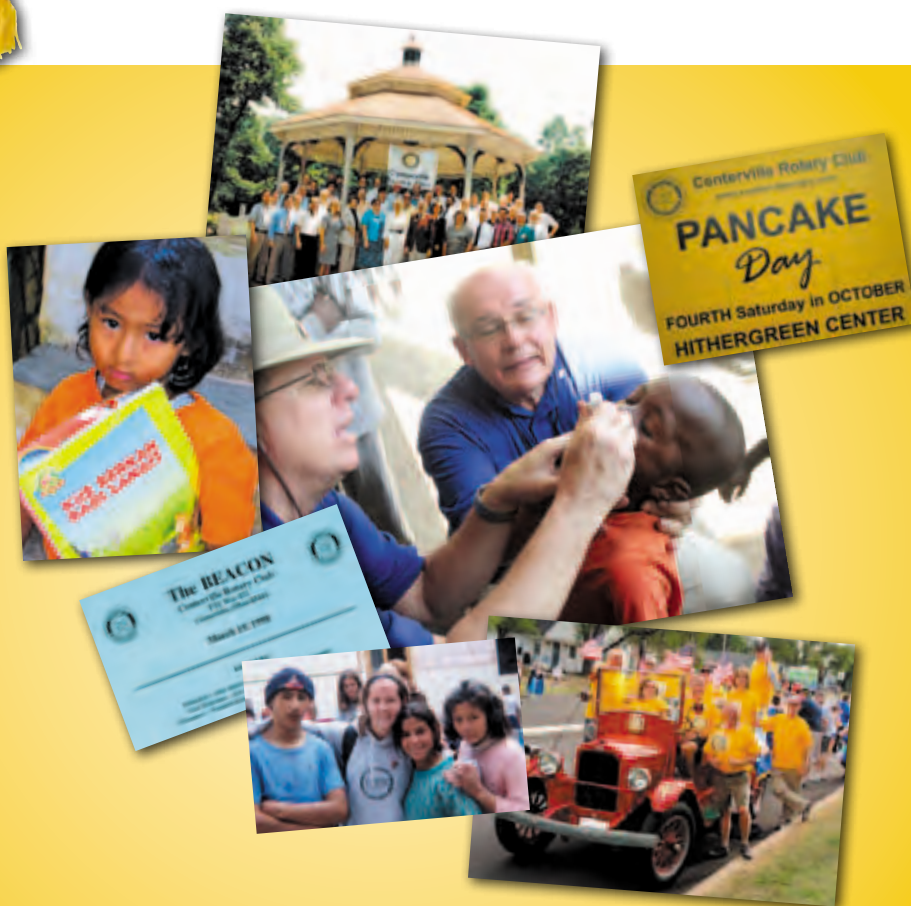




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INTRODUCTION



Hans J. Berkel

It has been just about a year ago that I was asked to chair the preparations for the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Centerville Rotary Club. It has been a fun experience in which all committee members contributed very much. A big thank you therefore to all those who spent many hours working on making this a very memorable event: Carol Kennard, Judy Budi, Cynthi Fraley, Kim Senft-Paras, Mae Berkel, Bob Jackson and President Erich Eggers. I hope they all had just as much fun as I did!

The “lustrum committee” decided that it was a good idea to make a book commemorating the 40 years of Rotary in Centerville. One of the things we found out very soon in the process is that “historical data” is difficult to find. For one thing, of the original 27 Charter members of our club, after 40 years “only” four remain. Also, archives get lost, misplaced etc. Judy Budi has done a yeoman’s job in trying to find old records etc. Digital cameras have changed the way we preserve photos. The old prints have become yellow or have disappeared. Thus when you look through this book, you’ll find more photos from the most recent decades compared to the earlier years. Despite the fact that we could not find much detail about the earlier years, we hope that future generations of Rotarians will find this account of the history of our club fun, enlightening and stimulating.


The primary intent of the book is to chronicle the 40-year history of the Centerville Rotary Club in R.I. District 6670. We also included some general information about Rotary. We hope that this will allow the book to be not only an interesting account of things past, but also that it will be useful in attracting new members to our club. What better way to showcase “who you are and what you do” than by showing our history of involvement in our community, support of education, and participation in international projects. This historical account of the Centerville Rotary Club indeed shows that our club is the embodiment of Rotary’s motto of “SERVICE ABOVE SELF.”

MESSAGE FROM KAYLAN BANERJEE, RI PRESIDENT 2011-2012



Kaylan Banerjee





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To the members of the
Rotary Club of Centerville, Ohio, USA


My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary:


I am pleased to offer my congratulations to you as you celebrate your club's fortieth anniversary.

Forty years ago, your club's charter members came together to begin a Rotary club—to share their enthusiasm and their vision to make Centerville, Ohio a better place.

Today, Centerville is a better place, because it has a Rotary club—where men and women of talent, ability, caring, and compassion come together to share their strengths with others. It is my belief that we Rotarians are pragmatic idealists, who bring our ideals to life through our Rotary service. We aspire to live our lives ethically, honestly, with the Four-Way Test to guide us, as we work to elevate ourselves and thereby, to elevate the world.

All the lights of the world cannot be compared even to one ray of inner light of the self. And when Rotarians come together in love and service, those rays of inner light burn more brightly together. In the years to come, this is my wish for your club: that the flame of love and devotion burn in your hearts, that the light of understanding shine in your minds, that the warmth of harmony glow in your homes, and that the bright rays of service shine forth ceaselessly from your hands.

