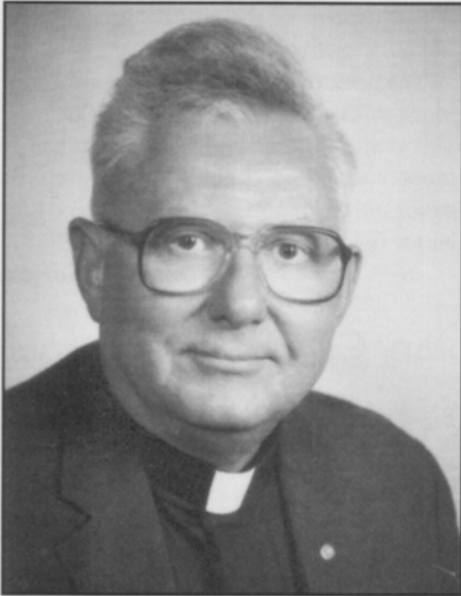
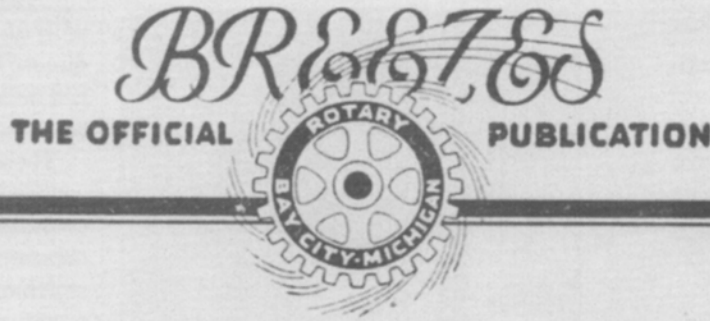




The Breezes, Weekly Bulletin, Award Winner



Rev. Ron Fuller

The weekly bulletin of The Rotary Club of Bay city has been called The Breezes since 1928 and probably before that. The oldest copy we have been able to find was preserved in Chan Gregory's scrapbook and its masthead is reproduced here with the permission of the Gregory family. Chan was a charter member of the club and thanks to his scrapbooks we

have been able to learn a lot about the early history of the club. We do not have a list of all of the editors of this fine publication and I expect there were many. The best we can do is to start with 1965 when John Noell took over. John was an educator and well qualified for the job. He did a fine job for 5 years when Ron Fuller took over.

Ron wrote the Breezes for ten years from 1970 through 1980. During his tenure our weekly newsletter was more than just a news sheet, more than just a calendar of coming events and programs, and more even than an advocate of International Rotary. Almost every week bits of wisdom from statesmen, authors, philosophers and historians were offered for readers' digestion, and ON THE PROPHETIC SIDE became as much a part of The Breezes as any of the other items of interest and purpose. We miss Ron's timely quotes.

We've had many excellent editors of The Breezes in its long history of "Service Above Self." Sadly their names have been lost, as have, indeed, almost all copies of The Breezes in the 90 years of our history as a Rotary Club. But certainly we have to remember Oscar Bridgewater, Patricia Vance and Dave

Rogers and when an editor for some reason could not fulfill the weekly challenge there was Carl Hendershot who would assume these duties over and above his other avenues of service. Carl will forever be remembered as one who exemplified "Service Above Self". We can be thankful that so many over the years of our club's existence have been willing to take on the weekly challenge—and privilege—of composing a weekly Breezes.

Back in the seventies when the District was handing out awards to clubs with the best bulletins our Breezes was awarded first recognition twice and second place twice. A nice distinction at the time and a tribute to Ron Fuller.

Carl Lockwood has saved many copies of The Breezes since he joined the club in 1965 but most of the copies printed prior to that have been lost. In terms of content and spirit, we do indeed hope that The Breezes is not a lost tradition.

