

Wilford H. Taylor
1936 - 1937

First Community Christmas part at Ridge and Martin Streets. Hobby show, held in school gymnasium, display of the work and collections of children, young people and adults. Aroused and created new interests and encouragements.

Fred Cordt
1937 - 1938

Rotary instigated and encouraged the organization of the Homewood Concert Choir, later became known as Chicago Concert Choir. The Home Talent Show: Three nights of splendid entertainment by musicians, readers, and dancers from Homewood and neighboring communities. Proceeds were donated to Boy and Girl Scout units.

George May
1938 - 1939

Rotary sends first Homewood boy to Boys' State in Springfield. Another Homewood Talent Show: More talents discovered; proceeds donated to Boy and Girl Scouts.

Arthur Senior
1939 - 1940

Community night program at new Village Hall to commemorate American Education Week; Senator Arthur Bidwell was the guest speaker. A special Rotary dinner meeting held at Schroder's Bakery; fifty business and professional men attending. The idea was conceived to promote real Christmas observances in Homewood. It was desired that the programs be religious in nature with a beautiful white church, big community Christmas tree, and Christmas music. A business organization, which later led to the formation of the Homewood Chamber of Commerce, resulted, and Homewood was recognized as the outstanding village of South Cook County for spectacular Christmas decorations. A Rotary Club Amateur Show produced keen competition among musicians, singers, and dancers for prizes.

Timothy Kelly
1940 - 1941

Rotary members were instrumental and cooperated in the establishment of a Civil Aeronautics Patrol Unit at Washington Park Airport, located at the West end of Hasted Street at 187th Street.

Holger Schroder
1941 - 1942

Institutes of International Understanding were inaugurated by Homewood Rotary Club and, assisted by Rotary International, brought in a series of prominent speakers on this subject, aroused considerable interest in the various ideologies of the new and old worlds and their influence on the existing war situation. This continued for several years.

Eric Rhind
1942 - 1943

Service Men's Contacts: Service men's lists were prepared and special letters and pictures of the Homewood area sent all over the world. Special effort was made to entertain all service men home on leave and on return after discharge from service. Rotary instigated and aided in improvement project at Merchant's Park. This park was obtained by efforts of Frank Cowing Sr., and assisted by Homewood Rotary Club. Its development was encouraged and work begun by a Rotary committee headed by Eric Rhind.

Everett Kerr
1943 - 1944

Founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, guest speaker, graciously honored on club on November 15, 1943 with an extremely interesting talk. The Homewood Rotary Club, through a committee headed by Abbot Spaulding, developed a plan for Boys' and Girls' Recreational Activities. It provided organized, supervised play for younger children in swimming, softball, baseball, and basketball leagues, with a paid supervisor. This resulted in the formation of the Homewood Youth Council that continued for many years.

Elmo E. Dillon
1944 - 1945

Homewood Rotary sponsored new Cub Scout Pack. First Rural-Urban meeting; the club invited the farmers of the surrounding area as their luncheon guest. This opportunity to foster acquaintance and fellowship with the agricultural men. Organized clothing shipment to Europe for Homewood community; 522 bundles, a car loaded, packed and crated.

Paul M. Cook
1945 - 1946

Homewood Club's 19th anniversary was celebrated. Harvey Rotary Club being our guest. Held an inter-city meeting with Rotary Club of Chicago Heights; Kenneth Walsham Taylor of Colombo, Ceylon, and Governor of District 91, was the guest speaker.

Frank Cowing Sr.
1946 - 1947

Izaak Walton League Park Dedication; an organization spearheaded by Rotarian Art Senior, and supported by our Club. The Homewood Village Boy and Girl Bank achieved prominence under Rotarian Norman Beasley, Director.

Herbert Garrard
1947 - 1948

Homewood Delegate, Helge Janson, attends Rotary International Convention at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S.A.

Helge Janson
1948 - 1949

The club became a 100% member of the Paul P. Harris Memorial Fund. Our President, in the spirit of Rotary, developed his personal concept of stimulating our Club at many meetings through presentations of past and current Rotary information, an activity which he still continues. A personal Round Table took place from time to time in his home in connection with his Board Meetings. The first of successive Annual Minstrel Shows was held for raising Community funds, under the guidance of Rotarian Art Senior.

John E. Kurtz Sr.
1949 - 1950

Another Variety and Minstrel Show produced, conducted, and directed by Rotarian Norman Beasley; in the 2 years raised over \$2,300 for our Club's Community projects. Our President was General Chairman of the Homewood Community Fund and achieved over the quota in the annual drive. Rotarian Paul Cook, Executive head of the Phi Delta Kappa, Professional education Fraternity, was honored in Honolulu when he installed a Chapter of PDK there at the University of Hawaii. The recognition occurred at a Rotary Club meeting there and was conferred by Duke Kahanamoku, Olympic Champion.

Frank Prindiville
1950 - 1951

Intercity meeting with Blue Island, Chicago Heights, and Harvey, presented by International Committee with Professor Thomas E. Benner, just back from Korea and the war, was the speaker. Celebrated 15th Anniversary of our Club with First President Rev. W. H. Taylor being honored. Purchased flood light and equipment for new Homewood Fire Truck. Congressman William E. McVey of our Congressional District was honored as our speaker with a big attendance from neighboring clubs. Our President, being on the Board of Directors of Ingalls Memorial Hospital, encouraged our Club to help the hospital and activated some Rotary Anns to serve as auxiliaries.

