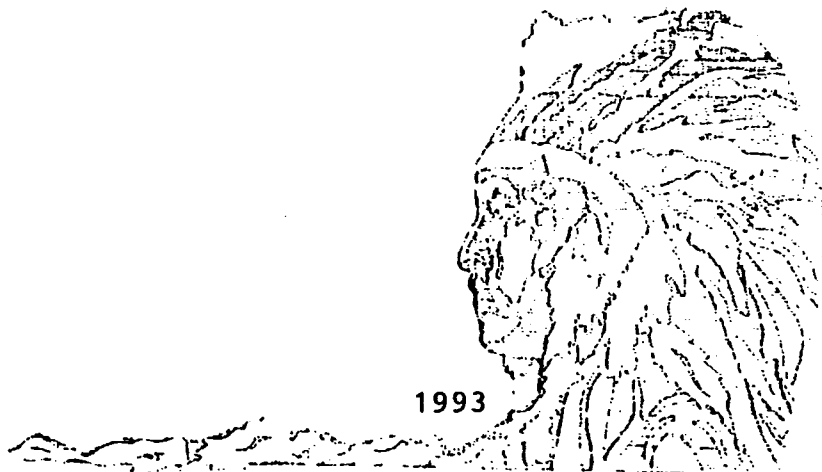


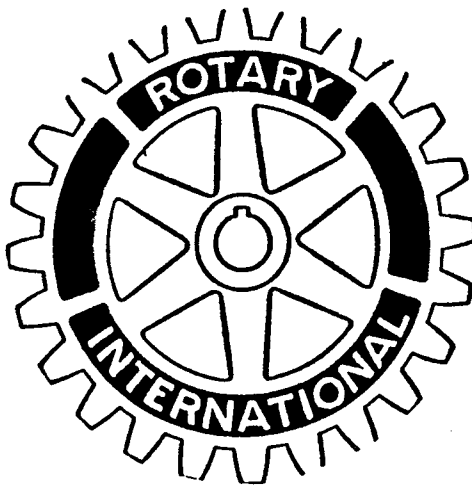
ROTARY CLUB *of* PONTIAC

CHARTER NUMBER 1296
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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW FROM 1922 to 1972
and
HISTORICAL UPDATE FROM 1973 TO 1992



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I N M E M O R Y O F

Harold A. Furlong

and

Bartlet Wager

...SERVICE ABOVE SELF...

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Rotary attendance must become a habit, because it's good for the soul. Rotary is certainly effective therapy for any active Club member. The therapy comes from putting something into Rotary and Rotary, in turn, will put a lot more into you.

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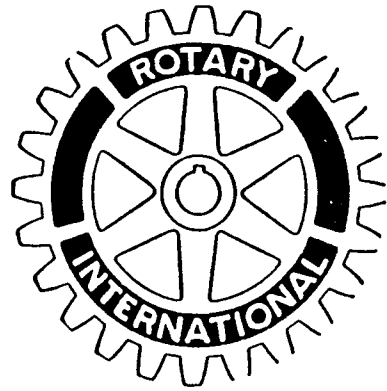
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Harold Furlong
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FOREWARD



TO MY FELLOW ROTARIANS:

Under Alice Shotwell-Gustafson's leadership and during her reign as President in 1989, Alice requested that I should prepare to assemble an updated version of our Club's history. The time has whisked by and here we are moving on into the 90's and soon to be thrust into the next century.

Now, one would think that I should "bless-out" Alice for such an assignment. To the contrary - - - Alice, I thank you for the opportunity to browse these 70 years of Pontiac Rotary and to meet old friends in my reading of those records. Some years more focused and productive than others, but all of meritorious intent.

Thomas W. Fowler, a local electrical contractor now deceased, and I were the first afro- Americans to join Pontiac Rotary in 1969. Ironically, from a resolution introduced by John Patterson, Pontiac Rotary had instituted a non-discrimination policy relative to race, nationality or creed as early as 1923. My 20 plus year stint in Pontiac Rotary has been marked with heart-warming fellowship, association and esprit de corps with men and women of purpose and goodwill...certainly consistent with the principles of Rotary.

In the 70's the club's tenor was routine luncheons with contemporary speakers, but lacked enthusiasm in pursuit of its mission. Then early in the 80's the Club began to rebound in its commitment and contribution to Community Service with continuous emphasis on youth.

Rotary must never fall victim to indifference and inaction. Rotary deserves our energy and enthusiasm, which is more than your dues. It requires a little of your precious time. Every Rotarian is critical in the unbreakable chain of fellowship and service, for which our community and, yes, the world cries out. I am moved by the possibilities of Rotary. Pontiac needs a well balanced vibrant club, enriching and leading vocational, community and international service.

Pontiac Rotary has had its up-swings and turn-downs, but inspite of it all, we've made a significant contribution to Pontiac, as well as world-wide with our joint ventures with Rotary International. In addition, each one of us is richer for the friendship and camaraderie.

The leadership of the 90's in our club has concentrated on resources that have immediate and long range impact. The establishment of the Pontiac Rotary Foundation will produce measureable results of greater magnitude..it truly makes a statement and I'm enthralled!!!

With that, I have to take my hat off to the women and young men members, who have energized and synergized our mission. Paul Harris would be proud.

Now, I have a request that you repay my effort in assembling this document and my giving up some of my playtime by reading it.

Edward H. Davis
"Addito"

PREFACE

It has been my pleasure to assemble this updated history of Pontiac Rotary. Through the years many fellow Rotarians have shared the responsibility of recording club activity and keeping the records.

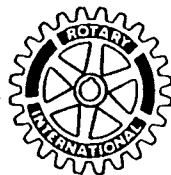
Several documents aided me in my quest: (1) The February 23, 1955 Pontiac Rotary Golden Anniversary Party booklet for the 50 year celebration of Rotary International compiled by L.J. Heenan, (2) Pontiac Rotary booklet of January 31, 1973 for the celebration of our club's 50 years compiled by Dr. Harold A Furlong. These two documents credit Walt Smith's Bulletins of over 30 years as making these history documents possible., (3) Henry Gaulkler updated the Bulletin to what is now the Birch Bark., (4) Then all the secretaries who recorded our activities and kept the Birch Bark alive perpetuated the archive., (5) The ROTARIAN, the official publication of Rotary International provided invaluable information., and (6) Other publications, bulletins and letters filled the gaps.

Not all years are accounted for, however, I had some records and Anna Marie Predmore and Rich Berkfield had others. I thank them for their patience and time. I apologize for any time gaps where records weren't available. The leadership may want to establish an official archive to keep the archive intact.

While it was interesting and fun putting the pieces together, you must know it did take a chunk of my retirement playtime. I can't forget my associate, a former colleague and long time friend, Doris B. Storer, who bought a word processor so she could help me give you a quality document. Doris edited, compiled, entered the material into the word processor, and printed out the results to make it ready for the print shop. Thank you, Doris for your interest and tenacity.

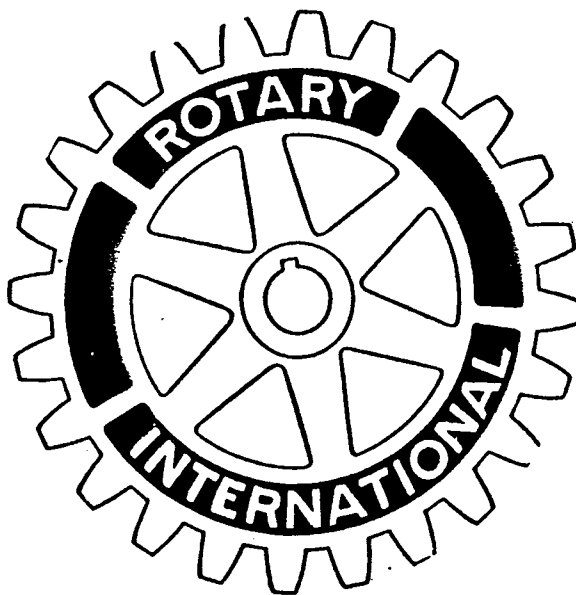
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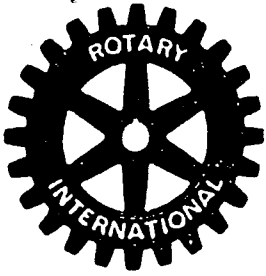
Edward P. Revis



C R E D I T S

Many thanks are in order to Anna Marie Predmore and Elaine Keinert for their loyal service and dedication to the leadership of Pontiac Rotary Club over the years. Their valued assistance to the Rotary Secretaries and Treasurers year after year is greatly appreciated and their contributions accepted with fondness and gratitude.