Harry Farris

100 Years

ABOUT THIS BOOK

This 40-page history of the Rotary Club of Bay City was a Centennial Project of the club and truly a cooperative effort. Under leadership of chairman Harry Farris, club historian, a group of interested Rotarians began meeting nearly a year ago to plan a publication depicting the 90-year history of the local club in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. Among committee members were Gay McInerney, Dick Van Akker, Carl Lockwood, Linda Heemstra, Don Massnick, Bob Luce, Jerome Yantz, President Mike Stoner, Kathy Czerwinski, Bob Sherman, Ron McGillivray, Ron Fuller, Dave Gregory, Don Carlyon, Andy Rogers, Steve Kent, Jerry Lewless and Gina Escamilla. The editorial and photographic material is contributed by members. The historical items were gathered primarily by Gay McInerney, Executive Director of the Bay County Historical Society and Linda Heemstra, retired Director of the Bay County Library System. The gathered material was coordinated by Harry Farris and Dick Van Akker and edited by Dave Rogers. (Graphic design by Patti McTaggart and printing by Summit Printing of Bay City.)



The Substance of Rotary; A Member's Perspective

In more ways than any one of those of us who are members of this wonderful organization might be able to enumerate, Rotary is distinctive.

In several of those ways, it is unique.

As one Rotarian who has been asked to chronicle the meaning, objectives and services of Rotary, I can attest to the fact that I am constantly reminded and frequently amazed by all that Rotary means to, and accomplishes for, tens of thousands of people throughout the entire world.

Rotary began as a simple regular gathering of like-minded individuals who believed that everyone bears a responsibility for everyone else; and that, for those who were a part of that regular gathering, it meant a responsibility for true service in whatever manner of which they were capable.

Although it has expanded in an unbelievable number of ways and in an unbelievable scope and geographical range, that basic principle has not changed.

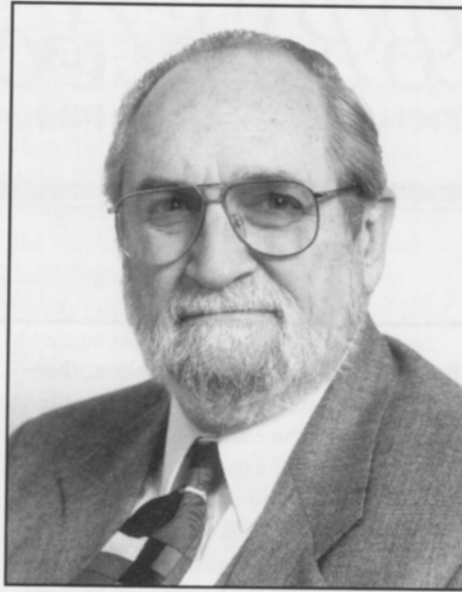
One cannot read the monthly ROTARIAN magazine without learning more about the service of Rotary throughout the world and the range of programs supported by Rotarians. It is easy to be impressed by the fact that there are more than 1.2 million Rotarians in over 31.6 thousand clubs in 166 countries.

It is easy to be impressed by the numbers of famous and accomplished Rotarians such as Neil Armstrong and Frank Borman, the presidents of several countries, Clarence Birdseye (yes, Birdseye Foods), the King of Belgium and the Prince of the Netherlands.

It is equally as easy to be impressed by the many, many kinds of service, which Rotarians worldwide provide to their neighbors, communities, and to the world.

However, and that however is very big, it is not so easy to comprehend what Rotary is capable of; and has accomplished in the years since its beginnings — and, more importantly, what it intends to accomplish now and in its future.

Is there any other organization — government, private, corporate — ANY other organization in the world that would have had the capability, the resources, the membership, (even the "chutzhah," if you