Arthur E. Johnson
1951 - 1952

Club as a unit donated blood to the Blood Bank at Ingalls Memorial Hospital. The Annual Club picnic established a new high in attendance and in children and member activities and sports. The Little League Baseball Association formed with our Club as a sponsor and a supporter of one of the first four teams. Participated in the provision and erection of a new 2 1/2 million dollar YMCA in Harvey. Homewood's Representative Carol Chenot, in the Illinois Girls' State, honored at a meeting. Last District Conference of the old District #213 was held in Chicago and was well attended by our members.

Abbot Spaulding
1952 - 1953

Old District #213 split, and we became members of the new #213. R. I. President Henry J. Bunnier of San Francisco was speaker at a Joint City Meeting in Blue Island. Our Club was 90% in attendance with its Rotary Anns. Glenwood School for Boys was honored on the Clubs 17th Anniversary Ladies' Night; a silk American Flag and Regimental Standard was presented to the School's Color Guard. We held, at Izaak Walton Park, founded through efforts of Rotarian Art Senior, two special affairs in Senior Hall; one with the Cook County Police and the other, a Club "Roast Out." President Spaulding wrote biographies on each Club member and presented them on their birthday during the year; each biography was read, and at the year's end, was assembled into a book and in turn presented to each member.

Robert Hollett
1953 - 1954

Display of products manufactured locally was first held at regular meeting in Senior Hall. Dr. Lanier Hunt of the National Religious Association of Washington, D.C., who subsequently became a Homewood Rotarian, helped our Club feature and honor the United Nations at an International Meeting of our Club. A contest was started for renaming the Club Bulletin. The winning name was THE "SPOKES" MAN, submitted by Stan Zeek. Three Rotarian daughters were honored for their participation in and support of "The Suburban Players" theatre group. Several members attended the laying of the "Cornerstone: on the new R.I. Headquarters in Evanston. Conducted "Membership" contest with new Park Forest Club, for 3 months.

Vincent McGuire
1954 - 1955

A Past President's Meeting was held for the first time with our Second President, Fred Cordt, officiating. The "Spokesman" came into full bloom with Rotary Cofran, First Editor. The Club was canvassed on the list of Community Service projects. Over half a ton of food was provided thru "CARE" for Japan, the Philippines, and Indo China. R.I. 50th Anniversary Convention held in Chicago, and was well attended by our members. Honored Fire Chief Nick W. Kuhn of the Homewood Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years of service with 25 years of these as Chief. Presented "Good Citizenship" activity thru 8th Grade pupils of the local Elementary School Districts. Presented to the Glenwood Boy's School on our Ladies' Night, a large Library Edition of Webster's Dictionary.

Robert Lewis
1955 - 1956

Nike Base was installed in Homewood area. Captain Brumley, Commanding Officer, was granted membership in Homewood Rotary. A luncheon and tour of inspection by all members of our Club, and the donation of a flag and stand to the base, was appreciated by all. An act of Community Service; raincoats and rain-hats were donated to our local schools for use by Crossing Guards. This has been continued as an annual event. We supported and started the formation of a Chamber of Commerce, First President, Rotarian Abbot Spaulding.

Roy Janson
1956 - 1957

Homewood Rotary Club donated walkie-talkie equipment to our local fire department. Donation given by members of Homewood Rotary Club to cover cost of sending "CARE" food to people in need in other lands.

Jack Kurtz
1957 - 1958

Homewood Rotary Club sponsors and assists the organization of Rotary Club of Lansing. Homewood Rotarian, Robert Friske, who had opened an Optometry office in Lansing at that time, was able to accomplish the organization of this club and was elected their first president. Charter night was held at the Glenwood School for Boys. Community Service; Homewood Rotary Club donated to the village of Homewood trash receptacles to help keep our village clean.

Edward Cohrs
1958 - 1959

Donated yellow rubber sets of rain coats and rain hats through the Club's Safety Committee to the Elementary Schools' Patrol Boys, for all Homewood schools. Donated additional metal Litter Drums to the Village for curbstone use throughout the downtown business section of Homewood. Club's records, flags and members' paraphernalia were destroyed in a fire at Surma's Restaurant, the regular weekly meeting place of the Club. New regular meeting place is established at the Cherry Hills Country Club.

Roy Cofran
1959 - 1960

Rotarian Stanley Zeek traveled to Africa, returning with many articles of interest, including pictures of Haile Salassie and his palace, and his visits to several Rotary Clubs. Homewood Rotary Club was Host Club for a joint Vocational Seminar of Districts 644 and 642 at Olympia Fields Country Club. Homewood-Flossmoor High School was dedicated; Homewood Rotarians has considerable influence in the establishment of this school. Superintendent Dr. William Woodworth of the high school received membership in our club. The sum of \$250.00 was donated by Homewood Rotary for a high school Scholarship Fund. Our Club became a 200% Club, an amount equal to \$20 per member having been contributed to Rotary Foundation. Due to efforts of our John Larson, our members, wives, and friends were able to make a tour of the Dresden Atomic Electric Generating Plant.