ROTARY CLUB *of* PONTIAC

AUGUST 2, 1993

MR ED REVIS, PAST PRESIDENT
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF PONTIAC
RD #4
RURAL BOX 144E
HENDERSON, NC 27536

DEAR ED,

FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE REJUNENATING OUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES, YOU GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO BRING OUR HISTORY FORWARD. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT AND COMMEND YOU ON AN OUTSTANDING JOB. YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATE, DORIS B STORER, SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOUR WORK AND KNOW THAT OUR CLUB IS GREATLY INDEBTED TO YOU BOTH.

BY BRING OUR HISTORY FORWARD, YOU HAVE MARKED YOUR PLACE IN OUR HISTORY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT AT THE SAME TIME YOU STARTED THIS PROJECT, WE IMPLEMENTED A YEAR BOOK FOR EACH PRESIDENT SO THAT THIS TASK WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY EASIER THE NEXT TIME WE ATTEMPT IT.

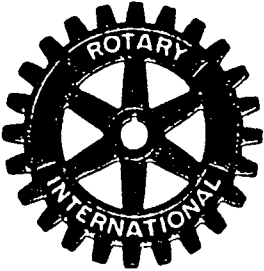
YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT ALL ROTARIANS -- OLD, NEW AND PROSPECTIVE -- WILL BE ENRICHED BUY THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE DOCUMENTED.

THANK YOU AND DORIS AGAIN FOR YOUR FINE EFFORT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,


RICHARD A BERKFIELD, JR
PAST PRESIDENT





ROTARY CLUB *of* PONTIAC

August 3, 1993

Service Above Self - Helping Others

Fellow Rotarians:

During my tenure as President of Pontiac Rotary, I continued to reflect on the full meaning of Service Above Self. Rotarians spend approximately an hour and a half each week in their Club meetings. Imagine the cumulative effect, if each member contributed one more hour each week helping others with 1,169,649 Rotary members world-wide. But just think of the level of service that could emanate from our Club alone toward our Club's objectives and the benefit to be derived by the City of Pontiac, if this additional commitment were made. Worth considering, don't you think?

The effect of my leadership brought about increased membership, enhanced the Club, and produced a team effort. Increased opportunities were generated that fostered club-wide involvement.

The fellowship between Club members is the mortar that strengthens leadership and initiative, also, it inspires total membership involvement. The weekly information received at Club meetings becomes the building blocks that develop a positive atmosphere, creates a unified Club direction and expands community leadership and opportunity to serve others. The development of meaningful programs and adequate financial support enhances Rotary and the community we elect to serve.

Pontiac Rotary has all of these ingredients and it deserves the best effort from each and everyone of us to do the extraordinary.

Sincerely,

Alice Shotwell Gustafson



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the IDEAL OF SERVICE as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional women and men united in the ideal of service.



BY THE WAY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster service in four avenues of activity: (a) Club, (b) Community, (c) Vocational, and (d) International services.

Pontiac Rotary is Club # 1296 and in District 6380 (our district was first #222, then #638, and in early 1990's became #6380).

All Rotarians and wives of a given District are encouraged to attend the annual District Conference. Since the district is not a legislative body, the conference does not bind the local club or Rotary International. Instead, the district adopts resolutions recommending action or legislation to the Rotary International, as well as, recommendations of importance to the district.

District Governors are Club members in good standing and have served a full term as Club President. They have been nominated by their respective districts and elected at the annual International Convention as District Governors. They serve as officers of Rotary International.

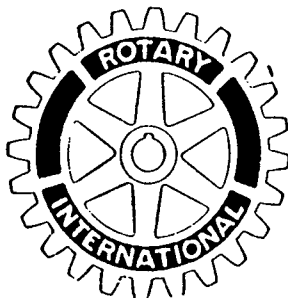
The clubs, districts, and International are all guided by the FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary International has multiple sources of revenue: (a) per capita dues from member clubs, (b) new club charter fees, (c) income from THE ROTARIAN and REVISTA ROTARIA, and (d) interest on investments.

The 5 kinds of Rotary membership are: Active, Additional Active, Senior Active, Past Service, and Honorary.

While the Rotary emblem has no official meaning, it does have specific requirements: a gear wheel with 6 spokes, 24 cogs, a keyway, and inscribed with the words "Rotary International". The colors are royal blue and gold. (Go Michigan Wolverines!)





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary International (R.I.) has the same four service emphases that local Rotaries focus on: vocational, community, club, and international. It is under the International umbrella that local clubs participate in Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, Group Study Exchange, World Service, Youth Exchange, Interact, and Rotary Youth Leadership. Pontiac Rotary over the years has participated in the Foundation, Polio Plus, Youth Exchange, and Youth Leadership.

The major launch of the Foundation's Polio Plus Campaign, as partner with the World Health Organization, was at the Convention in 1988 and realized 183% of its US \$120 Million goal, or a total of US\$219,350,449. Pontiac Rotary's contribution was \$6600. By 1989, immunizations for 477,745,000 children in 82 countries had been completed. Over \$5 million of US funds provided for technical expertise for global polio eradication.

Polio Plus has made a significant humane impact and Pontiac Rotary can be proud of its participation. According to The Rotarian in issue March 1993, the following progress was detailed.

Rotary International planned and hosted an historic first time meeting of five international health organizations: Polio Eradication Network, US Centers for Disease Control, Pan American Health Association, The Task Force for Child Survival and Development, Unicef, and WHO (World Health organization). This strong partnership of communication representatives should help R.I. reach its goals and will continue to meet annually.

Polio Immunization reached an all time high in 1991. Efforts have since slowed. Some governmental officials believe funds should be diverted to Aids, but participants acknowledged the need to step up communications in light of the shortage of funds for vaccine needed to immunize the remaining 15% of the world's children. Lack of funds is the biggest threat to global polio eradication. Dr. Nick Ward, a medical officer at WHO, stressed that an additional U.S. \$100 million a year for another decade is needed, but save 5 times that in the long term in polio-free countries. Rotary and its international health organization partners are committed to eradicating polio by year 2005.

The status of Rotary International as of March 1993 according to The Rotarian is:

Rotarians: 1,159,863 Clubs: 26,027 Districts: 501
Countries and geographical areas: 187
Paul Harris Fellows: 392,412
Polio Plus Contributions: US \$234,842,026
Government Grants for Polio Plus: \$12,136,699.

The issue of sex discrimination in Rotary membership first surfaced in 1973, but International proposed no resolution to resolve the matter. In June, 1980, Rotary International voted 60% to 40% to continue as a club for men only. Rotary remained a bastion of male businessmen until May, 1987, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a California club, which had challenged the club's bylaw that restricted women from membership. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FINALLY GOT IT RIGHT!!!

Pontiac Rotary confirmed membership to local business owner Alice Shotwell-Gustafson as the first woman member in January, 1988. In the following year, Alice was installed as Pontiac's first woman president. WE GOT IT RIGHT PRONTO!!! There were already 14,720 women members in Rotary International by mid 1989. In the same period, out of Michigan's 259 clubs, memberships for women had grown to 516.

