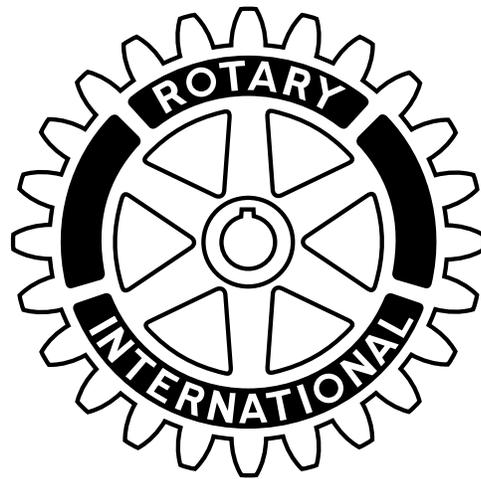


Rotary Club of Ann Arbor



Annual Report

2003 - 2004

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Rotarians;

It was a wonderful and rewarding experience for me to serve as your President for the 2003-04 Rotary year. With 280 members, over 40 active committees, weekly club meetings and monthly board meetings as well as District and International activities, it was an organizational challenge and one that I cherished and won't soon forget. The membership of our club is outstanding and I truly believe that we put "Service above Self". My thanks to all for "Lending a Hand" including my mentor, Patricia Garcia, President-Elect Paul Glendon, our Officers, Board, Committee Chairs, and all who came together to provide humanitarian service in our community and overseas, encouraged high ethical standards in all vocations and helped to build goodwill and peace in the world. Also my very special thanks to my partner and Rotary member, Beth Fitzsimmons for her unwavering support.

As I look back I'm very proud of the . . .

- Wonderful line-up of speakers at our club meetings
- Two outstanding classes of new members
- Development of a major external fundraiser—the Golf Outing and Family Fun Day
- Expansion of our website and increasing visitor traffic
- Increased attention to and focus on international projects sponsored by our club
- Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar selected for 05/06 (our first candidate in recent memory)
- Completion of our Polio Eradication Campaign
- Record number of STRIVE scholarships awarded and record number of students sent to RYLA
- Junior Rotarians (27) and an Interact Club chartered at Huron High School
- Outstanding Community Service project selected and developed – "Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement"
- Significant increase in per capita giving to Rotary International Foundation and the members who made "Legacy Circle" bequests of \$25,000 to our Rotary Endowment.

Looking ahead, the leadership torch has been passed to President Paul Glendon, with Norman Herbert as Incoming President. Given their background and experience I know we can look forward to an exciting Rotary future for our club and the positive impact we can have on our community and the world.

Keep "Lending a Hand".

All the best,

Joe Fitzsimmons

Incoming President's Letter

Dear Friends,

President Joe led us through a year of great change and progress for our club.

Club management and administration were areas of particular emphasis, and it was my privilege to help manage and plan the transition with our new Endowment Treasurer, Ingrid Sheldon, and establishment of a new Club Administrator position and selection of a person to fill that position. Special thanks to Secretary Downs Herold for his invaluable service in both areas, and to Sgt. at Arms Al Burdi for his help in the latter area.

Joe's strong and effective leadership also enabled the club to dramatically improve our members' giving to The Rotary Foundation and our own Endowment. I will follow his example, and the Board's policy consensus developed at our Spring Planning Retreat, by continuing to encourage every member to give generously to both the Foundation and our Endowment, but without undue pressure or repetition.

To significantly augment members' giving to the Endowment and the club's ability to make a difference in the community, we embarked upon our first major "external" fund-raising project in '03-04, the Second Annual Rotary Golf Outing and Family Fun Day, as well as our first major community service project, to provide funds and volunteers to help replace the many street-side trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. These were historic developments for our club, and they will continue in '04-05 and beyond.

Another area of emphasis in '04-05 will be Membership Development, with the practical objective of engaging every member in the process of identifying, recruiting, sponsoring, and nominating new member candidates and the equally important ongoing responsibility of mentoring the new members they sponsor.

Thanks also to President Joe for his thoughtfulness in keeping the President-Elect fully informed about and involved in all club issues and activities during '03-04. I will try to do the same with my elected successor, Norman Herbert.

I look forward to working with a splendid Board of Directors and all members of this great club in the coming year as we celebrate Rotary International's centennial and our own 89th year of service to the community and the world at large.