Stanley Carske
1960 - 1961

Organizer of Homewood Rotary Club, Rev. Wilford H. Taylor passes away. A memorial service in his memory was held at our Club meeting. Twenty-five years of service. Homewood Rotary Club celebrates our Silver Anniversary with a Ladies' Night and joint meeting of neighboring Rotary Clubs. Rotarian James Johnson, President of Homewood Library Board, is successful in convincing upon, and the new library was built. Homewood Rotary donated an American flag, flagpole.

Robert Krause
1961 - 1962

Homewood Rotary Club placed the name of our Charles (Sandy) Sandberg in nomination for Governor of District 644 and he was elected. It was decided to set up an additional fund of \$100.00 for the Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Our club completed and paid for the erection of the Homewood Library flagpole. Vocational Guidance books were contributed to the library. The present club lectern was purchased.

John VanZanten
1962- 1963

Our Sandy Sandberg, now Governor of District 644, gave generously of his time and means in discharging his duties of this high office. Service Above Self for Rotary, bringing great credit to himself and to our Club. An unusual Ladies' Night at the beginning of our year, featuring Sandy Sandberg in a "This Is Your Life" program, in combination with a recognition dinner. Several ex-governors and guests were present. Frank Prindiville acted as Master of Ceremonies. An outstanding Ladies' and Visitor's Night was held. Past Presidents, Rotary Anns, and none other than our President of Rotary International, Nitish Laharry, attended.

Stanley Zeek
1963- 1964

We had our first Rotary Ann luncheon; a majority of Rotary Anns attended. The Host-of-the-Week system was begun and continued as part of the club function. The club had a Club Assembly meeting held outdoors at the local Dog and Suds for a regular noon meeting. There was an Intercity Meeting with the Wilmette Club.

James Johnson
1964- 1965

Rotary International Past-President Nitish LaHarry died; a short service was held. There was an attendance contest held with Lansing for one month, both tied at 100% and the Homewood Club was host to a joint meeting and luncheon. International Understanding Ladies' Night was attended by all of the Rotary Foundation students. The guest speaker was Dr. Percy Julian. The annual visit to the Glenwood School for a regular noon meeting was re-instituted. Several Homewood Rotarians went to Brazil as a part of a District-to-District exchange. Members of the Homewood Rotary Club went to the International Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.; the trip was made together via a chartered bus. There was a joint meeting between the Homewood Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs. Judge Mel Jiganti was the speaker.

Herbert Janson
1965- 1966

The present club history was conceived and written. Homewood and Lansing hold inter-city meetings at the Sportsman's Club. Lansing with a Holland-night hosting R.I. President "Sput" Tienstra and Governor John Schaff. Homewood Rotary joins the Loins Club and the Chamber of Commerce in an Inter-service Club effort presenting the U.S. Steel Orchestra to an audience of 750, including 250 pupils and personnel from the Glenwood School for Boys. We have a city-wide display of our unique collection of Rotary Club Banners to mark "World Understanding Week." The

territorial limits of our Club are enlarged to include several neighboring area. Homewood Rotary becomes a 300% contributor to the Rotary Foundation. For the first time District 644 appoints Counselors for Rotary Foundation Students - Helge and Herb Janson for Michael Hiden of Finland. Homewood Rotary is host for the District Conference at the Dorchester Club in Dolton. Approximately 50 Rotarians and family members journey to the R.I. Convention at Denver via special train. We celebrate our 30th anniversary at D'Amico's Restaurant in Joliet with a Dinner-Theatre Party.

John Larson
1966- 1967

President John passed away September 15, 1966. A new slate of officers and directors was approved and elected by the Club.

Phillip Silver
1966- 1967

The International Convention was held in Nice, France and a group of 22, made up of 10 from Homewood, 6 from Kankakee, 4 from Oak Lawn and 2 from Chicago Heights, spent a week on the Riviera. A very interesting and complete review of the trop was given by Harry Glair. Dr. Herbert, upon his return from an extended camping trip of Europe and Scandinavia with his son, David, gave a very informative talk on they experiences. The first of the Fireside meetings was started by Roy Janson, followed by Stan Carske and others.

Reed McWilliams
1967- 1968

The club proposed and sponsored Abbott "Duke" Spaulding for Governor. The Club's participation in the Rotary Foundation was increased from 300% to 400%. The first foreign exchange student program was initiated. A Round Robin for District 644 club bulletins was started. Club attendance for the year was 95.85% with a club membership of 55. Also won attendance contest with Park Forest and was entertained at Cherry Hills Country Club. The ruby studded pin for incoming presidents was first presented. A club directory was compiled and bound copies given to all members. Pictures and articles of our club display of the "14 Steps for Membership" was featured in the August '67 issue of The Rotarian Magazine. Countess Maria Pulaski topped out a delightful year-end affair held at Cherry Hills Country Club.

James Daanen
1968- 1969

Thirty-six Rotarians and Rotary Anns from Homewood and surrounding area attended International Convention in Hawaii. Six men formed a group study exchange committee and spent two months in Taiwan and Hong Kong promoting goodwill. Homewood was host to President Arthur Whitewell of the Renfrew, Scotland Rotary Club with whom our club had arranged a student exchange. Our first exchange student is Kristin Kirkconnell to Scotland and Mark Dykes will arrive from Glasgow, Scotland. On August 23, Ulla Byager arrived from Denmark and on January 29, Nancy Bixby left for New Zealand. Our "Rotree" activity for the beautification of

Homewood culminated in a fund raising Dinner-Theater Night at Drury Lane. \$500,00 was turned over to the Village of Homewood.

