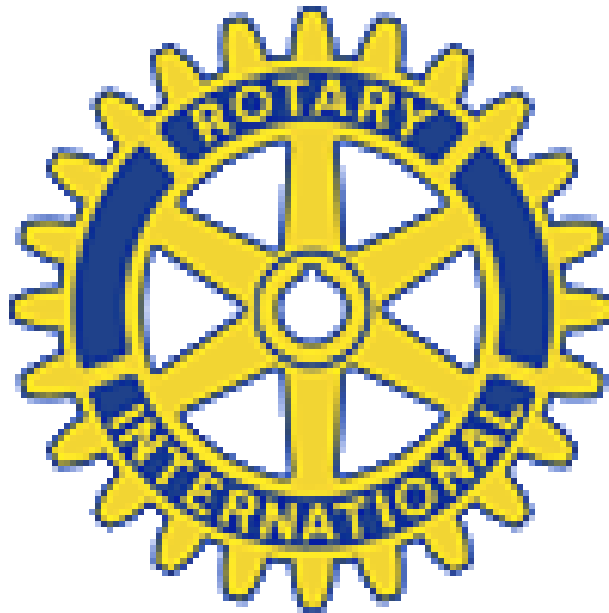


The First 20 Years



ROTARY CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH-KAWARTHA

FROM 1989 to 2009

Club Presidents

President	Year	International Theme
Ken Thomas	1989-1989	Enjoy Rotary
Gord MacInnes	1989-1991	Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm
Robert Smith	1991-1992	Look Beyond Yourself
Michael Eatson	1992-1993	Real Happiness is Helping Others
Bill Gordanier	1993-1994	Believe In what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In
Wayne Smith	1994-1995	Be a Friend
Doug Lockington	1995-1996	Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace
Janet McLeod	1996-1997	Build the Future With Action and Vision
Rudy Massimo	1997-1998	Show Rotary Cares
Dawn Straka	1998-1999	Follow Your Rotary Dream
Robert Brown	1999-2000	Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity
Tom Bennett	2000-2001	Create Awareness...Take Action
Bill Hampton	2001-2002	Mankind is our Business
Rod MacDonald	2002-2003	Sow the Seeds of Love
George Rankin	2003-2004	Lend a Hand
Kevan Herod	2004-2005	Celebrate Rotary
Bill Graham	2005-2006	Service Above Self
Brenda Booth	2006-2007	Lead the Way
Lynne Chant	2007-2008	Share Rotary
Brian O'Toole	2008-2009	Make Dreams Real
Suzanne Davidson	2009-2010	The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands

Tom Bennett was the first person from the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha to serve as District Governor in 2008-2009 Make Dreams Real.

Dawn Straka has been selected to serve as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2010-2011

Acknowledgement

The first Club history was written by Gord MacInnes, in 1994 and up-dated in 1997. Some of the information in this paper was gained from that. Leo Doiron did an extensive update in 2004 and we have built upon that format using data from our website, Tempus Fugit and mostly recollections of club members. In Leo's words "this is a fairly factual account of the activities, interests and accomplishments of the Club but does not capture the spirit of good humour, acceptance and camaraderie that pervades the weekly meetings, work sessions and social gatherings for which the club is well known." The material is organized according to the four avenues of service of Rotary Clubs.

Tom Bennett
September 14, 2009

IN THE BEGINNING...

... There was district 701 of Rotary International which took in a large area of east central Ontario, north Eastern Ontario and western Quebec. It comprised 37 community Rotary clubs from Havelock to Hearst. One of those was the Rotary Club of Peterborough (chartered in 1921) and it was the home club of John Cockburn who was the District Governor of 1989/90.

The President of the Peterborough Club that year was Tom Lyons and one of the other members was John McCormack who was the District Governor's Representative for the area and who was asked by the Governor to guide the formation of another Rotary club in the City. Thirteen prospective members of this new club met for the first time on June 11, 1989 at the Red Oak Inn. Under the guidance of John McCormack, they began to meet regularly each week with a widening circle of interest until the Rotary Club of Kawartha (Peterborough) was formed. Later the name had to be changed to the **Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha** and it was officially chartered by Rotary International on August 24, 1989 as the first breakfast club in the district. It had 27 members at the start. The Certificate of Charter is passed from one President to his or her successor each year.

The sponsoring Peterborough Club held a gala Charter Presentation night in conjunction with the District Conference on September 14, 1989.

District 701 has since been re-numbered by Rotary International as District 7010, and in 2009/2010 there were 44 clubs in the District (six more of them are breakfast clubs) and there are two provisional clubs working toward their charter.

Club Organization –

Rotary Club of Peterborough Charter Members

September 14, 1989

Ken Thomas ~ President
Gord MacInnes ~ Vice President
Les Channell ~ Secretary
Bob McPherson ~ Treasurer
Wayne Smith ~ Sergeant -at-Arms
Michael Eatson ~ Director
Robert Smith ~ Director

Ted Brown
Gord Bryan
John Copland
Erin Cull
David Dalman
Ken Doherty
Rick Foeller
Vincent Gatt
Wayne Gilroy
John Martin
Rudy Massimo
Gregory Mather
David McCutcheon
Allen Morrison
Mike O'Brien
W.Donald Powell
Donald Sharp
R. Gary Stewart
Jim Webster
Terry Windrem

The club was organized under the standard constitution for Rotary clubs and established that its weekly meeting would be held at 7:20 a.m. every Thursday. The business of the Club is governed by a Board of Directors that includes a Past President, President, President elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors who serve for two years. The Vice President usually moves up to President elect, and then to President. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the President and become ex-officio members of the Board. The President also appoints a Sargent-at-Arms. Elections are held each year in December and terms of office take effect the following July 1st. Club By-laws were revised and approved in November, 1997 and again in 2006. The Board meets monthly. The Club was incorporated under the Corporations Act (Ontario) as a corporation without share capital on August 12, 1993.

The President and Board to run the different activities of the Club establish various committees each year. There is some variation in the function and number of committees to accommodate the changing focus of these activities and the current collective interest of the Club. All Club members are appointed to one or more of those committees.

