



CHARLOTTE SHELBURNE ROTARY CLUB

**40 YEARS
OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

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**Celebrating the 40th Anniversary
of the Founding
of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2011
at Shelburne Vineyard**

**Honoring Past Presidents of the Club
Presenting New Paul Harris Fellows
Marking the Changing of the Guard**

The Beginning

The Charlotte Shelburne Rotary Club was formed in March of 1971, with its Charter Night held at the Marble Island Club on May 8, 1971.

Roy Thorpe, a Charlotte developer and member of Burlington Rotary Club, was convinced that the area south of Burlington had the potential to support a club of its own. Several members of the Burlington Club, along with Rotary District Governor Levi Smith, gave their support for the endeavor.

Roy personally canvassed the area and signed on the members necessary to meet the Rotary International requirements for a new club. Twenty-eight charter members met at the Shelburne Inn for that first meeting.



As we honor the Past Presidents of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary, we salute two Charter members, Bill Deming and John Hancock, both members since 1971, both past-presidents who embrace the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."



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who have sponsored
this evening's
Anniversary Celebration
and Changing of the Guard**

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40 years of history

Thanks to Jim Spadaccini who compiled a history of the first 25 years of the club, from which this material is drawn, and to the Presidents who have served since 1996 and contributed their own memories.

First Year – 1971-1972

Roy Thorpe, the man who had campaigned for Charlotte and Shelburne to have their own Rotary Club, was elected the first President. Records of that first important year were very brief so this note

Second Year – 1972-1973

Sterling Emerson, Director of Shelburne Museum, was the second President of the club. The first fund raiser was an auction on the Shelburne Village School grounds. Club membership dwindled to 16, but one new-comer was Jim Spadaccini.



The members in those early years would be impressed to know of the international outreach represented by the Club's enthusiastic participation in Hands to Honduras Tela.

Third Year – 1973-1974

Jason Wark, a Burlington orthodontist, was the third President of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary. It was a year of social activities with a bus trip to Blue Bonnets Race Track in Montreal and a Christmas party for 50 adults, 19 children and a magician. A second auction fundraiser featured the raffle of a 1919 Model A Ford.

Fourth Year – 1974-1975

Bill Deming was the fourth President of the club. This was the first year the club made a contribution to Rotary Foundation, presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to Roy Thorpe. Another auction was a success and donations were made but not recorded for posterity.

Fifth Year – 1975-1976

Jim Spadaccini, a building and renovation contractor, was the fifth President. It was a lively year. The club made its first major donation, \$2,500 to Charlotte Rescue Squad for a new ambulance, as well as \$1,050 in other donations. This was also the first year for CVU scholarships, two at \$300 each. At the annual auction, Sterling Emerson announced that in the three previous years, the club had raised over \$11,500. This was the first year Rotary became involved with the Halloween Parade.

Sixth Year – 1976-1977

John Holmes was the sixth President of the club, and Jim Spadaccini began a 22 year run as newsletter editor. The club sponsored a very successful "Local Candidates" night. This was the last year for an auction as a fundraiser.



Seventh Year – 1977-1978

Tom O'Donnell was the seventh President during an active year with several firsts. The club bought a block of tickets for the Lyric Production of "Gigi" and planned to repeat this fun social occasion. Ray Cooley proposed an innovative new fundraising idea: to sell 100 tickets for \$100 each for a chance to win a new Thunderbird automobile ... and the price of the ticket included dinner for two. Club members, tired of the hard work of the auction and discouraged by the lack of success the year before, unanimously approved the project for the following October.

Eighth Year – 1978-1979

Larry Williams, who had just started his own office supply business out of his home in Shelburne, was the eighth President. The first Car Raffle was held at the Old Lantern in Charlotte ... a great success with 99 prizes for those who didn't win the car. Builder Archie Poole won the Thunderbird (which he traded the next day for a four-wheel-drive pickup truck.) A dispute with Shelburne Inn owner prompted a move to Trinity Episcopal Church for meetings, and eight months later the move to St. Catherine's Hall.



The Car Raffle, first held in 1978, has continued as an annual tradition and important fund raiser.