Donald J. Carlyon

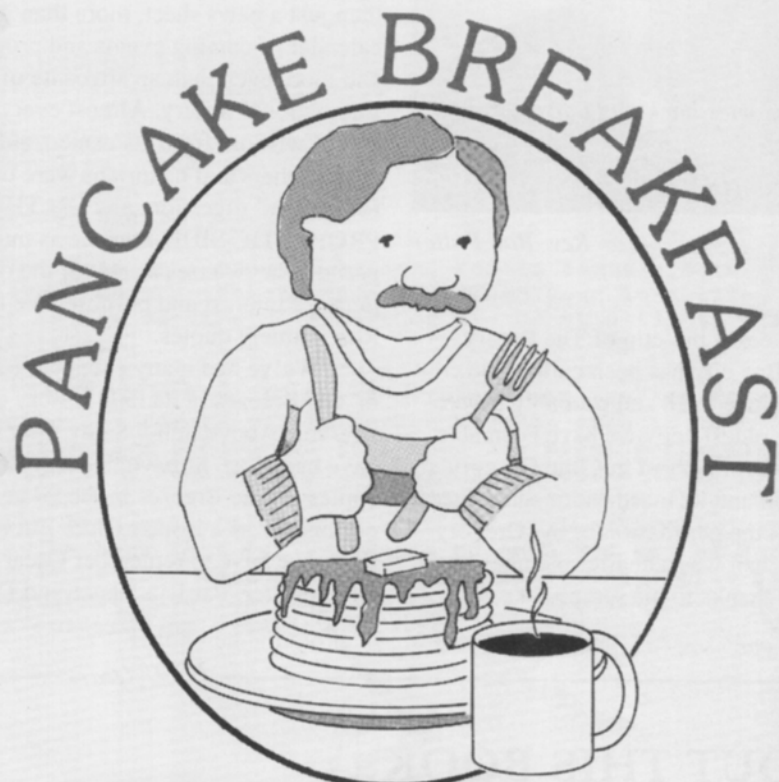
will) of attempting to eradicate a major disease from the face of the earth, which had bedeviled mankind for centuries? I can think of only one — ROTARY.

There is one other clue to the significance of this wonderful organization. If comics or cartoonists want to make fun of the service organizations of the world, which one is the one they choose to represent all the rest, which one is the one that has instant recognition to the rest of the population of the United States? Right! It is always Rotary.

What more can Rotary do than the kinds of things it has done to date over 100 years? No one knows — not even ourselves. All we do know is that we will never quit trying to help and to make life better for any who can use our help.

Donald J. Carlyon

Bay City Rotary Club



Sunday, April 14, 1996

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bay City Central High School

Parking - South Side

Adults
\$4.00

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6 to 10 \$2.50
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THE LETTER SHOP



Fellowship is Among Rotary Aims

A Real Rotarian

The following poem was taken from the Rotarian Magazine about 1970.

It Can Happen to You!

*It's beyond belief, but the average guy
With bland distrust, may ask you why
You're willing to give up a
whole darn day
When you might have been somewhere,
making more hay
Scrounging around for a buck or two
To pay to Internal Revenue.*

*Don't try to explain it,
they won't comprehend
That ours is a vision that
does transcend
Mere grubbing for wealth,
that our reward
Is something that no one
can ever hoard
The more we give of ourselves,
the more
Comes back and adds to
our growing store
Of satisfaction. This lends real zest to
the working our of the Four Way Test
All this won't come to the average man
But it does, to a real Rotarian.*

Philip Meyers,
Lumber Manufacturer,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Rotary Club Towson, Maryland



*Cindy Chadwick, Tim Holsworth, Mark Hardy
and Jeff Yantz enliven meetings as sergeants at arms.*

— 100 Years —

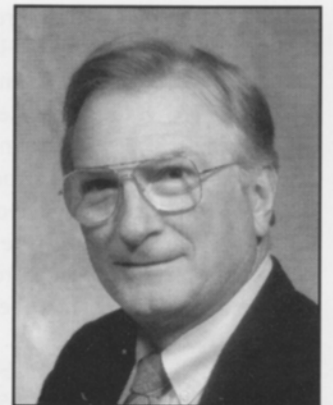
Carl Lockwood: A Real Rotarian

Carl joined the Bay City Rotary Club in June 1965 at the insistence of his boss. He wasn't too anxious since he was already a Kiwanian but soon discovered that he believed in the principles of Rotary and became a "Real Rotarian," not just a member.

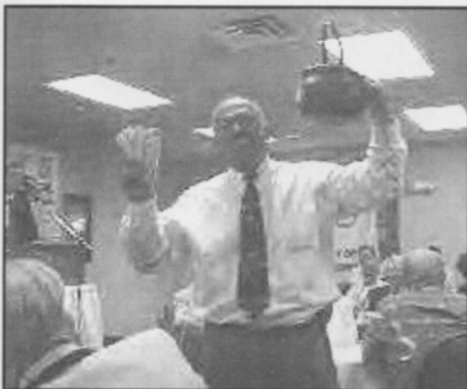
From the beginning, Carl would do anything that was asked of him and suggested other things that he could do. He and John Noell started the Pancake Breakfast, which was our only fund raiser for some years. He served on many committees over the years and was president in 1976-77.