Best regards,

Paul Glendon



Joe handing off to Paul Glendon - President 2004/05

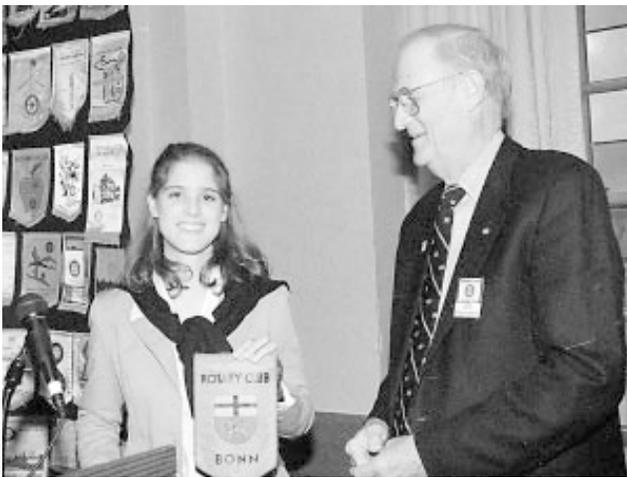
Highlights of Club History



Jim Cook - Receiving "Paul Harris Fellow Award"



Pioneer High School - Junior Rotarians



Joe with Steffi Von Hobe - Ambassadorial Scholar



Elaine & Phil Alexander - International Service

October 1916 Our Rotary Club was founded by surgeon Theron Langford, only 11 years after the first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago. Other organizers included Lloyd C. Douglas (minister and author), Harlan H. Johnson (newspaper editor), and two University leaders, Charles Sink (Music chair) and Shirley Smith (University Secretary). Ten others were recruited for a total of 15 charter members. The first meeting was held at the Catalpa Inn, corner of Ann & 4th Street.

1917 The Club grew to 30 active and 2 honorary members, Col. R. Granger and Col. A. C. Pack, directors of the military program at UM. Langford was the 1st president; Charles Sink, 1st secretary and 2nd president. George Lewis, who became the 2nd secretary, served for 32 years. He launched and named the *Harpoon*. The Club contributed \$132.50 to French war orphans.

1918 World War I ended. War trainees left the campus and the Club moved into the one-year old Michigan Union.

1942 Another war brought student-soldiers to the campus and the Club was forced to move to the Allene Hotel (corner 4th Avenue & Huron), where it stayed for 14 years (with a brief switch to the Pretzel Bell during hotel renovations) because the Michigan Union was filled with the burgeoning student population following WW II. During the WW II years Club membership remained stable at around 125, growing gradually to its present 277 members as the city grew.

1957 The Club returned to the newly remodeled Michigan Union.

1968 Our Club became the "downtown Rotary" as Wyeth Allen and Harold Dorr of our Club helped establish the Ann Arbor Rotary North Club, which began meeting at North Campus Commons.

1986 Our Club established a Permanent Endowment to celebrate its 70th Anniversary. \$70,000 was raised as a beginning corpus. The present corpus is about \$750,000 making it possible to make more generous contributions to local charities and include international projects. We continue to fund Rotary International projects.

1988 Women admitted to membership at our Club. Singing and attendance improved, and the average age went down. Rotary International removed the all-male restriction from its by-laws in 1989.

1990 David Matthews and Dick Meyerson of our Club helped establish the Briarwood Rotary Club.

1995 Our Club made its second overseas charity contribution, dental office equipment for a clinic in a barrio section of Lima, Peru. Throughout its existence, our Club has given a portion of its annual dues to Rotary International, much of which funds international charities, especially scholarships and clinics.

1997 Tom Roach of our Club helped establish the Dexter Rotary Club.

1998 Our Club established the STRIVE program in cooperation with the Ann Arbor Schools Project Education. Washtenaw Community College scholarships are awarded to students based on a major improvement in grades, attendance, and remaining drug-free. Rotary Readers program at Angell School provides individual reading tutoring for 3rd - 4th grade students who need special help with reading skills.

2002 Our Club reached its goal of over \$1,000,000 in the Permanent Endowment Fund by 2002, which was part of our Club's initial 1997-2002 Five Year Strategic Plan

2003 Developed the 2003-2008 Strategic Plan, initiated the endowment fund Legacy Circle, developed the Club website, transitioned from print to e-mail newsletter, initiated an Interact Club at Huron High School, initiated the Rotary Math Program at Angell School, established relationship with a Sister Club in Pune, India, initiated the Ghana Club Foot Remediation Project, pledged \$20,000 to the 3-year R.I. Polio Eradication Campaign, and welcomed 30 new members.

2004 Adopted a major Community Service Project - Helping with the Emerald Ash Borer problem by providing labor and funds for tree replacement. Initiated a major external fundraiser - netting \$50,000. Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar candidate selected for 05 - 06. Hired a paid Club Administrator.

Club Membership Profile

The membership of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club stands at 277. Four of our members are honorary members. In addition 65 of our members are excused from weekly attendance since their aggregate of age and years of membership is 85 or more. We have honored 93 of our members and community leaders as Honorary Paul Harris Fellows while also awarding them the Club's Distinguished Service Award. An additional 80 have become Paul Harris Fellows through their personal contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

We have one member who has reached the distinguished age of 93 years; Our youngest member is 33 years of age, Sixty-eight of our members are female; 209 are not. Seventy-one of us have been in Rotary for less than three years, while 130 have been in the Club for ten years or less. Surprisingly, ten of us have been in the Club for over 40 years, and one member has been among us for 54 years. 25% of the members have been in the club over 25 years.