6380

DISTRICT GOVERNORS
serving Pontiac Rotary

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| 1922 John P. Olds | 1961 Edward S "Bud" Tripp |
| 23 Paul H. King | 62 James C. Covert |
| 24 Grover C. Good | 63 Elmer L. Conrad |
| 25 Wm. R. Yendall | 64 John E. Farrell |
| 26 W. Selwyn Ramsey | 65 Wyeth Allen |
| 27 Omar P. Stelle | 66 Proctor A. Dick |
| 28 Richard C. Hedke | 67 Eric E. Bentlage |
| 29 M.R. Keyworth | 68 Forbes S. Hascall |
| 1930 Arthur Fitzgerald | 69 J. King Ward, Jr. |
| 31 E.P. Ottaway | 1970 William L. Berkhof |
| 32 Emmett Richards | 71 Donald McGregor |
| 33 Joseph B. Mills | 72 Gerald C. Craven |
| 34 Roscoe O. Bonisteel | 73 Edward J. Bossardet |
| 35 William Gray | 74 Charles W. Robinson |
| 36 George R. Averill | 75 Douglas A. Fraser |
| 37 E. Roy Shaw | 76 Luther G. Huddle, |
| 38 Roy A. Plumb | 77 Albert P. Marshall |
| 39 Ernest H. Chapelle | 78 E.L."Ted" Woodley |
| 1940 Dr. Del Harr | 79 Darrel W. Simons |
| 41 Edgar Felding Down | 1980 Leo Harrawood |
| 42 Alex E. Moore | 81 Dwight C. Cline |
| 43 James Dickson, Jr. | 82 Chas. W. Young, Sr. |
| 44 Harvey H. Lowrey | 83 James D. Bradford |
| 45 Harry O. Comrie-Palmer | 84 R.J."Dick" Pearce |
| 46 Joseph V. Brady | 85 Arden H. Detert |
| 47 George A. Smith | 86 Franklin J. Knight |
| 48 John F. Smith | 87 Siddharth "Mav" Sanghvi |
| 49 "Shorty" Chas. R. Miller | 88 Merle H. Loch |
| 1950 Fletcher Renton | 89 Stanley Tulak |
| 51 Lloyd "Slip" C. Megee | 1990 G. Brymer Williams |
| 52 Alan Perry Brander | 91 G. Brymer Williams |
| 53 W. Hugh Williams | 92 Thomas G. Davies |
| 54 Harold M. Dorr | |
| 55 George B. Hartrick | |
| 56 G. Clarence Nichols | |
| 57 Lloyd R. Hirth | |
| 58 William K. Von Weiler | |
| 59 William H. Hughes | |
| 1960 John R. MacPherson | |



PAUL P. HARRIS FELLOWS:

In 1917, Rotary International established the Rotary Foundation, an educational and charitable endowment for doing good in the world. The Rotary Foundation is uniquely able to address the objective of world understanding and peace through its international charitable and educational programs.

An individual who contributes, or in whose behalf a \$1,000 or more is contributed to the Foundation is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. The Fellow is one of five categories in which contributing to the Foundation is recognized and a Paul Harris Fellow is given a certificate, medal, and pin.. Contributions are voluntary from Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, and others. Further, gifts and bequests, etc. are greatly needed to meet continuing and expanding programs.

There are nine categories of activities for which Foundations funds can be used:

1. Scholarships
2. University Teacher Grants
3. Group Study Exchange
4. Special Grants
5. Health, Hunger, & Humanity Grants
6. PolioPlus Program
7. Disaster Relief
8. Rotary Volunteers
9. Rotary Peace Forum

According to available records, Pontiac Rotarians who contributed or in whose honor or memory a contribution was given to the Rotary Foundation are as follows:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Ivan H. Long | Edward P. Revis |
| Harold A. Fitzgerald | Bartlet Wager |
| Harold Cousins | Harold B. Euler |
| Edward L. Karkau | Jaap B. Delevie |
| Howard W. Huttenlocher | Andrew G. Creamer |
| Alice Shotwell Gustafson | Robert Waddell |
| Anna Marie Predmore | Thomas Meriwether |
| Henry D. Price | |



PONTIAC ROTARY CLUB HISTORICAL UPDATE

IN THE BEGINNING

Rotary was founded by Paul P. Harris in Chicago in 1905. Along with some of his business associates, Paul Harris formed this organization for business and professional men for the purpose of friendship, fellowship, and service to the community. The members met in rotation in their places of business, hence, the name Rotary. With the admission of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada in 1911, the Rotary became international. At the 1912 Convention the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. Then in 1922, the organization became known as Rotary International. Mr. Harris was President Emeritus at the time of his death in 1947. As of February, 1993, Rotary is, indeed, international with 25,935 Rotary Clubs in 186 countries and geographic regions with memberships totaling 1,157,404. Clubs members have membership in local clubs only, whereas, Clubs are members of the International organizational.

Pontiac Rotary had its beginning in 1922 when Hiland H. Thatcher attended a meeting in Flint and was convinced by John Olds, then District Governor of the Eastern half of Michigan, that Pontiac should have a Rotary. Hi shared the idea with James H. Harris, Superintendent of Pontiac Schools and the two of them called a meeting for October 9, 1922. This first meeting was held at the Mandarin Inn, then at the corner of Saginaw and Water Streets. Hi Thatcher presided over this meeting and the subsequent organizational meeting, at which time dues were set at \$25 until membership reached fifty. The following participated with Hi Thatcher, all of whom became charter members:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Edmund Christian, M.D. | Cramer Smith | O. Leo Beaudette |
| Martin J. Cloonan | James H. Harris | Elwin L. Waite |
| Herbert B. Lowes, D.D.S. | George Gardner | Erving S. Corwin. |

Along with these ten men, were the following additional nineteen members, bringing the charter members to 29:

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| John H. Patterson | Benjamin F. Segar | Birum G. Campbell |
| Carleton D. Morris, M.D. | William L. Day | Ernest Fay |
| Andrew L. Moore | George H. Hannum | Howard Glenn |
| Joseph L. Marcero | Charles B. Wilson | Robert Kneal |
| William D. Kelly | Walter W. Smith | Harry O. Whitfield |
| Stuart E. Galbraith, M.D. | David R. Wilson | Lucius Farnham, M.D. |
| | Oliver J. Beaudette | |

Due to an International ruling, Stuart E. Galbraith, Andrew L. Moore, and Chas. B. Wilson's names were removed and not included in the Charter list and the Charter membership count was 26.

Our Club was presented its charter January 31, 1923, by District Governor, John P. Olds (Club No. 1296, District 222). At the charter meeting Dr. Edmund A. Christian pronounced that Rotary had no selfish aims, but was dedicated to the good of the entire community. The office of the Chamber of Commerce was the meeting site (former family residence of Dr. Stuart Galbraith then located on the northwest corner of East Huron and Perry Streets, back of what used to be Waites Department Store).

AS IT WAS...1922 - 1972

The early thrust of the Pontiac Rotary Club to provide financial support for Oakland County Chapter of The Michigan Society for Crippled Children (OCCMSCC) was the beginning of a sustained emphasis on youth as priority program effort. Activities that followed this beginning were: support to Boy Scouts, establish a student loan fund, shoes for needy children, Junior Achievement, volunteers for the Probate Court's Partner Committee work with young men offenders, build a cabin at Y.M.C.A. Camp in Hale, Mi., as well as, have the ability to respond to other community needs of children as presented to the Club.

The weekly programs of the early years of Pontiac Rotary drew from a wide range of interests that frequently served as the spring board for Rotarian influence and support to vital community issues. Involvements included positions such as the widening of Woodward Ave., school bond ballots, endorsement of an airport for Pontiac, improvement of Wisner Field, etc..

In 1923, the Pontiac Rotary passed a ruling that "no candidate for membership in the Rotary Club of Pontiac shall be barred because of race, nationality, or creed". Charter member John H. Patterson introduced the ruling.

Early programs were entertaining and fostered fellowship, but also served as a forum for members to become informed of businesses, educational institutions, industries, service agencies, and governmental bodies. Speakers also included the major sports personalities from the Pontiac and metropolitan areas, and near by Universities. Also, programs were provided by Club members of varied fields of interest. An annual trek to Brigg's Stadium was a popular event.

From the onset of Pontiac Rotary, membership was drawn from both the public and private sectors. Fellowship was enhanced by meetings with other civic organizations, such as, Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce.

An interesting characteristic of Pontiac Rotary membership, starting with Charter members and still observable, is that many of the families that have joined the Pontiac Rotary Clubs represent as many as four generations. Often the terms of such memberships run concurrently. This will be discussed further in the 1990-93 section.

In 1931, Paul P. Harris sent a letter to Pontiac Rotary, which reiterated his philosophy for Rotarians. In the letter Mr. Harris pointed out that while the country was in a great depression and while prosperity was always welcome, Rotary may not bring prosperity as measured in dollars and cents. Instead, Rotary fulfills its promise when it brings "... fellowship of friendly men". "Love is the sublimation of friendship".

In 1933, Charter member and secretary, Walt Smith brought the following quote to Pontiac Rotary from a Bristol, England Club;

"The basis of membership is classification.
The price of membership is attendance.
The joy of membership is service
The privilege of membership is yours".

