespread fame of the Joliet exposition reached Rotary headquarters, prompting a visit by a Chicago delegation of Rotary officials, headed by Chesley R. Perry, Secretary. At the next annual convention, Rotary amended its bylaws to include cities of 40,000 in population and above. On August 1, 1913, the Joliet club was granted a charter in what was then Rotary National.
Past Presidents

Harvey Weeks 1913
Vaughn W. Brooks 1914
John B. Anderson 1915
Maurice Lennon 1916
J. Stanley Brown 1916–17
Walter H. MacPherson 1917–18
Arthur C. Leach 1918–20
George B. Wiswell 1919–20
Thomas C. Davis 1920–21
George P. Wardley 1921–22
J.A. Ohlhaver 1922–23
John B. Freeman 1923–24
Ralph C. Austin 1924–25
Dr. Win. B. Welch 1925–26
Jewett E. Ricker 1926–27
Fred G. Snedden 1927–28
August Beltzer 1927–28
J.C. MacKeever 1928–29
L. Clate Stephens 1929–30
George C. Mariner 1930–31
Leslie Touzalin 1931–32
William Haggard 1932–33
Dr. Eugene Drenning 1938–39
Harold A. Wallace 1939–40
Malcolm Fitzgerald 1940–41
George P. Lloyd 1941–42
Robert E. Pilcher 1942–43
Lew Rogers 1943–44
Ray A. Powers 1944–45
Willard B. Curtis 1945–46
Thomas I. Wagner 1946–47
Louis F. Bottino 1947–48
George M. Lennon 1948–49
Herb Regan 1949–50
Walter Hershbach 1950–51

Past Projects from Joliet Rotary Club #78

2000: Donated $27,400 to Morningstar Mission Ministries for their kitchen renovation project.


1984-1988: Over $250,000 and in-kind contributions were donated to build the Rotary Sports Complex at the Gallowich YMCA on the west side of Joliet.

Joliet Rotarians as individuals have always been the leaders in our community. Many Rotarians have been past presidents, board members and leaders of the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Will County Center for Economic Development, and numerous other civic organizations. This is primarily due to the procedure of selecting members according to the classification system.

Through the years, Rotary has either sponsored or taken an active part in many local projects, including the very first community July Fourth fireworks display.

In recent history, Joliet Rotary has contributed to many worthwhile efforts, including the Polio-Plus Program. It also has hosted many students in both the regular student exchange program and the short-term student exchange program, and participated in the Rotary Group Study Exchange with groups from England, Egypt, Bahrain, Greece, Argentina, Australia, India and Turkey.

For many years, the Joliet Rotary Club has donated approximately $4,500 annually to various local charities.

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<td>William C. Wunderlich</td>
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Martin Paltzer 1986–87
David A. Healy 1987–88
Warren Kovarik 1988–89
George Mahoney, III 1989–90
Jack Gallagher 1990–91
William Lauer 1991–92
D. Russell Slinkard 1992–93
Richard S. Gregg 1993–94
Dean M. Sweetwood 1994–95
Edward J. Dollinger 1995–96
Douglas F. Spesia 1996–97
Debra K. Condotti 1997–98
Robert D. Shutts 1998–99
Michael C. Reardon 1999–00
Michael D. Hennessy 2000–01
Howard J. Hamilton 2001–02
Mary Ann Egger 2002–03
Samuel G. Mancuso 2003–04
Gregory L. Peyla 2004–05
Lawrence B. Johnson 2005–06
Kenneth R. Mihelich 2006–07
Daniel L. Vera 2007–08
Michael F. Rittof 2008–09
Jane A. Hopkins 2009–10
Michael J. Murray 2010–11
Daniel J. Mihelich 2011–12
Timothy M. Brophy 2012–13

THE JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BAND

One of Joliet Rotary’s earliest projects

Joliet Rotarians took a great interest in the JTHS Band in the early days, helping to provide uniforms and instruments. Because of the band’s musical ability they were also proud to have it along on trips to the District and National Conventions. This is a photo of the band at Mt. Vernon on its return from the International Convention at Atlantic City, NJ in June, 1920 where it was the Official Band of the 12th District.
## ANNUAL ROTARY RAFFLE

The tradition of the Joliet Rotary Raffle has been to fund a needed community project or assist a program that needs help. Once these community projects are completed, Rotary then moves on to something else. Joliet Rotary has been instrumental in funding many community services and projects.