Carl Hope
1969- 1970

On February 23, 1970 Rotary International celebrated its 65th Anniversary. Club membership increased from 53 members to 59. Thirteen Rotarians and Rotary Anns attended the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Homewood Rotary Club became a 500% contributor to Rotary International Foundation, who sponsored over 500 students to all parts of the world during 1967-1970. Two \$400,00 scholarships were awarded to 2 Homewood-Flossmoor High School students. On June 26, 1969, our member, "Duke" Spaulding was inaugurated as District Governor of 644 at a banquet held at Cherry Hills Country Club. Floyd Mix and Mel Hine continued the business experience program for H-F School students. These students were organized into a corporation, sold stock, elected officers, established a production line for manufacture of jig saw puzzles. The program was well received and all stocks were retired with interest. Sponsored a Little League Team and participated in School Safety Program. Contributed \$100.00 to Viking Choir for trip to Russia.

Floyd Mix
1970- 1971

A club meeting was held at Goodheart Wilcox Publishing Co. at the invitation of President Floyd, who is owner and publisher of the firm. Homewood Rotarians were involved in making jig-saw puzzles and golf tee puzzles for free distribution to shut-ins and to hospitals and Shriner's Hospital for crippled children. A total of 187 man hours contributed by 33 Rotarians made a total of 194 puzzles. Initiated Career Exploration Night for high school students - later changed to present name of Career Day. Purchased a film on marijuana for Homewood Police Department. Table attendance sheets was initiated. Four scholarships, totaling \$1400.00 were presented to 4 Homewood-Flossmoor High School students at Career Night.

Walter Ohman
1971- 1972

At time of installation the President was hospitalized and his Rotary Ann substituted in his behalf. Robert Sobanjian, Mayor of Waukegan, was a guest and spoke on "Decisions and Why We Have to Have Them." Seven scholarships, totaling \$2400.00, were given to students at Homewood-Flossmoor High School and Glenwood School for Boys. Successful Career Day conducted at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Mrs. Barbara Allen, our pianist, gave an excellent piano recital on History of Music. Seven band saws purchased by Rotary in 1970 - 1971 for making puzzles were disposed of as the jig saw project was terminated.

Robert Borkenhagen
1972- 1973

This year was accented by a steady growth of members in the Homewood Rotary Club. Programs were outstanding, among the best being "Religions Around the World" with discussions moderated by Percy Wagner. One of his guests was the Consul General of Iran who explained the views of Eastern thought. About \$4000.00

for scholarships was given to students of Homewood-Flossmoor High School and the Glenwood School for Boys. Our Rotary exchange student from the Netherlands, Annalein Van Duinan, was a charm to have with us. The Ladies' Night entertainment were well attended. A fine program was a short play by the Chicago Heights players at the Flossmoor Country Club. Group Study Exchange men from India visited our club on April 18, 1973.

Al Thiernau
1973- 1974

Homewood became a member of the new District 645 which resulted from a division of District 644 into two districts. An auction was held and netted \$1500 for our scholarship fund. A total of \$2500 was given to three seniors from H-F High School. A group study exchange from District 644 and 645 left for India for a six week visit under the leadership of Roy Cofran, a past president of our club. We continued to support the Youth Exchange Program. Marie Ceroke from Homewood spent a year in Australia, and our club hosted Monique from France and Roberto from Brazil. The social highlight of the year was Progressive Dinner. Cocktails and hors d' oeuvres at the Percy Wagners, dinner at the homes of several Rotarians and Rotary Anns, and finally at Idlewild Country Club for dessert and beverage arranged by Rotarian Norm Norman. The third annual Career Day was held at H-F High School. culminating with luncheon and a regular meeting in the faculty dining room of the school.

Dr. C. Sandberg
1974- 1975

Evening out with attendance at Harlem Globetrotters game. Interesting talk by Jerry Rappaport of Chicago Bomb Squad. Land and Sea and Air Rendezvous at Meigs Field; 356 Rotarians attended. Rotary Foundation week was observed with Drs. Helge and Herbert Janson honoring their brother, Roy, posthumously with a grant to the Paul Harris Foundation. Rotary Foundation increased from 600% to 800%. Pat Sundling was selected to be our exchange student for the year. She chose to study in Brazil

Roger Lewis
1975- 1976

First Homewood Rotary Golf Outing held at Lincolnshire Country Club on August 27. Sponsored Rotary Club of Oak Forest which was chartered on October 1. International Youth Committee, in addition to hosting International Student orientation for District 645, endorsed four local young people for overseas study while hosting overseas students here. Four Way Test Speech Contest was initiated locally and in District 645. Sponsored candidate for Rotary Foundation scholarship. Ten metal engraving units were presented to the Homewood Police Department.

Robert Curtis
1976- 1977

The sale of smoke detectors was a very successful project. Our Rotary Foundation score was increased to 1,700%. Dr. Tim Kelly was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship posthumously. A group study exchange was sent to visit England headed by our Scott Hackett. The group was made up of five, namely, a social worker, loan officer,

fireman, lawyer and police officer. Two new clubs were started in the District, Calumet City and Westmont.