Sincerely,

Kalyan Banerjee
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MESSAGE FROM UTE PAPKE, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2011-2012, RI DISTRICT 6670



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February 23rd, 2012

President Erich Eggers
Centerville Club

Dear President Erich,

I congratulate you and the entire Centerville Club on your 40th anniversary (charter date: 6-13-72). That is quite an accomplishment. Your sponsor I understand was Miamisburg.

Forty years ago, your Club's Charter Members came together to start a Rotary Club – to share their enthusiasm and their vision to make Centerville, Ohio a better place to live.

Just think of the many projects you have had over the years and still have, to improve the lives of everyone locally as well as internationally, including the formation of an Interact- and Rotaract-Club.

It is my believe that Rotarians aspire to live ethically and honestly with the Four Way Test to guide us, as we work to become better persons and thereby help our community as well as the world.

In his letter RI President Kalyan Banerjee says: "All the lights of the world cannot be compared to even one ray of inner light of the self. When Rotarians come together in love and service, those rays of the inner light burn more brightly together. In the years to come, this is my wish for your Club: That the flame of love and devotion burn in your hearts, that the light of understanding shine in your minds, that the warmth of harmony glow in your homes, and that the bright rays of service shine forth ceaselessly from your hands."

With that, I congratulate you and look forward to your photos and an article for the District 6670 Newsletter.

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Service above SELF


Ute Pöpke



Dr. Don Overly



Rotary International theme logo from 1972-73. The year the Centerville Rotary Club was formed.

MESSAGE FROM CHARTER PRESIDENT, 1972: DR. DON OVERLY

A little over forty years ago, a few of us sat down in my office to discuss forming a Rotary Club in Centerville/ Washington Township. We met with three members of the Miamisburg Rotary Club, our sponsoring Club, to learn about Paul Harris and the founding Rotary fathers and about the underlying theme of “helping others throughout the world” through Rotarian efforts. After several meetings we began the task of identifying prospective members in our community. We soon identified 27 prospective members to form our own Club. Only four - Lee Hieronymus, Harvey Smith, Jack Workman, and myself - remain in the Club as Charter Members.

The Chapter Advisor was Paul Schultz from the Miamisburg Club and the Chapter District Governor was William Strautman from the Fairborn Club. We held several meetings prior to our official Charter date of June 13, 1972, meeting on Thursdays at the now Mexican Restaurant across from Magsig Middle School. Shortly after our organizational meeting, we moved across the street to Antonio’s Restaurant (now Sweeney’s Restaurant) where we held weekly meetings for many years. Approximately 17 years ago, we moved to Yankee Trace where we still have our weekly meetings.

One of our first official activities was to host an exchange student from Mexico. Our first Rotary host for this exchange student was Mike Ciccolella. This was especially significant as the Ciccolella’s ended up adopting their first child, a Mexican baby, from our exchange student’s home town. Our “Rotary World” began to expand with this exchange. Over the past 39 years our Club has hosted exchange students from Germany, Japan, Sweden and numerous other countries, averaging at least one student each year. In addition, we have hosted adult exchange groups for shorter periods of time, learning of and sharing cultural differences. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, Russia, and Denmark among other countries are included in this group. Funds for our numerous service projects, including educational scholarships, City and Park District gazebos, dictionaries and thesauri for 3rd and 5th graders, and many other local and worldwide programs have been acquired from various sources, but primarily from serving spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts. In addition, tens of thousands of dollars have been sent to Rotary International from members becoming Paul Harris Fellows.

Harvey Smith, one of our founding members, became our Club’s first District Governor. Russ Brinkman followed Harvey in this leadership role several years later. Our Club has experienced great leadership as evidenced not only from our local presence, but also from an unusual number of District Governors originating from our club: Sivaji Subramaniam, John Beals, and Hans Berkel also served with distinction and we are indebted to all five of them for their outstanding leadership.

Forty years have passed by quickly and we have gained a feeling of pride from helping those who are less fortunate. Assisting in attempting to eliminate Polio worldwide has been a significant task but there are so many local, national, and worldwide projects that one can only thank God for directing us in these activities. The enjoyment we find in our weekly meetings has been fulfilling. Lasting and rewarding friendships will be treasured.

Don Overly - June 2012



Erich Eggers



MESSAGE FROM OUR CURRENT AND 40TH PRESIDENT: ERICH EGGERS



THE ROTARY CLUB
OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending Centerville Rotary's fortieth anniversary party. We are celebrating forty years of giving in our community and internationally. I think you will enjoy reading our stories and looking at our photos documenting our work.

When we decided to commemorate this occasion, we thought there would be no better way to celebrate than to make a substantial donation to Polio Plus. Rotary is so very close to eradicating Polio in the world. There are only three countries left where Polio still exists. With our \$20,000.00 donation we will get one step closer to our goal of eradicating polio from the world. I want to thank our members and all of the local businesses that have supported our cause.

I have been very blessed this year to serve Centerville Rotary as Club President. The success of our club and our anniversary celebration would not have been possible without the efforts of our members, board of directors and the support from the community.

Thank you.



Erich Eggers

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WHY I JOINED CENTERVILLE ROTARY

by Erich Eggers,
40th President of the Centerville Rotary Club

It was the fall of 2002 my daughter Lindsey was just starting her freshman year at Centerville High School. Lindsey was 14 years old at the time. Until this point in time Lindsey had dedicated much of her life to becoming a very good student athlete in soccer. A string of physical injuries was quickly putting a damper on Lindsey's ability to perform at the highest level of competition. When you play any sport at the level that Lindsey played soccer it requires a huge investment of time to perfect your skills. When Lindsey made the decision to drop out of soccer there was a very large void in her life. She was not sure what she was going to do to fill her time. The good thing about Centerville High School is you don't have to look very hard to find a club or an activity to get involved with.