CLUB SERVICE

Members-

From the initial 27 members, the Club grew to 47 in 1994/95 and concluded its first decade with a total of 58 members. Eight of these were original, charter members. Over the past ten years membership numbers varied slightly from a 57 in 2000 to a high of 62 in 2002 and has scaled back a little the past five years averaging in the mid to low 50's.

Originally, Rotary club members throughout the world were exclusively male. Women were first admitted in 1987, only two years before the Club was chartered and by 1989 there were 28,000 women in Rotary. The first woman to become a member of the Club was Dawn Straka who was inducted in March of 1991. Six months later Janet McLeod became a member.

Conversely, Janet became the first woman President in 1996/97, and Dawn was the second woman to serve as President, in the 1998/99 term. By the year 2000, of the 1,170,904 Rotary club members around the world, 89,300 were women (7.6%). At the time of the 20th Anniversary of the Club approximately 25% of the club members are women.

Attendance-

Members are vigorously encouraged to attend regular meetings or to make up for it by attending a meeting at another Rotary club. It is noted that Don Sharp achieved 100% attendance the Club's first year, and has maintained that standard every year since. Another member, Don Watkins, had a perfect attendance before joining the Club and has maintained it for a combined total of 34 years.

Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha Sergeants-At-Arms

- 1989/90 Wayne Smith
- 1990/91 Terry Windrem
- 1991/92 Don Powell
- 1992/93 Vince Gatt
- 1993/94 Don Powell
- 1994/95 Bob Eamer
- 1995/96 Al Taylor
- 1996/97 Don Powell
- 1997/98 Don Foster
- 1998/99 Don Foster
- 1999/00 Bill Hampton and Don Powell
- 2000/01 Don Powell and Don Foster
- 2001/02 Sue McClellan
- 2002/03 Don Powell
- 2003/04 Don Foster, Chris Hyatt, Don Powell, Ken Clare, Paul Laing and Doug Peachy
- 2004/2005 Don Powell
- 2005/2006 Don Foster, chair, Ken Clare, Don Powell, Chris Hyatt
- 2006/2007: Kal Ojamae
- 2007/2008: Don Powell
- 2008/2009 Don Powell

Social Activities-

After the Charter Night Dinner, the first major social event was the Christmas Party on November 29, 1989 at the Otonabee Motor Inn. This became an annual event for many years that took place after the Club's major fund raising project, the Christmas Gift Auction.

Four to six social events were held each year that included members and their partners, and sometimes-family activities were planned that included the children or grandchildren. These events involved a wide variety of interests that included dinners, inter-club meetings with neighbouring Rotary clubs, family swim days, boat cruises, bowling, bus trips to see the Toronto Blue Jays games, Oktoberfest parties at member's homes including Ted Brown, Morgan Smith, Sue Davidson, Family Fun Days at Riverview Park and Zoo, a murder mystery dinner at the Holiday Inn, an evening at Kawartha Downs, attendance at 4th Line Theater Production, a wine and cheese reception at Fairhaven, a car rally, euchre

nights, a family curling party at Lakefield, an Al Capone Murder mystery at Trent University and many other events. Each year there has been a celebration in June to honour the outgoing President. More often than not this has been a Stoney Lake Cruise. In 2009 a Mama Mia garden party was held at the Best Western Otonabee complete with costumes.

There is often a dinner planned in late August to mark the Club's anniversary. The 10th Anniversary Dinner was a special event held at the Holiday Inn. Many charter members attended as well as the District Governor, Ken Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson, past District Governor John Cockburn, and many members of the sponsoring Peterborough Club.

ROTARY CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH KAWARTHA		
Charter Members Attending 10 th Anniversary Dinner August 28, 1999		
Ted Brown*	Ken Doherty	Mike Eatson*
Gord MacInnes	Rudy Massimo	Greg Mather
Al Morrison*	Don Powell*	Don Sharp*
Robert Smith*	Wayne Smith*	Terry Windrem*
*Members still active Also attending was Honourary Member, Gary Stewart, MPP		

The 15th Anniversary was also celebrated with a special gathering at the Holiday Inn designed to be a more informal function and used to invite and recognize former club members.

August 20th 2009 saw a celebration held at the Holiday Inn to mark the 20th Anniversary. District Governor Richard Levert was in attendance, as was John McCormack from our sponsoring Peterborough Club, Assistant Governor Sue Davidson and many former club members

Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha		
Charter Members attending 20 th 2009		
Don Sharp*	Don Powell*	Al Morrison*
Robert Smith*	Wayne Smith	Rick Foeller
Ken Doherty		
*Members still active		

Meeting Locations-

Since August, 1996 the Club has held weekly meetings at the Kawartha Gold and Country Club, but a number of other venues around the city were used at various times prior to that. Those locations include:

- June 1989 Holiday Inn
 - September 1989 Golden Griddle Restaurant
 - October 1989 The Carousel Restaurant
 - October 1989 Kawartha Golf and Country Club
 - May 1990 Red Oak Inn
 - August 1995 Holiday Inn
 - September 1995 Ramada Inn
 - August 1996 Kawartha Golf and Country Club
- Still at KGCC in 2009

Programmes-

Part of each weekly meeting featured a guest speaker who talked about matters of current concern, local affairs of a political or social nature, or provided information that was entertaining or culturally relevant.

Guest speakers have included the incumbent Mayor (many times), the Reeve of Peterborough County, the MPP for Peterborough, and the MP for the local riding. A partial list of other speakers includes Sister Theresa Rosa from Honduras, Rob Devitt, CEO of Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Representatives from Jamaica Self-Help Organization, International groups in Haiti or Mexico, Crimestoppers, a tactical police officer, Peterborough Children's Services, Junior Achievement, Children's Aid Society, Five Counties Children's Centre, Activity Haven and Trent Valley Literacy Association. Other guest speakers included author John Koning, Roger Neilson, Elizabeth Witmer, Greg Millen, Sid Birrell, Ed Arnold, and Steve Larmer. Some programs are presented by Club members who took part in Rotary International projects, attended International Conventions or have been involved in unique projects. Some of the greatest presentations are our Classification Talks where newer members share their stories, their interests and their vocations.