Ninth Year – 1979-1980

John Jeffers was the ninth President of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary and is credited with bringing a new level of organization to the club. It was the second year for the Car Raffle (ticket price up to \$125 – with a Thunderbird prize – a great success). It was the first year for holiday turkey donations to the needy. Jim Spadaccini was presented with the club's second Paul Harris Fellowship. The club sponsored two Concerts in the Park on the Town Green.

Tenth Year – 1980-1981

Dick Jensen was the 10th President of the Club. Faced with erratic attendance at meetings, the club instituted an assessment levied on members who were not making the RI 60% attendance requirement. Attendance improved! In June, with differences resolved, the Club returned to the Shelburne Inn for its meetings. The club continued to be active with the Halloween Parade, sponsored the Marine Band Concert on the Green for Memorial Day and repeated the turkey distributions at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Eleventh Year – 1981-1982

Irv Rose was the 11th President of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary. It was an exciting year filled with several new ventures, some more successful than others. A membership wine and cheese party for potential members and their wives attracted a good turnout and resulted in 10 new members. The car raffle, in its third year, raised the ticket prices to \$135 and made \$3,400. For the first time, the club organized a food-related project: a food booth at the craft fair on the Village Green. It was also the year the club organized the first Hot Air Balloon Festival in Vermont. It was the year singer Andy Williams came to Shelburne to tape a Christmas TV special at the Museum and the club got a preview viewing.



Twelfth Year – 1982-1983

Ron Tatro, former Shelburne Chief of Police, was the club's 12th president. A wine and cheese party did the trick again, attracting several new members. The car raffle featured a Ford Mustang and was a success again. Rotary, with Irv Rose in charge of the project, took over the Shelburne Halloween Parade.



The Shelburne Halloween Parade has been a Charlotte Shelburne Rotary project for almost 30 years ... fun for the community and for Rotarians.



Thirteenth Year – 1983-1984

Howard Seaver became the 13th President of the club. It was a good year for membership growth. It was also the year Randy Longe welcomed the club to his newly opened Champlain Lanes for an evening of fun ... the seed was planted for future Bowl-a-Thon fundraisers. The car raffle was a cliffhanger with some tickets sold the night of the party ... but it made \$5,000. Balloon Festival plans went smoothly again, but the weather failed to cooperate again. It was the third and last festival.

Fourteenth Year – 1984-1985

Ray Cooley was the 14th President of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary. Meals at the Shelburne Inn were \$6.75 for soup, salad, main course, dessert, coffee and gratuity. Dues were \$30 a year. It was a year of interesting speakers including Madeleine Kunin campaigning for Governor; Ben Cohen explaining an idea he and his friend Jerry Greenfield had for making ice cream; and Barbara Cochran, Olympic ski champion. The club held a golf tournament at Kwiniaska Golf Club. The balloon festival was cancelled because of outrageous insurance costs, but the car raffle was a success, netting \$5,500, and the wine tasting party, bowling evening and Halloween Parade were also successful.

Fifteenth Year – 1985-1986

Dean Duncan served as President. This was the year the South Burlington Rotary was formed -- the first breakfast club in the area and a popular spot for make-ups. The Halloween Parade and Car Raffle were successful. The club sold hot dogs at the Craft Fair and did the first of many pancake breakfasts for local PTOs. It was at Shelburne Middle School; the Rotarian greeters wore tuxedos and the event netted \$900. It was also the first of a few Horse Race Night fund raisers held at The Old Lantern. It was a lot of fun and the Club netted \$1,950.

Sixteenth Year – 1986-1987

Tom Candon was Rotary President for 1986-1987. Guest speaker gubernatorial candidate Bernie Sanders attracted a big crowd, as did a speaker who came to make the case against the Equal Rights Amendment. Senator Sallie Soule came a few weeks later to speak in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment. Don Condon organized the Roy Thorpe Invitational golf outing at Kwiniaska. The Halloween Parade, Car Raffle, pancake breakfasts for Charlotte and Shelburne PTOs, the second Horse Race Night fundraiser, helping to assemble equipment at the new Shelburne School Playground, and a food booth at the Shelburne Farms winter festival kept everyone busy. This was the inaugural year of the Rotary International Polio Plus campaign and the club pledged \$500 a year for four years.