I don't know how it happened but Lindsey discovered Interact club. I remember the day she came home from school and told Kelly and I that she was going to Peru. As you might guess Kelly and I were quite surprised. Being concerned parents both Kelly and I told Lindsey not to get her hopes up... "this is probably a trip for upper classmen"... and any other excuse that we could think of at the time. Lindsey was not open to hearing all of these negative

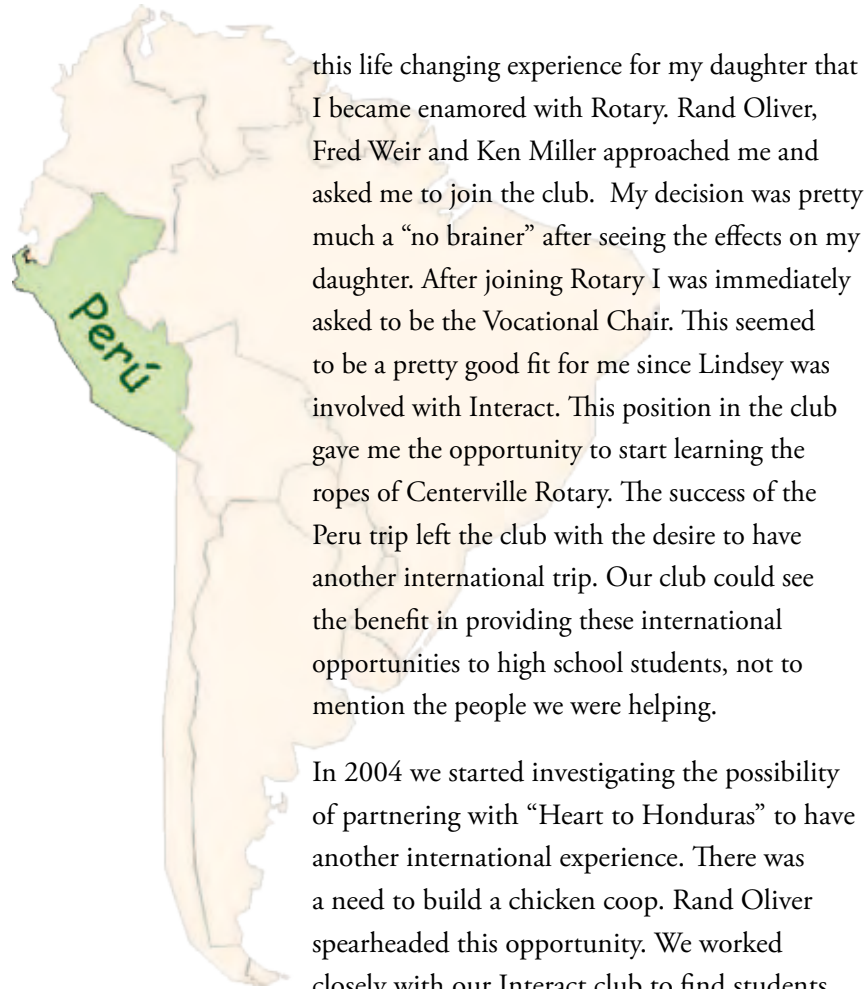


thoughts from her parents. In her mind she was going to Peru and she was going to figure out how to make it happen. She decided the first step was to become an officer of the Interact club. She thought if she was the international officer her chances might be better at getting selected to go to Peru. So she talked to the other students and got herself elected. Part of the selection process was writing an essay and of course Lindsey was writing the best essay she could. Sometimes the best thing a parent can do is get out of your child's way. That is what Kelly and I decided to do.

Lindsey was selected for this trip along with 6 or 7 other high school students. Over spring break of 2003 the trip to Peru was made. It was after

ABOVE:
Erich Eggers (with shovel) and his daughter Lindsey (in front of Erich) along with other Rotary members in Honduras.





this life changing experience for my daughter that I became enamored with Rotary. Rand Oliver, Fred Weir and Ken Miller approached me and asked me to join the club. My decision was pretty much a “no brainer” after seeing the effects on my daughter. After joining Rotary I was immediately asked to be the Vocational Chair. This seemed to be a pretty good fit for me since Lindsey was involved with Interact. This position in the club gave me the opportunity to start learning the ropes of Centerville Rotary. The success of the Peru trip left the club with the desire to have another international trip. Our club could see the benefit in providing these international opportunities to high school students, not to mention the people we were helping.

In 2004 we started investigating the possibility of partnering with “Heart to Honduras” to have another international experience. There was a need to build a chicken coop. Rand Oliver spearheaded this opportunity. We worked closely with our Interact club to find students who wanted to participate in this international trip. We had 7 students and 4 Rotarians on this trip. This trip to Honduras was my first service trip. I found out that you need to be very flexible when going on a service trip. When we arrived in Honduras we found that we still had about a 4 hour commute to get to the area where we were staying. The first 2 hours was by bus...the last 2 hours was by pickup truck. All passengers were in the pickup truck bed. Did I mention dirt roads, pot holes and dust? When we arrived to our destination we had a tour of the facility. All things considered it was quite

nice for a third world country. On our tour we found out that the chicken coop that was being built was actually a 25’ x 50’ pole barn. I am in the construction business and let me tell you, that is a BIG chicken coop to be constructed by high school students. Did I tell you we had 7 days to build this structure? When we got up the first day we were told that the building material did not get delivered. No problem we still would have 6 days to build this pole barn. So we set out over the country side, in the back of pickup trucks over dirt and gravel roads, to go paint a school. This was a very fun project for the kids. After we were done painting the school, we had a little time left to play a friendly game of soccer with the local kids.

