

# History

## Of

# Brainerd Rotary Club

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

District 5580

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Carl Zapffe, Sr. wrote a history of the Brainerd Rotary Club which covered the years from the time that the Brainerd Club received its charter in 1921 through the year 1945.

In 1960 Harold Gethmann, as president, appointed a Committee consisting of George Ribbel and Ray Gould to start where Carl Zapffe left off and continue with the history of the Brainerd Club. This was done with the thought in mind that a complete history of the Brainerd Rotary Club should be printed and bound in such a way that each year from that time on a page could be added covering the immediate past Rotary year.

A copy of this complete history should be made available to each member of the Brainerd Rotary Club. In the future as new members are taken into the Club they should be presented with a copy of the history of the Brainerd Rotary Club.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>Offices Held</u>    | <u>Year as President</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| MICHAEL, HARRY F.       | President              | 1921-22                  |
| WIELAND, WALTER F.      | Secy, President        | 1922-23                  |
| BEISE, R. A. "RUDY"     | President              | 1923-24                  |
| GEMMELL, W.H.           | President              | 1924-25                  |
| HAYDEN, WILLIAM E.      | President              | 1925-26                  |
| WOODHEAD, JOHN F.       | President              | 1925-26                  |
| TURCOTTE, W. V.         | Treas, President       | 1926-27                  |
| SPENCER, WILLIAM A.     | Secy, President        | 1927-28                  |
| RIBBEL, GEORGE H.       | President              | 1928-29                  |
| ADAIR, SAM R.           | President              | 1929-30                  |
| DAY, H.R.               | President              | 1930-31                  |
| ZAPFFE, CARL, SR. (PDG) | President              | 1931-32                  |
| WHITNEY, DAN E.         | President              | 1932-33                  |
| HOFFMANN, H.D.          | President              | 1933-34                  |
| GOULD, RANSFORD RAY     | President              | 1934-35                  |
| OLMSTED NYE P.          | Secy, President        | 1935-36                  |
| JOHNSON, F.B.           | President              | 1936-37                  |
| SPENCER, O.W.           | Secy, President        | 1937-38                  |
| BANG, AL                | Secy, President        | 1938-39                  |
| O'BRIEN, E. TOM (PDG)   | Secy, President        | 1939-40                  |
| ANDERSON, JOHN P., JR.  | Secy, President        | 1940-41                  |
| LEE, H. W.              | Secy, President        | 1941-42                  |
| MILLS, HENRY C.         | Secy, President        | 1942-43                  |
| QUANSTROM, VICTOR E.    | Secy, President        | 1943-44                  |
| COLE, RALPH R.          | Secy, President        | 1944-45                  |
| SLETTEN, E. T.          | Secy, Treas, President | 1944-45                  |
| COLE, RALPH R.          | President              | 1945-46                  |
| MILLS, STEWART C.       | Secy, President        | 1946-47                  |
| CHALBERG, J.E.          | Secy, Treas, President | 1947-48                  |
| ANDERSON, VERNER F.     | Secy, Treas, President | 1948-49                  |
| BOTELER, C.W.           | Secy, Treas, President | 1949-50                  |
| VANNI, J.E.             | Secy, Treas, President | 1950-51                  |
| STENSRUD, JOHN (PHF)    | Secy, Treas, President | 1951-52                  |
| NORDGAARD, HAROLD C.    | Director, President    | 1952-53                  |
| GORHAM, CLYDE R.        | Director, President    | 1953-54                  |
| BANG, RAYMOND (PHF)     | Director, President    | 1954-55                  |
| TUTTLE, GILBERT R.      | Secy, Treas, President | 1955-56                  |
| SULLIVAN E.B.           | President              | 1956-57                  |

| <u>Name</u>                    | <u>Offices Held</u>        | <u>Year as President</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| SKAROLID, HAROLD J.            | President                  | 1957-58                  |
| CURTIS, WAYNE                  | Secy, Treas, President     | 1958-59                  |
| CIBUZAR, PAUL A.               | Secy, Treas, President     | 1959-60                  |
| GETHMANN, HAROLD E.            | Secy, Treas, President     | 1960-61                  |
| JOHNSEN, EARL R.               | Secy, President            | 1961-62                  |
| HEDBERG MARV                   | Secy, President            | 1962-63                  |
| THOMPSON, W.W.                 | Secy, President            | 1963-64                  |
| RIBBEL, WILLIAM H.             | Secy, Treas, President     | 1964-65                  |
| HUSO, WAYNE T.                 | Director, Secy, President  | 1965-66                  |
| BENSON, OBERT                  | Director, Secy, President  | 1966-67                  |
| NEFF, DAN                      | Director, President        | 1967-68                  |
| ANDERSON, EINER B. (PHF)       | Director, Secy, President  | 1968-69                  |
| WHOOLOGY, ELLIOT               | Director, Secy, President  | 1969-70                  |
| BOGWARTH, HANSPETER (PHF, PDG) | Director, Secy, President  | 1970-71                  |
| BREEN, RICHARD                 | Director, President        | 1971-72                  |
| WOLLEAT, KENNETH E.            | Director, President        | 1972-73                  |
| HOFFMAN, RAY                   | Director, Secy, President  | 1973-74                  |
| NATHAN, DALE (PHF)             | Director, President        | 1974-75                  |
| FITZPATRICK, JOHN              | Director, Secy, President  | 1975-76                  |
| REED, DAVID O. (PHF)           | Director, Secy, President  | 1976-77                  |
| SCHLGEL, ALVIN G.              | Director, Secy, President  | 1977-78                  |
| BURNETT, RAYMOND               | Director, Secy, President  | 1978-79                  |
| WEIZENEGGER, ROBERT B. (PHF)   | Director, Secy, President  | 1979-80                  |
| BEDARD, JAMES                  | Director, Secy, President  | 1980-81                  |
| HALVERSON, MARC E.             | Director, Secy, President  | 1981-82                  |
| MURTON CURTIS S.               | Director, President        | 1982-83                  |
| ROSCOE, BERNARD W.             | Director, President        | 1982-83                  |
| BYE, CONRAD                    | Director, President        | 1983-84                  |
| KURTZMAN, JOHN (PHF)           | Director, President        | 1984-85                  |
| KURILLA, GARRETT J. (PHF)      | Director, President        | 1985-86                  |
| ESSER, STEPHEN J. (PFH)        | Director, President        | 1986-87                  |
| JOHNSON, PETER I. (PHF)        | Director, President        | 1987-88                  |
| FOX, ED (PHF)                  | Director, VP, President    | 1988-89                  |
| SIMON, JAY D. (PHF)            | Director, VP, President    | 1989-90                  |
| RUTTGER, JACK (PHF, PDG)       | Director, VP, President    | 1990-91                  |
| AULIE, MICHAEL (PHF)           | Director, VP, President    | 1991-92                  |
| DOUCETTE, DENNIS (PFH)         | Director, VP, President    | 1992-93                  |
| CIBUZAR, ALAN W. (PHF)         | Director, VP, President    | 1993-94                  |
| RASMUSSEN, DON(PHF)            | Secy, Treas, VP, President | 1994-95                  |
| DAHLQUIST, DOUGLAS A.          | Director, VP, President    | 1995-96                  |

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>Offices Held</u>            | <u>Year as President</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MORAN, MICHAEL L.    | Dir, Secy, Treas, VP, Pres     | 1996-97                  |
| LUCE, JOHN           | Director, VP, President        | 1997-98                  |
| LITTLE, WAYNE        | Director, VP, President        | 1998-99                  |
| GELBMANN, CHERYL     | Director, VP, President        | 1999-2000                |
| THESING, KEVIN       | Director, VP, President        | 2000-01                  |
| SCHNEIDER, DARRELL   | Director, VP, President        | 2001-02                  |
| PAXTON, LISA         | Director, VP, President        | 2002-03                  |
| RYAN, DON            | Director, VP, President        | 2003-04                  |
| NELSEN, PENNY        | Director, VP, President        | 2004-05                  |
| PERSONS, PAULA       | Director, Secy, VP, President  | 2005-06                  |
| JOHNSON, DAVID       | Director, VP, President        | 2006-07                  |
| HANSON, LINDA        | Director, VP, President        | 2007-08                  |
| CARLSON-FERRIE, JILL | Director, VP, President        | 2008-09                  |
| BRICKER, RICHARD     | Director, VP, President        | 2009-10                  |
| GOBLE, THERESA A.    | Director, VP, President        | 2010-11                  |
| ZUMBRUNNEN, RICK     | Director, VP, President        | 2011-12                  |
| HEGSTAD, DAN         | Director, VP, President        | 2012-13                  |
| PERSON, BRAD         | Director, VP, President        | 2013-14                  |
| ERICKSON, DEBBY      | Director, VP, President        | 2014-15                  |
| SANDS, MICHAEL       | Director, VP, President        | 2015-16                  |
| TORFIN, JEFF         | Director, VP, President        | 2016-17                  |
| NELSON, PETER        | Director, VP, President        | 2017-18                  |
| JOHNSON, CAROL       | Director, VP, President        | 2018-19                  |
| POTVIN, WILLIAM      | Director, Treas, VP, President | 2019-20                  |
| BERGMAN, JENNIFER    | Director, VP, President        | 2020-21                  |
| HARTING, TREVOR      | Director, VP, President        | 2021-22                  |
| HOPKINS, JESSE       | Director, VP, President        | 2022-23                  |
| CHAPULIS, PAULA      | Director, VP, President        | 2023-24                  |
| REES, ADAM           | Director, VP, President        | 2024-25                  |
| FRANCIS, MICHELLE    | Director, VP, President        | 2025-26                  |
| RANGEN, ANDY         | Director, VP, President        | 2026-27                  |

# MEMBERS

| <u>NAME</u>                 | <u>CLASSIFICATON</u> | <u>ENTERED</u> | <u>CONCLUDED</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| AASE, KERMIT                | EDUCATION            | 1-18-46        | 6-1-62           |
| AASE, KERMIT                | PHYSICAL ED          | 4-4-67         | 6-23-80?         |
| ABBOTT, LESLIE              | PAST SERVICE         | 10-26-71       | ?                |
| ADAIR, SAM R. (PP)          | CO. TREASURER        | 5-9-21         | 8-3-23           |
| ADAIR, SAM R. (PP)          | CO. TREASURER        | 11-17-25       | 11-1-31          |
| AKRE, CLARENCE              | FLOUR & FEED         | 9-22-53        | 5-18-54          |
| AKRE, EARLE                 | BAKERY               | 12-1-42        | 5-11-48          |
| ALDERMAN, JAMES F.          | HARDWARE, RETAIL     | 10-9-51        | 12-31-01         |
| ALDERMAN, JAMES F.          | HONORARY MEMBER      | 12-31-01       | 3-15-04          |
| ALDOUS, GEORGE              | MOTOR TRANSPORT      | 6-16-53        | 10-1-58          |
| ALEXANDER, FELIX            | ENGINEERING          | 3-29-66        | 11-18-68         |
| ALLEGRA, PAUL               | MEDICAL DIRECTOR     | 3-702017       |                  |
| ALLEN, T.S.                 |                      | 1-13-42        | 1-5-43           |
| AMMERMANN, CRAIG            | NURSING HOME ADM.    | 4-8-03         | 5-1-09           |
| AMUNDSON, JOHN N.           | C.P.A.               | 2-6-68         | 10-7-69          |
| ANDERHOLM, JULIE            | FINANCIAL CONSULTANT | 3-31-2020      |                  |
| ANDERSON, ANDREW            |                      | 5-6-47         | 3-16-48          |
| ANDERSON, BARBARA           | HOSPITAL, FOUNDATION | 12-26-95       | 10-1-2009        |
| ANDERSON, BRETT             | LAND REAL ESTATE     | 9-17-2019      |                  |
| ANDERSON, C. ELMER          | MAGAZINES, WHOLE     | 9-24-35        | 1-9-43           |
| ANDEROSN, C. ELMER          |                      | 5-24-43        | 1-1-53           |
| ANDERSON, C. ELMER          | HONORARY MEMBER      | 1-?-53         | 1-11-55          |
| ANDERSON, C. ELMER          |                      | 1-11-55        | 10-20-65         |
| ANDERSON, C. ELMER          | REAL ESTATE          | 10-10-69       | 11-18-80         |
| ANDERSON, C. ELMER          | RET. ST. GOVERNOR    | 11-12-88       | 2-3-98           |
| ANDERSON, EINER B. (PHF,PP) | RET. COUNTY AUDITOR  | 6-??-59        | 3-28-08          |
| ANDERSON, F.N. "FRANZ"      | PHOTOGRAPHY          | 5-9-21         | ?-?-22           |
| ANDERSON, GLEN              |                      | 6-1-96         | 6-30-97          |
| ANDERSON, JOHN P. SR.       |                      | 12-9-24        | 11-?-30          |
| ANDERSON, JOHN P. JR. (PP)  | SHOE REPAIR          | 4-6-37         | 10-23-72         |
| ANDERSON, SAM               | NON-PROFIT DIRECTOR  | 4-17-2015      |                  |
| ANDERSON, SCOTT             | RESTAURANTS          |                | 12-31-85         |
| ANDERSON, THOMAS R. JR.     | ATTORNEY, PROBATE    | 2-19-80        | 8-9-88           |
| ANDERSON, TOM               | MEDICAL DEVICE MFG.  | 8-16-05        | 0-30-2011        |
| ANDERSON, VERNER F. (PP)    |                      | 4-26-39        | 2-19-76          |
| ANDERSON, WILL              |                      | 5-17-55        | 12-31-70         |
| ANDRESEN, NORMAN A.         | COOP EDUCATION       | 10-7-69        | ?-?-70           |
| ANDREWS, MIKE               | WIRELESS COMM.       | 7-16-02        | 12-10-02         |
| ARNOLD, JOHN M. (PHF)       | HOTELS               | 10-3-78        | 12-31-00         |

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| ANTONY, AARON           | CHIROPRACTOR            | 5-28-2019  |            |
| ASHBROOK, JAMES W.      | CHAINSAW DISTRIBUTOR    | 10-31-89   | 10-9-90    |
| ASHE, BEN               |                         | 6-?-33     | 12-?-34    |
| ASHMAN, R. A. "RUSTY"   | JEWELER                 | 3-30-48    | 9-24-57    |
| AUGUSTINACK, STEVE      | PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT    | 8-31-04    | 3-31-2011  |
| AULIE, MICHAEL (PHF,PP) | PHOTOGRAPHY             | 10-1-80    | 6-13-06    |
| AULIE, MICHAEL (PFH,PP0 | PHOTOGRAPHY             | 10-15-2013 | 11-10-2015 |
| BABCOCK, JOHN           | CABLE TV                | 1-1-84     | 1-12-87    |
| BAEHR, A.E.             |                         | 12-15-42   | 1-1-48     |
| BAKER, EVERETTE         | E. BAKER CO.            | 10-20-70   | 11-26-80   |
| BAKKEN, S.C.            |                         | 2-?-29     | 4-?-31     |
| BALL, FRANK             | POLICE CHIEF            | 2-9-88     | 12-31-00   |
| BALL, FRANK LYON        | INSURANCE               | 1-10-50    | 2-21-50    |
| BANG, AL (PP)           |                         | 2-?-35     | 10-3-39    |
| BANG, AL (PP)           |                         | 7-22-41    | 4-3-42     |
| BANG, RAYMOND (PHF,PP)  | PRINTING                | 7-22-41    | 4-1-84     |
| BARDOLPH, STEVEN        | PHYSICIAN/SURGEON       | 6-1-96     | 10-8-02    |
| BARNUM, ALLAN           | INVESTMENTS             | 11-14-72   | 12-29-75   |
| BARNUM, KEITH R.        | RESORT                  | 10-9-51    | 4-8-52     |
| BARRETT, WALLY          | RETAIL, APPLIANCES      | 3-1-94     | 10-10-95   |
| BARROW, ED. G.          | RELIGION                | 1-9-42     | 6-29-71    |
| BARRY, JAMES            | MANUFACTURING           | 3-5-02     | 12-31-07   |
| BAUER, KYLE             | HEALTH CARE CEO         | 7/11/2017  | 9-6-2022   |
| BEAL, RICHARD (PHF)     | ARBORETUM MGR           | 11-20-90   | 4-12-05    |
| BECKER, MARGARET        | HOTEL MANAGEMENT        | 9-19-06    | 3-31-08    |
| BEDARD, BEN             | REAL ESTATE APPRAISER   | 3-4-08     | 2-11-2014  |
| BEDARD, GLENN A.        | VIDEO RENTALS           | 2-2-93     | 10-10-95   |
| BEDARD, JAMES (PHF, PP) | REAL ESTATE, APPRAISALS | 12-31-74   | 6-18-07    |
| BEDNAREK, STACIE        | SMALL ENGINE REPAIR     | 4/5/10     |            |
| BEILBY, KENNETH L.      | COMM. PINTING           | 10-11-55   | 7-1-65     |
| BEILKE, LOREN           | LIGHTING                | 3-12-02    |            |
| BEISE, R. A. "RUDY (PP) | PHYSICIAN               | 5-9-21     | 4-12-55    |
| BELL, EMORY             | RELIGION – SAL. ARMY    | 2-24-59    | 6-?-60     |
| BENNET, LEE             |                         | 11-25-47   | 6-21-49    |
| BENNETT, GREG           | FINANCIAL ADVISOR       | 6-4-2013   | 2018       |
| BENSON, ART R.          | CONTRACTOR              | 5-1-45     | 6-?-48     |
| BENSON, ARTHUR R.       | CONTRACTOR              | 11-1-49    | 1-?-50     |
| BENSON, C. R.           |                         | 6-?-28     | 11-?-32    |
| BENSON, GARY            | NEWSPAPERS              | 4-28-64    | 6-25-74    |
| BENSON, OBERT (PP)      | CITY CLERK              | 11-14-52   | 12-20-69   |
| BENTLEY, WILLIAM        | CHAMBER OF COMMERCE     | 10-16-61   | 7-1-65     |
| BERGMAN, JENNIFER       | HRA EXEC. DIRECTOR      | 8-30-11    |            |

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| BERGSTROM, H.E.                    |                       | 12-16-30  | 4-?-35     |
| BEST, REBECCA                      | EDUCATION             | 3-4-03    | 6-30-2013  |
| BETZOLD, H.J.                      |                       | 7-23-43   | ?          |
| BEVANS, KELLY J.                   | FUEL DISTRIBUTOR      | 12-29-94  | 6-30-01    |
| BIEBER, FRED                       | DOOR CLOSERS          | 6-25-74   | 12-4-84    |
| BIRKS, JEFFREY                     | ADVERTISING/MARKETING | 8-31-04   | 12-31-2009 |
| BIRKS, JEFFREY                     | WINDOW CLEANING       | 4-30-2013 |            |
| BIRMINGHAM, JOE                    | EDUCATION             | 11-1-01   | 7-26-05    |
| BJERKNESS, MICHAEL                 | TALENT MANAGER        | 10-25-11  |            |
| BJORGUM, THOMAS E. (PHF)           | AUTO REPAIR, PAST S   | 7-18-89   | 2-10-92    |
| BJORKLUND, DONNA                   | EDUCATION             | 3-4-97    | 12-31-98   |
| BLACKFORD, GLEN                    | SCHOOL PRINCIPAL      | 3-24-36   | 9-22-59    |
| BLANCK, HOWARD H. (JIGGS)          | PUBLISHING            | 8-27-74   | 7-18-89    |
| BLANCK, HOWARD H. (JIGGS)          | ADVT. SPECIALTIES     | 6-26-90   | 2-10-92    |
| BLANKE, D. T.                      |                       | 5-2-32    | 10-17-33   |
| BLEVINS, WALTER N.                 | CHAMBER FO COMMERCE   | 10-9-84   | 4-1-86     |
| BLUM, WILLIAM A.                   | RET. NWA PILOT        | 5-10-94   | 6-30-2013  |
| BOGENSCHUTZ, TIM                   | PUBLISHER             | 1-3-2011  | 7-1-2016   |
| BORGWARTH, HANSPETER (PHF, PDG,PP) | AGRICULTURE, TURKEY   | 5-22-65   | 11-14-2016 |
| BORKENHAGEN, EARL "CHIP"           | ADVERTISING           | 5-10-88   | 10-10-89   |
| BOTELER, C. W. (PP)                |                       | 3-3-36    | 1-1-61     |
| BRADDY, DALE                       | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR    | 11-18-08  | 10-28-2014 |
| BRANDT, PETER                      | STOCKS & BONDS        | 3-12-85   | 6-17-86    |
| BRAY, TIMOTHY                      | COUNTY ENGINEER       | 4-27-10   | 2-11-2014  |
| BREEN, RICHARD (PP)                | LAWYER                | 4-4-66    | 1981       |
| BREKKEN, WILLIAM (BILL)            | DEPT. STORE MANAGER   | 3-11-86   | 9-12-89    |
| BRENNY, JOSEPH                     | FUNERAL DIRECTOR      | 5-25-99   | 12-18-2019 |
| BRICKER, RICHARD C. (PHF)          | DRY CLEANERS          | 12-1-87   |            |
| BRIGGS, BARNEY                     | SALESMAN              | 2-13-73   | 6-25-74    |
| BROCKMAN, JAMES H.                 | CITY CLERK            | 7-7-70    | 9-27-73    |
| BROCKMAN, JAMES H.                 | HOSPITAL MGR.         | 11-13-73  | 11-13-79   |
| BROOKS, E.                         |                       | 10-10-44  | 7-3-45     |
| BROWN, DANIEL                      | MOTEL MANAGEMENT      | 5-22-01   |            |
| BROWN, LEONARD E. (PHF)            | DIR. FINANCIAL INST.  | 9-11-90   | 12-1-94    |
| BROWN, LEONARD E. (PHF)            | DIR. FINANCIAL INST.  | 9-9-95    | 6-8-04     |
| BROWN, ROBERT F.                   | HOTEL MANAGER         | 5-20-41   | 2-15-44    |
| BROWN, WILLIAM L.                  | FORESTRY              | 6-18-68   | ?          |
| BROWN, WILLIAM L.                  | FORESTRY              | 6-18-74   | 12-31-85   |
| BRUSEGAARD, TED                    | BUILDING MATERIALS    | 5-9-21    | 7-16-23    |
| BUCKLEY, JOHN T.                   |                       | 8-15-61   | 9-1-65     |
| BUNT, V                            |                       | 8-3-43    | 10-2-45    |
| BURNETT, RAYMOND (PP)              | BANKING               | 8-1-72    | 5-8-82     |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| BURNS, JOE                 | CONSULTING ENGINEER         | 4-21-81    | 4-1-84     |
| BURTON, CHARLES D.         | ELECT. APPLIANCES           | 12-16-30   | 5-1-33     |
| BURTON, MICHAEL (PHF)      | HOSP. ADM. FINANCIAL        | ?-?-72     | 12-1-94    |
| BURTON, MICHAEL (PHF)      | REP. DUCKS UNLIMITED        | 1-14-96    | ?          |
| BURTON, MICHAEL            | NON-PROFIT CONSULTING       | 6-1-72     |            |
| BUTLER, ERNEST             | HOTEL PROPRIETOR            | 5-9-21     | 4-1-29     |
| BUTLER, ERNEST             | HOTEL PROPRIETOR            | 11-11-30   | 5-1-33     |
| BUXTON, BRUCE R.           | CONSULT. ENG                | 8-18-81    | 9-1-86     |
| BYE, CONRAD (PP)           | CABLE TELEVISION            | 9-4-79     | 12-1-2012  |
| BYE, JOHN M.               | CLOTHING, RETAIL            | 9-19-33    | 4-24-51    |
| BYMARK, TODD               | HEALTH CARE                 | 12-30-2015 |            |
| CAHILL, WILLIAM J.         | PACKAGE LIQUORS             | 2-8-49     | 4-17-51    |
| CAIN, LYLE                 | HOME APPLIANCES             | 10-4-49    | 9-26-50    |
| CALDWELL, HARVEY G.        | CEO STATE HOSPITAL          | 12-1-87    | 8-9-88     |
| CAMPBELL, DANEIL C.        | MUSIC EDUCATION             | 6-18-45    | 1-8-52     |
| CAMPBELL, MARVIN R.        | BANKING                     | 6-15-71    | 5-20-06    |
| CAMPBELL, ROBERT T.        | CIVIL ENGINEER              | 5-9-21     | 12-31-36   |
| CARLISLE, W. L.            |                             | 4-21-25    | 5-5-25     |
| CARLSON, BRIAN             | ESTATE PLANNING ATTY        | 10-18-05   | 3-31-08    |
| CARLSON, ROBERT            | GROCERIES, RETAIL           | 1-27-59    | 6-1-60     |
| CARLSON, JILL              | CREDIT UNION TRAINING       | 8-15-00    |            |
| CARLSON, RODNEY A.         | REALTOR, RESIDENTAIL        | 6-23-89    |            |
| CARON, GILBERT             | L.P.A.                      | 2-11-75    | 2-7-87     |
| CARROLL, WILLIAM H. (PHF)  | INVESTMENTS                 | 1-17-89    | 2-10-92    |
| CARTER, WILLIAM            |                             | 11-1-90    | 6-1-91     |
| CARTIE, MICHAEL J.         | INSTRUCTOR                  | 12-2-86    | 7-11-89    |
| CASPER, TROY J             | BANKING                     | 08-18-2018 | 9-1-2019   |
| CASTLE, WALTER             | GROCERIES, WHOLESALE        | 1-26-65    | 1-12-91    |
| CAVE, ARTHUR               | RESTAURANT                  | 1-13-59    | 7-6-64     |
| CHADBOURNE, G. W.          | INSURANCE                   | 7-22-24    | 1-?-32     |
| CHADBOURNE, G. W.          | INSURANCE                   | 9-1-35     | 1-?-48     |
| CHADBOURNE, G. W.          | INSURANCE                   | 2-15-49    | 5-?-50     |
| CHALBERG, J. E. (PP)       | EDUCATION                   | 8-15-44    | 1-24-74    |
| CHAPULIS, PAULA            | FREE CLINIC EXE. DIR        | 9/5/2017   |            |
| CHARLIER, HARA             | EDUCATIONAL PRESIDENT       | 9/27/2016  | 2022       |
| CHARPENTIER, RAY           | ATTORNEY CORP. LAW          | 12-1-84    |            |
| CHRISTIANSEN, KARI         | EDUCATION – ADM.            | 7-26-05    | 10-01-2009 |
| CIBUZAR, ALAN W. (PHF, PP) | WATER TESTING               | 11-6-73    | 4-27-2014  |
| CIBUZAR, J. F.             |                             | 6-30-22    | 5-?-27     |
| CIBUZAR J. F.              |                             | 2-2-37     | 7-14-52    |
| CIBUZAR, PAUL A. (PP)      | SHOES, RETAIL               | 8-14-51    | 4-11-89    |
| CIBUZAR, PAUL              | OPERATIONS RESEARCH ANALYST | 5-10-2016  |            |



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| CLARKE, NORMAN                  | SALESMAN                     | 1-3-73    | 1-20-76    |
| CLAUSEN, J. C.                  |                              | 7-?-30    | 3-?-33     |
| CLEVELAND, WILLIAM J.           | C.P.A.                       | 6-10-66   | 8-21-67    |
| CLOW, CINDY                     | MANUFACTURER                 | 8-30-2016 | 10-2018    |
| CLOW, EVERETT L.                | METAL STAMPING               | 1-11-94   | 6-30-97    |
| COBB, WILBUR C.                 | SUPT. OF SCHOOLS             | 5-9-21    | 9-20-38    |
| COBBAN, WALTER H.               | DENTIST                      | 10-5-23   | 3-?-30     |
| COHEN, H. I.                    |                              | 2-?-31    | 12-?-33    |
| COLE, RALPH R. (PP-2)           | SPORTING GOODS               | 4-12-38   | 6-30-49    |
| COLE, RALPH R. (PP-2)           | SPORTING GOODS               | 1-30-51   | 6-30-54    |
| CONE, SPENCER                   | PAPER COMPANY                | 11-11-69  | ?          |
| COOK, GLEN L. (PHF)             | MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT        | 12-15-92  | 12-31-00   |
| COOKE, ED A.                    | RELIGION                     | 5-9-21    | ?-?-25     |
| COONLEY, ROBERT                 | TELEMARKETING                | 6-10-91   | 1-14-04    |
| COOPER, M.D.                    | INSURANCE                    | ?-?-46    | 11-4-47    |
| CORRIGAN, MARY                  | ARBORETUM DIRECTOR           | 4/1/2014  | 12-31-2015 |
| CORYELL, DENNIS                 | CITY ADMINISTRATION          | 3-9-04    | 12-14-04   |
| COX, JACK B.                    | HEARING HEALTH CARE          | 5-10-94   | 12-31-98   |
| CRAGUN, M. K. (DUTCH) (PHF)     | RESORT, AMERICAN PLAN        | 9-1-74    |            |
| CRANNY, MICHAEL                 | NURSING HOME ADM.            | 1-4-94    | 12-1-94    |
| CRUST, DONALD                   | INSURANCE, CORPORATE         | 4-20-84   | 10-10-89   |
| CSANDA, LIZ                     | COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR | 4-20-10   | 8-21-2018  |
| CURTIS, WAYNE (PP)              | HEATING CONTRACTOR           | 5-17-49   | 6-30-86    |
| D'ARCANGELO, ARMAND             | CEO ST. HOSPITAL             | 5-13-86   | 00-00-87   |
| DAHLEN, ED                      | LUMBER, RETAIL               | 11-10-64  | 5-1-65     |
| DAHLEN, ED                      | LUMBER, RETAIL               | 7-1-65    | 6-14-66    |
| DAHLQUIST, DOUGLAS A. (PHF, PP) | RET. PSYCHOLOGIST            | 8-26-86   | 10-8-02    |
| DALLARIE, ARTHUR (BUTCH)        | BAIT & TACKLE SHOP           | 12-1-92   | 4-13-93    |
| DAMEROW, CATHERINE              |                              | 3-23-99   | 10-12-99   |
| DAVEY, HARRY                    | NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING         | 4-22-75   | 6-1-96     |
| DAVIDGE, ED                     | STOCKS AND BONDS             | ?         | 6-23-80    |
| DAVIDGE, ERIC E.                | INVESTMENTS                  | 5-10-94   | 11-18-03   |
| DAVIDSON, R.                    |                              | 12-11-45  | 11-?-47    |
| DAVIS, BRADLEY                  | MARINE SALES                 | 7-24-73   | ?          |
| DAVIS, BRADLEY (PHF)            | MOTELS                       | 8-9-83    | 1-28-2014  |
| DAVIS, ELMER                    | HOSP. BUS. MG.               | 4-20-71   | 11-1-74    |
| DAVIS, ELMER O.                 | HOSP. ADMINISTRATION         | 10-9-78   | 7-1-82     |
| DAVIS, JAMES                    | REL. SAL. ARMY               | 11-24-36  | 11-21-39   |
| DAVIS, JAMES                    | GEN. SECY. YMCA              | 12-20-49  | 6-26-51    |
| DAVIS, JEFFREY                  |                              | 1-18-00   | 6-30-00    |
| DAVIS, STANLEY                  | MG. PHONE CO.                | 3-26-47   | 9-18-51    |
| DAY, H. R. (PP)                 |                              | ?-?-26    | 5-9-32     |

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| DEHEN, MAY KAY             | MGR. CELLULAR PHONES     | 11-1-94    | 4-1-99           |
| DELAGE, ROBIN              | CIVIL ENGINEER           | 3-2-04     | 11-9-04          |
| DELANEY, GERALD W.         | MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT    | 4-17-90    | 6-9-92           |
| DEMENT, JOEL W.            | RADIO STATION            |            | 12-1-83          |
| DEMGEN, JAMES W.           | FLOOR MAINT. PRODUCTS    | 10-20-81   | 12-89            |
| DERBY, PAUL                | CLERY                    | 12-10-01   | 12-1-03          |
| DEROCHER, EARL J.          | PAPER MANUFACTURING      | 2-19-80    | 12-8-87          |
| DEUTH, MICHAEL             | NURSING HOME ADM.        | 3-28-00    | 11-16-01         |
| DEVINE JOHNSON, MARY       | MARKETING SPECIALIST     | 12-30-2014 |                  |
| DIETMAN, LEROY C.          | INSURANCE                | 10-16-73   | ?                |
| DILLAN, A.J.               |                          | 2-3-25     | 5-?-27           |
| DOCKENDORF, MARK           | RETAIL BEVERATES         | 4-9-02     |                  |
| DODSON, A.F.               | PHYSICIAN                | 4-12-74    | 7-29-75          |
| DOKKEN, BRECK              | SCOUT EXECUTIVE          | 12-1-81    | 2-26-85          |
| DOLGAARD, SIGURD           | U.S. FOREST SERVICE      | 11-14-72   | 7-15-75          |
| DORAN, MICHAEL P.          | FUNERAL DIRECTOR         | 9-29-92    |                  |
| DOUCETTE, DENNIS (PHF, PP) | PROP. & CASUALTY INS.    | 3-5-85     | 1-9-2018         |
| DRAKE, REV. LESLIE         | RELIGION                 | 6-6-72     | 6-30-73          |
| DRAKE, REV. LESLIE         | RELIGION, METH.          | 9-20-66    | 7-1-67           |
| DRAPER, E.R.               |                          | 4-?-29     | 1-?-31           |
| DRIESSEN, CHARLES          | CORP. EXE. MFG.          | 1-2-07     | 6-26-07          |
| DRISCOLL, CHARLES          | MERCHANTILE MGR.         | 5-15-73    | ?                |
| DRUMMOND, JODY             | RESTAURANT CONSULTANT    | 1-2-07     | 4/26/2022        |
| DUNHAM, B.E.               |                          | 1-?-28     | 7-?-28           |
| DUNHAN, BEN E.             | APPLIANCES               | 1-24-63    | 12-28-71         |
| DUNKER, MIKE               | FOOD PROCESSING ENGINEER | 2-7-12     | 6-28-2012        |
| DUNN, H.P.                 | POSTMASTER               | 12-2-21    | 1-22-24          |
| EGAN, KEVIN                | ATTORNEY                 | 4-2-2013   |                  |
| EASTWOOD, JOHN             |                          | 11-16-71   | 4-28-72          |
| EBERT, AL C.               | WHOLESALE FRUITS         | 5-9-21     | 2-?-32           |
| EGENBERGER, A. H.          | SPORTING GOODS           | 11-28-61   | 12-28-71         |
| EISCHEID, JOHNSON, MARY    | REAL ESTATE SALES        | 7-16-02    | 8-10-04          |
| EKLUND, CHET A. (PHF)      | AIR TRANSPORTATION       | 9-15-86    | 10-1-08 honorary |
| ELLINGSEN, BENARD          | ORTHODONTIST             | 11-14-71   | 6-30-73          |
| ENDRES, DICK (PHF)         | CAMP DIRECTOR, HOSP.     | 2-11-75    | 6-30-97          |
| ENGEN, DONALD H.           | CPA TAX SERVICE          | 10-9-84    | 9-12-89          |
| ENGLER, MICHAEL T.         | HUMAN SERVICES           | 4-9-91     | 10-08-2010       |
| ENGLERT, L.J.              |                          | 11-30-37   | 1-9-40           |
| ENGLERT, L.J.              |                          | 5-28-40    | 5-17-41          |
| ENGLISH, W.B.              | TRANSPORTATION           | 11-28-52   | 3-8-88           |
| ERICKSON, BROR L. (PHF)    | CONTRACTOR               | 8-28-67    | 10-1-08 honorary |
| ERICKSON, CHRIS N.         | RETAIL GROCERY           | 5-9-21     | 1-24-39          |

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| ERICKSON, DEBBY             | COUNTY GOVE/AUDITOR    | 3-20-07   |            |
| ERICKSON, JOHN E.           | CONTRACTOR             | 7-3-51    | 8-13-67    |
| ERICKSON, MARK              | ARCH. MILLWORK         | 1-1-82    |            |
| ERIE, D.W.                  |                        | 3-7-36    | 4-1-38     |
| ERLANSON, ROBERT C.         |                        | 1-7-63    | 3-15-65    |
| ESPINOSA, LEONARD           | RELIGION, SAL. ARMY    | 12-11-51  | 8-20-52    |
| ESSER, MELVIN               | HARDWARE               | 5-28-40   | 7-1-43     |
| ESSER, MELVIN               |                        | 9-2-45    | 1-13-46    |
| ESSER, STEPHEN J. (PHF, PP) | RETAIL BEVERAGES       | 4-10-79   | 2021       |
| FAGAN, GEORGE               | RESORT                 | 10-?-47   | 7-26-51    |
| FARRAND, R.R.               |                        | 3-?-29    | 6-?-30     |
| FAUST, JOE                  | MGR. PHONE CO.         | 11-25-47  | 5-24-49    |
| FERGUSON, CHARLIE H.        | MANAGER, KLIZ RADIO    | 10-1-91   | 6-9-92     |
| FERRELL, G.B.               | SUPT. OF SCHOOLS       | 10-4-38   | 7-?-48     |
| FITZPATRICK, JOHN (PP)      | ATTORNEY, GENERAL      | 11-21-67  |            |
| FITSIMMONS, EARL            | MGR. WAREHOUSE         | 3-16-48   | 3-13-56    |
| FITSIMMONS, EARL            |                        | 11-20-56  | 6-30-68    |
| FLANDERS, LOUIS             | MECH. ENG.             | 1-31-67   | 9-25-67    |
| FLASKERUD, OLE M.           | TRANSFER & MOVING      | 3-1-49    | 7-1-49     |
| FLYNN, ROBERT E.            | BEVERAGES              | 7-3-51    | 9-15-53    |
| FOLSOM, LEVI W.             | RETAIL, MUSIC          | 10-9-45   | 5-?-62     |
| FOOTE, LARRY G.             | CLERGY, METHODIST      | 1-8-91    | 1-10-06    |
| FORREST, JOHN F.            | PRES. SAVINGS & LOAN   | 12-20-92  |            |
| FORSYTH, H.                 | MGR. PHONE CO.         | 6-27-44   | 1-31-47    |
| FOSS, S.W.                  | BANKING                | 7-9-64    | 12-30-69   |
| FOX, ED (PHF, PP)           | RET. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL | 9-20-70   | 7-20-2010  |
| FRANCIS, MICHELLE           | PERSONAL INJURY LAW    | 3-6-2012  | 5-13-2014  |
| FRANCIS, MICHELLE           | ATTORNEY               | 2/18/2020 |            |
| FRISTEDT, WENDELL           | MGR. WARDS             | 10-30-73  | 1-11-82    |
| FROEMMING, DANIEL           | COMPUTER SALES         | 9-26-00   | 7-8-03     |
| FROEMMING, TODD             | COMPUTER RETAIL        | 5-18-10   | 6-30-2013  |
| FUNK, HEIDI                 | NON-PROFIT ORG.        | 3-5-02    | 10-1-2009  |
| GAALSWYK, KATHY             | CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  | 11-23-99  | 7-10-2018  |
| GAFFNEY, JOHN               | ACCOUNTANT             | 1-24-89   | 1-01-2012  |
| GAINES, ARTHUR              | SYMPHONY ORCH. MGR     | 11-10-53  | 11-1-55    |
| GATES, EUGENE F.            |                        | 11-17-25  | 8-?-28     |
| GAYOU, LEO                  | MGR. PAPER MILL        | 2-4-58    | 10-13-59   |
| GEHRTZ, MONTE               | FINANCIAL ADVISOR      | 6-19-2012 | 10-01-2012 |
| GELBMANN, CHERYL A.         | COUNTY COMMISSIONER    | 4-18-89   | 10-1-2013  |
| GEMMELL, W.H.(PP)           | SUPT. TIE PLANT        | ?-2-23    | 3-21-36    |
| GEMMELL, W.H. (PP)          |                        | 3-25-36   | 8-7-48     |
| GENDRON, BERT               | PHARMACIST             | 3-25-80   | 1-11-81    |

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| GENZ, DAWN               | RETIREMENT SERVICES     | 1-15-2013 |           |
| GESSNER, NADINE          | INVESTMENTS             | 2-12-02   | 6-13-05   |
| GETHMANN, HAROLD E. (PP) | FEED & HATCHERY         | 7-15-52   | 6-1-77    |
| GIBBONS, JACK            | PAST SERVICE            | 1-23-63   | 1-?-64    |
| GILDOW, RAY              | EDUCATION/AUTHOR        | 1-18-00   |           |
| GILLESPIE, HAROLD S.     | ADM. ST. HOSP           | 6-3-75    | 1-29-76   |
| GILLESPIE, HAROLD S.     | DIRETOR, YMCA           | 2-24-87   | 4-12-88   |
| GILSON, RUSS             | ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN    | 3-23-99   | 6-30-00   |
| GILSON, RUSS             | ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN    | 6-17-03   | 9-30-08   |
| GIVEN, JOHN              | GOLDSMITH               | 12-1-83   | 11-14-89  |
| GMEINDER, RUTH           | RESORT OWNER            | 4-19-94   |           |
| GOBLE, THERESA           | CITY GOVERNMENT         | 11-23-99  | 8-8-2017  |
| GOETTING, LES            | RESORT, AMERICAN PLAN   | 6-?-59    | 7-11-89   |
| GOHL, DENNIS             | ICE CREAM RETAILING     | 9-21-82   | 12-4-83   |
| GOLDBERG, SHELDON        | OIL DISTRIBUTOR         | 9-22-81   | 4-1-86    |
| GOLL SR, GARY            | COMMUNICATIONS          | 3-24-2015 | 2-2-2015  |
| GOODWIN, TREVOR          | OFFICE SUPPLIES         | 11-28-00  | 2-13-01   |
| GORHAM, CLYDE R. (PP)    | INSURANCE               | 12-1-42   | 6-10-75   |
| GORHAM, MARION C.        | HOME THEATERS           | 9-1-53    | 1-1-55    |
| GORHAM, STANLEY J.       | REAL ESTATE             | 7-21-53   | 4-30-63   |
| GOULD, RANSFORD RAY (PP) |                         | 11-17-25  | 2-1-66    |
| GRAHAM, WILLIAM          | MUSIC, RETAIL           | 3-5-29    | 12-?-32   |
| GRAHAM, WILLIAM A.       | SAVINGS & LOAN          | 8-16-38   | 10-30-80  |
| GRAHAM, WILLIAM A. JR.   | WATER SOFTENING         | 12-3-57   | 9-2-59    |
| GRAHAM, WILLIAM B. III   | REAL ESTATE, SUBURBAN   | 12-1-77   | 4-22-87   |
| GRAHAM, WILLIAM B. III   | REAL ESTATE FRANCHISING | 1-9-90    | 6-10-91   |
| GRANE, GORDON            | PUBLIC UTILITIES        | --        | 5-15-77   |
| GRAY, ALLEN              | RADIO BROADCASTING      | 9-23-86   | 5-10-88   |
| GRAY, EDWARD             | --                      | 9-?-45    | 7-?-48    |
| GRENNELL, WILLIAM W.     | SCOUT EXECUTIVE         | 11-2-93   | ?         |
| GRESLEY, WILLIAM E.      | MGR. HOTEL              | 3-9-54    | 6-1-54    |
| GRIMSLEY, JERRY          | MGR. VIKING COCA CO.    | 2-26-91   | 4-14-92   |
| GRUSSENDORD, BEN         | RET. JUDGE              | 10-29-68  | 6-30-98   |
| GUNDERSON, DONALD        | PHYSICIAN               | 3-29-82   | ?         |
| GUNSTAD, JOHN P.         | CONSULTANT              | 9-11-90   | 1-14-92   |
| GUTH, R.T.               | --                      | 5-9-38    | 4-30-40   |
| GUZZLE, R.N.             | WHOLE. GROCERY          | 4-3-45    | 1-?-49    |
| HAGE, LES                | DRY CLEANING            | ?-?-46    | 7-1-74    |
| HAGEL, A.E.              | --                      | 1-20-25   | 5-10-26   |
| HAGEN, GENE              | INS-PROPERTY/CASUALTY   | 7-1-2014  | 9-30-2018 |
| HAGLIN, BRYNN            | INTERIOR DESIGNER       | 5/2/2017  | 9-18-2018 |
| HAGLUND, M.              | --                      | 12-1-42   | 1-13-46   |

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| HALBERSMA, ROSS           | CLERGY                | 3-11-86    | 3-12-87    |
| HALL, NANCY               | SPECIAL EDUCATION     | 8-8-00     | 2022       |
| HALLADAY, DR. GEORGE J.   | PHYSICIAN             | 9-27-49    | 3-21-50    |
| HALLQUIST, R.A.           | VETERINARIAN          | 10-5-23    | 2-?-33     |
| HALVERSON, M.A.           | AUTO, RETAIL          | 10-31-44   | 10-?-51    |
| HALVERSON, MARC C. (PP)   | FLORIST, RETAIL       | 2-20-73    |            |
| HALVERSON, MAURY          | PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS  | 2-18-97    | 1-1-09     |
| HAMAD, MIKE               | UPHOLSTRY             | 1-18-05    | 2022       |
| HAMILTON, CLAYTON         | --                    | 11-12-61   | 10-?-62    |
| HAMILTON, HOWARD          | BEVERAGES, WHOLESALE  | 11-18-52   | 3-15-65    |
| HAMILTON, LANSIN          | LAND COMMISSIONER     | 7-1-84     | 6-30-86    |
| HAMMETT, CLARENCE         | BOY SCOUTS            | 3-13-56    | 1-?-60     |
| HANCOCK, M.H.             | --                    | 10-22-31   | 12-31-35   |
| HANSEN, CURTIS            | EDUCATION, MUSIC      | 5-13-52    | 9-3-57     |
| HANSE, E.V.               | --                    | 1-?-30     | 8-?-31     |
| HANSON, LINDA             | INVESTMENTS           | 11-14-95   |            |
| HARRIS, KATHERINE         | ACCOUNTING            | 1/21/2020  | 2022       |
| HARRIS, WILLIAM W.        | GOLF COURSE MGR.      | 10-4-66    | ?          |
| HARTING, TREVOR           | PHYSICAL THERAPY      | 11-18-08   | 9-13-2012  |
| HARTING, TREVOR           | PHYSICAL THERAPY      | 10-21-2014 |            |
| HARTMAN, BOB              | RESORTS               | 8-22-61    | 9-?-62     |
| HARTMAN, CAPT. RICHARD C. | CLERGY SALVATION ARMY | 3-12-96    | 6-30-98    |
| HARTMAN, F.L.             | --                    | 3-2-37     | 1-3-48     |
| HARTMAN, RICHARD          | CLERGY, SALV. ARMY    | 3-1-96     | 6-30-98    |
| HAUTALA, AARON            | ADVERTISING AGENCY    | 9/1/09     | 6-30-2013  |
| HAVERKAMP, GENE           | ROAD CONSTRUCTION     | 5-22-2012  | 12-15-2015 |
| HAVERKAMP, SHEILA         | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  | 2-11-03    | 12-31-2019 |
| HAYDEN, WILLIAM E. (PP)   | ICE CREAM MFG.        | 5-9-21     | 5-3-26     |
| HAYES, AL J.              | BANKER                | 5-9-21     | 5-5-25     |
| HEARN, GARY               | VARIETY STORE         | 7-1-84     | 4-11-89    |
| HEDBERG, MARV (PP)        | TELEPHONE CO.         | 6-11-57    | 7-5-79     |
| HEGSTAD, DAN              | PUBLIC TELEVISION     | 7-29-97    | 6-30-2021  |
| HELGESON, GREGG           | --                    | 5-2-72     | 4-1-73     |
| HELGESON, THEODORE        | POWER PLANT DIST.     | 11-14-72   | 5-28-81    |
| HELLA, ROSS               | RETAIL BEVERAGES      | 4-2-02     | 3-31-2011  |
| HELLEY, H.A.              | FURNITURE, RETAIL     | 12-1-64    | 10-1-65    |
| HELLING, JOHN             | --                    | 10-?-59    | 6-31-61    |
| HENDERSON, OSCAR          | TRUCK REPAIRS         | --         | 7-28-81    |
| HENDRICKSON, EVERETT      | BANKER                | 5-21-74    | ?          |
| HENSEL, JAMES             | HOUSING MGR.          | 3-17-70    | 12-31-70   |
| HERBISON, C.W.            | ROAD CONST.           | 1-3-39     | 10-24-39   |
| HERBISON, C.W.            | ROAD CONST.           | 6-20-44    | 10-21-58   |

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| HEROLD, KATHY A.       | TRAVEL PROMOTION            | 1-24-89    | 11-9-04   |
| HERZOG, E.C.           | CHIROPRACTOR                | 11-27-45   | ?-?-48    |
| HEULE, JOHN            |                             | 1-20-98    | 12-31-00  |
| HICKERSON, S.R.        | CLOTHING MFG.               | 3-?-28     | 3-?-32    |
| HICKMAN, R.D.          | --                          | 2-9-37     | 8-12-40   |
| HIGGINS, MIKE          | Fullfillment Center Owners  | 7/14/2015  | 6-30-2017 |
| HILL, MATTHEW          | EXECUTIVE DIR NORTHLAND ARB | 2/2/2016   | 5-16-2017 |
| HILL, MICHAEL          | THERAPY                     | 2-15-05    | 9-13-05   |
| HILLER, WRAY R.        | PAST SERVICE                | ?-?-26     | 10-?-29   |
| HILLS, LEE A.          | BOY SCOUT REP               | 10-17-50   | 11-10-53  |
| HITCHENS, RALPH        | LAW ENFORCEMENT             | 3-12-85    | 1-1-88    |
| HOFF, DAVID J.         | COMM. ADVERTSIING           | 3-17-70    | 12-31-70  |
| HOFFBAUER, J.A.        | MGR. PHONE CO.              | 10-5-23    | 8-?-31    |
| HOFFMAN, C.W.          | --                          | 10-5-23    | 2-?-27    |
| HOFFMAN, C. W.         | CARBONATED BEVERAGE         | 2-2-45     | 4-?-48    |
| HOFFMAN, C. W.         | CARBONATED BEVERAGE         | 2-15-49    | 7-9-54    |
| HOFFMAN, RAY (PP)      | ELECTICAL CONTRACT          | 3-12-63    | ?         |
| HOFFMAN, RAYMOND (PP)  | PAST SERVICE                | 8-10-82    | 12-4-83   |
| HOFFMAN, RICHARD       | CONST. FINANCIAL SERV.      | 2-1-77     | ?         |
| HOFFMAN, RICHARD L.    | CONST. LOAN SERVICE         | 6-17-80    | 3-1-85    |
| HOFFMANN, H.D. (PP)    | --                          | ?          | ?         |
| HOGHAUG, RANDAHL       | DENTIST                     | 11-30-82   | 10-12-06  |
| HOLLAND, TODD          |                             | 7-13-99    | 2-11-03   |
| HOLLINGSWORTH, DOUGLAS | PRINTING                    | 7-5-94     | 1-10-95   |
| HOLM, EVERETT J.       | RETAIL, CLOTHING            | 1-8-46     | ?         |
| HOLM, HOLLY            | NON PROFIT EXEC DIR         | 2/27/2018  | 9-2018    |
| HOLMAN, RICHARD        | COMMUNICATIONS              | 3-1-84     | ?-?-86    |
| HOLMAN, RICHARD        | COMMUNICATIONS              | 4-12-88    | 9-12-89   |
| HOLMES, T.A.           | BEVERAGE, WHOLESALE         | 5-3-38     | 1-24-49   |
| HOLTKAMP, BERNARD      | COUNTY GOVT.                | 2-21-67    | 2-2-73    |
| HOLVICK, J.            | TAILOR                      | 10-22-22   | 10-29-26  |
| HOORN, KARL H.         | DENTIST                     | 5-9-21     | 3-23-26   |
| HOPKINS, JESSE         | ARCHITECT                   | 11-14-06   |           |
| HOPPS, J.D. CAPT.      | RELIGION, SAL. ARMY         | 12-20-49   | 9-11-51   |
| HOULE, TIM             | COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR        | 3-31-09    | 7-1-2010  |
| HOWARD, RICHARD D.     | ROAD MACHINERY              | 8-27-74    | 12-29-75  |
| HUBERT, SCOTT R        | AUTOMOATIVE INDUSTRY        | 08-18-2018 | 2-16-2021 |
| HUBLEY, FRED H.        | INS. ADJUSTER               | 6-27-67    | 5-26-70   |
| HUFF, DAVID            | --                          | 3-17-70    | 12-31-70  |
| HUGHES, WES            | COMPUTER SALES              | 12/22/09   | 3-1-2012  |
| HUMPHREY, JOHN (PETE)  | SAVINGS & LOAN              | 4-28-64    | 4-14-87   |
| HURIN, ROY             | ACCOUNTANT                  | 3-26-2013  |           |