Seventeenth Year – 1987-1988

Barry Carris was the President for the 1987-88 Club year, a year during which we were a singing club, under the leadership of Charlie Knights and Ron Tatro. This was also the year when RI announced that women would become active members, and Barry announced that CSR would actively seek qualified women for membership. The club's visit to Champlain Lanes for an evening of bowling became a tradition for fund raising. The Car Raffle raised only \$2,800 and the club voted to raise the ticket prices for the following year. Irv Rose organized the Halloween Parade and Randy Longe did a wine tasting party. A 20-week raffle raised funds specifically for the Polio Plus commitment and the Horse Race fundraiser at the Old Lantern netted \$3,535.

Eighteenth Year – 1988-1989

Greg Nestle took over the gavel for the 1988-89 Rotary year. The Club's assistance at the Bud Light Triathlon was very successful and participants voted to return the next year. Under Don Condon's leadership, the Club was well represented at the Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament held at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. There was a real international flavor for the year, with Don and Maureen Condon and Greg and Linda Nestle hosting two Belgian students in a Rotary Youth Exchange. Six Russian economists visited the Club, thanks to the efforts of Howard Seaver and the Sister City program. A cross-lake trip for dinner at the dockside Restaurant in New York was the finest Flotilla ever. The Car Raffle was changed to a Vacation Raffle, a big success. The last Horse Race fundraiser was held, but the Halloween Parades, under Irv Rose's leadership, just kept getting better.



The annual Bowl-a-Thon at Champlain Lanes has been an annual event and fundraiser since 1989. Fun for Rotarians, friends and family.

Nineteenth Year – 1989 – 1990

Randy Longe became the nineteenth President of the Club. In response to Hurricane Hugo's devastation in the Carolinas, the Club collected requested items, loaded them into a truck, and Al Stromerson and Dave Fredenberg drove the truck and a camper directly to the needy Carolinians. This was followed by further in-kind and financial contributions. The Club welcomed its first woman member, Brenda Stewart, a local realtor. The usual projects went on, pancake breakfasts, the Halloween Parade, a wine tasting party, a successful Flotilla and a Christmas Party at Champlain Lanes. We hosted an exchange group from Finland. The Vacation Raffle brought in over \$7,000. The Club held its first fundraising Bowl-a-Thon. One major donation for the year was \$7,000 for playground equipment at Shelburne School.

Twentieth Year – 1990-1991

John Hancock, a charter member of the club, became the Twentieth President. One of the accomplishments of his tenure was getting the Club bylaws officially recorded and approved. Ron Tatro led the Group Study Exchange, and we sent Mark Galle, an Essex police officer, to Finland. It was a busy year with many projects: cooking hot dogs at Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival; helping with the Bud Light Triathlon; doing pancake breakfasts in Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg; another successful Flotilla; a spectacular Halloween Parade; a Christmas party at Champlain Lanes; planting trees donated by Chris Von Trapp at the Town Halls. And it was proposed that the club change to a breakfast meeting time.



Twenty-First Year – 1991-1992

Tod Whitaker was President in the Club's 21st year. The Club was active in Shelburne's celebration of the Vermont Bicentennial in August. It was a year of pancake breakfasts in all three towns, a festive Halloween Parade, participation in CVU's new mentoring program, parking cars at the Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival, doing a food booth at the Teddy Bear Common, a great Christmas party at Whitaker's, a Flotilla and winetasting party. The Car Raffle raised \$7,000 and the Bowl-a-Thon raised \$2,300. The Club sponsored Gail Henderson King for the Group Study Exchange. One significant donation was \$4,500 to Charlotte School for playground equipment.



A recurring community service has been parking cars at Shelburne Farms events including the Harvest Festival, Dairy Day, WinterFest and Shelburne Town Concerts.

Twenty-Second Year – 1992-1993

Bob Maynes was the Club's 22nd President. It was a year with a blend of big changes and continuing traditions. In August the Club moved out of the Shelburne Inn and began meeting at What's Your Beef on Shelburne Road (just over the border into South Burlington). There was serious discussion of changing to a morning meeting schedule for the summer months. In May 1993, the first breakfast meeting was held at What's Your Beef at 7:30 a.m. Activities during the year included a food booth at Teddy Bear Common to raise money for VNA, an unsuccessful food booth at the Burlington Air Show, a great Christmas Party (for adults instead of families this time), pancake breakfasts to benefit the PTOs in Charlotte and Shelburne, a successful Bowl-a-Thon (with special thanks to Tom Glaser – the first of many). The Car Raffle moved to the Sky Room of the Howard Johnson Motel, the tickets went up to \$175 and it was a success. It was rainy and cool for the Halloween Parade, but spirits were not dampened.