Starting in the early years of Pontiac Rotary, there was ongoing participation in the District Conferences and the International Conventions. Our Club hosted the District Conference for the first time in 1935-36 program year then in 1950-51 at Cranbrook and again at Cranbrook in 1955, while Harold Euler was Program Chairman, who made it an outstanding affair.

Detroit hosted the International in 1935-36 and 1950-51.

During World War II, the Club fostered patriotism by supporting the Red Cross blood bank, having book drives to be sent to our servicemen, and using war bonds for Club lottery drawings. The Club war bond sales in 1944 exceeded \$500,000 and by 1945 the total went over \$1,500,000.

In 1947, the Pontiac Rotary celebrated its 25th Anniversary at a popular restaurant known as Devon Gables, then located at the corner of Telegraph and Long Lake Roads. The program honored eight of the original 26 Charter members:

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hi Thatcher | Irv Corwin | Mart Cloonan |
| Gus Farnham | Walt Smith | Leo Beaudette |
| Harry Whitfield | Dave Wilson | |

A new Club roster was initiated in 1948, which had pictures of the members and each member shared the cost of \$2 each.

From its inception, Pontiac Rotary sustained its identity and supported local businesses by meeting within the City. First meetings were held at what was the Mandarin Inn (corner of Saginaw and Water Streets), then two organizational meetings were called, one at Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank and the other at the Board of Commerce Building, where they stayed until 1927. The Roosevelt Hotel, then on Perry Street, was the meeting place until the Club moved its weekly meeting to the Heldenbrand Hotel in 1930. Both sites were later demolished. The next meeting place was the Waldron Hotel on Pike Street until 1967, which was closed soon after. The Y.M.C.A. at 131 University Dr. was the next location for 1967 into 1969. The City Club on Telegraph Rd. at Roma Hall served as an interim meeting facility until the Rotary Club relocated at the Sheraton Hotel at 1001 Woodward Ave. from 1970 until Aug. 19, 1982, when the Sheraton closed. The Main Event at the Silverdome was interim for the Rotary until it moved to the Holiday Inn on Telegraph Rd. from Sept. 2, 1982 until March 4, 1985. The Pike Street Company became the meeting place on March 21, 1985 and has continued to be so to date.

The Crippled Children's Christmas party, which was started in the early 1930's, was cancelled in 1943 due to gas rationing and tire shortage. Also, the International Conventions for 1943 and 44 were not scheduled due to the war.

In the mid 40's Stuart Whitfield, who joined Rotary in 1927, became 2nd Vice Pres. and Ole Faithful, Ed Karkau was Program Chairman, who produced excellent programs. Membership grew and attendance improved.

In 1949, when Stuart Whitfield became President, Howard Fitzgerald, John Q. Waddell, and John Madole were inducted into Rotary.

Attendance has been stressed over the years. Ivan Long, who joined in 1931, exemplified this emphasis with 34 years perfect attendance.

Edward Karkau became President in 1951-52 with John Waddell as Program Chairman. The District Governor lauded the club assembly as the best he had found.

Rotarians in Districts 222-223 had 74 Western Germany teenagers placed in their homes in 1951 as "Youth For Understanding", who were hosted at a Christmas party by the foster parents, Pontiac Motors, and the Birmingham Rotary Club.

Detroit Lion's Lou Creekmur showed the world championship game film between Detroit Lions and Cleveland Bruins in 1952.

Dr. Harold Furlong was presented with the Distinguished Service Award in 1953 for his many years with the Michigan National Guard. In World War I, he was the recipient of the Congressional Medal Of Honor, which is the nation's highest honor for military valor. Did you know Harold's father came to Pontiac in 1891 to work at the Pontiac Buggy Company, then Harold was born in 1895.

in 1953 Governor G. Mennon Williams was guest speaker, who paid great tribute to our member, Judge Clark Adams.

Pontiac Rotarian, William J. Dean continued to be an outstanding leader and booster for one of our Club projects, Junior Achievement, which grew from 7 to 12 companies in 1953-54 and provides youth the opportunity to learn about business and industry in a hands-on environment. John Madole helped set up the Pontiac companies in 1951.

In 1953, Pontiac Rotary selected a Rotary Foundation Scholar, Lawrence Martz, Jr.; the only one in District 222. His major was Communications at University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he married a Scottish lass.

Henry D. Price and Dana P. Whitmer joined Rotary in 1954.

In 1955, Pontiac Rotary celebrated its 33rd year anniversary and the International's 50th. For the occasion, L.J. Heenan compiled Pontiac Rotary's history of activities from its inception in 1922 to 1955. Walt Smith's Bulletin efforts made this history compilation possible. Dr. Harold A Furlong was President at the time of the celebration, at which the Founders of Pontiac Rotary were honored.

William P. Whitfield and James W. Gell became Rotarians in 1958

The "BIRCH BARK" was born in 1959, when Club member, Henry Gaukler, designed a new headline logo for what was formerly the Bulletin, which for years was composed and edited by member Walt Smith. Mr. Smith's efforts made the 33 year history possible.

Hiland Thatcher, Pontiac Rotary's first president and charter member became 94 years old in 1959

Pontiac Rotary participated in the 1960 fund raiser to send Hayes Jones, Pontiac's own Olympic contender, to the Olympic Games in Rome, where he honored Pontiac by winning the gold medal in the 120 yard high hurdles.

Member Robert M. Critchfield, who joined in 1966, hosted the Club's annual picnic at his home on Lake Angelus until Richard Huttenlocher assumed the hostship after he joined Pontiac Rotary in the early 70's. Rick has put on great parties for the Club at his home on Park Lake in Clarkston.

OTHER PLEASANT RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1970's...

- Richard C Fell(Dick), who had a long history as Treasurer, brought organization to the club and improved record keeping.
- Phillip Meek, who gives leadership to our local newspaper, The Pontiac Daily Press, joins our Club.
- Charles W. Buck always brought spirit and laughter to the Club.
- World traveler, Jaap Delevie, (well, part of the world anyway) always kept the club on its toes worrying where he was and if he and his motley crew were alive.
- Good ole Abe Ragins told humorous stories...sometimes. Remember when Don Bergeron put this one on him?
"A physician Rotarian named Ab
was best known for his gift of gab;
When introducing the guests,
he was at his very best
as long as they paid their own tab."
- Osmun's, the downtown habedashery, was represented in Rotary by owner, Abe Lapides and Manager, Monroe " Min" Osmun.
- 1972 President Harold Euler set the tone for making paramount support to local programs. Harold focused the Club on its responsibility to invest in initiatives of Pontiac based service organizations and groups.
- Cam Rose filled our mail boxes with the bulletin, as substitute writer and publisher for the committee.
- Dave Dougherty, then Director of the Pontiac Urban Coalition, kept the Club knowledgeable of issues confronting the Pontiac community regarding race, religion, and economic developments.
- The Club had excellent leadership by George Putnam in our weekly choral exploits and was accompanied by none other than Rex Smith.
- Jim Gell was anxiously waiting in the wings to become the Club's pianist.

- The Club was enlightened weekly by business tycoon Harold Cousins; past Daily Press publisher, Harold A. Fitzgerald; Howard H. Fitzgerald II; and Richard M. Fitzgerald.
- The Courts were well represented with Circuit Judges Clark J. Adams, William P. Hampton, and James S. Thorburn and U.S. District Judge Phillip Pratt. The judges remarkable attendance influenced the established luncheon time at 12:15.
- During this time Pontiac Rotary membership numbered 103 as recorded in the Club Roster of the 1972 50th Anniversary Program.



ALONG THE WAY... 1973-1979

Pontiac Rotary celebrated its 50TH ANNIVERSARY at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club on January 31, 1973. Newly installed President was Harold B. Euler to lead into the second 50 years for Pontiac Rotary. Harold A. Furlong presented the Club history. Carlton C. Patterson, Jr., out-going President, challenged Rotarians to meaningful contribution and service. "You do your job and then some, and I'll guarantee our sons, grandsons, and great grandsons will be here 50 years from tonight to celebrate our Rotary Centennial."

Jerry White gave leadership to launch a new monthly award - THE GOOD CITIZEN. The first receipt was Bart Wager in 1973.

Fran Webster joined Rotary in 1973 and of special interest to him was Leadership Development for youth. Fran wanted the Club to go farther than financing 2 youths to the International conference. Consequently, the youths were to come back to share their experience from the training with the Club.