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| HUSO, BARBARA               | DRY CLEANERS, RET.      | 10-13-87 | 10-1-98    |
| HUSO, WAYNE T. (PP)         | DRY CLEANERS            | 5-13-58  | 5-29-87    |
| IHNE, SALLY J. (PHF)        | PRESIDENT, C.L. COLLEGE | 1-5-88   | 1-1-2013   |
| IMGRUND, EDWARD W.          | DRUG, RETAIL            | 9-20-49  | 7-?-50     |
| INNES, MARK                 | HOTELS                  | --       | 2-1-80     |
| ISEBRAND, BRUCE             | PLASTIC FORMING         | 7-8-80   | ?          |
| ISENHART, DICK              | ENGINEER                | 3-19-02  | 4-8-03     |
| IVES, RUSSEL                | ICE CREAM DIST.         | 7-8-52   | 9-21-54    |
| JAHNKE, H.                  | ST. HWY. DEPT           | 3-11-41  | 1-13-46    |
| JARL, FRED                  | DAIRY PRODUCTS DIST.    | 3-28-00  | 7-16-05    |
| JENSEN, FLOYD               | CONSTRUCTION            | 5-12-09  | 9-30-2015  |
| JENSEN, STANLEY             | COURT RECORDER          | ?-?-46   | 1-5-80     |
| JOHNS, DARRELL              | --                      | 10-20-70 | 6-4-80     |
| JOHNS, DARRELL J.           | CPA                     | 7-7-81   | 6-14-89    |
| JOHNSEN, EARL R. (PP)       | MARINE SALES            | 2-26-52  | 1-1-62     |
| JOHNSEN, EARL R. (PP)       | ADVERTISING AGENCY      | 5-13-69  | 4-14-87    |
| JOHNSON, BOB E.             | RET. TEACHER            | 5-10-94  | 11-18-03   |
| JOHNSON, BUFORD             | FINANCIAL               | 8-1-06   |            |
| JOHNSON, CAROL              | EMPLOYEE BENEFITS       | 7-2-2012 |            |
| JOHNSON, CHARLES            | DRUG STORE              | 8-14-51  | 9-18-53    |
| JOHNSON, CHARLES            | DRUG STORE              | 9-14-54  | 7-1-64     |
| JOHNSON, DAVE               | HEAVY EQUIPMENT         | 5-22-01  | 7-10-2018  |
| JOHNSON, DENNIS             | PRINTING                | 12-19-78 | 3-3-85     |
| JOHNSON, DONALD W.          | FUNERAL DIRECTOR        | 11-12-46 | 10-13-92   |
| JOHNSON, F.B.(PP)           | DRUGGIST                | 12-9-24  | 2-5-49     |
| JOHNSON, JAMES              | ELECTRONIC EQUIP.       | 10-20-81 | 1-4-84     |
| JOHNSON, LEVI               | MGR. TIE PLANT          | 10-5-23  | 10-29-26   |
| JOHNSON, LEVI               | HONARARY MEMBER         | 8-19-58  | ?          |
| JOHNSON, PETER L. (PHF, PP) | MANUFACTURING           | 2-3-82   | 12-31-99   |
| JOHNSON, RICHARD            | --                      | 6-13-72  | 4-24-73    |
| JOHNSON, RICHARD M. (PHF)   | RET. CITY CLERK         | 4-1-84   | 7-1-90     |
| JOHNSON, ROBERT             | CONSTRUCTION            | 7-1-93   | 11-18-03   |
| JOHNSON, T.W.               | --                      | 8-19-41  | 4-14-42    |
| JOHNSON, TERRY              | TAX ACCOUTANT           | 1-6-07   | 12-30-2000 |
| JOHNSON, TERRY M.           | COMPTROLLER, RD. CON.   | 4-19-94  | 9-12-2011  |
| JOHNSON, WARREN             | MGR. PAPER MILL         | 5-19-66  | 6-30-58    |
| JOHNSON, WILLARD J.         | PAST SERVICE            | --       | 12-4-83    |
| JOHNSTON, WILLARD           | --                      | 5-19-64  | ?          |
| JONES, W. KEN               | ED. PRINCIPAL           | 10-11-66 | 6-25-74    |
| JUNKER, DELVIN              | ABSTRACTOR              | 5-8-73   | 6-1-77     |
| KARELS, JOE                 | --                      | 11-16-56 | 5-1-67     |
| KATH, PAUL                  | COPYWRITER              | 12-8-98  | 2-13-01    |

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| KAUFENBERG, MELISSA    | NON PROFIT DIRECTOR    | 4/24/2018 | 10-1-2018  |
| KAUTZ, ROBERT          | JUDGE                  | 4-21-81   | 6-14-89    |
| KEHR, ROLAND E.        | DENTIST                | 4-4-89    | 11-14-95   |
| KELM, HEATHER          | DIR PORT GROUP HOMES   | 1-9-2018  |            |
| KERR, DON              | YMCA DIRECTOR          | --        | 11-1-80    |
| KIENTZEL, THOMAS       | GOLF CLUB MGR.         | 8-17-71   | 11-14-78   |
| KILIAN, MATT           | CHAMBER OF COMM EXE    | 7-1-2014  |            |
| KIRT, KAREN            | OFFICE FURNITURE       | 4-17-01   | 3-31-2010  |
| KITZMAN YOUNG, KELLI   | HOSPITALITY SUPPLIES   | 7-3-04    | 4-12-05    |
| KIRKPATRICK, BRIAN     | BANKING                | 5-25-99   | 12-31-07   |
| KLAPPERICH, RALPH W.   | SAVINGS & LOAN         | 11-18-80  | 12-31-85   |
| KLECATSKY, CHUCK       | GOLF PROFESSIONAL      | 3-30-10   | 9-13-2016  |
| KLEIN, ROGER           | DEPT. STORE MGR.       | 2-27-48   | 3-28-49    |
| KLEIN, WILLIAM DEAN    | RAILROAD               | 1-31-67   | 12-4-83    |
| KLEMENT, DANIEL        | CLERGY, RETIRED        | 8-10-04   |            |
| KLETTENBERG, CHARLES   | ELEC. POWER SUPPLY     | 12-20-81  | 4-4-84     |
| KLINGER, RANDY         | YMCA DIRECTOR          | 4-29-97   | 1-31-08    |
| KLINGER, RANDY         | YMCA DIRECTOR          | 3-15-11   | 5-01-2013  |
| KNAPP, DAVID           | MEN'S APPAREL          | --        | 10-16-79   |
| KNETTEL, BRADY         | OFFICE EQUIPMENT       | 10-5-04   | 6-30-08    |
| KNIGHT, CHRISTOPHER C. | OUTDOOR ADV            | 5-2-95    | 10-10-95   |
| KNIGHT, CURTIS R.      | NAT. GAS DIST.         | 4-7-70    | 6-30-73    |
| KNIFE, DOC H.          | VETERINARIAN           | 11-28-50  | 7-3-52     |
| KNOX, GERALD B.        | RETAIL MERCH.          | 6-27-67   | 5-3-71     |
| KNUDSEN, LOUIS         | CO. SURVEYOR           | 12-16-30  | ?-?-32     |
| KNUDSEN, RICHARD       | REAL ESTATE            | 12-3-64   | 2-10-81    |
| KOCKA, DAVID           | RURAL COMMUNICATION    | 6-11-57   | 3-24-59    |
| KOEP, WALTER           | GROCERY, RETAIL        | 12-18-74  | 10-2-79    |
| KOEP, WALTER           | GROCERY, RETAIL        | 10-6-81   | 8-10-87    |
| KOERPER, JIM           | HOSPITAL ADMIN         | 1-1-78    | 3-13-89    |
| KOLAR, JOSEPH          | AUTO SALES             | 4-25-67   | 6-25-68    |
| KOPISCHKE, KEVIN       | ASST. DIR. B.A.T.I.    | 9-9-87    | 6-14-89    |
| KOUPAL, JOHN           | CONSTRUCTION           | 3-20-07   | 11-12-2013 |
| KRAFT, JIM             | PRESIDENT – LAKES AREA | 6-4-2015  | 9-17-2019  |
| KRANZ, WILLIAM         | RAILROAD TRAFFIC, RET  | 5-13-58   | 2-1-95     |
| KRAUTKREMER, LEE F.    | PRINTING               | 2-26-80   | 12-4-84    |
| KRAUTKREMER, LEE. F.   | RESTAURANT             | 4-4-89    | 12-12-95   |
| KREGER, ALBERT         | BEVERAGE BOTTLER       | 4-15-50   | 1-?-51     |
| KRIHA, GEORGE          | CITY ENGINEER          | 2-19-74   | ?          |
| KRUEGER, ANDREW        | CHIROPRACTOR           | 3-10-2015 | 5-12-2015  |
| KRUSE, LARRY           | MUNICIPAL GOV.         | 3-23-99   | 6-8-04     |
| KRUSEMARK, LESTER J.   | PERSONEL DIR.          | 11-21-67  | 9-26-73    |



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| KUBESH, THEODORE              | TOY SALESMAN                  | 6-?-47    | 8-?-49     |
| KUBIAK, A.                    | --                            | 4-23-40   | 10-1-40    |
| KUMMET, LLOYD                 | ACCOUNTANT                    | 8-14-51   | 9-24-57    |
| KUNDE, GORDON                 | ELECT. MOTOR REPAIR           | 5-17-55   | 3-20-56    |
| KUNDE, GORDON                 | ELECT. MOTOR REPAIR           | ?-?-56    | ?-?-62     |
| KURILLA, GARRETT J. (PHF, PP) | LAKESHORE REAL ESTATE         | 4-29-80   | 3-31-2012  |
| KURTZMAN, JOHN (PHF, PP)      | PRINTING                      | 6-8-76    | 10-29-02   |
| LABAR, G.D.                   | MGR. HOUSING                  | 5-17-25   | 7-1-36     |
| LACHER, ANNMARIE              | EDUCATION                     | 10/6/2021 |            |
| LALLI, ELMER                  | WATER & LIGHT DEPT.           | 8-27-74   | 1-31-79    |
| LANDSBURG, JOHN               | LANDSCAPING/GARDEN            | 3-4-08    |            |
| LANE, J.                      | --                            | 10-2-45   | ?-?-?      |
| LANG, DENNIS                  | MFG. REP                      | 2-4-03    | 8-1-06     |
| LARSON, KERI                  | EVENT PLANNER                 | 12-22-09  | 5-31-2011  |
| LARSON, KEVIN                 | TELECOMMUNICATIONS            | 3-12-02   | 2021       |
| LARSON, LAINE                 | EDUCATION                     | 8-30-2016 | 2022       |
| LARSON, RICHARD V.            | BANKING                       | 2-21-67   | 3-13-73    |
| LARSON, WAYNE                 | COUNTY WORKER, RET.           | 6-26-88   | 11-12-13   |
| LASSIG, EVERETT               | RESTAURANTS                   | ?-?-76    | 4-22-86    |
| LAWRIE, LINDA                 | EDUCATION                     | 7-16-02   | 7-7-06     |
| LEBLOND, FRANK                | MINERAL, OIL, RETAIL          | 7-8-52    | 4-1-53     |
| LEBRUN, JIM                   | ADMN HEALTH CARE              | 6-30-03   | 9-14-04    |
| LECKBAND, LAURA               | LIFE INSURANCE                | 5-22-2012 | 6-30-2013  |
| LEE, H.W. (PP)                | PHYSICIAN                     | 1-1-38    | 11-4-47    |
| LEHMAN, SAMUEL "JOHN"         | E.E.N.T. DIR                  | 6-13-50   | 11-14-50   |
| LEIGHTON, DONALD              | BRD. BLAUGAS                  | 9-1-53    | ?-?-64     |
| LEISER, YVONNE                | TRAINING SERVICES             | 3-19-02   | 5-26-2013  |
| LEROUX O.L.                   | MGR. PAPER MILL               | 10-22-35  | ?-?-38     |
| LEUHMANN, ALFRED              |                               | 12-1-87   | 6-1-90     |
| LICHTY, ALAN                  | BANKING, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ACT. | 2-16-88   | 5-14-92    |
| LIND, LAURIE B.               | AUTO ACCCESSORIES             | 1-29-70   | 5-3-71     |
| LINDBLOOM, PAUL M. (PHF)      | METAL FABRICATION             | 12-22-81  | 12-31-2010 |
| LINK, RICHARD                 | EDUCATION                     | 12-10-70  | 6-28-72    |
| LINZBACH, MATT                | BANKING                       | 8-4-70    | 6-25-74    |
| LITTLE, WAYNE G.              | CONSULTANT                    | 10-13-92  | 6-28-2012  |
| LLOYD, KEVIN                  |                               | 9-2-97    | 2-17-98    |
| LONGFELLOW, HENRY W.          | JUDGE, PROBATE                | 4-12-55   | 9-7-82     |
| LOPP, LAWRENCE                | AMUSEMENT PARK                | 3-8-55    | 9-24-57    |
| LOPP, LAWRENCE                | AMUSEMENT PARK                | 2-21-67   | 10-25-81   |
| LORSUNG, DONALD C.            | BAXTER CITY ADMIN.            | 12-26-95  | 9-29-98    |
| LOUDEN, TOM                   | BEAUTY OPERATOR               | 3-24-59   | 6-3-63     |
| LOWE, G.E.                    | --                            | 1-13-22   | 10-29-26   |

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| LOWRANCE, LEON         | MINERAL OIL, RETAIL       | 6-13-50    | 4-8-82     |
| LUCE, JOHN C.          | SCHOOL MAINT. MGR.        | 1-7-92     | 4/27/2022  |
| LUDWIG, DANIEL W.      | OFFICE SUPPLIES           | 10-27-87   | 6-30-97    |
| LUEHMANN, ALFRED J.    | CLERGY                    | 12-8-87    | 7-1-90     |
| LUNDBLAD, LARRY A.     | COLLEGE ADMN.             | 12-12-06   | 8-8-2017   |
| MACHENZIE, BRUCE       | SCOUT EXECUTIVE           | 12-31-85   | 4-10-88    |
| MACKEDANZ, DENNIS      | CAMP-EDUCATIONAL          | 10-31-2014 | 3-20-2018  |
| MADDEN, JAMES (PHF)    | HOTELS                    | 6-15-71    | 6-6-01     |
| MADDEN, THOMAS         | BANK ADMN.                | 8-29-00    | 4-8-03     |
| MADDUX, KENNETH JR.    | RETIRED POST SECONDARY ED | 4/20/10    | 12-31-2011 |
| MADISON, RAY (PHF)     | MARINE SALES              | 5-23-39    | 1-15-09    |
| MADISON, RONALD        | MARINE SALES              | 6-27-67    | 6-1-77     |
| MAHLUM, MONS           | LUMBER, WHOLESALE         | 10-15-23   | 6-?-27     |
| MANN, PETER            | MANUFACTURING             | 12-8-98    | 2-12-02    |
| MANS, PAUL             | THEATERS, OUTDOOR         | 8-17-65    | 6-30-68    |
| MANS, RICHARD D.       | DIR. CP. CONFIDENCE       | 5-15-90    | 10-8-91    |
| MARCHANT, T.           | TRUCKING                  | 7-15-39    | 3-1-41     |
| MARCHEL, JOSEPH        | PHOTO FINISHING           | 2-8-49     | 4-8-76     |
| MARDEN, LINDA          | NEUROLOGY                 | 8-31-04    | ?          |
| MARDEN, LINDA          | NEUROLOGY                 | 9-11-07    | 1-1-2011   |
| MARGARITIS, CONSTANTIN | MICROFILMING              | 1-20-87    | 12-10-88   |
| MARKSON, C.O.          | CITY ENGINEER             | 6-14-49    | 12-18-70   |
| MARMUS, JIM G.         | EDUCATIONAL ADM.          | 5-10-94    | 3-31-2012  |
| MAROHN, CHARLES        | COMMUNITY PLANNER         | 3-22-05    | 6-30-08    |
| MARVIN, JOE            | PHYSICIAN                 | 6-11-57    | 7-1-61     |
| MATTSON, WILLIAM C.    | LUMBER, RETAIL            | --         | 12-27-78   |
| MCBREEN, JIM           | RET COMPUTER ENGINEER     | 2-2-2015   |            |
| MCCOLLOUGH, H.F.       | NEWSPAPERS                | 10-22-21   | 9-22-59    |
| MCCOLLOUGH, W.J.       | NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING      | 10-9-45    | 12-27-78   |
| MCCOLLOUGH, WENDELL    | --                        | 7-2-63     | 7-30-65    |
| MCCONKEY, MICHAEL      | BANKING/BUSINESS          | 3-18-97    |            |
| MCCURDY, JOE           | HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT    | 11-29-11   | 1-01-2014  |
| MCDERMOND, WILLIAM R.  | BOTTLING, WHOLESALE       | --         | --         |
| MCDONALD, H. PETER     | RETAIL MUSIC SUPPLY       | 4-28-64    | 7-1-64     |
| MCENERY, DENNIS        | RELIGION                  | 4-29-69    | 6-30-73    |
| MCEACHRON, CHRISOPHER  | PLAYWORKER                | 12/15/2020 |            |
| MCILROY, GARY          | PATHOLOGIST               | 9-18-73    | 6-1-77     |
| MCKAY, G.R.            | SUPT. WATER & LIGHT       | 11-9-43    | 6-12-45    |
| MCLAUGHLIN, EUGENE     | DOCUMENTARY MOVIES        | --         | 1-14-81    |
| MCNEEL, DOUGLAS        | DIR. YMCA                 | 11-10-64   | 10-24-67   |
| MCPHEETERS, GEORGE     | ED. JR. COLLEGE           | 9-27-49    | 11-15-56   |
| MEANS, PAUL R.         | BANKING                   | 11-21-95   | 2-12-02    |

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| MEANS, PAUL R           | COMMUNITY BANKING            | 4-24-2013  |            |
| MEIER, DENNIS J.        | SCOUT EXECUTIVE              | 4-15-74    | 12-26-82   |
| MEIERHOFFER, MAYNARD C. | INSURANCE                    | 2-5-68     | 7-31-69    |
| MELIN, GEORGE           | ELECTRONIC REPAIR            | 11-23-54   | 10-13-59   |
| MENK, EDWIN L.          | JEWELER                      | 11-18-80   | 4-22-87    |
| MENK, EDWIN L.          | JEWELER                      | 11-10-87   | 7-1-90     |
| MENK, EDWIN L.          | JEWELER                      | 12/22/09   |            |
| MERSEREAU, MARTA        | LIBRARIAN                    | 11-25-08   | 6-30-2010  |
| MEYER, CATHY            | BANKING                      | 12/21/2021 |            |
| MEYER, DAN              | EDUCATION/MARKETING          | 3-29-05    | 4-14-2010  |
| MEYER, DENNIS           | --                           | 12-12-71   | 12-26-72   |
| MEYER, ROBERT (PHF)     | ARCHITECTURE                 | 12-22-81   | 8-30-01    |
| MEYER, RODNEY           | DENTIST                      | --         | 12-5-78    |
| MICHAEL, HARRY F. (PP)  | WOMEN'S CLOTHING             | 5-9-21     | 2-2-26     |
| MIELKE, LEE             | BANKER, 1 <sup>ST</sup> BANK | 9-7-82     | 1-4-94     |
| MILLER, R.M.            | --                           | 1-27-48    | 2-18-52    |
| MILLER, ROGER B.        | RESORT SALES                 | 6-15-71    | 6-1-77     |
| MILLER, ROY             | NEWSPAPER EDITOR             | 4-2-91     | 1-12-95    |
| MILLS, HENRY C. (PP)    | AUTO, RETAIL                 | 5-1-36     | 4-16-73    |
| MILLS, STEWART C. (PP)  | GAS & OIL, RETAIL            | 5-23-39    | 7-1-61     |
| MINK, GLORIA            | RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION     | 3-4-2014   |            |
| MITCHELL, SCOTT         | ADVERTISING                  | 3-26-96    | 12-31-96   |
| MOHS, PETE              | NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER          | 8-2-2016   | 6-12-2018  |
| MOLIN, HERMAN           | AUTO SUPPLY                  | 7-6-43     | 3-1-61     |
| MOLIN, HERMAN           | PARTS SUPPLY                 | 11-16-65   | 5-16-85    |
| MONDA, STEVEN T.        | OPTOMETRIST                  | 12-29-92   | 4-1-99     |
| MONROE, TERRI L.        | NURSING ADM.-RETIRED         | 5-25-99    | 11-28-2010 |
| MOORES, ARNE            | FUEL SUPPLY                  | 1-17-67    | 12-29-75   |
| MORAN, JANET L.         | ADULT EDUCATION              | 12-6-94    | 10-26-98   |
| MORAN, MICHAEL L.       | TRANSPORTATION               | 8-28-90    | 5-14-2019  |
| MORRIS, DENNIS          | FINANCIAL ADVISOR            | 3-23-99    | 11-18-03   |
| MUDFORD, LESLIE         | PLUMBING CONTRACTOR          | 2-1-72     | ?          |
| MUELLER, NORBERT        | MGR. TRUCKING                | 12-26-61   | 1-8-65     |
| MUELLER, TED E.         | TELE. COMM.                  | 11-27-79   | 12-4-83    |
| MURPHY, MICHAEL L.      | FINANCIAL CONSULTANT         | 10-16-90   | 8-10-92    |
| MURTON, CURTIS S. (PP)  | EDUCATION, COLL.             | 12-1-77    | 7-03-82    |
| MUSIELEWICZ, BOB        | BANKING                      | 10-13-98   | 12/31/2020 |
| NASH, W.G.              | --                           | 10-31-44   | 9-4-45     |
| NASH, AL                | --                           | 11-25-47   | 10-18-49   |
| NATHAN, CRAIG           | JOB TRAINING & EMPL.         | 9-10-02    | 6-12-2018  |
| NATHAN, DALE (PHF, PP)  | APPRAISER                    | 5-19-66    | 7-28-2014  |
| NEFF, DAN (PP)          | MOTEL                        | 8-6-63     | 6-30-79    |

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| NELSEN, PENNY J             | REALTOR                | 7-13-99   | 1-9-2018   |
| NELSON, EARL                | BUTTERMAKER            | 9-22-64   | ?          |
| NELSON, F.A.                | --                     | 6-18-45   | 4-5-49     |
| NELSON, KENNETH (PHF)       | WOMEN'S APPAREL        | 9-12-78   | 10-14-89   |
| NELSON, PETER A.            | ENGINEER/MARKETING     | 4-17-01   |            |
| NEMITZ, WALTER              | EDUCATOR, PRIVATE      | 5-8-73    | 12-29-75   |
| NEUMANN, JILL               | COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER | 3-3-2015  | 11-10-2015 |
| NEUVERTH, THOMAS J.         | PAINT STORE MANAGER    | 2-13-96   | 6-30-98    |
| NEWHOUSE, JOHN              | MOLD MANUFACTURING     | 8-22-00   | 4-11-06    |
| NEWMAN, MELVIN L.           | FURNITURE, RETAIL      | 11-28-50  | 6-8-54     |
| NEWMAN, S.                  | --                     | 7-23-33   | 3-?-50     |
| NEWTON, P.W.                | --                     | 11-17-25  | 11-?-28    |
| NICHOL, R.                  | --                     | 9-?-27    | 6-?-33     |
| NIELSEN, CURTIS             | ADM. BRD. MEDICAL CTR. | 6-2-89    |            |
| NIEMAN, MONICA              | NONPROFIT DIRECTOR     | 8-24-10   | 11-11-2014 |
| NOLAN, RICHARD              | FORESTRY               | 8-15-00   | 6-30-01    |
| NORDELL, BEN                | FINANCE, LOANS         | 5-11-82   | ?          |
| NORDGAARD, EDGAR            | CONSULTANT             | 9-23-97   | 12-12-06   |
| NORDGAARD, HAROLD C. (PP)   | EDUCATION, ADM.        | 8-24-48   | 12-31-57   |
| NORDGAARD, HAROLD C. (PP)   | SCHOOL ADM.            | 3-14-72   | 4-16-82    |
| NORMAN, DEAN                | CLERGY                 | 11-2-99   | 9-12-00    |
| NORTHWAY, STEPHEN, A. (PHF) | CONSTRUCTION           | 7-18-89   |            |
| NOTE, JERRY                 | MGR. MOTEL             | 2-19-74   | ?          |
| NUTTING MARVIN L.           | MOBILE HOMES           | 11-16-71  | 6-6-72     |
| NYGAARD, CAL                | MGR. THEATRE           | ?-?-47    | 10-3-50    |
| NYSATHER, HARRY (PHF)       | RET. VOCATIONAL ED.    | 7-14-64   | 7-9-06     |
| NYSTROM, QUINN              | PUBLIC RELATIONS       | 8-30-2016 | 12-31-2018 |
| NYSTROM, ROBERT (PHF)       | PHARMACY               | 9-21-82   | 6/23/2020  |
| O'BRIEN, E. TOM (PDG, PP)   | GENERAL MERCH. RETAIL  | 4-9-34    | 3-22-82    |
| O'DONNELL, REV. JOHN        | RELIGION               | --        | 6-4-77     |
| O'KEEFE, GORDON             | SALES, UNITED FUNDS    | 1-27-59   | 3-24-59    |
| O'ROURKE, PAMELA S.         | ATTORNEY, PENSION      | 4-26-88   | 6-1-94     |
| OBELE, GARY L.              | MANUFACTURING          | 5-9-89    | 11-14-95   |
| OHLSSEN, RICHARD            | BUSINESS & FINANCE LAW | 4-17-01   | 11-18-03   |
| OLIVER, CRAIG. E.           | TECH. COLLEGE ADM.     | 7-7-92    | 12-31-96   |
| OLMSTEAD, ROSS              | MOTEL                  | 2-9-54    | ?          |
| OLMSTED, NYE P. (PP)        | RELIGION               | 11-17-25  | 12-30-41   |
| OLMSTED, WILLIAM            | COUNTY GOVT.           | 10-22-68  | 7-11-77    |
| OLMSTED, WILLIAM            | FINANCIAL PLANNING     | 4-7-81    | 2-12-91    |
| OLSEN, H.                   | --                     | 6-18-40   | 11-11-40   |
| OLSEN, JASON                | BANKING & FINANCE      | 10-14-08  | 9-30-2009  |
| OLSON, DENNIS               | ZONING ADMINISTRATION  | 10-15-85  | 12-31-85   |

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| OLSON, JEFF A.         | NON PROFIT             | 11-10-98  | 4-08-2011 |
| OLSON, GARY A.         | OFFICE SERVICES        | 4-4-95    | 6-30-03   |
| OLSON, ROBERT          | HARDWARE               | 3-19-85   | 12-31-85  |
| OLSON, ROBERT          | HARDWARE               | 11-28-78  | 12-4-83   |
| OPSAHL, WILLIAM J.     | INSURANCE              | 5-10-49   | 12-31-57  |
| OPSAHL, WILLIAM M. JR. | INSURANCE              | 3-28-67   | 12-14-81  |
| OSTERLOH, ROD          | COMM. REAL ESTATE      | 5-22-07   |           |
| OSTBERG, CHARLES       | ELECTRICAL CONTRACT.   | 9-9-97    | 6-30-08   |
| OVERTON, MIKE K.       | RADIO STATION MGR.     | 3-12-96   | 2-11-03   |
| PALKIE, TOM G.         | PAPER MFG.             | 11-3-92   | 12-31-97  |
| PARK, STEVE            | FARM EQUIPMENT         | 12-16-75  | 8-01-88   |
| PARK, STEVE C.         | FARMING EQUIPMENT      | 3-25-80   | 4-11-89   |
| PARKER, CLYDE E.       | FOUNDRY                | 1-13-22   | 12-?-25   |
| PARKER, CLYDE E.       | FOUNDRY                | 7-29-52   | 5-?-58    |
| PARRISH, MARK          | MENSWEAR               | 6-18-85   | 11-13-89  |
| PATCH, GENE            | ADM. UNIVERSAL PENSION | 2-26-90   | 12-31-96  |
| PAUL, ART              | TIRE RECAPING          | 3-1-55    | 11-7-65   |
| PAUL, DAVID            | UROLOGY                | 12-10-83  | 8-1-08    |
| PAULSON, HARVEY V.     | TRAVEL AGENT           | 12-1-87   | 3-23-91   |
| PAULSON, JANICE R.     | TRAVEL AGENT           | 12-15-92  | 3-8-05    |
| PAULSON, RICHARD L.    | MGR. PAPER MILL        | 2-27-90   | 10-13-92  |
| PAXTON, LISA M.        | CHAMBER OF COMMERCE    | 7-9-96    | 3/1/2018  |
| PEARSON, DAVID W.      | RELIGION               | 8-24-71   | ?         |
| PEARSON, GARY S.       | AMBULANCE SERVICE      | 11-28-95  | 12-31-96  |
| PERKINS, MAURICE       | COLLEGE ADM.           | 7-5-94    | 2-13-96   |
| PELKEY, KEVIN          |                        | 9-24-96   | 2-12-02   |
| PERKINS, MAURICE       |                        | 6-1-94    | 12-1-95   |
| PERSON, BRAD           | ATTORNEY               | 12-16-01  |           |
| PERSON, JENNIFER       | CHIROPRACTOR           | 1-29-08   |           |
| PERSON, HOWARD D.      | SCHOOL ADM.            | 11-20-90  | 12-31-00  |
| PERSONS, CHARLES B.    | RADIO BROADCASTING     | 7-12-67   | 7-11-95   |
| PERSONS, PAULA I.      | RADIO INSTALLATIONS    | 10-24-95  |           |
| PERSONS, SCOTT         | RADIO STATION MGR.     | 11-13-74  | ?         |
| PERTTU, DONNA          | MGR. RADIOLOGY DEPT    | 1-26-88   | 7-7-06    |
| PETERSON, DONN         | FORENSIC ENGINEER      | 7-8-08    |           |
| PETERSON, ERIC         | HOSPITALITY            | 7-12-2016 |           |
| PETERSON, GEORGE J.    | COMM. BANKING          | 6-6-72    | 12-4-83   |
| PETERSON, GORDON       | NEWSPAPER DIST.        | 11[16-65  | 4-29-69   |
| PETERSON, HAROLD       | HOSP. ADM.             | 6-17-58   | 8-4-81    |
| PETERSON, I.L.         | --                     | 10-23-28  | 5-?-33    |
| PETERSON, KEVIN        | INVESTMENT ADVISOR     | 10-3-06   | 10-1-08   |
| PETERSON, KEVIN L.     | RESORT MANAGER         | 7-18-89   | 1-16-93   |

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| PETERSON, O.A.                | MEN'S CLOTHING                      | 5-29-21    | ?-?-22    |
| PETERSON, O.A.                | --                                  | 7-28-22    | 7-22-33   |
| PHelps, BRIAN                 | ARCHITECT                           | 10-13-86   | 9-10-91   |
| PHLEGEL, GAIL                 | ACCOUNTANT                          | 1-27-59    | 4-1-75    |
| PIEPGRAS RICHARD P.           | VETERINARIAN                        | 2-11-75    | 6-12-76   |
| PIERRON, JOHN W.              | PRINTING                            | 6-18-85    | 6-17-86   |
| PIKE, ROY S.                  | PLUMBING                            | 3-31-42    | 3-1-52    |
| PIPHO, DONALD                 | CLEANING SERVICE                    | 4-25-72    | ?         |
| PIPHO, DONALD P. II           | 2 <sup>ND</sup> ACT. CLEANING SERV. | 6-22-79    | 1-1-82    |
| PLASTER, JUDY                 | STATE EMPLOYMENT SER                | 1-18-00    | 9-10-02   |
| PLOTZ, TERRY                  | SCOUT EXECUTIVE                     | 3-7-89     | 3-9-93    |
| PODOLL, LELAND W.             | PERIODICAL DISTRIBUTION             | 8-16-88    | 8-14-90   |
| POHL, SUZ                     | NON-PROFIT                          | 12/21/2021 |           |
| POHL, WILLIAM A.              | CLERGY, LUTHERAN                    | 11-3-87    | 7-11-89   |
| POLASIK, LOUIS B.             | MGR. REA                            | 1-8-74     | 7-28-81   |
| POLIPNICK, RICHARD            | TOURISM BUREAU                      | 10-21-2014 | 9-13-2016 |
| POMERLEAU, FRANCIS            | RESTAURANT                          | 8-3-54     | 5-4-59    |
| POPPIE, ROBERT W.             | PHYSICIAN                           | 8-22-61    | 7-1-64    |
| PORTER, DONALD E.             | UNIVERSITY PROF. RET.               | 4-12-96    | 9-30-2018 |
| POTVIN, WILLIAM               | AUDITING, CAP                       | 11-14-89   |           |
| PRINDLE, S.R.                 | BOTTLED GAS                         | 3-30-48    | ?-23/53   |
| PRUYN, BUD                    | LINEN SUPPLY                        | 12-2-86    | 8-10-87   |
| PUCKROPP, JOHN E.             | AIRPORT MANAGER                     | 4-18-89    | 4-1-96    |
| PULKRABEK, BEN                | GASOLINE STATION                    | 1-8-46     | 12-31-59  |
| PURINGTON, H. M. (PING) (PHF) | OUTDOOR ADVERTISING                 | 12-19-50   | 6-30-97   |
| QUANSTROM, VICTOR E. (PP)     | PHYSICIAN                           | 1-10-39    | 6-13-61   |
| RAMERTH, TIM                  | CIVIL ENGINEER                      | 6-21-11    |           |
| RANGEN, ANDY                  | COMPUTER SOFTWARE                   | 3-31-09    |           |
| RANGEN, ROD P.                | BANKING BRANCH MGR.                 | 2-25-99    |           |
| RANKIN, JOHN                  | CIVIL ENGINEER                      | 12-3-68    | 11-4-72   |
| RASMUSSEN, DON (PHF, PP)      | POSTMASTER                          | 8-24-82    | 1-01-2013 |
| RATHKE, STEPHEN               | COUNTY ATTORNEY                     | 7-3-81     | 2-9-91    |
| RAU, AMRVIN C.                | INSURANCE                           | 9-1-53     | 9-2-58    |
| READ, PAUL (PHF)              | INVESTMENTS                         | 8-19-80    | 10-1-07   |
| REED, DAVID O. (PHF, PP)      | CIVIL ENGINEER                      | 11-10-64   | 6-28-2012 |
| REES, ADAM                    | MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION              | 9-10-2013  |           |
| REESE, E.C.                   | --                                  | 2-17-31    | 8-?-32    |
| REESE, KIM                    | PUBLIC RELATIONS                    | 10-2-07    | 1-1-2011  |
| REINER, RUSSELL               | WATER SOFTENING                     | 4-4-63     | ?         |
| REINSCHMIDT, CLARENCE         | PAST SERVICE                        | 6-29-65    | 6-30-58   |
| RIBBEL, GEORGE H. (PP)        | DWENTIST                            | 9-?-26     | 6-21-68   |
| RIBBEL, WILLIAM H. (PP)       | DENTIST                             | 10-15-57   | 12-5-78   |

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| RICE, ROBERT                 | INVESTMENTS                 | 2-15-65   | 4-15-68   |
| RICHARDS, MARTY              | SCOUNTING PROFESSIONAL      | 8-8-06    | 3-31-2009 |
| RICHESON, R.E.               | MINK FARMING                | 3-11-41   | ?-?-46    |
| RIEDL, JOHN                  | MGR. AIRPORT                | 7-28-64   | 11-18-86  |
| RIFFLE, SHANE                | CEO YMCA                    | 2/27/2018 |           |
| RILEY, JANELLE R.            | TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING       | 4-8-03    | 3-31-2010 |
| RING, JERRY                  | FINANCIAL ADVISOR           | 3-23-99   | 6-30-03   |
| ROBERTS, GLENN               | V.P. ACROMETALS             | 11-3-87   | 1-10-89   |
| ROBERTS, KENDRA              | YOUTH EXECUTIVE             | 1-2-01    | 11-18-03  |
| ROBY, MICK J.                | STOCK BROKER                | 8-1-00    | 7-01-2011 |
| ROELOFS, JAMES D.            | RADIOLOGY                   | 10-8-86   |           |
| ROLLINS, KIM                 | NON-PROFIT                  | 4-16-2019 | 2021      |
| RONE, NORMAN                 | BOY SCOUT REP.              | 2-8-49    | 6-20-50   |
| ROOHR, CHESTER F.            | LOAN & THRIFT               | 6-?-55    | 1-1-66    |
| ROOHR, CHESTER F.            | TAXI SERVICE                | 4-19-49   | 7-?-50    |
| ROOT, ANN MARIE              | INSURANCE                   | 1/21/2020 |           |
| ROSCOE, BERNARD W. (PP)      | COMM. BANKING               | 6-22-079  | 3-26-85   |
| ROSCOE, BERNARD W. (PP)      | BANKER                      | 8-8-95    | ?         |
| ROSS, RICHARD                | LAW ENFORCEMENT             | 10-20-81  | 12-30-86  |
| ROTH, CHARLES P.             | ROAD CONSTRUCTION           | 5-16-44   | 7-3-45    |
| ROTH, PHILLIP C.             | ROAD CONSTRUCTION           | 12-5-39   | 11-19-57  |
| RUDE, BRYAN                  | BANKING                     | 12-6-05   | 6-30-98   |
| RUSSELL, F.N.                | ICE CREAM MFG.              | 8-16-29   | 9-?-32    |
| RUTTGER, CHRIS               | RESORT                      | 10-3-95   | 2-10-04   |
| RUTTGER, JACK (PDG, PHF, PP) | RESORTS, IND. PROMO         | 12-11-84  |           |
| RUTTGER, MAX J. (BUZZ) (PHF) | PAST SERVICE                | 7-01-80   | 5-8-90    |
| RYAN, DONALD F.              | COUNTY ATTORNEY             | 7-25-95   |           |
| RYAN, ROBERT                 | ATTORNEY, PROBATE           | ?-?-76    | 9-30-86   |
| SANDBERG, ROY                | CLOTHING, RETAIL            | 11-?-46   | 3-8-55    |
| SANDBERG, WARREN             | OFFICE SUPPLY               | 5-21-68   | 9-24-74   |
| SANDERS, RON                 |                             | 7-28-2020 |           |
| SANDERS, ROY                 | --                          | 6-?-33    | 5-?-34    |
| SANDS, MICHAEL A.            | CPA, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ACTIVE | 9-11-90   | 2022      |
| SAVAGE, FRANK L.             | EDUCATION                   | 8-29-50   | 6-30-52   |
| SCHAEFER, T.H.               | GROCERIES, RETAIL           | 10-5-23   | 11-4-24   |
| SCHAEFER, T.H.               | GROCERIES, MEAT             | 11-15-30  | 11-1-41   |
| SCHAEFFER, DAVID (PHF)       | RETIRED PILOT               | 8-25-09   |           |
| SCHAITBERGER, STEPHEN H.     | CLERGY                      | 6-17-80   | 4-22-87   |
| SHAW, CHUCK                  | BICYCLE SALES RETAIL        | 5-25-2010 | 1-01-2011 |
| SCHEELER, GARY               | REALTOR                     | 4-5-2016  | 3-1-2017  |
| SCHEMP, GORDON C.            | --                          | 11-19-55  | 4-30-57   |
| SCHIERHOLTZ, A.E.            | INSURANCE                   | 1-7-41    | 7-22-41   |

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| SCHLEGEL, ALVIN G. (PP)  | BANKING                   | 12-3-68    | 12-31-85   |
| SCHLONG, VERN            | PAINT, RETAIL             | 11-20-79   | 10-1-01    |
| SCHMID, CHARLES          | PHOTOGRAPHY               | 10-14-58   | ?          |
| SCHMIDT, JOSEPH          | --                        | 5-?-30     | 5-?-31     |
| SCHNEIDER, DARRELL F.    | ENGINEERING               | 10-10-94   | 6-3-2014   |
| SCHULSTAD, RICHARD D.    | RETAIL GROCERY            | 6-22-93    | 12-31-96   |
| SCHULTE, JOE             | TEMP & PERMANENT STAFFING | 6-2-09     | 3-31-2010  |
| SCOFIELD, ARDEN W. (PHF) | UTILITIES                 | 2-11-58    | 2-20-91    |
| SCOTT, MARY K.           | ACCOUTNING/ESTATE         | 8-1-00     | 1-1-2010   |
| SCOTT, TOM               | --                        | 7-10-44    | 11-4-47    |
| SEDLOCK. E.J.            | JEWELRY, RETAIL           | 4-19-41    | 1-?-48     |
| SEEP, SUSAN              | BULK FUEL DISTRIBUTOR     | 8-27-93    | 6-30-98    |
| SEIPP, LEE               | RESORT & RESTAURANT       | 8-31-04    |            |
| SENAKER, JOHN            | ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT      | 4-21-81    | ?          |
| SEWALL, DALE             | CLERGY                    | 7-1-84     | 8-1-87     |
| SEYMOUR, JOYCE           | MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL     | 10-16-2012 | 1-10-2013  |
| SHAVER, S.S.             | --                        | 2-10-25    | 3-28-26    |
| SHAW, CHUCK              |                           |            | 1-1-2011   |
| SHEDIN, V.E.             | --                        | 8-?-27     | 6-?-31     |
| SHERNER, STEPHEN         |                           | 8-6-2019   | 2022       |
| SHEETS, CHARLIE          | BEVERAGES, WHOLESALE      | 10-27-87   | 6-28-2015  |
| SHERMAN, ANN             | INTERNET SERVICES         | 5-18-98    | 7-12-03    |
| SHEW, HARVEY             | EDUCATION                 | 8-3-54     | 11-5-57    |
| SHORTRIDGE, RAY          | FIRE CHIEF                | 8-27-57    | 12-15-59   |
| SHULTZ, ROBERT           | PENSION PLANNING          | 5-11-76    | 9-1-80     |
| SIEKMANN, GENE           | RELIGION                  | ?          | 2-1-81     |
| SILVERNAIL, BROOKE (PHF) | ARCHITECT                 | 9-2-84     | 4-22-87    |
| SIMON, CAROL             | UNIFORMS--CAREERWARE      | 9-12-00    | 10-14-03   |
| SIMON, JAY D. (PHF, PP)  | UNIFORMS & APPAREL        | 10-21-80   | 5-25-99    |
| SKAROLID, HAROLD J. (PP) | AUTOMOBILE                | 7-?-80     | 8-24-71    |
| SKONE, E. TERRY (PHF)    | BANKING                   | 4-4-89     | 6-1-2015   |
| SLETTEN, E.T.(PP)        | BANKING                   | 4-26-38    | 1-9-45     |
| SLIETER, RICHARD G. JR.  | HOSP. ADMINISTRATION      | 8-1-06     | 6-30-2017  |
| SLIPP, LEIGH B.          | HARDWARE                  | 2-25-30    | 10-15-40   |
| SLOAN, JOHN              |                           | 2-1-89     | 9-1-89     |
| SMITH, ANDY              | CLERGY                    | 2-1-05     | 5-1-09     |
| SMITH, ANNA              | CHIROPRACTIC ASST         | 3-1-11     | 9-30-2011  |
| SMITH, H.H.              | --                        | 7-11-50    | 11-?-50    |
| SMITH, JENNIFER          | NON-PROFIT UNITED WAY     | 12-27-2013 | 12-31-2018 |
| SMITH, PAT               | AUTO, RETAIL              | 1-31-67    | 7-1-67     |
| SMITH, RAE M. (MAJOR)    | ARMED FORCES              | 1-25-49    | 8-18-50    |
| SMITH, SARAH             | MARKETING & EVENT DIR     | 2/17/2022  |            |



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| SMITH, VERNON R.         | BANKING                  | 8-21-97   | 9-30-12   |
| SMYITHE, FREDERICK       | RELIGION                 | 5-4-76    | 4-11-89   |
| SNYDER, CHESTER          | SPORTING GOODS, WHOLE    | 3-31-70   | 6-30-07   |
| SOLDNER, DAN             | BOTTLED BEVERAGES        | 8-18-87   | 2-10-91   |
| SPAULDING, DALE          | OFFICE PRINTING          | 11-5-96   | 12-31-00  |
| SPENCER, O.W. (PP)       | LUMBER, AUDITOR          | 2-10-31   | 6-?-47    |
| SPENCER, WILLIAM A. (PP) | --                       | 3-15-22   | 8-5-39    |
| SPLADY, DOUGLAS          | MARINE SALES             | 2-6-73    | 11-1-81   |
| SPRING, TED              | COLLEGE ADM.             | 12-10-02  | 9-20-05   |
| STANIFER, MARIA          | REALTOR                  | 2-5-02    | 10-8-02   |
| STATTINE, DAWN           |                          | 11-2-99   | 9-12-00   |
| STEELMAN, A.J. III       | --                       | 1-30-34   | 4-24-34   |
| STEGNER, LEE             | ARCHITECTURE             | 10-11-55  | 12-31-68  |
| STEIGER, GENE            | PLYWOOD DITRIBUTOR       | 10-8-74   | 6-10-75   |
| STENSrud, JOHN (PHF, PP) | RET. CITY ASSESSOR       | 3-12-46   | 12-31-01  |
| STEWART, J.              | --                       | 10-10-44  | 10-30-44  |
| STEWART, N.W.            | LUMBER                   | 4-?-29    | 11-?-29   |
| STONE, DICK              | REAL ESTATE SALES        | 2-20-76   | ?         |
| STONE, HAROLD            | FARMING                  | 6-16-53   | 7-1-78    |
| STOTT, C.H.              | --                       | 4-18-38   | 12-1-39   |
| STROOT, BILL             | TELECOMMUNICATIONS       | 7-27-04   | 5-9-06    |
| STUTRUD, MARK A.         | MENTAL HEALTH DIR.       | 12-15-92  | 12-1-94   |
| STYDNICKI, DIANE         | BANKING                  | 7-26-05   | 6-13-06   |
| SULLIVAN, A.J.           | CO. ATTORNEY             | 1-?-28    | 3-15-55   |
| SULLIVAN E.B. (PP)       | TIMBER, WHOLESALE        | 3-9-37    | 3-29-73   |
| SULLIVAN, EDWARD (FRANK) | TIMBER PRODUCTS          | 1-28-65   | 2-13-90   |
| SULLIVAN, JOHN P.        | TIMBER LANDS             | 7-5-55    | 5-31-63   |
| SULLIVAN WILLIAM B.      | BOAT DIST.               | 4-21-81   | 8-1-85    |
| SUNDBERG, KENNTH         | FURNITURE, RETAIL        | 6-29-54   | 6-50-63   |
| SUNDBERG, LYNDON A.      | U.S. ARMY                | 11-10-53  | 5-11-54   |
| SUNSTROM, GORDON H.      | MUSIC INST. MFG.         | 12-19-67  | 3-26-68   |
| SUTHERLAND, H.           | --                       | 10-31-44  | 9-?-47    |
| SWANSON, HAROLD C.       | GROCERY, RETAIL          | 2-9-54    | 10-15-56  |
| SWANSON, JOHN A.         | CAPTIVE PROP & CAS. INS. | 1-12-99   | 9-1-2015  |
| SWANSTROM JACK (PHF)     | THERMAL INSULATION       | ?-?-54    | 11-11-95  |
| SWEENEY, BOB             | CONSTRUCTION/OWNER       | 3-4-08    | 3-31-2011 |
| SWEENY, JOE              | PAPER MILL               | ?-?-57    | 1-19-59   |
| SWELLAND, RUDOLPH        | POULTRY RAISING          | 12-21-54  | 6-?-60    |
| SWENSON, NANCY           | CHIROPRACTOR             | 4-16-2019 | 8-20-2019 |
| SWENSON, RAY             | GROCERIES, WHOLESALE     | 2-15-49   | 11-24-70  |
| SYDNEY, PERCY "BOB"      | MGR. HOTEL               | 11-25-50  | ?         |
| TACHENY, JOHN            | ?                        | 5-20-97   | 10-1-98   |

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| TAFT, EVERETT              | MGR. N.W. BELL                 | 10-9-51    | 5-?-53     |
| TAGTMEIER, DAVID           | COCA-COLA DIST.                | 1-10-95    | 12-31-97   |
| TANNER, HARLEY             | AUTO, RETAIL                   | 8-26-69    | 12-28-71   |
| TANNER, L.R.               | TELEPHONE CO.                  | 1-6-22     | 6-3-25     |
| TARNOWSKI, ARTHUR          | CERAMICS                       | 11-12-85   | 4-22-87    |
| TELL, WARREN               | CARET SALES                    | ?          | 1-14-81    |
| TENEYCK, DAVID             | PROSECUTING ATTY               | 12-11-90   |            |
| THERALSON, DEBORAH M.      | BROADCASTING                   | 10-2-90    | 7-10-91    |
| THESING, KEVIN A.          | PRINTING, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ACT. | 2-2-93     |            |
| THOMAS, JOHN               | PRINTING                       | 5-6-80     | 7-28-81    |
| THOMAS, LONNY              | REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY           | 10-16-2012 | 11-10-2015 |
| THOMAS, ROGER C. (PHF)     | BLU PRINTING                   | 7-1-75     | 5-11-88    |
| THOMPSON, FRANK            | SOFT WATER SERVICE             | 9-14-54    | 2-21-61    |
| THOMPSON, JAMES            | BULK FUEL OIL                  | 4-5-66     | 12-28-71   |
| THOMPSON, JIM              | BANKING                        | 2-18/2020  |            |
| THOMPSON, SARA             | CONCRETE PRODUCTS              | 1-10-06    | 3-31-09    |
| THOMPSON, W.W. (PP)        | CONCRETE PRODUCTS              | 5-13-58    | 7-11-77    |
| THOMPSON, W.W. (BILL) (PP) | CONCRETE PRODUCTS              | 3-29-82    | 7-6-84     |
| THOREN, ALLAN              | SAVINGS & LOAN                 | 8-1-83     | 4-22-87    |
| THURINGER, BEN             | RESORT                         | 8-25-09    |            |
| THURINGER, BRIAN (PHF)     | GOLF                           | 4-7-83     |            |
| TOFT, DON                  | YMCA DIRECTOR                  | 6-27-68    | 6-6-80     |
| TOLLEFSON, CLARK           | HOME BUILDERS                  | 4-8-75     | 9-15-75    |
| TOOLE, KENNETH             | BOY SCOUTS                     | 3-3-2015   | 2022       |
| TORFIN, JAMES              | SPORTS CLUB                    | 1-27-81    | 7-26-81    |
| TORFIN, JEFF               | REAL ESTATE                    | 5-26-09    |            |
| TORSTENSON, CASSANDRA      | CITY ADMINISTRATOR             | 4/24/2018  | 9-17-2019  |
| TOUMI, REINO B.            | HOUSING MANAGEMENT             | 3-23-71    | ?          |
| TRACY, GEORGE A.           | INSURANCE                      | 5-9-21     | 6-3-25     |
| TROMMALD, A.G.             | CO. GOVERNMENT                 | 1-3-22     | 8-?-30     |
| TULIKANGAS, CAROL          | COLLEGE ADM.                   | 1-11-05    | 7-11-06    |
| TURCOTTE, JOHN             | TRAVEL AGENT RET               | 12-30-97   | 6-30-08    |
| TURCOTTE, W.V. (PP)        | COAL, RETAIL                   | 11-18-21   | 8-2-69     |
| TURK, JEFFREY              | COMMUNICATIONS                 | 3-28-00    | 6-30-02    |
| TURNQUIST, R.E.            | HOSP. BUS. MGR.                | 1-7-64     | 4-19-66    |
| TUTTLE, GIBLERT R. (PP)    | BANKING                        | 3-12-46    | 2-18-75    |
| ULMEN, DIANE               | CATERING                       | 5-3-05     | 3-31-09    |
| ULRICH, ROBERT             | CONSTRUCTION                   | 5-16-00    | 11-9-04    |
| URNESS, SHELLI             | FOUNDATIONS                    | 3-30-10    | 12-31-2013 |
| VAGLE, STEVE               | COUNSELING SERVICES            | 4-4-2017   | 9-1-2019   |
| VANDERSLUIS, A.            | RADIO, COMMUNICATION           | 2-26-46    | 11-4-47    |
| VANNI, J.E. (PP)           | SUPT. N.P. SHOPS               | 4-23-40    | 10-23-59   |

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| VANNI, J.E. (PP)                 | SUPT. N.P. SHOPS         | 9-13-66    | 6-9-75     |
| VERCHOTA, ALLIE                  | BANKING                  | 6/22/2021  |            |
| VERGIN, ELMER                    | AUTO PARTS               | 9-29-54    | ?          |
| VITALE, NICK                     | TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR       | 12-27-2016 | 4-20-2021  |
| VOLKMUTH, RICHARD                | PRINTING                 | 1-8-74     | 3-2-82     |
| VONDERHAAR, LEE                  | VENDING MACHINES         | ?          | 2-10-82    |
| WAGNER, WILLIAM H.               | RETAIL FURNITURE         | 5-9-21     | ?-?-23     |
| WALLIN, J.H.                     | --                       | ?-?-27     | 3-?-29     |
| WALSETH, JERRY                   | SUPT. OF SCHOOLS         | 11-2-99    | 6-30-08    |
| WALSH, GERALD. F.                | BRD. CIVIC ASSOC.        | 4-11-50    | 4-1-53     |
| WALTERS, GARY                    | HEALTH INSURANCE         | 1-6-2015   | 4-5-2016   |
| WANGSTAD, LEE                    | RESIDENTIAL CONST.       | 11-2-04    | 12-13-05   |
| WARREN, ARTHUR                   | SPORTING GOODS           | 5-3-55     | ?          |
| WATERS, CLINTON                  | --                       | 10-28-52   | 2-1-55     |
| WATKINS, ROBERT                  | KRAFT PAPER DIST.        | 2-18-58    | 10-13-67   |
| WATLAND, SCOTT L.                | FAST FOODS, K.F.C.       | 5-15-94    | 6-1-96     |
| WEBB, E.O.                       | --                       | 1-13-22    | 11-?-28    |
| WEDELSTAEDT, HOWARD N.           | INVESTMENTS/STOCKS       | 7-1-84     | 7-11-89    |
| WEIGEL, JAMES G. (PHF)           | FINANCIAL CONSULTANT     | 6-15-93    | 7-1-03     |
| WEIR, LT. ARTHUR                 | RELIGION, SAL. ARMY      | 3-01-55    | 1-7-58     |
| WEIZENEGGER, ROBERT B. (PHF, PP) | INSURANCE                | 10-11-55   | 9-12-2006  |
| WELLE, THOMAS E.                 | BANKING                  | 2-3-82     | 5-14-82    |
| WELLIVER, RAY                    | TOOL MFG.                | 3-28-67    | 7-25-72    |
| WELTON, WARREN                   | CREDIT BUREAU            | 11-30-54   | 8-15-62    |
| WERMAGER, REV. BRIAN             | CLERGY, LUTHERAN         | 3-1-94     | 2-1-03     |
| WESTBROCK, KRISTI                | IT/COMMUNICATIONS        | 1-15-2019  |            |
| WESTMAN, ROGER                   | COMMUNICATIONS           | 7-14-53    | 10-4-55    |
| WEUM, WILLIAM L.                 | LIFE INS. SALES          | 4-3-90     | 7-22-06    |
| WHITNEY, DAN E. (PP)             | FUNERAL DIRECTOR         | 5-9-21     | 7-10-54    |
| WHoolERY, EILLIOT (PP)           | SUPT. OF SCHOOLS         | 9-10-63    | ?          |
| WIDMARK, MILO                    | TIRE DEALER              | 12-5-44    | 11-4-47    |
| WIELAND, F.W.                    | --                       | 11-4-21    | 2-?-33     |
| WIELAND, WALTER F. (PP)          | ATTORNEY                 | 5-9-21     | 7-?-28     |
| WIELAND, WALTER F. (PP)          | ATTORNEY                 | 1-?-33     | 9-3-40     |
| WIELAND, WALTER F. (PP)          | ATTORNEY                 | 9-18-45    | 6-18-71    |
| WIG, JEFF                        | VP CHARITABLE FOUNDATION | 3-9-2017   | 5-14-2019  |
| WILLERT, KLINT                   | SUPT. OF SCHOOLS         | 9/9/2015   | 5/13/2015  |
| WILLIAMS, WARREN                 | BANKING                  | 6-10-91    | 9-29-2009  |
| WILLIAMS WARREN L.               | BANKING                  | 10-12-82   | 1-9-90     |
| WINKELMAN, DAVID                 | ENVIRONMENTAL WATER      | 8-28-2012  |            |
| WINKLER, ROY                     | FURRIER                  | 5-3-38     | 8-?-89     |
| WINUM, CHARLIE                   | EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY  | 9-6-2011   | 11-14-2011 |

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| WINZENBURG, GORDON         | SMALL BUSINESS CONSULT | 6-29-82   | 1-10-89   |
| WISE, ROBERT M.            | OPTICIAN               | 3-11-86   | 4-22-87   |
| WITTMAN, CHUCK             | RADIO BROADCASTING     | 7-3-84    | 6-17-86   |
| WOLLEAT, EARL              |                        | 7-13-99   | 5-8-01    |
| WOLLEAT, EARL W.           | MGR. PAPER MILL        | 2-11-58   | 7-11-64   |
| WOLLEAT, EARL W.           | MGR. PAPER MILL        | 10-29-58  | ?-?-70    |
| WOLLEAT, KENNETH E. (PP)   | MGR. REA               | 11-17-64  | 7-28-73   |
| WOOD, CARRIE               | SPORTS MANAGEMENT      | 3-9-04    | 6-29-05   |
| WOODHEAD, JOHN F. (PP)     | AUTO, RETAIL           | 5-9-21    | 2-23-26   |
| WRIGHT, C.J.               | HARDWARE               | 11-4-21   | 10-29-26  |
| WRIGLEY, WILLIAM S.        | HOSP. FISCAL SERVICES  | 6-30-92   | 2-11-03   |
| WUSSOW, PATRICK            | CITY ADMINISTRATOR     | 5-6-2014  | 1-9-2018  |
| WUSSOW, SHANNON            | DIRECTOR WOMEN'S CTR   | 3-7-2017  | 9-2018    |
| YOCK, LAIRD                | MARINE SALES           | ?         | 2-1/80    |
| YOUNGS, JOHN               | MEDICAL RETIRED        | 9-10-02   | 6-30-07   |
| ZANDER, HOWARD             | PAINT, RETAIL          | 3-23-71   | 12-28-71  |
| ZAPFFE, CARL SR. (PP, PDG) | GEOLOGIST              | 11-4-21   | 8-28-50   |
| ZECH, JAMES                | CARBONATED BEVERATEGS  | 9-21-82   | ?         |
| ZEISE, KARLS               | EDUCATION –TUTORING    | 5-11-04   | 10-1-05   |
| ZUMBRUNNEN, RICK (PP)      | ARCHITECT              | 6-10-2003 | 5-19-2020 |
| ZUMWALT, J.M.              | MGR. R.E.A. POWER      | 2-5-49    | 11-1-65   |

## ORGANIZATION

On May 9, 1921, sixteen men met at 7:00 p.m. at the Ransford Hotel to organize a Brainerd Rotary Club. Harry F. Michael, who had been acting as chairman of an organizing committee, presided, and E.A. Cook acted as temporary secretary. Others present were: S. R. Adair, F.N. Anderson, R.A. Beise, T.B. Brusegaard, R.T. Campbell, W.C. Cobb, C.N. Erickson, A.J. Hayes, W.E. Hayden, Karl H. Hoorn, G.A. Tracy, D.E. Whitney, W.F. Wieland and J.F. Woodhead. Absent, but having signified their desire to join, were A.C. Ebert, Ernest Butler, O.A. Peterson, and W.H. Wagner.