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<td>1989</td>
<td>Established a $75,000 endowment fund to maintain the YMCA Sports Field.</td>
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<td>$30,000 to Habitat for Humanity to construct two homes.</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>$30,000 to Will-Grundy Medical Clinic for an endowment fund for medications.</td>
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<td>$26,100 to D-FY-IT drug testing program for local high schools.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>$30,000 to purchase equipment to establish a handicapped playground for Easter Seals. Located and donated 18 hospital beds that were shipped to a clinic in Mexico.</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Purchased a 15-passenger van for the Salvation Army.</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Donated $30,000 to help refurbish facilities for an abused women’s shelter.</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Donated $32,000 to Easter Seals for furnishing a supervisory group home.</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Donated $30,000 to United Cerebral Palsy Park for specialized playground equipment.</td>
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<td>Donated a total of $30,000 for endowed scholarships to be awarded annually by Joliet Junior College, Lewis University, and the University of St. Francis.</td>
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<td>Donated $30,000 for funding of the Will-Grundy Rotary Dental Clinic.</td>
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<td>Donated $27,400 to Morningstar Mission Ministries for their kitchen renovation project.</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Divided a $30,000 donation to the Salvation Army for renovation of their kitchen, and to the Will County Humane Society for renovation of their facility.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Donated a total of $30,000 to the Rotary College Scholarship Program for the scholarship fund established at Lewis University, University of St. Francis, and Joliet Junior College.</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Donated $30,000 to Joliet Hospice for the construction of a patient room.</td>
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<td>Donated $14,000 to Lamb’s Fold toward a new shower room for the women and children.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Raffle funded sand filters for water treatment in the Dominican Republic.</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>Raffle funded Rotary Club of Joliet college scholarships to high school seniors.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Raffle funded van purchase for Will County Senior Services Center.</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Raffle funded new men’s shower at DAYBREAK Shelter.</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>Raffle funded playground at Guardian Angel Home in Joliet.</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Raffle funded a new gym floor at Werden Buck Boys and Girls Club in Joliet.</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Raffle funded repainting the interior of the Will Grundy Medical Clinic, purchasing new medication carts at Our Lady of Angels, and a new tile floor for St. Vincent de Paul.</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Raffle funded new handicap-accessible playground for UCP’s Reedswood School located on Reed Street in Joliet.</td>
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Hors d’oeuvres
Vegetable Crudites with Dip and Fruit
Cheese and Cracker Presentation served on a Buffet
Assorted Cold Canapes, Chicken Sate
Mini Egg Rolls with Plum Sauce
Fried Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce

Soup
Cream of Chicken and Rice

Salad
Mixed field greens with Balsamic dressings

Entree
Chicken Wellington over Hunter Sauce
—and—
Filet Mignon with Truffle Sauce
—with—
Roasted New Potatoes
Grilled Squash & Zucchini

Vegetarian Entree
Penne Pasta with mixed vegetables

Dessert
100th Anniversary Cake
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Ron D. Burton

Ron D. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He also is a member of the American Bar Association; the ABA Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee; and the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations. He was vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award. He also received the Norman United Way and Junior League Volunteer of the Year Civic Award. A Rotarian since 1979, Ron is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma. He has served RI as district governor, Council on Legislation representative (1992 and 1995), International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, zone trainer, Rotary information counselor, committee and task force member, RI president’s representative, and aide to the RI president. He also chaired the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee. As a member of the Board of Directors, he served as chair of the Executive Committee, Administration Committee, and Audit Committee.

Additionally, he has served The Rotary Foundation as a consultant to the Development Committee, national adviser for the Permanent Fund Initiative; regional Rotary Foundation coordinator; member of the International PolioPlus Committee, Permanent Fund Leadership Team, and PolioPlus Speakers Bureau; and moderator of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator training program. He served as Trustee in 2006–10 and Vice Chair in 2008–09.

He also has been a member and vice chair of the Future Vision Committee. In 2013–14, Ron will serve as president of Rotary International. Ron has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society, and Arch C. Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation.
District Governors From Joliet

J. Stanley Brown
1918 – 19

Rev. Henry E. Rompel
1923 – 24

Ralph E. Morgan
1957 – 58

Robert E. Leckrone
1986 – 87
RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY

Joliet’s Women of Rotary is one of a kind. With a goal of community service performed in accordance with the principles of Rotary, the founders of Women of Rotary, on February 1, 1923, established the first and only independent women’s organization modeled on Rotary, according to Rotary International.

Elsewhere are Rotary Annes and Inner Wheels, whose members support the projects of their local Rotary club. But nowhere is there another Women of Rotary whose projects are totally independent of their counterpart.

In the 1920’s, Women of Rotary established a high school scholarship fund that benefitted 114 girls. Many years later in 1977, a grateful graduate sent a $500 contribution to the Women of Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Women of Rotary later undertook another mission, aid to college women. Since 1980, three graduating women selected annually from Joliet Junior College, the University of St. Francis and Lewis University receive a $500 stipend each from the Women of Rotary.

Other club charities, past and present, include Christmas gifts to nursing home patients, Christmas baskets for needy families and a free clothing bank at Joliet Township High School.

When the need for a community hospice service was evident many years ago, a group from Women of Rotary organized the Hospice Guild of Joliet, now the fundraising arm of the Joliet Area Community Hospice.

Annual dues and luncheons, served at general meetings in member’s homes each year, help to underwrite the costs of these charitable activities.

Pictured left to right from back: Cele Hansen, Lyn Kovarik, Amanda Nichols, Florence Johnson, Julie DeYoung, Gloria Dollinger, Rhoda Schirmer, Joan Rogers, Irma Escue. Front row: Sharon Lauer, Lorraine Baron, Lynn Simmons, Stella Leddy.

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