The issue of sex discrimination in Rotary membership surfaced in 1973. The Board of Directors were informed no resolution had been proposed to the International to eliminate sex discrimination, therefore, no resolution could come up again until 1976.

Pontiac Rotary adopts Harold Euler's proposal to send to Rotary Foundation \$1,000 or 400% of our anticipated contribution. The world-wide efforts deserved our support.

Dick Goodwin and Jim Huttenlocher appointed to Board of Directors in Dec., 1973.

Ferdinand Gaensbauer, M.D., a heavy weight among his peers, provided leadership that forged the Club's continued progress.

During this time, the Board of Directors read like WHO'S WHO in the Pontiac Community.

The Club was seeking a new focus for members in 1973, hence the new committee was created called The Partner (Pontiac Area Rotary Teams for needs, Energies and Research). George Schipper chaired the effort and stirred the Club's hopes with lots of proposals that were in need of action.

Francis Webster, Chairman of Membership Committee, restructured the Club's plan for expanding membership.

Good ole Berkley Voss continued in 1973 to push for support for a Sick and Flower Fund to cheer Club members if ill or be remembered in death.

The Club's lone Democrat and number 1 Director of Fellowship, Wm. Dean, provided inspired support to all new Club members with "sewed up wit" and kept hope and the Club alive.

Highlighted for the club was the reorganization and reevaluation of fund raising, project selection, and fund disbursement for 1973.

NOTE: Karl Bailey, Senior active and member since 1950, was still making delicious wines. Karl's field of endeavor was as an established horticulturist. WOW, we miss his fabulous wines!

OOPS - In December, 1973, attendance slips to 69.9%...5th from the bottom of the District. Membership and attendance continue to decline in the 70's.

Upon receipt of the Rotary International Bylaws in 1973, Jim Howlett went to work to update Pontiac Rotary Bylaws and had them ready for Club action by March, 1974.

Arthur Young passes Crippled Children Committee chairmanship to Bill Whitfield for 1974.

Forest Lake Country club was site of Club's annual Ladies' Night. With the Club's desire to contain costs in 1974, a cash bar was introduced. This left a cost to the Club in the amount of \$1,328.10.

Bill Dean chaired "On To Chatham Committee" for 1974.

George Skrubbs introduced the new Club Banner and a new format for "The Birch Bark".

New Rotary Name Tags were introduced in 1974, which designated red for newcomers and blue for the other members.

Joe Warren transferred his membership to Ypsilanti and Executive Director of the Silverdome, Robert Rummel's membership is approved.

President Gaensbauer requested that the Rotary magazine be sent to Pontiac High Schools, City Library, Oakland University, Pontiac General and St. Joe Hospitals, and the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1974, the Penny Collection was earmarked to upgrade Rotary Park since it was poorly equipped and the sign was in disrepair.

North Oakland Chamber of Commerce President, Lewis Wint, extended an ongoing invitation to Rotary to the Chamber's quarterly legislative meetings and the Club's Board accepted in Mar., 1974.

Pres. Gaensbauer gained Board approval to have a transitional dinner meeting between the incoming and outgoing Club officers.

In the spring of '74, Pontiac Rotary attends the Chamber's luncheon to hear Governor Bill Milliken.

District dues increased to \$3.75 per member.

"Sonny" Hays, while serving on the Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council, enlisted enthusiastic Club support to provide \$4,000 to construct a suitable Entranceway to Camp Agawam. A Program of Rededication was held July 19, 1979. A plaque of recognition is permanently displayed on the entrance. Do you think James W. Huttenlocher played any role in this as immediate past President of the Clinton Valley Council? Ed Revis and Jim used to camp at Agawam when they were Scouts. By the way, Ed, a Life Scout, was awarded The Silver Beaver, an honor for volunteering in scouting and the first Big Horn award for his efforts in organizing the Exploring Division of the Clinton Valley Council. Ed is boastfully proud of these awards.

Staggered terms for officers put into practice by Rotary International.

George Schipper's proposal to fund a stage in the auditorium of the new Harold A. Furlong Cultural Center, the former downtown post office, was approved for \$1,000, but not to exceed \$5,000.

Don Bergeron, Club Scribe, kept us communicating with his accurate information in the Birch Bark.

George Schipper gained support for clean-up and fix-up of Rotary park at Wesson and Bagley, which the Rotary developed in the 60's. It is located near the Wesson and Bagley intersection.

In March, 1979, Jaap and Margie Delevie announced they will have an exchange student from France.

Northeast Oakland Vocational School was the host for Surf & Turf luncheon and a site tour of the Facility in early May, 1979.

The \$4000 for Clinton Valley Council to develop a suitable entry way for Camp Agawam was visualized at the July, '79 rededication.

Bart Wager shared a copy of the August 27, 1904 Pontiac Daily Press Special Edition for the cornerstone laying of the County Court House then located at Saginaw and Huron Streets.

Karl Bailey, on leave from Pontiac Rotary and who was County Agriculture Agent for years, captured us with his activities as bee keeper, grape grower, wine maker, and bird banding.

We'll never be the same! Andrew Creamer, Pres. of Pontiac State Bank was welcomed into our Club by Ed Barker in Nov., 1979.

Dick Fell introduced the two Pontiac youth who were sponsored by Rotary to attend the Leadership Development this year. From Pontiac Central was Vincent Alessi and An Nguyen from Northern.



CONTINUING THE WAY...1980-1988

The '80s leadership represented a refocusing period to deal with poor attendance, meaningful work on the avenues of service, dwindling membership, and refurbishing the resources of the Club. Each succeeding president and officers worked diligently to move the Club forward, but even though there was progress it was without strong sustaining momentum.

Jan. '80, Ed Barker gave us his optimistic forecast of the economy. He said the news is good.

In April 1980, Henry Price made an innovative and historically interesting presentation on coins. Henry has an extensive hobby investment in coins and made some of them available for viewing.

William J. (Bill) Dean loved Rotary and Rotary loved him back. His recent death took a loyal Rotarian from us. Bill was Pres. in '57 and had years of perfect attendance.

Pres. John Madole announced the Board's decision to raise dues from \$50 to \$60.

May of '80, Dick Fell retired from Pontiac Schools and Tom Sullivan was installed as President of the Oakland Country Dental Society.

In June, 1980, perfect attendance pins were presented to John Allen for 6 years and to Bart Wager for 31 years.

In mid 1980, Mr. Horace Woodring, a resident of Lake Orion and former driver for General Patton, gave a talk on his interesting and inspiring experiences with the General.

Karl Bailey celebrated his 84th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary in Aug. '80. His success formula "Keep working".

President Derby called for help on a Saturday to spruce up Rotary Park at Wesson and Branch Streets.

Edward E. Barker was presented with a community service award from the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency by Rotary Vice President, Ed Revis, the Agency's Executive Director.

The Club voted in October, 1980 to move its meeting place from the Sheraton Motor Inn to the Silverdome.

Dr. Jaap Delevie humored the Club with his ventures on his 32 foot ship and its maiden voyage across the Atlantic. Everyone experienced the choppy seas, 40° heeling, lightening, and myriad of human and mechanical problems.

In the 1980's an interesting program feature was for each member to share with the fellow members one's life, work, hobbies, and family. Later as new members came in, they did the same thing.

President Roger Derby receives a letter of thanks from Pontiac Central High for Rotary's \$1,000 contribution for its 9th Grade Experimental Incentive Plan.

Rotary and other organizations joined the Pontiac Urban League in honoring the memory of Attorney Leon H. Hubbard and Dr. Howard H. McNeil, M.D. at the Hubbard-McNeil Memorial Scholarship Benefit Luncheon.

Henry Price, veteran numismatist, treated us to his lecture on his American coins, which date from 1640 when Massachusetts began minting the Pine Tree shilling without authority from the British government.

Youth Leadership commitments are Pontiac Central National Honor Society, Student Exchange Day, Boy Scouts, and Leadership Conference. Community support goes to the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony, the Furlong Building, and Common Ground.

The 81-82 sister District for 638 is #488 of Argentina and the sister club for Pontiac Rotary is Roldan Rotary also of Argentina.

Feb '81 Pres. Roger Derby announced that Milo Cross had lost his battle with pneumonia. Milo joined our club Apr. '45.