Since his term as president he has remained very active. Carl was present at most board meetings over the years, even when not on the board, because he was always working on one project or another.

He lives in Saginaw Township and many, many Tuesdays he made two trips to Bay City, about 40 miles round trip. Carl is a "Real Rotarian" who truly believes in Service Above Self.



Carl Lockwood



*Past President Hratch Basmadjian's
50-50 donations were dubbed the
"Hratch Factor" by Rob Monroe.*



Handicapped, Other Children Sent to Camps

Conditions impacting upon the welfare of children have been a major concern for Rotarians since the early twentieth century, special emphasis being on children with physical impairments. The Rotary Club of Bay City has taken part in these worthwhile projects from the beginning.

Children were assisted in engaging in various activities. Both normal and physically impaired children were sent to camps throughout the years. The impaired children were guests of the Bay City Club at a Christmas Party each year for well over 50 years. The children met Santa Claus, enjoyed a Christmas meal, took part in carol singing and each received a present. Santa always had one of the most handicapped children sit on his knee and ring the bells while we all sang Jingle Bells.

Though these projects were supported annually by the Rotary Club, there were also many activities by individual members. Included in these, and highlighting the list, was George M. (Max) Brown, M.D. who for 20 years was Chairman of the Bay County Society for Crippled Children and Adults and was the Chairman of the Bay City Rotary's crippled children's committee. Doctor Brown was also a leader when the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District placed a millage proposal before the voters to fund a modern orthopedic wing to be added to an existing school. This would allow the handicapped children the opportunity to mix with the rest of the children in their age group. He performed a leadership role in the community supporting the vote that passed in all but two precincts of the two county district. The Rotary Club was in support of the vote. The wing at Kolb School was named for Doctor Brown attesting to his support for physically impaired children.

One of the charter members of the Bay City Rotary Club, G. W. Ames, a Realtor, left a bequest of five hundred dollars to the program. Rotarian Gerald Lewless has worked for many years on the Shriners efforts for crippled children. These are just a few of the Rotarians who have worked to assist children with impairments.



Boy Scouts at Camp Rotary, Horseshoe Lake, West Branch; below, girls at YWCA Camp Maqua, Loon Lake, Hale.

(Boy Scout photo by permission the Family of Chan Gregory © All Rights Reserved)



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Vocational Days Program Begins in 1950

The first reference we can find having to do with career days came from the October 1950 minutes of the Board of Directors. The club voted to participate in a "Career Day" program in conjunction with the Bay City Board of Education. Many Rotarians participated in this program over the years.

Sometime in the late 70's or early 80's Rotary took over the program and renamed it Vocational Days. Dick VanAkker was chairman of the committee when Griff Acker joined Rotary in 1984 and volunteered for this committee. When Dick was elected President-Elect Griff took over as Chairman. At that time we hosted only students from the Bay City Public School District. Griff decided to expand the program and invited Garber, John Glenn and All Saints and they accepted the invitation

By the middle of the 1990's our club was hosting between 100 and 140 students for a half day job shadowing experience followed by lunch with the Rotarians and an appropriate speaker. The hosts received many thank-you letters from the students who felt they gained a lot from this experience. The program was so popular with the students and the counselors that it had to be expanded to a two-day program. The large increase in numbers was mainly due to two of our



Vocational Days Co-Chair Griff Acker explains the program format for Rotarians and student guests.

members, Debra Lutz, Vice President of Business and Finance at Delta College and Keith Markstrom, Director of the Bay Medical Foundation.

In the late 1990's Ralph Knop joined Griff Acker as co-chair of the committee and they make an excellent team. When All Saints decided to drop out of the program Ralph recruited Valley Lutheran High School to fill the void.