Chairman Michael explained the preliminary work that had been attempted and then called on E.B. Johnson and John Spencer, of the Minneapolis Rotary Club, who had come to Brainerd to assist in the organizing work. The Minneapolis club was sponsoring this new club. Rotarian Johnson explained the purpose and the spirit of the Rotary and Rotarian Spencer explained the mechanics of a club.

The standard form of Constitution for the clubs was adopted, but a committee consisting of E.A. Cook, R.T. Campbell and C.N. Erickson was appointed to propose amendments for the recommended form of By Laws to have them suitable to local conditions. An initiation fee was

fixed at \$10 and dues at \$20, payable Quarterly; Friday was designated the day of meeting, and the government of the club was vested in a Board of five Directors.

An election followed. The five directors chosen were R.A. Beise, A.J. Hays, Karl Hoorn, H.F. Michael, and W.F. Wieland. The board retired and elected H.F. Michael, president; R. A. Beise, vice president; W.F. Wieland, secretary; and A.J. Hayes, Treasurer.

Thereupon Rotarian E.B. Johnson, as Special Representative of the District Governor "Zimmie" Zimmerman, of Wausau, Wis., declared the Brainerd Rotary Club duly organized as a provisional club. Rotarian Spencer extended the greetings of the Minneapolis Rotary Club and the meeting then adjourned to May 20, at 12:15 p.m., Ransford Hotel.

The complete roster of charter members and the classifications assigned at the time are as follows:

S. R. Adair, "Sam" – County Treasurer.  
F. N. Anderson, "Franz" – Photography.  
R. A. Beise, "Rudie" – Physician.  
T.B. Brusegaard, "Ted" – Retail Building Material.  
E. R. Butler, "Ernie" – Hotel Proprietor.  
R. T. Campbell, "Bob" – Civil Engineer.  
W. C. Cobb, "Wilbur" – School superintendent.  
E. A. Cook, "Ed" – Minister.  
A.C. Ebert, "Al" – Wholesale Fruits.  
C.N. Erickson, "Chris" – Retain Grocer.  
W.E. Hayden, "Bill" – Ice Cream manufacturer.

K. H. Hoorn, "Karl" – Dentist.  
A.J. Hayes, "Al" – Banker.  
H.F. Michael, "Harry" – Women's Wearing Apparel.  
G.A. Tracy, "George" – Insurance.  
O.A. Peterson, "Ole" – Men's Clothing, Retail.  
W.H. Wagner, "Bill" – Retail Furniture.  
D.E. Whitney, "Dan" – Undertaker.  
W.F. Wieland, "Walt" – Attorney.  
J.F. Woodhead, "Jack" – Automobiles.

These Classifications were subsequently changed to correspond with newer ones adopted by Rotary international.

When the Board of Directors of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, as it was known in 1921, acted upon the application for a charter it admitted the Brainerd Club as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1921, and used this date on the club charter. The charter was signed by Estes Snedecor, Portland, Oregon, who was then president of the International Association. In 1922 this latter name was changed to Rotary International. By a fire in the meeting room of the Ransford Hotel in about 1928, this charter was destroyed.

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#### CHARTER NIGHT

On July 8, 1921, at 7:00 p.m., the Brainerd club met at Grand View Lodge, on Gull Lake, to receive its charter. It was a supper meeting called for that purpose. After the meal was served, addresses were made by John Spencer, Dave Swift and Forrest Wheeler, all of the Minneapolis club, and Fred Davis of the Faribault club. Due to inability of the District Governor to attend, Rotarian E. B. Johnson, who was his Special Representative in organizing the club, with a few well chosen words presented the club charter to president Harry Michael. The club became known as No. 945. Without more, the meeting came to a close and the new club was left to make its own way.

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#### PAUL BUNYAN AXEMAN

The Brainerd Rotary Club has always been blessed with a large number of summer visitors. May of these visitors return every year. In an effort to identify these returning visitors the Paul Bunyan Axeman idea was presented by Ray Bang.

Feeling that there was a real need for getting better acquainted with visitors, Ray dug up all the old records of the past attendance of summer visitors starting with 1947. He found 58 visitors who had attended our club for 5 years or more who were still attending. After the records were brought up to date a Paul Bunyan Certificate and a name badge were presented. The Axeman program was then ready to go and was put into effect. The first Certificates were presented in August of 1952. The requirements set up were that a visitor must attend Brainerd Rotary at least one meeting per year for

five years. A local member may become an Axeman by having a perfect 5 year attendance. By 1995 there are or have been 208 Paul Bunyan Axeman.

When you see the Axeman badge you can reach over, shake hands and say "glad to see you back." You can tell by the badge that he is an "old timer."

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#### HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE BRAINERD ROTARY CLUB

##### Elected In

|      |                                  |
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| 1925 | Sam R. Adair                     |
| 1926 | Harry F. Michael                 |
| 1928 | Walter F. Wieland                |
| 1936 | W. H. Gemmell                    |
| 1938 | W. C. Cobb                       |
| 1939 | C.N. Erickson                    |
| 1940 | W. F. Wieland                    |
| 1943 | C. Elmer Anderson                |
| 1943 | Ray Bang (for the duration)      |
| 1943 | E. T. O'Brien (for the duration) |
|      | Levi Johnson                     |

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Dear Rotarians:

You were chosen, and invited to become a member of a Rotary Club – in your case the Brainerd Rotary Club.

Do you understand the objects and purpose of Rotary, which you were judged to be a man worthy to help attain?

Why is the movement called Rotary? When Paul Harris, a farm boy who studied law and sought to practice in Chicago, found himself lonesome in the downtown of that great city he became acquainted with three other men each of a different occupation, hence not competitors, similarly minded. They visited each other's establishments in turn, enjoyed luncheon together in rotation i.e. rotated. Later others of still differing occupations were invited to join them. In 1905 it became a Club – Chicago number one. A visitor from San Francisco was entertained. He carried the idea to his home town, and in 1908 started number two. Rotary began to grow. Its Aims and Objects began to develop.

Be a child as long as you can is part of the Rotary philosophy. I do not think anyone, member or not, who attended the first public meeting at which the recently organized Brainerd Rotary Club appeared, will ever forget its unusual atmosphere.

Held in the Methodist Church, of which Pres. Harry Michael and several others were members, they sang "Sam Adair, he had a farm," did other humorous stunts, and Dr. Rudie Beise and others delivered short serious talks – a mixture of good sense and clean fun.

To hold its own, any constructive club needs new blood, new members. But what kind of new

members? Such as will add force to the achievement of its objectives. Great care was exercised in the choice of material. Some of the business leaders of Brainerd were considered selfish leaders of "dog-eat-dog" business days that Rotary sought to replace with the kindlier and more constructive attitude of friendship for competitors, and the desire to build the welfare of the community and grow with it, to the improvement of all. Mere numbers were not the most important consideration. Membership proposals were carefully screened. And to be accepted was an honor.

When do Rotary Clubs meet? All days of the week, Tuesday being the favorite, Saturday few and Sunday exceedingly few. True Rotarians gather once a week to eat together in friendly camaraderie, while trying to enliven and preserve the child in a person. But they are associated for much more.

When the Brainerd Rotary Club was young, so was the Boy Scouts movement. One of the first major projects of the Brainerd Club was to assist the local Boy Scouts Organization to get on its feet, and then, after the manner of our own movement to back away and let the Boy Scouts run their own business. For nearly a century this "genius of Rotary" has been at work, sometimes starting, sometimes assisting, sometimes rescuing a worthy cause and then withdrawing without fanfare. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

In 1923-24 under the Presidency of Charter Member Rudie Beise, the Brainerd Rotometer was begun. This was continued until 1927-28, when President W. A. (Bill) Spencer found difficulty in securing an editor, and also wanted to reduce expenses. Later in 1936-37 – when Frank B. Johnson held the gavel – C. Elmer Anderson accepted the editorship and the job of publishing a mimeographed sheet. After much discussion the name Land O'Lakes was chosen and continued until 1946. First printed by Brainerd Journal Press and then for many years by Ray Bang.

In the days of unemployment and financial difficulty in the early thirties the poor fund of the City of Brainerd became exhausted. People were hungry. On Tuesday, about December first, the Brainerd Rotary Club violated the usual traditions, and remained together as what might be called a Committee of the Whole until approximately 2:30 p.m. Almost no member left the room. It was finally decided to ask our banker member to act as custodian of a fund to be contributed to by all Rotarians as they were able. Result: over \$800 raised to help feed the hungry. Very little was said. We wonder how many even of our own members know about this.

On June 5, 1928, when George Ribbel was President, Carl Zapffe, later District Governor, presented the memorable exchange program he had arranged with the Club of Newcastle on Tyne, England.

Next year, under Pres. Sam Adair, we had an exchange meeting with Prague, Czechoslovakia.

And under Pres. Harold R. Day we had a second exchange program with Newcastle – each club developing the same topic and presenting it at home – then forwarding its program to the other.

In 1933 President Dan Whitney, an exchange program with Southgate, England – subject "Are we (England) under any financial obligation to America?" This referred to the payment of First World War debts. Southgate admitted their borrowings and agreements to repay us but argued that they also had loaned money to allies, if they paid us they would have to collect; and from many prior experiences with England's debtors they believed payment would not be best – even for the United States.

On Nov. 28, 1933, Pres. Henry D. Hoffman presided at a Rotary Ladies' Night, in the Iron Exchange Hall.

Times were awful. Most of us were worried. Many were blue.

We decided to have a hilarious evening to help us forget our troubles, and lest we be mistaken for bourgeoisie celebrating our superior fortunes we held it on a third floor, in comparative seclusion.

We had the suitcase stunt – a race to dress and undress in orderly fashion, using women's apparel over our shirts and trousers.

The Bottle Stunt, Needle Stunt, Paper Blowing Stunt, and Shot Put Stunt.

We made a lot of noise. Our wives were present. In a struggle over a box of candy used as a prize, Rudie Beise lost his balance and went over a chair, and upset a table. Nothing stronger than coffee had been served. But the furniture mentioned needed repair, which was quietly performed next day.

On Sept. 4, 1923, occurred the fruiting of the work of many months by Charter Member Chris Erickson in organizing the Rotary Club of Staples. Walt Wieland acted as the toastmaster, District Governor Norm Black, many Minneapolis Rotarians and almost 100 percent of the Brainerd Club attended.

In May, 1935 – Pres. Ray Gould – We helped complete and received Official credit for organizing the Bemidji Club. Our fellows went to Bemidji in numbers, wearing Paul Bunyan beards, Ray in the chair part of the evening – he with Sandy Hancock resembled the Smith Brothers – singing led by the Count de Turcotte, otherwise Bill. T., in full voice.

One crowning event of the President of Tom O'Brien was on March 5, 1940, when he completed organizing the Rotary Club of Little Falls, with eighteen charter members. It was the only club organized in the District that year.

At a later date, Past District Governor Carl Zapffe was active in organizing The Rotary Club of Onamia. Carl promised to furnish programs for six months, and numerous Brainerd Rotarians gave their talks there.

In September of 1935, times were still difficult. The W.P.A., under direction of our then City Engineer, Rotarian Bob Campbell, needed a public project to work upon.

Rotarian Geo. LaBar was president of the School Board, and Mr. C. W. Koering had offered to accept \$1,500.00 for Koering Baseball field, now the Athletic Field near the Franklin Junior High School.

To bind Mr. Koering's offer, George had given \$100 payment to Koering, and had promised to give \$400 more if the deal was consummated. Bob was under orders to set his crew to work Monday morning, on public property. He said he would be glad to clean up and grade Koering Field, but it must be public property. There was about a week's time. The School Board could not buy without a vote of the people, for which time was too short.

President Nye Olmsted called a Board meeting. LaBar raised his offer \$100, making \$600 for him. Koering had agreed to discount \$100 for cash. The Rotary Club agreed to give \$100, about all we could stand. This left \$700 to cover.

Ray Gould suggested that we might have 20 members who could and would loan \$25.00 each to the club, thus providing \$500 to be repaid by a game to be played, estimated gain \$100, the sale of the Franklin P.T.A. magic lantern to the School Board for \$200; and the Central Council P.T.A. agreed to put on a show estimated to raise another \$200; which total would repay the Rotary Club's \$500.00 loan, and enable the club to reimburse its lending members. I do not at present recall where the other needed \$200 came from, but the School District owned the field on that Monday, the crew went to work, and eventually the field was improved many thousand dollars worth, at a total cost to the district of a small amount for materials.

P.S. The game actually netted about \$1.50; the lantern, \$200.00; The Central Council P.T.A. show well over \$200.00; the Brainerd Rotary Club absorbed a small deficit, and the struggle for Koering Field was won.

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Rotary and Rotarians contribute millions of dollars each year to charity. Rotary and Rotarians are a major support of the annual Easter Seal Drive in the U.S.

During World War II, members were encouraged to write Christmas letters to service men overseas. The Club bought government Bonds. The "Prize" was war stamps.

Advance study abroad as Rotary ambassadors of good will is the assignment of 117 outstanding graduate students from 26 countries for the 1961-62 academic year. These 80 young men and 37 young women were awarded all-expense Rotary Foundation Fellowship Grants averaging \$2,600.00 each and totaling approximately \$315,000.

Since this program was inaugurated in 1947 – as a memorial to the founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris – Rotary Foundation Fellowships have been

awarded to 1,437 students from 69 countries for study in 45 countries. Total grants for this Rotary contribution toward the promotion of international understanding exceeded \$3,600,000 at the time of this writing. Our club also had a helpful Student Loan Fund.

Recently, when local money was to be raised to meet the conditions of a state approbation to develop Crow Wing State Park, some ten miles from our city, the Brainerd Rotarians took a very active part in raising the necessary amounts to meet the required conditions of the legislative act.

And the favorable tourist reactions brought about by the order of Paul Bunyan Axeman, originated by Rotarian Ray Bang, are notable.

The forgoing incomplete account is submitted to give some idea of some of the ups and downs of Brainerd Rotary Club History.

Failure is the path of least persistence.

Can anyone wonder at the requirements of good attendance and cheerful response to such committee assignment as may be asked of a member, if he is to remain a justifiably proud member of the Brainerd Rotary Club.

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#### SPECIAL MENTION

In 1936-37 member Carl Zapffe, Sr. served as District Governor of District No. 9, now known as NO. 117. In 1938-39 he served as a member of the Rotary International Committee on Boy's Work and Youth Service. From September of 1942 and up to July 1, 1945, he was a member of the Rotary International Committee on participation of the Rotarians in the Postwar World, commonly spoken of as the Postwar Committee. From 1942 to date he has been serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee for District No. 117, and after 1940, he served as secretary of the Past District Governors' Group Of District No. 177.

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#### EXPLANATION

A brief summary will be presented for each presidential year. The objective is to disclose things which characterize each year so that we can note changes by members, the progress made by the club and observe trends in community life.

When the club was organized in 1921 the organization was known as International Association of Rotary Clubs. Its large increase was taking place at that time in the United States and in Continental Europe, leading in 1922 to adopting the shorter name Rotary International. Newly organized clubs had to adopt a standard club constitution but they were permitted to formulate their own by-laws, and eventually the committee set-up also became standardized.

The Rotary year differed as to the month but has now long started as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. A presidential

year herein stated as 1923-1934, for example, means from July 1, 1923 to July 1, 1924, and so it will be meant for every president.

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(1) H. F. MICHAEL  
1921-1922

When the twenty charter members met at luncheon for their first meeting, fraternization in this form was an innovation in the civic life of Brainerd, especially because each man was perforce of a different business and had not much in common with the others. It was a difficult task to overcome rigid formality of long standing and establish the familiarity of first names, establish friendliness, and perform co-operatively at all times in a spirit of unselfish service.

Six months were allowed to pass before considering new members and then three were voted upon. They were F. W. Wieland, Carl Wright, and Carl Zapffe, Sr. The latter was the first one of these approached for acceptance. Two weeks later William V. Turcotte was accepted as a member. By March 22, 1922, twelve men had been added in that first year.

In this first year the days and hours of meeting were changed frequently to enable accommodating outside speakers. Rotary International had virtually no published literature for distribution to clubs to enable study and discussion. Rotary ideals and objects had to be learned by one's own reasoning, by trials and by discussion, and, consequently, many efforts were made to facilitate the coming of visitors from other cities to address the club on the principles and ideals of Rotary. Often they were paid a fee to come. Idealism was a vague and elusive thing to be buying, but the idealism and philosophy of Rotary was difficult to grasp.

Objectively the club set itself to a program of investigation of community needs such as the public library, the utilities, the parks, the county welfare and agricultural development. A City Planning Committee was appointed and that work stressed. Youth problems were considered. An outside speaker was paid \$15 to address the club on boys' work. The Boys' Work Committee studied the possibilities of a Boy Scout organization as a suitable objective for the club. The committee held a boys' picnic in Lum Park and established a Christmas Toy Fund of \$25 for poor children.

The other committees the club had were named Civic Affairs, Rotary Education, Entertainment, By-Laws, and Correspondence (with other clubs). The Entertainment Committee arranged for stunts at each meeting to help break up formality. A Ladies' Night was established that first year and remained an annual feature of club activity. A luncheon was held at the high school, marking the beginning of efforts by the club toward having a new school erected.

Not until January 27, 1922, did the club have its first 100% meeting, after which they were frequent. The eagerness that came to the fore as understandings about Rotary became easier, exhibited itself when Chris Erickson ventured to organize a Rotary Club in Little Falls, his former home. It so happened that in November of 1921 a Lions Club was organized in Brainerd and then one in Little Falls. That was also a new experience for both communities and enough so in Little Falls to thwart Chris in his efforts.

When the Brainerd club was formed, it was in the Fifteenth District. At the District Conference in Duluth, on April 28, 1922, Minnesota and North Dakota with twenty-seven clubs were ordered set up to constitute the Ninth District. Norman Black, of Fargo, was elected the District Governor of the Ninth District. This came to be the beginning of a glorious district in the history of Rotary. The loyalty between clubs remains unrivaled and Norm Black, now dead, will always be the premier Rotarian of this District. It was he who introduced the song entitled "The Bells of St. Mary's" into Rotary International singing, and he also was largely responsible for popularizing community singing in Rotary. Then it had twenty-seven clubs; now it has fifty-three. Only five clubs chartered since then have surrendered their charters. The Fifteenth District included Wisconsin, Northern Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota. When the latter two were established as the Ninth District, Douglas County, Wis. meaning mainly the city of Superior, voted itself into the Ninth. In 1937 this numbering was changed and ours became the 117<sup>th</sup> District. IN 1940 that easterly part of Ontario, Canada, between longitudes 85 and 90 voted itself into the District and thereby gained the Port Arthur and Fort William clubs and became an International District. Harry's year was a period of trial and experimentation but there was never anything but encouragement about a successful outcome. It must never be lost to the record that such success was due to the leadership exhibited by Harry. He operated with a guiding hand motivated by studiousness, by unselfishness, and by tolerance gained from his long training in living strictly according to the Golden Rule, which is also Rotary.

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(2) WALTER F. WIELAND  
1922-1923

It is impossible to speak of these earlier years without stressing the personality of the club leader. It is well-known that a Rotary Club performs during any year in the manner that a president leads. There is much momentum in an established club, but with a new club the first three years are problematical as to outcome. The Brainerd club was fortunate in having Harry Michael as its first president and Walter Wieland as his successor.



The club added three new members and lost one by his moving to another city. President Walt established nine committees named: Membership, Entertainment, Education, Boys Work, Civic Affairs, Budget, Business Methods, By-Laws, and Rural Relations.

Club relations were strengthened immeasurably. The club adopted and has been using ever since the large membership buttons, which increased joviality. Club singing was lusty. Rotary education went into high gear. Personal vocation talks became an interesting program number. Club programs became more interesting in many respects. During the summer the program committee – which consisted of just one man, Harry Michael, who wanted to steer this activity – inveigled interesting tourists in the neighboring lake region to address the club.

Among club activities several consequential tasks were undertaken, some of which seen in retrospect gain in perspective and significance. The Boys' Work committee established a Boys Scout Council in the country and started a summer camp on North Long Lake on land made available by Clyde E. Parker. The school survey made by the club resulted in presenting a comprehensive report to the school board. A new building was recommended, also to be erected on a new site at the center of the city's school population. The club introduced presenting cash prizes to high school students proficient in declamation.

In December of 1922 the club initiated the plan of entertaining all the teachers at a Ladies' Night evening banquet at the Ransford Hotel. This remained an annual event until the teaching staff became so large that the hotel facilities were insufficient. As a reciprocal activity the high school faculty entertained the club at a noon luncheon in the high school.

More prosaic but fundamental to the functioning of Rotary was stressing discussion of business methods and studying a Code of Ethics published by Rotary International. It was essential to provide significance to one of the Six Objects of Rotary. We had six up to 1928 or perhaps we should say 1935 because not until the International Convention in Mexico City in 1935 were the six rewritten and condensed to four.

The club gained by being host in August of 1922 to Governor Norm Black's Executive Assembly. It was made noteworthy because O. B. (Bon) McClintock, a Rotarian from Minneapolis, made available to us his summer resort facilities on O'Brien and Goodrich Lakes, near Emily. That was the most inspiring meeting and counted tremendously in demonstrating the importance of Fellowship in Rotary.

Seven new members were added to the roll and three were lost, a net gain of four. The committees appointed were: Membership, Boys Work, Entertainment, Rotary Education, Civic Affairs, Rural Acquaintance, Fellowship, and Business Methods.

In this year Rotary International laid stress on uniformity of by-laws and classifications, but for the new club there were several internal problems of greater importance to settle. Attendance was not up to wishes. President Rudie instituted levying frequent fines, some being not small. It created much merriment and fellowship. It also added substantially to the club exchequer and put the fellows on the alert against despotic impositions. Another remedy instituted in January of 1924 was to change the day of meeting from Friday noon to Tuesday noon, the better to suit several members. Not to be omitted was appointed Jack Woodhead as a special committee with the responsibility of seeing that Wilbur Cobb came to the meeting – and not go home to eat. Collectively these several steps bettered the attendance.

Scouting received much attention by way of programs by establishing it as a community enterprise and engaging a full time Scout executive.

Beautifying Brainerd by landscaping and planting more flowers was stressed. Farmers co-operated marketing was investigated and rural acquaintance was fostered by having a regular schedule for small groups of members attend farmers' meetings.

A Fellowship Committee was instituted to maintain excellent spirit. A weekly bulletin named "Rotometer" was started. The teachers' evening banquet and the subsequent high school luncheon was held. A Ladies Night with the Lions Club was an innovation. Recognition was started of members birthdays – it cost the member ten and maybe twenty-five cents, depending on the whim of President Rudie, who would unerringly judge the liberality of the victim on that on that certain day.

Not the least consequential to the club was the work of Chris Erickson in organizing a Rotary Club in Staples, September 4, 1923. Up to then the nearest club was ninety miles east, at Cloquet, or 130 miles to south, in Minneapolis, or 140 miles west, in Moorhead or Fargo; now it required going only thirty miles to make up for absent meetings. This proved of big value to Brainerd, and for many years thereafter the two clubs had frequent intercity meetings and the attendance of the individuals improved.

Seven new members were elected and three were lost. The Committees appointed were; Civic Affairs, Rural Acquaintance, Fellowship, Business Methods, Publicity, Publications, Membership, Boy's Work, Entertainment, and Education.

Liberality about paying for services obtained from outsiders had caused a deficit. To put the club on a sounder cash basis, the initiation fee was raised to \$20 and dues to \$30 per year.

The teachers' banquet was combined with a club Ladies' Night, and, as before, this led to a noon luncheon meeting at the high school. After these luncheons which were served by the teachers, the club would go to the Assembly Room and present a thirty-minute program for the entire student body.

Among the entertainment features for the club were a picnic at Walter Cobban's place on Gull Lake and another on Bon McClintock's place on O'Brien Lake.

The activities about landscaping, which were started a year before, culminated in starting a peony show and inaugurating a campaign for planting gladioli. Boy Scout work occupied the club's attention, and supporting the Y.M.C.A. was also adopted as was activity. The Chamber of Commerce was given special attention to convince that organization that a purpose of a Rotary club is to avoid engaging in any activity which belongs legitimately to the first named. The club impressed on its members the need of each one's participating individually to enable the chamber to achieve its objectives.

In a general way activities of a local nature were to be left to individuals to push and energize, while the club acting as a whole began to show evidence of taking interest in things of wider interest. This discloses that the true interpretation of Rotary, as a way of living, was beginning to assert itself in this new club.

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(5) JOHN F. WOODHEAD  
1925-1926

Six new members were elected and seven were lost. Among the latter was President Jack, who left Brainerd on March 23, 1926. His unexpired term was completed by vice president William E. Hayden. In that year the club lost four charter members, one of whom was the founder, Harry Michael. Harry's moving away was regarded a serious loss to the club, and for Harry it was a sad day. Harry had sold his business and moved to a place near Phoenix, Arizona. The club honored him by presenting him a beautiful Hamilton watch. President Jack also sold his business and moved to Minneapolis. Jack was the wit of the club and his leaving made a big gap in the fellowship. The club presented him with a fountain pen as an honorarium. Karl Hoorn sold out and moved to Huntington Park, Calif.; Karl was the

club's poet, because of which he got ribbed aplenty. Al Hayes also moved to California.

The programs began to group themselves better along major lines. Summer visitors became many, and often groups by state or local lake colonies put on the program. The Objects of Rotary were drilled upon and Classification was studied and stressed to achieve accuracy and avoid conflict. Local industrial plants were visited. To help practice the Sixth Object, international topics begin to be more numerous. Less interest was shown in local affairs.

The club had the annual teachers' banquet and the high school luncheon. It entertained the high school basketball team. A ladies' night was held at Breezy Point. It undertook planting peonies in the boulevard on North Sixth Street.

For the first time a club member was a speaker on a District Conference program. At Grand Forks, in 1926, Carl Zapffe, Sr., at Governor Ed Silbersteins' request, presented a talk on Classification for membership.

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6) WILLIAM V. TURCOTTE  
1926-1927

Three new members were added and nine were lost. Five of the latter wanted to get out of the club; three moved from the city; and one lost his membership because he quit his vocation for another position which interfered with eligibility. The year ended with thirty-three members.

For the committees the club had: Membership, Boys' Work, Publicity, Fellowship, Public Affairs, Business Methods, Rotary Education, Rural Acquaintance, and Program.

Many of the speakers were from out of town. Summer visitors played an important part. Summer resorts and playgrounds were featured. Very little was done by way of Rotary Education and vocational talks were used. Talks along international lines were on the increase and that brought more outside speakers to the programs.

There was a Ladies Night and a Teachers' Banquet followed by the usual luncheon at the high school. The high school basketball team was entertained. The club sent the Ladies' Band to the District Conference in St. Cloud in 1927. The Boys' Work Committee featured several suppers for local Boy Scout leaders.

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(7) WILLIAM A. SPENCER  
1927-1928

Five new members were elected and one was lost by death. Mons Mahlum's was the first death of an active member. The year ended with thirty-six members.

In this term the club managed to get out of debt. Once again the club entertained the District

Executive Assembly, this time at Breezy Point in July of 1927.

The program-speakers were generally men of prominence who were visiting in the neighborhood and could contribute something of international import. Vocational and Rotary education talks were seldom used. The highlight of the year was George LaBar's report on his trip to Europe in May and June of 1927 to attend the Rotary International Convention in Ostend, Belgium.

Among club entertainments were the teachers' banquet in the Ransford Hotel, a valentine party in Archer's cafe, and a Ladies' Night in the Ransford Hotel at which Miss Fanchaud, who because of her singing was known as the Sweetheart of Rotary, was the guest of honor and sang.

An innovation as to a club committee structure was introduced by Rotary International for study by all clubs. It was named the Aims and Objects Plan. The purpose was to make uniform the use and nomenclature of the committees. Adoption was to be considered at the next International Convention to be held in June of 1928 in Minneapolis.

Publication of the club paper "Rotometer" was discontinued. Nobody wanted the task of preparing the weekly edition and the club also wanted to reduce expenses.

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(8) GEORGE H. RIBBEL  
1928-1929

Eight new members were gained and seven were lost. Death took Eugene Gates. Past President Walter Wieland moved to New York and Ernie Butler, another charter member, sold his hotel business and thereby lost his classification. The year ended with thirty-eight members.

Committees appointed followed the new plan and nomenclature and were named: Aims and Objectives, Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service. Under Club Service were Fellowship, Program, Education, Membership and Classification, and By-Laws.

Due to a change in By-laws, the Rotary year was made to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and thereby President George was obligated to serve fourteen months.

Because the Aims and Object Plan was adopted the programs were designed far in advance and were more evenly divided among the various services. The Aims and Object Committee designed the program's, the Program Committee carried out the schedule given to it, and the club's vice president was made to serve as the chairman of the Program Committee.

Vocational talks were many, and by others the community activities were made prominent. The mechanics of the Rotary, or Club Service, was given a conspicuous part on the program. On June 5, 1928, Carl Zapffe, Sr. presented the memorable

exchange meeting he had arranged during the year with the club of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

To further vary the programs, speakers were exchanged with the local Lions Club. The club's by-laws were amended and brought in line with the standard form. Cash prizes were given to winners in the high school declamation contest. A teachers' banquet was held in Brainerd and a Ladies' Night in the Pine Beach Hotel, on Gull Lake. Both Crosby and Little Falls were surveyed. For Little Falls the report was adverse. The attempt to organize a club in Crosby failed. The Brainerd club was well represented at the Charter Night meeting of the new Sauk Centre club and participated in the program. An intercity meeting was arranged with Staples.

When the year ended, the club had accumulated a balance of \$213.11.

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(9) SAMUEL R. ADAIR  
1929-1930

One new member joined; three members moved away and Walter Cobban died. The committees were the same as in the previous year.

The club increased its surplus to \$600.08 and boasted of five 100 per cent meetings. All classifications were revised to bring them in line with the new classification schedule. The weekly programs did not stress any special thing, but the club had an exchange meeting with Prague, Czechoslovakia, and an intercity meeting with Staples.

The high school orchestra presented a program and the club entertained the basketball and the football teams. Cash prizes were given the winners in the Declamation Contest and they were also guests of the club. The annual teachers' banquet was held at the Pine Beach Hotel and another time at Gus Almquist's, both on Gull Lake.

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(10) HAROLD R. DAY  
1930-1931

Twelve new members were accepted and six were lost. Of the later, four moved from the city and "Trom" Trommald and John P. Anderson, Sr. died. Walt Wieland was elected an honorary Member. The year ended with forty-five members.

The committees followed the schedule used in the preceding year. The International Convention was in Vienna, Austria, the week of June 20, 1931, and was attended by Carl Zapffe, Sr. The budget basis was adopted for the operation of the club.

The club programs were balanced as between the various objectives of Rotary. Rotary education talks were revived, the members putting on the programs. The part a Rotary club was to play in Community Service was studied in detail. The members solicited themselves for a Community Relief Fund and subscribed \$800 for that year.

International Service was stressed and led to the club having another exchange meeting with the club in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Very few outsiders were used for the club programs, except during the summer months when the vacationers in this region were depended on for talks of merit.

Again the desirability of attendance by Rotarians at meetings of the Chamber of Commerce was stressed as a form of Community Service and also help create the right kind of understanding about the two organizations. Several times the subject of lake levels and highway safety constituted program material because more and more lake-life and services pertaining thereto were becoming an essential of the industrial development in this area. An intercity meeting was held in Brainerd with the St. Cloud club.

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(11) CARL ZAPFFE, SR.  
1931-1932

Four new members joined but seven were lost, leaving membership at thirty-nine at the end of the year.

The depression was taking its toll. The annual dues were reduced by \$7.50 to help the situation. Nevertheless, cash on hand increased to over \$700. Economic conditions had a severe effect. Two past presidents Sam Adair and Hal Day resigned and the first Past Service member was created when Fred Wieland sold his Dispatch printing shop and newspaper; thereby the club also lost Second Active Member John Hoffbauer.

An Audit Committee was added to the list, under Club Service, but otherwise the same assortment was used as the year before.

W.A. Spencer and C.N. Erickson each completed ten years of attendance without an absence. The year was further marked by many 100 per cent meetings. Better acquaintance stunts were used and birthday congratulations were re-established to help create a friendly atmosphere.

Annual change in the position of club secretary was instituted to enable more men to participate and learn about the Rotary mechanism. Directors were obligated to meet regularly twice a month and manage the club affairs. A movement was started to get a Brainerd Rotarians elected District Governor. Classifications were corrected and a club history was started.

The club awarded prizes to winners in the high school declamation contest and made a Student Loan of \$25 as its first attempt. The high school basketball and track teams were entertained. Support was given to the maintenance of the municipal baseball park and several skating rinks. Due to the depression the club discontinued the teachers banquet but in lieu thereof awarded four ten-dollar prizes to four high school graduates who were proficient in certain courses.

The club combined a Ladies' Night and an intercity meet with Staples at Ruttger's Gull Lake resort. Members were sent to perform as speakers at Detroit Lakes, Sauk Centre, and Staples. President Carl addressed the International Service Group at the District Conference in Minneapolis in May. Officers of the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Camp Ripley were entertained at the noon luncheons. A joint meeting was had with the Lions Club.

The club speakers dealt mostly with vocational and international topics, and Rotary Objects and the Code of Ethics were reviewed. Rotary Education programs were numerous. The Aims and Objects Plan functioned perfectly.

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(12) DANIEL E. WHITNEY  
1932-1933

Three new members were added, but ten were lost due to the effect of the depression. At the end of the year the roll showed only twenty-nine members. Delinquencies in dues became a serious problem and led the directors to abate one-fourth of the annual dues. Members generally displayed less interest in Club Affairs. There were no 100 per cent meetings and attendance by members at the District Conference in Fargo shrunk to only four. Recognizing attendance of one hundred successive meetings was ordered by awarding a Century Button to Chet Benson.

Committees appointed were the same as before, Directors met regularly once a month at 5:00 p.m. Twenty-six outsiders and seventeen club members addressed the club during this year. The programs were diversified but emphasis was put on Rotary education. The club visited several local institutions. The Student Loan Fund was drawn on for fifty dollars for one student. The club again canvassed itself for the Community Relief Fund. The high school basketball team and the declamation team were dined. The club had one Ladies Night and one evening round-table meeting to discuss club matters privately.

The outstanding activity of the year was conducted by the International Service Committee. It was an exchange Meeting in February of 1933 with the Southgate Rotary Club, of England. It had been arranged by G.M. Verral Reed, its secretary, and Carl Zapffe, Sr. while both were attending the International Convention in Seattle in 1932. The meeting was in the nature of a debate. The subject proposed by Rotarian Reed was; "Are we (England) under any financial obligations to America?" This referred to the payment of War Debts. Both clubs submitted the results of a debate in their own clubs.

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(13) HENRY D. HOFFMANN  
1933-1934

Four new members were added and five were lost. Two of the latter sold their businesses and thereby lost their classifications. Membership dropped to twenty-eight.

Committees were the same as the year before. The programs provided opportunities for twenty-eight outside speakers and twenty club members. Club members put on fifteen programs on Rotary education. Seven programs were vocational topics. Only one program dealt with an international topic. Seven programs were entertainment, which was featured this year the gloom of the depression atmosphere.

The club had two 100 per cent meetings, and Century buttons were awarded to Ernie Butler and Leigh Slipp. At one noon meeting the wives were present, but there was also one Ladies' Night with the club members doing the stunts. There was one joint meeting with the Staples club at Ruttger's, on Gull Lake.

The Club again canvassed itself for the Community Chest fund. It awarded prizes to the winners of the high school declamation contest. It instituted awarding a cup for the best Christmas decorations outside of the homes.

At the Faribault District Conference the Staples club proposed and St. Cloud seconded Carl Zapffe, Sr. for District Governor, but Walter Stockwell of the Fargo club emerged the winner.

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(14) R. R. GOULD  
1934-1935

In this year one new member was gained but two members were lost by resignation. The total shrank to the alarming minimum of twenty-seven. Many new members were elected but only two accepted. Times were still serious economically. There were no 100 per cent meetings. To the Club Service committees was added a Music Committee. The club had always been described by District Governors as a "singing club." It was lusty singing, not harmonious, and distinctive because of Bill Turcott's rendition of "Allouette" and "My Hero."

The programs were marked by having many outside speakers. This led to having little by way of Rotary educational talks. Many meetings were shifted to churches. Two intercity meetings were held with Staples, one there and one in Brainerd. At Inwood on Gull lake, the club had a Ladies Night.

As special activities the club canvassed itself for the Community Chest and covered 100 per cent. It subscribed The Rotarian for the high school library and awarded prizes to the winners in the declamation contest. It donated the sweepstake prize for the Garden and Flower Society and awarded a cup to the person who had the best outdoor Christmas decoration. At Christmas time

greeting cards were sent to all Rotarian visitors of the year.

Special features of this year were organizing a club in Bemidji in May of 1935 and four members and their wives attended the International Convention in Mexico City. Brainerd sponsored the Bemidji club. President Ray was the Brainerd delegate and Carl Zapffe, Sr. represented the Bemidji club by proxy in the Mexico City convention.

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(15) N. P. OLMSTED  
1935-1936

Things begin to improve in this year. Eight new members joined and only two resigned. The membership rose to thirty-three. Past President Harry Gemmell resigned due to ill health., He was immediately elected an Honorary Member.

The programs were well diversified. International Service programs were numerous and exceptionally instructive. Wilbur Cobb organized a long program of speakers—on international subjects, taken from the high school faculty. The Fellowship committee, headed by Henry Hoffmann, was active and injected many stunt programs to help liven up meetings. Things generally were conducted in a very business-like way. In January of 1936 the club had its first 100 per cent meeting in several years.

On July 25 and 26, 1935 the club sponsored the District Executive Assembly, in the Ransford Hotel. In October a large group of members attended the Charter night at Grand Rapids. Several members including President Nye, addressed the clubs at Bemidji, St. Cloud and Staples. The club undertook to sponsor its fellow member Carl Zapffe, Sr. as candidate for District Governor, and at the Duluth Conference May 17 and 18, 1936, he was elected without opposition.

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(16) FRANK B. JOHNSON  
1936-1937

Another gain took place when six men joined the club and only three were lost, the year ending with a roll of thirty-six. George LaBar died during this year and Bob Campbell, a charter member, resigned.

The Aims and Objects Plan of committee set-up was adhered to rigidly and all branches of Rotary programs were given attention with no special emphasis on anyone. The Rotary spirit improved much under President Frank's leadership. By a system of fines imposed promiscuously for infractions of rules and decorum the club succeeded in purchasing a Rotary gong, a gavel, a plaque, record books and helped give the meeting place a Rotary atmosphere. It helped to produce four 100 per cent meetings. Prestige was gained for the club

by having its fellow member Carl serve as District Governor this year.

In the spring of 1937 the club resumed publishing a weekly bulletin under the name "Land O'Lakes." C. Elmer Anderson accepted the editorship and also published it. It was a mimeographed sheet. The club had an intercity meet with Staples, in Brainerd. It awarded cash prizes to the high school debating team. It opposed contributing to Rotary Foundation; and when the R. I. Board of Directors requested a vote in the district for division, the club opposed that too.

The club had one Ladies' Night. More prominence was gained for the club by Ray Gould's attending the International Convention in Nice, France, June 6 to 11, 1937.

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(17) OSCAR W. SPENCER  
1937-1938

Eight members were added and two moved to other cities, the year ending with forty-two on the roll. In many respects the club continued to show evidence of recovery.

To Club Service were added two sub-committees named Rotary Information and Public Information. The former was Rotary Education in new dress. The other committee was intended to relay information suited for the outsiders. President Spencer also added an Auditor and a Historian to his official family. Carl Zapffe, Sr. was appointed Historian and he filled that post. Under Community Service a start was made at having sub-committees, named Civic Affairs, Rural-Urban, and Youth Service.

Several members completed attendance records of two years or more being Al Bang, O'Brien, Chadbourne, Beise and Zapffe. In March of 1938, Bill Spencer broke his continuous attendance record of sixteen years and surrendered his diamond-studded Rotary Button to his closely pursuing rival, Chris Erickson. Attendance was excellent throughout the year, leading with eight 100 per cent meetings. During the summer months each meeting was attended by twenty to thirty summer Rotarians. Rotary spirit and enthusiasm ran high. The programs were extremely varied and instructive. Once the senior high school students and at another time the junior high school choral club put on musical programs. Several film programs were introduced.

The Rotary Anns featured one evening program at the Episcopal Church. A Youth Service program was put on at the high school. A donation was made to the high school acapella choir and a United Sates Constitution was presented to the junior high school. At Christmas, baskets filled with edibles and clothing were supplied by members for Indigent Aged. A plaque was contributed for the entrance to Cobb Field (later renamed Roosevelt). A duplicate

club charter (original lost in a fire) was given the club by Dan Whitney and Carl Zapffe, Sr.

Six members attended Charter Night at Park Rapids; three attended an intercity meeting in Bemidji; one attended in Minneapolis when R.I. President Maurice Duperrey made his official visit to the District (then changed from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 117<sup>th</sup>); two attended the Winnipeg Goodwill Meeting; four attended the Alexandria Charter Night; four attended the Tenth Anniversary meeting in Sauk Centre; and once about 90 percent of the St. Clod members came to Brainerd to join in an intercity meeting between these two clubs.

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(18) AL BANG  
1938-1939

Eight were added to the membership and two were lost, leading to a net of forty-six at year's end. This was the largest total up to that time. Wilbur Cobb and Chris Erickson, two charter members, resigned because of moving from the city. Chris had completed sixteen years, eight months, seventeen days of unbroken attendance. His nearest rival in attendance was Tom O'Brien with six years, to whom went the diamond-studded Rotary Button. Wilbur and Chris, with Harry Gemmell had Honorary Membership conferred on them. Club attendance was invariably over 90 per cent and summer visitor attendance ran thirty or better each week. Club fellowship was high.

The committee nomenclature used the year before was continued except that an Attendance Committee was added in the Club Service group. A change was made in having the Chairman of the Program Committee rather than the Aims and Objects Committee design the programs. He, in turn, put it up to each member of the club to supply one program. Most of the programs were of the emergency order and resulted in an unbalanced series.

Evident was the rise in Youth Service programs and activities. Youth panel discussions, vocational training courses, and aid to youth activities were prominent. A contribution was made to the fund required to send a Hi-Y delegate to a meeting in Kentucky, the high school band to the state fair, and the basketball team to see the state championship meet. Fines collected were put into the Student Loan Fund. The Board made \$100 available for scholarship loans, at 4 per cent. R.I. President George C Hager appointed Carl Zapffe, Sr. a member of the International Committee on Boys Work-Youth Service. This was the first appointment of a Brainerd Rotarians to a Rotary International Committee.

The club was represented at the intercity meeting in Bemidji, and joined with the Staples Club for a meeting in Staples. A joined meeting was held with the Lions Club and there was a Ladies' Night at Frampton's on Gull lake. A special evening meeting

in the Congregational church to help entertain Rotary International's past president Donald C. Adams, of New Haven, Conn., who was in Brainerd on church work.

As part of the R.I. Boys Work-Youth Service Committee work, member Zapffe succeeded in getting young Darrell Brady, of Minneapolis, to speak on the main program of the International Convention in Cleveland June 11 to 16, 1939. Darrell also came to Brainerd to speak to the club about his trip to the Channel Islands, where he had gone to photograph Guernsey cattle.

The "Land O'Lakes" bulletin started publishing birthday announcements each month, and the bulletin was ordered sent out for exchanges.

Being a past district governor, Carl was appointed a member of the District Audit and Budget Committee, and at the Executive Assembly he addressed the new officers on Vocational Service. The club proposed him for R.I. Director, but in the election at Cleveland he was unsuccessful. Chris Erickson represented the club at the Charter Night of the new Hopkins Club.

The District became an International district when on April 1, 1939, a part of Ontario, Canada, was attached to it and thereby contributed the Fort William and Port Arthur clubs, making a district division was again proposed but was not acted upon.

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(19) ED. TOM O'BRIEN  
1939-1940

Eight new members were procured and nine were lost. Past presidents Bill Spencer and Chris Erickson died. Six other members moved from the city.

The committees used the year before were adopted but under Community Service was added one named Intercity. The club year began with a deficit but ended with a small balance and no unpaid bills. Summer visitors showed a big drop numerically, the maximum attendance in that season being twenty but usually less than ten. Attendance by members also slumped. After President Tom had worn the diamond attendance pin one month he lost it to Al Bang. Al had it one week, then he moved to Bemidji and had to pass the button to Jack Anderson, who had 170 meetings to his credit. A Century Button was given to Butts Lee (130) meetings and one to Ralph Cole (111 meetings).

At the District Conference in Fargo, May 12, 13, and 14, 1940, President Tom spoke to the Club Service Group on this subject. Only Tom and Carl Zapffe, Sr. attended this Conference; and at the Executive Assembly in Mankato, August 6, 1939, Secretary Butts Lee and Carl attended. This was the poorest record in the nineteen years of the club.

The club had an intercity meeting in Staples (only eleven from Brainerd attended). For another

meeting in St. Cloud the club took the Ladies Choral Club along for the program numbers and Wilbur Cobb gave the address. A joint meeting, a golf match, and a shuffleboard contest were held with the Lions Club.

The crowning event came when on March 5, 1940, President Tom completed organizing a Rotary club in Little Falls, with eighteen charter members. It was the only club organized in the district that year, making the total fifty-three.

The Fellowship Committee staged a Ladies' Night using for entertainment a Question-and-Answer program. As an expression of friendliness the club presented regular club buttons to the regular summer visitors of many years -- Fred Boone, Fred Durland, Jack Barnes, and Henry Raabe. More visitors were to be given buttons later.

R.I. President Walter Head visited the St. Paul club and the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, attended the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Minneapolis club. Several Brainerd Rotarians attended those meetings. In the reorganization of the Civic Association, Rotarians took an active part and became the principal officials.

In member of her husband, Mrs. LaBar established a Student Loan Fund of \$1,000 to be administered by the club. The Youth Service Committee undertook to match the sum and by using various methods got the contribution up to \$800 in that short period. A permanent student Loan Fund Committee was created to pass on loans.

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(20) JOHN P. ANDERSON, JR.  
1940-1941

Five new members were added and eight were lost. L. P. Englert died, one member resigned and the others moved away. It left forty-four members on the roll on June 30, 1941. Past President Walt Wieland moved away in September and was made an Honorary Member.

The Budget Committee began with a balance on hand of \$219.49 and contemplated the year to end with \$106.51; it was intended that strict adherence be given to the schedule of thirteen budgeted items.

The Committees for the year were as in the year before. Weekly absences were unusually large all year and became the worst record in twenty years. Ralph Cole was designated a special committee to correct this absence habit. He managed to get one 100 per cent meeting. Summer visitors ranged from eight to thirty but generally were only about eight. Fellowship was always good.

The Youth Service Committee was very active. It instituted having a Junior College Student as a Student Member (J. R.) for one month at a time, for four months. The Board authorized the committee to donate \$5 to the Junior College paper. To increase the Student Loan Fund, a stunt was inaugurated whereby at each meeting every

member had to contribute the pennies he was carrying in his jeans. Eight student loans, totaling \$307.10 were outstanding.

The club programs ran twelve on International Service; thirteen on Community Service (some being movies); five on vocational Service; and ten for Club Service. It was a very instructive assortment. Lacking was Rotary Education and movie programs were getting numerous. Singing was lusty.

There was a Ladies' night at the Ransford Hotel and another, a Smorgasbord affair, at the Spotlite in Nisswa. Little Falls' first birthday was recognized by an intercity meeting. Once a group of resort owners were entertained at a regular meeting. Some members participated in a picnic meeting in St. Cloud.

President Jack was faithful in attending conferences and intercity meetings, but other officers were negligent and the club members disregarded those events.

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(21) H. W. Lee  
1941-1942

Five new members were added to the roll and six were lost. Past President Henry Hoffmann died; one member was dropped for non-attendance; one resigned; one lost his classification and one moved from the city; thereby exhibiting the entire complement of possibilities for getting out of the club. At the end of the year the roll call stood at forty-three.

At the Executive Assembly in Little Falls no officer attended and at the District Conference in Bismarck only Past District Governor Carl was in attendance. At the International Convention in Toronto, Canada, Ed Sletten and Carl attended as delegates.

About twenty-five members attended the charter Night at Walker. On invitation to attend an intercity meeting in St. Cloud, only Past Governor Carl attended. On invitation to attend one in Staples, nobody went. In the club the average attendance reached a new low, when for the year it became 82 per cent. Make-ups were rare. With all that, the club ended the year with two 100 per cent meetings in succession. Visiting Rotarians during the summer months totaled 148; at four consecutive meetings they averaged twenty-six per meeting, with a maximum of thirty at one meeting.

Financially the year started with \$244.68 on hand and ended with \$379.02. The Budget Committee allocated \$736 to eleven items for the entire year. The Student Loan Fund showed a capital of \$1,838.28; thirteen loans were outstanding for \$840.

