



ON THE BRIGHTSIDE

A WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB
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Our 50th Year

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50th Anniversary of Service Above Self

Happy Birthday Brighton Rotary



The Rotary Club of Brighton celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Club's founding with a dinner at Monroe Golf Club on Thursday, September 21. Nearly ninety Rotarians, former Rotarians, family, friends, and officials of the Town of Brighton enjoyed a Old Fashioned Country Barbecue buffet dinner, followed by a program during which five club members identified some of the highlights of each decade since the Club's founding on September 4, 1956. Before each such presentation, the group sang a song or two representative of that decade, accompanied by Musician Mike Kornrich, who played the harmonica and the banjo and led the singing! Oldies such as Hound Dog, Margaritaville, and King of the Road were among the particular crowd favorites.



Speakers were Dr. Scott Law (1956-1965), Chuck Turner (1966-1975), Volney Frankel (1976 to 1985), Peter Sear (1986-1995) and Deanna Krusenstjerna (1996 to 2006).



Each could only touch on a few of the hundreds of service projects, large and small, undertaken by the Club since its founding. Very early on, the Club helped to found Camp Haccamo in Penfield, the camp for disabled children that remains a primary focus of the Club's fundraising and other support today. Other early Club projects included tree planting, parties for disabled children, teas and other gatherings for international students and more. In later years, there came a train and swimming pool at Camp Haccamo, all-night parties for Brighton High School seniors, Christmas baskets for the Salvation Army and YWCA, work nights at Intervol and Foodlink, plantings at the Oatka House on Elmwood Avenue, Adopt-a-Highway, Special Olympics Softball Tournaments, and much, much more.

The Club's major project at present is a collaborative effort with the Town of Brighton to restore the old Buckland Farmhouse at the new Buckland Town Park. When completed, the Brighton Rotary Historic Center at Buckland Park will serve as a gathering place in the Town for a variety of community events. Rotary committed to raising \$100,000 for this project, and has raised more than \$70,000.00 to date. Since the farmhouse is largely made of Brighton brick, the Club is selling commemorative bricks which will become part of the groundscape as part of the fundraising effort.

At the conclusion of the program, a Proclamation from the Town of Brighton was presented to the Club by Council members Ray Tierney, James Vogel and Louise Novros, recognizing the Club's fifty years of service.



Program– The Foundation

Ernie Bullock introduced the speaker, Past District Governor Ed Cullen of the Watkins-Glen Montour Rotary Club. Ed, who was President of his Club in 1985 and District Governor from 1993 to 1994, recalled that one of his first obligations as Governor was a dinner a Milt Matthews' home and instruction afterward in Milt's "Rotary Office". Following his year as Governor, Ed became very involved with the Rotary Foundation, and in particular, the Polio Plus Campaign. He highlighted our Club's \$25,000 contribution to Polio Plus, our 95 Paul Harris Fellows, and our 13 Benefactors. The Club also has contributed \$2,000 to date to the Wheelchair Project.

Worldwide, the Rotary Foundation has sponsored nearly 37,000 Ambassadorial Scholars, 42,000 Group Study Exchange participants, and funded nearly 13,000 Matching Grants. Ed reminded Rotarians of the need to publicize programs such as the Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange.

President for Quarter 2

The evening concluded with the Club singing "It is Time to Change our Leaders" and Chuck Turner handing over the gavel and Horns to the next quarter's president, Bill Hessel.



Calendar of Events

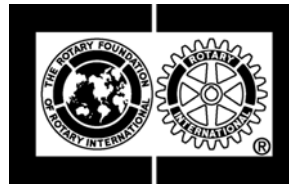
Brighton Rotary

- October 2** –Jim Basquil, Lollypop Farm
- October 9** –Salva Dut, Water Projects in Africa
- October 16** –Bean Surprise
- October 19** –Pancake Day
- October 23** –Jeff Tyzik, RPO
- October 30** –Chapin's in New Orleans

Rotary International

- January 28-February 2007** –International Assembly
- June 17-June 20 2007** - International Conf. - Salt Lake

The Foundation Chair's Message



Friends of the Foundation:

During the 2006 RI Convention in Malmö-Copenhagen, The Rotary Foundation Trustees announced a US\$120 million Annual Programs Fund goal for 2006-07, based on projected estimates from more than 12,000 clubs. The Foundation will do its utmost to reach this goal. Knowing that leadership by example is the most effective incentive, at the beginning of this Rotary year all of the trustees affirmed their personal commitment by each contributing between \$100 and \$10,000 to the Foundation.

Is \$120 million an overly ambitious goal? No, because it's in line with the normal growth rate that we have seen during the last few years. Moreover, in reaching it, we will be very near to making Every Rotarian, Every Year a reality.

Increasingly, every day, The Rotary Foundation needs Rotarians. It needs you! The world's problems are on the rise, and the number of projects proportionately increases. The demands that will come our way will pose greater challenges. An obvious example is the PolioPlus Partners program, which covers a portion of the social mobilization expenses associated with the National Immunization Days held in those countries in which it is still necessary to vaccinate children against polio. Here is where districts can really help by donating a part of their District Designated Fund, and clubs can choose among their options and participate in funding the expenses essential to the success of the program. It's estimated that there will be a shortfall this year of about \$3 million, so by supporting PolioPlus Partners, we make it possible for Rotarian and non-Rotarian volunteers to help.

Our goals for 2006-07 are important and realistic. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I urge you to help through your Foundation contributions. Please continue to increase your level of support to the Foundation. It needs each one of you to take action so that its good works may reach every corner of the globe. Many are waiting for us to reach out.

Cordially,
Luis Vicente
Gay
The Rotary
Foundation
Trustee Chair,
2006-07



A Blast from The Past

In honor of the Club's 50th Anniversary, I will be publishing Club history highlights in each edition of the Brightside. Can YOU guess the Rotary Year and President?

Ken Anderson was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

Erected new Rotary signs at the Brighton limits.

Ken Anderson died on March 23.

Friends of Ken along with his Hickory Farms Company throughout the nation pledged \$25,000 to the Club for changes and additions to Camp Haccamo in his memory.

In addition, \$10,000 from his Will was given to provide ten additional Paul Harris Awards.

Clark Wackerman, Chair, with assistance from the Club, raised \$14,500 for Easter Seals.

Ken Geiwitz received Annual Citizens Award. record.

Club hosted a Norwegian Group Study Team.

Twenty new members were inducted - a record!

Look for the answer next week!

*Last Week's Answer:
Duncan Kennedy '89-90*

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Pancake Day:

The big event will take place on October 19 at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church. Members should have received tickets and poster sales information by now, and should be contacting poster customers! This year there are four levels of Sponsorship available--and Chris Tilley has already sold a \$500.00 Platinum Sponsor poster! The sales goal this year is \$15,000.00, which translates to about \$333.00 per member. There is a "Lead the Way" Contest, too, with an opportunity to earn points for ticket and poster sales, bringing a prospective member to a meeting, and the induction of a member. The prize is six months of free dues--or \$100.00 per team member. We are also organizing a Pancake Eating contest, and have been promised R-news coverage if we can get some competing teams of Brighton officials to enter! Pete Schwarz has sample solicitation letters and a map available digitally--if you'd like copies, please e-mail him.



**Nancy Chin -
back from her
6 week
sojourn in Tibet.**



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