Twenty-seven members of this Club belonged to another Rotary Club prior to joining ours. Although we are often known as the "Town and Gown" Club, only 77 Club members (or 28%) are affiliated with the University of Michigan. This percentage has decreased from earlier years but seems to have stabilized at around 25%.

If you are an "average" Ann Arbor Rotarian, you are 64.6 years of age and have been in the Ann Arbor Rotary Club for 13.7 years. A similar report in 1946 showed the average age at 61 with 14 years of service.

Today there are more than 1,211,723 Rotarians worldwide. Rotary exists in 166 countries, and we are one of more than 31,600 Rotary Clubs worldwide. It is interesting to note that there are only 100 Clubs larger than the Ann Arbor Club. In Michigan, only Grand Rapids and Traverse City have larger memberships.

Downs Herold, Secretary



Happy "Attendance Takers" - Jeannette Faber & Sue Beutler



The "Spring Fling" - Harv Grotrian & Bob Holmes



The "Lunch Line" - Sang Nam, Greg Cook & Bob Kerry



"A Great Presentation" - Liz Barry & The Conlins



Song Leader / Pianist - Joan Knoertzer & Lloyd Bastian



"A Question for the Speaker" - Charles Eisendrath & Beth Fitzsimmons



New Member Induction - Jud Hoffman

Leadership

2003-2004 Officers and Directors

President	Joe Fitzsimmons
President-Elect	Paul Glendon
Immediate Past-President	Patricia M. Garcia
Secretary	Downs Herold
Treasurer	John Ackenhusen
Endowment Treasurer	Ingrid Sheldon
Sergeant at Arms	Al Burdi

Directors

Cathi Duchon	Cheryl Elliott
Ingrid Deininger	John Oberdick
Robert Holmes	Scott Westerman, Jr.
John White - Club Administrator	

Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Trustees

Norman G. Herbert, Chair	George Cress
Bernie Bedell	Joe Fitzsimmons
Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer	Patricia Garcia
Anne Glendon, Secretary	John Oberdick
Paul Glendon	Dave Gunderson

Governance and Leadership

Committee	Chair
Nominating	Patricia Garcia
Paul Harris Distinguished	Patricia Garcia, Jerry Prescott, Bob Buchanan
Service Awards	
Endowment Development	Burt Voss
District	Paul Glendon
Rotary Foundation	Joe Fitzsimmons

Club Service

Ingrid Deininger, Director

Program	Mike Marich, Lee Danielson
Set-up	Al Burdi
Music	Larry Henkel, Ingrid Sheldon
Invocations	Ingrid Deininger, Lois Jelneck
Hosts/Greeters	Ingrid Deininger, Lois Jelneck
Attendance	Ingrid Deininger, Lois Jelneck
Members in the News	Gae Miller

Membership

Scott Westerman, Director

Committee	Chair
Membership Development	Ray Rabadoux, John Eman
Member Survey	Jill Arnold
Spirit	Margie McKinley
Social	Millie Danielson, Chris Conlin
Bowling	Dick Elwell
Golf and Family Fun Day	Dave McDowell, Chris Mile, Jim Cook, Markey Butler

Publications and Communications

Cathi Duchon, Director

Membership Directory	Hal Flynn, Cynthia Sorenson
Harpoon	Don Faber, Geoff Larcom
Website	Gae Miller
Webmaster	Rich Roselle
Annual Report	Joe Fitzsimmons, Rich Roselle
Club Brochure	Patricia Garcia
Public Relations	Don Faber
Club History/Archives	Carl Gingles, Tom Conlin

Community Service

John Oberdick, Director

Community Allocations	Griff McDonald
High School Scholarships	Milo White
Community Service Projects	Ian Glassford, Markey Butler
STRIVE	Ann Schriber, Carolyn Shear
Community Spotlight	Mark Ouimet

Youth and Vocational Services

Cheryl Elliott, Director

Junior Rotarians	Larry Henkel, Al Storey
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	Wayne Colquitt
Angell School Rotary Readers	Beth Fitzsimmons
Interact	Peter Wright, Ed Wier
Rotaract	Terry Linden
Rotary Youth Exchange	Jim Kosteva

International Service

Robert Holmes, Director

Ambassadorial Scholars	Paul Glendon
Rotary International Scholars	Chuck Cares
Group Study Exchange	Susan Froelich
International Humanitarian Projects	Harvey Grotrian, Nishta Bhatia
Twin Club	Phil Alexander
Polio Eradication Campaign	Dave Gunderson

Service Area Reports

CLUB SERVICE

Director: Ingrid Deininger

PROGRAM

Mike Marich and Lee Danielson

Rotarians and guests each year comment on the fine quality of our club's programs and speakers. The program committee organizes the approximately fifty programs each year at their monthly meetings. The weekly programs are currently being scheduled three months ahead. This past year programs included current issues and topics from community and university leaders as well as interesting programs from our own members. In order to be considered as a speaker, a newly developed form on the Rotary Club website must be completed and submitted.

