

THE HISTORY OF HUDSON DAYBREAK ROTARY

(In a Nutshell)

- **The Hudson Rotary Club chartered March 5, 1951:**

Charter officers:

- Harry Blakeman, President
- Rev. Harold Winter, Vice President
- D.H. Sather, Secretary
- Dr. Milton Cornwall, Treasurer
- Board members: Martin Trollen, James Klund & Peter A. Tweet

- **Sponsoring Club:**

Menomonie Rotary Club, District 208

- **Charter Meeting at the Hotel Hudson menu:**

Ham, scalloped potatoes, and peas (mmmmm peas)

Hotel Hudson is now the
Tulgren Square Building.
The corner is now the
Chamber entrance.



HOTEL HUDSON

HUDSON, WIS.

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The Early Days



1951: Rotary Club bought what is now known as “Coon’s Hill” as a public recreation area.

1950s

Early 1950s: Rotary starts “Citizen of the Year” program, now part of Chamber All-City Banquet each January.

1952: Rotary sponsors the first “pushmobile derby,” event

1953: First Halloween Parade

1956: Club launches Annual Heart Fund Drive

1958: Rotary Institutes two annual scholarships of \$200.

Rotary Scholarships are now the largest single scholarships awarded at HHS.



1960-70s

1963: Rotary moves to The Sports Club on Second Street in downtown Hudson when the Hotel Hudson dining room closes

1965: Rotary begins Junior Achievement program in Hudson area schools

1976: Rotary celebrates silver anniversary! Brochures of the time geared toward “Rotary wives-now your husband is a Rotarian. What are your suggested responsibilities?”



Big Change in the 80s

1987 WOMEN ADMITTED INTO ROTARY

- **In 1977**, the Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif., admitted three women, defying its standard-issue constitution. The club refused to remove the women and Rotary International revoked its charter.
- **In 1987**, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled against Rotary, saying it couldn't revoke a club's charter for admitting women.
- **Immediately following the Supreme Court decision, Hudson Rotary Club votes to admit women:**
 - Julie Lohman, former assistant administrator at HMC, admitted as first female Rotarian 1987
 - Within next 18 months, Kay Walsh, Becky Becken and Barbara Butler inducted

1989 HUDSON GETS TWO CLUBS

- **1989-1990:** Discussion over the meeting time of the club leads to a survey in which a group of Rotarians indicate an interest in morning meetings.
- Because of the interest in starting a morning club, the Hudson Rotary Club board voted unanimously on March 12, 90 to extend/sponsor a morning club.
- Following this action - Hudson Daybreak Rotary Club Charters on 1 July 1990. The Charter banquet was attended by 97 Rotarians and 5 District Governors.

**“I would
support 2 clubs
in Hudson.”
49 vote yes
4 vote no**

HUDSON DAYBREAK ROTARY

Charter Members:

- Duwayne Bakke
- Roger Bevers
- Alan Burchill
- Barbara Butler
- Patrick Casanova
- John Cassidy
- Terry Chick
- Al Connors
- Dan Dixon
- Steve Dunlap
- John Duntley
- Bill Filipiak
- Bryan Godtland
- Sylvia Grubb
- Jeff Hallbeck
- Jeff Hitchcock
- Dave Holt
- John Knutson
- Julie Lohman
- Keith Lueneburg
- Jim Lutiger

- John Marnell
- Thomas O'Connell
- Pat O'Connor
- Sharon Pollock
- Jim Richardson
- Ed Skor
- Daryl Standafer
- Herb Till
- Ron Weiler
- Steve Wilcox
- Bob Zientara

Charter officers

- Dan Dixon, President
- Steve Wilcox, Past President
- Bob Zientara, Vice President
- John Duntley, Secretary./Treasurer
- Directors
 - Jim Richardson
 - Julie Lohman
 - Barbara Butler

1980s & 90s

THE BEGINNING OF MANY OF OUR MAJOR EFFORTS IN:

- Fundraising
- Community Projects
- International Projects
- Leadership
- Enhancing Opportunities for Youth & Creating a Better Community for All!

FUNDRAISING

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In 1981, we saw the start of much larger fundraising efforts that would benefit the Hudson community.