Some of the topics covered included Meech Lake, G.S.T., travel in Borneo. Family enrichment, energy conservation, YMCA fund raising, organ donation, audio library services and peace-keeping in Bosnia, military nursing in Afghanistan There was also a visit from police dog, "Max", and his handler, Constable Stacy Rutherford and later "Harris" the police dog and his handler Constable Jeff Chaucer. With 50 meetings a year over 20 years the list of speakers and topics is quite diverse.

In addition, the Club sometimes made site visits to hold meetings at various manufacturing and service locations for tours. Over the years such visits have been made to:

Lady Eaton College, CHEX-TV production and office facilities, the Pan-Oston Plant, Five Counties Children's Centre, Milltronics Limited, Showplace Peterborough, Kawartha Hospital Linen Services, Trent University, The Environmental Science Building at Trent U., Labotix, Comstock Funeral Home, Swish Maintenance, NHB plant (manufactures of kitchen cabinetry for the international market), Centennial Museum, Peterborough Examiner, Canadian Canoe Museum, Quaker Oats, Cameron House, Spanky's Harley Davidson Dealership, Hutchison House Museum, Bryston Ltd., The Olde Bridge Inn, Belch's Buffalo Farm., Kawartha Lakes Brewery, Sir Sanford Fleming College, Kawartha Rotary House, DNA center at Trent, Peterborough Wellness Center, the new YMCA, the new Peterborough Regional Health Centre, the Royal Canadian Legion, Putt n Party, Sign-a-rama, the Memorial Centre and many other locations.

Centennial Celebration

The Rotary world celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our organization on February 23, 2005. In Peterborough a centennial celebration was held in the Great Hall at Trent University with members of the Peterborough, Peterborough-Kawartha and BEL Rotary clubs in attendance. The keynote speaker was former Deputy Prime Minister John Manley.

Website-

In August 2003, through the good work of Doug Peachy, the Club initiated a new website at www.clubrunner.ca/peterboroughkawartha it contains a wealth of information about the Club and is a source for all members to connect with the weekly bulletin, *Tempus Fugit*. In addition, upcoming events are displayed and members can register for them on line. Members may also update their personal information on line by accessing their records through a confidential password.

Finances and Fund-Raising-

The first financial report to the Club in October of 1989 showed a bank balance of \$1,496.73 after expenses of about \$4,000 which included both Club Operations and any charitable donations. In its 10th year, the Club operations account showed \$34,583 in revenue, with expenses of \$29,890 for a net of \$4,693. Also, the now separate charitable activities account, the Sunshine Fund, showed a distribution of \$69,162 for community development and support of worthy local, national and international causes. In its 15th year the

Club distributed \$80,000 of funds raised for charities and helped raise another \$19,000 that went directly to PolioPlus and the Five Counties Children's Centre, for a total charitable effort of about \$100,000.

Many projects have been used over the years to raise funds for Club purposes. The earliest program was a monthly "Suit of the Month" draw, with tickets costing \$50.00 each. Over a two - year period this venture netted about \$5,000 for the club. A Golf Tournament, in 1991 earned \$3,600 for Peterborough Civic hospital. The Golf tournament was repeated in 1992 raising \$3,500 for the hospital. In 1993 the proceeds went to St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation. Another project was a Stanley Cup Ticket Draw.

A Christmas Fantasy show in 1992 raised \$5,000. In 1994 the sake of Blue jays tickets was undertaken, but ran into some trouble because of the players' strike.

A 50/50 draw was started in 1991 and has been held at each meeting since; the proceeds (between \$20 and \$30.00 a week) go towards Club operations. In 1991 members started sponsoring a Mini Bingo at the Kawartha Club Bingo hall. This project required five volunteers each Sunday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. It is not a large amount that is earned from this project each week, but it is a steady source of charitable funds, and in 2003 provided over \$20,000. In 2006 the format changed and it requires less people to attend but still provides a steady source of income for the club

Some other projects included the Great Canadian Whale Race on the Otonabee River. Organized in 1996 by Bill Paris, and in 1997 by Wendy Brown, with proceeds going to the Peterborough Civic Hospital Foundation both years. A Mini-Masters Golf Tournament organized by Don Foster and Doug Lockington and held in 1995, 1996 and 1997. A Trip of the Month Draw was run in 2006 and 2007 which saw members sell tickets for \$100 each and each month a draw was held for a \$2000 travel voucher.

In 1997 the Club took over organizing an annual charity golf tournament at heron landing Golf Course. It is held in late August and that first year it earned \$13,000 which was given to Five Counties Children's Centre. The following year the proceeds totaled \$16,670 and in 1999 it earned \$18,040. The earnings in both of those years also went to the Children's Centre. It was changed to a June date in 2003, but the proceeds were down somewhat from previous years and the club opted to move on to different events.

Christmas Auction

The greatest Club effort each year was and continues to be put into the Christmas Gift Auction on TV. This project was conceived by Doug Lockington and was first put on in 1994. It netted about \$6,965 that first year and has been held every year since, with annual improvements and expansion. One of the most important advances was the development of a computer software program created by Robert Brown and tailored to organize the whole event from start to finish. In 2002 the auction was also made available online through a website with considerable success. The second year under the new system netted over \$35,000. In 2008, the televised portion was cancelled leaving it solely as an online auction.

Million Dollar Hole-in-One

A new fund-raising event was inspired by Doug Lockington and embraced by the Club in 2003. It was known as the Million Dollar hole in One (M\$HIO) and was a golfing competition held at Morrow Park April 22 to 27 the first year. For the first two days the project was hampered by a wet snow fall, but still managed to raise about \$17,000 for charities. Chris Hyatt assisted Doug in organizing this first event and it required a lot of time by all Club members, assisted by six high school volunteers. Because of the success of the first year's event and the potential it showed, the project was adopted as an annual event until 2007.

A Joint Project-

As a result of the special emphasis by Rotary International to push the final stages of the PolioPlus program to eliminate polio from the world by 2005, a special fund-raising event was held in 2002 and 2003. This was a joint effort with the Peterborough Club and the BEL Club known as the Polio-Plus Fine Art Show

and Sale, held in October each year with the proceeds going directly to PolioPlus. Our Club's portion of the earnings amounted to about \$3,600. Also, to raise funds within the Club, Lynne Chant sold teddy bears all over the place for months and months.

By the way, this Club pledged a total of \$18,000 to this effort of PolioPlus for 2002/2003 and that goal was met.