When we got up the second day we were told that the building material would be delivered that day. No problem right...it is only a 25’ x 50’ pole barn for 6 high school girls, 1 high school boy and 4 ambitious young Rotarians. While we were waiting for the building material, we had to excavate by hand...picks, shovels, wheel barrows you get the idea right...the entire perimeter of the foundation. This was done to keep the snakes away. When is that building material arriving? No problem we still have 5 days. The next morning still no material...that’s OK...we still have to excavate for the water line. How long did you say that trench was? Only 300 feet...we are experts with all these hand tools now...after working for 2 days digging, picking, and shoveling the only casualties were blisters on our hands and feet. Do you know what the average temperature is in Honduras?

The material finely arrived about 4:00pm. Fred Weir and I started taking an inventory of the material that was delivered. It did not take us long to figure out that the lumber that was delivered would be used to frame the roof. That’s funny I thought most people realized that you really need to build walls first. Keep in mind this is Honduras, Lowes or Home Depots do not exist in Honduras...any materials are 4 hours away. No problem we still have 4 days. When we got to the construction site the next morning we had a plan...we were ready and willing... “what do you mean the extension cord doesn’t reach?” Remember what I said about flexibility. We had to move all of the building material to where the extension cords would reach. Any sawing, drilling or milling had to be done within the reach of the extension cord, then we moved the material to where it would be installed. We made all of the trusses we could that day until we ran out of material...we were only short one truss. Not a problem...the rest of the material is on its way. When the material arrived I had just enough daylight to count everything that was delivered so I could come up with a plan. Not a problem 3 days left.

The next morning we started on the walls. This day went pretty smooth. I think we all started to adjust to the Honduran way of life. We put those walls up in no time, the team work was incredible. The walls went up that day without a hitch. The next step was setting our handmade trusses. Keep in mind our team...6 high school girls, 1 high school boy, 4 young Rotarians, our hosts David and Jim. Those trusses were very

heavy...I was a little concerned about our safety. The trusses only had to go up 12 feet. Where is the crane?

That evening we talked with our host about getting help. Our host said that would not be a problem. I hope the help is more reliable than the material delivery...2 more days.

The next morning we were pleasantly surprised. We had 6 carpenters show up to help with the project. These Honduran carpenters were very good...very ambitious and very hard workers. They helped with every aspect of the project... setting trusses, purlins and roof sheathing. The students were installing the chain link fence as the roof was being completed. By the end of the second day working with the Honduran carpenters we were overcoming our communication barriers. We were joking and just plain having fun completing the project. We paid those carpenters twice what they would have earned at their normal jobs. It was a real win-win situation. We completed the “chicken coop” on time with the help of our Honduran carpenters.

So back to the original question “why did I join Rotary?” Well the answer is pretty simple, Rotary provides opportunities, opens doors, and helps to form people’s lives. Rotary, in plain words, does amazingly good things in this world! That is why I joined Rotary.



BELOW:
40th Centerville
Rotary Club President
Erich Eggers and his
daughter Lindsey in
Honduras.





This is Rotary



Rotary Information

A CHRISTMAS STORY

by Mae Berkel

A counselor of a school in Centerville wrote the following letter not too long ago:

"I find myself in a position to help a little boy and his family. A 10-year old at our school has been diagnosed with a terrible, rare disease, called Dock-8-Mutation. He has basically little or no immune system and the prognosis is not good. Mom is a single mother with 4 kids. Her paycheck depends on her being at work, which is tough because she is so often at the hospital. My heart breaks for her. We are reaching out in every way at our school with fundraisers, church donations, staff donations, clubs and groups. We are hoping to provide mom with enough money to pay her bills for four months. If he gets a bone marrow transplant, that's about what she will need since she will have to stay near him at the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. I have known this family for eight years and I know this to be a hard working woman doing her best for her children. She often works 50 hours a week, which is difficult on her children, but what choice does she have? She is not on welfare. This, finally is just a bit more than she can handle alone. I am writing to all of you to ask if you would like to help. Maybe you are in a position to help a little, maybe a lot. So many of us hear sad stories on the news and don't know how to help. Here's a little guy

who I know, and we can touch his life. I know whatever we collect will go directly to paying her rent, heat, food and car. Money should not be her primary worry at this most heart breaking time."

Our Centerville club heard about this sad story and decided to give the Christmas jar money to this sick child. The question is "how do we get enough money into a jar?" Just our small change would never amount to much. So the club did crazy things, having members pay for chocolates in crystal dishes, bought from rummage sales. Raffling off bottles of champagne with glasses, signed by the District Governor of our district from two years ago. Giving a dinner for \$100



ABOVE:
Menu for the
Christmas Jar Dinner.

BELOW:
Rotarians at the
"2011 Christmas
Jar Dinner"





ABOVE:
Christmas Jars written
by Jason Wright.

BELOW:
Christmas jars
and book.

a person which was attended by 16 people. We wrote the counselor our good news telling her that we would be able to pay at least for one month “less problems” for the family. We received a note back which said:

“OH MY GOSH!!! This is so exiting. You brought a tear to my eye! THANK YOUR CLUB. I hope you all know you are the embodiment of the Christmas spirit! There are no words to express how much this will help this family. Blessing to you all.”