Twenty-Third Year – 1993-1994

Jeff Small was Club President for the 1993-1994 year. This was the year the Club voted to have breakfast meetings all year round ... and moved to the Travelodge. Brett Lewis organized a foursome for the District 7850 Golf Tournament at Kwiniasa Golf Club, Ray Cooley organized a great Flotilla, the Club parked cars at Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival, there were pancake breakfasts for the PTOs in Charlotte and Hinesburg, and hot dogs at Teddy Bear Common. The Car Raffle made \$6,200 and the Bowl-a-Thon made \$2,500. The sun shone for the Halloween Parade.

Sponsoring a team of CVU students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend at Lyndonville every June has been a Club commitment for many years. This is the 2010 team with RYLA leaders Tami Jo Dickensen, left, and Judy Christensen, right.





Twenty-Fourth Year – 1994-1995

Brett Lewis served as President for the club's 24th year. CVU received a lot of attention from the Club, as Brett was the coach of the lacrosse team. Club members took part in "Operation Interview," toured the new addition, and several members were active in the mentoring program. The Club also sponsored two CVU students for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, and sent two students to a Rotary "Salute to Youth" held in Montreal. There were pancakes in Hinesburg and Shelburne, hot dogs at Teddy Bear Common, parking cars at Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival and another successful Halloween Parade. There was a wine tasting party and a golf outing. The club purchased and installed two granite benches at Charlotte Town Hall in memory of Club Founder and first President Roy Thorpe. In an RI pilot program, four Area Governors were chosen to assist with Rotary duties and Ron Tatro signed up to cover the area from Middlebury to St. Albans.



The Club has donated a lot of turkeys to ensure festive Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for families in Charlotte and Shelburne through the community food shelves.

Twenty-Fifth Year – 1995-1996

Joe Obuchowski

"We hosted an economics professor from Mexico City as part of the Mexican Group Exchange. Some members of the club were aghast when I took the entire Mexican team to the Charlotte Berry Farm to pick blueberries. The professor, however, loved the business model and said he would bring it home. My proudest moment, though, was leaving the Rotary boxer shorts as part of the presidential legacy and the look on tiny Rebecca Wellkind's face when I told her she had to wear them."

Twenty-Sixth Year – 1996-1997

Rebecca Arnold

"I was inducted as President at the 25th Anniversary Celebration where I received the Rotary boxer shorts from Joe Obuchowski that I had given him at his induction as Secretary. I didn't think this would start something but I passed the boxer shorts on to Gary Bergeron when he became President. I don't know who has them now."

"I made Don Condon my Sergeant of Arms which somehow lit a fire under him and I don't know if the Club is thankful or has forgiven me. He was instrumental to my reign. He and Bob Sanders pulled together a Club Directory commemorating our 25th Anniversary with a history of the club and a bio of every club member."

"During my tenure, we started our first Youth Exchange Program. Ron Tatro was the District Chair for the program and John Hancock was our club's chair. As I recall, we didn't send anyone out (after interviewing some students, we failed to find a student that was interested that year) but we did manage to line up our first exchange student from Brazil who arrived in the Fall. We also had a successful International project in El Salvador providing screen doors to a school or orphanage. I also received the Presidential Citation at the District Conference for our club."

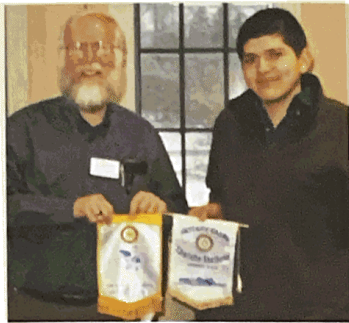
"On a historical note, Jim Spadaccini issued his last newsletter while I was president; after 25 years of writing the club news, he was ready to hand it over to someone else. Don Condon, bless his heart, took it over and started to shake things up a bit. In all, we had a good time that year and a lot of fun."