President Ed isn't giving out any A's unless you know "The Four-Way Test" these days.

Jack Cullen joined Rotary Apr. '81 and 35 Pontiac Central National Honor Society students were our guests for lunch.

Karl Bailey passed away while working in his orchard, a first love of his. Karl had been a Rotarian since 1950.

Rotary's contribution allowed 2 Pontiac Central students to attend London, Ontario's leadership conference.

Henry Price returns home following his trip around the world.

In Nov., 1981, President Ed Revis hosted an honorary luncheon for members with at least 50 years of Pontiac Rotary service. Award certificates were presented to Stuart E. Whitfield (joined in 1927), Mac T. Whitfield ('29), Howard W. Huttenlocher ('31), Harold A. Furlong ('30), and Harold A. Fitzgerald ('26). All were present except Mac Whitfield and Newpew Bill accepted on Mac's behalf. The Club was saddened to learn of Stuart Whitfield's sudden death the following week.

Vice Pres. Sonny Hays presented a summary of Rotary charitable giving for 1981-82 totaling \$5,150.

Roger Derby and Ralph Hahn co-chaired Rotary's Speak-Easy for the January Superfest in preparation for Super Bowl 82. Pontiac State Bank converted the penthouse for hospitality and fun. Rotary members were bartenders and waiters and wives helped.

Why hasn't Ed honored our yarn spinners Ab Ragins and Andy Creamer? There must be some kind of an award.

District 638 thanked the Club for its recent support of \$500 travel expense to Youth Exchange, Ms. Susan Karp, a local student, who will go to New Zealand and support of a Swedish Student in Pontiac.

A most deserving Pontiac Rotarian, Harold A. Fitzgerald, is bestowed the Paul Harris Fellowship Award by Pres. Revis on May 20, 1982. Mr. Fitzgerald joined Rotary in 1926, served as President 1931-32, and been a dedicated community supporter life long.

Jaap Delevie is about to embark on the third leg of his European voyages. It's June, 1982.

Pres. Sonny Hays accepted a new Scout Executive assignment in Phoenix, Arizona effective Oct. 1982 and Andy Creamer moves into the President's seat.

Susan Karp, the exchange student sponsored by Rotary, talked with our Club about her experience in New Zealand.

In the first meeting of January 1983, Financial support was approved for the Honor Society programs and awards at Pontiac Central and Northern.

In the Jan. 20, '83 Birch Bark, The Oakland Press editor, Neil Munro, predicted that Pres. Reagan would bring the deficit under control.

Rotary visited the new Boy Scout Headquarters on Telegraph Rd. Bill Spice, fellow Rotarian and Executive Director of the Clinton Valley Council, guided the Club through the facility made possible in large measure by Harold Fox.

Pontiac Creative Arts Center established the "Harold A. Furlong Endowment Fund" a tribute to its founder and our fellow Rotarian.

1983 fellow Rotarians retirees: After 28 years of pastoral service, Galen E. Hershey retired from First Presbyterian Church and our own Ralph Hahn retired as Consumer Power Executive and relocated to Sun City, Arizona.

We lost a good friend at the death of Richard "Dick" Fell Apr. 7, '83. Pontiac Schools dedicated the Service Center at Saginaw and Montcalm in his name and our Club gave the lettering for the building.

Ed Karkau joined Pontiac Rotary in August, 1943. Forty years later he is awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Club established the policy that winners of 50/50 were not obligated to donate to the Club all or part of their winnings.

Sept., 1983, the news that our AnnaMarie Predmore is home from the hospital means we'll soon be back on target.

Member, George Schipper's daughter was an exchange student to our sister city, Kusatsu, Japan. Elizabeth shared her experiences of this past year with the club.

At the Holiday Inn, President Tom Laing presided with merriment over the annual Wassail Bowl and Roger Derby intrigued us with the story of Christmas.

Pontiac Rotary mourned the passing of a long time friend and distinguished Club member, C. K Patterson. Clarence joined Pontiac Rotary in Dec., 1954.

Special wishes were showered on Bartlet Wager for his 99th birthday on ..Feb. 6, 1984.

During fun and games, Ed Revis' congenial manner of fining us for sundry reasons makes being robbed almost pleasurable. Use of the coffers for Community Service and for the Pontiac Central Jazz Bank for Ladies Night at the Hunt Club, reduces the pain.

The George Schipper's family reciprocated by hosting Masako Nakanishi as an exchange student from our sister city, Kusatsu, Japan. George's daughter, Elizabeth, became friend's with Masako while en exchange student in Japan. Masako contrasted her school life in Japan to that of her Junior year at Pontiac Central. In Japan her school year starts in April and ends in March and where dropouts are not tolerated.

Arden Detert from Rotary International (RI) explained the 1200 Percent Plateau, now proudly reached by our Club, as contributions to RI exceeding the \$120 per member for use in good works world-wide by promoting peace and understanding.

President Denny Swartout chaired an inter-club luncheon at the Silverdome's Main Event honoring a visiting delegation from Pontiac's Sister City, Kusatsu. Japan on Aug.21, 1984.

District Governor Dick Pearce joined with Pres. Swarthout to present the Paul Harris Fellow award to Howard W. Huttenlocher, a distinguished member of our Club since May, 1931. Howard served as Club President in 1937-38.

The Club was saddened to learn of the passing of Club member and Past President Berkley Voss, who joined our club in Aug, '47.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented Sept. 6, '84 by past Pres. Lainq to Rick Huttenlocher for his gracious hospitality hosting the annual summer picnics since early '70's and to Joe Warren for his outstanding performance with Career Day during this year.

Doc Ragins must have a gag writer! ...or needs one.

On Feb., 7, 1985 Pres. Swartout reported the Board discussed moving to Pike Street Company. It would be buffet and occasional "sit down" @ \$5.75 and a trial lunch was suggested. By April 11, it was announced that the move was a "go" after the elevator was installed.

Bart Wager's 100th birthday was celebrated at First Presbyterian church on Feb. 10, 1985 at an open house.

May 2, 1985 was the last meeting at the Holiday Inn. It was at this meeting that Pres. Swarthout announced the death of member Carl Metz - age 84. Carl joined the club in May, 1952.

May 9, we are in our new home at Pike Street.

On May 29, 1985, the Board decided to join with the other clubs in District 638 to buy liability for club activities.

Oct. '85, Howard Shelly, noted outdoorsman and photographer, provided us with an interesting film.

Pres. Jaap Delevie chose the Village Club for the '85 Ladies Night. Members and their spouses enjoyed cocktails and dinner, followed by entertainment.

Rotarians said Happy Birthday again to Ed Karkau on Dec 12, 1985. Ed has celebrated 42 of his 90 birthdays in Pontiac Rotary.

Pres. Jaap Delevie asked fellow Rotarians to attend the honors convocation at Pontiac Central in Dec., '85.

After the annual Wassail Bowl for '85, Rotary members drove to the domestic violence shelter, Haven, and presented the shelter with \$1,000 in support of its activities.

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The Club lost one of its long standing and beloved members in the Spring of '88 at the passing of Howard W. Huttenlocher. Hut joined Pontiac Rotary in May of '31 and served as President in '37. Many of the "ole timers" will miss Hut in their Gin games and his fun in seizing the big pot.

When Bill Fry became President in 1988, he developed a reorganization of the Club to conform to the four avenues of service. The document listed the officers and committees with a brief description of each. Flow charts were created that assigned responsibilities to accomplish the work of Rotary and made clear the interrelationships of both officers and committees. Bill wanted the guidance of this document so that he could more effectively and quickly lead as President, his officers could plan, and he could synergize the efforts of his team. The guides can serve future presidents to get on target quickly.

The former "Ladies Night" becomes the contemporary "Fellowship Night" in early 1989 and Jaap Delevie makes it special at the Village Club.

Gene Stanley, who was touring the nation in 1985 with the display of the history of the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island shared his experiences in the project to renovate the statute. Gene was involved with Lee Iacocca in this endeavor. Gene traveled with a truck-trailer, which contained a display of the statute. Gene informed us that the statute is on Liberty Island, not Ellis Island as so popularly beleived. Ellis Island is nearby and had the old immigration center. As immigrants entered the United States, the statute was the first thing they saw. The statute was built in France, dismantled, transported to New York, and reassembled. The statute was a gift to the U.S. from France and the real name of the statute is "Liberty enlightening the World". Gene had some fun and interesting stories about Lee, but he also communicated the need for funds to meet the projected costs of \$260,000,000 and only \$170,000,000 collected to date.