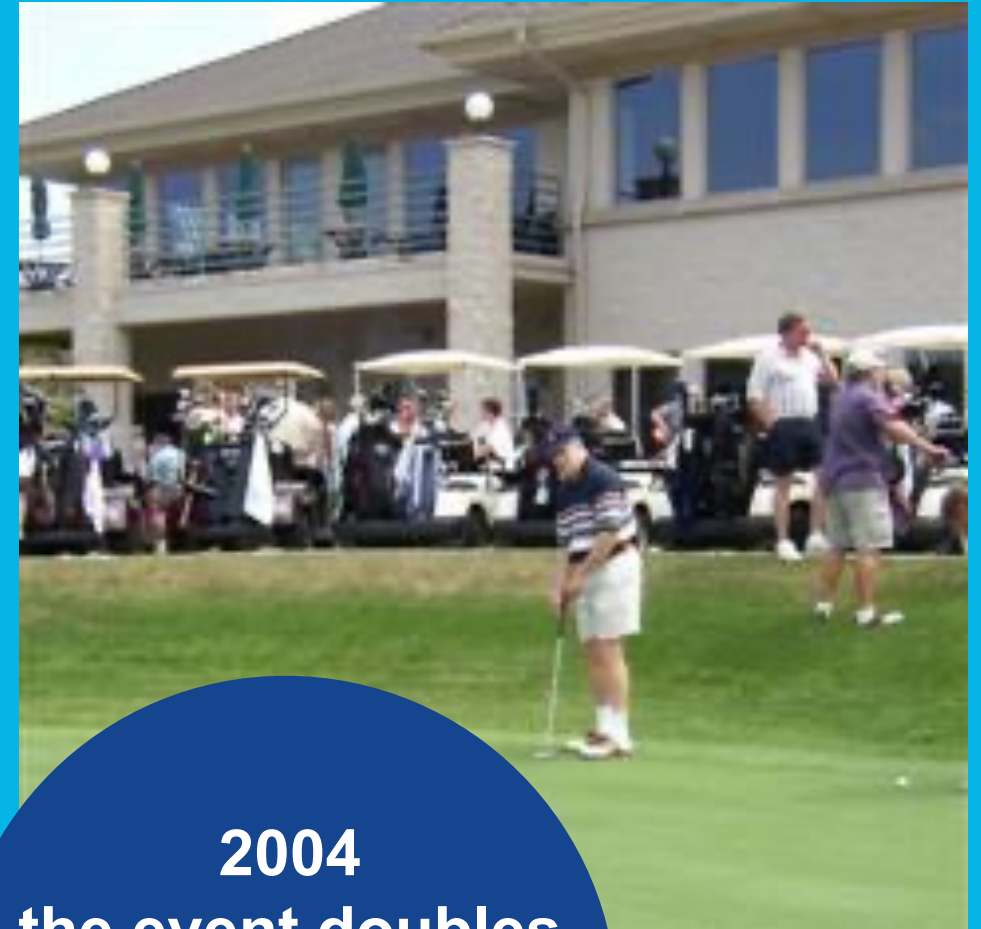
**1981
is the first
Golden Opportunity
Dinner fundraiser.**

**The event runs for
decades, raising well
over half a million
dollars.**



**1990
the Annual
Rotary Golf
Tournament
begins.**

**Did you
know this event
began in the
1970s as a Club
outing?**



**2004
the event doubles
in size making
it our largest
fundraiser.**



2003

**Marks the start
of the Car Raffle with
both Rotary Clubs.**

**The fundraiser is
paused for the first
time in 2020 due
to Covid.**

**HOME RUN FOR
HUDSON!**

TEST DRIVE - 2014 FORD MUSTANG!!

LET'S PLAY TWO FOR OUR

HUDSON
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2019: Both Clubs work to make Taste of Hudson is a success!





Other Fundraisers have included:

- The Rose Sale
- The Winter Gala
- Rummage Sale
- Wine and Cheese Social
- Dancing with the Stars
- (Selling fruit door to door)

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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Giving back with
time, talents, and
our support.