Twenty-Seventh Year — 1997-1998

Gary Bergeron

“My most memorable accomplishment during my year as club president 1997-98 was in International Service. We participated in our first Youth Exchange -- hosted Danyelle ‘Dani’ Schippinich from Brazil. We quickly learned that Dani was not fluent in English and the language of Brazil was not Spanish but Portuguese. With assistance from a teacher at CVU who spoke Portuguese and a tutor for Dani at St. Michael’s College, the year was a success. During that year we sent Emilie Clairmont to Chile for the school year and Rachel Krasnow to Spain for the short program. The club agreed to host Tobias Eble from Germany the following year.”



Hosting students from all over the world has been another tradition for the Club ... a chance to learn of other cultures and share the Rotary message.

Twenty-Eighth Year — 1998-1999

Ray Brown

Ray Brown was the President for 1998-1999. It was a year that began with a farewell to the Exchange student from Brazil, and welcomed a German exchange student and a Spanish exchange student. The dues for the year were \$100. This was the year the Club moved its meetings to the Travel Lodge, happy for Paul Handy’s enthusiastic welcome and the easily visible location for visiting Rotarians to do makeups. It was the 25th year that Irv Rose chaired the Halloween Parade, and another year for the Car Raffle at Shelburne Farms (ticket price up to \$200). This was the year the Club introduced the idea of having each new member be the greeter, sitting with the secretary as members arrive and getting to know everyone. The Club agreed to take leadership of the Town of Shelburne’s Memorial Day Remembrances.

Twenty-Ninth Year – 1999-2000

Andrew Marks

Andrew Marks was the Club’s 29th President. The Club had achieved enough of the required credits to receive a Presidential Citation. Ron Tatros was recognized for a Four Avenues of Service Citation, based on his time, efforts and talents on Rotary’s behalf. Jim and Paula Spadaccini were spearheading a Club project, cooking and serving dinner once a month at Dismas House in Burlington. The Club also gave financial support to Dismas. Sponsored an exchange student from France. Held the second annual Celebration of the Heart at Heart of the Village Inn.

Thirtieth Year — 2000-2001

Bill Root

“It’s been 11 years now since I was Club President and you know they say that as we get older our memory fades. I remember that Terrell Titus was my Club Secretary and her role was to keep me straight, which I’m sure was a challenge. I am proud of getting her involved in the club chairs and that she went on to become one of our best Presidents in my opinion. During my year we purchased the podium that we now have for our speakers, invested in the President recognition plaques listing all the past presidents, and started the Rotary Park in Shelburne Village near the Town Center. We gave Paul Harris Fellows that year to Coleen Haag and Terrell Titus at the Changing of the Guard party held at John Hammer’s home.”



Thirty-First Year – 2001-2002

Don Condon

“• 2001 was a very good year ;-)

“• Introduced CVU Connecting Youth Pancake Breakfast

Became sponsoring club for Twin State Basketball Tournament

Sponsored new club -- Sunrise Club in Burlington

• 10 New Members

• One of only three Clubs in the District to receive the Distinguished Rotary Club

Thirty-Second Year – 2002-2003

John Hammer

This Rotary year's spending by our club was concentrated on a few projects with \$5,000 being dedicated to the Eradication of Polio and \$6,000 to the Shelburne Pocket Park. Scholarships accounted for \$4,000 this year. The club participated, as in previous years, in the Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival, Halloween Parade, Car Raffle, and Bowl-a-Thon. Our Club sponsored and helped establish the Burlington Sunrise Club this year. We also hosted the GSE from India and a Youth Exchange student. We received a Presidential Citation for the year's work. We met at the Travelodge and Gordie Root was our masterful Sergeant at Arms.”

Thirty-Third Year – 2003-2004

Bob Sanders

“Our members embraced the 2003-2004 Rotary theme, ‘Lend a Hand,’ under the supreme leadership of our District Governor, the Club's own Ron Tatro. Highlights and memories include an early (September) District Con-



Graduating seniors from our towns have had the support of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary Scholarships as they go on to college.

ference at the Burlington Radisson; welcoming new members Linda Schiavone, Linda Barker, David Palmer, Dennis Delaney (again); Finkbeiner's creative accounting; John Dupee's programs and speakers; helping in Honduras; Father Leo Bilodeau's exceptionally professional morning devotionals; Valentine's Day working party at Vermont Teddy Bear; Venezuelan exchange student Rosanna Carrero; tasting wine at the Ethan Allen Club; Anne Pardee and the Family of Rotary project for Shelburne Craft School; and last but certainly not least, SAA Chuck LaClair's '101 Jokes for 8-Year-Olds.'”