Now WHAT exactly is a Christmas jar? Just a jar where we saved money in, but the story started with the “Christmas Jars” book written by Jason Wright. Money is given anonymously to people in need and the story of this sick young boy fits the purpose of the Christmas jar (“help without being rewarded”) perfectly.

So some “elves” got together having great fun and bringing three jars filled with money to the home of the sick boy. They rang the bell and ran away, but made sure that the door was opened and the jars taken in. Then we received an e-mail with a story submitted by a lady from Centerville and this is what she wrote:

“My Christmas miracle was the Christmas jars I received on my front porch two nights ago from an anonymous Christmas angel! I am a single mother of 4 children and in October my youngest son was diagnosed with a very rare, life threatening disease called Dock-8-Mutation. The only treatment currently being tried for these

patients is a bone marrow transplant. Due to the many appointments and with needing to be home more with my children I have been unable to work much these past few months. When I opened the door and saw these jars and the book “Christmas Jars”, me and my son broke down and cried. We were so touched! My youngest son said while in tears ‘mommy people really love me and they are helping me.’ The Christmas jars are a true Christmas miracle and we are so grateful. The Centerville community has been so wonderful to me and my family during this difficult time. The community is beyond amazing! Thanks again for bringing cheer and joy to our hearts. We are so grateful.”

The Centerville Rotary is a relatively small club with 56 members, but together we were able to contribute together a total of \$3,600 for this sick boy who now feels so much loved. Isn’t this what Rotary is all about?

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”



THE STORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



LEFT:
The first four
Rotarians: Silvester
Schiele, Paul P.
Harris, Hiram Shorey,
and Gustavus Loehr.

Rotary’s early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who was an engraver.

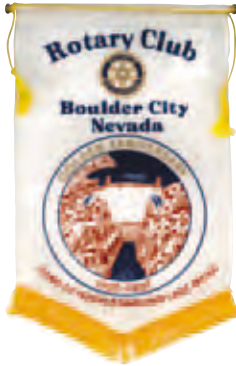
He designed the emblem to represent both civilization and movement. Most of the early Rotary clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another. The present emblem, 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted in 1924. A keyway was added to signify usefulness. An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention.



The world’s first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices. Rotary’s popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs



ABOVE:
Flag from the Rotary
Club of Indianapolis.
The club was
organized in 1913.



ABOVE:
Flag from the Rotary
Club in Boulder City,
Nevada. The club
was organized in
1937.



ABOVE:
A group of
Rotarians at the
1922 international
convention in Los
Angeles.

TOP RIGHT
CORNER:
The 1931-32 Board
of Directors



were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization formally adopted the name “Rotary International” a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members’ professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization’s dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: **Service Above Self**. By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000

members. The organization’s distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, and composer Jean Sibelius.

During World War II, many clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the



postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of UNESCO. In 1945, 49 Rotary club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and covering the United Nations in its publications. *“Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world,”* former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain once declared.

After the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The first Russian Rotary club was chartered in 1990, and the organization underwent a growth spurt for the next several years.

In 1989, the organization voted to admit women into clubs worldwide and now claims more than 145,000 female members in its ranks.

In 1985 Rotary decided to dedicate itself towards the eradication of poliomyelitis (“polio”) a crippling, devastating and deadly disease which

had cost tens of thousands of children their lives and in addition had crippled hundreds of thousands around the world. With many partners such as the CDC, WHO and the Gates Foundation, in 2012 RI has almost eradicated polio around the world. (See polio article on page 70)

As it approached the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet society’s changing needs, expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk. The seven priorities of Rotary International are:

- (1) Eradicate polio.
- (2) Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary.
- (3) Increase Rotary’s capacity to provide service to others.
- (4) Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality.
- (5) Emphasize Rotary’s unique vocational service commitment.
- (6) Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI.
- (7) Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organization.

Today, 2 million Rotarians belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



ROTARY’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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

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

ABOVE:
Bill Gates, whose
foundation donated
\$405 million to
Rotary for the
eradication of polio.

BELOW:
Flag from the Rotary
Club in Stephenville,
Texas. The club was
organized in 1946.





AVENUES OF SERVICE

Based on the Object of Rotary, the “Avenues of Service” are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based. The five avenues of service are:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

New Generations focuses on Rotary’s youth programs.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

In 1932, Herbert J. Taylor, the newly appointed president of a nearly bankrupt Chicago cookware company, believing his employees were in need of an “ethical yardstick,” wrote four questions on a small, white piece of paper: **Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

This became the *Four-Way Test*, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. It is a story so

familiar to most Rotarians that it has evolved beyond lore and has become assimilated into the genetic code of the organization.

In the 57 years since Taylor graced the cover of *Newsweek* magazine as president of Rotary International during its 50th anniversary year, *The Four-Way Test* is still front and center in Rotary circles, with many club members reciting it during meetings and applying it to personal and professional challenges. Currently, in the midst of another economic crisis and a period marked by corporate greed and scandal, this seems an appropriate time to renew acquaintance with one of the key mantras from Rotary.

MISSION

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is “to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.”

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavor to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs. A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.”

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, it was renamed as “The Rotary Foundation”, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property...as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth. However, the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947 contributions began pouring into the Foundation, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities

in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants. The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1985, and the next year brought “Rotary Grants for University Teachers”. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation’s “peace and conflict studies programs.”