Park Projects:

- **1991 - 1992:** “Infamous” Prospect Park Pavilion sandblast and painting
- **1996-1997:** Two sand Volleyball courts in Lakefront Park.
- **1997-1998:** Three more sand Volleyball courts installed at Prospect and Grandview Parks
- **2007:** Community Built Playground project at Grandview Park
- **2009:** Prospect Park clean up



Y Projects:

- **1996-1997:** Wheel Park for local youth is envisioned.
- **1997-1998:** Through the efforts of both Rotary Clubs, Royalty Park was built, and the \$104,000.00 project was gifted to the St. Croix Valley YMCA.
- **2003:** HDR supports wheel park improvements.
- **2019:** YMCA-Rotary Teen Center Grand Opening with bathrooms.





Other Community Projects:

- Dugouts at Kratley fields in NH
- Batting cages for Girls Softball
- Storage Shed for little league football
- T ball diamond at Town of Hudson
- Athletic electronic board - HHS
- Don't Bully Kids-HPD/Hudson Elementary schools
- Outdoor Classroom at Rivercrest
- Picnic Tables for the Middle School
- Storybook House at Homestead Park

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

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We value our
partnerships and
friendships around
the globe.



Ocotal, Nicaragua

- **1992-1993:** A sports equipment collection in Hudson and River Falls yields an Ambulance full of stuff delivered to Ocotal, Nicaragua!
- **1994:** HDR ships 150 bikes to Ocotal.
- **1997:** Visit to follow up on the first World Community Service project. We witnessed an amazing degree of cooperation among members of the Ocotal City Council -- who included former Contras AND Sandinistas.
- **1998 - :** Shipments continue for several years
- **2006:** HDR Microloan was provided to help start a lumber yard in Ocotal.



Some International Projects have included:

- **1989:** Philippine Tree planting project.
- **1990:** The Jaipur Foot Project in India and Rwanda (Herb Till).
- **1998:** R.O. H. M. S. I. D. Medical Supply collections for worldwide distribution
- **1998:** HDR supports Turkey D2430 following devastating earthquake funding portable hospital.
- **2004:** Microloan to Turkey for Greenhouses
- **2005:** Grant to Turkey for Hospital Supplies
- **2007:** Grant to Turkey for Oncology equipment
- **Polio Plus and The Purple Pinkie!**





2007: HDR introduces Rotaract to ShelterBox



2017: HDR begins to send 4 teams (2017-2020) for a hands-on experience building stoves for the La Chapina Bonita –stove project in Guatemala. More than 1,000 stoves have been built!

**G'day,
Mate!**



Group Study Exchange

2004: Turkey (Steve Wilcox)

2007: Australia (John Knutson)

2014: Czech Republic
(Rob Howard)



Our Youth Exchange Program has provided an opportunity for our local students to experience new cultures and for our club, and the community to be a host to a student.

YOUTH FOCUS

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Our history of hands-on service projects benefit our community and our club.

1993 – JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

- Rotarian volunteer, John Knutson, along with 4 others in the community re-starts the Junior Achievement program in Hudson in 19 classrooms.
- Today with major financial support of the Daybreak Rotary Club, as well as classroom teaching time, Junior Achievement reaches over 3,000 students in 120 classrooms throughout the school district.

**Rotary
holds Business
Day Program**



**Junior
Achievement®**

1994 – DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

- After an inspiring program by Pastor Van Bredesen, the Daybreak Club commits to the “Developmental Assets” concept, a set of positive values & experiences that help youth grow into productive, caring adults; outgrowths of that program include focus groups for area youth needs, career exploration day, involvement with the STRIVE program and an Interact club for youth.
- Because of the “Youth” focus in Rotary, groups such as H.A.T.I., the Hudson Area Teen Initiative, and Community Action are joining in with the Healthy Community, Healthy Youth initiatives.