Thirty-Fourth Year – 2004-2005

Ric Flood

“My year was very rewarding and busy. All of the usual programs ran smoothly and the year was one where the club once again got the Presidential Citation. So many of our programs were on auto pilot thanks to the many members who always get the job done. My job was easy thanks to the support of our members. ‘Nuff said!’”



Thirty-Fifth Year – 2005-2006

Terrell Titus

“The Club successfully sponsored the first World Peace Fellow for the District, Carrie Benis Nedzipovik. I also served under the District’s first female Governor. We inducted eight new members. That was the year we introduced Friend for Life Bears for the Shelburne Rescue Squad, a tradition that didn’t continue.”



The Club’s first World Peace Fellow, Carrie Benis Nedzipovik with Terrell Titus

Thirty-Sixth Year – 2006 – 2007

Katie Camardo

“I followed Terrell Titus as President and between our presidencies we sent our first ever World Peace Scholar to study in England.. We worked on further building committees within Rotary to encourage all members to become active participants. For me it was a year of growth, fun and a wonderful opportunity to be actively involved in such a wonderful community.”

Thirty-Seventh Year – 2007-2008

Anne Pardee

“As my first Rotary club membership, the Charlotte Shelburne Rotary set a high bar. From the beginning, I felt included and welcomed in a way I’d never experienced before. Memories are with me constantly, from seeing

Camel’s Hump in the early dawn to Will’s great breakfasts; from participating in Honduras to Kris’s poignant Thoughts for the Day; from hysterical jokes and teasing by Don, Ric, Bob, et al to Roz’s comprehensive minutes; from hearing speakers that made me realize the beauty and depth of living in a such precious state to living in a lively, rich community. And the fellowship with a group of people set on being part of the solution.”



Working with Rebuilding Together, Club members pitched in to transform the home of a Charlotte resident in one day.

Thirty-Eighth Year – 2008-2009

Steve Dates

“One of the major highlights was the reorganization of our club to align with RI’s recommended structure, creating the five committees that we currently have and necessitating a revision of our bylaws. Three speaker themes were blended into our calendar: (1) Energy -- speakers from Vermont Yankee, Green Mountain Power and IBM, (2) Health -- Dr. Mary Stanley on breast cancer and Dr. Trotter on the new DaVinci surgical tool at FAHC, and (3) Financial -- Eric Hanson, Ric Flood and

Jack McMullen on their perspectives with the current financial meltdown. We inducted six new members into our club. CSR, through a donation made possible by Anne Pardee, presented a grant of \$12,000 to redo the entrance gardens at Shelburne Museum. This was the first year of our PolioPlus Double Match program which not only raised money for this RI program but also significantly increased the number of members giving to the Foundation.”



Thirty-Ninth Year – 2009-2010

John Beal

“First meeting -- Our breakfast chef William Wessel was out with an injured back and I had to have breakfast ready on a 12-hour notice. Hit the ground running.

“I won a quarter of the car at the car raffle.

“The club came together as a family to help run things when I had major shoulder surgery in April. They helped me through months of one-arming it around meetings.

“One of our many great members fell ill and again the club rallied around to see the Bowl-a-Thon through to SUCCESS. Ric Flood recovered well.

“I have many fond memories of my year as President. I will never forget the changing of the guard.

“Received the Presidential Citation 2009-2010 from District Governor Guy Babb and RI President John Kenny.”

Fortieth Year – 2010-2011

Linda Gilbert

“It’s been a great year! Six new eager club members. Outreach with many community service projects, including Camp Ta-Kum-Ta breakfast, Halloween Parade, and the traditional holiday turkeys for the community. Grants were given with a new approach -- to visit recipients of our donations and meet the recipients at their sites – a great learning experience. The largest group of volunteers (93) for Hands to Honduras-Tela and very successful projects completed. Exceptional District Awards: Presidential Citation with Distinction; Literacy award; Public Image award; Community Service award; Health and Hunger award; Water Zone award. The club works together with great synergy. 40 excellent years with very dedicated presidents and exceptional members!”

