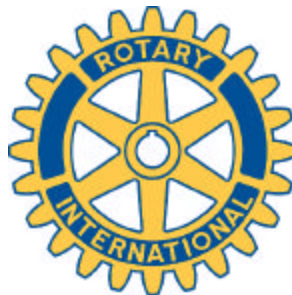


Rotary Club of Beaver *Annual Report*

2002-2003



This past year, Beaver Rotary escalated its efforts to raise funds for the worldwide eradication of polio



Beaver, Pennsylvania

A Member of Rotary International District 7300

The Power of Rotary

By Robert Lewis, President and Matthew Copcutt, President-Elect



Matthew Copcutt, left, and Robert Lewis

Robert Lewis - The powerful image of a polio inoculation in Ethiopia, on the cover of this *Annual Report*, drives home the essence of our mission the past year – raising and distributing funds to benefit underprivileged children and families. During the year, the Rotary Club of Beaver gave more than \$31,000 to the community, both in Beaver County and internationally. This included a joint effort with the five other Rotary clubs in Beaver County to raise more than \$200,000 to support the worldwide eradication of the dreaded polio disease.

Ours' is a Rotary Club of truly energetic, key business people who exhibit daily the ideals of Rotary. The object of every Rotarian, in their personal, business and community life, is to encourage and foster the ideal of "service above self." Through the diverse membership, we strive to achieve these ideals. We urge you to join us.

Matthew Copcutt – As we embark on the 2003-2004 year, I will be focusing on three major objectives to allow our club to realize more of its potential for outstanding community service. These include "Focus, Membership and Mentoring":

- **Focus** – Establishing our niche in the community. We must vigorously support our fundraising efforts to keep that service at a high level. We will support several major fundraisers – the Radio Auction, Ducky Derby and Geneva College Football Classic.

- **Membership** – We have one of the larger clubs in Beaver County, but we need to continue to attract new members with fresh ideas and energy. We will be taking part in a membership drive, and each Rotarian is encouraged to come up with five names of prospective members. Without growth and new ideas we run the risk of becoming a marginal player in the county, rather than a strong and vibrant community influence.

- **Mentoring** – To keep newer members interested and involved, we want to implement a new system whereby senior members are paired with new members over their first year to give them an understanding of the goals of Rotary and keep them engaged.

Why Rotary is Important to Me Beaver Rotary Officers Share Their Views



Yvonne Connor
Vice President

"I think that when you join an organization, you should give it your very best. I belong to Rotary because it raises money for local charities, and the funds mostly stay in Beaver County..."



Jacqueline McLaughlin
Immediate Past-President

"The potential for service is so promising, and the money we raise is important. We need to see Beaver County with our eyes wide open, and understand that some people here need help..."



Walter Van Dyke
Board Treasurer

"The Treasurer's position is a service in my area of expertise, and something I can perform in my spare time. Being active is a very satisfying way to interact with community leaders..."



Mark Nelson
Board Secretary

"I get a thrill out of trying to help others, whether it be Adopt a Highway, delivering Meals on Wheels or assisting with the Radio Auction. It helps me grow and to be involved..."

Weekly Opportunities to Meet Distinguished Guest Speakers

One of the great benefits of membership in Beaver Rotary is the opportunity to meet community and business leaders who speak weekly on topics of vital interest. The following is a summary of our distinguished speakers during the past year:



Beaver Rotarian Rev. Bill Wilson exhorted us about international polio eradication