George Schwerin
1977- 1978

Dedication of metal plaque at foot of flagpole at Library. Placed "Rotary Meeting Place" plaque in entrance at Surma's. Instituted the appointment of Office of Club Parliamentarian. Rotary Foundation Award recipients were honored at a luncheon; namely Harry Glair, Dr. and Mrs. C.O. Sandberg, Dr. Helge Janson and Dr. Tim Kelly. Manual Arts awards were started for students of Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Club entertained at a regular meeting a group of handicapped residents from the Ludeman Center. Meeting was devoted to a group of children from the Happiday Center of Chicago Heights. Rotary Foundation was increased to 1900%.

Dr. Mike Videka
1978- 1979

Preparations were made for the 1980 R.I. Convention to be held in Chicago. AL Thiernau and Al Lietz, Homewood Hospitality Committee. Club donated \$1,500 to the new R.I. Health-Hunger-Humanity Foundation - \$30.00/member and our club was awarded the highest honor, a Banner Club. Hosted exchange group from Australia. Dr. Helge Hanson Day - oldest in year of membership and longest in years of perfect attendance.

David Swan Jr.
1979- 1980

Following an appeal from our International President to "Reach Out" to South East Asian refugees, the Homewood Club had as its prime goal to aid in the finding of jobs, clothing, and to give personal assistance to individual refugee families. The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange from District 971 in Australia visited our area and we were privileged to host the seven members from "down under." Our program of sponsoring two outbound exchange students and two inbound foreign exchange students was continued. The climax of the year was being able to assist in the 75th Anniversary Convention of Rotary International held in Chicago. The individual club member were thrilled and honored to be able to host for an evening 60 Rotarians and Rotary Anns from club around the world. The memories will linger long after the names and countries may be forgotten.

Dr. Sol Rocke
1980- 1981

The "Diamond Anniversary" of Rotary International was held in Chicago June 1 - 5, 1980. A fleet of buses carried 18,743 Rotarians, from 110 countries, between their hotels and McCormick Place, the site of the Convention. On Wednesday, June 4th, 7,000 Rotarians and guests attended the 75th Anniversary Dinner. The entree was 3 tons of chicken breasts, etc., 15,000 cups of coffee served by 400 waiters and waitresses. 10,000 visitors were entertained by the Chicago area Rotarians in Home Hospitality.

Arthur Welsh
1981- 1982

Dr. Helge Janson became a Paul Harris Fellow along with Al Thiernau, and the Club's contributions to the Foundation totaled \$17,160 to date. Dr. C. Sandy Sandberg, PDG., volunteered his services to the overseas 3H program. Ladies' Night was held at the Martinique with 67 attending for dinner and theatre. Our first attempt at a fund raiser with grapefruit and oranges was tried with limited success. Our Club had 100% attendance for the month of March during an attendance contest with our neighboring Chicago Heights Club. A dual meeting was held at the end of the contest and resulted in great fellowship. April 28th was Career Day at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Saturday, May 8th was the date for our Health Fair at the Homewood Village Hall from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.. And the Club's sometimes annual golf outing was rained out at Calumet Country Club. "A sheer delight" best described our exchange student Laurence Lassartesse from France. Her ambition was to become an interpreter for visitors to her country. Look her up if you're going that way (border of Spain and France). It may be said that President Arthur started our club on a new roll.

Michael Krokidas
1982- 1983

Overall it was a great year for President Michael with eleven new members joining our Club as a result of Ed Rachford's membership development program. Dr. C.O. Sandberg received a R.I. Presidential Citation for his volunteer work overseas with the HHH program. The H-F Viking Choir ensemble presented a holiday performance for the club. Homewood Rotary made contributions to "Operation Snowball and Respond Now." Dr. Sol Rocke volunteered his time for VOSH. in Zaire, Africa and was able to fit 3,000 persons with eye glasses. Health Fair was held April 10th and Dr. Jack Ross left us suddenly the afternoon of April 12 with a heart attack. On a bright note, we had outstanding exchange students, Petra Aarnio from Pori, Finland and Alexander Azevedo from Belem, Brazil. Alex learned his English by watching TV, hour after hour. He earned a place on the H-F basketball team and was a great hit at the District Conference.

Byron Hurd
1983- 1984

In the evolution of exchange students Vic Loreano, Cotabata, Philippines and Billy (William) Jedwat, San Paulo, Brazil, bloomed when they were planted with Homewood Rotary. And Billy's parents visited us in September. Vic gave an excellent talk on his homeland and where his father is a Rotarian. In its infinite wisdom, the Board of Directors approved a fund raising project of selling 400 raffle tickets for \$100 each. Michael Krokidas and his committee worked hard and made it a success and gave the Club \$15,000 to use for community and other worthwhile projects. Dr. (Big Eddie) Mandel started a polio immunization campaign by imposing a "liquor tax" of 25 cents a drink consumed by Rotarians. The program was commended in "The Flower Pot," District Governor Al Thiernau's newsletter. He also organized a trip to visit Judge Dietsch's courtroom in Markham. Dr. (Sandy) Sandberg volunteered for HHH program in Sudan. The Health Fair under Dr. Flor's direction again examined over 100 people from the community. President Byron

shared Rotary with Kiwanis at their meeting March 8, near the close of what some considered a "good year" for Homewood Rotary.