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name. Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.



ABOVE:
RI President
Arch C. Klumph



BELOW:
Herbert J. Taylor:
“the inventor” of the
4-Way Test.

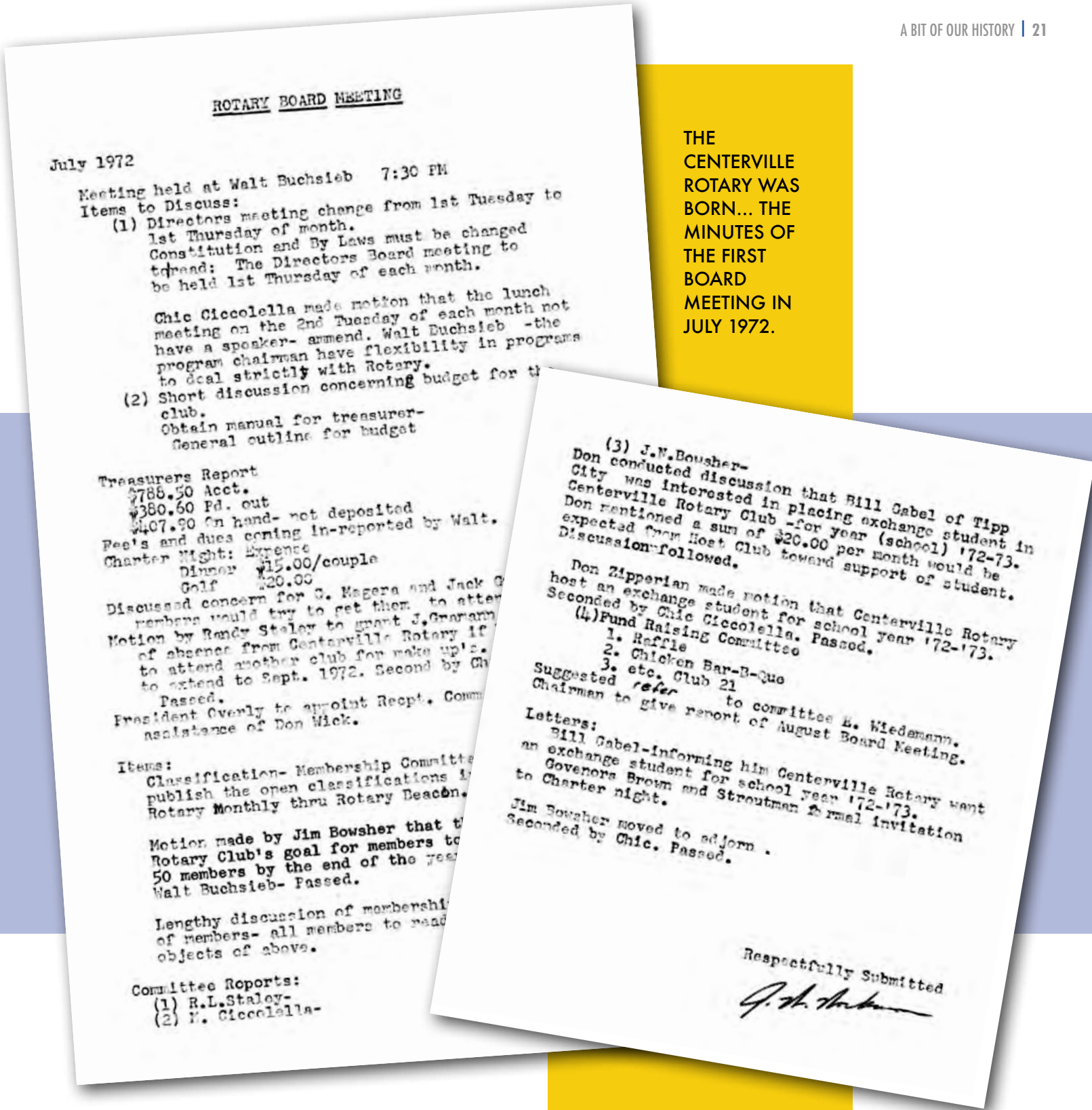




A BIT OF OUR HISTORY



THE ORIGINAL CHARTER DOCUMENT



THE CENTERVILLE ROTARY WAS BORN... THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST BOARD MEETING IN JULY 1972.

1972-73

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS
VICE PRESIDENT-DON WICK SECRETARY-JACK WORKMAN TREASURER-WALT BUCHSIEB SGT. AT ARMS-HARVEY SMITH ASS'T. TREAS.-ROD RICHLEY ASS'T. SEC'Y.-ERNIE WIEDEMANN	WALT BUCHSIEB MIKE CICCOLELLA DON OVERLY RANDY STALEY DON WICK JACK WORKMAN LOY SLOAN

BEACON STAFF: NEAL TIDWELL-JOHN THOMPSON
RUSS BRINKMAN

The 1972-73 Rotary year was a time of discovery. First, we discovered that the treasury was not in a state of opulence. With this finding, the One Hundred Dollar A Month Club was formed which generated an income of \$ 1200.

Next, we discovered several needy families in the area and a club project was born, providing food to these families at Thanksgiving time.

The joy of hosting an exchange student from Mexico was also discovered by club members. The Wick's, Ciccolella's, and Kelso's hosted our first exchange student, Humberto "Pancho" Velez.

As a new club we spent considerable time on considering ways to better serve the community, planning for the future, and in searching for new members that have since contributed in making Centerville Rotary the vibrant organization it is today.