2002

- **July 10** - **Nick Trombetta** - Superintendent - Midland School District; and **Tim Silbaugh** - BeaveRun Motor Sports Complex
- **July 17** - **Ann Herbruck** - Beaver County Early Head Start
- **July 24** - **Rotarian Charles "Chick" O'Data** - President - Beaver County Foundation
- **July 31** - **Dan D'Alio** - Employshare
- **Aug. 7** - Beaver County Rotary Kickoff Classic Luncheon at Geneva College - Geneva President **Dr. John White**, Sports Information Director **Van Zanic** and Athletic Director **Geno DeMarco**; Beaver Police Officer **Ken Stahl**; and California University Football Coach **John Luckhardt**.
- **Aug 14** - **Dr. Betty Sue Schaughency** - Superintendent - Beaver Area School District
- **Aug. 21** - **Charles Copeland** - Construction Manager - Beaver Streetscape Project
- **Aug. 28** - **Alex Gladis** - Dean of Continuing Education - Community College of Beaver County
- **Sept. 4** - **Linda Gallagher** - Director of Allied Health - Community College of Beaver County
- **Sept. 11** - **David English** - Director of Continuing Education - Penn State-Beaver
- **Sept. 18** - **Dr. Michelle Askar** - In-Line Chiropractic of Center Township
- **Sept. 25** - **Ann Collella-Murray** - Women's Center
- **Oct. 2** - **Stacie Scheel** - Women's Center
- **Oct. 9** - **Rotarian Kathy Crawford** - District Governor
- **Oct. 16** - **Rev. Canon Dr. Jerry Smith** - Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge
- **Oct. 23** - **Rotarian David Williams** - Beaver Shade Tree Commission
- **Oct. 30** - **Adele Whipple** - Penn State Extension Service
- **Nov. 6** - Club Assembly
- **Nov. 13** - **Ivin Sergent** - Research Center for Beaver County and Local History
- **Nov. 20** - **Susan Boser** - Water Quality Agent
- **Dec. 4** - **Rotarian Mark Miner** - classification talk
- **Dec. 11** - **Rotarian Bob Henry** - talk about "passing through the shadows of your fears"

2003

- **Jan. 8** - **Rotarian Rev. Bill Wilson** - polio eradication
- **Jan. 15** - **Linda Swainey** - Executive Director for Beaver County Habitat For Humanity
- **Jan. 22** - **Rotarian Tod Arbutina** - classification talk
- **Jan. 29** - **Mallory Nichter** and **Luke Curtaccio** - Beaver High School "Students-of-the-Month"
- **Feb. 5** - **Rev. Dennis Ugoletti** - Pastor of Ambridge Christian Center - and Chaplain - Beaver County Jail
- **Feb. 12** - **Tim Varcoe** and **Mark Nicholls** - Sportex of Ontario, Canada
- **Feb. 19** - **Rotarian Sam Spanos** - talk about his vacation home in Greece
- **Feb. 26** - **Rotarian Gerry Gloekler** - talk about his once in a lifetime experience of sky diving
- **March 5** - **Debbie Tawney** - Rotary District 7300 Conference Office
- **March 12** - **Jean Briancesco** - Executive Director - Beaver-Castle Girl Scouts and 11th grader **Laura Hineman**
- **March 19** - **Bob Bickerton** - HAP - and **Cathy Bushay** - Director of Beaver Meadows
- **March 26** - **Ed Hager** - Lutheran Affiliated Services
- **April 2** - **Dr. Paul Holland** - Pastor - Calvary Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls
- **April 9** - **Mark Miller** and **Mark Thompson** - McElwain Auto Dealership of Ellwood City
- **April 16** - **Yvonne Maher** - Director of Institutional Advancement for Penn State - Beaver
- **April 23** - **Robert Smith** - Chairman - Beaver Area Historical Museum
- **April 30** - **Bill Flanagan** - Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Pittsburgh
- **May 7** - **Dave Trusch** - Casework Manager - Beaver County Children and Youth Services
- **May 14** - **Pam Caskie** - Ambridge Borough Manager
- **May 21** - **Dan Baker** - Daniel C. Baker and Associates
- **May 28** - **Leo Hegner** - Owner - Health City Drugs
- **June 4** - **David Veon** - Director - Tiger Pause Youth Ministry of Beaver Falls
- **June 11** - **Justine Rubino** - Rotary Scholarship recipient - Beaver Area High School
- **June 18** - **Rotarian Joel Nagel** - New Assistant District Governor
- **June 25** - Club Assembly

Beaver Rotary 2002-2003 Photo Gallery



Above left and right: teaming with the other five Rotaries in Beaver County, our annual Radio Auction on WBVP/WMBM helped raised tens of thousands of dollars for charity.



