



# Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary the eye-opener

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## November—Rotary Foundation Month

*By Antoinette Tuscano*

Worldwide, Rotary Foundation Matching Grants are saving and changing lives. Since the first Matching Grant was awarded in 1965, more than US\$335 million has been distributed through more than 30,000 grants.

This is a tremendous achievement for Rotarians, who have made these grants possible through their generous donations to the Annual Programs Fund, and dedicated their time and talent to help carry out projects that put Service Above Self.

By giving \$100 a year — less than \$2 a week — to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, Rotarians become part of the Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

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## CALENDAR

Vocational Committee Fundraiser at Next Chapter Book Shop	11/29/09
Club Assembly Lobster Fest 2010	12/4/09
Dec Board Meeting	12/17/09
Speaker: Brian Kendzor "Focus on Energy"	12/18/09
Speaker: Kevin Shafe Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District "How you can help protect Lake Michigan"	1/8/10

## President's Letter

*By Tom Johnson*

At this time of Thanksgiving it is appropriate to reflect upon all the blessings we personally enjoy and to pause and reflect upon our Rotary club and the many lives that it touches here in our community and beyond. The list of those whom we positively affect is amazingly long. This August, for example, we partnered with four local charities, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ozaukee County, COPE Services, Ozaukee Family Services and the Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County for our annual Lobsterfest fundraiser. Over 500 people attended and while those four organizations benefited, in a given year so many more benefit from our monetary donations as well as the physical work efforts we put forth.

A by no means complete list of those organizations would include St. Mary's Hospital, Family Fun Before the Fourth, Habitat for Humanity, Logemann Community Center, The Right Step, the Town Center, Kathy's House, the Weyenberg Library, Advocates, Pukaite Woods, the K-9 Project, Helping Hands/Helping Hooves, the Jail Literacy Program, the Adult Literacy Program, Steffen and Lake Shore Middle Schools, and the Mequon Nature Preserve.

In addition to that we sponsor an inbound exchange student every year (and an outbound student this year) as well as sponsor an inbound Group Study Exchange (this year from Sweden). In partnership with our sister, noon club, we sponsor the Riverwalk project of Mequon/Thiensville. Each year we select several local families in need during

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## President's Letter

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the Holidays, provide them with food and gifts while touching lives in a personal, meaningful way. The club is a significant annual donor to the Polio Plus program and a majority of our members are donating to the RI Foundation on an ongoing basis. At this time of the year our members are gearing up for our annual Guatemala Medical Relief Project which last year provided medical assistance to over 1000 villagers in rural Guatemala.

Rotary clubs around the world are engaged in their own significant activities but I can tell you, having visited a number of Rotary clubs both here and abroad, I know of none with our level of membership that engages in more activity. I would like to thank each and every one of you, your spouses, friends and associates for all that you do in support of our club.

## Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago in February 1905, seeking to find in this professional club the same friendly feeling he had experienced in the small towns of his youth and provide an avenue by which he and his business friends could contribute to their community. This was the world's first service club and is the foundation of Rotary International.

Donations to the Rotary Foundation support a wide variety of programs. Donors of \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus, or the Humanitarian Grants program can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows or can designate an individual to be recognized in their stead. In addition to the members recognized as Paul Harris Fellows for their own donations to the Foundation, our Club encourages all members to donate to the Foundation directly through the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program. As special Club recognition, we also donate \$1,000 or more each year from club funds, awarding the Paul Harris Fellowship credits in the name of a Rotarian or community member who exemplifies Rotary goals.



We are very proud of the 17 active members who are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, one of whom is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and one who is also a Rotary Foundation Benefactor. These members are

Roger Reinemann (Sep 1992) - Rotary Foundation Benefactor  
 Brian Monroe (Jun 2006) - Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

Andy Moss (May 1998)  
 Bill Wandsnider (Nov 2000)  
 Dick Dieffenbach (Jun 2002)  
 Alice Sedgwick (Jun 2003)  
 Wally Sommers (Jun 2003)

Steve Peterman (May 2004)  
 Ken Zganjar (May 2005)  
 Deb Simpson (Aug 2005)  
 Bob Holzrichter (May 2006)  
 Bob Blazich (May 2007)

Lynn Streeter (May 2008)  
 Lee Szyborski (May 2008)  
 Gordon Hetzel (Dec 2008)  
 Carole Blaney (Apr 2009)  
 Roger Gronwick (May 2009)

This year we also recognized an outstanding non-Rotarian, Dr. Bruce Newman, for his service with the Guatemala Medical Relief Project. Dr. Newman was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow at our Changing of the Guard dinner in July 2009.