1994 – STRIVE IS LAUNCHED AT HHS

- STRIVE is an award-winning alternative education “School within a School” for at-risk students, grades 9-12, at Hudson High School.
- The program was designed to focus on a small adult to student ratio creating a close, supportive learning community
- The program features:
 - Individual Learning Plans
 - Eliminating barriers to learning
 - Service and adventure learning requirements
 - Mentorship program
 - Cultural/Educational community trips
 - Close communication and collaboration with families
 - Community partnerships



Youth Projects

- Child Centered Coaching program through community Coach Mentorship
- Hudson Area Teen Initiative Support
- DECA chapter and store
- Rotaract
- Camp RYLA
- Leaf Raking
- Feed My Starving Children with the HHS Football Team
- HHS Honors Breakfast

LEADERSHIP

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We lead not only
in our community,
but also in our
Rotary district.

**1999-2000:
Steve Wilcox
Elected 1st
HDR District
Governor**



2008-2009:
Roy Sjoberg
Elected 2nd
HDR District
Governor

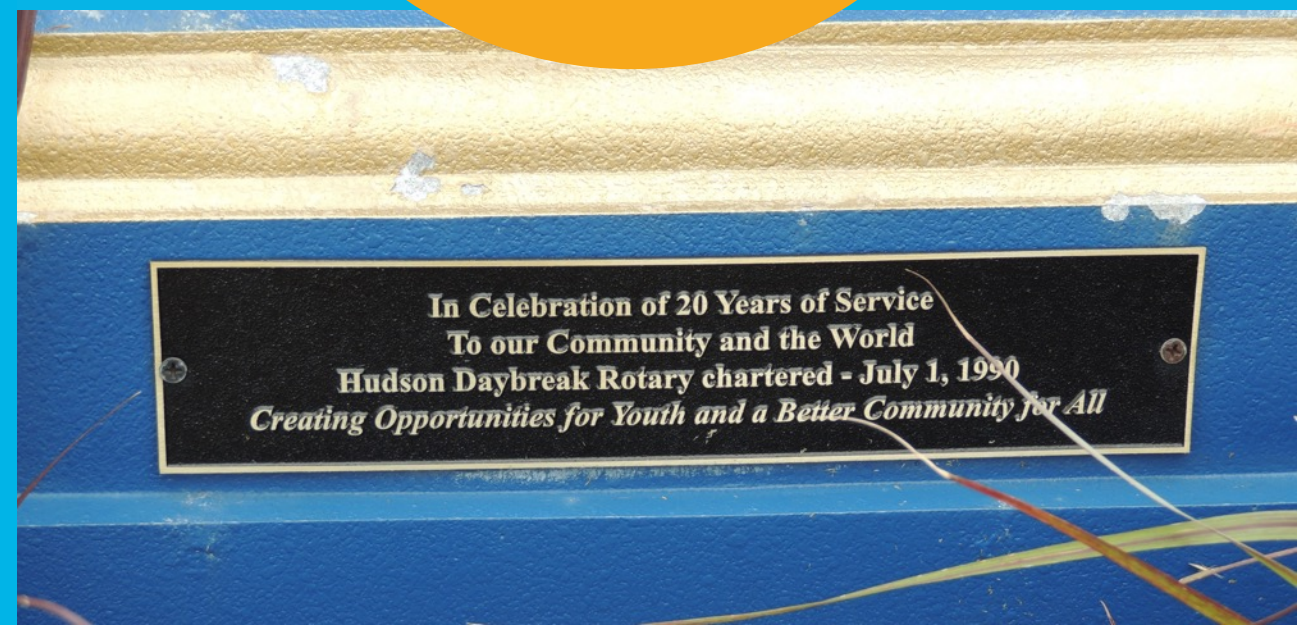


**2011-2012:
Judy Freud
Elected 3rd
HDR District
Governor**





**2010:
Hudson Daybreak
Rotary celebrates
20 Years in
the Hudson
community.**



2013: HDR BECOMES A PAUL HARRIS CLUB



RESPONDING TO CHANGE

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This past year was challenging, but we still accomplished good things.



We started strong by completing our 4th visioning session in our Club's history.





As food insecurity rises, HDR members respond to pack 150 emergency response bags at the John Coughlin Food Resource Center.