John Doody Jr.
1984- 1985

President John had a very good year. Support was given to many worthwhile organizations and projects during John's year, including area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Family Shelter, VOSH, and the Glenwood School for Boys, as well as Operation Snowball, a project for high school students to prevent drug and alcohol abuse. Homewood Rotary has been involved since "Snowball's" inception. Fireside chats were scheduled for October and everyone was encouraged to attend. Under World Community Service, a neat project was supported when our Club gave David Cummings - a Peace Corps worker and son of Walter Cummings - the money for supplies to build a much needed water well in a remote village of Africa. Dr. Mandel moved his cans for polio throughout the District and Rotarians everywhere responded with support for the project. Exchange students: Vanessa Marao was in the spring musical at H-F. Sandy (Sandra) Tolua - our Samoan from Auckland, New Zealand - was a joy all year and bid us a moving farewell. And then came Julie - Julie Billingham from Glen Waverly, Victoria, Australia. The Health Fair, under the guidance of Dr. Tom Fleming, detected quite a few illnesses in the 135 screenings to area residents.

John Atkins
1985- 1986

Our Club's Golden Anniversary - 50 years of fruitful progress and accomplishments!

The most notable accomplishment in this year was the institution of a combined meeting with the four service clubs, namely Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary to be an annual event.

Mario Santacaterina
1986- 1987

Our exchange program was carried on in the same exceptional way as always with A-One top notch participants. Rotary International had changed their By-Laws to let eligible females to be inducted into local clubs. During this year we inducted our first female and shortly after several more followed.

Elias Mandel
1987- 1988

Our two exchange students were Mette Kjobsted from Denmark and Ivonise Dos Santos from Brazil. During this year, a "cans for polio" program was instituted from the District level. Our president, Elias, was a special District PolioPlus representative to Rotary International. Also, we achieved 56 Paul Harris Fellows in Homewood for PolioPlus. President Ed worked on a mission to Ecuador for 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) in conjunction with Sol Rocke and the VOSH Program. We received the

President of the Tokyo Club. Re-instituted the fireside meetings. Ed was roasted at Ladies' night and was probably the first and last local Rotarian to be roasted.

Joe Doerfler
1988- 1989

President Doerfler designated that his main project for the year would be to at last finalize and bring about a community use of our fund raising projects of the last several years. The Board, at his insistence, came up with a project that satisfied all. With an assist from Van Drunen Ford, a 12 passenger van was purchased and in turn donated to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District to be used as they wished, mainly for senior citizen transportation. The Board was receptive to all of the programs suggested by President Joe.

Roger Bovenkerk
1989 - 1990

During this year the Health Fair was expanded to get more people involved. Through Tom Fleming's increased efforts and the cooperation of the Board, the Health Fair screened nearly one thousand people. Also this year, a start was made to form a Rotary Club of Homewood Foundation so that our accumulated funds from fundraisers would be protected and used as needed. This application was processed and the following year it was in existence. During this year ten new members were inducted.

Gary Nordbrock
1990 - 1991

President Gary promoted the Rotary International President's theme of "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm." Youth programs were encouraged by having a student of the week at our meetings as well as our exchange students. In Community Service, Tom Fleming again led the membership in producing the annual Health Fair to an all time high attendance of 1,200 persons. Our own Elias Mandel served as District Governor and many of our members assisted him. Thirty two from the Homewood Club attended the District Conference. Four couples from Homewood attended the International Convention. Programs were arranged by Chairman Gerry Bradley. During the course of the year the Club's history was reviewed by Historian Art Welsh The final program was a slide review presentation by President Gary showing the highlights of his year.

Joe Sherrill
1991- 1992

Homewood Rotary began the year with 66 members, and a resolve to see its Community Service projects expanded. Officers were Joe Sherrill, President; Frieda Leppellere, President-Elect; Walt Flor, Secretary; Cliff Mora, Treasurer; Gary Nordbrock, Immediate Past-President. Directors were Ray Brejcha, Scott Doerfler, Karen McClenahan and Tom Moore. While the year was filled with activities, three major events stood out.

The club undertook jointly with Chicago Heights Rotary, a Christmas program for the Glenwood School for Boys

The tenth Annual Health Fair was held at the Marie Irwin Center in March. Slightly fewer than 1,000 people took advantage of many of the more than 40 free health screening tests available.

The Homewood Rotary Club Foundation was chartered as a 501(c)3 organization. By-laws were drawn up and approved, and a board of directors elected. The foundation closed its first fiscal year with a balance of more than \$40,000.

The club's year was marked by an increase of seven members, closing the year with 73 on the rolls. The year also saw general balances grow by more than \$5,000.

Freida Lepellere
1992- 1993

Walter Flor
1993 - 1994

Joe Sherrill was honored as citizen of the year. He served the Jones Community Center, PADS, the Chicago Presbytery, the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, his Rotary Club, the Homewood Rotary Foundation and of course Penn State.

Our outbound student, Brad Kirschner spent a year in Finland. Erik Hilberth returned home to Sweden and Jane Yelland returned to Australia. We had three inbound students: Lucas Garcia from Argentina, Emi Goto from Japan and Balazs from Hungary.

The Homewood Rotary Foundation officers were President Gary Nordbrock, Vice President Mario Santacaterina, Treasurer Joe Sherrill and Secretary John Jansen.

Cliff Mora
1994 - 1995

Another successful Health Fair led by Tom Fleming and his assistants, and in association with Ingalls Memorial Hospital. We held the Glenwood School Christmas gift program and had a great party with the students. Also supported the building of a new outdoor basketball court at the school. Continuation of our Student Exchange program, and another successful and growing year for our Club Foundation.