DARE donation

THE BEAVER ROTARY CLUB and Geneva College recently presented a check for \$5,439 to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, which helps fight drug abuse by students. From left are, Geno DeMarco of Geneva College; Robert Lewis and Harry Kusekman of the Rotary club, who made the presentation; John White of Geneva College; and Ken Stahl of Beaver Police Department, who accepted the check on behalf of DARE. The contribution will be used to fund the DARE program primarily in Beaver Area School District, although other Beaver County schools will benefit. The funds were raised through the 2002 annual Rotary Football Classic — a joint effort of ticket sales for Geneva's home opener by Beaver Rotary; the Beaver, Rochester and Mosaca police departments; the Beaver County Sheriff's Department; the donations of net gate receipts by Geneva College; and an in-kind donation by Jarney Montgomery Scott.

Above, the Beaver County Times covered our \$5,539 donation to the D.A.R.E. program, with funds raised via the Rotary Football Classic — proceeds from the Sept. 5, 2002 football game between Geneva College and California (PA) University.



Above and below, seven "frontier elm" trees were planted in April 2003 at the U.S. Post Office in Beaver, all sponsored by Rotary or Rotarians, marked with plaques, a project led by Rotarian Dave Williams.

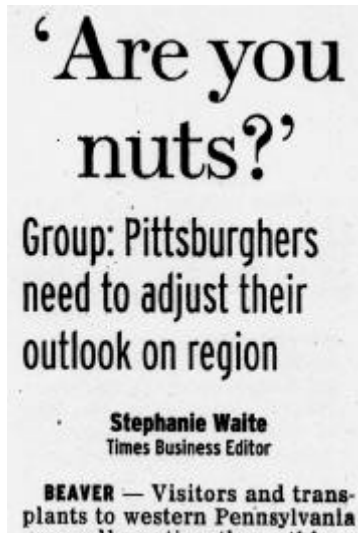


Beaver Rotary co-sponsored a hot air balloon for the September 2002 Beaver Borough Bicentennial parade, with partners Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce of Beaver. Representing Rotary were Bob Lewis (far left) and Yvonne Connor (center) and Kevin Bingle (right).

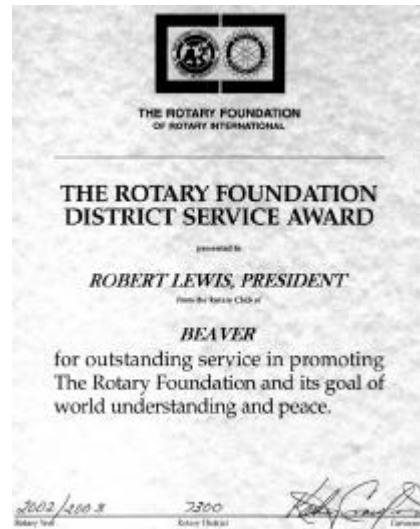




Above and left, to raise more than \$200,000 for the worldwide eradication of polio, the six Rotary Clubs of Beaver County held a special event in March at Seven Oaks Country Club. Left to right: Dr. James Scibilia, Chair; District Governor Kathy Crawford; and Rotary International Past President Charles Keller. Rev. Bill Wilson helped organize the event.



Above, the talk by former KDKA-TV reporter Bill Flanagan at an April 2003 meeting generated headlines in the Beaver County Times about the efforts of the "Image Gap Committee" to promote the benefits of living and working in regional Pittsburgh.



Beaver Rotary received six awards at the 2003 District Conference



Our Club was represented at Penn State-Beaver's Corporate Spelling Bee in March, benefiting Adult Literacy Action. Left to right: Jill Dehart, Jon O'Data and Mark Miner.



An elegant garden was planted at the newly expanded Beaver Area Memorial Library with funds from Beaver Rotary.