Unfortunately Rotary International was unable to meet the goal of eradicating polio by 2005 and continues to push forward to achieve this goal. Due to war and political situations Polio remains endemic in Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. The club continues to participate in fundraisers to help achieve this goal.

A Night at the Oscars

The club held its first Night at the Oscars Charity fundraiser at Peterborough Square in February 2009. Clarence Collison brought this idea forward and Bill Gordanier and Robert Smith organized it. Guests were treated to Ouer d'orves, cocktails and live music before heading off to an Oscar nominated movie at Galaxy Cinemas.

Festival of Lights 50/50 Draw

In 2009 the Club agreed to join the Peterborough Rotary Club in selling 50/50 tickets at the Peterborough Festival of Lights every Wednesday and Saturday during the summer. About 18-20 volunteers go out to every concert at Del Crary and sell the tickets. The prizes paid out have been as high as \$2000.

President's Award-

Each year, at the end of his or her term, the outgoing president selects a Club member for the President's Award. It goes to a person who has been most helpful to the President during the year; one who the President feels deserves recognition for exemplary service to the Club, and in particular for that member's attitude and commitment.

On a few occasions the award has not been granted, mainly because the President that year felt that many members could qualify and elected not to single out any one particular person.

Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha President's Award Recipient		
1990/91 ~ Wayne Smith	1995/96 ~ Tom Bennett	2000/01 ~ Bill Graham
1991/92 ~ Wayne Gilroy	1996/97 ~ Don Watkins	2001/02 ~ Brenda Booth
1992/93 ~ Doug Lockington	1997/98 ~ Dawn Straka	2003/04 ~ Janet McLeod
1993/94 ~ Not Awarded	1998/99 ~ Leo Doiron	2005/06 Randy Reid
1994/95 ~ Robert Smith	1999/00 ~ Bill Blair	
2007/08 ~ Kevan Herod & Guenther Schubert		2008/09 Janet McLeod

Kawartha Homecoming – District Conference 2008

Our Club, in partnership with the Peterborough and BEL Rotary clubs hosted the District Conference at the Calvary Church on Lansdowne Street. Speakers included the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario the Honourable David C. Onley, Roy MacGregor from the Globe and Mail, a Rotary Peace Scholar William Payne and former club member Rudy Massimo. There were over 400 people for dinner at the Governor's

Ball which was held at the Sports and Wellness centre and catered by the Chef's program from Sir Sanford Fleming College. The Immediate past President of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson, attended the dinner.

Other Items of Note-

In December of 1994, at one of the last meetings before Christmas, Janet McLeod and Al Taylor led the group in a special rendition of the Twelve Day of Christmas, with every member assigned a specific line to sing with a number of other members (up to 12). It has since become a tradition to repeat this performance each year just before Christmas. Also, a number of members bring gifts of dubious value for other members who must open them before the whole club.

In March 1996 the Club hosted a breakfast at the Holiday Inn for all participants in the Rotary World Curling Championship which was held in Peterborough that year.

Since 1996 the Club has qualified 11 times for the Presidential Citation which is presented annually by the President of Rotary International to a Rotary Club that meets certain criteria in each of the four avenues of service.

In 2006 the 4 Way test was added to the opening proceedings of the Club meeting.

Other Kudos-

The City of Peterborough presented a civic award, to the Club. The ceremony was held at Showplace on June 3rd 2003. The Citation stated as follows:

“Kawartha Rotary Club

This organization has been instrumental in the acquisition and deployment of defibrillators throughout the community – thus enhancing the odds of surviving cardiac arrests that occur outside of the hospital or home. Kawartha Rotary has provided the initial funding, (and continues to do so), as well as forming partnerships with other agencies to promote its “Save A Heart” campaign. Additionally, Kawartha Rotary is training its members to be providers of this life saving skill, and promoting community wide CPR skills.”

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Environment-

This Club has always been environmentally aware, even to the point of including conservation hints in the weekly Club bulletin for a number of years starting in May 1991. One way the Club provided service to the local community in this regard was to help the City with its annual Hazardous Waste Disposal Day by providing approximately 20 members for volunteer service. The Club participated in this effort each year from 1990 to 1995. Members also assisted in distributing composters in 1990 and 1991, and in 1994 organized students from three elementary schools to clean up Jackson Park. Club members also assisted in removing purple loosestrife from the banks of the river at Rotary Park in August 1996.

Road Clean-Up-

In July of 1992 the Club started a road clean-up project by adopting a section of River Road from Lock 22 north to Lakefield. Twice yearly Club members turned out in large numbers to pick up trash and litter along that section of County Road #32. This project is still ongoing.

Super Spring Clean Up – Earth Day

Building on the club's annual River Road clean-up, Guenther Schubert initiated the Super Spring Clean-up on Earth Day in April 2008. Partnering with the County of Peterborough and the local school boards this involved mobilizing some 300 students from 5 local high schools to clean the roadsides in and around the City of Peterborough. Afterward the kids were treated to lunch and live music. It was such a huge success it was held again in 2009.

Other "Hands On" service-

One of the first projects undertaken by the Club was to help in putting on a fund raising dinner for the United Way at the Movieola Café, on November 19, 1989.

In November 1990, 1991 and 1992 members assisted in the collection of Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

Starting in December 1990, and continuing every year since, members volunteered to help the Salvation Army build, pack and deliver hamper boxes for 1000 to 1400 needy families at Christmas. Each year 10 to 12 members participate in this program.

Club assistance to Five Counties Children's Centre included direct cash donations and special fund-raising projects, such as the annual golf tournament. In 1991 the Club appointed a member to sit on the governing board and in 1992, 1993 and 1994 provided a number of volunteers to help in a door to door canvas.

Volunteers were also provided in 1991 to staff phone lines for a "Fit-Trek" project put on by the City to compete with another city in Participaction activities. Early that same year Club members escorted seniors to a Petes hockey game. Also, that same year a Club member was provided to become a Victorian Order of Nurses board member and all members helped in a project of the Jamaica Self-Help organization by loading donated materials for transport to Jamaica. To close out that year, the Club put on a Christmas party for disabled children at the Red Oak Inn, providing transportation and gifts.