We initiated a joint project with the Rotary Club of Harare, Zimbabwe, which will also involve the securing of a matching fund grant from Rotary International. The Annual Givers Program was increased from 6 to 21 members.

At the Annual Health Fair we met Mrs. Lucile Hudson, a former Secretary of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary. Subsequently, she was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Homewood Rotary Club, with District Governor Bill Temple conducting the ceremony.

Karen McClenahan
1995- 1996

Club focus of the year was to emphasize member participation and create interest in Rotary membership. A partial list of the first time accomplishments during the year includes:

At the Homewood Rotary Health Fair we provided, for the first time, PolioPlus immunizations and involved area youth exchange students to demonstrate and teach community service.

We participated in a Habitat for Humanity project; sponsored the digging of water wells in India and Latin America, and participated in a sun-oven project in Peru. The club hosted a GSE Team from Japan.

We sponsored two youth exchange students; assisted in developing a Gang Task Force with the local high school; worked to obtain new computers for the Glenwood School for Boys, and hosted a Christmas party for Glenwood students.

We joined two other area Rotary Clubs in funding the Chicago Heights Health Clinic for citizens who cannot afford basic health care.

Member honors of the year included Mike Slevnik and Diane Ackerman as co-Rotarians of the Year; Clint Johnson was named Homewood "Fire Fighter of the Year", and Rev. Joe Ledwell was recognized for his 30 years of service to the Homewood Presbyterian Church.

We made top 10 club attendance list on a routine basis; celebrated our 60th anniversary, and increased our membership to seventy-nine loyal Homewood Rotarians.

**Glenn Swanson
1996 - 1997**

Rotarians who toured the Family Health Society Clinic saw first hand how our club's monetary support and volunteers have helped to make this clinic a tremendous service to our community.

Marine Laurence was a wonderful exchange student. Charles and Harriet Argento, her host family, were great. Our club could not have had a better experience and, hopefully, Marine could say the same.

Mike Slevnik headed our Annual Raffle and did a tremendous job as we exceeded our \$40,000 goal. This money was used to cover the expenses of the Health Fair, with the balance going to our Foundation.

Once again our Health Fair was a success through the efforts of Tom Fleming, Bob Wilson, Mike Slevnik, Martin Anthonisen, and all of the Homewood Rotarians. We had close to 1,000 people partake in the worthwhile service to our community.

Through the efforts of Catherine Spitler, Mike Slevnik, Paul McHenry, Keith McLean, and Jim McClenahan, an Explorers Post was formed for high school boys attending the Glenwood School for Boys.

For the first time we had a Homewood Rotary Recognition Night during which we honored Rotarian Dr. Ruben Chuquimia. The proceeds from this affair went to help finance a literacy program and sewing workshop in the city of Cusco, Peru.

The Glenwood School Christmas program, pizza party, and gifts were once again a huge success. We exceeded our \$2,000 commitment by \$300.

Rick Thiernau
1997 - 1998

Our international theme was "Show Rotary Cares," and every week, President Rick would acknowledge how members lived this theme within the community.

Our exchange program hosted one student, Machiko Higa, from Okinawa.

We honored Eleanor Lint's contributions to the club and the community with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Our club became sole sponsor of the Glenwood School for Boys Christmas Program and this year we donated a woodshop to the school.

We sadly remember the year with the memory of Tom Fleming and Fitz Blake. Their dedication and contributions to this club helped to "Show Rotary Cares." In memory of Tom Fleming, the club continued to offer the community a top quality Health Fair.

Jerry Palm
1998 - 1999

The Rotary theme for the year was "Follow Your Rotary Dream" composed by RI president James Lacy.

Several members worked at the District level, including Rick Thiernau (Assistant Governor); Roger Bovenkerk (District Treasurer); Paul McHenry (Youth Exchange Committee); Nick Markionni (Governor Nominating Committee); and Jerry Palm (Conference Golf Outing Chairman).

Doctor Sol Rocke was honored at the second Recognition Dinner in October. We raised \$6,000, and 131 people attended the dinner, held at Surma's. Grand Prairie Services benefited to the tune of \$4,500 with our Foundation getting \$1,500.

As usual, we had the Health Fair in March at the Marie Irwin Center. For the first time we solicited sponsors and were successful to the point of underwriting half of the cost of the fair.

Peter Nielsen - our exchange student from Denmark - was a pleasure all year long and he was the star of the talent show at the District Conference. We have an outbound student, Kate Szrom for the year 1999-2000.

Nick Markionni
1999 - 2000

Club Service: The Homewood, Chicago Heights, Park Forest and Matteson Clubs cooperated on two joint meetings (featuring U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald and Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.), and two social events (Valentine's dinner and a movie, and a murder mystery dinner). The Club received two awards at District Conference: 2nd Place Attendance Award, and meeting our goal during the District membership drive.

Community service; Co-chairs Martin Anthonisen and Bob Wilson oversaw the annual Health Fair, which was attended by nearly 1,000 people. This project was honored with the Significant Achievement Award, presented by RI to fewer than 1% of all clubs around the world.

International Service; A matching grant project with the Club of Las Heras, Mendoza, Argentina helped supply seven medical clinics in the rural countryside. Incoming President Slevnik visited the area after attending the International Convention and testified, "We're making a difference for thousands of people." Katherina May from Germany was our exchange student, and a better student we couldn't have had, while Kate Szrom did us proud as our outbound student to Japan.