Over time, a number of our members have moved on with their lives. Although they have left the Club for retirement or new challenges, we are always pleased when they can join us for events and activities. We are pleased to recognize them here as members who gained their Paul Harris Fellow recognition during their time as members of the Club.

Roanne Barnes  
 Rich Bub  
 Mike Fletcher  
 Jean Hill

Amy Sterkenburg  
 Deb Turk  
 Dorothy Wahner

## Thanksgiving Families

Thanksgiving is a time to think about the good things in our lives and to reconnect with family and friends one holds dear. This year the Community Service committee worked with the Mequon-Thiensville school district to help 3 families affected by job losses, families who otherwise would have had a very poor holiday.

Using funds donated by Club members, Roger and Paulette Gronwick, Tom and Cathy Czaja, Deb Turk, Jean Hill, and Lynn Streeter went shopping on Saturday the 21st.

The 6 grocery carts of food and supplies purchased, plus the fresh, organic produce generously donated by Springdale Farm in Plymouth, were delivered to the School District on Monday, for anonymous delivery in time for Thanksgiving.

Happy Holidays!



## Member Spotlight: Bill Wandsnider

By Bill Wandsnider

### So Bill, what do you do in life as we know it?

I love that "Michael Feldman question" – but where is that touch of sarcasm in your voice?

### Well, just try and give a reasonable response that is family friendly

OK, OK, so should I talk about what puts bread on the table like my landscape or contractors storage business or about fun stuff like my workshop or maybe biking, x-country skiing or kayaking. But I could talk about what I do with NARI or Rotary or my family or friends- oh yea; did I say I like reading history? Oh, and "Bill's Party Tent" remember it's yours to use.

### Let's try and limit this. How about the landscape part; you must know a little bit more about that than Petunias and Birch trees.

Well... you're so kind. We really create compositions and outdoor spaces with soil, stone, plants and maybe lighting; and water management are a big part as well. I sometimes picture myself as Bert the chimney sweep in Mary Poppins when he creates the chalk drawing on the sidewalk and then they all jump in. That's really what we do. We create a drawing with a client and then we bring it to life. It remains amazement to me to see what starts as a vague concept come to life from the chaos of piles of stuff.

### So what kind of bike do you have and are you going to ski the Birki?

I just turned 14,000 K on my LeMond and yes, of course.

### Organizations?

I am on the board of directors and on a number of committees with NARI and have been in Rotary for 20 + years. I was actually a past president of my previous rotary club in Wauwatosa. We have hosted 6 foreign exchange students and I have given over 5 gallons of blood because of Rotary. While we may join Rotary for many different reasons, what I have gotten back because of participating in Rotary has been phenomenal. I like that Rotary bridges religious, cultural and economic barriers. I feel that in a club, camaraderie is kind of the grease that helps promote the accomplishment of good deeds but I also feel that people really like to be asked to participate.

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## Member Spotlight

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### Your family?

Yes, we've been in Fox Point for 15 years. Kayla is a sophomore at LaCross and Alysa is a senior at Nicolet but is doing a foreign exchange in Santiago, Chili right now. My wife Sandra Stein is a family law attorney.

### Your Beer?

Right now I am into Capitol Brewery's Winter Skull but you could tempt me with some other good micro brew. So hey, we could get together to discuss my next book about Gingas Kahn, you buy the first round.

Proast! Bill

## Weekly Meeting

Join us Friday mornings at 7:00 AM

Concordia University  
Friends of Concordia Room  
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive  
Mequon, WI

## Officers

Tom Johnson — President  
Gordon Hetzel — President-Elect  
Sharon Pechiva — Vice President  
Mike Reutemann — Treasurer  
Alicia Nickols — Secretary  
Terry Schacht — Sgt. At Arms  
Dan O'Connor — Past President

## Avenues of Service Chairs

Club: Dick Dieffenbach  
Patti Stevens

Community: Lee Szymborski  
Chris Frommell

International: Andy Moss  
Michael Kim

Vocational: Carole Blaney  
Sharon Pechiva

## Members

Tom Aranow	Chet Lukaszewicz
Holly Bern	Demond Means
Bob Blazich	Brian Monroe
Jim Button	Judith Neal
Nate Clark	Jim Ott
George Coulter	Lance Parve
Tom Czaja	Julia Penn
Vickie Delgadillo	Steve Peterman
Barb Doll	Roger Reinemann
Gustav Dreyer, Jr.	Alice Sedgwick
Karl Ekman	Rene Settle-Robinson
Bert Eversley	Deb Simpson
Chris Frommell	Wally Sommers
Roger Gronwick	Eric Strande
Bob Holzrichter	Lynn Streeter
Dave Jackson	Bill Wandsnider
Brian Kendzor	Chuck Zamora
Dave Kliber	Ken Zganjar