Another significant program was started in 1991. That year the Club undertook, through the leadership of Doug Schultz the "Books for Kids" project, where donated new books were collected for inclusion in the Christmas hampers provided through the Salvation Army. This became an annual project, now known as the *Extra Special Gift* program. It not only provided another gift for a needy child, it also fitted in well with Rotary's interest in promoting literacy. Nearly 1,500 books were collected that first year and now we generate around 2000 books to the program each year.

In 1993 the Club, under the leadership of Mike Eatson, produced a pre-natal educational video specifically designed to help reach expectant parents who are deaf. It was made in conjunction with the City/County Health Unit and is still in demand circulation.

Starting in 2001 many members of the Club assisted the Cancer Society in delivering and/or selling daffodils as part of their annual fund-raising campaign in April. This is a continuing activity of the club.

In 2002, and again in 2003 many members assisted in cleanup, painting and other maintenance work at the County's mark S. Burnham Park located on highway #7 just east of the city.

The club supported the United Way in the Coats for Kids project in 2000-2002 and later supported the United Way's backpacks for Kids project.

In 2003, Don Watkins brought forward the idea to organize a Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony" in two elementary schools. . This helped the children to understand and appreciate what it means to be a Canadian. This colourful ceremony included a Judge, a Police Officer and Canadian Legion members who were flag bearers. This has become an annual event being held at different schools each year.

Victoria's Quilts – Kawartha Rotary Chapter

In 2005-2006 under the club helped charter a chapter of Victoria's Quilts in Peterborough. Formally known as Victoria Quilt's Kawartha Rotary, this group of volunteers makes quilts for cancer patients to help give them warmth and comfort during a difficult time.

Major projects-

Cameron House

In July 1996 the Club wanted to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the community and selected the support of Cameron house (a women's shelter) as a major project to receive attention over several years. The Club contributed \$12,500 each year for four years to retire the mortgage on this facility. This project was completed in 2000.

Esker

After considerable study and discussion in 1999 the Club adopted its next major project. The Club decided to provide a sculpture to enhance the development of the City's waterfront. That project was expected to require a contribution of \$15,000 each year over two years, and several volunteers from the Club worked with the City and Art Gallery consultants in selecting an appropriate piece. A call for proposals was sent out and ten concepts were received. The winning sculpture was "Esker" which features a rock wall and Wolf and her pup cast in bronze. The Artists, Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore told a beautiful story of how the serpentine structure of the rock wall represents the Otonabee River flowing through the city. Looking from the river side in the wall is piled rock, similar to that which you would find on old farms and it represents the history of the area, the rustic and rural nature of the area. From the city side looking out over the river it is a smooth structured wall which represents the urbanization and advancement of modern society. The wolves represent community and Mother and cub show our interdependence on one another. The sculpture was dedicated in 2000 and a plaque at the site recognizes the Club's contribution.

Save a Heart

Following that, in 2002, the Club decided to partner with the City Fire Department and the paramedics of the Base Hospital Emergency Services. This was to provide \$30,000 over two years to the "Save a Heart" program for the purchase of three defibrillators which would be placed in each of the city's arenas. That program provides the equipment and training of on-site staff to handle cardiac emergencies. The club was recognized with a Civic Award from the City of Peterborough for this initiative. Bill Graham played an instrumental role in putting this project together.

Kawartha Rotary House

Then in 2003, the Club investigated three possibilities for a new major project, which would become the Club's **Centennial Project** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary in 2005. The members selected to renovate and decorate a building to be used for short-term emergency housing for up to four families. This project was in partnership with the Peterborough Community Housing Development Corporation, the Peterborough Housing Resource Centre, the City and County of Peterborough. The Club's commitment was for 700 hours of hands on work to clean and decorate the building and a financial contribution for \$12,500 in each of the next two years. The centre is known as **Kawartha Rotary House** and was officially opened on March 26, 2004. Local political figures, representatives for the project partners, and the general public attended the ceremony.

Family Fireworks

A time consuming but rewarding project was undertaken in 2003 when, in conjunction with the Peterborough Rotary Club, members planned and put on the Victoria Day Fireworks Celebration and children's program. It was well attended and much appreciated by the community. Carl Brown led the club in partnership with Steve Kylie from the Peterborough Club and it has become an annual event and the clubs have recently taken over the Canada Day fireworks as well.

Harris

One unusual contribution was made in 2004 when the Club provided \$6,000 for the purchase and training of a new police dog. It was to replace one that succumbed to some health problems. The dog was named Harris in honour of Rotary's founder Paul Harris.

PRHC

The Club pledged \$50,000 over five years to the Peterborough Regional health Centre capital campaign. President Lynne Chant was able to present the cheque when the club toured the new PRHC just prior to its official opening in the spring of 2008.

YMCA

A commitment was also made to the Peterborough YMCA as they did a capital campaign to build a new facility. In memory of member Doug Raper, a long time member and YMCA volunteer, the club's contribution of \$25,000 over five years went toward a room named in his honour.

Financial Assistance Provided-

Over the Club's history much money had been raised and donated to worthy causes. It was reported in the Club bulletin, *Tempus Fugit*, in September 1999 that a total of \$480,000 was raised in the first ten years for charitable purposes. In the following five years another \$381,000 was raised, for a total of \$861,000 over the brief history of the Club to date. In some cases donations were made in response to requests from community agencies, and in others assistance was provided because one or more members became conscious of a need in the community and the Club responded.