Vocational Service; The Club met at all the local schools, and continued our long-standing Christmas Party tradition at the Glenwood School. With pizza donated by Aurelio's, both the boys and Rotarians enjoyed a wonderful evening together.

It was an outstanding year! For our overall achievements, the Club was honored with a Presidential Citation.

Michael Slevnik
2000 – 2001

What a phenomenal year for the Homewood Rotary Club! The strength of the Club depends solely on the strength of its membership. Through the outstanding leadership of the Board of Directors and the time and effort of its members, this Club has more than exceeded this President's goals. Through the Four Avenues of Service the Club worked diligently to help make the world a better place.

This year, we sent 22 students from the Glenwood School to a White Sox baseball game, and we sponsored 41 students from the Glenwood School to a carnival which the club successfully sponsored. Each month, at our weekly meetings, Dr. Gary Nordbrock spotlighted students from the local area schools. Each student received a framed certificate signed by the Club President and Director Nordbrock.

The Homewood Rotary Club has been very active in Community Service. We had a float in the Fourth of July parade, sponsored a booth and stage at Homewood Days and sponsored a booth at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in Tinley Park. We took part in the community spirit of the Homewood Community Awareness Fair, volunteered for the Homewood Community Auction, and had lunch with a group of very special Senior Citizens.

In October, we hosted a recognition dinner honoring William Addy, past President and CEO of the Bank of Homewood. The proceeds generated by the dinner and silent

auction were divided between the South Suburban Family Shelter and the Homewood Rotary Club Foundation.

This Christmas, the Club purchased food and presents for a mother and her six children. This family had no one to turn to, no place to go. Rotary made it a Christmas to remember, not only for the family, but for all of us. This is truly what Rotary is about.

For the past 10 years, the club has sponsored a Christmas party for the Glenwood School. Each boy received a present from his wish list, and we celebrated with songs, pizza, pasta and salad.

Through a matching grant project with Rotary International, medical equipment was purchased for seven health clinics in Mendoza, Argentina. We are currently involved in securing a 3H grant (Health, Hunger and Humanity) with Rotary International to provide much needed eye care for the people of Mendoza.

Dr. Sol Rocke collects new and gently used eyeglasses, and our Club made a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to VOSH, which provides eye care to third world countries.

This year, we sent students from Hillcrest High School to participate in a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly). The weekend was spent enhancing leadership skills and learning to work as a team.

Working together, our four local Clubs (Homewood, Chicago Heights, Park Forest and Matteson), met at a social event - Rotary After Hours. Proceeds from the event provided seed money for a ROTARACT Club.

Our Club was one of the original sponsors of the Family Health Society in Chicago Heights, which provides health care to the working poor. We continue to support the Family Health Society with monetary donations and volunteer hours.

The Health Fair has always been a huge success. This year was no exception. Bob Wilson worked many countless hours relocating the Fair to James Hart Jr. High. The new location provides easier access to all test and screening areas. Martin Anthonisen continued to "Create Awareness" with a strong support team. Almost every member participated in the Fair. Without their support, the Fair could not have achieved this level of success.

Our Club's Foundation supports numerous local and international projects. This year, we continued to support the Village of Homewood Senior ID Bracelet Program. For the first time, this program began in Hazel Crest, with our Club as the sponsor.

Martin Anthonisen is chairing our newly formed Membership Committee. With his stellar business background, leadership abilities and commitment to Rotary, we are setting our sights on increasing membership by 25%.

Dr. Gary Nordbrock received the Four Avenues of Service Citation from Rotary International, which was signed by RI President Frank Devlyn. This citation recognizes the outstanding Rotarian who provides leadership abilities in the four

avenues of service, Community Service, Club Service, International Service and Vocational Service.

Rick Thiernau received the Cedric Pope Award which honors the outstanding Rotarian within District 6450. District 6450 is comprised of 63 Clubs and approximately 2,500 members. The qualifications that are required to be considered for an award of this level are difficult to achieve. We are all very proud of Rick!

We also inducted a record 25 Paul Harris Fellows. This program aids in the support of the many programs with which the Rotary International Foundation is involved.

Dr. Howard Bayles continues to break all attendance records in our Club. Dr. Bayles has forty-three years of perfect attendance... Way to go Doc!!!

Twenty five club members received perfect attendance pins.

Bob Wilson and Martin Anthonisen were recognized as Citizens of the Year.

Rick Thiernau was the Rotarian of the Year.

Our Club received the Presidential Citation. Rotary International provides the guidelines that must be fulfilled to achieve this prominent recognition.

For all of the Clubs' achievements, the Club was recognized in May with a proclamation from the State Senate (D. Halverson) and a resolution from the Illinois House of Representatives (K. McCarthy, G. Scully and B. Ryan). Thirteen Rotarians went to Springfield, enjoyed a dinner with our distinguished guests, and had a private tour of the Governor's Mansion, Lincoln Home and the State Capitol Building. Several hearty Rotarians walked up the spiral staircase to view - close up - the stained glass dome.

What a year, what memories... Thank you Rotary, thank you fellow Rotarians...

Clint Johnson
2001 – 2002

Barbara Ramsey
2002 – 2003

Gary Nordbrock
2003-2004

Jim Mahan
2004-2005