The many Rotarians who have taken the time to host students each year are what has made Rotary Vocational Days a success. Also this program could not have succeeded without these high school counselors, including Morley Fraser, Rich Markel, Brenda Kehrier, Jerry Boehm, Joan Douglas, Tom Jezewski, Gene Rademacher, and John Towerton.



Chemical Bank Bay City President Dom Monastiere introduces students who are interested in banking.



Major Project Helps Bay Lead In Teen Reading

Rotary's "Major Project" Draws Teens to Libraries and Reading

For five years, 1998 - 2003, the Bay City Rotary Club funded a teenage reading program that became a model for other libraries. More teens participated in library programs in Bay County than in any other library in the state, and in 2002 Linda Smith of the Bay County Library System received recognition as Michigan's Outstanding Young Adult Librarian of the Year.

Here's how the program developed. In the mid 1990's, the Rotary Club of Bay City faced a pleasant dilemma - what to do with a \$65,000 fund balance! The membership determined to use it for something that would improve the quality of life and make a significant difference in the community. Deciding the focus of that effort required great club leadership, organization, desire and patience. An intensive strategic planning process, involving every Rotarian, ultimately led to the creation of a Major Projects Committee chaired by Jerome Yantz.

The Major Projects Committee and entire membership worked to identify the most critical needs within the focus areas. They held brainstorming meetings with high school students and sought project applications. A 17-member committee evaluated proposals from 30 organizations and in 1997 made a recommendation to endorse a Young Adult Outreach Librarian project proposed by the Bay County Library System.

"The club looked for a project that would reach as many teenagers as possible - one that would make an impact on our youth. We wanted to make sure we met the need, and we really wanted to have something that was different," said Jerome Yantz. He added that the club was particularly struck by the fact that there was a 60 percent decrease in Summer Reading Program participation as Bay County youth move from sixth to seventh grade, with an even greater decline in later teen years. This project was designed to reverse the trend.

The exciting partnership between Rotary and the Library reached over 10,000 teens throughout the county. Its goal was to identify and meet teen needs for literacy, information, research skills,

pleasure reading and cultural opportunities - to attract more teens to the joy of reading and the excitement of libraries.

Rotary's generous support for the Young Adult Outreach Librarian project involved a club commitment of \$207,598 over a five-year period.

In 1998, this new and innovative library program was one of only a handful across the country which exclusively focused on serving young adults, ages 12-18.

The enthusiastic Teen Advisory Board created a remarkable array of library activities for Bay County's youth, and teens responded in record numbers. Over the course of five years, participation in the teen Summer Reading Program grew from 649 in 1997 to 1,334 in 2003 - a stunning 105% growth. Meanwhile, attendance at special library programs tripled. In 2003 alone, more than 2,754 teens attended 113 different library programs held throughout the school year.

Annually, the teen librarian visited each middle school and made presentations to over 1,000 students.

The teen library program promoted opportunities for all teens, from the at-risk group to the high-achievers. A group of teens from a local juvenile detention

facility came to the library regularly to hear brief book talks, find materials of interest, and attend computer classes. On the spectrum's other end, a tutoring center was organized in which honor society students volunteered three hours a week at the library to assist middle and high school students with math and other subjects.

Bay County teens offered suggestions for the Teen Web Page found on the library's web site <baycountylibrary.org/TeenPage/>. A dynamic homework center supports area school assignments and links to events of interest to young adults such as sports, careers, entertainment, news and health issues, as well as book reviews by Bay County teens. The Homework Center has over 1,000 links on a variety of school related subjects.

Teens helped plan and design the teen rooms for all five new and renovated/expanded library buildings. Their input will create inviting library spaces for generations of teens to come.

The Rotary Club of Bay City truly made a positive difference in the lives of teens throughout Bay County and the state.

Linda Heemstra



Library teens gather to help set up the Friends of the Bay County Libraries' annual used book sale. L-R row 1: Kyle Finlan, Megan Milbourne, Katie Milbourne, Danielle Berg L-R row 2: Kelsey Gatza, Linda Smith, Ashleigh Davenport, Heather Charlebois, Shannon McPhee, Rachel Boyle Row 3: Fred Berg



James G. Birney, IV

Rotary Helps Museum Acquire Birney Sword

A historic Civil War sword, lost for 133 years, has been acquired by the Bay County Historical Society, with the help of the Rotary Club of Bay City.