1979-80

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT-ELECT-JOHN THOMPSON VICE PRESIDENT-JACK WORKMAN SECRETARY-DICK HOBACK TREASURER-DEE HILL SGT. AT ARMS-MIKE FITZGERALD ASS'T. TREAS.-ROBIN PARKER ASS'T. SEC'Y.-LAUFERSWEILER BEACON EDITOR- WENDEL TUCKER HISTORIAN- NICK PETH	JOHN T JACK DICK DEE DON HOB GLE JEF MI

Rotary Year 1979/80 began with a pat on the back for retiring Pres. Mike Hayde during Changing of the Guard dinner at the Sycamore Country Club on June 26th, 1979. District Gov. Jack Swagler honored our club with an early visit at our August 16th luncheon meeting. "Young" Gov. Jack was the youngest trainee at the R.I. training meeting held in Florida, a must for incoming Governors. Early on the Centerville Club agenda was the planning for a joint 75th Rotary birthday party to be hosted by Miamisburg Rotary, the Parent Club of West Carrollton, Germantown, Centerville and Kettering. For a nice promotional job, thanks, Russ and Neal. Paul Harris awards were granted to Past Pres. Russ Brinkman and Harvey Smith. - Instead of one we had two exchange students during the year, Ari Vieroula from Finland, and Manuel Roman from Ecuador. The Centerville Rotary Educational Foundation made 3 scholarship awards, \$500.00 ea., to outstanding students. 100% of our members contributed \$15.00 ea. to the Health, Hunger and Humanity project. There were few such 100% clubs in our district. What a privilege it is to share the fellowship of this splendid, enthusiastic group of Rotarians! To finish the year right, several Centerville Rotarians and "Anns" attended the 75th "Birthday Party Convention" in Chicago. A wonderful party, with more than 7,000 "sit down" dinners in one room, they say a record for even Chicago.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THE CLUB.

1974-75

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT ELECT-BILL DAVIS VICE PRESIDENT-HARVEY SMITH SECRETARY-RUSS BRINKMAN TREASURER-MIKE HAYDE SGT. AT ARMS-MIKE CICCOLELLA ASS'T. TREAS.-LEE HIERONYMUS ASST'T. SECRETARY-DON SORTMAN	BILL DAVIS HARVEY SMITH RUSS BRINKMAN MIKE HAYDE NEAL TIDWELL JOHN THOMPSON NELS ANDERSON JOHN LAUFERSWEILER

BEACON STAFF: DAVE HILL - JOHN THOMPSON

Our third year continued some traditions and started some new ones. Johnny Hall from Sweden was our consecutive Youth Exchange Student. Gov. Jim, the "Valentine" and his Rotary Ann were highlighted at our first lottery, the "100 Dollar A Month Club", netted \$ 1200.00. Our auction, which featured Don Overly's ice skates more than once, netted \$ 1300.00. Service projects include: Clean-Up Fix-Up Week, Safety Village, Little League Baseball, YMCA, CHS Radio Station WCMT, Centerville Co. Ed. Retired Washington Twp. Fire Chief Louis Campbell was honored as the first Outstanding Citizen named by our club. Student guests became a regular feature, we held a "Dads Day" and began observing Secretary's Day. A project that captured our hearts was the assisting of handicapped children at the Ox Roast. We had 3 months of 100% attendance. We became 300% club in supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Our Past President Plaque was initiated at the Installation Banquet where, as the gavel was turned over to incoming Pres. Bill Davis, as our infant club progressed from Pampers to training pants.

1981-82

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PRESIDENT-ELECT-DEE HILL VICE PRESIDENT -DICK HOBACK SECRETARY-GLENN COPELAND ASS'T. SEC.-DON GERHARDT TREASURER-FRED JACKSON SGT. AT ARMS-JACK BOWMAN ASS'T. TREAS.-JOHN SAEVLY	DEE HILL DICK HOBACK GLENN COPELAND DON GERHARDT FRED JACKSON ROBIN PARKER WENDEL TUCKER TOM HABEGGER JOE WILLIAMSON

The goal for Centerville Rotary, as we entered our 10th year, was that each Rotarian will look upon the year and say "We enjoyed Rotary more in 1981-1982".

Fund Raising Projects:

- (1) Held the 2nd Centerville Rotary Run
- (2) Weekly Raffle
- (3) Spaghetti Dinner - A Great Success

Most Dinners Served
Most Dollars Grossed
Most Dollars net
Most Member Participation

Social Functions were:

- (1) Annual Reds Baseball Trip
- (2) Family Cookout - Ceasers Creek
- (3) Christmas Party - Tony's
- (4) Family Dinner - Normandy Church
- (5) 10th Anniversary Dinner-Dance - Holidome

Exchange students Stephen and Gidia left us a 3 month of 100% attendance-Nov., Dec., and Jan. Resignation of President Elect Dave Hill. The deaths of Glen Copeland, Judy Emmerick, wife of Norm Emmerick and the father of Roger Lucas.

1976-77

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The beginning of Centerville Rotary's fifth year was highlighted by the arrival of our exchange student, Patty Galvez, from Mexico. She began her stay in our community at the Darryl Kenning home. The Board of Directors set a goal for the year of 47 members; this figure was reached by March. Jim Hilt, Mark Ely, Fred Jackson, Glen Copeland, Jim Hilt, Wendell Kraus and Mike Fitzgerald were the new members initiated during the year. It was determined that a permanent Scholarship Fund be established for local students. In order to begin funding this activity, we planned and held our first annual Spaghetti Dinner at Antonio's in March, 1977. That first year's profits were \$ 1300, all of which was deposited in the Scholarship Fund as a base upon which to build. We were on our way! The club was surprised and honored to be presented the year's award for the Outstanding Club in District 667, at the District Conference in April, by Governor Art Vollmer. The year was climaxed by a Fifth Anniversary Celebration at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon.