Over the years financial assistance has been provided one or more times to:

Five Counties Children's Centre	Centennial Museum	Festival of Trees
United Way, Peterborough	Junior Achievement	Meals on Wheel
Peterborough Folk festival	Jamaica Self-Help Organization	Canadian Diabetes Society
Trent valley Literacy Association	Ontario March of Dimes	Peterborough Food Bank
VON Foot Care Clinic	Camp Kawartha	Easter Seals Campaign
Salvation Army Christmas hampers	Sir Sanford Fleming College	Big Brothers/Sisters of Ptbo.
St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation	Peterborough Civic Hospital Foundation	Showplace Peterborough
Library Foundation	Ecology Garden	Fairhaven Foundation
SSFC/Trent Bursary Fund	Peterborough Symphony Orchestra	Crossroads
Victoria Day Celebrations 1997	Peterborough Youth Services	Diabetes Camp
First Night, Peterborough	Learning Disabilities Association	Restoration of the Train Station
New Canadians Centre	Kawartha Foodshare	Ontario Winter Games
P'tbo District Ass'n for Community Living	Discovery Team (Library Program)	Canadian Canoe Museum
Kawartha Ability Training Service	Alzheimer Society	VON Well Baby/Mother Prog.
Warming Room	PARN	Lakefield Animal Welfare Soc.
Community Care	Coats for Kids	Crime Stoppers
Eye Sight Universal	Big Brothers/Sisters	Scouts Canada
YMCA	Peterborough Regional health Centre	Fairhaven Capital Campaign
Youth Career Centre	St. John Ambulance	Canadian Hearing Society

Vocational Service

Youth Exchange Programme –

Since 1993 the Club participated in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program by sponsoring a high school student from this area to experience a year living in another country. Part of that program requires that the Club also sponsor a student from another country to spend a year in Canada, living with four host families of Club members, usually for a three month period each.

The following students have participated in this program under Club sponsorship:

In-Bound Students:

- 1994/95 Anna Braddock, from Australia
- 1995/96 Vanessa Sharp, from New Zealand
- 1996/97 Aya Yamane, from Japan
- 1997/98 Birgit Ohly form Germany
- 1998/99 Guillaume Snessens from Belgium
- 1999/2000 Sandra Erickson form Sweden
- 2000/01 Frederique Lagut from France
- 2001/02 Hugo Lopez from Mexico
- 2002/03 Luci Martin from France
- 2003/04 Helena Brennum fro Denmark
- 2005 Fernanda Barbosa from Brazil
- 2007 Melissa Harvey from New Zealand
- 2008 Michelle MacDougall from South Africa
- 2009 Jessica Rodriguesfrom Brazil

Out-Bound Students

- 1993/94 Peggy Koril to New Zealand
- 1994/95 Patrick Maher to Denmark
- 1995/96 Dawn Hoogeveen to Holland
- 1996/97 John Devitt to Belgium
- 1997/98 Katie Murdock to Brazil
- 1998/99 Shannon Junkin to Germany
- 1999/2000 Lisa Christini to Mexico
- 2000/01 Kayla Kusmento to Mexico
- 2001/02 Alicia Unraw to Germany
- 2002/03 Richard Vachon to Austria
- 2003/04 Jennifer Walsh to Belgium
- 2004/05
- 2005/06
- 2006/07
- 2007/08
- 2008/09 Colin Bartkowiak to Thailand

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

The Club frequently participates in the R.Y.L.A. program by sponsoring a couple of young people from the community to attend a spring workshop on developing leadership skills. It was usually held at Camp Kawartha or the Leslie Frost Natural Resources Centre in Dorset but moved to Camp Geneva near Orillia after the Frost Centre closed.

Our first experience with this program occurred in 1990 with two students being sponsored for the event. The next experience came in 1993 and was done intermittently for a number of years. In 2008 six students were sent

Mock Interviews-

The Vocational Service Committee lines up several volunteers from the Club twice each year to conduct mock interviews. This is as a way of helping to teach high school co-op program students to prepare for and how to conduct themselves at interviews they will have in applying for positions they hope to get for their co-op placement.

This program started in September, 1992 and has carried on each year since, providing an experience for students first from Kenner Collegiate, up to 1997, and since then for students from Adam Scott Collegiate.

Other Youth projects-

Occasionally the Club has helped out in providing other learning experiences for young people, such as:

- Sponsoring a student, Sara Mahony, to attend a Friendship Conference in Montreal,
- Contributing towards expenses for a student to attend a World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin in 1995,
- Sponsoring a student each year to attend the “Adventures in Automotive Technology” put on by the Barrie Rotary Club,
- Presenting seminars for street proofing for teens,
- Providing scholarships for deserving high school students,
- Covering costs to send a Kenner student on a Marine Biology field trip to New Brunswick in 2001 and 2002.
- Sponsoring students to attend the “Adventures in Tourism” put on by the BEL Rotary Club

Group Study Exchange-

Since 1995 the Club has participated with the Bridgenorth, Ennismore, Lakefield and Peterborough Clubs to host a visiting Group Study exchange team from another country. These people spend time in every corner of District 7010 learning about our culture, and visiting business and industrial sites to share vocational interests, this District has had team visits from Argentina, England, Australia, Mexico, Russia, India, Turkey, Brazil, southern Africa, the Caribbean and other

Conversely, the three Rotary Clubs jointly sponsor a young business or professional person to spend a six - week learning experience abroad. We have had participants attend team tours in the Dominican Republic, Australia, South Korea, India, Brazil and southern Africa. Usually only five candidates are selected from the whole District so the teams do not always include a person from the immediate area. One of our members, Edwina Gracias, was a team member to India who then joined our club when she returned.

One Club member, Don Watkins, was selected by the District to lead the Group Study Exchange Team on a tour of District 5010 in eastern Russia, in May 2004. Don is a Past District Governor of Rotary International District 7080 and in 1993 he was accorded the Rotary Foundation District Service Award. He was also given the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service in 1995.

International Service

Disaster Relief-

This Club has always been quick to respond to disasters around the world and at home. Financial and other help has been provided on many occasions. Some examples of this are:

- Helping to collect and pack clothing for Bosnia
- Sending \$500 to the Philippines after an earthquake
- Giving \$1,500 to the Dominican Republic for relief of hurricane damage
- Donating \$2,500 to Quebec Flood Disaster Fund
- Providing \$2,500 to disaster relief for victims of the eastern Ontario ice storm in January 1998
- Donating \$250 to Peterborough flood relief.

Particular Projects-

Individual contributions by Club members, together with a matched donation from the Club, provided a significant amount for Operation Eyesight Universal to finance two eye surgery camps in India where disadvantaged people's vision was improved or restored through surgical intervention which would not otherwise have been available to them. A total of 80 persons of all ages were helped this way.

Equipment was financed by the Club to establish a hearing diagnosis and treatment clinic in New Delhi, India.