The sword is said to have been presented by Gen. George A. Custer to Capt. James G. Birney IV, hero at the Battle of Gettysburg. Birney was the son of Judge James Birney, former lieutenant governor of Michigan and U.S. minister to *The Hague* in the Netherlands, forerunner of the United Nations. He was the grandson of James Gillespie Birney, pioneer Bay Cityan and twice candidate for President on the Liberty Party (abolitionist) ticket.

Birney enlisted at age 19 from Hampton Township, Bay County, and served as a lieutenant in the Michigan Cavalry Brigade under Custer. On the third day of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, Custer's brigade defeated Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart in a crucial clash at Hanover. Young Birney was wounded and captured but escaped almost immediately and resumed the fight, displaying the valor recognized by Gen. Custer.

Birney was among troops ordered west to fight Indians under Gen. Phil Sheridan, an assignment rescinded by Members of Congress who opposed the arbitrary posting and voted a \$300 bonus so soldiers could return home.



Bay County Historical Museum Curator, Ron Bloomfield, displays the Birney Sword to club members.

After serving briefly under appointment by President Abraham Lincoln as deputy collector of U.S. Customs of the Port of Bay City, Birney was replaced by President Andrew Johnson after Lincoln's assassination. Leading citizens gave Birney a testimonial dinner complete with celebratory poetry. He re-enlisted and spent five years heading a company of "Buffalo soldiers," black troops, battling hostile natives. He died at Fort Davis, Texas, Jan. 15, 1870, reportedly of disease.

Mysteries remain about Capt. Birney, one of the greatest war heroes in Bay County history. After burial in San Antonio, Texas, his remains were disinterred and his final burial place has not been located. How his sword got to a basement in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, also is unknown, although that was

the hometown of his uncle, Gen. David Bell Birney, who is buried in a cemetery there. A wife and two children have been tentatively identified but a line of succession has not been verified.

The dress sword, finely made and with a silver handle and ornate scabbard, was worn by Capt. Birney during his western service. It was acquired through an Internet auction for \$7,500, with the assistance of Chemical Bank. Funds to acquire the sword were raised by the Bay City Rotary Club in the community under chairmanship of Tony Dearing, editor, *The Bay City Times*. The sword was turned over to the Bay County Historical Society for display at the Historical Museum of Bay County. Additional funds are sought for a display for the sword.



Group Youth Study Exchange Promote International Goodwill

“The measure of a nation’s progress, as well as the measure of an individual’s progress, must ever be its readiness to learn from the experience of others.” (Paul Harris, Message to 1921 Rotary Convention.) International Service is one of the four “Avenues of Service” every Rotary Club is expected to promote. The Group Study Exchange [GSE] program is a great International service opportunity that Rotary International provides to every local club. The Bay City Rotary Club has enthusiastically embraced the GSE program over the years.

Under the GSE program, four young non Rotarian professionals and one Rotarian team leader are sent from one country to another part of the world to spend approximately one month visiting Rotary Clubs and meeting individuals from a different culture who have similar professions. The country receiving the visitors then sends a similar group on a return visit to the first country for the same purpose. These are known as “incoming” and “outgoing” GSE teams. Teams are made up of individuals from a single Rotary District. Our district 6310 is made up of about 30 clubs in the Saginaw



Youth exchange students of Rotary District 6310, in-bound, out-bound and rebound, gather for informal picture

Bay region that includes the Thumb and much of northeastern Michigan.

In recent years, the Bay City club has hosted incoming GSE teams from Southern India, northern England, the Philippines, South Korea, southern France, Denmark, southern Brazil, and a

team made up of individuals from several Caribbean Islands. Three members of the Bay City club have acted as team leaders for recent outgoing GSE teams that went to India [Jerry Woodcock], the Caribbean [Chuck Cusick], and southern France [Hratch Basmadjian]. Local Rotarians have discovered that those who host foreign visitors gain as much, and perhaps more, than our young visitors do from their visit to our community. Not only do Rotarians get to introduce these individuals to the real America many GSE team members have never visited prior to their GSE trip, but Rotarians and their families also get the chance to establish long-term friendships with future leaders from other parts of the world.