In January of 1942 the "Land O'Lakes" bulletin took on a new garb and became a neatly printed single sheet, made possible through the courtesy of

the Brainerd Journal Press. The material for publication was supplied by Carl Zapffe, Sr.

Jack Anderson held the record for consecutive attendance at 222, Ralph Cole followed with 168; G.B. Ferrell with 120; H.C. Mills with 100; and century buttons were conferred on them.

The club committees remained unchanged. The chairman of the Program Committee tried the method of listing all members alphabetically, assigned the date and then leaving the rest entirely up to the member. The method led to this result: eight programs in Club Service, eighteen in Community Service, nine in Vocational Service, and six in International Service. Four of the vocational service programs and three of the community service were movies. Movie programs were intruding more and more. Club Committees rarely met.

At Christmas time Brainerd athletes home from college were invited as guests and one evening a testimonial dinner was given for Gene Bierhaus and Jim Fitzharris, two popular and successful athletes.

Rotary International President Tom J. Davis appointed Past District Governor Carl Zapffe, Sr. a member of a new committee, named Committee on Research as to Participation of Rotarians in the Postwar Reorganization. The name was later changed to Committee on Participation of Rotarians in the Post War World. Generally it was nicknamed Postwar Committee. At the Toronto International Convention Carl served as chairman of one of four of the "Postwar" group meetings;

At the request of District Governor L.J. McLeod, the club donated \$45 to the Rotary International Relief Fund; this sum was built up by taking the pennies each meeting day from the members present.

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(22) HENRY C. MILLS  
1942-1943

Six new members were elected and two were lost by moving from Brainerd. By the end of the year the number of members became forty-eight. The Honorary Members were Harry Gemmell and Wilbur Cobb, and after his election as Lieutenant Governor the directors added Elmer Anderson.

Attendance by the officers at the Executive Assembly, District Conference and International Convention was still at low ebb. Attendance at club meetings was always unsatisfactory and averaged only 84 per cent, and no 100 per cent meeting was experienced. Individual attendance records for the five top men consisted of 267 meetings for Ralph Cole, 201 of President Henry, 160 for Ray Madison, 117 for Virgil Quanstrom and 103 for Robert Brown. Ralph had the diamond Rotary Button and upon each of the last three named a Century Button was bestowed. Summer visitors went to a maximum of thirty-three at one meeting.



Financially the club was gaining. The year started with a cash balance of \$379.02 and ended with \$508.63, and a budget of \$800 for the ensuing year. The Student Loan Fund had \$1,501.37 in it, with only four loans in force.

There was no change in the committee setup. The chairman of the Program Committee adopted the plan of having each member put on a program at least once during the year. Among the better programs were six for Club Service, seven for Community Service, six for Vocational Service, and three for International Service, but fourteen more were distinctly war topics and were not classed with the others. The use of the movie film reached six, mostly vocational in character and subtly tending to advertise. Past President Rudie Beise's Rotary education meetings were a big success. At the Christmas meeting each member was compelled to write a letter to a soldier in the camps and some enclosed a dollar bill. At every meeting a lottery was held, at ten cents per person, for which the winner received \$2 in war stamps; the remainder of the money was used to buy shirts for the Rotary Bowling team. Twice the club devoted the meeting to subscribing for War Bonds. The club purchased a \$50-F bond and presented it to the Rotary international Fund.

The club sponsored a bowling team (Sletten, E.B. Sullivan, Madison, Pike, H.F. McCollough, Cole, V.F. Anderson, Quanstrom) in the Merchant's League. It finished in second place.

Rotary International President Ferdinand Carbajal; of Lima, Peru, reappointed Past District Governor Carl to the committee on Participation of Rotarians in the Post-War World. Paul Hoffman's new Committee for Economic Development was developed on a Federal Reserve Regional basis and in that way Carl was appointed chairman for a committee in Brainerd. The Brainerd Civic Association created a Postwar Planning Committee with Carl as chairman; of its thirteen members seven were Rotarians (Boteler, Baehr, Mills, H.C. McCollough, Gorham, Vanni, Zapffe). On all the Civic Association Committees were thirty-two Rotarians. Insofar as the Rotary club is concerned the Postwar activities remained definitely the activity of the individual Rotarian, although the club as a unit supported every effort made by the individuals and by the Civic Association.

Phil Roth was appointed by the Federal Reserve Board as County Chairman for the Bond Drive. Past President Harry Gemmell was called out of retirement and was made U.S. Court Commissioner, and later, also Judge of the Brainerd Municipal Court. Past President Frank Johnson was re-elected mayor for the third two-year term. An intercity meeting with Little Falls conducted as a Ladies' Night in Brainerd, with Past R. I. Director C. Albert Oulton, of Saskatoon, Canada, as the principal speaker, highlighted the social functions of the year.

Club discipline was very good under the military-like leadership of President Hank, aided by "strong-at-Arms" Roy Pike, who contributed to the merriment. Past President Rib's introductions of visitors enlivened every meeting. Singing was vigorous. Speakers were sent to the Walker and Little Falls clubs. At the International Assembly in St. Louis and at the Convention, Past District Governor Carl Zapffe, Sr. presented discourses on Brainerd's postwar survey work.

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(23) VIRGIL E. QUANSTROM  
1943-1944

Seven members were elected and three were lost, two of these moving away. Two more, Ray Bang and Past President Tom O'Brien, joined the armed forces and were placed on the "absent-for-the-duration" list equivalent to Honorary membership. Harry Gemmell and Wilbur Cobb were elected Honorary Members. The year ended with fifty members, the first time for those numerals.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$713.67 at the end of the year. It cost \$789.68 to operate the club. The Student Loan Fund had \$1,080.66 in cash, \$481 in U.S. "F" bonds and six loans to students totaling \$380.10. Uncollectible loans were charged off.

Club officers did not attend nor appoint delegates for any of the District official functions. At the club meetings absenteeism reached its highest, being once maximum of thirty-seven percent. Due to war restrictions on gas and tires the number of summer visitors dropped to a very small number. Fellowship was excellent and singing was spirited.

President Virge followed the Aims and Object plan of four major committees but used more subcommittees than heretofore. Under Club Service he had Program Fellowship, Attendance, Classification, Membership, Rotary Information, Public Information, Club Bulletin, Music, Audit, and Budget.

Under Vocational Service he had both a Post War and a Business Relations committee.

Under Community Service he had Civic Affairs, Rural-Urban Acquaintance, Student Loan, and Youth Service committees.

International Service had no sub-committees.

The chairman of the Program Committee again put on each individual member the responsibility of presenting a program. This yielded a plethora of films, veiled commercial advertisements offered as Vocational Service program numbers. This program method yielded eight programs for Club, eight for Vocational, nine for Community, six for International and eleven classed as Postwar.

Under Vocational Service a visit was made to the Land O'Lakes dehydrating plant, and four members related how the war had affected their business.

Under Community Service the programs stressed were those for Boy Scouting, 4-H Club work, fish propagation, county fair and the Civic Association.

Under Youth Service, aided by Past President Tom O'Brien the seniors of the high school were offered the opportunity to write on Postwar Planning as a subject for a graduation thesis and later seven out of sixty papers were presented cash prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$1 at a luncheon meeting.

Under Club Service the club had intercity meetings with Little Falls and Staples. A Ladies' Night at Club LaGuyal, to entertain war widows, featured a smorgasbord. A joint meeting was held with each the Lions and Junior Chamber Commerce.

A war-stamp lottery was still being used to raise money needed to buy bowling shirts for two bowling teams. The team in the Merchants' League won second place. Eventually an excess of \$25 was donated to the central PTA for playground equipment at public schools but was diverted to help "Trading Post, Inc." To the Woman's Service League \$15 was given to be used by its Christmas Charity Fund. The club sent a native spruce Christmas tree and trimmings to a USO Center in Texas for Minnesota soldiers and sailors.

"Wink" Winkler was appointed county chairman of War Bond sales; Harry Gimmell, the Municipal Judge, Ralph Cole, a member of the school board, Ray Madison was elected president of the Civic Association. Past District Governor Carl Zapffe, Sr. was appointed by R.I. President Charles L. Wheeler, of San Francisco, for the third time a member of R.I. Committee on Participation of Rotarians in the Postwar World. District Governor Jim Quigley appointed him chairman of the district No. 117 Finance Committee. The president of the Civic Association appointed him chairman of the Postwar Planning Committee.

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(24) E. T. SLETTEN  
1944-1945

Twelve members were elected and three were lost. The latter moved away. They included President Ed who on January 1, 1945, transferred to Albert Lea. Vice president Ralph "Happy" Cole then assumed the presidency. The club membership then became fifty-nine. Harry Gemmell and Wilbur Cobb were Honorary Members and Ray Bang and Tom O'Brien were Honorary-for-the-duration.

Due to the large membership President Ed appointed two Assistant Sergeants-at-arms and two Song Leaders. Rotary Ann Vivian Vanni performed as pianist, and with Gerry McKay as First Song Leader the club reached a new high in joyous singing. The committees appointed were the same as the previous year.

The club's exchequer improved and the year ended with a balance on hand of \$844.27, while the

Student Loan Fund became \$1,078.07 in cash, six loans amounting to \$430, and \$481 invested in United States "F" Bonds.

The chairman of the Program Committee arranged for the programs as he chose. They resulted in six Club Service, four Vocational Service, nineteen Community service, nine International Service, and nine classed as Postwar programs. The latter related more to problems of serving veterans upon their return home, such as those due to the G. I. Bill of Rights and the Veterans Advisory Committee (V.A.C.) activities. Adults in 4-H activities were guests of the club at one meeting. Programs in regard to Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army juvenile delinquency and the Junior College constituted Youth Service programs. The Youth Service Committee conducted its second annual essay contest for seniors of the high school. The subjects assigned for selection were of Postwar character. Prizes were three at \$5 and three at \$3, with six club members acting as judges. International Service topics were along the line of foreign policy, Dumbarton Oaks, and Atlantic Charter. Bataan experiences were related by Staff Sergeant James McComas, a Brainerd boy who had escaped from a Japanese prison ship which was taking Bataan soldiers from the Philippines.

The club continued the ten-cent war-stamp lottery, the excess going now into the Student Loan Fund. Two bowling teams participated in two city leagues. Nash, Winkler, McCollough and Zapffe put on an Exchange meeting at Cloquet; Forsyth and Cibazar addressed the Wadena Club; Zapffe also spoke at Wadena, Fergus Falls, Wahpeton (North Dakota), and Spokane (Washington). There was one joint meeting with the Lions, at which ladies and Texaco oil dealers were present to hear Capt. Nickerson talk. The club had one Ladies' Night at which the entertainment was provided wholly by the members. Clyde Gorham organized a softball team to play the Lions club team; the Rotarians lost three games and the steak dinner.

The big increase in membership necessitated revising many classifications to avoid conflicts. The year was marred by the largest consistent absenteeism ever experienced, accentuated by the fact that membership was larger. Due to tire and gas rationing the number of summer visitors never exceeded seventeen and usually was about six or eight.

The club had several members who played the piano for the club singing and had several energetic song leaders. Gerald McKay moved away and was succeeded by Dan Campbell. A city-wide farewell dinner was given for Gerry. Club enthusiasm was at a high pitch. The club bulletin appeared regularly and entered its ninth year. A Junior Rotarian membership was re-established under the guidance of John Chalberg.

An important event occurred on February 21, 1945, when as a co-sponsor with the Staples Club, a new club was formed at Wadena. This work was

handled by Past District Governor Carl Zapffe, Sr. On April 9<sup>th</sup> the new club was presented its charter and about ten Brainerd members attended.

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(25) RALPH R. COLE  
1945-1946

As this history is being written the Rotary year is only nine months gone and much may yet occur that should be related. Many things may be recorded without fear of change and provide a satisfactory picture of this the twenty-fifth regime. It is a banner year.

President Ralph sets a record in that he will have served longer than any other president. Due to his predecessor Ed Sletten moving away January 1, 1945, vice president Ralph had to step into that position and thereby ran his period of service up to eighteen months. But for only his own nine months now past he established many records and innovations for the club. In that period he inaugurated fourteen new members, which is maximum. Two members were dropped for non attendance and three resigned because they were unable to attend with convenience. Ray Bang and Tom O'Brien got out of service uniform and resumed their former placed in the club. The total membership on April 1, 1946, stood at sixty-seven, the highest total ever attained.

Attendance at weekly meetings ran lower than before. In December of 1945, after almost twenty-five years the club attendance average for the first time ranked Brainerd last among the fifty-three clubs in the District. Henry Mills, wearer of the diamond-studded pin, now had 342 consecutive meetings (almost seven years) to his credit, and Ray Madison, the runner-up, had 192, on April 1, 1946. During the summer of 1945 the number of visitors came up to twenty-five and in one meeting represented nine states. On October 16, 1945, Honorary and Charter Member Wilburt C. Cobb died in Arizona.

The committees appointed followed the schedule used by the predecessor president. President Ralph appointed two Sergeants and two Song Leaders. Walter Nash was at the piano until transferred to Jamestown, North Dakota, whereupon Rotary Ann Vivian Vanni assumed her former place. The offices of secretary and treasurer were combined. John Chalberg took over both of them and also opened a new set of club records. The president had the directors meet often and act on much important business. The Aims and Object committee left much of the program planning to the Program Committee.

An exceptionally good record was made getting committees to meet and submit reports to the president; in that respect this year excels and programs show preparation and more instructive. The programs committee up to April 1<sup>st</sup> presented six numbers on Club Service, nine on Vocational

Service, nine on Community Service, five on International Service, and five on Postwar topics. Most of them were left to individual members to supply and out of these thirty-four only seven were put on by club members personally. President Ralph inaugurated the plan that the winner of the 10-cent United States War Stamps had to give a biographical sketch for five minutes. These were invariably humorous. He was also strict about imposing fines for infractions of club rules; which added much merriment. As a result, club fellowship never ran higher.

The club has a bowling team in the Merchants' League again, and again Clyde Gorham's softball team was defeated by the team of the Lions Club. John Chalberg spoke at the Walker Club and Carl Zapffe, Sr. at the Alexandria and Fergus Falls clubs, where he also participated when in April the latter celebrated its Twenty-fifth Anniversary. He addressed the Wadena club on its first Ladies' night and Vivian attended to the piano accompaniments that evening. Their respective mates were also present. Governor Marion Stuart reappointed Carl Zapffe, Sr. the chairman of the District Finance Committee. On April 1, 1946, Governor Marion resigned and past District Governor and Past R.I. Director Eddie F. Flynn, of St. Paul, was appointed to complete the unexpired term. This was the first time in seven years that both the president and the secretary attended the Executive Assembly. At District Conferences the attendance by club members became almost nil. Most of the members also fail to make up absences by attending other meetings when in other cities.

The club, at one of its noon meetings, entertained a large group of G.I.s and at another time it was the high school football team. The Fellowship Committee staged a Ladies' Night, the club members providing the entertainment. A joint meeting was held with the Lions Club at the Franklin junior high to listen to a New Products address.

The Board of Directors authorized the following projects. These indicate the unusually high rate of participation by the club during this year.

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CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

(1) Authorized that a celebration be held in spring of 1946 to commemorate the club's Twenty-fifth Anniversary and have the committee in charge consist of past president Walter Wieland as chairman and past president Rude Beise and Dan Whitney, all charter members as co-chairmen. To serve as member were added S.C. Mills, John Chalberg, Harley Forsyth, Glen Blackford, Clyde Gorham, and H.C. Mills. The Board requested Carl Zapffe, Sr. to write a Club History suitable to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary and have it printed at a cost not to exceed \$175.

(2) Ordered the secretary to purchase a new record book for club use (costing \$32) and a lectern (costing \$10) for the use of speakers.

(3) For educating new members about Rotary objective and ideals, the Board ordered Rotary pins, pamphlets, and the booklet "Welcome to Rotary", a full complement to be given to each new member.

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#### CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(1) The Board recommended to the Common Council that a City Planning Engineer be engaged and prepare a long-time city beautification plan. Ordered the Civic Affairs Committee to buy \$15 worth of books for presentation to the Public Library and have some inscribed as a memorial for the deceased club presidents.

(2) Ordered four metallic road signs (costing \$61) announcing Rotary Club meetings in Brainerd and to be erected at the entrances of four principal highways.

(3) Ordered the committee to sponsor a candidate in the contest for Queen of the Brainerd Diamond Jubilee. Selected Betty Schierholtz, who won second place in the voting. Purchased \$150 worth of Paul Bunyan buttons to aid in her contest.

(4) Awarded \$100 to a Junior Chamber of Commerce fund built by the Lions, Elks, and American Legion to aid in re-establishing the Brainerd Country Club Golf Course.

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#### YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE

(1) The Board re-instituted having Junior Rotarians. John Chalberg introduced I.K. Peterson for March and Jerry Webking for April.

(2) Ordered the subscription of the Spanish edition of "The Rotarian" and have it mailed to the library of the Junior College.

(3) Ordered the committee to devise a chicken-raising program, with prizes to be awarded, and conducted with the County Fair. Contestants are to be members of 4-H Clubs. The Rotary club is to advance the purchase money interest free, in amounts of \$15 per head and one for each of the twenty-six 4-H clubs as may want to enter.

(4) Ordered the committee to offer a high-bred dairy calf to the winner of a 4-H calf project. Presentation to be made at the county fair and made by the club president. Rotarians Cole, Chalberg, V.F. Anderson and Cibuzar are some of the directors of the air board.

(5) Contributed \$50 to Kenneth Widing for traveling expenses to Washington D.C. He was one of forty winners in the United States of the awards offered by the Science Club of America. Celestial photography was his hobby.

(6) Awarded \$24 to help stage a closing party of Trading Post, Inc.

(7) Awarded \$10 to send Student Police to a training camp.

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#### STUDENT LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Ordered establishing a Wilbur C. Cobb Fellowship of \$100, to be handled by the Student Loan Fund Committee and to be an award to a worthy second year Junior College Student recommended by faculty members. Of three applicants Janet Dike was the winner.

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#### POSTWAR COMMITTEE

Ordered up to \$15 spent for a Victory Bond Drive sign to be erected at the west end of The Fill. Agreed to pay half of the cost (but not to exceed \$40) of the ads published in local newspapers announcing the Junior College second semester program for returning veterans.

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#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Approved joining with Lions Club and Junior College in staging a "Talk of the Month" course of lectures and guaranteeing part of the costs.

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Respectfully, Carl Zapffe, Sr.

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(26) STEWART C. MILLS  
1946-1947

This administration started out with a very lean treasury, and President "Stew" endeavored to build up the finances of the club. Efforts were made, with considerable success, to increase the membership.

July 16, we had 22 visitors from eleven states. July 23, we had 33 visitors from eight states. Past President Hank Mills could show seven years' continuous attendance. Pres. Stew "quoted" re slogan: "Two families in every garage". Past Pres. Frank B. Johnson (just elected from mayor of Brainerd to Minnesota Legislature) was recognized by American Druggist magazine, as one of the most active in Civic Matters of the 50,000 druggists of the United States. July 30, Carl Zapffe, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, gave a scientific talk.

November 22 (1946) at a joint meeting with the Lions Club at 6:15 p.m. Mr. S.R. DeBoer, City Planning Expert, spoke. December 10, program re. Infantile Paralysis per Mrs. D.H. Fullerton, December 24, Fr. Thomas Scott spoke on Universal Love, taught by Jesus Christ.

Feb. 4, 1947, Duluth visited Brainerd for an inter-city meeting. And on Feb. 18, a Ladies' Night dance was held at Club La Guyal, followed by

another Ladies' Night on June 10 at Breezy Point Lodge.

March 16, the Brainerd Rotary Bowling Team won first place in the Bowling Tournament in Fergus Falls. Our team, Floyd A. Nelson, Jack Anderson, Ed B. Sullivan, John Stensrud, Richard Davidson. March 25, Birney C. Wilkens gave a program on land use and land use planning plus delinquent taxes. April 8, Cancer Fund Drive. Dr. Virg. Quanstrom spoke and showed a film. April 15, Ed Gray presented Harold Molstad who spoke on a bill to permit reorganization of School Districts. June 3, a lively discussion re Congress to erect a Bataan Memorial in Brainerd.

Notice was taken of the dairy interests of Crow Wing County, in which our city is located, and with the thought of encouraging the younger dairymen of the county, the Brainerd high school was asked to chose an outstanding farmer boy to receive a purebred calf of a dairy breed, the calf to be chosen by County Agent Ernie Roth, paid for by the Brainerd Rotary Club, and presented to the boy with appropriate ceremonies on the then Y.M.C.A. lot, across Front Street from the Ransford Hotel where the Rotary meetings were held.

With the active assistance of Past District Governor Carl Zapffe, Sr., the Onamia Rotary Club was organized, and Brainerd engaged to provide their first six months programs. Often one or more of our members traveled to Onamia and spoke in fulfillment of this promise. This fine club still stands as yet one more Rotary step forward, sparked by the Brainerd Club.

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(27) JOHN E. (JACK) CHALBERG  
1947-1948

With the incoming of President Jack the club received a fine lecture, made by Art Benson and John Stensrud. The treasury contained \$3.17 plus \$2,285 in the Student Loan Fund.

President Jack staged a marvelous Rotary Education Program.

First prize for Rotarian from farthest away went to "Gus" Clark from Palo Alto, California, their new president.

Visitors and guests were many during the summer season. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, there were 24 representing eight states and Hawaii and on the 29<sup>th</sup> there were 47.

Starting April 27 and for nearly a year (including April 15, 1949) at the bottom of Land O'Lakes appeared "Fine money and spare pennies are placed in the Youth Service Fund to pay for the W.C. Cobb Scholarship and the 4-H calf. Be generous."

On August 5<sup>th</sup> we had 54 visitors from ten states, on the 12<sup>th</sup> there were 51, and on August 19<sup>th</sup> there were 55 from thirteen states.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Dolph Simons, newspaperman of Lawrence, Kansas, gave an eyewitness account

of Germany, And gave a most vivid word picture of the desolation and destruction of things German.

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. George Komrower, of Manchester, England, spoke of the economic situation in England, giving the club an idea of what Socialist-Labor party governments, and what living on small rations is like.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, District Governor Max Moore, of Valley City, North Dakota, paid his official visit to our club, and gave us an informative analysis.

October 14<sup>th</sup>, a Stag party was held at "Bud" Boteler's on Gull lake.

As of January 1, 1948, the dues were raised to \$20.00 per year.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, C. Howard Smith, National Affairs Advisor of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce spoke on "Whose Responsibility is Good Government?"

April 6<sup>th</sup>, six members of the Brainerd Chapter of Future Farmers of America were presented by Ed. Gray. They gave a very interesting program of their activities and how the organization functions.

This Rotary year was well supplied with many vocational programs.

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(28) VERNER F. ANDERSON  
1948-1949

Vern was installed president at the close of the meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. "Last Week" Floyd Nelson visited the Secretariat of Rotary International in Chicago, Illinois, the birthplace of Rotary. Floyd met the outgoing and incoming presidents of R.I. It was interesting to get a first-hand report from headquarters.

For July, our average attendance of 85 per cent placed Brainerd 21<sup>st</sup> of 59 clubs in the District, demonstrating the effect of getting rid of dead timber.

July 27<sup>th</sup>, Father Foley of Faribault, who operates a Boys Camp near Brainerd, spoke on the spiritual values of Rotary, emphasizing Christian fellowship, and to help our fellow men.

August 24, District Governor Joe Medley of Cloquet paid Brainerd his official visit.

August 31<sup>st</sup>, we had 49 Rotarians rotating here.

September 7, Leslie L. Schroeder, State Commissioner of Aeronautics, spoke on the value of a new airfield to Brainerd, re which our own Walt Wieland has been very active. Present were members of the Airport Commission, and our own city and county officials.

September 21<sup>st</sup>, our Land O'Lakes reported 185 visitors from nine states during two vacation months.

In October Ray Bennett spoke on Young Men's Christian Association.

In January President Vern stated that instead of our club sending a New Year's card, as usually done, to every Rotarians who attended our club meetings in 1948 as a visitor, he arranged with the Civic Association to send each a copy of the book

BRAINERD: 1871-1946. In the book was pasted a greeting message, written by him, as president, and a wish that the Rotarian receiving the book will come again to Brainerd. Our club had about 280 visitors last year and from many states. The lions club did likewise. The Civic Association supplied the books free of charge and attended to the mailing, regarding this a fine opportunity to reach real boosters for Brainerd from all parts of the United States.

The president of the Civic Association is our own Ray Bang. The secretary is our own Joe Faust. We know now the job is well done.

During the year the Land O'Lakes printed the used initial and the not-so-often-used-name of a lot of our members under the heading Past. Whosit!

March 1, was Ladies' Night At Club LaGuyal, where Stan Davis helped to exchange wives for the evening, right at the door. Made a lot of fun.

The District Conference was held at Hibbing in May. Gil Tuttle was our official delegate.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, our old R.I. District number 117 was changed to 173. We held this record for numbers, 9, 15, 9, 117, and now 173. But our membership grew.

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(29) CLARANCE W. BOTELER  
1949-1950

Perhaps we should quote from the "Land O'Lakes": At his first meeting President "Bud" announced:

"Welcome to our new year. Committee Chairmen who do not work on time will hear from me. It is not pleasant for me to keep urging, but you elected me your president and that's that. Here's hoping each of you pulls his part of the load."

This was followed by a program by Vice President John Vanni, Supt. of our N. P. Shops, who gave an excellent vocational talk to an attentive audience. We learned more about his work and the value of the Railroad to Brainerd.

Again quoting, "Our Sergeant at Arms has been instructed to collect fines from every late comer." The S. at A. was also instructed to break up cliques at tables, a fine to be levied if a member found some particular location so valuable as to occupy it repeatedly. And Prexy urged, when you see a visitor in the lobby, do not let him stand there by himself. Step up and greet him as a friend. Please remember that he was invited to attend your club meeting before even you became a member of your club. He's making up his attendance.

More quotes, these in August, "When you hear my Gavel Strike the Rotary Gong, it means that your attention is requested at once. If your conversation has not been completed, remember that politeness requires finishing the talk in the lobby. Please help me."

And about a dozen of our members are reckless about keeping up attendance. In June we dropped

to 75 percent. We are going to drop a few of those delinquent fellows and prod the rest. Four absences and out they walk, just like in baseball. No sneaking in for one meeting, because the rule requires 60 percent attendance every six months. Please be good. The rest of us are, so why not you."

A number of outstanding programs appeared during Pres. Bud's year.

Harry Wareham, Manhattan, Kansas, on "Outboard Motors."

The Rev. John Abernathy, Oklahoma City, Okla., on "Rotary in Action".

Rotarian Haridas Mazumdar, Ph.D., on "India two years after Independence."

Sept. 13, District Governor Al Behrens, of Rochester visited our club. His Address was recorded, to be broadcast over KLIZ that same evening.

Nov. 29, Brainerd and Little Falls acted as hosts to a group of Central Minnesota Rotary Clubs. 217 Rotarians from 12 clubs were in attendance.

Pres. "Bud" gave the club a new Rotary desk, his own cabinet work.

Our team beat both the Lions and Exchange Club teams at golf; and the Lions at ringing the Salvation Army bell for Christmas donations.

In January, a German Exchange Student from Heidelberg U., a former German Boy Scout, and Hitler Youth addressed the club. We learned much about life when exposed to the Russians.

The last meeting in June appeared, "Good-Bye Prexy Bud." We say it with regret. Our club has had many good presiding officers. It is not uncommon that a president has one outstanding quality, but Prexy Bud had many. He was more interested than the other in developing club spirit and Rotary atmosphere. We have had more laughs per minute than ever before, but the laughs had a Rotary basis and emphasized an important point. In personal generosity Bud was liberal. In Rotary understanding he has equaled the best. Good-bye, Prexy Bud; you will long be remembered.

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(30) JOHN VANNI  
1950-1951

President John's first Tuesday fell on Independence Day, July Fourth. Hence the blank. The sad word was received that on June 15 occurred the death of the founder of our Brainerd Rotary Club, Harry Franklin Michael, at Phoenix, Arizona.

On July 25 we had 59 visiting Rotarians from 13 states. Also 10 guests.

August first, we heard from Gus L. Kirby, who had been a resident of the Far East for 30 years, representing an Oil Co., told of hunting elephants, tigers, pythons and wild turkeys. A winner of a talk. And a week later the Rotarian Art Gaines, Business Manager of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra,

brought us Mr. Dorati, a conductor, who was able to describe prosperous West Berlin, and who also told of the desolation in East Berlin, where the people were not even clean.

On August 28, occurred the death of our Past District Governor, Carl Zapffe, Sr., at age 70. And next day Dr. Rudie Beise told us about Carl, whose friend and family physician Rudie had been for nearly half a century.

September 26, Henry Mills completed 603 Rotary meetings, without a miss since Past President Hank became a member of the club.

October 10, District Governor Frank Vertin, of Wahpeton, North Dakota, made his official visit and left us much food for thought.

Beginning 1951, we had a total of 74 members, of whom 59 were present. And the 82<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the United States which convened next day showed 33 of 96 senators, or 34 percent, were Rotarians. And in the House of Representatives there were 58 out of a total of 435. Let's be careful what we say about Congress.

January 23 was an Intercity meeting at Club LaGuyal, with 265 Rotarians representing 17 clubs. District Governor rank spoke briefly. Ed. Martini, Pres. of Duluth club gave the talk of the evening.

January 30, we heard background on communist thinking and planning from Joe Mestenhauser of Prague, Czechoslovakia, an Exchange Student at the University of Minnesota. April 17 Alberto Wacks, an Argentine Exchange Student told of his country.

The District Conference at Grand Forks April 15 and 16 was attended by Pres. Vanni, John Chalberg, John Stensrud, Stan Davis and Ray Gould.

May 8, we heard from Imbi Pabo, a Junior College Exchange Student, from Estonia, on life in Europe through the war. Two weeks later Dr. Burt urged Rotarians to give the United Nations continued support.

On June 5, we met at Club LaGuyal, with our wives, to pay honor to Rotarian past president Rudolph A. Beise, M.D., who had given half a century of medical and civic service to our community.

On June 19, Bill McCollough brought us Robert Corbett, of England, who told us of the present-day problems of his country followed a week later by Ed Tom O'Brien's friend, Charles Schermerhorn, with a word picture of problems in Greece and efforts of the United Nations to help the Greeks.

President John's was an enlightening and eventful year, bringing much information, especially in the field of International Service.

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(31) JOHN STENSRUD  
1951-1952

Our club was very proud to have as a member of the coming Governor of the State of Minnesota, our own C. Elmer Anderson.

On July 10, we were addressed by Joseph B. Kyle, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the B. and P. Order of Elks, of the United States of America, who was vacationing in this area. Art Sullivan and Bill Turcotte brought a number of local Elks as guests. Mr. Kyle spoke on communism, its dangers, and the usefulness of co-operation between fraternal and patriotic organizations to combat this danger.

A week later "Inky" Skarolid brought us Dr. L. J. Kekely of Hungary, who spoke of the conditions behind the Iron Curtain. We might well remember, there are no Rotary clubs in communist countries.

And in July, Fred Rogers presented Erik Kaalund Jorgenson of Denmark, who told of his underground experiences during the late war; And George Moller of Sweden, who gave the background on the European educational set up.

August 21, Ray Swenson presented Jim Darrel, head traffic engineer of the Minnesota State Traffic Department, who gave us some interesting and provocative ideas on traffic accidents – their causes and prevention.

September 4 was Fun Night at Gull lake. Only 29 of our 74 members got there, but those who did had a wonderful time.

In September, Stan Davis, telephone man, resigned as vice president having been transferred to Rochester, Minn. Secretary-Treasurer Harold Nordgaard was moved to vice president, Gil Tuttle chosen to fill the Board vacancy, and then elected secretary.

The last meeting in September, a healthy discussion of our own club affairs made an excellent program. And next meeting was devoted to colored pictures and facts regarding Camp Clyde, on North Long Lake. The land for this Boy Scout Camp was donated by our own members, Clyde E. Parker.

October 23 marked the visit of the Governor of Rotary District 173, John E. Howard of Grand Forks, N.D., band and orchestra director at the University of North Dakota. He emphasized Rotary Information.

On the 30<sup>th</sup>, Clyde Gorham brought us W. B. Morris, of Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who emphasized the need for co-operation in apprehending criminals, and the problems of juvenile delinquency.

January 22, we met jointly with Exchange and Lions Clubs, at Elks Hall, on "Keep Minnesota Green". Later we sent a delegation to the International meeting in Winnipeg, winning a beautiful Canadian flag as the largest delegation from any club in the U.S., and in May we were addressed by Ian Everist of Gelong, Australia, (a student of University of Minnesota) who told of his country "down under"; and by Dr. Eddy Asirvatham

of India, on India's thinking and problems, who said "I'm sure yours is a club with an ideal, and not an ideal with a club."

May 27 was Club Assembly. And in June, led by Ed Tom O' Brine, we prepared to receive and house, as our guests, a number of Foreign Students, who are touring our country in the interest of better International Understanding.

All in all, John's was a year of well rounded and instructive programs and activities.

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(32) HAROLD C. NORDGAARD  
1952-1953

This year started with something novel – a picnic at Lum Park, with Rotarians and their families; and adopted families – their foreign student guests. Rain forced adjournment, and the group went to Franklin Cafeteria, where the exceptionally interesting and profitable experience was enjoyed by the thirty-five Rotarians who were able to attend. Watching the young people from afar mixing with our own, gave us a demonstration of the tops in foreign relations.

July 8 the Rev. John Abernathy, spending his 36<sup>th</sup> summer in the Brainerd area, gave another outstanding talk on the five points – seeing, understanding, feeling, knowing and willing.

In July we added Russell Ives, Frank LeBond, Harold Gethmann, besides the return of Clyde Parker.

July 22, Jack Mathews, a charter member of the Lincoln, Nebraska, club No 14, told us the interesting story of the start of Rotary. Jack's story was told to him by Paul Harris, the Founder of Rotary.

For a long time an idea had been buzzing in the head of Director Ray Bang. On August 12 it came out in the open – The Paul Bunyan Axemen. Qualifications – A visitor must have visited us at least five different years. A Brainerd Rotarian must have five years' attendance without a miss. Henry Mills and John Stensrud, and also 58 visitors, were pronounced eligible. Printer Bang provided the certificates, which were delivered personally or by mail.

In October, Carmin LaGarda, daughter of the Rotary District Governor of the Philippine Islands, was our speaker. Carmin is a Senior at St. Catherines College, St. Paul.

National election evening was a family night at the Gateway Club, and was also a Fun Night.

Thanksgiving program featured Barrow, Newman, Herbison and Gorham, each speaking of idea as seen from his own religious viewpoint.

District Governor Frank Murphy, of Grand Rapids, made his official visit Dec. 16, especially stressing action on the Rotary Foundation.

In January, Officer Robert Olson gave us the story of the Korean situation. He had twice been there with the 194<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion. Another day

Col. Carl Erickson of the 194<sup>th</sup>, spoke on Japan and the surrounding islands.

At January Club Assembly Prexy reported finances in good shape; also had paid \$302.00 into Rotary Foundation, needing a total of \$740.00 to be 100 per cent. Discussion of seating to cause members to mix more – and decided to number tables and assign a table number on each dinner ticket.

And on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Auerbach of Superior, spoke on Communism; What it is and how to combat it.

In February 16 Brainerd Rotarians made up in Winnipeg; and Duluth came 96 strong to our intercity meeting, where Ed Stockinger of St. Cloud gave an outstanding talk on ethics.

Our club decided to send two school boys to Youth Conference in Port Arthur. April 28 was Ladies' Night at Club LaGuyal. And June, we toured the N.W. Paper Co. mill.

All in all a good Rotary year.

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(33) CLYDE R. GORHAM  
1953-1954

President Clyde's year started with the Attendance Committee dividing the club into four teams for a three month contest, each miss to count one point against that team.

Sister Carmel, Blood Bank Supervisor at the St. Joseph's Hospital, told Rotary of the new plan for a sure supply of blood for emergencies.

Earl Norwood was awarded the Rotary calf at the County Fair.

For July the district attendance report showed Brainerd as having moved up from 37<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> place. Our average attendance was 87.14, the district average 82.24. Pres. Gorham wanted to go higher. Ed Sullivan's team was in first place.

In August Commissioner Norman S. Marshall, Territorial Commander from Chicago and from the home Rotary Club, gave us outstanding program, stressing the true meaning of "Service Above Self". We were visited by Allen Street, Mayor of Oklahoma City, and a past District Governor.

Sept. 1, we listened to Earl James, Elks Grand Exalted Ruler, Introduced by Bill Turcotte. And on the 15<sup>th</sup> occurred a joint meeting and golf games, with Lions and Exchange Clubs at Brainerd Golf Course. And the 29<sup>th</sup>, a very lively Club Assembly. Sept. attendance 90.06 per cent. Ed Sullivan's team still leading.

Nov. 17 came District Governor Ernie Windmiller, of Fergus Falls, with a real Rotary message. But oh dear, nineteen members were absent. We scored 91.45 per cent attendance for October. Nov. 24, Knud Kristenson, a Rotarian Fellowship scholar from Aarhus Denmark, at University of Minnesota, made every Dane proud of his ancestry as he told of the social and economic background of his country.



Our Annual Children's Christmas program was a fine success.

January financial report showed balance in General Fund \$386.99, and in G.D. LaBar student loan fund \$1,144.23 of which \$515 was out on loan.

Capt. Prinzing, S.A., in charge of Harbor Light Center, Minneapolis, told of his work and showed movies of Chicago's "skid row". And thanks to Ed Tom O'Brien. Mabel Hu spoke on "Formosa Today". She was from the Chinese mainland; spent two years on Formosa; now at College of St. Scholastica, Duluth.

In February we sent a good representation to Winnipeg. March brought another International Service talk this time by Atallah Ali, of Baghdad, Iraq.

Early April, Jim Davis, Y. Secy., presented Abbie Linzie, David Sauvageau and Dean Olson, on the model legislature program recently held in St. Paul.

And Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, was Gov. Ernie Windmiller's District Conference, held at Hotel Ransford. Brainerd attendance 94.87 pre cent.

In June Don Leighton, with Len Boeder of Lions and Chuck Burnson of the Exchange Club, urged a Community Chest plan for charities.

And Clyde's last meeting – Ladies' Night at Club LaGuyal – proved a successful and fitting closer for a very constructive year.

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(34) RAY BANG  
1954-1955

Jim Johnson told of his attendance at the Port Arthur, Canada, Youth Conference.

We now have 8,282 clubs located in 89 countries and geographical regions, and a total members of 389,000 Rotarians.

We were saddened by the death of Dan Whitney and Rudie Beise, charter members; Charles Hoffman, who joined in October, 1923, and Art Sullivan, members since January, 1928.

In July we added eight new Paul Bunyan Axemen making over 100 in all and emphasizing the appeal of Pres. Ray's original idea. Murray Warmath, University of Minnesota coach, informed us of football and we sent several representatives to visit Army Camp McCoy.

August brought us Congressman Blatnik on the St. Lawrence Seaway project; Ben Berger told of our penal system, with suggestions for improvements. Words for songs appeared in the Land O'Lakes ready for use.

In October our own Minnesota Governor C. Elmer Anderson, addressed us. Later Fire Chief Lucas spoke on fires and how to prevent them.

Early November District Governor Jim Dems gave us inspiration on increasing membership, practicing the four-way test, and recommending a youth service project with full club participation. November 9 was Ladies Night at Club LaGuyal;

basket social with auction as an enjoyable, fun-provoking money raiser.

We again took part in S.A. kettle drive for Christmas funds, and had a successful Children's Christmas Party. Max Drall told of Christmas in Germany, with all the trimmings.

Last meeting of the year, Sen. Rosenmeier brought us up to date on the status of our proposed state Mental Hospital.

At the turn of the year Jack Chalberg qualified as a P.B. Axeman by completing five years of perfect attendance. Jim Dekker, of U. of Minn. From Holland spoke of Western Europe's reaction to German re-armament.

On Thursday, February 3, 172 Rotarians gathered at Club LaGuyal to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Rotary. From Brainerd 71, Little Falls 51, Walker 19, Staples 17, Onamia 13, and St. Paul 1. The Post Office Department issued an 8c stamp in honor of Rotary's half century.

In March Asad Husain of Patna, India, U. of Minn. Student, spoke on Indo-American relations. In April the glass building block in which we had been placing our pennies, was opened showing \$109.42 for the student loan fund; and a joint meeting with Lions, Kiwanis, and Exchange Clubs. We later defeated them at golf.

The Rev. E.D. Clifford, many years a missionary in South America, told us of life in Bolivia. And we were joined by Will Anderson, who had previously belonged in two other cities. And a committee showed Rotary hospitality as best we could, as 54 foreign students traveling by bus came as close to us as Mille Lacs Lake, where our committee served coffee, donuts, and that refreshing stuff bottled in Brainerd.

Ray's year closed with a Ladies' Night at Club LaGuyal, a fitting ending to many worthwhile activities.

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(35) GIL TUTTLE  
1955-1956

From Land O'Lakes of July 5, 1955. "Gil completed his secretarial work like he was glad to be rid of the job. He turned in a financial report and attendance report; and the tools to his successor". Gil had served nearly four years.

July 12, Homer Whiting of Sate Forestry told of his many sided job, and pleaded for care in helping to preserve the country's resources. For July, with 83 members, Brainerd placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the District of attendance.

August 2, 130 souls braved the threatening weather to partake of the picnic lunch served at Lum Park. The Occasion – All States Day. Rotary alone had 11 states represented, and a week later, three carloads of Rotarians attended intercity meeting at Cloquet.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we had a 100 percent attendance of our own members, and 56 visiting Rotarians from 11 states and Canada. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, six visitors told us informally about their clubs.

Later our Police Chief, Louis Rofidal, spoke on auto drivers, reminding us that young drivers are usually chips off the old blocks.

District Governor Jim Nye came in October, and gave a good talk on Rotary Information. Ed Tom O'Brien and his International Service Committee sat at a special table in back with a bevy – five is a bevy, isn't it? – of young beauties from Japan and Puerto Rico.

Nov. 1 was Past Presidents day. So far we have 35. As many as present each said a few words.

November 29, Walt Wieland told the story of the Rotary Foundation Fellowships. We had a total of \$389.10 of the needed \$850.00 as we had grown to 85 members.

1956 started with 85 members, 90 percent attendance for December and \$529.90 paid on Rotary Foundation Fund.

January brought Dr. Joseph Gil Leon, of Argentina who told us of his interesting country.

Early February, Helen Fahning told of her stay in Germany as a "grass roots Ambassador". A week later Supt. Vanni took us touring the N.P. Shops. And before the short month was out we heard from Dallas Johnson Governor of Minnesota Boys' State, who recommended more be said about the vast majority of the boys who are good, and not so much about the much lesser number who are not. Later Edgar Wolfe, Asst. Natl, Director of Rural Scouting, spoke of the part scouting takes in developing our young men.

P.P. John Stensrud was awarded a special pin for 10 years' perfect attendance. Wayne Curtis was chosen as our delegate to R.I. meeting in Philadelphia. May 12 was Ladies' Night at Country Club. A number of members changed to Sr. active.

Before his year's end, besides excellent attendance, a wonderful objective was attained.

Hurrah! We reached 100 per cent on the Rotary International Foundation Fund, in time for Pres. Gil's birthday June 7. An outstanding job.

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(36) EDWARD SULLIVAN  
1956-1957

Pres Ed's year opened July 3, with a very successful Ladies' Night at Brainerd Country Club. Attendance 100 per cent. In July, Lauritz Ostergaard, of International Farm Youth exchange, told of his life in Denmark, a farming country. We learned that Dr. W.E. Hallahan, optometrist, a Brainerd boy helped by our Student Loan fund, is practicing at Red Wing.

July 17 brought information on boats, and the over half million outboard motors that propel them. And a week later, the Minnesota Taxpayers

Association. We learned of the issuance of over 205 million postage stamps by 26 nations, commemorating Rotary's Golden Anniversary; probably the largest number ever issued in commemoration of one event, a remarkable gesture of appreciation.

July 31, we were host to 43 Rotarians, who heard Robert DeVore, DuPont's public relations man, on free enterprise and its vital role; the importance of imagination and risk capital – how the two combine to keep the U.S. a "have", not a "have not" nation. Moral – success is work, not luck. Later Ralph Austed, from Oil Information Council, brought us wonders of his "Magic Barrel" demonstrating the hundreds of products from the petroleum industry. About a dozen fellows honorably represented us at the Cloquet Golf Tournament.

Dist. Gov. Floyd H. Gilliland, here on August 21, spoke of the large amount of work that goes into Rotary International. Next week's meeting was a Foreign Student Seminar at Elkorama, and 50 or more Rotarians and ladies attended dinner at 6:30.

In Sept. Officer Frank Padgett, after special training re juvenile cases, gave a good program. Later Father Peter told of his experiences with juvenile delinquency. Elizabeth Padgett and Wayne Olmsted reported their trip to Europe, with insight into International politics and human relations.

Col. Rosberg from Camp Ripley spoke of operations at largest useable field area of any National Guard Camp in the U.S. Frank Hickerson of Hickerson Co. told us of the growth of one of Brainerd's important industries. The south can offer inducements, but Minnesota still offer people who WORK, an essential ingredient to success. Pres. Ed's son, John told of Northwest Paper co., with plans for expansion. Miss Lois Johnson spoke on physical therapy for the handicapped, often better-than-average employees.

The Christmas Party Dec. 18 was a decided success.

January brought us Bob Ashback, with slides and comments on his trip to Russia and life behind the Iron Curtain; a film on Salk vaccine for polio; and Harold Bammer, W.H.S. Exchange Student from Vienna, Austria. Later Arnold Benzel, local German teacher, told of his experiences as a member of the Hitler Youth Movement in Germany.

Rotary, now 52 years old, showed 9,268 Rotary Clubs, with 438,000 Rotarians. Twenty or more Brainerd R's trekked to Winnipeg, where our Bill English became President of O.O.I.F. (Order of International Fellowship).

Jack Madden told us of things near home, and an expenditure of a quarter million dollars in Brainerd for good services from one small area alone. We heard from our new Fire Chief; and John Vanni told of 44 years of Railroading with the development of the diesel engine.

Pres. And Sec. Reported on the District Conference. Our Land O'Lakes won first prize as a

bulletin. In May Bud Boteler reported on history of our Club, and Mayor Johnson told of the origin of Brainerd, its growth, problems, and hopes for the future. June 4, we moved to the Brainerd Country Club for the summer.

A varied, informative, and useful year.

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(37) HAROLD J. (INKY) SKAROLID  
1957-1958

The new President took over at the close of the Annual Rotary Ann Party on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. July 9<sup>th</sup> Bruce Sandison and Richard Johnson reported on their experiences at the Boys gathering at Port Arthur, Canada. President "Inky" emphasized that Rotary attendance rules required attendance at 60 % of the meetings of our club, and that attendance means being present 60% of the time of each meeting, a minimum of forty-five minutes.

During July, Attorney Richard C. Ebert spoke on our constitutional rights as citizens of Minnesota and the U.S.A. and Jim Madsen of Park Rapids told us of his year in Belgium, financed by Rotary International funds.

August brought us Don Snyder of the International Labor Office of the United Nations; K. Norell of Agricultural Dept; N.P. Railway; R. Norrgard, our country Agriculture Agent; and a thought-provoking talk by Carl Zapffe, Jr., on which occasion the club was honored by the presence of Ed. R. Johnson of Ranoke, VA., Past Pres. (1935-36) of Rotary International; and Tom Sutton, Past District Gov. from Tampico, Mexico; and Allen Street, Mayor of Oklahoma City.

The Club undertook the new Christmas Lighting Project to enliven Downtown Brainerd during the Holiday Season, successfully using it for Christmas, 1957. President Harold also promoted the Business and Professional Peoples Charities Drive, grouping two members of each of the several Brainerd Service Clubs into a committee to arrange solicitation of the downtown once a year for multiple charities, avoiding much work and annoyance re numerous separate "drives".

October 1 was the visit of Dist. Gov. Collier Smith. He complimented us, whether we deserved it or not. We liked him for that, and for his splendid message to us all.

During Autumn we heard from School Supt. Sater; a program describing our Jr. College course in Practical Nursing; report of Curtis and Hamilton on the District Conference; a vivid description of Peru; Minimum Wage and Hour laws; The A.A.A. on federal and state road building program; and a film re Minnesota Statehood centennial in 1958, of which Rotarian Clyde Gorham is local Chairman. Oftentimes Rotary appears a good source of material.

At well attended Children's Christmas Party our Ed. Barrow told the Christmas story effectively and well.

In January we heard Walter Gulbranson of the Minn. Bureau of Fisheries; School Board member Ray Madison on conflicting problems of bright and slow students; a lecture on Urban /Redevelopment; and Sonja Hyduke of her visit to Europe, especially Norway. Later programs dealt with baseball from Bob Allen, public relations man for the Milwaukee Braves; Boy Scouting, when Clarence Hammett brought four fine young men who attended the Jamboree at Valley Forge last summer; police Chief Rofidal, on bad check artists and shoplifters; Dale Sanders on Nature conservation; Basketball; Post Office business; and Ova Hepari and Judy Gethmann in Turkey; Fire Insurance; highways and our new local State Highway Building; while Roy Winkler urges reading of our excellent Rotarian magazine.

May 13, we moved to the Golf Club for the summer meals; and later bought a 12-foot Fiberglass boat for Camp Clyde.

June 24 was a Club Assembly, at which Pres. Elect Wayne Curtis gave an enlightening report on the International Convention in Dallas.

July 1<sup>st</sup> was Ladies' Night, a fine event, at which we had a good time and President "Inky" installed his successor at the close of a very educational and profitable year.

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(38) WAYNE D. CURTIS  
1958-1959

President Wayne (B.T.U.) Curtis received the gavel at the close of Ladies' Night, July 1, 1958.

During the month our Marvin Hedberg brought us John Villas, who explained much about the telephone; Fred Rogers presented two outstanding Minnesota Athletes; we saw an enlightening film on the Minnesota Statehood Centennial, of which celebration our P.P. Clyde Gorham is local chairman; And Representative Halsted about the new state hospital, and other projects.

August 5, Dr. Sifert gave us an idea of our school system in Europe where we have 46,000 American Students. Next week Paul Owen, a television program director, advocated the use of educational television; later Roscoe Fawcett spoke of his father, Capt. Billy's publishing work and his development of Breezy Point; and a program on work of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

In September we heard from the Heart Association; listened to three instructors from the new State Hospital; and had an interesting Club Assembly.

October 15 came District Gov. Fred Hilden. He defined Rotarians as people who go out and do things without being told. He pointed out that while we should not discuss partisan politics, we should discuss government, our economy and welfare. Rotary is an attitude, which should develop and inspire leadership in community affairs.

The month brought also programs on railroads, the Minn. Taxpayers Association, and our public schools.

November we listened to the recorded voice of our R. I. Pres. Randall, stressing the impressive strength of Rotary International and the tremendous possibilities for accomplishments by use of the Four Way Test.

Later we listened to H.S. debaters; the story of the N.W. Paper Co.; Joe Marchel re photos; Dr. Moran from St. Cloud Reformatory on juvenile delinquency and the old fashioned prevention methods-plenty of love and activity; a good kid's Christmas party; former member Frank Savage on Peru; and did our part re the Charities Drive.

Early in the New Year we heard Tom O'Brien on his visits and interpretation of Europe and its attitudes; and January 20 visited the N.W. Paper Co.

In February the Jaycees, Junior Colleges, and Italy were programmed. And in March our City Officials explained use for pending Bond issue.

In April, Blackford brought us three students from his Speech Class; Judge Arnold Forbes spoke when we had our H.S. Athletes as guests; and the Rev. Carl Lindman of Pillager, with slides and talk on his years in Alaska. Later County Agent Norrgard spoke on economics of City and County; Judge Longfellow described juvenile court, and brought Probation Officer Hegstad also to speak; Al Dexter, Agricultural Development Agent for N.P. Railway told of his work.

In June we had examples of speaking and Oratory from Jr. H.S., Sherm Levis (Paul) and Larry Lopp (Johnny Inkslinger) told us a lot about Paul Bunyan; Fred Rogers presented Ken Ferris from U. of Okla. who awakened us to big business created by winning football teams; and John L. Hammer of North Central Airlines enlightened us on air travel and its future.

John Stensrud and Clarence Hammett did a fine job of handling a Saturday picnic at which about 100 people had a wonderful time. Our members cared for 30 some students from American Field Service program for three days. This was a gathering point for the foreign students at the start of their trip home after a school year in Minnesota.

Well done, Wayne.

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(39) PAUL CIBUZAR  
1959-1960

July 7 the Land O'Lakes Bulletin appeared in a new dress, with a picture of a nice looking motor boat in the heading.

Early programs brought us Prof. Running with a most entertaining comedy; John Kundla, U. of Minn. Basketball coach; Guy W. Hughes of Outboard Mfg. Assn. on boats and boating safety; and Robert Tomich on St. Lawrence Seaway.

Pete Humphrey explained the proposed Crow Wing State Park, for which the State had put up \$15,000 to use if our county raised a like amount.

Our Board approved expense up to \$30 to provide a scenic river cruise for British Air Cadets visiting here as part of an exchange program.

August 4 showed 40 visiting Rotarians; Harold Stone received a pin for 13 years' attendance without a miss, and Fred Rogers gave us food for thought and asked us to think. A week later our Mighty Paul Bunyan Axemen (of which there are 155) had their Tall tale contest. Too bad Paul couldn't have heard.

Later Val Bjornson, State Treasurer, reported to a few of the stockholders; and Prof. Carl Zapffe, Jr. advised us to "Spend more time improving ourselves as Christians, and don't worry about Nikita."