The current balance and mix in the programming has been achieved using a database of current and potential speakers and an archive of past speakers developed by Bernie Galler. Greg Cook and his team have ably assisted presenters requiring audio-visual equipment. Ingrid Deininger has maintained a list of Rotarians to give invocations, which reflect the speaker's subject, and she has also coordinated greeters, hosts, and attendance takers.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group serving on the Program Committee. Most Rotarians leave the meeting each week having learned something new about their community, the university, or their members; and consider this time in their week to be extremely important.

SGT AT ARMS

Al Burdi

During the 2003-04 year, The Sgt. At Arms discharged his responsibilities in a number of ways, including: (1) active involvement in the selection process for the Club Administrator; (2) taking full responsibility for the administration of club's weekly meetings "setup committee"; (3) begin drafting a list of responsibilities and tasks of the office of Sgt. At Arms; and (4) assisting the President and Club Secretary as called upon. In that the demeanor of the club membership was typically courteous and unobtrusive at weekly meetings (as was the case of the Board at its monthly meetings), there was no need for the Sgt. At Arms to militantly squelch any uprisings --- although the Sgt. At Arms was prepared to act !!!

MEMBERSHIP

Director: W. Scott Westerman, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

John Eman and Ray Rabadoux

The Membership Development Committee (MDC) inducted a total of 17 new members and one returning member in February and July. The committee followed the new procedures that were established for the proposal of new members and mentoring of these individuals following induction. Procedures were put into place to involve new members in the club as soon as possible, including a committee assignment shortly following induction. The MDC also identified positions in the community where the club lacks representation and made assignments to recruit individuals occupying them.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY COMMITTEE

Jill Arnold

This was the second year of having a committee approach to managing the Annual Survey. The development of the survey instrument was straightforward. Incoming President Paul Glendon and Board members provided suggested changes and updated information on committee leadership. Surveys were distributed at Rotary meetings, via email, via website download, and via mail. Attention to increasing the number of responses will be a priority for next year.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

Margie McKinley

This committee successfully launched a new effort to get club members to mix more by having them draw a table assignment on the first Wednesday of every month. Members ranged from good-natured to enthusiastic about the program, and most seemed to enjoy a little push in getting to know other members. Millie Danielson has run the project from the beginning and added her own spirit to make it very successful. A second proposal to the board to conduct a monthly raffle during the meeting was not supported.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Millie Danielson and Chris Conlin

This committee planned three major events as follows: 1.) November, '03-Performance Network. Attendance of approximately 100 Rotarians and their guests to see the comedy "Home Team", followed by refreshments in the lobby provided by the committee for Rotarians, their guests and the cast. 2.) January, '04 Musical Society Presentation. Dessert and coffee was served in the lower lobby of the Hill Auditorium, prior to the performance of the "Canadian Brass", part of the celebration of the opening of the renovated Hill Auditorium. Approximately 75 Rotarians and their guests attended the event. 3.) May, '04- Spring Fling. Annual event held at the Barton Hills Country Club, a buffet/sit down social hour and supper with cocktail piano by Joan Knoetzer, and entertainment by Bob Buchanan and Jerry Prescott. Approximately 150 Rotarians and guests attended. The Club underwrote each reservation by \$5.00. Centerpiece plantings were sold to guests.

BOWLING COMMITTEE

Dick Elwell

The Rotary bowling team completed the 2003-04 season in 6th place in a 14 team league. As always, good camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Rotary was prominently displayed with our fancy bowling shirts showing the club logo. Team members were: Dick Elwell, Chuck Olson, Peter Wright, Paul Glendon, Wayne Colquitt, Jim Warsaw, Russ Reister, Al Burdi, Greg Cook, Dean Millard, and Bill Stegath. The team is looking forward to great improvement in the next season.

GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

Dave McDowell and Chris Mile

In tune with a Board directive to undertake one external fund raiser annually, the club held its first golf outing on September 11, 2003 at Stonebridge Golf Club. Forty-four club members and their guests played an 18 hole scramble and enjoyed a superb buffet dinner served by Katherine's Catering. Proceeds from the event added \$4,876 to the club's endowment. Based on this success, the club has scheduled a second outing for 2004.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Director: Cathi Duchon

HARPOON

Geoff Larcom and Don Faber

After 10 years, publishing the weekly Rotary Harpoon, Geoff Larcom turned the responsibilities over to Don Faber this past year. The Harpoon continues to be distributed primarily via e mail, and it is regularly included on the club's web site. This new, more convenient access has provided club members with immediate information regarding club activities, and has saved the club money for postage and hard copy distribution of the Harpoon. In addition to Geoff and Don, Bob Buchanan and Henry Amble also act as a reporter for the Harpoon upon occasion.