In 1999 the Club was chosen to receive a Carl Miller Discovery Grant from the Rotary Foundation to explore projects in Honduras. Dawn Straka, Rod MacDonald, Wendy Brown and Tom Bennett spent a week there looking at various needs. The Club chose a project and considerable work was done toward providing a clean water system for a rural village in Honduras, but the project was not able to be completed because the local club in Tegucigalpa was over-extended with their community service projects and a partnership arrangement could not go ahead. Regretfully that project had to be dropped in favour of other needs.

Early in 2002 the Club provided assistance to help meet the costs of one member, Janet Mcleod, who spent a couple of weeks in Nigeria helping with immunizations as part of the Rotary International Polio-Plus programme for the eradication of polio. In February 2004 Dawn Straka went to India to assist in this programme.

In April 2003 the Club gave \$500 towards the costs for a nurse, Jennifer Reid, from Peterborough to travel to Zimbabwe to work for a six- week period in a clinic treating HIV/AIDS patients. This time was also to do clinical trials for a treatment that would prevent the transmission of AIDS from mothers to newborn infants.

In June of 2003, participating with 12 other clubs in District 7010, and acting through the Wheelchair Foundation this Club donated towards the purchase of wheelchairs for needy persons in Trinidad. This Club gave \$1,200 to pay for ten chairs. Tom Bennett and Brenda Booth went to Trinidad with other Rotarians from District 7010 to help with distribution of 280 wheelchairs. In the fall of 2003 another Wheelchair distribution was made to St. Lucia and club members Dawn Straka and Tom Bennett participated in that trip. Dawn Straka continued with the wheelchair project and was part of a team to Antigua in 2005 and then organized and led the teams to Jamaica in 2007 and El Salvador in 2008. Dawn is currently organizing a distribution to Ecuador and club members Lynne Chant and Janice Vervaeke have been chosen to participate.

Other International Items-

The Club was involved in the following projects as well:

- Donations to District 7010 projects in Consuelo, Dominican Republic
- In October 1990 Club Members collected 160lbs. Of soap to send to Jamaica
- In partnership with the BEL Club, money was sent to provide a well in a South American country
- In August 1994 the Club contributed a portion of a \$22, 000 donation to Haiti from District 7010
- A young boy was brought from Chernobyl in the summer of 1993 for health care

An International Connection-

This Club was the first one in District 7010 to officially “Twin” with another club and the announcement was made at the District conference in Collingwood in 2003. The arrangement arose from contacts made when Club members went to Trinidad with wheelchairs. The twin club is that of Point Fortis, Trinidad and the President at the time was Jim Harris. Anne Marie Rogers of the Point Fortin Club has visited our club twice. One of the first effects of this twinning is that the Peterborough-Kawartha Club worked on a joint project with the Point Fortis Club to improve numeracy and literacy for a group of 60 children aged 14 to 16 years in Trinidad.

Developing ties with Haiti

The club learned of a needy orphanage in Haiti and chose to respond to it. With the help of a District Simplified grant the club arranged for \$3000 worth of books and supplies for the Orphanage. In October 2007 Rotarians Guenther Schubert and Dawn Straka went to Jacmel, Haiti to deliver the supplies and to help lay tile at the orphanage. Dawn Straka returned to Haiti with Rotarian Ross Jeffrey in 2009 with more supplies, text books and food relief and helped participate in the construction of classrooms in Marbil.

Rotary Foundation

The Club has supported the work of Rotary International around the world by making significant donations to the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation Committee had organized a special dinner in November 1998 to promote and support this effort. This has become a popular Club event of an annual nature and became known as the Recognition Dinner.

For a large financial donation to the Foundation, the Club is permitted to confer a Paul Harris Fellowship on a person in recognition of significant achievement. The Club bestows four of these fellowships at the annual Recognition Dinner. One is for Vocational Service where the recipient demonstrates outstanding performance or attitude in carrying out their usual work in a business or profession. One is for Community Service in recognition of volunteer efforts within the community. One for International Service, where the

Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha					
Paul Harris Fellows Recognized by the Club					
1993	John McCormack	2001	Rev. Walter Dyer	2006	Brenda McCarrell
1994	Gord MacInnes		John Martyn		Paul Burke
1995	Robert Smith		Tim Kennaly		Paul Schofield
1997	Bill Paris		Mollie Cartmell		George Rankin
	Al Taylor		Tom Bennett	2007	Michael Vanderberg
	Roy Harding	2002	Eloise Bucholtz		Alan Witherspoon
1998	Florence Townsend		Art Murray		Linda Sunderland
	Eleanor Speight		Joyce Mackenzie		Chris Hyatt
	Wally Davidson		Brenda Booth	2008	Goodith Heeney
	Marg Tunney	2003	Meredith Cosburn		Brian Nichols
	Doug Lockington		Ivy Sucee		Rob Rusland
1999	Marilyn Huels		Lesley Parnell		George Currie
	Dr. Jim McCallum		Barb Cantello	2009	Deanna Weaver
	Barbara Beck		Bill Graham		Norma Gould
	Pam Devereaux	2004	Barb Ketchabaw		Bill Peacock
	Leo Doiron		Jennifer Reid		Wendy Swain
2000	Rob Winslow		Norm Shaw		
	Pauline O'Dell		Kim Winter		
	Harry Sherry	2005	Mike Melnik		
	Jim Hendry		Dan Gemmiti		
	Randy Reid		Steve Malone		
			Suzanne Davidson		

From time to time the Club takes the opportunity to grant a Paul Harris Fellowship to other deserving members of the community. Individual Rotarians are also recognized for their financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation and have also taken the opportunity to recognize family members or friends in this significant way.

As of November 2009 there are 85 people who have been recognized with a Fellowship through the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha. Further, there are 12 club members Multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Four of our members have been recognized outside of our club receiving a Fellowship: Don Watkins received one from the Tillsonburg Rotary club in 1986, and Rudy Massimo received one from Rotary International District 7010 in 1996. Tom Bennett was recognized by the BEL Rotary Club in 2003. Kal Ojamae was recognized by Campbellford Rotary Club in 1995.