A new policy was necessary to address the cost burden of meals and to have a consistent policy for application when members were absent. Members could request permission to be excused from meal costs, but for one year only and a member be granted permission no more than three times in a ten year period. The policy was implemented December, 1982.



HERE AND NOW

1989 - early 92

Rotary turned the corner in 1989, with its first woman president. The tenor shifted to dynamic with a \$10,000 fund raising goal, aggressive recruitment of men and women members, formation of a foundation, and establishment of a scholarship fund, to name a few. Policies are being formulated that will provide for transition from leadership to leadership that are consistent with International direction. This represents an exciting thrust that can have a lasting impact and deserves all member support.

In June, '89, Tom Laing involved us in a Blue Grass Concert as a fund raiser, which netted the Club \$500.

Alice Shotwell Gustafson is installed as the first woman president on July 13, 1989. We're off to a running start! Pres. Alice launched many efforts that will be perpetuated and sustained into succeeding presidents. Tea and crumpets just won't do!

By August, the Board supported President Alice in approving a Club Secretary position to perform some membership, attendance and bookkeeping duties and manage the duties of the Birch Bark. A job description will be developed. Elaine Keinert was an excellent candidate as she was familiar with the job.

A new section of the Birch Bark will carry the results of the Board meetings, according to Board action Aug., 22, '85.

A six member Fund Raising Committee was named and Ted Plafchan elected Chairman. By September, Ted gave a Committee report that included a \$10,000 goal as a return to the community, revitalize the 50/50 raffle, promote the birthday fund, institute an auction at fellowship night, and hold quarterly speaker luncheons. A process is in place for the community to apply for funds.

By October the process for special giving on one's birthday was finalized: 1) you receive a birthday greeting in the mail before your birthday, 2) You may or may not accept the Club singing to you at the next meeting, 3) you write Rotary a check to match the number of years you are old or more if you wish. This month the 50/50 raffle was operating.

Howard Shelly, long time associate of Morton Neff, presented a lecture and nature film on "Adventure is My Business".

Nov. '89, Rotary had its joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club.

By Nov., the Membership Committee had set an objective to target major Pontiac corporations and began to seek candidates for Rotary from each by December.

The Birch Bark, as of Nov.1989, has "a Letter To the Editor" section.

By Jan.'90, Membership Chrm., Richard Berkfield had prepared a "New Member Installation Process" and "Fact Sheet" when speaking with prospective members.

In Jan.'90, Henry Price was serenaded for his 77th birthday.

The formation of a Pontiac Rotary Foundation is progressing and a separate board to run the Foundation is planned.

District Governor Stan Tulak announced the District Conference in Ann Arbor in June 1990.

The Fund Raising Committee introduced the silent auction as a feature of '90 Fellowship Night. Donated items are displayed and a retail price and minimum bid posted. Members place their secret bid in an envelop next to the item and bidding closes when dinner is served. Winners pay by check and take their prize home. Proceeds were \$2,050 and will support Pontiac student projects.

Work continues on the Pontiac Rotary Foundation.

The slumping 50/50 is enhanced with Roto-Lotto in Mar., '90.

May of '90, Membership Chrm., Richard Berkfield announced 13 new members joined this year and encouraged the recruitment to continue. Also this month, Rotary's first Business Forum was attended by about 60 people. It was declared a success.

In June, 1990 the latest welcome to new members went to Mary Crocker, Louis Cole, Jr., and Kim Tryon Susan Huttenlocher, and Tim Wittebort.

The Gavel passed to Jeffery P. Peck in July, '90.

By November, 1990, the criteria for the Rotary's Community Services grant funding was focused on Pontiac Youth and \$10,000 earmarked for programs which build character, self discipline and leadership skills.

Pres. Peck bestows the classification of Honorary Member upon Dana Whitmer.

In the fall of '90, the 50/50 Raffle Jackpot grew and created some excitement. Also, consistent with International suggestion for clubs to concern themselves with the environment, Antonette Beuche, an environmental lawyer, explained the recent changes in the law.

And the story teller, Dr. Ab Ragins, still spins his delightful tales.

A new member conference is proposed to get ideas for finding prospective candidates. New member orientation is planned.

In 1991, the Board finalized a policy for the reception and the disbursement of contributions. The Board is given final authority in execution of all contributions. Other than contributions to International, contributions to the community are restricted to the City of Pontiac recipients.

By the end of June, 1991, the Donation Beneficiary Policy was ready for Board approval to eliminate problems in the methods in the distribution of donations made by the Club. The Community Service Policy would be amended with these recommended four modifications .

The gavel was passed to Theodore Plafchan in July, 1991.

The Community Services Committee indicated the Foundation structure was needed to facilitate fund raising. Work continues on the formatifon of the Foundation.

The first annual Golf Outing was held at Pine Knob, followed by a picnic at Rick Huttenlocher's on Aug.7, 1991.

Birmingham and Pontiac Clubs join in a family outing and softball in Sept., '91

The Community Service Committee held a clean and paint up day to put Rotary Park into ship-shape. Cider and donuts added to the October fall day. We're talking with the City about cost and design of a sign for the park.

President Ted announced the fund raising luncheon at the Silverdome for Oct.,17. '91. Governor Engler had to postpone, and the event will be rescheduled as many tickets have been sold.

Member Tim Wittebort continues work on the Foundation and the Fund Raising goal for a raffle was set at \$15,000.

A phoning network has been established among member to facilatate membership communications.

Tim Wittebort reported in Dec.'91 the foundation corporate charter was filed as "Rotary Club of Pontiac Charities, Inc."

Jan., '92 Membership Committee reports continued new members and candidates.

Treasurer, Andy Creamer presented year end, Dec., 31, '91 financial statement. Andy and Club Administer, Elaine Keinert are in the process of implementing a new accounting and record keeping system.

Guess who came to dinner! Governor Engler was invited to be our guest speaker at our Business Forum III at the Silverdome in Mar., '92. Governor Engler brought a friend named Vice President Dan Quayle, who acknowledged he is fellow Rotarian. Governor Engler yielded the floor to Mr. Quayle, who fielded questions from the floor. The Governor promised to come back to speak to the Club another time.

A makeup card was received from Bill Whitfield, who is living in East Orleans, Massachusetts and loving it.

Andy Creamer retired April, '92 from National Bank of Detroit, formerly Pontiac State Bank to us old timers, and our best wishes go out to him.

Jack Cullen, former member of our Club and CEO of St. Joe Hospital and Pres. of the Pontiac Development Foundation, was our speaker on Apr. 2, 1992. He informed us the Foundation was a non-profit corporation to try to stimulate the development of Pontiac and to help guide the City of Pontiac. The Foundation has a 35 member board and 13 member Executive Committee. The Finance Committee of the Foundation did an analysis of the City's strengths and weaknesses and looked at ways to reduce the cost of City services through privatization, hoping to reduce taxes and millage and subsequently spur developers to come into the City. There is an Education Committee to tie the business community to the local school system.

Jack Whitlow, CEO of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, was our speaker April 16, '92 and brought us up to date on the hospital developments to expand service to areas of Clarkston, Ortonville, and Lake Orion. He informed us of developments in Nursing Home care, child care, office buildings, training of interns, and program efforts in the area of substance abuse. The hospital has a staff of 82 physicians.

Andy Creamer, Treasurer, did his usual excellent touch and gave us his study of the Club's financial condition. Over time changes have occurred that are causing us to deplete our reserves and begin to run a deficit budget. The changes are: 1) Increase in Rotary International dues, 2) Increase in Club operating expenses, 3) Allocation of funds raised to designated beneficiaries. The new accounting system will separate fund raising from operating expenses. The next steps will be to develop a cost side operating budget, revise dues structure if necessary, and fine tune the operating model that has been evolving since 1984.



THE WAY TO THE FUTURE..... Mid 1992 and forward

The gavel was passed to Richard A. Berkfield, Jr. July, 1992. This is the end of Ed Revis's assignment and the beginning of another period of history for the Pontiac Rotary Club. The course of the Club is vital and sound, the leadership careful about purpose and significance, and the transition from one administration to the next efficient and focused. President Berkfield will lead and the Club will continue to grow and be relevant!!!