September 15, District Governor Frank Jestrab gave us an inspiring talk on "Service Above Self". The month brought much discussion about where to meet. Kermit Aase discussed physical fitness of our young people, and Supt. Sater spoke on an area vocational school. Activity re Crow Wing State Park continued.

In October the Charities Drive got under way. We learned of the Oak St. State School and Hospital; and history of fire and casualty insurance. Later Sentry Hillerud of the M.P. and Light Co. urged us to Plan for Prosperity.

November we heard a comparison of our schools and those of Europe. Von Eitsen spoke on his early years in Germany, and the Rev. Kermit Graves brought a Thanksgiving Message.

Christmas brought a magician to mystify us.

In January came Vern Anderson, "Mr. Chamber of Commerce", its long time Exec. Secy; Winkler re Rotary magazine; an Air Force Movie; and Pres. Paul raised the early leavers rate to 50 cents—guess what? No one left.

Later came two movies on fluoridation, and a Dale Sanders movie of Camp Clyde, and Boy Scouts. We heard from Jack Gibbons, Boxing Commissioner.

February 23 was a fine Club Assembly. Rotarians had raised \$3,155 for Crow Wing State Park.

March programs included Highway Construction, Manganese, and Mrs. E. M. Anderson on new business in Brainerd.

April 11 was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Bemidji Rotary Club, parented by our club, which then appeared in Paul Bunyan beards, led by Pres. Ray Gould. Bemidji has prospered, and we sent a respectable delegation to their celebration.

April brought us a lively discussion on what to do with the old Post Office building; also socialized medicine, the High School choir, and a report from Raymond Martin of Thief River Falls on his experience with the Russians in Finland and Russia.

May and June furnished various programs, including Salvation Army and a word as to plans of

our President to be and especially the dinner May 17 honoring our charter member Walter F. Weiland on occasion of Fifty Years as a Practicing Attorney and for Community service Above Self.

June 28 was Ladies' Night and installation of new officers, closing another constructive year for Brainerd Rotary.

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(40) HAROLD GETHMANN  
1960-1962

On June 28 our new President Harold received a new gavel from retiring President Paul.

Born on an Iowa farm, he had been occupied in the production and distribution of food most of the time since, until in 1946 he purchased his own store and developed his feed and hatchery line.

At the Director's meeting of July 11, Past Pres. Geo. Ribble was named Chairman of a Committee to prepare a History of our Brainerd Rotary Club.

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, and again on July 26 we listened to Sherman Holbert of Onamia, first on the Ojibwa Indians, and later on Wild Rice – its growth and harvesting. And July 19, Mary Hanson told of her experience in the Far East.

In August Fred Rogers brought us Johnny Kundla re basketball and the new Y.M.C.A building to be, to which building fund our club pledged \$100.00; Dolph Simons, Jr., told us of his experiences in South Africa, where he was a correspondent for Johannesburg Star; and Will Anderson, Chairman Rural-Urban Committee, reported the gift of an animal clipper to Gary Johnson at the County Fair, in Recognition of outstanding work in 4-H Dairy Program.

In Sept. our Directors raised the initiation fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The Highway Patrol gave us a safety talk, re bicycles especially.

October brought Kiplinger's "behind the scenes" of various Gov't Departments; Carl Erickson, on work of County Attorney; a program on lung Cancer; and a letter from our District Governor showing our attendance above average.

November we heard from the State School and Hospital, where our Tom Loudon donates service; from Boys' State and Girls State and on the 15<sup>th</sup> occurred the visit of Dist. Gov. Ralph M. Bird, of Port Arthur, Canada, who reported all Rotary Gov's. of the world appeared at Lake Placid for the annual indoctrination session.

On the evening of Dec. 6 we hosted 148 visiting Rotarians from the head of the Lakes and Range Rotary Clubs – a tremendous success. The program from our Washington High School Choir, directed by Curt Hansen, was outstanding. Ed Eklund, the "Scandahuvian Accordionist", added much to the evening.

Later programs – Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation; Tamara Thabes reported, as an Exchange Student in Finland; and Chamber of Commerce Pres. Will Anderson presented his Committee Chairmen.

January reported 117 Rotary Foundation Fellowships for study abroad; us with 14 members with six month's perfect attendance and Duluth Rotary Club to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in February. And we heard from Dr. Michael Fa, born in Hungary, and there until 1957.

In February Dr. Knoll spoke on "Effect of Alcohol"; and in March the Highway Patrol reported that 25% of fatal accidents someone was drunk, while in 80% someone had been drinking. Our Jr. College, the County assessor, the Agricultural Agent for the N.P. Railway, our Navy; and discussions of the Purpose of Rotary, all gave food for thought. We discussed changing our By-laws, and decided to leave them alone.

In April came a program from Mitchell's Hobby Shop. Also a very enjoyable visit to the Little Falls club.

In May we listened to Supt. Sater on our Brainerd Schools, and V. Pres. Earl Johnson reported on the Bismarck-Mandan District Conference, attended by 558 Rotarians from 41 clubs. June brought us Secy. John Buckley, who described the new Y.M.C. A. building; Fred Kellett, H.S. Coach, on boating and water safety; and Dr. Joseph Free, Prof. Of Archeology, described finds at Dothan, approximately 50 miles north of Jerusalem, verifying many Bible records.

34 U.S. Senators, 54 Congressmen and 20 State Governors are Rotarians.

Pres. Harold's accomplishments were many and varied, showing increased attendance, joint meetings with both Duluth and Little Falls, the by-laws were brought up to date, started to bill the members quarterly for meals and dues, initiated the luncheon meeting of the Board of Directors on the first and the third Mondays of each month; and ending the Ladies' Night on June 28, when he handed the gavel to our new President Earl Johnson.

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(41) EARL JOHNSON  
1961

July 4<sup>th</sup> was on Tuesday, so our new president lost out on his first meeting. Next--the folks from the Nisswa Summer theatre were delayed, so the program was from the cast of the "Old Opera House" of Pine Beach. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, Bill Matthies presented a most interesting program on skin diving, after a resume of activity of the Minneapolis Millers Hockey Team.

August brought us a color slide view of the R.I. Convention in Tokyo; Harry Larson of our new Larson Mfg. Co.; the visit of the 558<sup>th</sup> dist. Gov. Bob Allison of Fergus Falls, who was introduced by Gov. Fred Rogers of a Southern Minn. District; and stirring program from the Northeastern Minn. Org. of Economic Development; and the announcement that Brainerd Rotary Club ranked number one for attendance in July. And Peter Koop with a fine

resume of operation of U.S.I.S. as it works in foreign countries.

September programs included a good one on Estates, Wills etc. A report of visiting foreign students en group; a boost for Build Brainerd, Inc.; Bob Watkins re the history and growth of the N.W. Paper Co.; Clayton Hamilton, owner of Conifer Laboratories, a local chemical plant. And an informative program on Communist activities in neighboring Mexico.

October brought the Business and Professional Men's Charities in which Rotarians take active part; Dr. Norquist, a vacationing missionary, recently home from Tanganyika, East Africa, with slides depicting life in his field; Wm. Bentley, new Chamber of Commerce Secy.; Mrs. Carl Zapffe, showing pictures; and a Rotary Ann's View of the Tokyo R.I. Convention; and an "Open Meeting", at which no decent discussion was barred, called a Club Assembly.

In November we heard from Adult Evening Classes, at Junior College; Minn. Arrowhead Assn. and it's invitation to join them in advertising N.E. Minnesota; The Rev. Gerald Huff on a naturalized American's view of his former home, Canada.

December started with a program from airline pilot on the growth of air transportation and some of its problems; on the 12<sup>th</sup>, we joined the Lions Club at Elks Hall to see and hear Jack Kralik and Rip Pepulski boost the Minnesota Twins Baseball aggregation; later were entertained by the W.H.S. Choir under Curt Hansen; beat the Lions at the Christmas S.A. kettle drive; listened to two former Englishmen, Art Cave and Leslie Mudford on Christmas as celebrated in England; and were stunned by the news that President Earl had accepted a job in Chicago, had resigned, and given over the gavel, after a very profitable and promising half a year.

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(42) MARV HEDBERG  
Jan to July, 1962

January 1, Vice President Marv Hedberg was moved up to the Presidency. At our last meeting John Sullivan gave the Rotary moment, using a joke from the current Rotarian which was so universally applauded as to suggest the laxity of our members in reading our magazine.

In January we listened to a dissertation on the Income Tax and the suggestion that we may ere long become numbers for the computers rather than names; a talk from our own Stan Jensen on the duties of a court Reporter.

Joe Marchel told of noting the Four Way Test, pinned to the wall of a barber shop in Mexico City.

Ilisa Lachner, exchange student, spoke of her country, Austria, and it's beautiful scenery.

Some 28 Brainerd Rotarians visited Walker, account their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In February lecture on Space Communications from telephone man, including a demonstration of satellite sound transmittal.

A fine baseball program – Minnesota Twins Film.

February 20, our program was sidetracked – watch Col. John Glenn on television as he returned from orbiting the earth. Ilisa Lachner returned and spoke on Austria from political, economic, and educational points of view. She thinks our school requirements are easy.

March. Nice histories of two new members – Bill Bentley, Chamber of Commerce Secretary, and Norb Mueller, Manager Raymond Bros. Tfr. Co. (3/13).

County Auditor Einer Anderson, on taxes.

Three high school students of "Youth for better education club" gave us their opinion of our schools.

A visiting Japanese foreign student girl spoke.

April-Mayor Levi Johnson, President, introduced John Buckley, Secy. Y.M.C.A.

Cyrus Magnussen, State Com. Of Ins. And State Fire Marshall, spoke.

Harold Pitt, new man at Paper Co., on "thoughts of a new resident".

Jody Bang, daughter of Ray, life in Chile (her husband a professional musician).

In May – Several spoke on "Why I joined Rotary".

Area Redevelopment Agency (letter from Chamber asking home for out of town J.C. student).

Judge Longfellow told of his varied duties.

Prize students from W.H.S. and Jr. College – Young brains – addressed us.

Ray Swenson reported on Student Loan Funds.

June brought John Bedard on Jr. Economic Conference in Minneapolis.

State Commissioner of Public Welfare, on his department.

And "Pete" Humphrey, Historian for Crow Wing County Historical Society.

An informative half year, after which President Marv was chosen to serve a year of his own.

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(42) MARVIN HEDBERG  
1962-1963

Pres. Marv requested all committee chairmen to have their reports in his hand by July 15.

Six new names were added to our Paul Bunyan Axemen in July.

Lt. Roger Nutting, a graduate of Annapolis, reported vividly on submarine warfare.

Levi Johnson was again elected to honorary membership. Charter Member Walter Wieland told past and predicted future of Brainerd Airport.

Chuck Johnson brought us John Sell, who explained Salk and Sabin vaccines for polio; advised all to take them this season as opportunity is provided.

In late July "our" Fred Rogers, now of Edina and Past Dist. Gov. of that district, gave an excellent talk on the scope of Rotary, and its meanings.

August we heard from Bill English, our delegate to Rotary International Convention at Los Angeles. Thirty-eight visiting Rotarians enjoyed a fine meal, courtesy of the Brainerd Rotary. This is Brainerd's way of saying; "We enjoy your company and hope you will return again."

Sympathy was expressed to Ray Gould in the loss of his namesake grandson.

Tom O'Brien presented Lt. Col (retired) Hortense McKay, an army nurse who served on Bataan and Corregidor in World War II.

Sept. 4, Bill Kranz presented a film showing things railroads are doing to expedite freight and passenger services. John Sullivan urged us all to vote.

Six Rotarians attended the annual Grand Rapids Invitational meeting and golf tourney. Warren Welton resigned from our club.

In Oct. Major Bob Olson, of 194<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion, Minn. National Guard, spoke in favor of the M.N.G. remaining under state control rather than national. Probate Judge Longfellow told of experiences in Juvenile Court.

Mr. Herrman, of German dept., told of his study in Germany last summer.

Later in year Joe Marchel gave us a "pilots" eye-view of the S.A. and Caribbean areas, as he saw them 20 years ago while flying air freight for Naval Air Corps.

Duluth, Superior, Mesabi and Iron Range Rotarians numbering over 100 guests made their annual trek to our fair city.

A young man spoke of "visiting" in Germany, Switzerland, Holland, etc. Meeting young people rather than visiting "tourist sights". A very human story.

Our pre-Christmas Rotary Moment, reading the Nativity according to St. Mark.

No meeting on Christmas or New Year's Day.

Early in the new year, Bill Bentley of the Chamber of Commerce, brought a film on Tax Reform in Minnesota; and Mrs. Mary Swanson, social worker at the State School and Hospital, spoke with special emphasis on rehabilitation. Later Dr. Harold Robb, psychiatrist gave us additional talks on the subject.

Bob Erlandson, of A & E Oil Company, was welcomed into our club as the newest member. Later Jack Chalberg discussed laws affecting Jr. Colleges, now before the Legislature; we saw a film on cancer, ably explained by our own Dr. Bob Poppie; and Bert Le Blanc told of his game farm just east of Little Falls.

April 2, we passed the crying towel re taxation, which provoked a good discussion. Bill Stalt, of Anchorage, Alaska, said things are similar up there. He is Finnish Consul in the Twin Cities.

Ray Hoffman, electrical contractor, was voted a member to our club.

In May we heard Jerry Stroud, student and assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church; three new members gave autobiographies and Ed Sullivan reported on Student Loan Fund and its many facets.

June brought Vern Armfield, communications engineer from Fargo, with a program on outer space; Rep. Chas Halstad with a rundown regarding last Legislature; a program on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and a fine Rotary pep talk by "our" P.D.G. Fred Rogers.

A well rounded, informative administration.

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(43) W.W. (BILL) THOMPSON  
1963-1964

The year of President W.W. (Bill) Thompson's reign commenced on Tuesday, July 2, 1963. At that time we had a membership of 75 in the Brainerd Rotary Club.

On Tuesday, July 30, we were hosts to all visiting Rotarians. We furnished their dinner and had an afternoon of golf, cards, or most anything they wanted to do. The program for the day was that each visiting Rotarian was asked to take the floor and talk on any subject he cared to for a minute. It was a real interesting program.

Ed Meirbachtel, past district governor of District 595 gave us a fine talk on Rotary and Rotary Foundations.

On August 27 Governor Almond Olsen made his governor's visit to our club. His reports were good and he complimented the Brained Club on progress it was making in many fields.

On September 19 and 20 the District Institute was held in our area at Roberts Pine Beach Hotel. It was a fine institute and a good turnout by clubs in the district with the exception of the Brained Club. This was disappointing as we were the host club and we had very few members attend the institute.

Also during the years 1963 and 1964 we had a foundation student chosen from our club. His name is David Sauvageau and a real sharpie. We will certainly hear more from him in the future years.

International President Carl P. Miller's program of district-to-district tie up was put into effect. Our district was matched with District 103 in England and our club matched with West Hartlepool, Durham, England.

The Fargo club instigated a flight from our district to district 103 in England. We, in turn, started a pot to help finance the trip for one Rotarian and his wife from our club. All names were put in and a final drawing was made and won by Bill Graham. So in April Bill and his wife and Jack Anderson and his wife, who paid their own way, made the trip to England and visited District 103 at West Hartlepool.

They gave a fine report on returning and it was real interesting. The summer of 1965 District 103 of England plans a visitation to our district.

We had our annual Ladies' night combined with our Country Store night and a good time was had by all.

Financially we are in good shape and also have a permanent secretary-treasurer which has proven to be very successful.

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(44) WM. H. (BILL) RIBBEL  
1964-65

1965 was Rotary's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Charles W. Pettengill, President of Rotary International, adopted the slogan of "Live Rotary" and proposed that we do it in four ways, by sharing Rotary, in every business relationship, through your community leadership and through our world friendship. Their Objectives were accomplished at least in part though the Rotary year.

We took in several new members and dropped a few old ones to end our year with a net gain of ten. This not only filled a few open classifications but gave us new vitality and some fresh ideas. One big objective of the board of directors was to get our newer members better informed about Rotary. To accomplish this Dan Neff was appointed chairman of the Rotary Information Committee. Dan did a wonderful job in organizing and leading discussion groups of older Rotarians and the new members who met with them to learn of our history and objects. As part of his education program Dan also organized a little quiz to be presented at the weekly meetings to the membership in general. To win the weekly drawing the question had to be properly answered. We found out that we knew far less about Rotary than we thought and in order to disperse all the unearned prize money Inky Skarolid and Paul Cibuzar took over the quiz session one day to ask such question as; How old are you? What was your wife's maiden name? They got rid of our ten dollars in a hurry.

In September we finished up the project of placing street marker signs in the cemetery. One evening about a dozen Rotarians worked hard digging holes, mixing concrete, and placing sign posts to name previously unmarked streets. It was our hope that the markers would make it easier for visitors to find graves by providing them with some reference point to start from.

Christmas came with one success and one defeat. The success with the Christmas party at our regular meeting. Members brought their own children and presents. Santa Claus Will Anderson kept some of the smallest all eyes and wonder as he passed out the gifts. Our defeat came in the Christmas bell ringing contest with the Lion's Club. Their barroom caroling paid off more than our hardworking street corner bell ringers. Our hope is that our future administrations will find some way to reverse this trend and beat those Lion's.

February found us losers again in the inter-service club Olympics. This is a spot where we

hope our new young athletic Rotarians will be helping us out in the future. It was a great moral victory for our team however, as we scored fourteen points against a total of four for the previous years.

After a winter of looking out at snow up to your neck, springtime was really welcome and Rotarians thought that the town should be cleaned up a bit. Under Chairman Les Hage a month-long clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign was started in Brainerd. One big accomplishment of the project was securing of a lease from the N.P. Railway to securing the land on the corner of Sixth and Washington. The corner involved will be planted with shrubs and flowers by the local garden society who will be responsible for it's upkeep. It should do a lot to brighten up one of the busiest corners in town.

Summer found us approaching the end of the Rotary year with Ladies' Night at the Country Club and also a visit of several Rotarians from our District 103 in England. William Dixon of West Hartlepool, England, our matched club, and Walter Dixon from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England, were guests of our club and stayed with Jack Anderson and William Graham.

Our program chairmen, Ping Purinton, Bob Weizenegger, Verne Anderson and Wayne Cutis did a fine job throughout the year. The programs were varied and interesting, informative and entertaining; they probably contributed a lot to the better than average attendance figures that we kept posting throughout the year. During the year we also received some interesting reports from our club sponsored Rotary Fellow David Sauvageau who was studying in Vienna. Ed Tom O'Brien was chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee which offered David's name as a candidate. Brainerd Rotarians may be proud of the representation that Dave is giving us.

We also had some check writing projects to the Camp Fire Girls, the Foreign Student fund, a Community College Scholarship, Y.M.C.A. memberships, Crow Wing County Fair Prizes, the Rotary International Foundation, aid to Gwen Borden, a student who lost much in a fire, the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Program, and the School Patrol Camp Legionville. Many Rotarians worked hard and with enthusiasm to make this a pleasurable year for President Bill to serve.

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(45) WAYNE T. HUSO  
1965-1966

Wayne T. Huso took over the office of President July 6, 1965. The total membership of the club at this time was 78. By the end of the year, after the losses and gains, we had a net increase of 3, with a total membership of 81.

The new board of directors were as follows: Wayne T. Huso, President; Bill Kranz, Vice President; Obert Benson, Secretary; Bill Ribble,



Past President, and directors Dan Neff and Einer Anderson.

The past policy of having a board of directors meeting twice a month was continued, at which time the business end of Rotary was accomplished.

On July 27, 1965, we started a new award system for Rotarians who had accomplished a great deal of work exemplifying the "Service Above Self" motto. The first to receive this award were Ray Madison for his twelve years of outstanding work on the school board, and Ed Tom O'Brien for his twenty-five years of faithful work with the Red Cross.

On August 17, 1965, we had another Visitors Appreciation Day. Making the visitor feel welcome in our club has continued to be an important part of the Club's summer activity and this extra appreciation is very well accepted.

We needed a good project and this is what was developed . . . Paul Mans, one of our new Rotarians, permitted us to use his Gull Drive In Theatre for a benefit show. With some very persuasive salesmanship on the part of a large number of Rotarians, we cleared \$1,200...our thanks to Ray Bang, project committee chairman. These funds were given to the State School and Hospital to purchase band instruments for the patients at the hospital. I am sure there were many proud Rotarians when we turned our check over to Harold Peterson of the State School and Hospital.

On October 27, 1965, District Governor Charles Whittey visited our club, giving us a motivating talk and impressing upon the club the important of "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most, Who Serves The Best". We had a terrific crowd at the club assembly, with 16 present.

On November 9, 1965, we had a wonderful Intercity meeting, with about one hundred and twenty people in attendance, of which there were about fifty guests from surrounding areas – once again demonstrating the fellowship ideals of Rotary.

During the Christmas season we had a lot of fun with the annual children's party. We also came out the victors in a much disputed Salvation Army Fund Raising Campaign. We once again showed the Lion's Club how to raise money.

We started a Giant Junket To Denver to assure attendance of someone to our National Convention from our Brainerd Club. Frank Sullivan, the winner of the \$300 trip, represented our club at the convention. This drawing took place at our annual Ladies' Night, which also was a night to honor George Ribbel with a "Service Above Self Award". George has contributed much to Brainerd over the past years. Once again Tom O'Brien shocked everyone present with his ability to introduce all of the Rotary Anns by their first names ...quite an accomplishment!

Due to the hard work of the board of directors, the committee chairman, and of all the Rotarians, this year of 1965 and 1966 will stand out in

President Wayne's memory as a very pleasurable experience.

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(46) OBERT H. BENSON  
1966-1967

Many accomplishments and achievements by our club go into the record of this Rotary year.

Excellent programs, too many to enumerate, prevailed throughout the year with no disappointments. "Rotary moment" was reactivated and contributed greatly to each meeting.

The weekly bulletin blossomed out with a new format and the new face brought nods of approval from all the members. A new club banner in the Paul Bunyan motif to match the bulletin was designed by Ray Bang and it is truly one of which we are all proud of.

Attendance was remarkable with high 91.55 average for the year and eleven per cent above district average. Rotary international reached a membership of 600,000 – likewise, another significant milestone in the history of Brainerd Rotary was reached, namely our goal of 100 members. District Governor Milt Kvikstad made a special trip to introduce our 100<sup>th</sup> member – a gain of 14 during the year.

Seventeen members joined the realms of the now world-famous "Paul Bunyan Axeman of Brainerd Rotary" Another first was established by the presentation of an annual award to Sister Margaret Mary making her the first female to become a member of the Paul Bunyan Axeman but it was a worthy gesture because her delightful and humorous presentation of mythical stories of Paul Bunyan drew standing ovation.

So successful was the first "Father-son and Father-daughter" Easter Party for older children of members that it likely will be an annual affair.

Our inter-city stag, with new innovations enjoyed by any visitors as well as by our members, was acclaimed a "must repeat" in future years. Inter-city visitations elsewhere included bus trips to Walker to help celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to Duluth for an outstanding Rotary inter-city affair held at the new Duluth Civic Auditorium with attendance reported as 900 plus. All district conferences and meetings including the annual goodwill meeting at Winnipeg were well represented by our club.

We were honored by dual representation at the Rotary International Convention at Nice, France. Wayne Curtis and Felix Alexander (who flew from a mechanical engineers assignment overseas to join Wayne) attended.

A picture taken on "Visitors Recognition Day" lists 43 visitors present and they provided an outstanding program as arranged by Carl Zapffe, Jr. and Fred Rogers.

"Service Above Self" awards and a surprise recognition programs during the year honored Walter Wieland, Bill Turcotte and George Ribbel, Sr.

This was a winner year for our club and just to list a few of the new:

(a) Won the inter-service club golf tournament.  
(b) Received the trophy for winning the annual Salvation Army Christmas bell-ringing competition raising money for needy families.

(c) Was awarded a trophy for winning the annual service Club Olympics.

(d) Raised the most money for the Bataan Day Fund.

The year was saddened by the death of Art Paul.

This then is a nutshell glimpse of our club history 1966-1967 and since it is impossible to list individual credits for this event-filled gratifying year President Obie says, "It was the enthusiasm and the cooperation of the officers and all the members that made this rotary year to be log remembered."

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(47) DANIEL B. (DAN) NEFF  
1967-1968

President Dan accepted the Rotary Gavel from Obert Benson, the retiring President, on June 25<sup>th</sup> 1967.

International President Luther Hodges' program for the year was to be the club program also. His program was as follow:

1. Make your Rotary membership effective by showing a greater interest in Rotary service, starting at club level.
2. Get personally involved in Rotary.
3. Be loyal to your community and nation and serve them wherever possible.
4. Keep informed and develop an understanding of the problems of the people of other nations.

To get Rotarians involved in doing something for Rotary we expanded our head table from four to six places. One place for a different member each week to introduce the guests. One place for a new member or old member to be recognized or for one who would give the Rotary Moment. The important day in every man's life is his birthday. The first meeting in each month all members with a birthday during that month would sit at a special table and be recognized and be served a special birthday cake. (Each member had the privilege of contributing one dollar to our birthday fund.)

We also recognized Mrs. Ethel Nelson who has served Rotarians their meals for the past ten years and not missed a meeting.

A Service Above Self Award was presented to Marv Hedberg for outstanding Community Service.

Our record of attendance was not outstanding but almost in the top 10 percent in our District 558. Our record of perfect attendance was recognized and appropriate pins presented to members.

Hanspeter Borgwarth ----- 2 year pin  
Wayne Curtis ----- 3 year pin  
Willard Johnston ----- 3 year pin

Dan Neff ----- 4 year pin  
Obert Benson ----- 5 year pin  
Clarence Reinschmidt ----- 8 year pin  
Harold Stone ----- 21 year pin  
John Stensrud ----- 21 year pin

During the year our club was saddened by the death of John Erickson, George Ribbel, William Cleveland. All will be missed by our club members and the entire community.

Our program committee presented us with very interesting and thought-provoking programs. We congratulate all of them. Only one program did not materialize. Two committee members paid their fine and we had a "What is your opinion?" program put on by the members. One member discussed a subject that was important to the community and others were invited to give their opinion.

Bill Graham brought us William Schimmel, an artist from Arizona, who drew a picture with water colors. He gave a demonstration on how to work with water colors. All money taken in on the sale of the picture went into the conference program.

Governor Paul Boman visited our Club on October 10, 1967. In the morning he met with the officers, directors and committee chairmen and held an assembly meeting. At noon he gave us a very inspiring program. He said, "The key to being a successful Rotarian is being personally involved." Governor Paul was made an honorary Axeman in our Club.

Fourteen new Axemen members were added this year and they make a great contribution to our Club.

One of the outstanding meetings of the year is the Children's Christmas Party. This year it was in the early evening. The youngsters took part in the program and gave us a real show. The expressions in their faces and eyes of these children certainly make this program worthwhile.

The Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing drive was a very successful one. We came in second with \$522.13. The other club took in over \$600.00 but the Salvation Army recipients were the real winners.

Our Ladies' Night and Valentine party is always a highlight of the year. It is the one time of the year we can say thank you to the Rotary Anns for all the things they encourage us to do during the year.

At a regular meeting a business session was opened and our entire Club membership voted to invite the district to come to Brainerd in 1971 for the district conference. This will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At this same meeting a committee of past presidents was appointed to select a Rotarian to be nominated for district governor for 1970-71. This committee selected Ed Tom O'Brien. Thirty-two Rotarians and Rotary Anns went to Duluth to the District Conference. At this conference Ed Tom O'Brien name was placed on records as the district governor nominee for 1970-71.

The Y.M.C.A. Olympics was won again this year by the Rotary team. Our thanks to the younger set

for the gymnastics and the older set for cribbage and checkers.

The Winnipeg International Fellowship Meeting on February 25 was another inspiring international meeting. International President Luther Hodges was the guest speaker. You can begin to get the feel of the size of Rotary from this international meeting.

Fourteen members attended the orientation or fireside meeting led by Roy Winkler. The special Rotary meeting is held to discuss Rotary for the entire evening.

During the year we attended meetings as follows:

Onamia ..... 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
West Fargo ..... Charter Meeting  
Wadena ..... Annual Rotary Party  
Detroit Lakes ..... District Assembly  
Bemidji ..... Leadership Forum  
Winnipeg, Canada.... International Goodwill Meeting  
Duluth ..... District Conference

We began the year with 100 members. During the year we lost 18 members and took in 12 new members with a total of 94 members at the end of the year.

Rotary International has 13,256 Clubs in 143 countries, 632,000 members as of July, 1968. This was a gain of 365 new Clubs since July, 1967.

We commend the past officers for their selection of permanent secretary, John Stensrud. This makes the position of President a pleasure instead of a hard job.

The final meeting of our year was held out at Madden's Inn and Golf Club. "Fun Day" for Rotarians and Rotary Anns, visiting Rotarians and Rotary Anns and guests. A fun-filled day was had by all who attended, participating in golf, swimming and cribbage. The day was climaxed with a prime rib dinner. John Hoven from KCMT, Alexandria, was guest speaker. At the close of the meeting the Rotary gavel was presented to our new President Einer Anderson.

Dan thanks all of the members for making this a full and eventful year in his life.

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(48) EINER ANDERSON  
1968-1969

History is a narrative of our accomplishments and failures, but not necessarily of our hopes and ambitions.

Our 48<sup>th</sup> year saw many activates, events, and some accomplishments. Heading the list was the election of Tom O'Brien as District Governor-elect for 1970-71 at the District Conference in Grand Forks. We were fortunate that our club had among its members a man so well qualified for this important role in the life of Rotary. Secondly, the acceptance of our invitation to hold the 1970-71 District Conference in Brainerd, which will highlight

our club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Brainerd's Centennial year.

A new idea for money raising was initiated – a turkey Barbecue. This first annual barbecue was a huge success, both from a money raising standpoint and the fellowship it generated among our members. We found that the theme of Rotary International – Participate – was indeed the key to its successful conclusion.

Our Human Relations Project was advanced by the donation of \$275.00 for additional material to assist the musical program at the Brainerd State School and Hospital. An excellent program – "Crisis in Black and White" – presented to the club by Reverend Dallas Young, further displayed Rotary's concern for their fellow man and human relation problems.

Governor Ed Larson visited our club on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A morning conference with the governor and committee chairman was both stimulating and informative. The Rotary Ann's were also busy. A noon luncheon was held at the President's home for Governor Ed's Rotary Ann and the wives of club officers.

The highlight of the Christmas season was the annual Children's Christmas Party. The holiday season was also brightened by those cheerful twins – Tom and Jerry.

The Valentine Party was again a highlight for Rotarians and their Rotary Ann's. Once again Tom O'Brien amazed everyone by introducing all the Rotary Ann's by their first names.

On to Winnipeg for the International Goodwill Meeting --- another project in "Participation". The hospitality room sponsored by our club gave the member's of District 558 a chance to meet and visit with our members and our nominee for Governor of District 558. The fellowship and hospitality at this international meeting was another highlight of the Rotary year.

We again recognized our visiting Rotarians, by inviting them to be our guests at a special buffet luncheon. As this was visitors' day, our guests assumed the responsibility of conducting the meeting. "Tall Onion Men" awards were given to certain members of the Brainerd Rotary Club. Fittingly, a green onion boutonniere was pinned on the selectively chosen candidate. A real fun day at Rotary.

The final meeting of the year was held at Madden Inn and Golf Club. Swimming, golf, bridge and boating were all part o the fun filled schedule. The cocktail hour at six was followed by the well-attended banquet at which time the gavel was presented to our new President, Elliot Whoolery.

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(49) ELLIOT WHOOLERY  
1969-1970

This was the year we held our membership to the 100 mark even though we lost three members

through death and two others moved from our community.

Started a new program of inviting the wives of new members to the orientation meeting of new members with the idea of offering the wives an opportunity of knowing a bit more of Rotary and Rotary Ann. Six new members and their wives participated and a good time was had by all.

Under the direction of Einer Anderson, past President, the club went all out to stage a turkey bar-b-que for funds to host the future district Rotary convention. The Rotarians who really made it a success was Hanspeter Borgwarth.

Ladies Night was a real fun night with Norwegian humor by Luther Bjerkie. This was held at Pine Beach.

Carl Zapffe, Jr. gave us his usual rousing summer program. This time his subject was the "Crossroads of Civilization".

Harry Wareham brought us the President of the University of Youngstown.

How did we do in our inter-service contests—splendid. First place in the Golf Tournament. Squeezed by the Lions in the Salvation Army Kettle Ringing (by \$0.36). Olympics championship was won in a breeze.

Big change came about in electing new members to the board of directors. The by-laws were changed so that only one member is elected each year instead of electing all members each year.

Some of our notable programs included Billy Martin the then deposed manager of the Twins and J.P. Dumino, a Rotary president from South Africa.

Biggest news of all was election of Tom O'Brien to Rotary District Governor.

Saddest was the loss of three of our members by death. Bill Turcotte who was a member of the Brainerd Rotary Club for 48 years, Obert Benson and C.O. (Mark) Markson.

Biggest excitement was the total destruction of our regular meeting room when the Country Club burned to the ground a few days before Christmas. Lost everything we owned. Spent the rest of the year as guests of the Elks Club.

At each Tuesday's meeting President Elliot kept all in attendance on edge with a story or two.

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(50) HANSPETER BORGWARTH  
1970-1971

When on our Ladies Night at Madden's Hans accepted the gavel from Elliot, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year started officially. A great party with four past district governors, and one district governor, our own Tom O'Brien attending. 1970-71 the Brainerd Rotary Club added a colorful chapter not only to its own history but also the happenings in our District 5580.

We started the year with a membership of an even 100 and ended with 104, a marginal gain but

considering the quality of the members the quantity should always be considered unimportant.

We had many notable programs throughout the year. In August Carl Zapffe, Jr. talked to us on the "Generation Gap" and the causes of its existence. The August program of our visiting Axeman was a fun affair.

After a successful Salvation Army Bell Ringing in December, January 1971 started with many activities, our Tom O'Brien gave his district governors message to the club and also in his capacity as Centennial Year Chairman asked all Brainerd Rotarians for help in this year's celebration. Tom O'Brien, a fine example of Service Above Self.

On Tuesday, May 27, the banquet hall of the Brainerd Country Club was jammed with Rotarians, Rotary Anns, and guests meeting to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary in Brainerd. With Fred Rogers, former district governor from Edina and a permanent summer visitor and Paul Bunyan Axeman as our guest speaker. This theme "Thou Art Great People"...his challenges: use the power of Rotary for great things in the future.

Our excellent program was mastered by Elliot Whoolery, with Jack Chalberg and Einer Anderson, Co-Chairman of the festive event.

On June 24-26 our Brainerd club hosted the combined assembly and the conference of District 5580 at Madden's on Pine Beach. The Staples and Little Falls clubs were actively involved in the Conference programs.

It was a great success in every way with Dan Neff as General Chairman. Outstanding attendance from nearly all of our district clubs, great weather, challenging programs, but most of all the hospitality and fellowship, a memorable event.

After all the highlights and events of this Rotary year, we were all saddened by the passing in June 1971, of Walter Wieland the last charter member of our club.

Enthusiastic participation of all Rotarians in the many committees, a dynamic board of directors, the always helpful permanent club secretary, John Stensrud, made this Rotary year an unforgettable experience for Hans. Thanks, you Brainerd Rotarians.

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(51) Dick Breen  
1971-1972

The year after the District Conference, a City Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary was dedicated to keeping the strong membership together and a united project. A committee under Past President, Hans Borgwarth, was formed to review many options and select a major project.

Attendance pins were given to Wayne Curtis – seven years, Dan Neff – eight years, Harold Stone – twenty-five years, and John Stensrud – twenty-five years. The Club, which rose in membership from

105 to 110, placed in the top two or three each month of the year. The reason for the attendance could be traced to the programs. In a unique July program, several unnamed members cooperated with staff of the Highway Patrol to demonstrate the devastating effects of liquor on reactions. Representatives from Scorpion, Inc. displayed their enthusiasm, and we learned of the intensive care unit, which was part of the new building addition at St. Joseph's Hospital, a project which had been aided by the club.

The club was saddened by the loss of Harold "Inky" Skarolid, who had greeted our many summer guests for years.

At the end of the summer, Governor Guy Larson of Bismarck visited us with his theme "Goodwill Begins With You". The club sponsored golf team finished the summer in third place.

Our own members also provided programs with Bill English reporting on the Rotary International Conference in Sydney, Australia; Marv Campbell as former President of the Minnesota Bankers giving us a lesson on economics; and Jim Madden conveying to us the history of the Madden complex.

The usual youth emphasis of Rotary produced Craig Arnold, a local foreign exchange student; a program by Future Farmers of America; and a full program by our weekly student guests.

Our local institutions were displayed by representatives of Minnesota State Learning Center from the Brainerd State Hospital, the exhibition department of St. Joseph's Hospital, and the new County Court System.

At Christmas time, the kiddies were told the meaning of Christmas by Dave Pearson, and the other service clubs once more learned of losing as the Rotarians were victorious in the bell ringing, raising \$781.99 for the Salvation Army.

A Ladies Night was held in March with a fine turnout. Eight Rotarians participated in goodwill at Winnipeg, and Tom O'Brien and Dick Breen attended the District Conference in Thunder Bay.

Our final pledge as paid on the YMCA addition, a scholarship to Brainerd State Junior College was awarded, and the usual 4-H and school patrol awards were made. To replenish the treasury and anticipate contributions to the new Salvation Army building, a turkey barbecue was held in June.

The year was climaxed by presenting Jack Chalberg the "Service Above Self" award for this many contributions to the community. Our final ladies night was held at Madden's with Ken Wolleat accepting the Gavel for the new year.

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(52) KEN WOLLEAT  
1972-1973

At a ladies night party on June 28, 1972 at Madden's Lodge, I was presented with the gavel by Dick Breen the outgoing President. In my welcoming remarks I stated that I would do

everything to make this a good year for the Brainerd Rotary Club but that I would need the help of every member.

On June 26 we had our annual turkey barbecue which was a great success. Our net profit was \$985.79. In July Felix Alexander gave us a report on what he was doing for the United States government in Saudi-Arabia. Felix was the foreman in the construction of a desalting plant.

On September 5 Larry Lopp brought Mr. Barbour who spoke to us about National and International racing and what Donnybrooke could mean to this area. Later Ed Tom O'Brien brought Henry Robinson "Deputy District Rotary Director" from Kent, England who talked about the Foreign Student Program and on September 29 District Governor Ed Evens was here for his annual meeting with the officers and members.

Our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing contest with the Lion's Club turned out to be no contest. The Rotary Club collected \$475.00 more than the Lions.

The new year brought such outstanding programs as Ken Vig, a design engineer for the Minnekota Power Cooperative of North Dakota, who spoke on the economy of using lignite coal for power, and Bud Gorham who talked on gun control.

During the year three orientation meetings were held at which time nineteen new members were indoctrinated.

My only regret in turning the gavel over to Ray was that the past Rotary year went too rapidly.

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(53) RAY HOFFMAN  
1973-1974

Our change of gavel party this year was held at Dutch Cragun's resort. It was a wonderful evening with good food and entertainment.

The beginning of my year as President was marred by the loss of a good friend and past president, Ken Wolleat. Ken passed away the latter part of July.

We had help from our Rotary Anns this summer. They took turns hosting any visiting Rotary Anns. Their participation was much appreciated.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, our Axemen again took charge of our meeting and did an excellent job led by Rud Brosious.

Our speaker was R.N. Bergendorf whose talk made this a meeting to remember.

One of the highlights of our year was to be honored by a visit on Sept. 14 from International President Bill Carter. This was made possible by the occult powers our Ed Tom O'Brien seems to possess. It was an Intercity meeting and a huge success thanks to wonderful jobs done by all involved.

Our District Governor Stan Sahlstrom met with us on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a good Assembly and a well

attended meeting. Our attendance for the year remained in the top four clubs of the District.

We had a routine year at Christmas time beating the Lions again in our annual bell ringing contest.

A good group went to Winnipeg on a bus sponsored by the Wadena club and shared with Little Falls, Park Rapids and Brainerd.

We had many good programs through out the year with only two programs failing to materialize. This means all committees did a very good job and we are grateful.

This year was a first for our Club. We sponsored Jim Spangler as our Group Study Exchange student to Denmark.

The high-light of our year was the International Convention held in Minneapolis-St. Paul on June 9 thru 13<sup>th</sup>. It gave many of us the opportunity to see at first hand the inner workings of Rotary.

In closing, I can only repeat, thank you John Stensrud, board members, committee chairmen, and all Rotarians who helped make this an unforgettable year for me.

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(54) DALE B. NATHAN  
1974-1975

Perhaps the most favorite Ladies Night, among those scheduled was the "Change of Gavel" party which occurred at Maddens on June 25, at which time I accepted the gavel from Ray Hoffman the outgoing President.

As we embarked upon the new year there were 111 Rotarians in the club. To this number we added 12 but lost 9 members through either transfer, deaths or drop outs; and thus we ended the year with 114 members.

We had approximately 450 visiting Rotarians, and 105 visitors that attended our club meetings during the year. The largest number of visiting Rotarians was 43 which occurred on August 13, when District Governor "Wes Westmorland" addressed our club.

Some of the more interesting high lights or activities of the year were;

1. Our annual Turkey Barbecue which netted \$1,160.00 most of which was donated to Johnnie Inkslinger Days and Camp Confidence.

2. A Rotary party at Camp Confidence on October 1 which included the Rotaryans was attended by approximately 30 Rotarians and Rotaryans. It was a cook-out, followed by tours of the grounds and some comments from the staff at Camp Confidence on the facilities. A most interesting program and outing.

3. The club won the Bell Ringing Contest again for the third consecutive year. The big effort resulted in raising \$813.00 for the Salvation Army.

4. Endorsement and promotion by the club of Dan B. Neff for District Governor for 1976-77. Although Dan lost the race to Dr. Art Malcolm from Geraldton we had a good time promoting Dan. We

visited several area clubs and attended the International Goodwill Meeting in Winnipeg, and the District Conference in Duluth. The Goodwill Meeting in one respect was a new experience for the Brainerd Club. We chartered a bus, and for the first time included the Rotaryans the annual tip. Thirty-four Rotarians and Rotaryans attended what was rated by many as the largest turn out for any previous Winnipeg Goodwill Meeting. The Conference in Duluth on April 4-5-6 found 17 Rotarians and Rotaryans in attendance. Hopefully, more such tips will include the Rotaryans in the future.

5. An Exchange meeting was instituted between our club and the Wadena club. Approximately 30 Rotarians on a chartered bus went to Wadena on April 29 for a dinner meeting. Our club took over the entire meeting including the program. On May 27, Wadena reciprocated with approximately 20 of its members at our club. In both instances the experiences were refreshing, entertaining and loaded with goodwill. Plans are being formulated to insure the continuation of the exchange program.

6. During the year three dinner meeting orientation sessions were conducted for new members and their Rotaryans by the Board Members and their Rotaryans. It's perhaps one of the best functions for new Rotarians. Much was presented about Rotary locally and on the International levels through a slide presentation and talks by the club directors. It's also an opportunity for the new Rotarians and Rotaryans to meet each other, as well as meet the Board Members and their Rotaryans.

7. The Rotary Group Study Exchange from Denmark had to be the special event of the year. From May 17 through May 23, five young men and their Danish advisor lived in the Brainerd area as part of an International Rotary Program. While they were here they participated in sightseeing trips, visited businesses, industrial plants, and educational institutions in the Brainerd, Little Falls, and Staples communities. Rotarians of the club for the most part were responsible for planning their stay, taking them on tours, as well as providing housing.

One of the special events of the exchange Group was a Ladies Night where the Danes entertained us with a slide presentation of Denmark. The experience of having these six talented and wonderful individuals in our community and homes will be difficult to duplicate. The group spent 8 weeks in District 558 visiting many towns, and Rotary Clubs.

8. Some of the Projects that we supported with contributions from the club during the year were; Camp Confidence, Johnnie Inkslinger Days, Brainerd Community College and Vocational School Scholarship, Legionville Patrol, Crow Wing County 4-H, Shriners Bus to North-South Football Game, St. Joseph's Hospital and Brainerd Ice Arena. One

major project endorsed by the club which to date has not involved any expenditures is the Council on Aging Project. Among some of the features of the plan is to provide funds for Senior Citizens sightseeing trips, and a directory of services available to senior citizens of this area.

9. Our club became a 300% club in Rotary International. Our club has given approximately \$3,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation to achieve this milestone. It take \$10.00 per member to achieve a 100% club.

10. Our club won the Tom O'Brien Attendance Award for 1975 in District 558 with 94.23% of attendance. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

11. At the close of the year we again had our annual Turkey Barbecue which was headed by Brad Davis as General Chairman. It was an outstanding event. In addition to the funds that were raised for worthwhile projects, the Rotarians participated in one of the finest activities which fosters fellowship and develops the spirit of doing things together.

The final meeting of the year was the "Change of Gavel" party at Maddens on June 23 which was attended by an enthusiastic group of 110 Rotarians, Rotaryans and visitors. It was one of the largest groups attending such a function. John Fitzpatrick graciously accepted the gavel at that time.

Serving as President of this club was indeed a very exciting, refreshing and rewarding experience for me.

I had the good fortune of having an excellent group of fellows as Board of Directors, Chairmen, and Committee people all of whom did an excellent job which in my estimation made this a most successful year.

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(55) JOHN FITZPATRICK  
1975-1976

The year of 54 meetings began on June 24, 1975, when Dale Nathan accepted his plaque commemorating his contribution to good will at the Winnipeg Goodwill meeting and didn't spin to a close until after Dave Reed succeeded in ducking out on his first meeting as President on June 29, 1976. In addition to the regular Brainerd meetings held by club members, exchange meetings were conducted in Wadena and Little Falls,

As you will recall, I early on declared that I could "do no wrong" and consequently could not be fined during my year in office. This pronouncement led to several outbursts from club members who refused to accept the concept of "sovereign immunity" but who were "finely" silenced by repeated visits from the sergeant at arms.

In October a group of stalwart hunters--minus your truly—took part in a deer hunt as guests of the Sheridan, Wyoming Club. If anyone is interested in an unused Wyoming hunting license as a souvenir, he should contact me as I stayed home to assist at

the birth of my daughter, Jean, rather than join in the thrill of the hunt.

November saw the club recognized by District Governor Fred Kegel when he presented Dale Nathan with the "Tom O'Brien trophy." This award was given in recognition of the club's leading the district in attendance at regular meetings during Dale's year as President. During 1975-1976, attendance continued to average between 90 and 95 percent which should be at or near the top for the District.

The club participated in two water related projects during the year. First it purchased for use in the 1976 Bi-Centennial celebrations the "Water Tower" float to be used as an advertisement for both Brainerd and Brainerd Rotary and second it enthusiastically supported me as I completed my one lap in the Marathon Swim to benefit the YMCA. I am still grateful that Ben Grussendorf arranged for the fire department rescue squad to be at poolside in case it was needed.

In addition to the trips to Wadena and Little Falls and Sheridan, several Rotarians attended the Winnipeg Goodwill meeting and the District Conference at Mandan, North Dakota. The hospitality rooms we put on were the talk of each gathering.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we Rotarians rang the Lion's bell again on behalf of the Salvation Army. The \$1,000 collected topped even our previous best effort by nearly \$200.

Not wishing to rest on its laurels, the club accepted the chairmanship of the Bi-Centennial picnic scheduled for one week after the annual 1976 turkey Bar-Be-Que. Planning for these events took up a good deal of meeting time the last half of my year as President and almost, but not quite, cut down on the fines accrued against deserving club members and visitors.

Fortunately, my year as President ended with a change of the gavel party at Cragun's just before the start of the Bi-Centennial celebration as the spirit of rebellion was rife in the club and the concept of "sovereign immunity" was about to be overthrown as the club prepared to join the country in the 1976 celebration of independence from autocratic rule.

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(56) DAVE REED  
1976-1977

Our change of gavel party was held at Cragun's this year and Howard Black, chairman of the event, reported the party was in the black for the first time in many years. A profit of \$38.10 was realized when the entertainment failed to show up.

The year started off quickly with the first activity of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July with the Rotary Club co-hosting the Area Centennial Picnic at Lum Park. Coming off the Annual Turkey Barbecue the Sunday before many stalwarts maintained their enthusiasm and worked

hard serving a picnic lunch under the leadership of Ray Bang and Ray Madison. George Kriha was a great success in the baseball throw dunking cage.

August brought us the annual Axeman's program and an axeman from Morton, Illinois, Jack Swanstrom, was the program chairman. August 24 brought the District Governor, Dr. Art Malcom and his wife Jane to our meeting. Another notable event for August, the meal billing was raised to \$2.50 which included a 10% allowance for the waitresses for the first time ever.

Programs in the fall covered many things. Two notable ones dealt with the need for a new Public Safety Building and Jail and Tom O'Brien talked about the need for a building for the Historical Museum – maybe it should be the old Jail?

Jim Bedard and Gil Caron co-chaired the annual bell ringing contest for us and we came out on top with a total of \$1,117.78. Five foot five inch Dick Endres brought us five foot nineteen inch Jim Trucker a former Harlem Globetrotter, to speak to us. Tom O'Brien brought the good news that Dan Neff was the District Nominating Committee's choice for District Governor for the year 1978-1979. As this turned out, another club strongly sponsored another candidate and, as a result neither was elected for the position but a third person made it.

Twenty eight people made it to Winnipeg for the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Rotary Goodwill Get-Together on February 17 – 20<sup>th</sup>. Mention should be made on the passing of Gordon Grain a members just since October. Marc Halverson took over as recording secretary from John Stensrud who had held the job since 1963 and Harry Davey did an admirable job as editor of the weekly bulletin.

The Wadena Club attended our club meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> as our clubs had been exchanging meetings for several years but our club didn't manage to reciprocate this year. Our club decided to take a rest from having the Turkey Barbecue, it would have been the seventh in a row. The District Conference was held in Fargo this year with Dave Reed and Al Schlegel in attendance.

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(57) AL SCHLEGEL  
1977-1978

The year started with the gavel being passed at a fine affair held at the Holiday Inn. Our meetings were held at the Country Club, with the girls, Diane and Jo providing us with great meals. Your President tried introducing a soup and sandwich lunch which met with "mixed results". Even the side dishes of sauerkraut were not well received, except by Hanspeter. Tom O'Brien played the piano and Jack Swanstrom led the singing in his own "Drill Sergeant" style, at times relieved by Pete Humphrey and Wayne Huso. Hanspeter Borgwarth was enlisted to introduce our visitors (with me interpreting). And as a first, Doug Splady was

engaged as our resident joke supplier to the delight and groans of everyone.

Our District Governor was Werner Zentner of Wahpeton, ND., and he presented a very good program on his visitation.

Some of the years more notable events were; On August 16, 1977 the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brainerd Rotary Axeman formed by our Ray Bang. The speaker was Harry Wareham and his wife Millie accompanied the singing on the organ. Sept. 6, 1977, honored by the attendance of 40 Rotaryans at our first fifth Tuesday meeting. John Stensrud and Harry Wareham were honored for 31 years of perfect attendance. May 30, 1978 an evening Steak Dinner program with our Rotaryans joining us. Helen, my Rotaryann, led the singing. A lovely evening, it should happen more often.

Rotary again won the "Bell Ringing" competition with the other Service Clubs by collecting \$1748.00.

Each week our program chairman brought us interesting programs. As ever, some of our best were given by our own members. Dick Hoffman, Walt Webster, Bill Mattson, Jack Swanstrom and Walt Koep.

Our District Conference was held in Hibbing and I was pleased to attend as I became a Rotarian, in 1955, in Hibbing.

After much effort and most diligent fine collections, it was determined that we needed other sources than fines to fill our coffers, so it was voted that we would again have a barbecue in July.

The Change of Gavel was held at Madden's with great entertainment provided by Gayle Anderson's singing and Paul Lagergren's artistry on the organ. The gavel was presented to Ray Burnett and I became history.

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(58) RAY BURNETT  
1978-1979

The year started with a visit by District Governor Miles Rowe of Wadena, who was our first speaker.

Our meetings were held at the Brainerd Country Club. Our programs were identified with club, vocational, international service, however, our emphasis this year was on community service.

The Turkey Barbeque was revived after a year lapse, allowing the club to fund its many service projects.

This year marked the first year the spouses were encouraged to attend the Winnipeg meeting. Although some party boys complained, the ladies turned out in large numbers.

We very much enjoyed our special meetings; The Axeman in August, Fireside in September, Rotaryans in October, and the Children's Christmas program with our very own near sighted Santa. Our occasional program given to biographies were boring, interesting, unbelievable, and often hilarious.



On June 26, 1979 the gavel was passed to the capable Bob Weizenegger.

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(59) ROBERT (BOB) WEIZENEGGER  
1979-1980

The new Rotary year started with a pre-4<sup>th</sup> of July bang: our annual Turkey Barbeque was held on July 1, 1979. The Turkey Barbeque Chairmen, John Kurtzman and Dennis Johnson did a great organizational job and all members performed their assigned jobs in their usual efficient manner. The Barbeque was a success both socially and financially with the Club making a profit of \$4,060.52. This is more important because the Barbeque is our only significant money-making project.

In the spring of 1979, we heard about Operation Aware when Dr. Leonard Sarvela of Duluth and Dan Salentino, Director, appeared at one of our meetings. Operation Aware, an awareness program for sixth grade students, impressed our members and we decided to adopt it as one of our primary projects. The Operation Aware program teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade students how to deal with negative peer influence which they will encounter as they grow older and enter Jr. High School. Under Community Service Committee Chairman, Jack Swanstrom, Youth Activities Chairman, Ken Nelson, Tom O'Brien, President Bob Weizenegger and others, the Operation Aware program was pursued. Our Club sponsored several area teachers to the Aware Workshops in Duluth and through our efforts Pequot Lakes, Crosby-Ironton and Brainerd School Districts adopted the Operation Aware program. This will be a continuing project and we hope to encourage and assist other schools to take part in this worthwhile program.

