

Dear Fellowship Members:

As 2014's Rotary International Convention convenes in **Australia**, we welcome all Rotarians to join our **Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship** and help us continue to make our goals happen. We ask you to join us as we work to restore and preserve the home of our founder Paul Harris so one day we can meet there as did the four founders and guests from around the world. In a way it is the "White House" of Rotary.

All of us have a story to tell and we ask you to help us preserve the places and history of Rotary as we all tell Rotary's important stories. In 1980 my father Norman F. Kloker, now 72 years a Rotarian, and a small group of his Rotary friends, started one of RI's first Fellowships (RHHIF) as a result of the Landmark Committee to preserve the historical site where Rotary was born on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, USA.



This group's goal was to restore the appearance of Gus Loehr's office and find similar pieces of furniture and accessories so Rotarians coming to the Chicago Convention could see and feel our historical beginning. When this building was razed, the group dismantled the room and eventually moved it to Rotary's International Headquarters in October of 1994. My Rotarian husband and I were thrilled to watch the founders of our fellowship cut the ribbon and see their dream become a reality. Today you can see this room.

You can also visit the **Ann Johnson Polio Heritage Center** honoring Rotarian Lamar Johnson's late wife who had been the first female Rotary District Governor in the state of Georgia. Help us focus on the story of Rotary's signature project, global eradication of polio. We have long shared the dream of Rotary District 6900 for this **Polio Heritage Center**. We support restoration of cottages on the campus of **Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute**, the rehabilitation clinic established by President Roosevelt. (See page 6 to learn more.)

Our mission is to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians dedicated to the conservation, preservation and sharing of Rotary's heritage. Now is a great time to become a member of our dedicated fellowship that is continuing my dad and his team of Rotarians efforts to restore and preserve the Chicago home of Paul and Jean Harris, **Comely Bank**. (Read pages 3 and 4 about the Harris Home.)

Join us as our **Hall of Fame** recognizes Rotarians who have been members for 50 years or more. Recent inductees include Herbert W. Trumpoldt (Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary Club in California) and Robert E. Preston (James River Rotary Club in Virginia) who joined many others in the **Hall of Fame** because fellow Rotarians, Debbie Walls and her husband Stan, secured a certificate from us for his 50 years of service as well as sharing he has had perfect attendance. Debbie is President-Elect and Stan the current president of Colonial Heights (Virginia) Rotary. That will assure continuity of club priorities! We all have a story to tell as does Rotary. Please join us as we make history come alive for the newest of Rotarians worldwide.

Christina Kloker Young

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