Focus on Community Service and Public Outreach

Vocational Service (chaired by **Pam Webb**) - Beaver Rotary provides an important educational outreach through its "Student of the Month" and scholarship program. Each month, two Beaver Area High School seniors are selected by the school guidance staff for their academics, leadership and community service. Each receives a plaque and an invitation to a Rotary event. We regularly publicize the awards in the *Beaver County Times*. During the past year, "Students of the Month" were:

- October 2002 - **Mark Storolis** and **Jennifer Scholl**
- November 2002 - **Lisa Nicol** and **Jeffrey Robb**
- Dec. 2002 - **Justine Rubino** and **Sara Rybak**
- Jan. 2003 - **Lucas Curtaccio** and **Mallory Nichter**
- Feb. 2003 - **Brian Graham** and **Amber Grilli**
- March 2003 - **Christine Feldmeier** and **Nathan Hall**
- April 2003 - **Molly Fuller** and **Domenic Ionta Jr.**
- May 2003 - **Alex Lacey** and **Emily Farls**

Justine Rubino received a \$1,000 scholarship as the student who best exemplified the Rotary ideals of "service above self."

Paul Harris Award (Chaired by **Gerry Gloekler**) - This year, thanks to an innovative opportunity, 12 members of our club and six non-members were named as "Paul Harris Fellows" for voluntary financial donations. They include:

Members:

- **Alan Buncher**
- **Bryan Dehart**
- **Gerry Gloekler**
- **Harry Kunselman**
- **Mary Maljevec**
- **John McLaughlin Jr.**
- **Mark Miner**
- **Mark Nelson**
- **Mark Noll**
- **James Oelschlager**
- **Victor Raskovsky**
- **Marjie Smith**

Non Members:

- **Mary Lib Batchelor**
- **Dr. Jean Bingle**
- **Louise D'Angelo**
- **Toinette Henry**
- **Louise Sawyer**
- **Dr. James Scibilia**

Membership (chaired by **Bill Elliott**)

New Members:

- **David Irwin** – Aug. 21, 2002
- **Mark Miner** – Sept. 11, 2002

Honorary Members:

- **Lois Cascio** – longtime Rotary newsletter editor
- **Dana Duff** – member since 1982
- **Chalmer Kelley** – member since 1954
- **Phil Kreuzscher** – member since 1975
- **Dorothy Tate** – longtime Rotary pianist

Losses – We mourned the passing of two longtime and cherished members this past year:

- **Elvin Batchelor** - Feb. 28, 2003 - member since 1941
- **Judge John Sawyer** - Aug. 3, 2002 - member since 1947

Club Service (chaired by **Mary Maljevec**) – In addition to its community outreach, Beaver Rotary provides social opportunities to its members to fulfill the first object of Rotary – "The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service." These include a holiday party and the outgoing President's "demotion" party.

District-Wide and Foundation Events – As members of Rotary International District 7300, which covers Beaver, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties, and as members of the Rotary International Foundation, Beaver Rotary takes part in many events. These help raise our public visibility and provide educational and leadership training. These include:

- Annual Rotary Kennywood Day
- Foundation Dinner at Sheraton Square Station
- District 7300 Golf Outing
- District 7300 Conference - Mountaineer Resort
- District 7300 Assembly in Green Tree
- Rotary Night at a Pirates baseball game
- Rotary Golf Classic at Seven Oaks Country Club
- President Elect Leadership Conference

PR and Media Coverage – The *Beaver County Times* regularly covered Beaver Rotary activities. So members can know each other better, short biographies of each member were published in our award-winning *Eager Beaver* newsletter.

Administrative – The board developed revisions to our by-laws, drafted by **Harry Kunselman**, to assure our procedures are consistent with recent major changes by Rotary International regarding membership and classifications. They include:

- That membership types be "active" and "honorary." Anyone who currently is "senior active" for purposes of only paying for the meals they attend, will retain that category and privilege.
- That the Treasurer serve two consecutive terms to allow for better continuity of service.