WEBSITE

Rich Roselle

The Rotary web site has been active now for just over two years. It has become a major source of information for all club members, and is also an excellent way for new members to learn more about our club. The site averages over 350 hits every month. With frequent directory updates members can be in touch with each other without waiting for a new directory each year. The web site committee meets frequently to review additions and recommendations from members to determine which might be undertaken.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Cynthia Sorenson and Hal Flynn

The production of the membership directory has become more efficient, with digital photography and immediate web site access. The committee continues to print a limited number of hardcopy directories. A new directory feature this past year was the production of a one-page summary, including photos, of all new members. Rich Roselle and Fred Beutler attend the member breakfast, and produce this information in time for the lunch meeting at noon the same day. Many thanks to this committee for their innovative ideas and assistance in helping keep our members connected.

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVES

Tom Conlin and Carl Gingles

Club history continues to be preserved by Carl and Tom. Many photos were taken this past year by Fred Beutler. Fred's many photo albums have become a welcome addition to our club's archives.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Patricia Garcia

The emphasis this past year was placed on developing a club brochure. Cathi Duchon and Patricia Garcia, with the help of a number of volunteers are continuing their work on this project. A club brochure will be a welcome addition to our club's public relations and marketing efforts. In addition, the club has received excellent coverage for our community service activities including STRIVE and the tree planting project.

ANNUAL REPORT

Joe Fitzsimmons

As part of his duties as outgoing president Joe Fitzsimmons is producing this year's annual report. There is much to detail from this year's activities. With the help of the club directors, and Rich Roselle, all members of our club will have the opportunity to read the enormous contributions made by The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

COMMUNITY SERVICE*Director: John Oberdick***COMMUNITY ALLOCATIONS**

Griff McDonald and Agnes Reading

\$36,000 was awarded to 24 local agencies. Our Club supports specific programs, under the theme of "helping kids succeed". 41 grant requests were received, reviewed and ranked. The committee's 16 members awarded grants using the following 3 program goals: 1) Helping children of all ages in our area to grow educationally, socially, and self esteem. 2) Help young adults learn skills required to succeed in later life. 3) Fund support services for at-risk children in our area.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Markey Butler and Ian Glassford

New committee formed this year. Committee consisting of nine members evaluated different potential projects, and decided to undertake long-term tree planting project with City of Ann Arbor. The needs are great due to devastation of Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The city's budget constraints allows limited financial resources to address issue, and project provides unique opportunity of community service for our Club. Rotary will be coordinating over one hundred volunteer hours during both spring and fall planting seasons, when we assist City employees planting trees in residential areas. Additionally, via annual Rotary fund raiser, Rotary will be donating funds to purchase larger trees for planting in City parks.

STRIVE

Ann Schriber and Carolyn Shear

STRIVE is a competition-based program among students at Stone School H.S., Ann Arbor's H.S. of last resort. Students participating in STRIVE are measured on GPA improvements from a baseline, attendance of a least 90%, a no drug and alcohol pledge. STRIVE creates an atmosphere of accountability, and last year \$14,500 in Washtenaw Community College scholarships were awarded to nine students. This 19 member committee coordinates various student incentives throughout the school year, coordinates scholarships with WCC, organizes an annual awards banquet, and two STRIVE student visits to Rotary lunches.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mark Ouimet and Herb Amster

Committee arranges for periodic visits from representatives of local agencies supported by Club's Community Allocations grants. These vignettes of the programs and agencies supported are interesting to membership helping all to better understand community needs, and how our Club is helping to address them.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

MILO WHITE

\$11,000 in HS scholarships granted to Ann Arbor graduating seniors. Committee works with area high school counselors to identify candidates for these awards. Committee uses four criteria to determine which applicants receive awards: 1) Financial need. 2) Academic achievement. 3) Community Service and extra curricular activities. 3) Leadership and community service. 4) Essay on the Object of Rotary.

YOUTH AND VOCATIONAL SERVICE*Director: Cheryl Elliott***ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)**

Wayne Colquitt and Larry Henkel

RYLA recognizes and encourages youth leadership and heightens the awareness of Rotary and its many activities. With the help of Ed Weir and the Huron High School Interact Club, RYLA had a very successful year. Eight students, two from Pioneer, one from Community and five HHS Interact members, along with the Interact student advisor, attended the May weekend leadership training at Ridgeway College in Ridgeway, Ontario. Our club provided each student with a \$175 scholarship so that the students could take part in this leadership opportunity at minimal cost to them. This year, for the first time and at the urging of our Club, the District provided a bus from Southfield to Ridgeway at a cost of \$25/attendee. As in the past, the students found this to be a most valuable opportunity and were most appreciative of our Club's support.

JUNIOR ROTARIANS

Larry Henkel and Al Storey

We annually host 27 Junior Rotarians (from Pioneer, Huron, Community, Greenhills and Gabriel Richard) over an 18 week period. Each group comes to two meetings and an orientation. They are introduced at the first meeting where they sit with a Host Rotarian and a Resource Rotarian who can speak with them about their area of interest. At the second meeting, they again sit with the same pair of Rotarians and make a brief presentation about themselves, their achievements, their school and community involvements and their future educational plans. In addition, the students receive a certificate, pen, and photo to commemorate their visit. The bio and photo of each Junior Rotarian is submitted to the Ann Arbor News. The schools recognize the award as well. The Jr. Rotarians are selected by their high school counselors and are seniors. Under the leadership of Larry Henkel and Al Storey, 66 Rotarians participated in this year's successful program.