Richard Berkfield was President during the time Tom Davies was our District Governor. Berk's goal "a job for every Rotarian" was certainly consistent with the thought of the month from District Governor, Tom Davies:

"The purpose of life is not to be happy but to matter: to be productive, to be useful, to have it make a difference that you lived at all."

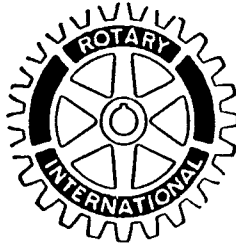


PAST PRESIDENTS and CURRENT PRESIDENT

OF

PONTIAC ROTARY CLUB

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| 1922-23 | Hiland H. Thatcher | 1960-61 | Ivan H. Long |
| 1924-25 | Howard D. Glenn | 1961-62 | W. K. Willman |
| 1925-26 | E. A. Christian, M.D. | 1962-63 | Howard L. Canfield |
| 1926-27 | Carl D. Morris, M.D. | 1962-63 | Noyce W. Strait, Jr. |
| 1927-28 | James H. Harris | 1963-64 | Berkley Voss |
| 1928-29 | J. L. Marcero | 1964-65 | Owen S. Hendren, M.D. |
| 1929-30 | M. J. Cloonan | 1965-66 | Clarence K. Patterson |
| 1930-31 | Donald S. Patterson | 1966-67 | Dana P. Whitmer |
| 1931-32 | Harold A. Fitzgerald | 1967-68 | Abe Cohen |
| 1932-33 | L. A. Farnham, M.D. | 1968-69 | Charles F. Brown |
| 1933-34 | H. Russell Holland | 1969-70 | Robert M. Critchfield |
| 1934-35 | William H. Marbach | 1970-71 | Leo J. Wasserberger, D.D.S. |
| 1935-36 | Hardy Luther | 1971-72 | Carlton C. Patterson, Jr. |
| 1936-37 | Glenn C. Gillespie | 1972-73 | Harold B. Euler |
| 1937-38 | H. W. Huttenlocher | 1973-74 | Ferdinand Gaensbauer, M.D. |
| 1938-39 | J. Harry Strang | 1974-75 | James L. Howlett |
| 1939-40 | W. Allen Booth | 1975-76 | Galen E. Hershey |
| 1940-41 | Harold L. Blackwood | 1976-77 | James W. Huttenlocher |
| 1941-42 | Earle C. Kneale | 1977-78 | William P. Whitfield |
| 1942-43 | Louis H. Cole | 1978-79 | Donald D. Bergeron, D.D.S. |
| 1943-44 | Henry M. Zimmerman | 1979-80 | John E. Madole |
| 1944-45 | Mac T. Whitfield | 1980-81 | Roger S. Derby |
| 1945-46 | Homer V. Hancock | 1981-82 | Edward P. Revis |
| 1946-47 | Clark J. Adams | 1982-83 | E. Earl Hays |
| 1947-48 | Arthur R. Young, M.D. | 1982-83 | Andrew G. Creamer |
| 1948-49 | Aaron D. Riker, M.D. | 1983-84 | J. Thomas Laing |
| 1949-50 | Stuart E. Whitfield | 1984-85 | Dennis W. Swartout |
| 1950-51 | George B. Hartrick | 1985-86 | Jaap B. Delevie, M.D. |
| 1951-52 | Edward L. KarKau | 1986-87 | George W. Spice |
| 1952-53 | Milo J. Cross | 1986-87 | Terry W. Dickinson |
| 1953-54 | Clifford T. Ekelund, M.D. | 1987-88 | Robert G. Waddell |
| 1954-55 | Harold A. Furlong, M.D. | 1988-89 | William G. Fry |
| 1955-56 | Robert R. Eldred | 1989-90 | Alice Shotwell Gustafson |
| 1956-57 | Frank S. Lyndall | 1990-91 | Jeffery P. Peck |
| 1957-58 | William J. Dean | 1991-92 | Theodore R. Plafchan |
| 1958-59 | Ed L. Williams | 1992-93 | Richard A. Berkfield |
| 1959-60 | Howard H. Fitzgerald II | 1993-94 | Marianne Nestor |



TRIBUTE:

All of us marvel at those around us who grow into old age and keep their vitality, sociability, and usefulness. While it can be said about many of our Fellow Rotarians, it seems appropriate that we should be generous with our praise for two exemplary Rotarians, Dr. Harold Furlong and Barlet Wager, as we look back over our past 70 years.

Our tribute is posthumus. They loved Rotary and many, many of their birthdays were celebrated with us as they stayed near to us. For these men, just reaching the high numbers at birthday time was not enough! With them usefulness had no time limits. Their out-pouring of vitality and God given gifts was life long and selfless - no pay back expected. These gentlemen lived the principles of Rotary.

Dr. Harold Furlong

Dr. Harold was just a young pup of 35 when he joined Pontiac Rotary in August, 1930. Fuzz, as we fondly called him, was born in Pontiac. His father came to Pontiac in 1891 to work at the Pontiac Buggy Company.

Harold interrupted his undergraduate work at Michigan State University to join the infantry in 1917, and by 1918 near Bantheville, France, First Lieutenant Furlong was with 353rd Infantry, 89th Division. Severe machine gun fire killed his Company Commander and several soldiers. Harold moved out in advance of the line and took a position behind the enemy line. He closed in on them one at a time, killed a number with his rifle, put out-of-action 4 machine guns, and drove 20 German Prisoners into our line.

There were 95 Congressional Medal of Honor (highest honor for military valor) awarded in WWI and Fuzz was one of them! General Pershing conferred Harold with his medal. Dr. Furlong is part of the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon where the names of the medal winners are placed. Fuzz felt singled out for surviving that day in France and that he had a debt to pay for those who did not come back and were heroes too. Fuzz spent time in the Army Medical Corps in WWII and retired as a colonel in 1945. After his discharge, Harold remained in the Michigan National Guard and was conferred the Distinguished Service Award in 1953 when he retired from that service.

After WWI Harold earned his medical degree at U of M, he set up practice in Pontiac in 1929, at the start of the Great Depression. Additionally, he accepted chairmanship of the Community Chest and Red Cross and was able to help thousands

until the economy improved. Fuzz became the first Pontiac General physician certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and delivered over 9,000 babies before he retired in 1976. He was largely responsible for the development of the maternity service at General, where he was appointed the 1st Chief of OB/GYN and later Hospital Chief of Staff.

Harold founded the Pontiac Art Center and the City of Pontiac named the Pontiac Cultural Center after him, which is at Huron and Perry. Fuzz was President of our Club in 1954 and never surrendered his membership, even when his health was failing in the early 80's. Frances, his wife, would see that he could get to Rotary. Fuzz passed away in 1986 after living 91 years filled with community service.

BARTLET WAGER

Bartlet Wager was born in Waterford in 1885. Bart went to school there and lived in the area all his life. After High School, Mr. Wager took up studies at Pontiac Business College, but before he finished he was offered a job at what was known then as Eastern Michigan Asylum, then became Pontiac State Hospital, and now Clinton Valley. In 1903, Bart started as head of the hospital store, then was promoted to the Accounting Department. Before long, Bart was offered the position of Business Executive, which required him to travel to Lansing to handle the administrative planning for the hospital. Mr. Wager's career with the hospital spanned 53 years until he retired in 1956.

Nine years before Mr. Wager retired and at the age of 60, he became a Pontiac Rotarian in November, 1945. Year after year, Bart had 100% attendance, whether it was here in Pontiac or in his favorite hide-away at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Bart would go to Florida as early as October and return as late as June and month after month the Florida Rotary would inform us of his regular attendance. Mr. Wager kept up this perfect attendance until June, 1984, when he suffered a fall and required care at Oakland Geriatric Village. But to everyone's surprise, by November Bart was back to 100% attendance, inspite of his 99 years of age..

First Presbyterian Church on Huron and Wayne Streets had been Mr. Wager's church for many years. On his 100th birthday, the church was the site of his birthday open house on February 10, 1985. Four months later, Mr. Wager is pictured in The Rotarian Magazine receiving his Paul Harris Fellow pin at a gala affair in Detroit, when 104 individuals were awarded this recognition.. At the time Bart became a centenarian, he was credited with 34 years of perfect attendance.

Bart passed away August 7, 1986 at the age of 101. Bart had enjoyed 30 years of retirement.