Beaver Rotary Presidents Since 1963

2002-2003 – Robert Lewis	1992-1993 – Kevin Shovaker	1982-1983 – Terry Shaddick	1972-1973 – Gerry Newton
2001-2002 – Jacqueline McLaughlin	1991-1992 – Kevin Shovaker	1981-1982 – John McLaughlin Jr.	1971-1972 – Jack McLaughlin
2000-2001 – Jeffrey Ingros	1990-1991 – Geoff Anderson	1980-1981 – Hobie Phillips	1970-1971 – Dale McDonald
1999-2000 – Terri Davis	1989-1990 – Geoff Anderson	1979-1980 – Ken Carlson	1969-1970 – Calvin Williams
1998-1999 – Wallace Gordon	1988-1989 – William Wilson	1978-1979 – Gerry Newton	1968-1969 – Walter Kylander
1997-1998 – Thomas Cox	1987-1988 – Harold Briceland	1977-1978 – Phil Kreuzscher	1967-1968 – Joseph Scherrbaum
1996-1997 – David Shallcross	1986-1987 – David Atcheson	1976-1977 – Dick Adams	1966-1967 – Chandler McMillan
1995-1996 – Gregory Cecci	1985-1986 – Bill Hochradel	1975-1976 – Paul Vesilind	1965-1966 – Herman Bush
1994-1995 – Samuel Spanos	1984-1985 – William Elliott	1974-1975 – David Williams	1964-1965 – Edward Stephens
1993-1994 – Walter Van Dyke	1983-1984 – James Sisley	1973-1974 – Donald Maze	1963-1964 – William Baer

Community Service Report

The funds raised through Rotary activities each year are used to support a variety of community groups for worthwhile projects benefiting public and educational needs. Recipients primarily are in Beaver County, but also internationally as high quality

opportunities are identified. This work is accomplished through our Community Service Committee (chaired by **Kevin Bingle**) and our International Service Committee (chaired by **Alan Buncher**). In 2002-2003, our bequests included:

Community College of Beaver County Prevention Project – “Senior to Senior” Program	\$500
Contact Beaver County – promotion and awareness literature	\$500
Beaver Volunteer Fire Department – hot air balloon (with Rotary emblem) for public events	\$3,000
Children and Youth Services – Festival of Trees/Christmas in Bradys Run Park	\$250
Rotary Community Bike Ride – Snitger’s Cycling Classic	\$600
Adult Literacy Action – Corporate Spelling Bee at Penn State-Beaver Campus	\$365
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) bonds	\$400
D.A.R.E. (funds raised through the Rotary Football Classic)	\$5,539
Trees for Beaver Post Office Beautification	\$500
Beaver Bicentennial Parade – hot air balloon	\$637
Girl Scouts – “4 Girls to Camp”	\$2,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County (Bowl for Kids Sake)	\$1,000
Rotary College Scholarship	\$1,000
Paul Harris Fellowships	\$1,000
Rotary District 7300 Charities (funds raised through annual golf outing)	\$400
Worldwide Polio Eradication (\$4,000 from Beaver Rotary and \$9,700 from joint campaign with other Beaver County Rotary Clubs	<u>\$13,700</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$31,391</u>

As part of Rotary's 20-year commitment to end polio by its 100th anniversary in 2005, Rotary International and its 1.2 million members raised over \$88 million, surpassing its original goal of \$80 million.

The Enduring Values of Rotary

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **First.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **Second.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **Third.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the *truth*?
2. Is it *fair* to all concerned?
3. Will it build *goodwill* and *better friendships*?
4. Will it be *beneficial* to all concerned?



Beaver Rotary Board of Directors

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Robert Lewis, President - Merrill Lynch

Matthew Copcutt, President-Elect - Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania

Yvonne Connor, Vice President - First National Bank of Pennsylvania

Mark Nelson, Secretary - Union Building & Loan

Walter Van Dyke, Treasurer - Retired

Mary Maljevec, Director-Club Service - Home Savings

Kevin Bingle, Director-Community Service - Allan Jewelers

Alan Buncher, Director-International Service - *Beaver County Times*

Pamela Webb, Director-Vocational Service - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County

Gerry Gloekler, Rotary Foundation - GESCO Data Forms

Harry Kunselman, Sergeant-At-Arms - Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Potter

Jacqueline McLaughlin, Past President - Bovard-Anderson Real Estate

William Elliott, Membership Chairman - Retired

Members:

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Tod Arbutina
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Lois Cascio *
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Dorothy Tate *
Walter S. Van Dyke
Chris Wagner
Pamela Webb
Calvin C. Williams
David E. Williams
Rev. William R. Wilson*

** Denotes Honorary Member*

Where and When:

Rotary Club of Beaver meets at noon every Wednesday
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