In early June, 2004, Club members Gloria and Bob Kerry revived an annual tradition by hosting a brunch at their home in the Junior Rotarians' honor. Twenty honorees were able to attend this lovely event.

The Committee was able to identify where all 27 Junior Rotarians will be located in the fall (colleges or universities). The goal is to make contact with Rotary Clubs where our students are located, and attempt to arrange for our Junior Rotarians to attend a Rotary meeting. The purpose of this new initiative is obvious -- keep Rotary in the minds of our Junior Rotarians with membership as the ultimate goal.

INTERACT

Peter Wright

Under the able guidance of Chair Peter Wright and Committee members Dick Elwell, Milo White and Ed Weir, the Huron High School Interact Club launched its first full academic year of operations. Ed Weir attended Interact Board meetings and served as Rotary liaison, with all Committee members attending organizational meetings. Eight students made up the initial Interact board; they were an enthusiastic group, conducted several service projects and raised approximately \$500.00 which they donated to Christmas in April. Interact elected new officers in June and the Committee is optimistic that the Interact Club will grow in numbers and activities in the 2004-05 school year.

ROTARACT

Terry Linden

Seven students were recruited for a University of Michigan Rotaract Club. In addition, a "merger" with an existing eight member group named the Rotaract Club of Michigan took place. This later group, it should be noted, was not sponsored by any Rotary club and had never registered with Rotary International because it hadn't met minimum RI requirements.

Efforts to recruit the initial student members and lay the groundwork for a successful launch and future included many activities on the part of the Committee, including: a co-sponsored Rotaract Recruiting / Ambassadorial Scholarship Information meeting with the Overseas Opportunities Office in the U of M International Center (Molly Swart, District Ambassadorial Scholarship Officer addressed this meeting.); Maurita Holland set up a U of M Worktools web site that provides a good communication channel for our committee; Student Ayush Agarwal set up an on-line U of M User Group for the student members; acquired forms and information to register our Rotaract Club with Rotary International and re-register with the University of Michigan in the fall; established ongoing relationship with Bill Nolting in the Overseas Opportunities Office in the U of M International Center; met with Rotary sponsors and student members of the Rotaract Club at Eastern Michigan University; collected ideas from Rotaract Clubs at other universities and miscellaneous web sites; and generated recruiting material that highlighted Rotary service and Rotaract's mission.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Jim Kosteva

Our Rotary Youth Exchange Committee continues to cooperate with other Rotary Clubs in the District to promote Rotary's ideals of world peace and international understanding by sponsoring high school students and exposing them to different cultures. The Committee actively works with local high schools to identify and nominate students for possible international Youth Exchange during the school year or for a summer exchange program. In addition, the Committee continues to seek out and welcome Club members willing to serve as host families for an international student or for a special community event.

ROTARY READERS—ANGELL SCHOOL

Beth Fitzsimmons

This extremely successful reading and math tutorial and mentoring program, pairs Rotary members with Angell Elementary School students identified by school administrators as children who may benefit from one-on-one mentoring. This past year Rotary Readers had 20 regular Angell School Rotary Readers and Math Tutors (15 readers and 5 math tutors) and 6 substitutes. Rotary volunteers started on October 1st and ended the second week of May, volunteering 301 hours and having 1270 student contacts.

For the second year, our Club presented the book, M is for Mitten, an alphabet book about Michigan, to each of the 45 kindergarten students. In each book was placed a book plate with the Rotary insignia and a message of warm memories. An official presentation was made at the final PTO meeting at Angell School.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Robert B. Holmes

The Ann Arbor Rotary Club devotes a lot of highly productive attention to international service and to creating and strengthening international relationships. The international service area is a key part of the fabric of our club and involves about one-third of our members serving on various committees! In every way possible, it has been a truly spectacular year for our club's international activities, and next year, with Jim Cook's leadership of the international service area, it has the potential to be even better.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM (OUTBOUND)

Chuck Cares

On behalf of our club, Chuck's committee nominated an outstanding candidate and our nominee, for the first time in many years, has been selected for this prestigious program. Her name is Patricia Donnellan. She is from Flint, Michigan and is studying for a Masters Degree in Health Behavior and Health Education in the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. She will receive a \$25,000 award from The Rotary Foundation and plans to work to foster positive emotional and mental health among the diverse populations of the world. Members of Chuck's committee include Barbara DeBrodt, Scott Westerman, Dean Millard, Jim Cook, Milo White, and Lloyd Bastien. Barbara DeBrodt, incidentally, has joined the scholarship subcommittee of the District 6380 Foundation Committee, and will therefore be involved in the selection process for future Scholars.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM (INBOUND)