CENTERVILLE ROTARY CLUB
20th ANNIVERSARY
&
INSTALLATION CEREMONY
1992/1993
CENTERVILLE ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT
DAVE MCDANIEL
GOVERNOR OF ROTARY DISTRICT 6670
RUSS BRINKMAN

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 1992-93

DER DUETCHLER
WAYNESVILLE, OHIO
JUNE 26, 1992

INVITATIONS FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Centerville Rotary Club
25th Anniversary Banquet
June 29, 1997
(Material preparation by Don Overly, presentation by Robin Parker)

Invocation -- Harvey Smith

District Governor **Marion Penick** could not attend this evening. INTRODUCE District Governor Elect **Chuck Sweeting** and his wife **Andrea**. (2' of comments from D.G. elect Sweeting)

INTRODUCE Past District Governors and their spouses. (Have them remain standing and applause after the last introduction)

- Bob Hay-gler and Andrea 73-74
- Byron Shephard and Barbara 83-84
- Rodger Borrer and Phyllis 82-83
- Harvey Smith and Carolyn 86-87

Tommy Cobb, D.G. Nominee Nominee and ???

Sue Anderson
Judy Brinkman
Sue Hill

Presidents and guests from other District 6670 Clubs.

President Lynne and ask her to have this year's officers stand and be recognized.

Centerville Community Chorus (20' performance)
Director
Nancy Perrin, Pianist
Dick Flagel, Got it going



CONGRATULATIONS

WHEREAS, Rotary International, an organization of service clubs known as Rotary Clubs are located all over the world. There are over 1.2 million members worldwide; 33,000 clubs of which 52 clubs are in Southwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is the largest private provider of international scholarships and gives out over 1,000 Ambassadorial Scholarships every year which enable students to study abroad for a year, as well as serve as cultural ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the **104th Anniversary** of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, The Centerville Rotary Club has been involved with many local community projects such as granting of annual college scholarships to area students, funding of student and adult international exchanges, the construction of the gazebo at Benham's Grove, and recently the new picnic shelter at the Oak Grove Park.

NOW THEREFORE, I, C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor of the City of Centerville, on behalf of the City Council and all residents, do hereby extend sincere congratulations to **Rotary International** on this **104th Anniversary** and urge all citizens to be cognizant of the influence for good being accomplished by Rotary Clubs, working within the true spirit of their motto "Service Above Self".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Centerville, Ohio, to become affixed this 19th day of February, 2009.


C. MARK KINGSEED, MAYOR



Centerville Rotary Club

eBulletin

Service Above Self Thursday, March 25, 2010 Club Web Site

Editor: Dan Sortman
If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

CENTERVILLE ROTARY HAPPENINGS --

By Dan E. Sortman

Greeters This Week: Matt Kuhn & Jack Workman

Greeters Next Week: Jim Landsiedel & Joyce Young

President Elect Mark Kingseed

30 rotarians & 100 guests

Pledge to Service

Future Speakers

Mar 25 2010
Lee, Jack and Hans
"Polio and Nigeria"

Apr 1 2010
Susanne Jacobsen
"Dayton International School"

Apr 8 2010
Lt. Col Alan Anderson
"Honor Duty and Military Service"

Apr 15 2010
Nikima Barnhill
"Where Business Starts (State of Ohio Business Service Division)"

Apr 22 2010
Charlie Shoemaker
"S River Metro Parks"

Apr 29 2010
Daryl Smith
"Making the Big Red Machine"

May 6 2010
Hans Berkl (Dutch GSE Team)
"Dutch GSE team"

May 13 2010
Kim Snow
"Sinclair Updates"

May 20 2010
Julia Maxton
"Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce"

May 27 2010
Club Assembly
"Club Assembly"

Upcoming

ROTARY BEACON

CENTERVILLE OHIO

PROGRAMS

Last Week
Bruce Ziegler, Coordinator of the Americana Festival, explained the plans for 1980. The Festival is being expanded into a full-scale community event. The date will be July 4. The events will include: a parade, live entertainment, and an evening performance with fire works.

Today
Our own world traveler and travel lecturer, Harvey Smith, will bring us the adventures of Spain.

November 15
Tom Habegger presents Gordy Coleman.

November 22
Thanksgiving Day

November 29
Harriet Hieronymus, who will probably deny any knowledge of Lee, will talk on "George Washington Carver."

December 6
Russ Brinkman and
Health, Hunger,

December 13
M.D. and

Greeters - November
Eugene Betz
Jack Bowman

Visitors - November 1
Phil Tibbetts
Bill Drury
Ed Martin
Harry Redman

Make-Ups - October
Gene Betz
Ed Jones
Jim Landsiedel
Don Overly
Mike Perkins

Attendance - Fantastic !
The Centerville Club has moved to the number 7 spot in the district. Each member is to be commended for the 88.1% attendance record.

Quarterly Statements
Your checks are overdue. Bring them to Rotary next week or mail to Dick Hoback, 7702 Normandy Lane, Centerville, 45459.

Beacon Information
It is time to up-date the membership information. If you have moved or had any of the pertinent facts, let the editor this week.

The BEACON

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