In July 1979, our Directors, were approached by the Officers of the Crow Wing County Historical Society, and we were asked to "Spear Head" the Crow Wing County Historical Society Building Renovation Campaign. This, a campaign to raise funds for the remodeling of the old Crow Wing County Jail into a Historical Society Museum, was under Chairmen, John Kurtzman and Dennis Johnson. A Steering Committee and eight other committees were established, and solely comprised of Rotarians. All Brainerd Rotarians were assigned jobs and all worked in the raising of money for the Historical Society. Brainerd Rotarians had contributed \$34,000 and assisted in the securing of \$223,000 in contributions and pledges to the Renovation Fund. The total goal is \$272,250.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1979, under the Chairmanship of Carl Zapffe, Jr., the Paul Bunyan Axeman, conducted our Rotary meeting. As usual the Axeman presented an excellent program.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1979, Paul Bunyan Axeman, Roman Arnoldy, of the Houston, Texas Rotary Club presented a most interesting program.

At that time, Roman was a Vice President of the Houston Rotary Club and was scheduled to be President, the 1980-81 Rotary year.

The Houston Club to which Roman belongs to is the largest Rotary Club in the world, with over 800 members.

Roman was born in Redwood County, Minnesota, grew up and was educated in Minnesota and after World War II, started a business in Texas, which now has four divisions and employs over four hundred people.

At various times during the year our own members presented weekly programs of great interest; Chet Snyder on the Rotary International Convention in Rome, John Kurtzman on the Crow Wing County Historical Society Fund Drive, Marvin Campbell on "Banking is Your Business Too", Dale Nathan on "The Brainerd Community College", Charles Persons on "Rotary Practices and His Personal View on Religions", Jay Lowry on Boy Scouts, Felix Alexander on Iran, Alan Cibazar on "Environmental Quality in Area Lakes", Frank Sullivan on his efforts to locate his WWII buddies. As we always say, some of our best programs are presented by our own members.

District Governor, Robert Olson of Fergus Falls, made the Governor's annual visit in November and conducted a Club Assembly at the Brainerd Holiday Inn on the evening of November 19, 1979. He met with our club at our Tuesday, November 20, 1979 meeting. He gave a most interesting and inspirational talk.

At each meeting during 1979, each member put a slip with his name and fifty centers into "the pail", for a weekly drawing. Instead of winning a small gift as was the practice in the past, the winner's name was recorded and on November 20, 1979, District Governor Bob drew from the pail containing slips with the name of the lucky winner of, not a gift, but a Paul Harris Fellowship Membership. The winner was Bror Erickson.

Paul Bunyan Axeman, Norval Hodgson, organized a fund drive, involving the other Axemen, to raise money to award Brainerd Rotarian and Axeman founder, Ray Bang, a Paul Harris Fellow Membership. They were short on funds but the Brainerd Rotary club had extra money from our Paul Harris fund, so we combined our money and a Paul Harris Fellow Membership was awarded to Ray Bang.

The presentation was made by District Governor Bob Olson; thus, two Brainerd Rotarians became Paul Harris Fellows on the same day.

On Saturday, December 8, 1979, Rotarians "Rang the Bells", for the Salvation Army at Gibson's, the Brainerd Mall, K-Mart and Downtown. We again beat the Lion's Club raising \$878 for the Salvation Army.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, December 18, 1979, at our regular meeting. Santa appeared.

The Duluth Rotary Clubs held a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Rotary International on February 8, 9, 10, 1980. Several Brainerd Rotarians attended. President, Bob Weizenegger and his Rotaryann, Jane, and Past District Governor, Tom O'Brien, attended a special Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, luncheon at Duluth's Kitchi Gammi Club, at which International President Jim Bomar Jr. spoke.

Members toured Glensheen on Saturday afternoon, attended the President's Banquet at Paulucci Hall, the evening of Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> and took part in an Ecumenical Church Service, Sunday morning, February 10, 1980.

Twenty-five Rotarians and fifteen wives from the Brainerd Rotary Club traveled by bus to Winnipeg for the annual Rotary International meeting held February 22 through February 24, 1980. Ted Helgeson was honored by being elected Pres. Of O.R.I.F., the Order of Rotary International Fellow.

The annual District 558 Assembly and Conference was combined and held in Moorhead, MN at the Holiday Inn on April 24, 25 and 26, 1980. Edward Lander of Grand Forks was elected District Governor for the year, 1980-81.

Brainerd Rotary Past President, John Fitzpatrick presented our Crow Wing County Historical Society Building Renovation Campaign project to the Conference for consideration for the District 558, Significant Achievement Award. Wadena and Port Arthur receiving the award for their project involving vocational counseling by means of video tape.

Our 1980 Turkey Barbecue was held at Paul Bunyan Amusement Center on Sunday, June 29, 1980, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As usual, the members "pitched-in", working to make this annual primary fund raiser a success. The barbecue was held this day because Rotarian, Larry Lopp, owner of the Paul Bunyan Center, had a reunion for all of his present and past employees, on that day. Larry purchased over 300 Barbeque tickets for his employees who attended the reunion, thus helping to make our barbecue a financial success. For this we thank Larry.

We have now gone "full circle", starting our Rotary year on Sunday, July 1, 1979, with our Barbecue and ending it on Sunday June 29, 1980, with our 1980 Turkey Barbecue.

We started our 1979-1980 year with 106 members. We lost 10 members during the year for various reasons and gained 11 members, thus ending the year with 107 members, a net gain of one.

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(60) JAMES (JIM) H. BEDARD  
1980-1981

The year started out with the Change of Gavel Party at Cragun's which included installation of officers, awards and recognitions, plus outside entertainment from a humorist.

Throughout the year, the meetings were held at the Country Club in Baxter including two Firesides for new members, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Membership stood at around the 100 mark and attendance in the 70% range for the year.

The largest project was the Turkey Barbecue at Paul Bunyan in late June. The Rotary Club also participated in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing competition and won the trophy for the service club raising the largest amount of money, over \$1,300.00. As usual there was also a bus full of Rotarians to Winnipeg.

The Club constitution was changed to set up a true board of directors where members served for a specific term and governed the club and elected officers. The old systems had been one of "chairs" where once a person was elected to the board of directors they would serve until they worked their way through to presidency. Problems had developed in the system as members dropped out or moved away causing Rotarians to move up to the Presidency with little board experience.

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(61) MARC HALVERSON  
1981-1982

The new year started with a "Change of Gavel" party at Cragun's. The newly slimmed down Marc Halvorson took over as President for the '81 - '82 year. One of the features of the party was Tom O'Brien's introductions of all the Rotaryanns by their first names. (This turned out to be the last time Tom would entertain us with this feat.) John Stensrud was honored for 35 years of perfect attendance, Jack Swanstrom for 16 years, Don Piphos for 7 years, and a special award was presented to Ebba Helgeson in remembrance of Ted's 30 years of perfect attendance. Herman Molin was recognized for his faithfulness on the Fellowship Committee. Publisher Henry Mead entertained us.

Our big Turkey Barbecue was held on Sunday, July 12. It was the first time we had faced a threat of rain, but after a turbulent morning the sun came out and we served 1636 people. Co-chairmen, Con Bye and Earl DeRocher reported a profit of approximately \$3,533.00. The profits from the barbecue were used for many of our favorite projects including donations to Courage Center, the Boy Scouts, Camp Confidence, Cancer Retreat and scholarships to the Vocational School and Community College.

District Governor, Lorne Harris, visited our club September 16<sup>th</sup> and had a special session with officers and committee heads.

We had a inter-city meeting with Little Falls in October. There was a Fireside meeting for new members and wives on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sawmill Inn. This featured fellowship, dinner and Rotary information. The Piphos hosted an evening dinner meeting for the board of directors in

November where they discussed and planned projects and activities for the balance of the year.

Again we rang the bells for the Salvation Army and exceeded all other clubs when we brought in a total of \$1,135.00. We were awarded the trophy permanently because of the many years we have won this event.

We had our annual Children's Christmas Party on December 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring Santa Bedard and Story teller Steve Schaitberger, and we had our regular Tom & Jerry party on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Winnipeg Goodwill meeting proved to be one of the interesting events of the year. Approximately 40 persons made the trip and some of the group were entered in the bonspiel contest. Dale Nathan and William Graham III were co-chairmen of this event.

Committees were set up for the Brainerd District Conference in 1983 by co-chairmen Don Pipho and Dennis Johnson. The Secretary is Jim Koerper and the treasurer is Darrell Johns. All members of the club have a committee job and plans were underway as early as March of '82.

In April we had an all-service club meeting at Harold's. It was a good fellowship and gave us some time for bragging. We also met the Lions in a golf match which they won.

The club made an effort to get a Rotary Foundation Scholarship for a well-qualified local student, but did not make it.

Rotary can be proud of their work on the Sidewalk Project at Camp Confidence during the last of May and first of June. They prepared the base and poured over 220 feet of 54" wide sidewalk at the camp.

We had a good representation of officers and members at the Thunder Bay District Conference where they studied the operation of the conference for our own use in 1983.

We awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Dave Reed. Each member put 50c in the kitty each week and we draw one name each week to be put in the final drawing which is made when we have \$1,000.00 in the fund.

We received new song books making for easier and better singing. During the summer season our visiting Axemen introduced the guest.

Our programs throughout the year were excellent. Many were done by our own members. We also started publishing the histories of the members and hope to continue this project.

We think it was an outstanding year. Most members were active at one thing or another and SPECIAL NOTE; Tom O'Brien, in his last year, introduced the ladies, introduced new members, brought interesting visitors, played the piano, made a scholarship proposal to Rotary International and was planning for the '83 Conference.

The officers this past year were President Marc Halverson; Vice President, Curt Murton; Past President Jim Bedard and directors Bernie Roscoe,

Harry Nysather, John Kurtzman, Don Pipho, Jack Swanstrom and Conrad Bye.

Five of our members passed away during the year and left a big void in our club. They represented such a big part of our history and our activities. They were Harold Peterson, Bert Gendron, Larry Lopp, Tom O'Brien and Harold Nordgaard.

17 new members joined the club this year. They were: Robert Ryan, Bruce Buxton, Sheldon Goldberg, Walter Koep, Charles Klettenberg, Jim Johnson, James Demgen, Richard Ross, Breck Dokken, Robert Meyer, Paul Lindbloom, Dr. Don Gunderson, Ben Nordell and Gordon Winzenburg.

New Axemen appointed were: John Ravenhorst, Glendale, AZ; Allen Merkat, St. Paul, MN; Norman and Elwood Mears, St. Paul, MN; Gary Nelson, Mound, MN; John Linneman, Vista, CA; Bruce Schlosser, Kansas City, KS, Ed Geiger, Edina, MN; Sam Cote, Edina, MN; Sam Scott, New Albany, IN; John Kerster, Fort Dodge, IA; Gene Peterson, St. Cloud, MN; George Fergerdon, Peoria, IL; Fred Smyithe, Bemidji, MN; John Houston, Sauk Rapids, MN; John R. Young; Rochester, MN; James Lewis, Ft Wayne, IN; Dr. Art Wells, Duluth, MN; Jim Weigel, Duluth "Skyline" MN; George McPheeters, Auburn, WA; and John Havenec, Grand Rapids, MN.

We started the year with 106 members and ended with 109.

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(62) BERNIE ROSCOE  
1982-1983

Marc Halverson turned the gavel over to Curt Murton, our new President, at a Ladies' night affair at Madden's. There was golf in the afternoon and the speaker for the evening was Dr. Gordon Volkenant, an invention specialist. Perfect attendance pins were given to Roger Thomas, Jack Swanstrom and John Stensrud.

A new system on our Paul Harris Fellowships was started. Put in \$1.00 and a drawing will be held at the close of the meeting and there will be a \$25.00 cash prize. The balance goes into the Fellowship fund and the board will use it to select another Paul Harris Fellow.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Barbecue was held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time we had a threat of rain, but it cleared up and we served 1450 turkey sandwiches from 78 turkeys. The profits from this event allows us to be charitable to many groups and organizations that need help.

At our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we got the word that President Curt was leaving for a new job in Dallas, Texas, so we lost our number one turkey barbecue assistant. Bernie Roscoe took over as President after serving his V.P. post for only a couple of weeks. Bernie had previously been President of the Little Falls club so he came into the job with experience.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> we had a visit from District Governor Bob Chase. This was to become a happy relationship since our club had been selected to host the district conference. Dennis Johnson and Don Piphoo were chosen to co-chair this project. During this time Dennis Johnson and Gary Kurilla were elected to the board of directors.

In September, Don Piphoo who was our secretary and the co-chairman of the conference, advised us that he was moving to New Mexico. Jim Bedard took over as secretary and Con Bye moved in to fill the co-chair spot on the conference committee.

We participated in the YMCA Olympics with some success...not the best, but not the worst.

We were back ringing the bells for the Salvation Army again at Christmas time. We kept giving until we were winners of the annual event. We ended up with \$1384.74 which bought a lot of food baskets.

Ping Purinton and Ed Fox were elected to fill the two vacancies on our board of directors.

A full bus load of Brainerd Rotarians traveled to the annual Winnipeg Goodwill event for the four days in February, Feb. 24-27. By all reports this was quite an adventure.

Pete Johnson was the leader in our Model UN project. Rotary had two representatives at this Winnipeg event. The representatives were Joel Kautz and Bobbi Bye who returned from the trip and gave us a full and interesting report.

We continued to enjoy a wide variety of interesting programs throughout the year including many from our own members.

Probably the most fun for us all year was the birthday greeting brought to us by a buxom, signing show girl especially for Con Bye and the time we were all taken in by Dr. Gunther Schmidt, a fake German, who had us rolling in the aisles with his perfect imitation.

The District Conference, of course, was our top project for the year. We must give special thanks to the co-chairmen Dennis Johnson and Con Bye and also the leadership of our President. We were told, and we believe that this was one of the best ever conferences. The setting was perfect, the contribution of the various members was outstanding and the remarks from those attending were "positive." 35 clubs from the district were in attendance.

A real highlight was our Inter City meeting with the Little Falls club. They came to Brainerd and took over the meeting. It was great to get together with our neighbors.

New members this year were: Gordon Winzenburg, Ray Hoffman, Lee Mielke, Don Rasmussen, Dennis Gohl, Robert Nystrom, Randahl Hoghaug, Joel DeMent, Fred Smyithe, Warren Williams, John Given and Brian Thuringer.

New Paul Harris Fellows this year were Harry Nysather, John Stensrud, and Ray Madison.

New Axemen were Don Piphoo and Reid Giese.

We were saddened by the loss of our longtime member Judge Henry Longfellow and two of our old-time Axemen, Bob Goodwin and Ray Josylyn.

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## (63) CONRAD (CON) BYE 1983-1984

Some years are good, some years are bad – this year was one of those.

Splish, splash, come on in, the water's fine. There is John F. and El Presidente of Rotary frolicking in the Holiday Inn pool during the Rotary meeting. Is this another Rotary tradition? Or, is this the normal behavior of Brainerd Rotarians?

The announcement of the Rotary Club's first place finish at the YMCA Service Club's Olympics was just made. The team, after months of strenuous training, dieting and consuming health foods, came on strong in the events of checkers to dethrone — and captured the gold. Congratulations to the team and Coach (Knute Rockne) Fitzpatrick.

We started the year of 1982-83 watching golfers on the greens at the Country Club and ended the year at the Holiday Inn. A special thanks to the Holiday Inn staff and chefs for their hospitality, excellent cuisine and fine service. Having a meeting place with no stairs to climb is great!

This year was a year of fun and associating with Brainerd Rotarians. As President, I became involved with the committees of Rotary and their purpose. In working with the committees, I was able to work and meet with the individual members of the Rotary Club and know them personally. I thank the Club for allowing me to serve as its President.

The Brainerd Rotary Club members exemplify Rotary's motto "Service Above Self". Whenever assistance is required, whether for a Rotary project, community service or personally, Rotarians always make themselves available. In reviewing the year, you may congratulate yourselves for the service to the community that Rotary has provided.

A sidewalk was completed at Camp Confidence, an educational exhibit sponsored at the Paul Bunyan Festival, as well as the club providing security at the gate. In youth projects, Rotary sponsored three Junior Leader scholarships for 4-H and sent two students to the Model UN at Winnipeg (Thanks Pete J.), donated to the Boy Scouts, YMCA and Civic Center Fund Drives. Once again, Rotarians won the challenge and out-belled the other service clubs for the Salvation Army. Our application was accepted for a foreign exchange student.

At the same time Rotarians are involved within the community, Rotarians are serving as President of the Brainerd Chamber, Mayor of Crosslake, St. Joseph's Hospital Board, Build Brainerd, Paul Bunyan Arboretum, Historical Society, Paul Bunyan Festival, Airport Commission, State Resort

Association – just to name a few of the civic and professional organizations Rotarians serve.

Being in Rotary is what you put into the club. The meetings are as fun and exciting as you make them. We have so many talented members that make our meetings successful. Some of the unsung heroes are the Music Committee – thanks Pete H., John A., Wayne H., Les M. and the new addition of Marv C. The programs were excellent and under the leadership of Randy H. and Don R., we had informative speakers. But not least, thanks to the turkeys, especially Breck D. and Pete J. for the BBQ.

The Rotary Anns meetings were developed by Harry N. The bulletin chores were undertaken by Bob K. – excellent job in filling the shoes of Ray B. Our Sgts, Jay S. and Jim A. kept the treasury in the black, while Walt C. and his crew arranged the room. Our Hospitality Committee is important as they greet visiting Rotarians and guests – thanks.

Who can forget the comradeship, fellowship and hospitality of Winnipeg. As usual, the club charged off to Winnipeg – a bus full plus another carload and in addition, some stray voyagers were found in the streets of Winnipeg. Jack S. and Dave R.'s storytelling were the highlight of the trip. Of course, who can forget the Bobbies (Dennis J. and the masked marvel)!

The year ended with the passing of the gavel to John K. at Madden's. Congratulations John and good luck next year. May your year be as rewarding and satisfying as I experienced.

Thanks to everyone, especially the Board of Directors for your guidance.

P.S. I apologize for forgetting or omitting any name or committee – it was intentional.

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(64) JOHN KURTZMAN  
1984-1985

Being the President of the Rotary for the years 1984 and 1985 started long before the actual Presidency. There was the preparation of being a board member for three years, and then being Vice President for one year before the Presidency.

Being asked to be a President is one of the greatest honors I believe one could have in Rotary. As I recall, my Presidency started on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1984. I was very nervous and the Change of Gavel party was set at Madden's that year. I was replacing Conrad Bye.

The event started at 12:00 noon and we had many events set up: golf, bridge for the ladies, and tennis. But that afternoon it started to rain and all the events moved inside. Some played table tennis and cards, and in spite of the weather, a good time was had by all. The evening started with a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 and at that time we moved into the dining hall. We had Jack Laimer as our guest speaker and, he being a comedian, had all the Rotarians and their Rotary Ann's rolling in the

aisles. We had a very nice evening and I became President.

By the time I became President, I had all my committees set up with the help of Conrad Bye and the Board of Directors. My Board at that time was Conrad Bye, Dennis Johnson, Gary Kurilla, Roger Thomas, Ping Purinton, Steve Esser, John Arnold, Jim Bedard, and Don Rasmussen as Secretary Treasurer. They were very helpful and I could not have had a successful year without their total help and support.

The Governor that year was Dave Green from Moorhead, where he was a college professor at Moorhead State. One of my major problems was getting things done in a manner that he as Governor wanted. But we were able to overcome those problems and our club benefited tremendously.

The year became very successful for our club because we were able to bring in 12 Paul Harris Fellows that year which we never had before and we helped charter a new club in Long Prairie, along with Little Falls. We had a record number go to Winnipeg that year and we started a curling event which we were never involved with before.

Our membership rose by 12% and the club worked very hard together. We had a successful turkey barbecue for a fund raiser that brought in \$4,500.00, and we used part of the money for starting the new charter in Long Prairie and helped establish a Rotary Foundation Fund and a work project at Camp Confidence.

All years have a sad part, just like life, and I guess the hardest part was three deaths in 1984 and 1985. Herman Molin, who was very active for many years; Fred Bieber; and my Business partner Dennis Johnson. Dennis was very active in Rotary. He was chairman of a fund raiser for the Historical Society which raised \$400,000.00. He was also a board member and President Elect.

The year rolled up with Gary Kurilla being President Elect and then becoming President. The Change of Gavel was held at Ruttger's.

This experience was the greatest I had ever had in my life and I wish that every Rotarian could be President or serve on the Board.

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(65) GARRETT J. (GARY) KURILLA  
1985-1986

On June 18, 1985 I humbly accepted the gavel from President John Kurtzman, the Rotarian that introduced me to Rotary six years previously in 1979.

The gavel was passed at the annual Change of Gavel Party, held for the first time at our new Rotarian Jack Ruttger's Lodge on Bay Lake.

As you might expect, Jack and his rotary "Ann" did an outstanding job hosting the occasion with boating, golf, and tennis matches as well as a fine dinner.

John's outstanding leadership had set a pace that previous year which I had hoped to compliment by:

1. To assist neighboring Rotary clubs
2. To form a President's Exchange Club
3. Further promote the Past President's Club
4. Institute an Operation Aware Program
5. Start a Rotary Club in Aitkin, Minnesota
6. Host a group Study Exchange from Mexico
7. Become more involved in the Rotary Foundation
8. Better understanding the World Community Service

Unfortunately, accomplishments did not meet my expectations due to the economic condition at that time, causing great financial issues and stress. Although there was a lot of pressure and talk, bankruptcy did not even come close to taking place, and we are thankful and pleased to say that we are now rapidly recovering.

It was a trying but rewarding year in many respects, and my Rotary Ann and myself grew with it, "thanks to God's grace."

We started the year with nine of us attending the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club.

The year Rotary reached one million members throughout the world.

It was the year Rotary International voted on female membership.

The year that turkey lost its flavor as a fund raiser only to be replaced by a "loose" Rotary auction.

The year we hosted a student from Malmo, Sweden and sent Kelly Kautz and Peter Lindbloom abroad.

Another year at the title for Salvation Army bell ringer.

The year our own Hanspeter Borgwarth was honored as President of the O.R.I.F., Order of Rotary International Fellowship at Winnipeg, Manitoba, along with the induction of Steve Esser, Steve Rathke, Vern Schlong and myself.

It was the year the club generously gave over \$1,000 to the Mexican Disaster Fund. Under Jack Swanstrom's leadership, Operation Aware took a big step forward.

On to Winnipeg was again a success with Steve Rathke at the helm.

This was the year that a \$9,500 pending tax liability was settled, thanks to Don Engen.

Rotary Ann program were better than ever that year with the leadership of Bob Nystrom.

We shall never forget the stimulating songs of the youngest Rotarian President, the late Wayne Huso accompanied by John Arnold on the piano.

Sergeant of the arms that year was Dick Ross and Ralph Hitchins who had the most creative and innovative program.

Our Board of Directors that year were: Don Rasmussen, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Johnson, John Arnold, Vern Schlong, Randy Hoghaug. All gave generously of themselves.

I was succeeded for the 1986-1987 year by Steve Esser, one of Brainerd's outstanding leaders as an individual and businessman which makes up a good Rotarian.

"YOU ARE THE KEY" was the Rotary theme that year and Dr. David Fihn was our District Governor.

The four way test meant much to me then as it does now –

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendship?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

I thank the Brainerd Rotary Club for the opportunity to have played a vital role with an outstanding organization and group of people.

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(66) STEPHEN (STEVE) J. ESSER  
1986-1987

1986-87 marked a year of great change and progress for the Brainerd Rotary Club. New projects, a new Brainerd club, approval of women in Rotary and District awards highlighted a year of cooperation among members.

The Board of Directors were Pete Johnson, Don Rasmussen, Randy Hoghaug, John Arnold, Vern Schlong, Harry Davey, Bob Nystrom, Jay Simon, John Kurtzman, and Steve Esser.

After years of sponsoring the Turkey Barbeque, the club undertook a new fundraising project, a Benefit Auction. Members contributed items for the auction held at the Bang Printing parking lot. Chaired by Mike Aulie and Harry Nysather, over \$3,000.00 was raised.

A major effort to increase contributions to the Rotary Foundation turned out to be a great success. With a matching program from club funds, we experienced a 74% increase in contributions. New Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Fellows were Don Rasmussen, Arden Scofield, Dale Nathan, Dick Johnson, Ping Puritan, Ray Madison (3), Dutch Cajun, Jack Ruttger, Steve Esser, Elwood Mears, Bob Nystrom, Jim Madden, Brian Thuringer, John Arnold, Tom Anderson, Paul Read, Vern Schlong, Bob Weizenegger, Brooke Silvernail, Paul Lindbloom, Hanspeter Borgwarth and Max Ruttger.

A new Rotary Club was created during the year. Recognizing the need for a morning club to accommodate more members, a group headed by Brooke Silvernail started the new club with 25 members, and transferred from the noon club to become the catalyst, the 18 new members were recruited. The new Brainerd Lakes Rotary Club held its Charter night April 22, 1987 at Ruttger's. Guest speaker was District Governor Gordon Judge from Thunder Bay. The Brainerd Rotary Club started the year with 113 members and ended with 100, due primarily to the transfer of members to the new club.

A new community project was tackled. The Brainerd YMCA was facing great financial difficulty. We agreed to take on a major portion of the fund-raising effort and helped to raise approximately \$70,00 to that effect. In addition, we raised money to fund \$8,000 toward a volunteer coordinator position at the YMCA.

47 Rotarians and their wives attended the Winnipeg Goodwill Conference, led by trip chair Steve Rathke. With the leadership of Hanspeter Borgwarth and Dale Nathan, "Rotary Information Moments", involving brief monthly reports from past Presidents, was initiated. We were saddened by the tragic loss of past President and song leader Wayne Huso, and the loss of long-time members John Riedl, Evert Lassig and Gil Caron.

The programs during the year were excellent. Chairman Dennis Olson did an excellent job. While many of the programs were outstanding, probably the most memorable was the address by the former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chief of Staff General John Vessey. As I write this report two and a half years later, it is interesting to note that General Vessey had just then been briefed about the Iran-Contra affair. Marv Campbell was to be thanked for bringing the General to Rotary.

The club hosted our third foreign exchange student. Patty Cardenas from Saltillo, Mexico, was a delightful student. In addition, we sponsored Kelly Kautz, son of Rotarian Bob Kautz, to a school year in Brazil. The first Annual Mille Lacs Lake Fishing Trip was initiated by Alan Cibuzar. This marked the beginning of the famous Rotary Trophy Hat! Three World Community service projects were funded. 1987 marked the year when a Supreme Court decision was handed down allowing women to become members of Rotary. The 400<sup>th</sup> Axeman was admitted to the club.

To top off a very active and rewarding year, the club was awarded two of the ten awards given out at the District Conference. We won the Rotary Foundation Award for having the greatest increase in contributions to the Rotary Foundation in the District; and the Significant Achievement Award based primarily for our clubs successful effort in starting a new club.

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(67) PETER (PETE) JOHNSON  
1987-1988

This was a year of changes. Women became eligible for membership, Polio Plus was assigned by Rotary International, and we brought in many new people who are already excellent members.

The first revelation that comes to a new President is that he is a "Janitor" with a title. The Board of Directors, not the President, make all the decisions. As it turned out, I was the dissenting voice more often than anyone else. Also, I was assigned the "mop-up" jobs. I called poor

attendance members, past due situations, and did a block and parry with charitable requests.

Following Steve Esser as President was a real delight. He had set up a well oiled operation. My goal was to keep it on cruise control.

Two highlights of the year are worth mentioning. The Past Presidents became more active. They helped nominate new board members, plan Fireside meetings for the rookies, and had a part of every other meeting to give a "Rotary moment." These moments ranged from quizzes to personal memories. Our past Presidents are a virtual treasury of Brainerd's best Rotarians. The second highlight was becoming Senior Active with 15 years of perfect attendance at age 38. It's a good thing I became Sr. Active; I just can't hold a classification for a real job very long!

The sad moment of the year was losing Rotarian Roger Thomas to death. He proposed me for the board which led to my year as President. A fine person. Lowlight of the year was seeing members not participate or even quit because their selfish attitude wouldn't allow them to see the larger picture of what our club does.

The big hurdles dealt with including having women become eligible for membership. No doubt they will become excellent members and make our clubs more active. I must admit though, I felt as if Rotary's ground rules were changed (after 15 years) without my permission. However, let it be!

Polio Plus was a major financial drive for our club during the year. We were assigned a goal of approximately \$21,000. This came on top of our Y.M.C.A. pledge of \$8,000.00. The members, without grumbling much, supported these projects and made them successful.

We had a good group of new members. They were active. In fact, we had a Minnesota Gophers basketball game here in Brainerd for a fund raiser. I put our rookies in charge of this project and they did an excellent job. The longtime members also liked the fact that they weren't badgered into more work in a busy year.

The best butt chewing I got was from Jack Swanstrom. He wanted Polio Plus to get off the ground right.

My most enjoyable program was a fellow who explained the battle between the old guard and the rebels in Nicaragua and Honduras. He may have sounded like a "Commie" sympathizer, but it sure was interesting.

Looking ahead, I see R.I. and the District imposing more activities on the local clubs. Whether it be Polio Plus, pressing for volunteers to go overseas, student exchange, and the Group Study Exchanges, Rotary has decided to step into the world arena in a more public fashion. Our club will be asked to be a part of this new dynamic style of Rotary.

I believe that our club can help in these areas of outside growth, but what our club needs most is to help our local needs. Our weekly programs have

impressed on me the crying needs of our own lakes area people. I hope we do not lose sight of this.

Our club can be proud of the help it gave during the year. Below is a list of some I can recall:

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| Y.M.C.A.                      | Student Exchange        |
| Soup Kitchen                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July |
| R.S.V.P.                      | Beautification Blitz    |
| Public Library                | Grad Blast              |
| Women's Shelter               | Peru School Project     |
| A Cappella Choir              | Polio Plus              |
| Boy Scouts                    | Rotary Foundation       |
| Brd. Comm. Col.               | Brd. Vo-Tech            |
| Model United Nations Assembly |                         |

Most of all, the members of the club were good friends during the year. I was given respect, attention, and help in doing my job for the club. It was fun and we got a lot done.

(Editor's note: Peter Johnson has given unselfishly a weekend each year for many years to take two of our local students to Winnipeg to participate in the Model United Nations. Meeting with the youths, helping them to organize their thoughts for the debates on world issues and then driving them to Winnipeg to participate is a humbling thought for those of us who are "too busy" when called upon to volunteer.)

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(68) EDWARD (ED) FOX  
1988-1989

It will not be my attempt here to record all of the transactions and actions taken by the Club during the year; but to highlight events of particular note.

Officers during the year were; President, Ed Fox; Vice President, Jay Simon; Secretary-Treasurer, Don Rasmussen. Directors: John Stensrud, Dennis Doucette, Brian Thuringer, Jack Ruttger, Bob Nystrom, and Mike Aulie. Past President Peter Johnson, District Governor Earl M. Rogers. International President, Royce Abbey.

Early in the year the board struggled with the perennial problems having to do with members in arrears and with unsatisfactory attendance, and set up machinery to automatically eliminate members not complying. (Too much meeting time was being devoted to this negative aspect of Club life.) These actions created some discontent by some of the membership, however most recognized the need to set and maintain standards.

Membership fluctuated during the year at a near normal rate with an anticipated 5% gain for the year.

In addition to the more or less routine donations to the Boy Scouts, 4-H, etc, the Board supported the second part of a \$16,000.00 donation the Y.M.C.A. in the amount of \$8,000.00.

In other action we voted to donate \$3,200.00 to the Friends of Old Crow Wing for the rehabilitation of the Beaulieu House at Crow Wing State Park.

On the International scene the Club supported the collection of more than a ton of books for Lesotho, South Africa; and voted to support "Abba",

an African orphan for at least a year through the Rotary Club of Ghana Africa.

We took the top local award for our efforts in raising money for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Contest. We helped provide labor and materials for constructing a side walk, and for building a wood shed at Camp Confidence. We helped with a team for the Brainerd-Baxter Beautification Blitz, a cleanup effort by the community.

We provided financial support along with the Brainerd Lakes Club to a local group to develop a drug awareness film clip to be shown at local theaters.

Our Club sponsored a Brainerd High School student, Jill Johnson, who won the District prize of \$1,000.00 in the 4-way Test Essay Contest.

A concerted effort was made by the Board to keep the Club membership informed. The weekly bulletin will carry monthly reports on Board minutes, the budget, attendance, and a membership directory.

Fund raising efforts for the year were relegated to membership assignments. Future efforts will be toward projects that earn money for Club needs that require Club participation. The Turkey Barbecue will be held again in July.

Club meeting were enhanced by a concerted effort to have greeters at each meeting on a scheduled basis.

All members eligible for Senior Active status were moved to this classification in an effort to open up classification for new members and to be consistent with Rotary policies.

Nearly 50 programs were presented during the year at our luncheon meetings. Several programs will be called back for part two of their presentations mostly because of their extreme interest value to the club. We enjoyed a luncheon and tour of the Y.M.C.A., which was hosted by the Y staff.

The Board took the first steps toward formally recognizing individual members who performed good work for Rotary during the year. These awards were presented at the change of gavel party that was held at Cragun's on June 20, 1989.

I was pleased with the participation of the Board of Directors as a whole and they deserve to be commended for their efforts. My efforts have been toward getting each of the Directors to assume more responsibility for their area of service on the premise that their terms are for three years while the President's is only for one year. If there is to be any amount of continuity within a Club, the Board of Directors are the logical ones to carry it.

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(69) JAY D. SIMON  
1989-1990

1989-90 marked the third and final year of the Polio-plus campaign for the Rotary International. Many wonderful stories are being told by those who



ventured out into the jungles and desert's around the world to place a drop of vaccine on the tongue of a needy child. To me, a program like this is what Rotary is all about. It created goodwill and it will be beneficial to all.

Hanspeter Borgwarth chaired the annual Turkey Barbeque once again. For many years this was the only fund raiser. The Board of Directors felt a change was in order and eventually developed a plan to hold a hamburger feed in conjunction with the annual 4th of July celebration. Charlie Sheets and his committee did a fine job on organizing the project and we turned a nice profit.

John Schulling was our District Governor. Following his "inspection", the board implemented a workable means of keeping the members appraised of their membership and dues status. It seemed harsh, but we trimmed 11 members from the roster by December. This was good though, in that the membership realized their responsibility to Rotary. As a result, less time was spent at the board meetings on the problem.

Our Secretary, Don Rasmussen, was appointed the District Chairman of the Foreign Student Exchange Program. This is a tremendous job and is very time consuming. Essentially he is a parent to each of the 30 to 40 kids who come to the 58 clubs in the District. I was able to watch him in action on many occasions and he is understanding and efficient. My wife and I were one of the families who hosted a student, Cecelia Mandez, from Merida, Mexico. Soon after her arrival we found that her sister Patricia was scheduled to go to a Rotary Club in Pennsylvania, but at the last minute they canceled. Through my wife's persistent efforts involving consulates and finally Senator Boschwitz, we managed to get Patricia to Brainerd. Patricia lived with us for the year. Cecelia left us in December and spent the rest of the year with Dick and Kathy Herold. To be a host is a tremendous experience and I would encourage any Rotarian who has a student in high school to get involved.

One subtle project I attempted to pursue during my term was to work on the weekly programs. My aim was to avoid private interest groups who always seemed to be after money and get programs more in line with Rotary ideals – learning about the other person's business or special hobby. Early on, Con Bye succeeded in getting John Robbilar, and the CEO for the new MacMillan-Bloedel plant to speak on their new wood processing plan located near Deerwood. Many environmentalists and side groups were waging a determined effort to keep the plant out of the area. But, the determination of M-B was not to be thwarted, and as a result they are becoming another fine employer for the economically depressed Brainerd area.

May of our "own" members spoke about their businesses, and perhaps the highlight of the year was the program that Sheriff Frank Ball presented. There we all were in the Holiday Inn dining room looking at search and attack dogs and stomping and

snorting horses. It was truly a fine dog and pony show. Programs by Jim Cummings, DNR Park Naturalist were also well received. We are able to have Senator Dave Durenberger speak to our group.

We offered \$100.00 scholarships to anyone who had never been to Winnipeg for the Mid-winter conference. Four Rotarians were awarded scholarships. 28 members and their wives made the trip to Winnipeg. International President Hugh Archer gave the Keynote address.

Randy Hoghaug chaired the Salvation Army Bell Ringing event and pushed us to another record of \$1,572.66. Brian Thuringer was the tour guide again to Baudette for the January fishing party.

Roland Kehr chaired the visiting Rotary Group Study program for the year. We joined 15 other Rotary clubs in the District and we were hosts for several days for 6 men from District 453 in Brazil. The Brazilians stayed with our Rotarians and then toured various facilities in and around Brainerd. Rotary is truly international in scope.

Trips to Winnipeg and Baudette allow one to really get to know your fellow Rotarians and form bonds of friendships that can't be broken. That is really what Rotary is all about and I am thankful to be a Rotarian.

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(70) JACK RUTTGER  
1990-91

My year, 1990-91, really began in the Spring of 1990, not July 1st. First the District Conference in Fergus Falls in April, that served as a real primer. Second, the early coming of District Governor Gerry Haukebo. Readyng committee and all their reports for the Governor took a good deal of the time. I spent more time on Rotary in April and May of 1990, than I did at any time during my official year. Then the highlight was of my Portland, Oregon, trip for the Rotary International Convention in late June. All of this in preparation for my Rotary year, a year that I found very gratifying.

I was gratified that we got more people involved in the meetings; co-chartered a new club; increased our membership; bettered our attendance; adhered to a dues payment policy; and we were chosen the District's Number 1 club at Thunder Bay's District Conference in May of 1991.

The above was all accomplished with the very active Board consisting of Vice President Mike Aulie, Past President Jay Simon, Secretary-treasurer Don Rasmussen, Dennis Doucette, Brian Thuringer, Al Cibuzar, Ray Charpentier, Donna Perttu. Our District Governor was Gary Haukebo and our Rotary International President was Paulo Costa.

Don Rasmussen served us so admirably in his capacity as secretary, as did Dick Endres as

registration host and Jim Bedard as the bulletin editor.

The 4th of July Hamburger Fundraiser in 1990 went well with \$2,200.00 net reported. The same event in 1991, however did not fare as well with \$500.00 net reported. The event has been scratched.

The times we ate out were 3; (1) Crow Wing State Park on July 17th, 1990 where Jim Cummings and Ron Miles spoke to us about the park and our adopted house, the Beaulieu House. About 10 members canoed to the event, the rest came by bus; (2) in February we went to St. Joseph's Hospital to tour the new additions, hosted by Mike Burton; (3) in April we toured Potlatch Paper, hosted by Rich Paulson.

Two times we journeyed to other clubs. In February, 17 of us went to Little Falls in Terry Skone's Motor Home. In March, 14 of us went to Staples in a Reichert Motor Coach, thanks to Mike Moran.

Attendance was a goal of mine. For one quarter we were first in the District out of 53 clubs. For the year we were 2nd or 3rd.

My goal was 20 new members, we got 19. Harvey Paulson, deceased March 1991, did a great job. Unfortunately, we lost 14 or 15 members by transfer and other reasons. Two days after our Staples trip we lost Harvey. 40 Rotarians went to his funeral.

An especially pleasing member was the co-chartering with Walker of the Rotary Club in Pequot Lakes/Pine River, the "Central Lakes Club". The charter night was May 1, 1992, however the work began at the start of my regime. Tom Bjorgum did a great job in getting it started with his love for Rotary and persistence, the driving forces behind the successful venture.

Yael Ben Sousan from France was our exchange student. She became loved by us all.

As usual, Gay Kurilla led us to another victory in our Salvation Army Bell Ringing just before Christmas. We raised \$1,800.00.

Chas Sheets led 29 of us to Winnipeg in February, fun all the way.

We donated 269 pounds of food to the Food Shelf.

Jennifer Imsande won our 4 Way Test Essay award of \$100.00 and then went on to capture the District Prize as well.

Being chosen Rotary Club of the year was a highlight that the Club can be proud of. It was an accumulation of all the good Brainerd Rotary has done over the years that accomplished this recognition.

I love Rotary!

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(71) MICHAEL (MIKE) AULIE  
1991-1992

The 91-92 Rotary year seemed like an international year right from the start with the first meeting in July featuring visiting Rotarians from Guam and England, guests from Germany and the program by Christian Bro, the morning club's foreign student from Denmark. Several programs throughout the year were given by foreign visitors and the final regular club meeting of the year in June was presented by Mike Wise on his business travels in Russia with foreign students from Finland, France, Czechoslovakia and Norway also in attendance at the meeting.

Adding to the international flavor of the year was the District Conference held in Thunder Bay, Ontario just prior to my assuming the role of President. Roxanne and I then had the opportunity to represent the club at the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City, an experience that neither of us will ever forget. Our thanks to the club for its assistance in making the trip possible, a practice which I hope will continue for the future Presidents as I don't know what else could have such an impact on the value of R.I. in the world or give one such pride in being a Rotarian.

Our foreign student for the year was Katka Velebova from Czechoslovakia who arrived speaking very little English but adapted quickly. A special treat occurred at Christmas when her parents were able to visit her and the Club.

Fund raisers also seemed to be a part of the Rotary year. The Fourth of July hamburger sale was held and then made history (voted to be no more) due to lack of profit and the hecticness of the holiday. Garage sales became the new source of fund raising with the first in September and then another in May netting just slightly over \$3,000 and \$3,500 respectively. Yet another fund raiser, Brat Sales at the County Market in June raised another \$650.

During the beginning of the year, the club worked at wrapping up a fund drive for the benefit of Volunteer in Partnership, a local youth at risk program which had fallen into financial difficulty. The club also played a major role in the eventual blending of the VIP Program with Kinship, another local program matching an adult mentor with youth at risk.

Other local community service projects included the roadside cleanup, bell ringing for the Salvation Army which raised \$2,216.06 earning the club the Bell Ringer Award once again and a plea amongst our members for food donations for the Food Shelf at Christmas which brought in boxes of food and \$275 in cash donations.

Two new projects were undertaken by the club in '91-92. Work began on the establishment of a local Brainerd Rotary Foundation with the intent being able to raise more money toward funding local community service projects with an emphasis on

youth needs. A secondary reason in establishing the foundation was the fact that the directors were spending more than half of each board meeting addressing funding requests for community service needs. A separate foundation board would enable the club's directors to spend more time addressing other needs of the club.

The second project was the club's commitment to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program. RYLA, a new program in the district this year, is a week long leadership camp at the U of M, Crookston campus, for high school sophomores or juniors with already recognized leadership qualities. Jodi Leonhardt of Crosby was the first student to be sent by the club.

Other highlights of the year included:

In November, Rotarian Dick Endres was honored as Brainerd's Citizen of the Year. At the banquet honoring him, he was also presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship from the club for his many years of service to both the club and the community.

In January, the club received a Headwaters Heritage Award from the Upper Mississippi Headwaters Board in recognition of the club's role in the restoration of the Clement Beaulieu house at Crow Wing State Park.

In April, representatives from the Minneapolis Rotary Club made a special presentation to our club commemorating the Bataan Death March. Phil Bain, a survivor of the march, presented the club with a painting depicting a tank at a Japanese road block in hopes that the club would have it placed in the Brainerd Armory with other mementos from Bataan. Also in attendance at the meeting were local survivors of the march, Walt Strakka, Russ Swearingen and Henry Peck.

More than 40 club members and their spouses attended the charter night of the Central lakes Club in May, a club co-sponsored by your club along with Walker club.

Board members during the year were Dennis Doucette (President elect), Don Rasmussen, Ray Charpentier, Alan Cibuzar, Donna Perttu, Michael Burton, Brad Davis, Terry Skone and Past President Jack Ruttger. Archie Peterson was District Governor and Rajandra Saboo from India was the Rotary International President. The International theme for the year was "Look Beyond Yourself"

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(72) DENNIS A DOUCETTE  
1992-1993

My year as President began on June 20, 1992 by accepting the gavel from Mike Aulie on a rainy evening at Ruttger's Lodge. Mike was an excellent President and I had big shoes to fill. It was important for me to make Rotary a fun experience, and involve all members in some way. Our weekly meetings at the Holiday Inn were lively, fun and generally a pleasure to attend and moderate with many telling me that Rotary was a fun group.

When I was preparing for my year in February and March, I shared my goals and visions of the Brainerd Rotary with several Past Presidents. I was told that some of the goals were unattainably high, but as the year culminated we achieved each and every one. I was fortunate to have a very active and interested Board of Directors including: Mike Aulie, Immediate Past President, Alan Cibuzar, President-Elect, Don Rasmussen, Secretary, Donna Perttu, Brad Davis, Mike Burton, Terry Skone, Doug Dahlquist and Dick Endres.

Some notable achievements of the 1992-1993 year are:

1) Two foreign students, Barbara Henning from Austria and Marianna Rodriguez from Argentina. Marianna came to us when Harbortown backed out of their commitment, and a suitable home could not be found within the Central Lakes Club. Each of the students was a delight in their own way, and I am very proud of our involvement with the foreign student program.

2) We began the membership year with 92 members and ended with 104. New members bring new life, enthusiasm and freshness to our club. Our new members were: Craig Oliver, Bill Wrigley, Mike Doran, Tom Palkie, Wayne Little, Mark Stutrud, Glen Cook, Jan Paulson, John Forrest, Kelly Bevans, Steve Monda, Glenn Bedard, Kevin Thesing, Dick Schulstad, Jim Wiegel, and as an honorary member, Jon Haapajoki, Chamber Executive.

3) Our Axeman group was 40 years old on August 16 and our meeting on August 18 was a special evening meeting and we sent out invitations to all surviving Axemen and their spouses. We received responses from around the nation and Canada. We had over 100 attendees and the response was very gratifying. We inducted two new Axemen, Don Paterson and Dick Melzer.

4) We were called the traveling club in the bulletin, and we really did travel. We had club visitations at Wadena (12 attendees) on December 12, Walker (17 attendees) on January 19, and Duluth (12 attendees) on February 11. We also had eight attend the Charter Night at Two Harbors.

5) We finalized the paperwork on the Local Foundation and had our first fund drive in December netting \$7,400. Our Board meetings were much shorter and smoother without the charities question each week.

6) We had our first Paul Harris Breakfast and Bob Weizenegger, Steve Esser and Bob Nystrom did an outstanding job of recognizing our Paul Harris Fellows, as well as promoting the Foundation. We gained ten new Paul Harris Fellows, an outstanding achievement.

7) John Luce's vocational awareness program was begun and when complete may be a model for the District. John's program involved an in depth interview with each Rotarian regarding their vocation and compiling the data for use in area schools for vocation talks.

8) Gary Kurilla again led us to the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Championship with a total of \$2,285.32 raised. Steve Northway also raised 120 lbs. of food and \$180.00 for the Food shelf via one of our meetings.

9) We are known for being a generous club and again we proved just that by donating \$1,078, for Hurricane Andrew relief, and \$1,000 for Bosnian hunger relief, due to special appeal from the International President.

10) Winnipeg was well attended by 30 participants and a great time had by all.

11) Howie Person and Ed Fox did an outstanding job with the 4-way test essay contest with 52 entries, our best response ever.

12) We again have a pocket directory, after many years and thanks goes to Gene Patch and Universal Printing for the hard work and donation of the directories to Brainerd Rotary.

13) As always the programs were outstanding, thanks to the members and Jay Simon. Highlights include; Hanspeter's Rotary Moment "What Rotary Means to Me", The Distinct Governor, Jim Angus and his talk on never knowing whose future we are affecting today, Jodi Leonhardt our RYLA student (very moving), The Great Santi and Santa Claus at the kids Christmas Party, the four-way essay winners and General John Vessey.

14) Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Marv Campbell and David Ten Eyck did a super job of keeping our meetings lively and entertaining as well as keeping us on our toes. Over \$900 raised and I intend to donate the fine money to the Public Library for the good of all ages and incomes. The thankless job of set-up, take-down and guest registration was handled by Wayne Larson, Johnny Stensrud and Dick Endres and a very large headache was removed from the President.

15) Our city wide recycling program (our Garage Sale) was handled again by Ed Fox and Harry Nysather and we raised \$3,518.55 by recycling our junk into treasures for others. Brainerd Rotary gains very high visibility from this sale.

16) We ordered and sold Rotary golf shirts for wear at the District Conference and Rotary events. A great hit with the members!

17) The spring brought our second highway pick-up and of course Peter Johnson's foray to Winnipeg with the Model UN. This year we were China.

18) We have chosen 5 students for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), three from Brainerd and two from Crosby, (all girls) and we are preparing them for their camp in Thief River Falls. Last year's student, Jodi Leonhardt is real inspiration for the students and adults alike. RYLA meant a great deal to her and she will be a fine leader.

19) We are indeed fortunate to have the 1993 recipient of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship from Brainerd, Anthony Witkowski. Tony received a \$18,000 scholarship from the Paul Harris

Foundation to study at the University of Kent in England.

20) Over the winter we held a Fireside chat, attended by twelve new Rotarians and spouses or guests, a joint board meeting with the morning club, and two Past Presidents meetings. Mike Aulie and Hanspeter Borgwarth were especially helpful, with their advice and counsel always on the mark.

21) Top five in attendance in the District rank the entire year and nonexistent late pay by our members helped keep the year a pleasure.

The highlight of the year came at the District Conference in Grand Forks. I had placed Hanspeter Borgwarth's name in nomination for District Governor 1995-96 in the beginning of my year and by the end of the year we had confirmation that Hans was approved for the position. That selection should bring the District Conference to Brainerd in 1996, which I also had the privilege of applying for. The conference also brought us the Best Bulletin award, a Presidential Citation Award, a Rotary District Service award for myself, and The Robert Olson "Best In The District" award for the club and it's achievements for the year. We were well represented by twenty eight participants from Brainerd.

The year came to an end on a wonderful evening, June 29, 1993 at Madden's. We played golf, dined and enjoyed ourselves immensely. I had the privilege to hand out five Paul Harris Fellowships, a Service Above Self Award to Terry Skone for his unselfishness in driving his motor home to the club visitations and District Conference, and the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award to Hanspeter Borgwarth, who has meant so much to so many of us in Rotary. I am very proud to be able to give Hans his award. I then gave a few short remarks and gave over the gavel to Alan Cibuzar.

I will always cherish my year as President, and will forever be in your debt for giving me the opportunity to succeed, and having the confidence in me for such an important position as President of "The Best Club", Brainerd Rotary.

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(73) ALAN W. CIBUZAR  
1993-1994

Leadership for the 1993-1994 Brainerd Rotary Club year were as follows:

President: Alan W. Cibuzar  
Vice President: Don Rasmussen  
Director of Youth Activities: Katherine Harold  
Director of Club Service I: Mike Burton  
Director of Club Service II: Dick Endres  
Director of Community Service: Terry Skone  
Director of International Service: Mike Moran

1993-1994 Motto: Put A Little You In Everything You Do

Membership: Beginning of the year: 95  
End of the Year: 115

My goal as President was to provide the membership with as much information through Rotary as I could. The reason for this thrust of information was to provide the membership with information, camaraderie and fellowship to make their individual lives as productive as possible. This goal was implemented by distributing a "Requested Program" sheet prior to taking over my year as President. The instructions for the membership was if they could have any program they wanted, put it down on the sheet. Jay Simon (program chairman) and I took that list and put together the year's weekly programs. We accomplished to meet every request except for having Arnie Carlson (Minnesota State Governor). Instead we had his lieutenant governor.

Our efforts in the international area were very successful. We sponsored electronic mail for the seventh grade students at Washington Middle School. The correspondence they had with the students in Ryazan, Russia led to a trip by five Brainerd 7th graders to an environmental learning center near Ryazan, Russia. This was one of the first, if not the first time that an environmental exchange of students from the United States and Russian was done. Brainerd and Russian students and teachers formed great friendships. At the close of the 1994 year a trip by the Russian students to Brainerd is being planned for the summer of 1995 and plans are being made to expand the exchange program to include life science classes from seventh through twelfth grade. This entire program was a continuation of Operation Twinkling Star, which our club took part in sponsoring during 1992-1993.

Three members of our club visited Haiti to investigate the medical project which has been in progress between Crosby and Brainerd medical staffs and a rural medical facility in Haiti. The club members participating in this trip were Hans Borgwarth (our club's District Governor Elect), Terry Skone and Jack Ruttger. The three had an unforgettable experience and are concentrating on making the Haiti Project a District Project during Hans' year as District Governor. The Duluth Skyline club has been very active in this program for the last four years.

Fund raising was successfully accomplished with three fund raisers.

1. We participated in a weekend hot dog and coke sale at Baxter County Market. The sale went well on Friday but was rained out on Saturday morning.

2. The annual Rotary rummage sale under the direction of Ed Fox and Harry Nysather was held at the old Schaefer's Model Market at 7th and Maple in downtown Brainerd.

3. A new, fun, and successful Art Auction was proposed to the board by Dick Endres and was accepted. Dick was the chair of the project and

Wayne Little as co-chair. The auction was held in early June and netted nearly as much as the rummage sale did. It is planned to continue the fund raiser next year.

Club Projects included:

1. The road side cleanup under the direction of Steve Monda and John Fitzpatrick.

2. Club visits under the direction of Terry Skone successfully visited Little Falls, Long Prairie and the Grand Rapids Club.

3. Our Club did an outstanding job on the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project. Under the direction of Frank Ball competition for the bell was crushed and we were the recipient of the coveted bell award.