Paul Glendon

This year we have had six scholars (from South Korea, Germany and Japan). Five of the Scholars attend the University of Michigan and one attends Eastern Michigan University. They have been hosted by Marsha Chamberlin, Bettye Elkins, Norman Herbert, Jill Kotila and a member of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club. Paul and Anne Glendon graciously hosted a reception for the Ambassadorial Scholars in their home that included many members of our club and District 6380 officials. Finally, thanks to Paul and his team for creating opportunities at club meetings for us to meet the Scholars, welcome them and get to know them. The committee will be chaired in 2004-05 by John Rasmussen.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Our club partnered with the Ypsilanti Rotary Club to host a Group Study Exchange team from South Korea in spring 2003, just prior to the beginning of the current 2003-04 year. We have also been involved in publicizing the out-going Group Study Exchange that will occur in the coming year.

TWIN CLUB

Phil Alexander

This committee quickly gathered many members when it was announced and has since added new members. Our twin club is in Pune, India, and the committee has been discussing many exciting possibilities such as an exchange of home stays, a possible visit of Pune Rotarians to Ann Arbor and the Rotary Centennial Celebration in Chicago next year, as well as other alternatives. One early result of our involvement in Pune is the possibility that the International Humanitarian Projects committee will sponsor a project in 2004-05 with the Pune Central Rotary club.

POLIO PLUS

Dave Gunderson and Dave Williams

The Polio Plus committee raised in excess of our club's \$20,000 pledge for Rotary International's polio eradication efforts. Thanks to the work of this committee, most of the contributions qualified for matching funds from Rotary International since they were raised early in the first year of the three-year fund raising effort.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

Nishta Bhatia and Harvey Grotrian

This committee, which is one of our club's largest and most productive committees with an average of 25-30 members, is very capably chaired by Nishta Bhatia with Harvey Grotrian serving as vice chair. The committee presented its work to the club in a major presentation last November and stressed that our club's financial support could be leveraged many times through matching fund support from District 6380, The Rotary Foundation and other sources. Accordingly, and as a direct result of the committee's excellent work in recent years, a decision was made by our club's board to significantly increase our support for the committee from \$4,000 to \$15,000 annually, effective in 2004-05.

Among the committee's major successes this year was a project headed by Harvey Grotrian in Fort Colombo, Sri Lanka that directly improved the lives of local residents through the creation of a reservoir and the rehabilitation of an ancient irrigation system that allowed the cultivation of about 200 acres of paddy. Our club also provided funds so the reservoir could be stocked with fish. Another project was projected to assist 20,000 Eritreans and was coordinated by Jim Cook. It involved coordinating the shipment of a 40-foot sea cargo container full of library books, clothes, computers, etc. to the Rotary club in Asmara, Eritrea. Finally, the committee has proposed an infant clubfoot remediation project in Kumasi, Ghana and it has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. It also has the strong support of the Ghana Health Ministry. Like other committee projects, it has multiple funding sources and hence our club's financial support of \$6,000 is being leveraged to enable a total budget of \$19,200. It is being coordinated by Henry Brown.

2003-2004 Financials

John G. Ackenhusen, Treasurer
 Ingrid Sheldon, Endowment Treasurer

Ann Arbor Rotary Club 2002-2003 Financials/Operations

Revenue (dues \$255/year and miscellaneous)	\$ 76,959
Disbursements:	
Rotary International Dues	14,617
Rotary District Dues	9,870
Harpoon	1,470
Lunch Guests & New Member Breakfasts	2,081
International & District Conferences	215
Office supplies, stationery, postage, etc.	3,098
Clerical Support for Club	4,395
Insurance/Tax Prep	850
Club Directory & Annual Report	341
Union – Room & Equipment Rental	12,643
Other Costs (programs, website, AV, RYLA)	<u>15,228</u>
Subtotal	\$ 64,808
Surplus for year ending 6/30/04	\$ 12,152



“We’re in the Money” Norman Herbert - Chair Endowment Trustees



Judge Don Shelton & STRIVE Scholarship Winners

Permanent Endowment Contributors

Thank you to the following for their cumulative contributions toward the growth of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment.

\$5,000 – 9,999	\$10,000 – 24,999	\$25,000 and up
Daniel Balbach	Joseph Fitzsimmons	William Dobson
George Cress	Richard Hadler	Karl Malcolm
John Debbink	Rolland Lyons	Frederick McOmber
John Dobson	Gerald Prescott	Robert Meyers
Anne Glendon	Paul Ungrodt	Millard Pryor
Paul Glendon	Jack Edman	
Adam Kozma		
Frank Kennedy		
Gloria Kerry		
Herb Amster		
Jay De Lay		
Robert Tisch		
Sang Nam		
John Oberdick		

Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships

- The Cornelius Tuomy Scholarship
- The Russell and Minnie Hussey Scholarship
- The Millard H. Pryor Scholarship
- The Robert A. Meyers Scholarship—STRIVE
- The William T. Dobson Scholarship
- The Frederick N. McOmber Scholarship
- The Karl D. Malcolm, M. D., Scholarship
- The James and Betty Lester Scholarship—STRIVE