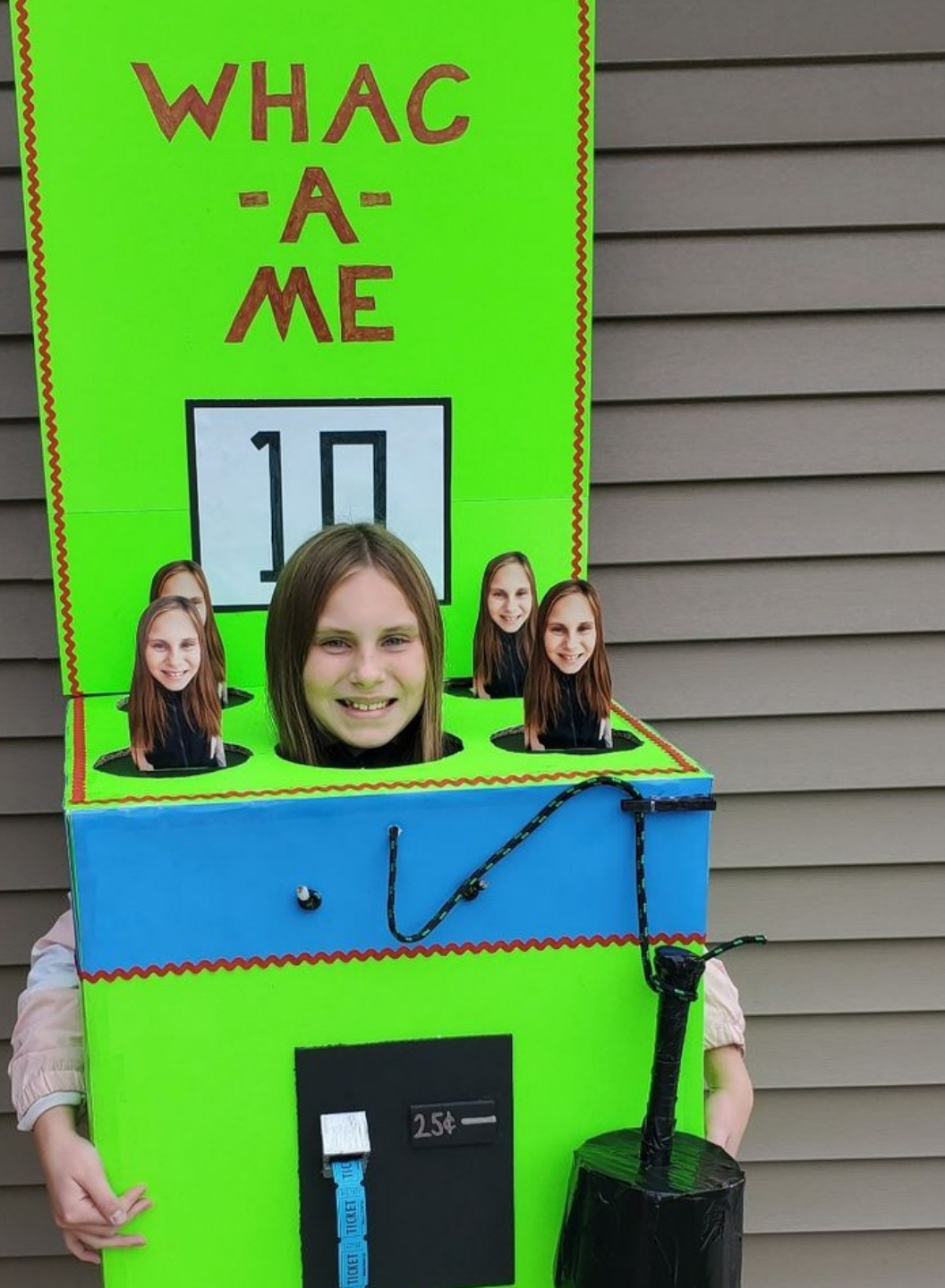
Our Club quickly shifts to hybrid, ensuring member can stay connected.



Our Club worked with the community to “Welcome Back” our local schools in fall.



We updated the Grace Place playground with new borders and Certified Playground Mulch.



Our Golf event was
successful as was
our reimagined
Halloween event!



Our Endowment that
started out modestly
in 2008 reached
\$292,000 in 2020
- Rock on!

PLANO POSTCARDS©



2021 = 70 Years of Rotary in Hudson!





QUESTIONS