4. Mike Moran did an outstanding job leading our club in Winnipeg. As usual, a great time was had by all.

5. Katherine Herold did a fantastic job bringing Maz from Denmark, our foreign student for the year.

To implement our motto the leadership determined it was necessary to give the membership as much information as possible. The motto PUT A LITTLE YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO was supported by providing as much supportive information through Rotary Programs as we could present. The methodology used was to schedule programs three Tuesdays of the month and reserve one Tuesday for special programs. We even had some Tuesdays with two programs.

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to be the Clubs president. I closed the year in presenting a Change of Gavel speech which challenged the Club to work toward the survival of mankind through the implementation of the Four Way Test and putting A Little You in Everything You Do."

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(74) DON RASMUSSEN  
1994-1995

1994-1995 was a memorable year for our Rotary Club. In April, before my tenure began, Hanspeter Borgwarth (Club President 1970-71) was elected District Governor for 1995-1996. In addition, Brainerd was selected as the District Conference site for 1996. With these honors already attained at the beginning of my year one can imagine the excitement I felt on June 28th when President Alan Cibuzar passed the gavel and President's pin to me at Ruttger's on Bay Lake. The Brainerd Rotary Club was in for an eventful year!

My focus as President was to get our members involved in Rotary at a deeper level than only lunch on Tuesday, and to encourage improvement in the attendance as well as more participation in Club and District events. I felt that one way to do this would be to work with Mike Sands, our Program Chair, to schedule interesting speakers, and what a job Mike accomplished! We had speakers covering every avenue of Rotary Service, with many on International Service. Just to name a few; Jurgen

Bender on the Reunification of Germany, Secretary of State Joan Growe with a look at the first free South African elections, Kyung Endres describing her life as a teacher in South Korea, Father Steve Schaitberger reported on his sabbatical in the Holy Land, Dr. Paul Milloy recounted his volunteer work in Vietnam, Harry Nysather talked about his trip to China and Japan with his son, and we heard from our own Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Tony Witkowski, who had just returned from his studies at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England. Focusing on Youth Service, we had our Rotary youth exchange Student, Karina Andersen, talk about her home country of Norway, and Martin Lohnert, Brainerd Lakes Rotary Student from Slovakia, gave a presentation on his country. We also heard from our RYLA students, Model United Nations Students, Four Way Test Essay contest winners, and a past Rotary Exchange Student from the Georgian Republic who talked about the conditions in her country.

In the area of Community service we had Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson give an overview of the state's financial condition. Other programs of community interest were the NSP gas project, the Planned Parenthood fire, Comprehensive Planning for land use, the Brainerd Bears, Brainerd's own first year minor league baseball team, who won their league's championship. We had several reports on the merging of the Brainerd Technical and Brainerd Community Colleges. We also had an informative presentation by Dick Endres on the history of the Confidence Learning Center.

Vocational Service was highlighted in programs by Axeman Don Peterson who spoke on Forensic Engineering machines, Paul Lindbloom about Acrometal, Everett Clow from Clow Stamping and Mike Engler with developments at the Human Resource Center.

August 9th we met jointly with the Brainerd Lakes Rotary Club, scheduled by District Governor Bob Russell for his Club address. Unfortunately, PDG Bob Chase passed away suddenly, and DG Bob Russell had to cancel at the last minute to attend the funeral. In the true spirit of Rotary's International theme for the year "Be a Friend," Brainerd Lakes President Jeff Fox and I decided that our program would be self introductions by all members, a great chance to learn more about each other and our classifications. The meeting was a success and many new friends were made in Rotary that day. DG Bob returned on October 25th to address our Club.

There were a number of other notable club accomplishments during my year. We held a Fireside meeting at Cragun's, always an important step for new Rotarians. The District Youth Exchange Student Orientation weekend was held at Ruttger's, hosted by Jack and Ann Ruttger. Our Club hosted the French Group Study Exchange Team for three days in May, unfortunately their visit didn't coincide with our meeting date, but we did

bring the team to the Brainerd Lakes Rotary Meeting. We started a new program this year, in partnership with Community Action, to annually select one of their Volunteers of the Month as the Rotary Community Volunteer of the year. Pam Loeffelbein was chosen as the Brainerd Rotary Club's first recipient. Gary Kurilla received an award from PDG Bob Bailey for bringing in three new members this past year. Gary Kurilla and John Gaffney chaired the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, bringing in \$2,621.83 to win the bell ringing award for the Club by a wide margin. Our 5th annual Rotary Garage Sale brought in \$5,875, which we split with the Up North Theater. We updated and printed a Club Roster of our Members, courtesy of Gene Patch and Universal Printing who picked up the tab for us.

Our annual trip to the Winnipeg Goodwill Meeting included 16 of the members and spouses, as well as a couple from Alexandria. We had two couples take advantage of the \$100 "scholarship" my "fine" money provided; they were Bill Blum and his wife Susan, and Bill and Mary Weum. For the first time in 27 years Hanspeter and Gisela were unable to attend because Hanspeter was scheduled to attend the District Governor's training session in Anaheim, CA. We missed them a lot, but duty called.

May brought the District Conference in Fargo and our club showed up en masse, (which means over 25 members), to honor and celebrate Hanspeter's installation as District Governor. It was indeed a proud moment for Hanspeter and Gisela as well for our Club. Our Rotary Club was presented Presidential citation for completing the requirements set forth by RI President Bill Huntly. Several of our members who serve on District Level Committees addressed the District Assembly. They were as follows: I, myself, who in addition to serving as Club President served as District Youth Exchange Chairman; Past President Alan Cibazar, Chair of Preserve Planet Earth; Dennis Doucette, who served as District Governor's Representative for our area; Doug Dahlquist for the District Youth Exchange Selection Committee, and especially Hanspeter, our District Governor elect.

June brought us to the end of a great year for me and our Rotary Club. Hanspeter and Gisela, and incoming President Doug and Bev Dahlquist attended the International Rotary Convention in Nice, France with 34,000 other Rotarians and their Rotary partners.

During my year we lost seven members. Mike Burton, Len Brown and Mark Stutrud moved away. Roland Kehr, Doug Hollingsworth and Roy Miller resigned. Bill Kranz, a fine Rotarian in our Club for 37 years, passed away. We will truly miss Bill, an active member of our Club, who still at 90 plus years went to Winnipeg with us in 1994. We also had two Paul Bunyan Axemen pass away this year, Carl Zapffe, Jr. and Art Buffington. Six new members committed themselves to Rotary Service this year.

They were Mary Kay Dehen, David Tagtmeier, Jan Moran, Gary Olson, Chris Knight, and Darrell Schneider.

The Change of Gavel Party was held at Cragun's on June 27, 1995. I couldn't have asked for anything better, 128 members and partners came to celebrate the completion of my year and the beginning of Doug's. Dutch and Irma served us a delicious meal. Paul Imholte provided music for the social hour as well as a special program. We had the usual golf and attendance awards, and two special awards. District Governor Hanspeter presented Ray Madison with Rotary International's 50 year membership award. Ray actually has been a Rotarian for 56 years. I had a special District Youth Exchange Award for Past President John Kurtzman to show gratitude for his contributions to the District Youth Exchange Program. He is indeed my silent partner in the District Youth Exchange Program.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mike Moran who took over my Secretarial and Treasurer duties for the year, and did an excellent job. My board of directors, who made the year flow so smoothly. My Sergeant at Arms, Jay Simon, who injected a bit of humor into the fining process, and enabled me to fund many worthwhile projects with my "fine" money.

I also appreciate all the Rotarians who were there to help when the call was made. A Club President is only one individual, whose success in leadership depends largely on the commitment of the Club as a whole. I thank all those members who supported me, so that together we could build a year of accomplishments for those we serve through Rotary.

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(75) DOUG A. DAHLQUIST  
1995-96

Officers of the 1995-96 Brainerd Rotary Club year were the following; President: Douglas A. Dahlquist Vice President: Mike Moran Secretary-Treasurer: Don Rasmussen Directors: Katherine Herold, Gene Patch, John Luce, Bob Meyer, Wayne Little and Bill Wrigley.

Two events dominated our year.

1. Our member, Hanspeter Borgwarth, served brilliantly as District Governor of District 5580. He visited 64 clubs in Ontario, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. When he was not traveling, he reported to us on the activities of Rotary in our district and around the world. Our own Rotarians served as his support staff, acting as editors, publisher's financial officers, etc. Hanspeter's wife, Gisela, was his companion and driving assistant during his travels. Their sacrifice and dedication to the ideals of Rotary inspired us all. Dennis Doucette from our club served as Governor's

Representative and received the award for Outstanding Rotarian in the District.

2. Our Club served as host club for the District Conference May 3-5, 1996 at Madden's Resort, East Gull Lake. Co-chairmen for this huge undertaking were Jack Ruttger and Dick Endres. All of our club members were registered for this event. About thirty of our members met in monthly planning sessions throughout the year. The District Conference was a smashing success with over 860 registrants. John Fitzpatrick and Arlene Fitzpatrick worked overtime as Chairpersons of Registration.

These two events dominated our year, but we accomplished much else as well.

Through voluntary contributions we raised \$4,300.00 for the restoration of the Beaulieu House at Crow Wing State Park. Earlier, Rotarians had raised \$3,200.00 for this project, so we were able to present a check for \$7,500 to the State Park Service. The Beaulieu House is the oldest remaining frame dwelling north of the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Einer Anderson and Bill Blum served on this committee.

We raised \$6,300 by means of a huge garage sale in April. This amount was presented to the local Brainerd Rotary Foundation for use in various local youth projects.

Our club qualified for the Rotary International Presidential Citation for Excellence.

Our club was Runner-up to Bemidji for Outstanding Club in the District.

Our club added 18 new members, losing 13 for a net gain of five. Membership as of June 30, 1996 was a total of 122.

New members included Don Ryan, Bernie Roscoe, Chris Ruttger, Len Brown, Linda Hanson, Paul Means, Paula Persons, Barb Anderson, Gary Pearson, Donald Lorsung, Mike Burton, Richard Hartman, Mike Overton, Tom Neuverth, Scott Mitchell, Donald Porter, Steve Bardolph and Glenn Anderson.

Two outstanding Rotarians died during the year, Jack Swanstrom and Pete Humphrey. We mourn their passing. We learned also of the death of Axeman Ralph W. Sears, Montevallo, Alabama on February 14, 1996. This year we sponsored two incoming foreign exchange students. Mathilde Estivin came to us from France. Patricia Pizarro came to us from Chile. Both are delightful young women who have added much to our meetings and to our community.

Eleven members were honored for perfect attendance. Peter Johnson now has 22 years perfect attendance.

The club recognized three members of the community for distinguished service. On October 31, 1995 we honored our own member, Sally Ihne, former President of Brainerd Community College who was promoted to become first President of the new Central Lakes College after ten years of

outstanding service to the Brainerd educational community.

On March 19, 1996 Rotary International President's Award for Outstanding Service to Families and Community was presented to Ms. Julie Steiff, Brainerd psychologist active on the child protection team of Crow Wing County.

On June 11, 1996 we honored the twelve winners of the Volunteer-of-the-Month Award and gave a special award to Volunteer-of-the-Years, Lee Gunsbury Seipp.

Five members became Paul Harris Fellows during the year. Two members became Benefactors.

Our club hosted a Group Study Exchange team from Turkey during the weekend of the District Conference.

Outstanding this year was the work of our Sergeant-at-arms, John Forrest. He entertained us all each week with good-natured humor in collecting \$1500 in fines, to be distributed to local charitable projects.

1995-96 was a good year for Brainerd Rotary. The District Conference and the example of Hanspeter Borgwarth inspired us all to a deeper commitment to Rotary. It was work, but it was fun and very rewarding to those who participated.

The year ended with a Change of Gavel Party at Grandview Lodge in Lakeshore. We met on the same grounds where 75 years earlier we received our original charter, July 8, 1921. Hanspeter delivered the Anniversary Address. The gavel was handed over to the new President Mike Moran who will provide leadership for 1996-97.

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(76) MIKE MORAN  
1996 – 1997

The year of 1996-97 was a fun and eventful time for myself and our club. I would like to present the highlights of this year in terms of my vocation (Transportation), and recap the year as if it were a bus trip. So with one foot on the gas, the other on the brakes, and both hands locked on the steering wheel, here we go...

The Rotary bus, now fully seventy-five years old, received its pre-trip inspection in March of 1996 at the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS). The bus had its final tune-up in Calgary, Alberta Canada at the International Convention in mid June 1996. On July 2nd, 1996, I received the keys (gavel) to the bus from Past President Doug Dahlquist at our 75th Anniversary/Change of Gavel Party at Grandview Lodge.

Travel planners (Club Officers) for the year long trip did an outstanding job of keeping the bus on schedule, and planning for the many stops along the way. Many thanks to VP John Luce, Secretary/Treasurer Don Rasmussen, and Past Presidents Doug Dahlquist, Dennis Doucette, and Jack Ruttger for giving directions to the driver when

he needed them. Charting the course for the bus was the responsibility of our Dispatchers (Directors), and they did a fantastic job of keeping the driver under control. Thanks to Wayne Little, Bill Wrigley, Bob Meyer, Bob Nystrom, Cheryl Gelbmann and Kevin Thesing for keeping the bus on the road. A special thanks needs to go to Paula Persons who filled in as Secretary/Treasurer from January through June and did a great job.

122 Rotarians started the journey, 116 finished. New Rotarians joining the trip were: Dale Spauling, Mark Oradnik, Donna Bjorklund, John Tachney, Maury Halverson and Michael McConkey.

Thirteen Rotarians achieved perfect attendance during this trip! Peter Johnson led the way with 23 years and received the diamond studded attendance pin for having the most consecutive years of perfect attendance. Also noteworthy were: Jim Weigel, 18 years; Jay Simon, 13 years; Dennis Doucette, 12 years; Hanspeter Borgwarth, 11 years; and Terry Skone, 9 years.

The Rotary Foundation and the Brainerd Rotary Foundation are the engines that drive the buys. Both Foundations were well fueled and running on all cylinders. Bill Blum did a fantastic job as Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee with club donations of over \$11,800. The Brainerd Rotary Foundation was well supported by our annual Garage Sale. Ed Fox, Harry Nysather and Eric Davidge were in charge of this sale that netted the Brainerd Foundation nearly \$7,500. – Great job! The Brainerd Foundation also received a SUBSTANTIAL endowment from Hanspeter and Gisela Borgwarth for a yearly \$1000 scholarship to a Brainerd High School student with a strong background in Community Service. Mat Brastrup was the first recipient of the Hanspeter and Gisela Borgwarth Award. Congratulations Mat, and than you Hans and Gisela.

This year's trip had an International flavor with our youth exchange students along for the ride. Patricia Pizarro from Chile finished up her stay with us and Unnur Simonardottir (Bob) from Iceland completed the trip with us. Our club also hosted all the inbound District 5580 Youth exchange Students for a weekend at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. Thanks to Sue Seep and John Forrest for making this happen. Besides Calgary, the Rotary Bus made stops in Winnipeg for the Goodwill meeting (thanks to Rick Bricker), hosted a GSE team from Argentina, hosted visitors from Canada (District Governor David Murray was among them), Germany, Iceland, Chile and thee couples from England visiting under the Friendship Exchange Program. Eight of our Rotarians visited Haiti with the intent of starting an international project there, and Hanspeter Borgwarth participated in the District's project in Honduras. The bus also stopped in Red Lake for the Charter Night of The Rotary Club of the Red Lake Nation – the flags of three nations now fly over District 5580, the United States, Canada, and the Red Lake Nation.



I am very proud of the stops that the bus made in our community, The Immunization Station, Volunteer of the Year, Highway Cleanup, RYLA, Water Watch, 4-Way Test Essay Contest, Kids Voting, Bell Ringing and Organ Donor Program (to name a few), truly helped to make this a better community. Our club's participation with other service clubs helped get projects like Harbor Home and We Care-Flood Relief off the ground. One of the goals of this trip was to get the club more involved in community matters, and I think we succeeded – the club was recognized at the District Conference in Bemidji with the “Community Service Award” and the “Interclub Service Award”.

We enjoyed excellent programs throughout the trip thanks to Mike Sands. Co-Sergeant-at Arms Don Ryan and Bob Nystrom did “fine” job of attempting to keep the passengers in line. With RI President Luis Giay's theme of “Build the Future with Action and Vision” in mind, Ruth Gmeinder, Mike Overton and Chris Ruttger set out to find the hopes, concerns and problems facing our area's youth. Thanks to this committee's hard work, career counseling is now available to all area students and we hope to start a peer mediation program in the near future.

Besides the above-mentioned awards, our club also received a Presidential Citation, and most importantly, the “Best in District Award”, an achievement that this club can be very proud of.

Thank you for letting me drive the bus this year! There were a few bumps and some nasty curves, but mostly an enjoyable ride!

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(77) JOHN L. LUCE  
1997 – 98

The 77th year of the Brainerd Rotary Club (noon) was marked by many club accomplishments, awards, and rewards.

Club leadership from the Board of Directors included: Bill Wrigley; Darrell Schneider; Cheryl Gelbmann; Kevin Thesing; Ruth Gmeinder; and John Forrest; Vice President Wayne Little and Secretary/Treasurer Don Rasmussen, and Past President Mike Moran; this proved to be a winning team. The board took many actions during the year with one of the most exciting being the nomination of Jack Ruttger to become District 5580 Governor for the 2000-1 Rotary year. Jack follows some other outstanding Brainerd Rotarians, Carl Zapffe, Sr., Ed Tom O'Brien, and most recently Hanspeter Borgwarth, 1995-6.

Many significant events occurred during the year. Some of the highlights were:

- Bill Blum promoted the Rotary Foundation getting more folks involved than in recent years with his 5-Grand Club;
- Hanspeter Borgwarth represented District 5580, our club, and the USA, by leading a five-

member GSE team to Macau/Hong Kong, in the spring.

- John Forrest coordinated our Outbound Youth Exchange, which involved Ben Bedard going to Venezuela followed by his brother Sam Bedard who went to Denmark in July. Sue Seep coordinated the Inbound student Lili Bonilla from Venezuela. Host families and the club enjoyed her stay this year. District 5580 got a new YEO this year, Brian and Jenny Phillips from Thunder Bay, Ont., who took over after many years of excellent service by Don Rasmussen and his wife Christine.
- Peter Johnson continued to promote and attend the model UN program at Winnipeg, which engaged high school students in international learning skills.
- Ruth Gmeinder gave tirelessly of her organizational and motivational talents in support of the club's ongoing efforts in the mountain village of Pignon, Haiti. Our international club service project was to help finish a dormitory for teams going there to help villagers with infrastructure and medical service at the hospital. It led to much more due in no small part of Ruth's ability to raise funds, motivate club Rotarian's participation, and bring about a high level of community awareness through publicity and dedicated programs in every Brainerd school building. As a direct result of her efforts many others participated directly, Brian Thuringer, shoes, bikes and beds; Glen Cook, food and funds; and Mark Erickson, school desks, carpentry. She also inspired many others to go to Haiti some for their 2 and 3rd trips to share their most precious gifts of time and talent. (When are you going, Ruth?)
- Ruth Gmeinder also organized and directed a very effective project that included Mike Overton and Chris Ruttger in the development of a Peer Mediation program launched in and for mid-level school aged children. This program trains school faculty and teenagers in the art of settling disputes by talking-out their differences in a pre-agreed to format. Teachers and administrators from the two mid-level schools reported successes with the program.
- Weekly programs were terrific with our own members doing nearly half of them. Ruth Gmeinder and Frank Ball did a memorable “auction” to raise money for Project Haiti. Others remembered were: Alan Cibuzar on water quality; Mike Sands telling members “tax tips”; a demonstration of a Toastmasters Meeting was done by Larry Foote, Dan Hegstad and Jim Bedard. Dan also demonstrated Full Circle Tai –Chi; Slide Shows were a big hit with Jim Roelof's African trip and Mark Erickson's Haiti trip; and everyone, bird lover or not, will not forget Bill Blum's program about birds; Blue Birds particularly and those poor sparrows caught in Bill's nets!

- Annual activity that everyone looks forward to included the Garage Sale which continued to set records for receipts, Ed Fox and Harry Nysather continued on as hard as ever but clearly succeeded in bringing Eric Davidge into a leadership role. And again the Rotary partners gave tremendously of their time to make the sale a resounding success. John Fitzpatrick ran the Roadside Pickup out on Highway 371. He managed to get an excellent turn out without "Arlene's sticky buns" as an incentive. Gary Kurilla and John Gaffney each did a great job with the Salvation Army's bell ringing (our club set another record, again, topping all other service clubs with one-day donations). John also put together a great fishing trip on Mille Lacs Lake. Jan Moran organized the annual honor of the Volunteer of the Year, Kathy Trees of Pequot Lakes, and Howie Person coordinated the 4-Way Test Essay contest. The club saw a new look in its bulletin thanks to the unending efforts of Kevin Thesing who added photographs and color. He had very able helpers, Paula Persons, Dan Hegstad, and Maury Halvorson.

- The District Conference was held in Minot, ND; Governor Bob Peterson honored the club 4 times with the following awards: Outstanding International Service Project for Project Haiti; Inter-club Service Award to us in cooperation with Duluth Harbortown for Project Haiti; Attendance Award for the highest percentage of attendance; and, to top it off the Best Club in the District Award.

- Change of Gavel was held at Ruttgers On Bay Lake, an afternoon golf outing followed by a Banquet hosted by Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger that was truly unforgettable. Paula Persons received the Service Above Self Award for her tireless efforts in producing the club's first time web site; and without a doubt the club's choice for Rotarian Of The Year went to Ruth Gmeinder (read above to see why!). Thanks to EVERYONE for my best Rotary year!

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(78) WAYNE G. LITTLE  
1998-99

This year's International Theme was "Follow Your Rotary Dream". The Brainerd Rotary Club took this theme seriously for the year proved to be one of numerous firsts and great accomplishments. The following summaries on-going programs and selected activities that were initiated this year.

Community Service – Ruth Gmeinder, Director. Bell ringing, Volunteer of the Year, Roadside Cleanup, Environment, Hunger and Poverty, Polio Plus and the Organ Donor Program. NEW ACTIVITIES: The Rotary Hall of Fame (honoring outstanding former Brainerd High School Graduates) and the Parent and Student Substance Abuse Program in the public schools. Initiation of these programs resulted in the awarding of the Dr. Stan Sahlstrom

Community Award to the Club at the District Conference.

International Service – Bill Blum, Director. Paul Harris/Rotary Foundation, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Model United Nations, Outbound Youth exchange, Inbound Exchange, RYLA and Fund Raising for local and international youth support programs. NEW ACTIVITIES: Paul Harris/Rotary Foundation participation has doubled and in some cases tripled this year. In addition, Paul Harris presentations have been given for other area clubs.

Vocational Service – Mike Overton, Director. Public Relations, Club History, Four-Way Test, Parent-Student Substance Abuse Program participation, Peer Mediation Administration and the Web Page. NEW ACTIVITIES: The College Student of the Month program and preliminary work for a Community Rotoract Club.

Club Service I – John Forrest, Director. Chaplains, Music, Fellowship/Greeting, Sergeant at Arms, Rotary Minute, District and International Conference Promotion. NEW ACTIVITIES: This year the Club moved to a different location where a new keyboard and meeting place plaque, greeting system and meeting room layout were put in place.

Club Service II – Kevin Thesing, Director. Weekly Programs, Club Publication, Club Visits, Winnipeg Goodwill, Past Presidents Nominating and Garage Sale. NEW ACTIVITIES: This year two Club members were assigned each month to arrange Club programs. Emphasis was placed on attracting local, regional and State business and governmental leaders. In addition two tours were arranged. The Brainerd Club also hosted four area clubs on a chartered bus to Winnipeg.

Membership Development – Larry Foote, Director. Fireside Chats and Orientations, Member Recruitment, New Member Mentoring, Classification Talks, Attendance and Follow-Up and New Member Inductions. NEW ACTIVITIES: As a result of the excellent work in this area, Brainerd Rotary will start the upcoming year with 19 new members. In total, Club membership will be at 130 – an all time high.

General Administration – Cheryl Gelbmann, Director. The General Administration Committee was newly established this year. Its primary goal was to coordinate all tasks necessary to facilitate weekly club meetings, special events and speaker presentations. Responsibilities included:

- 1) Assuming that meeting facilities and equipment, banners and registration materials and badges were available and in place prior to each meeting;
- 2) Identifying, contacting and making necessary arrangements for monthly special speakers

presentations and coordinating these with the regular weekly speakers agenda administered by the club Service II Committees

- 3) Providing support for and administrative assistance to those responsible for conducting such activities as club socials, club visitations, fundraisers, the Winnipeg Goodwill Trip and the Changing of the Gavel.

The activities listed above represent the work of the seven Brainerd Rotary Board Members and some 45 committees. The 1998-99 Rotary year ended with the Changing of the Gavel held at Ruttger's Bay lake Lodge. Special guests included two PDGs, the incoming District Governor and the District Governor Nominee. PDG Dr. Stan Sahlstrom, keynote speaker, addressed perhaps the largest number of members to attend this annual affair in recent times. A very successful evening and a great Rotary year!

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(79) CHERYL GELBMANN  
1999-2000

It was an honor to serve and bring the club into a new Century!! The year highlights began with a change in Board structure. After 14 years of great service by Don Rasmussen as secretary/Treasurer, his resignation allowed the Board to separate duties and create a Secretary and a Treasurer. The club was fortunate to have the experienced CAP, Mike Sands as Treasurer and the very capable and organized, Paula Persons as Secretary. The transition went smoothly and new financial and record-keeping systems began. The other hardworking Board Members were: Ruth Gmeinder, Mike Overton, Bill Blum, Don Porter, Darryl Schneider, John Forrest, Lisa Paxton, incoming President, Kevin Thesing and past President, Wayne Little.

It was also an honor to be the first woman president of our club and I had positive, supportive members who continued award-winning attendance. We brought in 12 new members much to the credit of Don Porter. Don increased support for the new members by adding a past president mentor in addition to the sponsor. Our growth necessitated a change in meeting spots from Bonanza to the Moose. We also tightened the attendance count by having members check-in, a process of change that took much effort from Paula Persons.

We had great programs this year with enough member cooperation that Bob Musielewicz agreed to stay on as program chair for another year. A special program that took enormous coordination and extra financial support was the luncheon visit by Governor Ventura and several of his commissioners. This was a joint effort the with Brainerd Lakes Chambers of Commerce and we also invited the morning club. Newspaper and TV coverage gave our club positive recognition.

A successful garage sale and a new wine tasting and auction helped the club fund our Foundation. Also the creative efforts of Sergeant At Arms, Mike Engler brought in over \$2,000 which I donated to the New Generations committee through our foundation.

We had much District Recognition due to Jack Ruttger achieving the Incoming Governor post. Two well-attended Hospitality Rooms in Winnipeg and Thunder Bay allowed district members to meet Jack and Ann.

The efforts of the New Generations Committee received District recognition with presentations at Winnipeg and Thunder Bay on our "Straight Dope" parent drug awareness project. Our Haiti projects were enhanced by a RI \$25,000 matching grant (all credit goes to Ruth Gmeinder, grant writer extraordinaire!).

Due to the building of the Brainerd bypass our road cleanup efforts were moved to the Arboretum road and parking area, a very visible and needed task. We also donated \$500 in cooperation with the morning club to establish a Rotary Garden at the Arboretum.

We had a charming and active exchange student from Denmark, Rikke Kruse. Her ability to speak English enhanced our experience as well as hers. Bedards, Paxtons and Caves were her host families. RYLA recruitment was taken over by Jeff Olson with great response and very positive feedback from students and families. We added incentive to the Four Way Test essays by giving a \$250 and \$100 scholarship to the winners and presenting these at the Senior Recognition night.

The Brainerd High School Hall of Fame recipient was Paul Hunt and our cosponsoring of this event with the Dispatch continues to be positive recognition for our club and a valued community service.

Space does not allow all the "thank yous" and accolades. I am proud of a good year of Rotary Service and grateful for the opportunity.

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(80) KEVIN THESING  
2000-2001

What a tremendous honor it was for me to guide our Rotary club through the 2000-2001 Rotary year. It was of course made extra special by having our own Jack Ruttger as District Governor. The year seems to go by so quickly. It is only in retrospect that it appears that so many accomplished so much. For this I extend my heartfelt thanks. I was only a guide; it was truly the work of many that made for a very successful year. A special thank you to Darrell Schneider for compiling the attached highlights of the year sheet. I am glad the year is done, however I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Brainerd Rotary Club  
Highlights of Rotary Year 2000-01  
RI District 5580

- Jack Ruttger was District governor
- John Luce was Assistant District Governor
- Ann Sherman of Brainerd Rotary created the Award winning website for District 5580
- Brainerd Rotary supported Jack as Governor with hospitality rooms and attendance at meeting.
- Hanspeter Borgwarth, past District Governor, won the District Citation for Meritorious Service
- Best Bulletin award in District 5580 for a large Club – Wayne Little – Lakes Printing
- Seventeen Brainerd Rotarians attended the 2001 District Conference in Duluth
- Co-hosted a Hospitality Room at the 2001 District Conference with Walker Rotary

Rotary International

- Nine Brainerd Rotarians attended the International Conference in San Antonio
- We exceeded the Governor's RI Foundation goal by more than double at more than \$143 per member
- Four new Paul Harris Fellows
- Eleven Multiple Paul Harris Fellows – 3-1 sapphire –5-2 sapphire –2-4 sapphire – 1-5 sapphire
- Benefactor Award – Chet and Marge Ecklund received a Major Donor Award at the two diamond level for a bequest to the Permanent Fund
- Hosted a GSE Team from India
- Haiti: A \$25,000 matching grant was received for the Hope Mission Christian School in Pignon, Haiti. A \$300,000 Health Hunger and Humanity 3-H grant was drafted for the Hospital de Bienfaisance in Pignon, Haiti.

Brainerd Rotary Club

- Brainerd Rotary returned to the Ramada Inn and Green Mill for most of our meetings
- President Elect Kevin Thesing, VP Elect Darrell, and Club Secretary, Paula Persons attended the PET meeting in March 2000
- PE Kevin and VP-PE Darrell conducted two pre-year planning meetings in May 2000
- President Kevin and PE Darrell attended the first Mid-Year PET meeting in January 2001
- Secretary Elect, Terri Monroe, attended the PET meeting in March 2001
- Marv Campbell initiated the "Rotary Minute" at the regular meetings
- Penny Nelson won Brainerd Rotarian of the Year Award

Membership

- An active Membership Committee was formed to gain and keep members
- Sixteen new members were initiated to Brainerd Rotary
- All new members were initiated with a formal ceremony in accordance with RI guidelines
- Membership Committee held seven Roundtables for training & exchange of information
- The Membership Classification System was reorganized by the Membership Committee
- Four net new members were added to Brainerd Rotary
- Tom Madden, membership chair, was able to give out record perfect attendance awards

Community Service – Fundraising

- Brainerd Rotary began participation in the Brainerd Relay for Life Cancer Rally.
- Brainerd Rotary expanded participation in Relay for Life by forming a photographic team
- Brainerd Rotary Fund began planning the Reverse Dinner with help from Terry Skone
- Brainerd Rotary supported Team Nystrom for the Diabetes Walk for the first time

Community Service – Youth

- Fast forward Reading program started with Rotary donating \$10,500 for the site licenses
- Literacy Program was initiated
- Brainerd Rotary co-sponsored the Brainerd Senior High School Recognition Evening
- Scholarship awarded from the Borgwarth \$10,000 Endowment at the BHS Recognition

Public Relations

- Article on Literacy appeared in the Brainerd Daily Dispatch
- Brainerd Rotary co-sponsored the Hall of Fame Banquet and donated \$1500 toward project
- Three Brainerd Rotary members were on the Leadership Team for Relay for Life

Club Service

- The Brainerd Rotary Club Bulletin was re-energized by Wayne Little and Lakes Printing
- The Change of Gavel Dinner at Cragun's attended by 130 Rotarians and guests
- President Kevin was able to give out many "Thank You" Awards at the Change of Gavel

Brainerd Rotary Fund

- Linda Hanson became President of the Brainerd Rotary Foundation Board

- The Brainerd Rotary Foundation distributed \$9,330 to Local Youth Organizations
- The BR Foundation began planning the Reverse Dinner to increase the permanent fund.

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(81) Darrell F. Schneider  
2001-2002

This year in Brainerd Rotary History began and ended with a wonderful Change of Gavel Celebration and Dinner at the Legacy Pavilion hosted by Dutch & Irma Cragun. John Forrest chaired the exciting golf events.

The next day several Rotarians and their partners, including Hans & Gisela Borgwarth, Jim & Marge Weigel, Jack, Chris, & Ann Ruttger, Dick & Diane Beal, Terri Monroe, John Luce, and Darrell & Colleen Schneider left town for the Rotary International Conference in San Antonio leaving Kevin Thesing to conduct the first meeting of the year on June 26th.

Officers and Directors for the year included Vice President Lisa Paxton, Secretary Terri Monroe, Treasurer Mike Sands, Sergeant of Arms Jill Carlson Ferrie, Past President Kevin Thesing, Dick Beal, Chuck Ostberg, Brian Wermager, Chris Ruttger, and Paula Persons who maintained our Club web-site. John Luce was Assistant District Governor.

Bob Musielewicz scheduled the weekly programs. John Turcott kept the Axemen alive. Penny Nelsen was Club Photographer. Karen Kirt was Public Relations Coordinator. Dave Reed is Club Historian. Dan Brown worked on Volunteer of the Month Recognition.

The summer months of July and August got the year off to a fast start. Terri Monroe, John Luce, and Marc Halverson led our Rotary Relay for Life participation. John Gaffney organized the Mille Lacs fishing trip. Jim Weigel brought Duluth Rotarians to Ruttger's Bay Lake for a golf outing. Ruth Gmeinder kicked off our Project Literacy Project with a presentation. Harry Nysather with Marv Campbell presented "Rotary Minutes." Nancy Hall began the first Interact meetings at the High School. Jeff Olson led the RYLA program. Terry Skone & Gary Olson promoted the First Reverse Dinner - Raffle. Hanspeter Borgwarth began the Roundtable meetings at the Ramada. We met our new exchange student, Alain Decker, from France. September began with a report on Mike Overton's brain surgery, Bob Nystrom with his daughter, Quinn, introduced the Diabetes Walk, Bill Blum's Red Cross Blood Drive and Mike Engler & Heidi Funk's presentation on the United Way. Our rhythm was shaken with the events of 9/11 as the impact of the disaster was well known by the time of our noon meeting. Before the week was over we were mourning the sudden and unexpected death of Diane Beal, wife of Dick Beal and President of the

Morning Rotary Club. John Fitzpatrick began training Steve Esser to take over leadership of the Trash Socials with Ruth Gmeinder, Dave Ten Eyck, Brian & Deb Thuringer, and Jerry Walseth doing the cooking at Charlie Sheets' Emporium. A baby boy was born to Penny Nelsen. Frank Ball was a guest presenter. Joe Birmingham sponsored by Sally Ihne was our first new member of the year. Cheryl Gelbmann led Rotary Sponsorship of the day honoring C. Elmer Anderson, Minnesota Governor and Mayor of Brainerd.

On October 30th, District 5580 Governor, Alan Pepper, and his wife, Sheila, joined us for our meeting at which we presented our club plan for the year. On that evening the First Reverse Dinner/Raffle was celebrated with a full house at Maddens. The event was a great success at the culmination of a year's work led by Linda Hanson and the committee of Cheryl Gelbmann, Mark Erickson, Theresa Goble, Gary Olson, Bill Potvin, Kevin Thesing, and Kurt Hanson who developed a terrific slide show on the activities of our Rotary Foundation. John Kurtzman won the \$10,000 drawing.

Bob Nystrom won an election to the School Board. On November 27th General John Vessey appeared at our expanded two hour meeting that involved an initial Live Public Radio Broadcast led by Rachel Nystrom involving the National Guard addressing issues of current concern.

Most Rotarians participated in the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 8th. A new format Rotary Holiday Party was led by Lisa Paxton and Jill Carlson Ferrie with emphasis on activities that could be appreciated by the kids attending including a visit by Santa Jim Bedard.

Bill Blum began the new year with a talk on the Rotary International Foundation. Congressman Jim Oberstar and Senator Don Samuelson were guests at our meeting January 15th. Dennis Morris led the Haiti Bike Program. Project Literacy continued with a WCCO radio interview with Don Shelby and the first Rotary Reader Day on January 25th with 27 Rotarians reading in eight schools; Dr. Wayne Little along with Ruth Gmeinder, Jerry Walseth, and Mike McConkey provided leadership for the continuance of this program.

Rick Bricker led the Winnipeg Goodwill Trip where Rotarians from Aitkin, Walker, Little Falls, and Duluth Harbortown joined our bus trip. Don Ryan and Penny Nelsen led the Silent Auction and Wine Tasting Gala. Mike Moran provided a bus for a trip to Duluth to see RI President Rick King perform and talk at a Rotary lunch at the DECC; Dick Beal, Conrad Bye, Al Cibazar, Jim Barry, Dick Isenhardt, Nancy Hall, Dan Hegstad, Fred & LeRoy Jarl, Jim & Marge Weigel, Hanspeter & Gisela Borgwarth, Darrell & Colleen Schneider were in attendance. Eric Davidge and Ed Fox led the 140 Garage Sale. Peter Johnson of the AM Rotary continued the Model United Nations program with the High School Students.

The District 5580 Annual Conference was attended by Hans & Gisela Borgwarth, Wayne & Jo Little, Terri Monroe, John Luce, Lisa & Steve Paxton, Don Rasmussen, Jack & Ann Ruttger, and Darrell & Colleen Schneider. Our Rotary Club was selected for three District Awards: Best Bulletin Series, Community Service, and Best Club in District Honorable Mention. Our club received another two awards directly from Rotary International President Rick King; Public Relations Award and Significant Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Service.

John Swanson, Jim Weigel, Mick & Angela Roby, and Darrell & Colleen Schneider went to Duluth for lunch & golf at the Duluth Skyline Rotary Club.

New members for the year included Joe Birmingham, Glen Derby, Maria Stanifer, Nadine Gessner, Brad Persons, James Barry, Loren Bielke, Heidi Funk, Dick Isenhardt, Kevin Larson, Yvonne Leiser, Ross Hella, David Krause, Margaret Becker, Mark Dockendorf, and Dave Johnson with General John Vessey and Jim Alderman as honorary members. Led by Tom Madden with Dan Hegstad, Mick Roby, and Mary Scott, total membership was 140 at year's end.

Club Awards for the year were made at the Change of Gavel Dinner: PROJECT OF THE YEAR to Linda Hanson for her work on the Reverse Dinner/Raffle. Linda Hanson did a great job of bringing focus to the Brainerd Rotary Foundation. PRESIDENT'S AWARD to Nancy Hall for her award-winning Bulletin Series. SERVICE ABOVE SELF to Paula Persons who was always there to continuously consult on the computer system, maintained the web page and led the submission effort for the awards granted to our club. ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR to Mark Erickson who has volunteered his skills in making eight trips to Haiti over the years and has made his business available for club projects as well as participating in other club projects.

The membership makes the club. I can only hope that I have done a reasonable job in recognizing those who have made this year possible and contributed to these highlights. It was certainly my honor and privilege to serve as President of this great organization for this year. Thank you all very much!!!

Darrell

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(82) Lisa Paxton  
2002-2003

Sow the Seeds of Love was the international theme for the 2002-03 year. The Brainerd Rotary Club embraced this theme through their work plan and followed a new committee structure that had club members leading several committees, with coaching and oversight by board members. Our Club volunteers were phenomenal – reaching or

exceeding all the goals set by the Board.

Among the goals set was a desire to expand club volunteerism and fellowship through service to others, getting to know your fellow Rotarians, serving our local community, an aggressive international project, and above all else - having fun! It was an honor and a privilege to serve as Club President and I'm thankful for the opportunity.

Following is a partial list of accomplishments for the year:

- The club was at 145 members, with 20% women.
- The "red badge" program was introduced with new members completing a series of requirements that fast-started their engagement in the club. They wore the red name badge until they completed their requirements and then received the final white badge. Dan Hegstad, as membership chair, initiated this program. This also was the year that the Rotary Notary started and featured new and veteran club members. The membership committee also tackled the attendance standards for the club to encourage more consistent participation.
- Recognition of outstanding community volunteers was expanded at the monthly Club meetings, with Dan Brown coordinating. The volunteers joined the Club for lunch, were introduced, and recognized through applause and thank you gifts. Dan was recognized as the Rotarian of the Year for his work in this and club set-up each week.
- John Turcotte, who celebrated his 50th year as a Rotary member, reached out to all of the Club Axemen (anyone who visited our club at least once a year for five years becomes an Axeman, and has a designated badge). He sent letters to all of the registered Axemen across the country to try to update records.
- The Rotary Moment – reflecting and learning about Rotary – was incorporated into most club meetings, with Dave Reed and Harry Nysather coordinating.
- The Reverse Raffle dinner at Madden's was held to raise money for the local foundation. New this year was an opportunity to sponsor a table with your business name for \$100.
- Project Literacy was in its second year, with about 50 volunteers reading to elementary schools, along with foundation funding for a special literacy program in the ISD 181 district titled "Fast Forward."
- The Interact RI Service Club for ages 14-18 began this year under Nancy Hall's leadership.
- Mike Overton coordinated the "Straight Dope" program and engaged the Interact Club. He partnered with community leaders to help educate the public about drug abuse.
- The Club committed \$10,000 over three years to support the RI Polio Plus program, with Dick Beal as cheer leader.

- The first Rotary sponsored community Easter egg hunt was held this year, with our own Paula Persons serving as the Easter Bunny, herself!
- Our international projects were "Haiti Houses or Happy Homes" with leadership from Hanspeter Borgwarth. Our Club raised funds to build two houses at \$850 each, and Hanspeter engaged other clubs and the District to build more houses. Mike Engler led a construction effort that built several models of the houses that were used to collect donations. The Club also gathered cast-off bicycles, repaired them, and coordinated transport to Haiti.
- Dr. Wayne Little was nominated by the club to serve as District Governor for Rotary District 5580 for the Rotary Year 2005-06. An unfortunate car accident that injured Wayne and Larry Riley, later caused Wayne to withdraw from the nomination. He would have been an incredible Governor.
- The annual garage sale, coordinated by Heidi Funk and Bob Musielewicz, raised over \$6,000 for the local foundation.
- Don Rasmussen coordinated an Exchange Team from England.

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(83) DON RYAN  
2003-2004

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the President of the Brainerd Rotary Club for the 2003-2004 Rotary year. I want to thank all of the Rotarians, and especially the Leadership Team, who worked so hard this year. It was through their efforts that we had a truly Fun and Successful year. Most importantly I want to thank my wife Marie and my daughter Fallon for supporting and inspiring me through the year. But for them, my involvement would not have been possible.

As part of this year end report I have included a copy of the 2003-2004 Club plan, a copy of our District 5580 awards submission, a disc containing a copy of our weekly news letter for the past year, and a copy of the District awards that we received. These documents best explain the efforts of our club during this past year. It is not by accident or oversight that Brainerd Rotary was recognized with 5 of the 8 District awards, including "Best in the District". It also was not an accident that Brainerd Rotary was the #1 Club in the District in foundation giving for the second straight year. Rather, it is through the undaunted efforts of our Membership that we achieve such recognition. At District Conference Brainerd Rotary was referred to as a "Flag Ship Club" and held out as an example for other clubs to follow. This is something that we can all be truly proud of. We are blessed to be a part of this Rotary Club Family and it's rich tradition of leadership. However, we the Brainerd Rotarians of today must not rest on our laurels. Instead, we must strive to enrich this tradition and pass it on a little better than we inherited it. I am reminded of the words of my high school football coach:

Sometimes, not nearly often enough, we get a chance to be part of something greater than our selves, and it starts this way, with the belief that WE CAN.

Together the Brainerd Rotary Club can continue to make a difference.

It is with great sorrow that we say good bye to James Alderman and James Weigel who have passed away this last year. However, it is with great joy that we celebrate their respective involvement in Rotary and recognize their respective contributions to our rich traditions.

I look forward to continued involvement in Rotary as a Past President of the Brainerd Rotary Club. I thank my fellow Rotarians for the faith and confidence that they showed in me by electing as their 2003-2004 president. And, I again thank them for their undaunted efforts of this past year.

Respectively Submitted  
Don Ryan  
2003-2004 Brainerd Rotary President

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(84) Penny Nelsen  
2004-2005

July 6, 2004 was the first weekly meeting of the Rotary Centennial Year, at the Ramada Inn, Brainerd, Minnesota, where our club meets at noon on Tuesdays, for a buffet lunch, meeting and program.

This year Rotary is Celebrating 100 years! Rotary started in Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday evening on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris met with three business acquaintances to form a group that became the Rotary Club of Chicago, initializing the world's first service organization.

Club Officers were Penny Nelsen, President; Paula Persons, Vice President; Secretary, Fred Jarl; Treasurer, Mike Sands; and Past President, Don Ryan. Club Board of Directors were Joe Birmingham, International Service; Dan Hegstad, Community Service & Fundraising; Mike Engler, Community Service, Youth; Jill Carlson-Ferrie, Public Relations; and Linda Hanson, Club Service. International President: Glenn Estess, Sr. District Governor: Larry Riley Assistant District Governor: Joe Gans.

The role of the Board of Directors was to: support and monitor area of responsibility and show appreciation to volunteers; stay informed on committee progress and report at Board meetings; encourage member interaction/involvement; monitor finances; and set an example for other club members through their involvement.

The Rotary Board of Directors is an extremely important foundation of the club, because together with the club officers they are a part of the planning process for the current year; and also these members are groomed to be a potential club President in the future. In most cases a Board member will serve 3 years before being elected to

the position of Vice President. Board members get a great deal of education and understanding of Rotary on a local, district and international level when serving on the board. Each Director worked with their committee chairs to define the program of work prior to planning meeting in May with the club officers. Also at that meeting the club budget was determined.

Nadine Gessner was chair of the membership committee. Although membership is a separate committee, and while the chair does not serve on the board as a voting member, they participate in an ex-officio role due to the importance of their assignment.

The clubs' local Brainerd Rotary Foundation approves and manages the funds the Club raises for local projects. The chair this year was Kevin Thesing.

Club Chaplin was Linda Hanson. We heard prayers from fellow Rotarians throughout the year including Denny Doucette, Linda Hanson, Yvonne Leiser, John Newhouse, Nadine Gessner, Bob Nystrom, Harry Nysather, Dan Klement, Becky Best, Hanspeter Borgwarth, Andrew Smith, and John Luce.

Axeman, are Rotarian who have visited our club during 5 different years receive this classification.

Music was lead by John Luce and Ray Gildow.

The club had 132 members, with 104 men and 28 women.

Karen Kirt was Youth Exchange chair and our youth exchange student was Laura DeWitte from the Netherlands. Host families were Fred and Mary Jarl, Mike and Becky Sands, Dan and Sue Meyer.

Fellowship among Rotarians before the meeting was valued all year long; therefore sometimes meetings started a few minutes later. Each board of director reviewed their area throughout the year as we strived to have informed and involved members.

Many Rotarians shared duties as "Sergeant At Arms" throughout the year and they were: Denny Doucette, Brain Thuringer and David Ten Eyck, Jerry Walseth, Al Cibuzar, Dave Johnson, Janelle Riley, Ruth Gmeinder, Ray Gildow; Linda Marden; Mike McConkey; Brad Persons; Vern Smith, Dave Johnson, and Curt Nielsen.

Some memorable fines were:

Bob Musielewicz had 610 Halloween trick or treaters and traffic was backed up for blocks.

Ruthie riding a camel. Penny's nephew for shooting the 2nd worlds largest moose. Lisa Paxton said that 550 people came through the New Welcome Center on Friday of Memorial Day weekend. John Turcotte back from Antartica. Hanspeter Borgwarth visited Germany and received his 50 year pin for graduating from the University of Hanover. Steve Esser's mom survived her "deer" visit. Joe Birmingham and Ted Spring announce the House has earmarked 7.5 million for the college. Mike Sands a Karaoke Superstar at District Conference. Peter Nelson happy for the Norwegian celebration today or he might have been Swedish.

Hans Peter Borgwarth has been a member for 40 years. Rotarian Einer Anderson celebrated his 90th birthday.

The activities/fund raisers/social events that we participated in were the Relay for Life; Dragon Boat Races; Reverse Raffle Dinner held at Madden's; Roadside Clean-up in the fall and spring; Diabetes Walk; Festival of Trees, Salvation Army Bell Ringing; Christmas Party; Wine Tasting & Auction at The Quarterdeck Restaurant; Rotary Garage Sale; Fishing Trip on Mille Lacs Lake and Change of Gavel/Golf Tournament held at The Legacy. Community Service and Youth projects that the club focused on for our youth were Interact; Youth and Adult Volunteer of the Month; Brainerd Project Literacy; Drug Awareness and Education; RYLA Camp; Four Way Test; Easter Egg Hunt; Junior Achievement/.Exchange City; Camp Journey and Hall of Fame Banquet.

International involvement included Youth Exchange; Winnipeg Goodwill Trip; Model United Nations; District Conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada; Paul Harris Foundation and Five Grand Club; Bikes for Haiti; Haiti Houses; Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholarships. The club donated an a average of \$136.92 per member to the Rotary International Foundation.

The club strongly believes in public relations and member awareness and one example to help communicate our message and information is through our award-winning, color, weekly newsletter delivered via email/mail featuring photographs and text compiled by Editor Nancy Hall, with help from Joe Birmingham; and designed and printed by Lakes Printing, owned and operated by our own Rotarian member Kevin Thesing. Other marketing tools that the club offers is a website maintained by member Paula Persons and club directory also published by Lakes Printing.

Highlights:

Terri Monroe was the Honorary Chair for Relay for Life this year. The club raised a total of \$1,850. The American Cancer Society reported that the total event raised \$125,000.

The GSE Team was from Lithuania.

Our team, the Paul Bunyan Axeman, participated in the Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival in August, on Barker's Island in Superior, Wisconsin. The event was organized by Rick Bricker.

Rotarian Steve Esser was named 2004 Brainerd Citizen of the Year.

The Club met for a noon meeting and toured the Festival of Trees at Cragun's Legacy Pavilion. Gisela Borgwarth and Arlene Fitzpatrick decorated the club's sponsored tree with a friendship international theme.

November 30, 2004, the club met and toured the new Forest View Middle School. Rotarian Jerry Walseth, superintendent, thanked the community and fellow Rotarians who were involved in the project as follows: school board members Ruth Gmeinder and Bob Nystrom; former school board



member Randy Klinger; John Luce head engineer from Widseth Smith and Nolting, Community Task Force members Don Ryan, Nancy Hall and Becky Best; and the Oversight Committee, made up of all Rotarians Hanspeter Borgwarth, Linda Hanson, Dave Johnson, Peter Nelson and Charlie Sheets. To celebrate Rotary's 100th Anniversary, the club ran a full page color ad in the Brainerd Daily Dispatch featuring Rotarians names or businesses. International President Glenn Estess, Sr. and wife visited our "Mardi Gras" themed hospitality suite, at the Good Will Meeting in Winnepeg. Duluth's Harbor Town Rotary Club's hospitality room at District Conference in Thunder Bay. Awards the club received at District Conference were Bulletin Best in District and Presidential Citation.

Our Centennial Project was Camp Journey, which became a new club project as well. Camp Journey is open to boys and girls 7 to 18 who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They attend a weekend at Confidence Learning Center near Brainerd where they increase friendships with peers through experiential activities while helping process grief and remember loss in a safe, fun environment all free to charge.

Rotarian members Einer Anderson and Ray Madison became honorary members on June 14, 2005, after the Board unanimously voted to change their classification.

Hanspeter Borgwarth, PDG, was awarded the Brainerd Centennial Award for his years of dedicated service to the Brainerd Rotary Club, District 5580 and Rotary International, at the Change of Gavel.

Jill Carlson-Ferrie was Rotarian of the Year.

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(85) Paula Persons  
2005-2006

Service Above Self was the International theme for the 2005/2006 year. On June 28th seven members of Brainerd Rotary left to celebrate 100 years of Rotary at the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. What an experience!

Brainerd Rotary had a great leadership team consisting of Dave Johnson as Vice President, Terri Monroe as Secretary, and Mary Scott as Treasurer. The Board of Directors included Linda Hanson, Dan Hegstad, Jill Carlson-Ferrie, Rick Bricker and Bob Musielewicz. Kevin Thesing from Lakes Printing did a wonderful job as Sergeant at Arms. He used a positive approach for "happy fines" which the club enjoyed. Money raised was sent to the Festival of Trees, a Paul Harris donation for Bill Blum, and the remainder to Habitat for Humanity.

Bill Blum was forced to retire as chair of our RI Foundation so Rick Bricker took over the task. As a

thank-you, the club made a surprise donation to RI in Bill's name.

During the year we focused on what it means to be a Rotarian and to be proud to be a Rotarian. Thanks to Dave Reed at each meeting, we had a brief history lesson about our club's past. We sang the Canadian National Anthem weekly because our District Governor, Paula Timmins, was from Nipigon. Many thanks to Peter Nelson and the membership committee for educating the membership on what it means to be a member and how to propose a member. We now have badges recognizing Past Presidents of our club. Proposed members also met with Past Presidents and learned about Rotary prior to joining the club. In April the committee did a survey of the members to get club input.

Our foreign exchange student, Paloma from Chile, was a joy. She taught us some Spanish, in December told us how she celebrated Christmas in Temuco, and in May gave a program on her family and country.