In 1940, Rotary’s founder Paul Harris said: “There are no great differences between men and between nations. None are entirely good; none entirely bad. The great mischief-maker is misunderstanding.” Bay City Rotary has been pleased to play an active role in promoting understanding in one little corner of the world by participating in the Group Study Exchange program.



“The Wild Bunch” is in fact the 2002 Incoming Group Study Exchange team from the Provence region of southern France dressed up in Civil War uniforms and get-up for fun. From left are Jean-Francois Paquet, Nathalie Sauvi, Team Leader Marc Van Ysendyck, Delphine Moigne and Charles Schudel.



The Bay City Rotary Club Induction Rite Originated by Tom Tabor

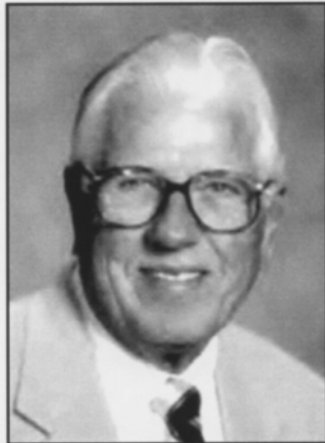
(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following induction rite of the Bay City Rotary Club was developed and splendidly expounded by longtime Rotarian Thomas R. Tabor, well-known local jeweler, now retired and a Florida resident. Mr. Tabor was noted for urging Rotarians to wear their pins, even on their pajamas, and especially in public so they could meet Rotarians from other clubs.)

You were chosen to be members of this club by your fellow Rotarians because they believe you to be leaders in your particular activity and, more particularly, because they believe that you manifest those qualities of head and heart that will enable you to interpret the message of Rotary to your community.

Rotary is an intimate affiliation of carefully selected business and professional people, having as its objective the promotion of high ethical standards in private, commercial and civic life, and dedicated to the ideal that the basis of all worthy endeavor is unselfish service.

Each of you represents your classification to our club and it is from you

that any real or intimate knowledge of your business can come to us. You can speak to us freely about it because you see around you only friends and sympathizers. On the other hand, each of you are our ambassador to your craft, your business associates, and the community and it is your responsibility and privilege to carry to them the high ideals of service of which Rotary is both the emblem and the vessel.



Tom Tabor

While membership in Rotary is an honor and a privilege, it does involve duties and obligations, which should be discharged by you with faithfulness and cheerfulness. Service is the key word, and your regular attendance at our weekly meetings and participation in club activities will be evidence to us of your continued interest

and zeal. Only circumstances which cannot be reasonably controlled are accepted as an excuse for absence, for busy people only are members of this club.

I present you with these trappings related to your new office of Rotarian, calling particular attention to the Rotary lapel pin, which we urge you to wear daily.

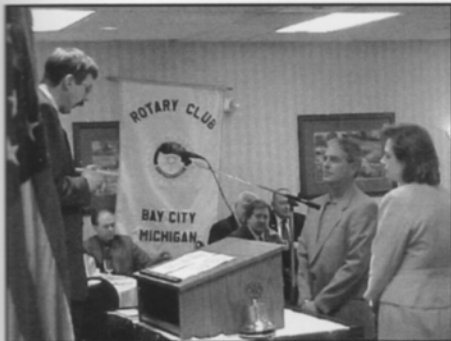
We are expecting much from you in the form of help and inspiration, which we hope will enable us to become better Rotarians. It is with this hope that I extend to you the right hand of Rotary fellowship and welcome you to our club.



Tom Tabor inducting Jason McCoy and Harlon McMillian

100 Years

Rotary Membership Information



Rev. Andreas Teich inducts new members of the Bay City Rotary Club, Bill Kozuch and Ann Lingle.

Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs. Through community service and other means, Rotary club members help promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

Our members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission. Rotary membership is by invitation of local clubs.

If you would like to be considered for membership by a local Rotary club, log on to www.rotary.org and complete a Prospective Member Contact Form. RI will forward your information to clubs in your area.



Bay City Rotarians meet Tuesdays at noon in the Holiday Inn. Meetings feature fellowship and a program of local importance and interest.



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