Paul Harris Fellows Associated with the Club
Recognized for Financial Contribution or recognized by an Individual Club member

James Anning	Brenda Bastien	Ralph Bastien*	Phyllis Benedict
Grace Bennett	Tom Bennett*	Brenda Booth*	Lynne Chant*
George Currie*	Michael Davidson	Suzanne Davidson*	Lou Hamel
Brenda Hampton	William Hampton	Kevan Herod	Roberta Herod
Ross Jeffrey	Ash Kaushik	Isabel McLeod*	Janet McLeod*
Brian O'Toole	George Ovens	Ben Shaughnessy	Robert Snack
Dawn Straka*	Rod Verduyn	Janice Vervaeke*	Don Watkins*
Sharon Watkins	Kim Winter*		

*indicates a multiple Paul Fellow

The Club has been a great supporter of the PolioPlus programme of Rotary International, which has as its goal the complete elimination of polio from the world by 2005. A contribution of \$5,000 was made in 1997 and every year since with matching grants from Rotary International, the Club was able to provide a total of \$13,300 to establish a polio testing laboratory in Zimbabwe. The Club has donated significantly to this program in other ways, as noted under Community Service.

As of November 2009 the Club has raised or donated \$148,340 to the Rotary Foundation. In 2007-2008 the Kawartha Rotary Club ranked fourth in the District in Annual Givings to the Rotary Foundation with donations averaging \$233 per member.

District 7010 has also recognized the following individuals for their exceptional work in promoting and supporting the Rotary Foundation with the District Foundation Service Award: Janet McLeod (2002), Dawn Straka (2002), Don Watkins (2003), Tom Bennett (2004) and George Rankin (2005).

Other Bits and Pieces

- A float was prepared by members and entered in the Santa Claus Parade in 1989. In 2006 the Club started participating annually with a float
- The first club banner to be resented by another Rotary Club was received from visiting Rotarian, Bob Lee, out of Arbutus Rotary of Vancouver, BC.
- Our own Club banner was designed by school children in a contest carried out by a committee chaired by Wayne Gilroy. The winning entry was selected in June, 1990
- In November 1990 the Club received a "Distinguished Club Citation" for completing 5 or more projects and taking in the most new members of all the clubs in the District.
- "Happy Bucks" are collected each week by the Sargent-at-Arms from members who have something to celebrate. The earliest mention of this in the Club bulletin was for the meeting of December 19, 1991.
- Questions. In 1992 Janet McLeod introduced a regular meeting feature where each table is given a question and if the members at that table are unable to answer it correctly they must pay a fine of one dollar to the Sargent-at-Arms. The questions are based on general trivia, Rotary information or the subject of the guest speaker's talk. Fines go to help with Club operations.
- A community barbeque was sponsored by the Club in June 1993.

- In February 1995 the Club was written up in the District newspaper under the heading, "What a Young Club Can achieve."
- A "FamilyWeek" poster contest was run by the Club in February 1996. Elementary school children were invited to submit posters on the theme, "How to Make the World a Better Place", and about 100 submissions were received. Three winners were selected.
- Grand prize for the 1996 Mini-Masters Golf Tournament organized by Don Foster and Doug Lockington was "Gordy", a live pig (at least the time of presentation that is). That tournament raised \$3,000 for Civic Hospital Foundation. The following year the grand prize was a flock of newly hatched chickens (no names are recorded).
- In 1996 some rambunctious persons "abducted" the bell belonging to the Rotary Club of Cobourg and it wound up in our possession. It was subsequently returned (unharmd and without ransom) but it seems that the Cobourg Club has never forgiven the deed. A Club member attended Cobourg for a make-up meeting four years later and was fined for it.
- It was noted in August 1997 that our Club name banner was missing. Investigation showed that it was in possession of the Rotary Club of Fenelon Falls. A daring rescue was organized by President Dawn Straka in 1999 and accompanied by two other Club members, Sue Scholz (now Sue Davidson) and Wendy Brown, the banner was successfully repatriated.
- The Club bulletin was officially named *Tempus Fugit* (Latin for time flies) on October 23, 1997 after a contest among club members that lasted several weeks. The number of entries is unknown.
- In October 1998 the Club provided shelving and books to establish a library in the Paediatric Unit of Peterborough Civic Hospital.
- *Tempus Fugit* is published weekly and sent to members by e-mail and is available on the Club's website.
- The Club entered a boat and crew in the Wacky Boat Race, which was part of the Chemong Lake Regatta, revived and sponsored by the Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield Club. This entry won the race in 1998 and 1999, and made a brave showing in 2000. The craft was designed by Ralph Bastian, who also acted as the captain in all three years.
- Captain Ralph also designed a raft for Bancroft North Hastings Rotary Club's River Raft race on the York River. The club's entry placed first in its class (all male team); however it was the only entry in that class.
- The Club contributed \$5,000 towards the provision of computers to 45 students of grads 7 & 8 who otherwise would not be able to have one at home.
- It was noted in the Board minutes of March 2004 that half of the Club members have over 80% attendance.
- This was the first breakfast Club in district 7010. There are now six.
- New York Yankees relief pitcher, Paul Quantrill, spoke to the Club January 22, 2004.
- In 2002 Club member, Tom Bennett was appointed Assistant Governor by District Governor Sue Cook
- In 2005 Club Member Dawn Straka was appointed Assistant Governor by District Governor Ron Strickland.

- Club members helped the Peterborough Club crew a boat in the June 2002 Dragon Boat Races in aid of Breast Cancer Research. The Club crewed its own boat in 2003-2006.
- The Club joined with the Rotary Club of Peterborough in 2003 to form the **Rotary Club Foundation**, to accept and encourage donations for the charitable works of both clubs.
- There were 25 members and partners attending the District Conference in Collingwood in September of 2003, the highest attendance since the Club's Charter night at the 1989 District Conference.
- For rotary year 2003/04 a new committee, "The Family of Rotary Committee", formed to look after the needs of individual members.
- The Club hosted the District Foundation Dinner in Peterborough on May 5, 2004.
- On February 23, 2005 the 100th Anniversary of Rotary was celebrated with a dinner at Trent University with the Peterborough and BEL Rotary Clubs. Former Deputy Prime Minister John Manly was the Keynote speaker
- The International Plowing Match was held in Otonabee Township in 2006 bringing tens of thousands of people to the area. Kal Ojamee organized the club to sell ice cream at the event. We also sold plastic buckets from Home Hardware that people could use to carry things around the match.

Three of the original 27 charter members were still Club members in 2009.