Scholarships Funded with Balance Due to be Made by Bequest

- The John C. Rosemergy Scholarship
- The Shear Family Scholarship
- The Weston Palmer Scholarship
- The George T. Felbeck, Jr., Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships to be Funded By Bequest

- The Larry and Mark Ouimet Family Scholarship
- The Robert C. Hughes Scholarship

Endowment Campaign Update

During our campaign this year, we have received \$71,143 in contributions. This includes donations for the James and Betty Lester Endowed Scholarship. We have \$18,283 in regular pledges outstanding as of June 30, 2004. Additionally, we have 19 specific bequest commitments totaling over \$477,500 and 5 commitments of unknown amounts. Funding has been completed for 8 named endowed scholarships to be awarded as grants to area high school seniors with bequest commitments for six more.

Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Permanent Fund

Beginning Market Value Balance 7/1/02	\$ 747,154
Contributions Received from Club Members	58,675
Disbursed to Community Service Fund for	
Community Grants and Scholarships	(28,000)
Investment Market Gain During Year	138,428
Ending Market Value Balance 6/30/04	<u>\$ 916,257</u>
(a 23% increase from 6/30/03)	
Pledges & Bequests	508,303
 Total Endowment	 \$1,424,560

Note: Investment Assets Are Held in a Charles Schwab Account
 Officers: Joe Fitzsimmons, President; Ingrid Sheldon Treasurer
 Trustees: Norman Herbert, Chairman; Anne Glendon, Secretary;
 Bernie Bedell, George Cress, David Gunderson, John
 Oberdick, Paul Glendon, Patricia Garcia

Permanent Endowment Activity for 2003-04

The Rotary Club 2003-2008 Strategic Plan identifies as one vision that . . . "disbursements from the Club Endowment Fund . . . will help address critical local needs, including student scholarships, student mentoring, and direct financial support to nonprofit organizations with a focus on strengthening youth."

The endowment portfolio consists of contributions from Rotarians, friends in the community and, contributions from the golf outing. These contributions, along with investment performance, account for the market value of the portfolio of \$916,257, as of June 30, 2004 an increase of \$169,103 (23%) over the last year.

The investments within the Endowment are governed by an Investment Policy Statement as established by the Endowment Trustees. The portfolio was allocated as follows: large cap domestic stocks 59.4%, small cap 13.3%, international stocks 13.5% and fixed income and cash, 13.9%.

The portfolio performance objective is to equal or exceed the "benchmark of major indexes". The total return (income and appreciation, realized or unrealized) for the portfolio for the year ended June 30, 2004 was 18.0% vs. a benchmark return of 18.1%. For three years, the total return was 2.3% vs. a benchmark return of 1.9%.

An annual distribution is made from the Endowment to the Community Service Fund for its projects and scholarships. The spending policy provides for a distribution at a rate of 4.25% of the market value for the trailing 12 quarters. The distribution for the spring of 2004 was \$28,000.

The opportunity to increase our support of Community Service projects and scholarships is enhanced with your voluntary contributions to the Endowment Fund, and your consideration of the Legacy Circle initiative. We appreciate your support.

Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Community Service Fund

Revenue:	
Dues (\$135/year) & Other Income	\$ 50,028
Contributions from Members for	
Rotary International Paul Harris	4,414
From Permanent Fund for Community	
Projects and Scholarships	28,000
Polio Eradication Campaign	<u>6,073</u>
 Total Revenue	 <u>\$ 88,515</u>

Disbursements:	
Rotary International - Paul Harris	\$ 4,414
Community Grants:	
American Red Cross-Washtenaw	1,800
Ann Arbor YMCA	2,000
Boy Scouts-Great Sauk Trail	500
Challenge Day	1,000
Child Care Network	2,000
Community Action Network	1,000
C.O.P.E.	2,000
Corner Health Center	2,000
Domestic Violence/SAFE	2,000
Family Book Club	1,000
Family Learning Institute	1,950
Girls on the Run	1,000
Girl Scouts of Huron Valley	2,000
Interfaith Hospitality Network	2,000
Neutral Zone	1,000
Ozone House	1,880
Peace Neighborhood Center	2,000
Perry Nursery School	1,000
SOS Community Services	2,000
Special Days Camp	400
Washtenaw Area Council for Children	720
Washtenaw Camp Placement	2,000
Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic	2,000
Washtenaw Literacy	<u>750</u>
Total Grants	36,000
Polio Eradication Campaign	6,073
Scholarships to Local Area HS Seniors	11,000
STRIVE Scholarships	14,500
STRIVE Dinner expenses (net)	330
International Projects	10,488
RYLA	1,720
Miscellaneous (tax prep., insurance, fees)	<u>1,568</u>
 Total Disbursements	 <u>\$ 86,093</u>

In addition to the \$ 4,414 listed above, Ann Arbor Rotarians donated \$ 16,840 directly to the Rotary International Foundation.