We started the year with 134 members and ended with 128. During the year we added six new members and gained five new Paul Harris Fellows. During the year we raised over \$33,000 through various activities such as the Relay for Life, Dragon Boat Races, Walk to Williston, Festival of Trees, Reverse Raffle, as well as Auction and Wine Tasting. The club also donated school supplies to the Salvation Army, donated Christmas gifts for Hurricane Katrina victims, adopted a family of six by purchasing gifts and Christmas dinner through the Salvation Army, along with ringing bells 82.25 hours. In addition, the club finished third in district for Foundation giving.

Peter Nelson and his wife Bonnie hosted the club at a Christmas sing-along at their home. The Tom and Jerry Party was revived for the meeting between Christmas and New Years. Both the spring and fall Roadside Pickup had more than 40 in attendance. John and Arlene Fitzpatrick even hosted the club after the spring pickup.

The Reverse Raffle held in October raised \$18,000 with 311 tickets sold. We had our first Health Screening. For \$30 you could have your blood tested at a savings of over \$200.00.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Past Presidents met at my home to visit and help with visioning for the club. Out of that came a change to the weekly drawing. \$25 is now given to the weekly winner and the remainder goes into the Paul Harris Fund. Of the weekly winners, one name was drawn from the hat at the Change of Gavel, Don Rasmussen won this year and received a Paul Harris award.

Eleven Rotarians and guests, along with 15 Rotarians from other clubs, attended the Winnipeg Goodwill Weekend. You had to be there to experience the fun of our great hospitality room with a roaring 20's theme. There were gangsters, flappers, raids and bathtub gin.

The second Camp Journey was held with over 30 Rotarians helping. Children who have lost a parent or sibling were invited to spend a weekend with others their own age who have had the same experience. Counselors, doctors and clergy were available. There was no cost to participants. Don Ryan and the committee did an outstanding job.

We had some great programs. We learned about the Rotary Friendship Exchange from Don Rasmussen and John Swanson. We got to know Mike Hamad from his Rotary Knowtary talk. Who will forget our Valentines Day meeting when Kevin Thesing arranged for Elvis to come and sing for us. Linda Marden giving a talk about her trip to Singida, Tanzania.

At the Change of Gavel held at Cragun's Resort on June 27<sup>th</sup>, Terri Monroe received the Rotarian of the Year award. She did a wonderful job unexpectedly taking over the job as Secretary of the club, participated in many club activities, and truly showed the club members "Service Above Self." The club also surprised me with a picture of a Canadian Mountie, which is proudly hanging in our home to remind me of my Winnipeg friend and club friends.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to all the club members for this wonderful experience. What surprised me most about the year was the support I received as President and the dedication of many members to make this the great club it is. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as President of such a group of great, hard-working individuals. It was fun. A quote summarizes this year "Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible." -- Acceptance address, 1977 Rotary Convention, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Respectively Submitted

Paula Persons

2005-2006 Brainerd Rotary President

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(86) DAVE JOHNSON  
2006-2007

"Lead The Way" was the theme for 2006-2007 Rotary International and that is what the Brainerd Noon Club did. Once again Brainerd Noon was named "Best in District" at the District Convention. This was a very sound year for the club with membership gaining slightly from 128 to 129. Traditional programs were continued with new avenues of service being explored.

The leadership team for the year consisted of:

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| Rick Bricker        | International Service             |
| Dan Hegstad         | Community Service and Fundraising |
| Bob Musielewicz     | Community Service Youth           |
| Jill Carlson-Ferrie | Public Relations                  |
| Brad Person         | Club Service                      |
| Peter Nelson        | Membership                        |

Mary Scott  
Terri Monroe  
Linda Hanson  
Paula Persons

Treasurer  
Secretary  
Vice President  
Past President

My term came somewhat unexpectedly and therefore I had not spent the usual amount of time going through the orientation of serving in various board positions. This problem was mitigated by extraordinary support by the board and particularly Paula and Terri. Without their help things might have gone much differently. Rick Bricker was also extremely active in multiple projects and positions and as a result Rick was named "Rotarian of the Year" and was nominated for that distinction at the district level.

Our Exchange Student for the year was Matild from France. We also hosted the District Exchange Orientation in the fall as we had in the past. 22 exchange students came to Brainerd and were hosted for the weekend by our club members.

We lost two very distinguished Rotarians during the year. Harry Nysather and Marv Campbell. Both had long and outstanding careers of service in Rotary and both men served as examples to our club and will be missed very much.

The District Conference was held at Cragun's this year. Our club along with 8 other clubs in the district co-hosted the event. The conference was well attended and the content of the conference was said to be the best in years by many attending.

Hanspeter Borgwarth (Past district Governor) was honored at the Winnipeg Goodwill Convention for 40 years of attendance along with wife Gisela.

The Reverse Raffle once again netted over \$18,000 for the local foundation. In addition thousands of dollars were raised for cancer, the local foundation, Camp Journey, Bethany Good Samaritan Homes, work in Haiti, and literacy through various club activities.

In addition to all of the work, the club also took time to have fun and enjoy the fellowship that has been the hallmark of Rotary. Dragon Boat Racing, Fishing Trip on Mille Lacs, the Tom and Jerry Party, Caroling, the Ditch Pickup, and all of the other events that this club has been able to enjoy made this a very busy and enjoyable Rotary year.

New projects in the initial stages were, an expanded Literacy Program that will involve all of the schools in District 181 and a new international project exploration in Haiti.

In all it was a busy year. It has been an honor and a great learning experience to serve as the President of Brainerd Noon Rotary.

(87) LINDA HANSON  
2007-2008

### **Rotary Year 2007-2008-The Year of Sharing**

Linda S. Hanson, President of Brainerd Noon Rotary

District Governor: Jim L. Ozburn International Governor: Wilf Wilkinson

My year began as many do, as a new President of Brainerd Rotary; excitement, fear and pride in working with the Brainerd Rotary noon club membership.

Our International emphasis this year was sharing and having fun.

Brainerd Noon Rotary has fun in everything they do!!

I was fortunate to have a board which consisted of the most involved, committed and fun loving individuals I have had the honor to serve with. They were Jill Carlson-Ferrie, Mary Scott, Rick zumBrunnen, Theresa Goble, Bob Musielewicz, Rick Bricker, Brad Person, Dave Johnson, Rebecca Best, and Ruth Gmeinder. We had a membership 132 members; 105 men and 27 women.

Highlights of the many things we did:

- Made Membership a board position (previously a separate committee)
- Changed the 4 way Essay to "ethics" based and raised scholarship to \$1,000.
- Started the foundations moving forward "Strive" program. Donn Peterson, a brand new member, asked for my assistance and it was established the fall of 2008.
- Updated the Club bylaws- had not been updated since early 80's?
- Ruth Gmeinder was named Rotarian of the Year

On a personal note, three years of my Rotary life- 2006-2008 two members of my family were fighting cancer. One was dying and the other in treatment. My responsibilities, as President, were met because everyone in the club stepped up to keep our club moving forward. Cards and hugs came every week. Requests for updates on my family would be lovingly requested. If I succeeded to hold back tears during the meetings, members shed them for me. I am forever grateful for my membership in Rotary and the Rotarians I love.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda S. Hanson

2007-2008 Brainerd Rotary President

(88) JILL CARLSON-FERRIE  
2008-2009

2008-2009 was a great year to be a Brainerd Rotarian!

Change of Gavel was held after a competitive and fun golf tournament at Maddens Resort and inducted the following club officers:

President: Jill Carlson  
Vice President: Rick Bricker  
Secretary: Dan Brown  
Treasurer: Mary Scott  
Past President: Linda Hanson

### **Service Projects:**

Our club participated in many fundraising and service projects including: Relay for Life (\$2,000), Salvation Army Back to School (\$350 plus supplies), Roadside Clean up chaired by Steve Esser and John Fitzpatrick. Auction and Wine Tasting (\$4,000 to be donated to the Brainerd Foundation), Salvation Army Bell ringing and a new project began its planning process; our Rotary Park and Mississippi River project (which was finally purchased in 2013.)

### **International Endeavors:**

We began our new project of building a secondary school in Haiti. Partnering with the Hutchinson and City of Lakes Rotary clubs as well as Haiti Outreach, we raised enough money to start the school. Many club members attended the annual Winnipeg Goodwill Trip and enjoyed socializing with Rotarians in our district. Rotarians also hosted district exchange students in their homes for their orientation weekend.

### **Youth:**

This year we began our S.T.R.I.V.E. program (Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education.) Lead by Donn Peterson. Focusing on the lower one-third G.P.A. of the Senior Brainerd High School students the goal was to improve their school performance. Rotarians act as mentors and provide academic assistance to students to help them improve their grades as well as their overall participation and interest in learning. Top students were presented with matching scholarship dollars to Central Lakes College. Other youth projects include: Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Camp Journey for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one, Literacy projects with Central Lakes College and ISD 181 (Go Joe Reader- a sponsored online reading game), RYLA and Interact were are projects this year.

### **Just For Fun:**

Setting a goal of having some fun family events, we participated in the Dragonboat Races in Duluth (and

did pretty well!), organized a Christmas Light Bus Tour, and had a special "Rotary Night" at the Leader Pig Races where we invited area Rotary Clubs to join us for fun and fellowship. Laughs were had by all!

I was very proud and honored to serve as the 2008-2009 President.

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(89) RICHARD BRICKER  
2009-2010

Brainerd Rotary 2009-2010  
Club officers - Rick Bricker – President.  
Vice President – Theresa Goble.  
Dan Brown - Secretary.  
Yvonne Leiser – Treasurer.  
Directors – Jody Drummond Club Service.  
Rod Rangen – Community Service. Rick  
ZumBrunnen – Public Relations.  
Buford Johnson – International service.  
Denny Doucette – Membership.  
Jeff Burkes – Community Service.

This year was a good one for Brainerd Rotary. We received a number of awards at District Conference including 2nd place for best in District. Dave Johnson also was voted District Rotarian of the year. This was the year we went through the District Visioning plan. Out of that came the start of the Positive Charge Campaign and our club motto, Excellence In Action. We also received a \$16,000 matching grant to build a school in Haiti. We helped the Sunrise Rotary start the Healthy Brains For Children campaign, gave money for Shelter Boxes in Haiti, and started on the Community Garden. It was a pleasure to be part of a great club that does so many wonderful things.

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(90) THERESA A. GOBLE  
2010-2011

It was an honor and a privilege for me to serve as Club President and guide our Rotary Club through the 2010/2011 Rotary Year. I wish to thank all the club members for this wonderful life-changing experience.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES – BRIDGING CONTINENTS was the International Theme and we embraced that theme through our many projects and activities.

The team leadership for the year was:  
President – Theresa Goble  
President Elect – Rick zumBrunnen  
President Nominee – Brad Person  
Secretary – Dan Brown

Treasurer – Yvonne Leiser  
Membership Director – Kevin Thesing  
International Service Director – Buford Johnson  
Community Service/Fundraising Director – Rod Rangen  
Community Service/New Generations Director – John Landsburg  
Public Relations Director – Debby Erickson  
Club Service Director – Jody Drummond  
Sgt-at-Arms – Ed Menk

Kevin Thesing was named Rotarian of the Year at the Change of Gavel event.

We amended the by-laws to establish the position of President-Nominee, which mirrors the District practices and allows for continuity of well-informed leadership. We also established a new position of Club Trainer with Dave Johnson taking the helm and giving us once-a-month insights/training into Rotary and the responsibilities and privileges of being a Rotarian.

We negotiated the purchase of a 37 acre plot of land with 1,300 feet of Mississippi River Frontage that was gifted to the City of Brainerd to be called the Brainerd Rotary Park. Working with the City of Brainerd, a DNR Grant of \$17,500 was applied for and approved, which covered one-half of the purchase price. Brainerd Rotary supplied the remaining \$17,500. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will provide wonderful green space within the city limits for many years to come and provides connectivity to other trail endeavors. This successful project earned John Forrest second place in the District as Outstanding Rotarian in Club Service.

We conducted a Positive Charge Campaign, a program that allowed community members, through black and white photos, to express what they love about the Brainerd Lakes area. The ripple effect of this program was felt not only throughout this area, but throughout the District, and even on an international level with an article printed in the January 2012 Rotarian Magazine. Brainerd Rotary was also honored during the Best of Minnesota Community Pride Showcase at the MN State Fair. Never has Brainerd Rotary had so much press with newspaper articles, billboards and picture displays in many businesses.

We joined with other service organizations in establishing community garden plots which had a waiting list even before the garden area was identified.

We joined with other service organizations in a cooperative effort of putting our service logos on the City of Brainerd Welcome Signs

In addition to all the above special projects for the year, we maintained all of our other successful programs of STRIVE, RYLA, Interact, the 4-Way Essay Contest, Camp Journey, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Our major fundraising events of the year were the reverse raffle dinner, auction & wine tasting, and peach sales which enabled us, thru our local foundation, to support local youth and community projects, as well as our International Project of building and equipping the school in Haiti.

We often hear the term “family of rotary”. Rotary is like a family in so many ways – in the ways we lift each other up, help each other grow, and accomplish things together that we never could alone. We had fun with all of our “family of rotary” events such as the Easter egg hunt, the pig races, Valentine Social, roadside pickup, reciting the 4 Way Test at the beginning of every meeting and singing R O T A R Y at the conclusion of every meeting.

We lost two very distinguished Rotarians to death this year. Terri Monroe and Robert Weizenegger. Our hearts were full when we remembered them in the Memorial Service at the Change of Gavel event. Both had long and outstanding careers of service in Rotary, were honorary members of Brainerd Rotary and will be missed by all of us very much. I was very fortunate to represent the club at the International Convention in New Orleans. I was so proud to be a part of a group of dedicated, civic-minded, and talented individuals from all over the world who belong to an organization that teaches us how ordinary citizens from a small town can be world citizens and make a difference not only in their community but in the world. I realized in talking to fellow Rotarians at the convention that, In my opinion, we are one of the top clubs in the WORLD!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa A. Goble  
President 2010/2011

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(91) RICHARD ZUMBRUNNEN  
2011-2012

“**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**” was the International Theme for the 2011-2012 Rotary Year. The Brainerd Rotary Club continued to reach out to humanity through our involvement with local and international projects. We had a very good year practicing Service Above Self.

Brainerd Club Officers and Leaders were:

- Kalyan Banerjee, RI President
- Tom Riley, District Governor

- Jim Dehen, Area 11 Assistant District Governor

The members of our Club’s leadership team were:

- Richard zumBrunnen, President
- Dan Hegstad, President Elect
- Brad Person, President Nominee
- Dan Brown, Secretary
- Yvonne Leiser, Treasurer
- Jody Drummond, Club Service Director
- Rod Rangen, Community Service Fundraising Director
- Deborah Erickson, Public Relations Director
- David Schaeffer, International Service Director
- Rod Osterloh, Membership Director
- John Landsburg, New Generations Director
- Monica Niemen, Sergeant at Arms
- Dave Johnson, Club Trainer

The Brainerd Rotary Foundation Members included:

- Jesse Hopkins, President
- Rick Bricker, Vice-President
- Jill Carlson-Ferrie, Secretary
- Mike Sands, Treasurer
- Members: Dave Johnson, Nancy Hall, Craig Nathan, John Forrest, Linda Hanson, Sheila Haverkamp and Rick zumBrunnen (Exoficio)

Paula Persons was named Brainerd’s “**Rotarian of the Year**” at the Change of Gavel Event. Paula was recognized at the Annual Change of Gavel for her many years of service to our club, designing and maintain the Club Web site since 1997, compiling the Club history on the Web site, maintaining club membership data, providing Club member email communications, organizing and chairing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for many years and having served as a Board member and as Club President in 2005-2006.

**Monthly “Service Above Self”** Recognition was given to the following:

- July: Paula Persons – Change of gavel Video
- August: Richard Slieter – Peach Sales & Haiti (2 Years)
- September: Rick Bricker – Community Gardens
- October: Ben Thuringer – Chili Cook-off & Roadside Clean-up Meal

- November: Sheila Haverkamp – Change of Gavel Committee Chair (2 years)
- December: Ben Bedard – Appraisal Donation for Riverside Park
- January: John Forrest: Rotary presented Riverside park to City of Brainerd on January 3, 2012
- April: Dutch Cragun – Donation for District Silent Auction & Song Leading
- May: Cheryl Gelbmann, Shelli Urness, Jennifer Bergman & Stacie Bednarek - Good Sam Fund raiser raffle & silent auction
- June: Jennifer Person – Camp Journey Coordinator (4 years)

Membership started in July 2011 at 110 members and finished the year in June 2012 with a decrease of one member to 109.

Memorable events and goals met include:

- Club Trainer job description was finalized. Dave Johnson was our Club Trainer for the second year.
- Peach Sales raised over \$4,000 for our International Project of helping to build a school in Ranquette, Haiti.
- Camp Confidence Signage was added to recognize Brainerd Rotary.
- Raised \$2,300 for Relay for Life.
- Received \$500 from the Bush Foundation for our Positive Charge project.
- Sponsored two students to attend RYLA.
- Supported "Farm-a-Plenty" food shelf fund raiser in August.
- Participated in Chamber Chili Cook-off in September.
- Fall & Spring Road-side Clean-up activities.
- Hosted GSA Team from Tasmania, Australia.
- Centennial Celebration Committee began meetings.

Major accomplishments for the year:

- Sponsored a new Rotaract Club at Central Lakes College which was newly Chartered on May 12, 2012.
- Purchased 37 acres of Mississippi River land and donated it to the City as Rotary Riverside Park.
- Changed from Weekly to Monthly format with Newsletter.

- Started a new fund raiser with Good Samaritan and Raffle & Silent Auction.

Our Club and its leader members received numerous honors at the District Conference held in Cloquet, MN. As follows:

#### **Distinguished Rotarians in the Areas of:**

Club Service: 3rd Place Paula Persons  
 Vocational Service: 2nd Place Kevin Thesing  
 Community Service: 2nd Place John Forrest

#### **Best in District:**

Clubs of 61+ Members: 2nd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

#### **Fundraising:**

Clubs of 61+ Members: 2nd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

#### **Community Service:**

Clubs of 61+ Members: 3rd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

#### **Inter-Club Service Award:**

2nd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

#### **Inter-Organizational Award:**

3rd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

#### **Total Giving to Annual Programs Fund:**

Clubs with 60+ Members: 3rd Place Brainerd Rotary Club

I would like to thank everyone in our Club for their awesome inspiration, dedication and support. It has been an honor serving as President and a pleasure working with so many wonderful people. 2011 – 2012 was a very good year for Brainerd Rotary to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Richard zumBrunner  
 2011 – 2012 Brainerd Rotary President

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(92) DAN HEGSTAD  
 2012-2013

I had three goals for my year: 1: Continue the good work we are doing. We don't need to do more (we can't do more). 2: Restructure our dues and fees. 3: Increase weekly meeting attendance, particularly by those who never or rarely attend. We continued doing our good work and the dues and fee structure was reformed. My attempts to encourage attendance were decidedly unsuccessful.

The highlight of my year, personally, was the change to our dues and fees. The following letter

was sent to members which details the change and explains my thoughts and feelings.

As you know, a task force and your Board Of Directors have been considering options as to how our club bills for dues and meals. For many years we have billed members with fewer than 15 years in Rotary for their meals even if they did not attend and consume a meal. Once a member reaches the 'Senior Active' status they only pay for the meals when they attend. This means that when a 'newer' member does not attend a meeting it is a net gain to our treasury. This amounts to several thousand dollars per year and has been used to fund our club's operations. So if we were to charge all members only for the meals they consume it would mean our club would lose that money. Since there are several points of view and other issues to consider I formed a task force to thoroughly study the issue. The task force then made a recommendation to the Board Of Directors. We brought the issue up at our regular meeting two weeks ago and asked for comments from our members. The Board Of Directors then met to consider that input and any other viewpoints we may not have considered.

Our Board voted on December 11th to make the following changes:

1. As of our next billing, all members will be billed only for meals they consume.
2. To balance our budget we will essentially increase dues, although the increase will be billed separately to accommodate those who are 'Senior Active,' the definition of which is explained below. The increase in dues will be \$25.00 per member per quarter.
3. Those who are 'Senior Active' will be billed half of the increase, obviously \$12.50 quarterly.
4. 'Senior Active' will now be defined as 'those members whose age and years in service to Rotary equals 80.' This is basically congruent with Rotary International guidelines.

The reasons for the change are these: First, we feel it is fair. We feel we should not fund our club operations based on meals not consumed. Still, our club needs money to operate. By increasing dues the necessary funds are contributed by all members equally. It meets the first of the Four Way Test, Is It Fair To All Concerned?

Second, newer members who are unable to attend some meetings may find the cost difficult to justify. While it may be true that some members may be motivated to attend because they are paying for the meal, we do not feel it is a good reason to continue the practice. Members should attend because they are Rotarians, not to get their money's worth. So look for a change in your January billing. If you have any questions or comments you are welcome to contact any members of our Board Of Directors.

One of the highlights of the club president's year is the visit from the District Governor. Our club was pleased to host DG Don Cavalier and his wife, Mary on October 16th. DG Cavalier was very pleased with our club's enthusiasm and projects. Our attendance at that meeting was the highest we've seen in some time. We brought in two new members (his report says three, but the third couldn't make it) and officially chartered the Brainerd Rotaract Club with 11 members in attendance.

The District Conference was held at the new Sanford Center in Bemidji. I'm proud and pleased to report our club won 3 awards. Richard Sleiter took third place for International Service; our website, administered by Paula Persons, took home a second place award and our club won third place for 'Best In District.'

Our exchange student was Yannick Cornelissen from Belgium. He was a big basketball player, but High School League rules prohibited him from playing.

Our fundraisers included the Peach-A-Poloza, Reverse Raffle and Bowl-A-Thon. All were successful.

My official goal for membership was a net of one new member and I believe we ended the year with a net loss of one.

Our Change of Gavel banquet was held at Ruttger's on June 23rd. The gavel was successfully passed to Brad Persons.

I chose Donn Peterson at my Rotarian of the Year. His work with the STRIVE program has been very successful and his passion, knowledge and expertise earned him this distinction.

It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve the Rotary Club of Brainerd Minnesota as President in Rotary year 2012-2013.

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(93) BRAD PERSON  
2013-2014

We had a great year and I was honored to serve as our Club's president. To help me through the

year, we had a great board:

Past President – Dan Hegstad  
Secretary – Dan Brown  
Treasurer – Bill Potvin  
International Service – David Schaeffer  
Community Service – Liz Csanda  
New Generations – John Landsburg  
Public Relations – Andy Rangen  
Club Service – Jeff Torfin  
Membership – Denny Doucette  
President Elect – Debby Erickson  
President Nominee – Mike Sands

Our District Governor was David Smette and our International President was Ron Burton with the Theme of “Engage Rotary Change Lives”.

A few things stand out for the year. The first was our location. After many years at the Brainerd Hotel, we were forced to move and tried a few locations. After looking around and missing one lunch, we thankfully settled on the Blue Room and it felt like our new home pretty quickly. As part of the move we changed how we billed and classified members to try and match our current practice and location.

For fundraising, we made another big change to phase out the Reverse Raffle and replace it with the Golden Ticket. The first year of the Golden Ticket was a huge success and we hope that this new event serves the club and our local foundation for as long and as well as the Reverse Raffle.

One of my goals as President was to re-energize some things that had served the club well in years past. I asked Denny Doucette to help get our membership committee back to doing various things to help attract and retain new members. This committee met many times and we worked on a red badge program, had some fire-side chats to help initiate new members, tried to refocus our mentoring and just implemented various things to make sure new members felt connected to the club and knew where to turn if they had questions.

Another success was holding our second visioning session. Dave Johnson and Denny Doucette led a group of Rotarians through some goal setting and action plans to help move the club to some new goals. From this session we have a good list of goals that we have already started to act upon:

- Further improve and expand Rotary Riverside Park. During my year we acquired more lands and started a trail system.
- Expand the STRIVE program. We made a goal to expand this great program into other

school systems and we have had a great success expanding to Pillager.

- Recharge the Youth Exchange Program. Richard Slieter has already formed a new committee and we will host an exchange student in Mike Sands year. More work has been done to encourage outgoing youth as well.

In all we had a great year and it was nice to pass the gavel to Debby Erickson we all knew she would help carry forward everything we didn't quite finish.

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(94) DEBBY ERICKSON  
2014-2015

The 2014-2015 was a great Rotary year and I was honored and privileged to serve as Club President during this exciting time. Our board of directors was a dedicated group who all worked to energize our club with enthusiasm and Rotary spirit. Officers and directors included:

- President-Elect, Mike Sands
- President-Nominee, Jeff Torfin
- Secretary, Stacie Bednarek
- Treasurer, Bill Potvin
- Past-President, Brad Person
- International Service Director, Richard Slieter
- Club Service – Fundraising Director, Liz Csanda
- New Generations Director, Gene Haverkamp
- Public Relations Director, Andy Rangen
- Club Service Director, Dan Brown

Our District Governor for the year was Tim Kaminski, and our club visit with the District Governor was on October 21, 2014 where we highlighted some of the great work our club was doing.

I had several goals for the year which included: continuing to re-invigorate our youth exchange program, keep our membership active and engaged, increase local awareness of Rotary to share the knowledge of Rotary, improve club communication to keep all members informed of information and increase our use of social media, continue our Riverside Park project, and expand the use of club trainer to inform club members about Rotary and each other.

Building on Past-President Brad Person's year, we took the results of our visioning session and created outcomes and shared those with our club to implement what actions our club had identified as



important. Youth Exchange came to the top during the visioning session and we continued to build this program. Plans are in place to host an inbound student during the next Rotary year and we are seeking outbound students who would like to be sponsored as well.

We conducted a survey of our members to see what they would like to see in their club, and in response to the desire for more social events, our club hosted a family BBQ social in August to bring the Family of Rotary more into play. Also, as Valentine's Day was on a Saturday, we hosted an "I ♥ Rotary" social event at The Woods for members and community members. This was an opportunity to promote Rotary throughout our community and included a dinner, entertainment, information about Rotary programs, and fellowship. It was a great success and brought out several community members as well!

We continued our support of local projects like the Salvation Army Back-to-School drive, Salvation Army bell ringing, the support of Camp Journey, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, and our semi-annual Roadside Clean-up projects.

Our two major fund raisers continued to be the Peach-a-Palooza project which raised proceeds for international humanitarian efforts and our Golden Ticket Raffle which raised funds for our local and Foundation projects.

One of the areas I was personally excited about was increasing our members' awareness of Rotary through various communications and presentations. During our year, we instituted a weekly electronic newsletter that provided a president's message, a brief synopsis of the past week's meeting, information on a district or RI program or project, and a schedule of upcoming Rotary events to help keep members informed. Additionally, we instituted a new structure for planning weekly programs by assigning each club member a week to procure or provide the program. This change resulted in a wide variety of interesting presentations and helped us to learn more about our community and our members' interests and passions. For his work in coordinating the programs and bringing this idea to life, Peter Nelson was chosen as my Rotarian of the Year. Finally, our club trainer provided monthly presentations that encouraged members to learn more about different Rotary topics and included "Rotary Knowtary" presentations by seasoned members and new members alike.

The accomplishment that I was most proud of was in the area of increasing our membership. My goal for the year was to end the year with a +1 in membership and we ended up increasing our membership by 11 members! Bringing more members into the fellowship of Rotary was an

exciting event each month and our club benefited from all our new members joining us.

When I passed the gavel to Mike Sands at the end of the year it was with pride at the great things our club accomplished during the year and excitement for what the future holds for Brainerd Rotary!

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(95) MIKE SANDS  
2015 – 2016

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rotary International President - K.R. (Ravi)  
Ravindran, Sri Lanka  
District Governor – Craig Loughery, Ely, MN  
Assistant Governor – Rick Bricker, Brainerd, MN  
Club President – Mike Sands  
President Elect – Jeff Torfin  
President Nominee – Peter Nelson  
Secretary – Stacie Bednarek  
Treasurer – Bill Potvin  
International Service Director – Richard Slieter  
Community Service & Fundraising Director – Liz Csanda  
New Generations/Youth Director – Carol Johnson  
Public Relations Director – Gloria Mink  
Club Service Director – Kevin Eagan  
Past President – Debbie Erickson  
Membership Chair – Mike Bjerkness

#### ROTARY THEME – Be a Gift to the World

The 2015 – 2016 Rotary year started with a planning meeting held in June, 2015 for all officers, directors and committee chairs. The purpose of the meeting was to review the club planning guide, review the goals established for the ensuing year, and to review the Brainerd Rotary Club structure and organizational chart. Some of the established goals included:

- Monthly Rotary socials.
- Hold 4 Club Assemblies during the year to keep members informed about club activities and projects.
- Award a minimum of 10 Paul Harris Fellow awards, including 5 first time recipients.
- Minimum contribution of \$100/member to The Rotary Foundation.
- Minimum contribution of \$1,500 to Polio Plus/End Polio Now.
- Update our club website and Facebook page.
- Increasing weekly meeting attendance by 10%.
- Re-implement weekly greeters for club meetings.

Club activities and projects during the year included:

- Golf outing and dinner with Brainerd Lakes Sunrise and Central Lakes Rotary clubs.
- Peach sales to raise funds for our club International projects.

- Golden Ticket Raffle to support our local Brainerd Rotary Foundation.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
- Roadside cleanup.
- Rotary Riverside Park.
- Timor Leste medical clinic.
- Community Easter Egg Hunt.
- Camp Journey.
- STRIVE (Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education).
- RYLA Camp.

During the year we had a variety of programs and speakers at our weekly meetings, including:

- Central MN Adult & Teen Challenge.
- District Governor visit on August 18th.
- Salvation Army.
- Cuyuna Bike Trails.
- Youth Exchange presentations from our current and former in-bound students.
- Brainerd High School Interact Club.
- Presentation by Peter Nelson about his cardiac care team and experience.
- Rotary Riverside Park update.
- Brainerd Rotary Foundation.
- Crow Wing Energized.
- Brainerd Public Schools Foundation.
- Tom & Jerry party.
- Mississippi Riverfront development.
- Presentation by Kevin Egan about his Cuba trip.
- Hunt Utilities Group.
- Timor Leste medical clinic.
- Presentation by Ruth Gmeinder and Linda Hanson about their kayak trip on the Sea of Cortez.
- STRIVE awards presentation.
- Rotary Knowtary talks.

One of the highlights for the year was hosting our in-bound Youth Exchange student Amanda Alvarenga from Goias, Brazil. Amanda arrived in Brainerd on August 15th, 2015. During the Rotary year, Amanda stayed with three different host families and attended Brainerd High School. Amanda quickly adopted our "Minnesota" culture, and became a vibrant and active member of our community, school and club. It was with great sadness when we had to say goodbye to Amanda at the end of the Rotary year.

Another highlight for the year was the after-hours socials. We held 5 Thursday night socials at various establishments in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Appetizers were sponsored by club members along with a cash bar. It was a good time to visit with and get to know each other better.

The achievements I am most proud of are the Paul Harris Fellow awards and the update of our club website. My goal for the year was to award a total of 10 PHF, including 5 first time PHF recipients. As a result of the extraordinary efforts of Richard Slieter – International Service Director, and Buford Johnson – Foundation chair, we awarded a total of 21 multiple PHF awards and 8 first time PHF awards. Thank you to Richard and Buford for your leadership, and thank you to Brainerd Rotary Club members for responding to our call for donations to The Rotary Foundation. Also, a big thank to Gloria Mink. Gloria single handedly updated and revised our club website and Facebook page. As a result of Gloria's efforts, we have one of the best websites and Facebook pages in District 5580.

The District 5580 conference was held May 11th – 14th in Bismarck, ND. Six members from our club attended the conference, and our club was awarded 3rd place in the District for total Foundation giving. A highlight of the conference was the attendance and program by John F. Germ, Rotary International President for 2016 – 2017. Another highlight was the annual talent show put on by all of the youth exchange students.

With regard to membership activities, 5 new members joined the club and 10 members resigned, for a net loss of 5 members.

A total of \$1,743 was raised during the year through our Happy Dollar announcements and Sergeant-At-Arms levies/assessments. 100% of the proceeds were donated to Polio Plus, Brainerd Splash Pad and Brainerd Rotary Foundation.

For the year, club revenues exceeded expenses by \$2,245. This amount was designated by the board to be added to the Brainerd Rotary Club Centennial Fund, bringing the total to \$15,390 as of June 30, 2016.

The 2015 – 2016 Rotary Year for our club came to a close on June 28th at our annual Change of Gavel ceremony held at Gull Lake Yacht Club, overlooking beautiful Gull Lake. A total of 88 members and guests attended. Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to 20 members. Paul Harris Medallions were presented to all first time PHF recipients. Richard Slieter was named Brainerd Rotarian of the Year. Dan Hegstad was the winner of the drawing for a Paul Harris Fellow. Out-going board members and officers were recognized for their service to the club, and in-coming board members and officers were installed. Speeches were given by 2015 – 2016 President Mike Sands, and 2016 – 2017 President Jeff Torfin. The ceremony wrapped up with drawings for door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Sands

2015 – 2016 President, Brainerd Rotary Club  
for what the future holds for Brainerd Rotary!

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(97) JEFF TORFIN  
2016 – 2017

“Rotary Serving Humanity”

Committee Members

President Elect - Peter Nelson  
President Nominee - Carol B Johnson  
Secretary - Stacie Bednarek  
Treasurer - Jim McBreen  
Past President - Mike Sands  
International Service - Steve Northway  
Club Service - Kevin Egan  
New Generations Youth - Trevor Harding  
Membership - Mike Bjerkness  
Public Relations - Gloria Mink  
Community Service & Fundraising - Mary Devine Johnson

It was an honor to be the president of a great group of people for my year as president. I am very grateful to all of the members of Rotary and the board members that made the job of president run smoothly, we have a great group of people.

My goal for this year of Rotary was to focus on the great programs we currently have in place. My family and I have been able to participate in one of Rotary's programs that means a lot to us personally - Camp Journey. Camp Journey is a grief and loss camp for children and teens to be companioned after experiencing the death of someone they love hosted at Confidence Learning Center.

We sustained our backing for community endeavors such as the Salvation Army Back-to-School drive, bell ringing initiatives, Camp Journey, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, and our biannual Roadside Clean-up initiatives. Additionally, our primary fundraising activities remained the Peach-a-Palooza project, supporting international humanitarian causes, and the Golden Ticket Raffle, which generated funds for both local initiatives and those of our Foundation.

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(98) PETER NELSON  
2017 – 2018

The Rotary theme for this year was “Making a difference”. That theme suited me well because it was a motto adopted by myself for some years.

The planning for my year as President started the previous year by adopting the policy of the President Elect being responsible for a published Weekly Update. This was a forced way to be

abreast of all the activities of the club and laid the groundwork for planning a productive Presidential year. It was also necessary to have a full organizational chart and engage those directors in the planning of the next year.

A significant change in the Secretary and Treasurer position occurred during this year. The treasurer position had been filled by an accountant for several years prior. The secretary would keep track of attendance, relay the information to the treasurer. This information was used to individualize 100+ quarterly dues statements. The treasurer position was in transition, and we did not have an accountant to take this over. To simplify our procedures, we streamlined the dues structure to flat fee quarterly dues. This simplified both the secretary and treasurer responsibilities. This change was well received by the officers and membership.

One initiative was to create a fundraiser that involved the larger community with the proceeds designated to support Rotary Riverside Park, a future legacy for the club. We created the concept of an RV Swap and Shop to be held at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. This effort included soliciting food vendors and RV dealers as well as providing a forum for the public to buy/sell privately. Despite the engagement and hard work by many members, the event was not as successful as hoped. The club later decided via survey to not attempt a second year.

Successful fundraisers were the Peach-A-Palooza and the King's Feast. Peach-A-Palooza proceeds were designated toward an international project. The King's Feast proceeds were designated for the Brainerd Rotary Foundation to support our local philanthropic initiatives.

In our service club outreach efforts, we visited Rotary clubs in Park Rapids, Little Falls and Aitkin. We also exchanged presentations with Brainerd Kiwanis to better understand one another's clubs. Park Rapids was doing exceptionally well in new member recruitment and Interact efforts.

With an eye toward the legacy of the club, we created a Master Plan for Rotary Riverside Park. Many potential projects will go beyond the involvement of the current co-chairs, myself and John Forrest. We pursue projects in an opportunistic way as funding and interest dictate.

In November we celebrated the 50th membership anniversary for John Fitzpatrick, Past President 1975-76. John enjoyed the opportunity to lead our weekly meeting. Later in the year several other past Presidents would have opportunity to lead meetings in my absence.

District conference was held in Thunder Bay with fairly poor attendance from our club. Our District Governor was Deb Warner. The ADG was Donn Peterson. In October Rick Bricker became DG Nominee which set him up to be the DG for our Centennial celebration.

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(99) CAROL B JOHNSON  
2018 – 2019

It was a privilege to serve as Club President for the 2018-2019 Rotary year. We had a fun and fulfilling year with the help of the dedication of the following leadership team:

- President Elect – Bill Potvin
- President Nominee – Jennifer Bergman
- Secretary – Stacie Bednarek
- Treasurer – Jim McBreen
- Past President – Peter Nelson
- International Service – Mike Bjerkness
- Club Service – Mary Devine Johnson
- New Generations/Youth – Trevor Harting
- Public Relations – Dan Hegstad
- Club Service – Kevin Egan
- Chair of Membership – Todd Bymark
- Brainerd Rotary Foundation – Bob Nystrom

The District Governor was Blaine Johnson of Bismarck who visited our club on November 13, 2018. Jody Drummond hosted our meeting with the governor at Dennis Drummond Wine Company where we highlighted our club and heard Blaine's goals for the year.

I had several goals for the year including

- Membership engagement
- Social activities which included family
- Polio Plus giving of \$3,000
- Rotary Park financial reporting
- Social media visibility
- Rotary Cause for Action

A Club survey was conducted at the beginning of my year to listen to the needs/desires of our Club members. One third of members participated in the survey with the results shared during a Club meeting. The survey showed our Club members are extremely satisfied with our Club. A list of our current projects & fundraisers was included in the survey asking the members if we should continue what we are doing. All projects/fundraisers but one (Swap & Shop) were voted to continue.

We continued having quarterly socials which were coordinated by Marc Halverson. Each social had between 20-30 members and spouses/significant others in attendance for fun & fellowship. These were held at local breweries. In the fall we also had

a family bike ride in which 10 riders participated (which included family members). The hope was to do another ride in the spring, but the weather did not permit. The bike rides were coordinated by Rod Rangén.

Dan Hegstad continued to schedule interesting programs (with his criteria being "interesting to me"!)). Based on survey results, interesting programs is important to club members. Some of the programs given included

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Sertoma
- Ally's Wings (children cancers)
- weARE
- School of Rock
- American Peat Technology
- River to Rails
- Brainerd Schools Building Projects
- Newcomer's Club
- Self-Healing Communities Project
- PORT Group Home
- PulsePoint

Our projects & fundraisers remained consistent from previous years with the exception of Relay for Life. The decision was made to discontinue this project as the interest in participating as a Club was not there.

- Roadside Cleanup (spring and fall)
  - Club members enjoy the comradery and sharing a meal together. The Interact Club joined us for this project.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
  - This has always been a popular project. Members include family members (kids & grandkids) which make this a very fun event.
- Volunteer of the Month
  - Kim Rollins of the United Way continued to recognize volunteers in our community at each Club meeting.
- Easter Egg Hunt
  - This project is done with the coordination of the Brainerd Parks & Rec Dept. Paula Persons retired from being our Easter Bunny. Heather Kelm stepped into the bunny shoes and did a fabulous job!
- Camp Journey
  - Ashley Neiman (previous Camp Journey camper now a licensed therapist) has taken the counselor

role at Camp Journey. She has a passion for helping grieving children which was born out of her attending camp.

- STRIVE
  - The STRIVE program was a success at both Brainerd and Pillager. Nick Vitale and Trevor Harting did a wonderful job of coordinating meetings, mentors, and students.
- Interact
  - The Interact Club at BHS continued to thrive and grow. They led Club meetings twice during the year to keep us informed of all the projects they are doing in the high school.
- RYLA
  - Our Club sponsored two campers at Camp RYLA. We continue to hear how this camp impacts our youth.
- Youth Exchange
  - Our in-bound exchange student, Vita Wolfsberger from Austria, was a joy to have in our Club and our community. She was hosted by three families during her stay in Brainerd and attended numerous events both Rotary and non-Rotary.
- Rotary Cause for Action
  - This was a new project that I was proud to introduce this year. There are several non-profit organizations within our community (some represented by members of our Club). These organizations need donations of specific items during the year in order to help people in our community. Our Club collected items for PORT Group Home over the Christmas holidays to make sure those youth had gifts at Christmas time.  
During Advent, we collected items for Mid MN Women's Shelter which included cleaning items, personal items, and gift cards.
- Queen's Feast
  - This was a fun fundraiser held again at the Parker Scout Camp.
- Peach-a-Palooza
  - This fundraiser goes for an international project which this year was Camp Wilderness in Canada. Camp Wilderness is available for

disabled veterans to enjoy the outdoors without limitations.

- Rotary Riverside Park
  - Rotary Riverside Park will continue to be a legacy project for our Club. The Park is an excellent avenue for us to work with outside organizations. The Club was nominated for a Conservation Award through the MN Soil & Water Conservation District who we work closely with on the Park. In the spring almost 12,000 native plants were planted at the Park by the Club and MN Soil & Water. An entrance project was approved and started during the year. This is a large project that has required numerous volunteer hours.
  - It was very important for the Park to have a process for paying expenses and receiving contributions. With the help of the Park committee and the Foundation committee, we were able to put together a process for paying expenses within an approved Park budget. The Park committee submitted a three-year budget which was approved by the Board.

The gavel was passed to Bill Potvin at a change of gavel ceremony held at Madden's. During the ceremony, awards were given to Jeff, Gwen and Henry Torfin for their volunteer hours spent at Camp Journey, to Paula Persons for her dedication to being the Easter Bunny for numerous years and to Trevor Harting for Rotarian of the Year. The accomplishments that I'm most proud of during my year include, solidifying a Park budget and ongoing financial process for the Park; giving items to local non-profit organizations through Rotary Cause to Action, and surpassing our \$3,000 Polio Plus goal. But what I'm most proud of is being a member of a Rotary Club that genuinely cares about our community and about each other.

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(100) WILLIAM POTVIN  
2019 – 2020

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(101) JENNIFER BERGMAN  
2020-21

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(102) TREVOR HARTING  
2021-22

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(103) JESSIE HOPKINS  
2022-23

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(104) PAULA CHAPULIS  
2023-24

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(105) ADAM REES  
2024-25

It was an honor and privilege to serve this great club for the 2024/25 term. My goals were to continue the good work Paula Chapulis and her board began with club strategic planning, support our international and local foundation efforts, and most importantly make new friends. My hope was getting to know our club members better and schedule permitting, meet with most club members. During the weekly noon club meetings, I prioritized club discussion over the formal meeting agenda so that members developed a better understanding of who we are, appreciating are unique gifts/talents, and building relationships. I had one formal complaint that I did not keep a tighter leash on agenda times but got many more positive comments about members connecting with each other during the noon meetings and building stronger relationships, and for that, I'm eternally grateful.

The following is a summary from my June 17, 2025, change of gavel report.

- Fundraising: Peach Sales, Reverse Raffle
- Community Service: Ditch Pickups (Oct 7/24), Camp Journey, STRIVE 11 Students, Arb Volunteering, Park projects, Salvation Army Bell Ringing 12/7/24, and Rotary Essay Contest 1/2025.
- Fellowship Socials: Fall/Cider Making and Spring/Ukraine Book Reading and Music
- International: Youth Exchange, Sustainable Cambodia Global Grant, Cambodia Medical Mission, Major Donor/Paul Harris Awards (Kevin Thesing, Don Pederson, Jeff Torkelson, Mark Dockendorf)
- Club Activity: Completed Strategic Plan (Vision/Motto/Mission/Strategic Goals), 5 New Members (Keith Binggelli, Bob Gragson, Hara Charlier, Derek Owen, Barbara Rholl).

We held two major fundraisers. On July 24 we raised \$3,856 for international projects through the 15th annual Peach-a-Palooze. The Reverse Raffle sold 300 tickets and raised \$20,000 for our local Club Foundation for Brainerd Lakes area charitable work.

We continued the tradition that previous president Paula Chapulis started by asking new Rotarians to share about their backgrounds including family and professional experiences.

STRIVE, led by Sarah Smith, targets Brainerd High School students academically struggling but willing to enter an intensive education/mentorship improvement program. Highlights included:

- 14 sessions held with 8 Rotarians presenters (Bill, Jill, Heather, Brian, Paul, Allie, Trevor, Sarah)
- 7 Rotarians volunteered as mentors (Heather, Allie, Michelle, Sarah, Donn, Buford, Paul)
- 11 Seniors successfully completed the program to receive \$500 scholarship each

RYLA, led by Eric Charpentier, had 3 students attend the July 14-20 retreat. Zoey Smith, Paige Nelson, and Angelina Thomas presented their learnings with the club.

Rotary International Polio Plus was led by Buford Johnson with Paul Harris awards given throughout the year. Those recognized included Kevin Thesing, Donn Peterson, Jeff Torfin, and Mark Dockendorf.

Our club did not have an inbound student but did sponsor an outbound student. Adam Lokken shared his experiences from his time in Marcos Juarez, Cordoba, Argentina in August 2024. Marimar Rameriz, a former inbound student, visited the club and updated us on her life.

We had two well attended club socials. The fall event was held at a cider house and included a tour of the production process by the owner. The second happy hour was held at a local brew pub where Mariia Kharytonova read from her book about the Ukraine and included her original music.

Our board held every other month strategic planning sessions to complete the club plan that included a mission, motto, and 4 strategic goals.

Mission: As dedicated members of Brainerd Rotary, we invest our time, talents, and resources to empower youth, honor our legacy, and strengthen communities both near and far.

Motto: Service Above Self

Goals:

1. Grow membership to 100 members by 2030 (Recruitment and Retention).
2. Prioritize Projects and Make Decisions on what to keep and what to end.
3. Match club resources with needs.
4. Complete Cambodia Medical Mission Plan and Secure Year 1 & 2 funding (completed).

We dedicated several club meetings for member input into the plan with special focus on membership growth. It became clear to the board that a task force was needed to advance specific tactics and requested a member volunteer to lead this effort. Unfortunately, no one volunteered so the club focused on inviting guests using a free lunch ticket.

The genesis of the plan began with a retreat and club survey during the spring of Paula Chapulis' term. The drafting and club approval of the plan with strategic goals was my major focus with the fourth goal completed, launching a medical mission in Cambodia in May 2025. Michelle, president elect, was very involved and improved the plan in her term by consolidating goals 2 and 3. The collective wisdom from Paula, Michelle and I was that a club strategic plan is a multi-term effort with some goals

like, Grow membership to 100 members by 2030 (Recruitment and Retention), taking 5-10 years to complete. This is a challenge for an all-volunteer led service club with annual club leadership terms.

Much was accomplished during my term because our club is blessed with dedicated members leading our club initiatives with the majority of the club volunteering their time and talents to complete our important programs. For more information about these members please refer to the attached organizational chart.

In conclusion, the power of Rotary is in its' members. Rotary's 4 way test binds our club such that our actions become focused. Together we can and did accomplish much!

| Brainerd Rotary Club<br>Year 2024-2025 Organizational Chart |                                    |                            |                            |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Club Board meets 2nd Tuesday at 11am                        |                                    |                            | Revised: 9/10/2024         |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
| Pres                                                        | Adam Rees                          |                            |                            | District Governor - Kay Paries                        |                                    |                                                |
| Pres-elect                                                  | Michelle Francis                   |                            |                            | Assistant District Governor - Peter Nelson            |                                    |                                                |
| Pres-Nominee                                                | Andy Rangen                        |                            |                            | Rotary International President - R. Gordon R. McNally |                                    |                                                |
| Secretary                                                   | Sarah Smith                        |                            |                            | Theme - Create Hope in the World                      |                                    |                                                |
| Treasurer                                                   | Heather Kelm                       |                            |                            |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
| Past Pres                                                   | Paula Chapulis (tie breaker)       |                            |                            |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
| International Service                                       | Community Service & Fundraising    | New Generations Youth      | Public Relations Committee | Club Service                                          | Membership (non-voting member)     | Brainerd Rotary Foundation (non-voting member) |
| Meets 4th Tuesday, 11am                                     |                                    |                            |                            |                                                       |                                    | Meets 3rd Tuesday, 11am                        |
| Jesse Hopkins/Adam Rees                                     | Aaron Antony                       | Eric Charpentier           | Allie Verchota             | Brad Foltz (6 month Chair)                            | Todd Bymark                        | Julie Anderholm/Acting President               |
| 6/23-6/24                                                   | 6/22-6/25                          | 6/21-6/24                  | 6/22-6/25                  | 6/21-6/24                                             | 6/19-6/24                          | 6/23-6/24                                      |
| <b>Youth Exchange</b>                                       | <b>Annual Fundraiser</b>           | <b>RYLA Camp</b>           | <b>Club Photographer</b>   | <b>Club Chaplain</b>                                  | <b>New Membership</b>              | <b>Members</b>                                 |
| Jesse Hopkins                                               | Allie Verchota                     | Eric Charpentier           | Brian Andrews              | Brian Andrews                                         | <b>Proposals</b>                   | Aaron Peterson, VP (co-president)              |
| Heather Kelm                                                | Kevin Thesing                      |                            |                            |                                                       | Todd Bymark                        | Carol Johnson, Treasurer                       |
| Adam Rees                                                   | Jeff Birks                         | <b>Interact</b>            | <b>Web Page</b>            | <b>Music</b>                                          |                                    | AnnMarie Lacher, Secretary                     |
| Paul Cibuzar                                                | Jennifer Bergman                   | Eric Charpentier           | Allie Verchota             | Sam Anderson                                          | <b>New Member Orientation</b>      | Buford Johnson                                 |
| Carol Johnson                                               | Mark Dockendorf                    |                            |                            |                                                       | Adam Rees                          | Kevin Egan                                     |
| Travis Grossman (officer)                                   |                                    | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>     | <b>Public Relations</b>    | <b>Meeting Set Up/Equip</b>                           | Paula Persons                      | Peter Nelson                                   |
|                                                             | <b>Roadside Clean-Up</b>           | Heather Kelm               | Allie Verchota             | Heather Kelm                                          |                                    | Brian Andrews                                  |
|                                                             | Aaron Antony                       | Paula Persons              |                            | Paula Persons                                         | <b>Member Recruitment</b>          | Travis Grossman                                |
| <b>Paul Harris Int'l Fdn</b>                                |                                    | Ed Menk                    | <b>Social Media</b>        |                                                       | All Members                        | Paul Cibuzar                                   |
| Buford Johnson                                              |                                    |                            | Brian Andrews              | <b>Change of Gavel</b>                                |                                    | Adam Rees, Ex Officio                          |
|                                                             | <b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</b> | <b>Camp Journey</b>        |                            | Pres Elect - Michelle Francis                         | <b>Member Retention/Exit Int.</b>  |                                                |
| <b>International Projects</b>                               | Marc Halverson                     | Jennifer Person            | <b>Communications</b>      | Paula Persons                                         | Todd Bymark                        |                                                |
| Jim Roelofs                                                 | Jeff Birks                         | Carol Johnson              | Allie Verchota             |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
| Adam Rees                                                   |                                    |                            |                            | <b>Club History</b>                                   | <b>Membership Committee</b>        |                                                |
|                                                             | <b>Peach-A-Palooza Project</b>     | Sarah Smith - Coordinator  | <b>Brainerd Dispatch</b>   | Paula Persons                                         | Mike Bjerkness, Bill Potvin,       |                                                |
| <b>Polio Plus/End Polio Now</b>                             | Jeff Birks (Co-chair)              | ? - Coordinator Elect      | Adam Rees                  | Marc Halverson                                        | Eric Charpentier, Allie Verchota   |                                                |
| Buford Johnson                                              | Heather Kelm (Co-chair)            | Donn Peterson - Mentor     |                            |                                                       | AnnMarie Lacher, Current President |                                                |
| Jim Roelofs                                                 | Julie Anderholm                    | Trevor Harting - Presenter | <b>Club Newsletter</b>     | <b>Sergeant at Arms Committee</b>                     |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             | Paula Persons                      | Jill Casper - Presenter    | Pres. Elect                | Jeff Birks, Mike McConkey                             | <b>Rotary Knowtary</b>             |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    | Ray Gildow - Presenter     | Michelle Francis           | Kevin Thesing, Allie Verchota                         | Marc Halverson                     |                                                |
|                                                             | <b>Rotary Riverside Park</b>       | Hans Charlier - Presenter  |                            | Bradford Foltz                                        |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             | Peter Nelson                       | Allie Verchota - Presenter |                            | Carol Johnson, Andy Rangen                            | <b>Badges</b>                      |                                                |
|                                                             | John Forrest                       | Bill Potvin - Presenter    |                            | Eric Charpentier                                      | Paula Persons                      |                                                |
|                                                             | Dave Winkelman                     | Paula Chapulis - Presenter |                            |                                                       |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    | Buford Johnson             |                            | <b>Club Programs</b>                                  | <b>District Conference</b>         |                                                |
|                                                             | <b>District RI Grants</b>          | Paul Cibuzar               |                            | Bob Nystrom                                           | Michelle Francis                   |                                                |
|                                                             | John Forrest                       |                            |                            | <b>Rotary Social</b>                                  |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    |                            |                            | Marc Halverson and Adam Rees                          |                                    |                                                |
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|                                                             |                                    |                            |                            | <b>Club Trainer</b>                                   |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    |                            |                            | Paula Chapulis                                        |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    |                            |                            | <b>Greeters</b>                                       |                                    |                                                |
|                                                             |                                    |                            |                            | Brett Anderson                                        |                                    |                                                |