

# Findlay Rotary - 1920-2010



**Celebrating  
90 Years  
of Service  
in Findlay  
and Around  
the World**



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# Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Findlay Rotary!

A celebration of this magnitude simply has to be shared! Where many years have come and gone, one thing remains...being a Rotary member means providing service – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. In more than 160 countries today, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.



Whether it is building ball or soccer fields for youth to compete, sending medical equipment to Central America or celebrating our educators...we believe we can make a difference...one smile at a time.



Findlay Rotary is merely a reflection of our wonderful community, of which we are all proud. True leadership and vision comes from those who wish to serve, and it's through this diverse group of women and men that we advance Rotary's 4-Way Test:

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?

These are the guiding principles that have helped us navigate our first 90 years in Findlay. Names will change, but the commitment to advance Service Above Self will remain at the core of our existence.

A special word of thanks to – Blanchard Valley Health System, Centracomm, Gene Stevens Honda, Findlay Publishing Company, Grover Rutter, Huntington Bank, Mad Hatter and the University of Findlay.

We hope that you recognize some of your neighbors and identify with many of the stories presented in this commemorative publication.

We invite you to share in the celebration on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 11:30 p.m. for the Rock N Rotary Downtown Building Tour and Concert. The building tour will feature eight unique buildings that have been renovated. The concert on Crawford Street will begin at 7:00 p.m. featuring Fatt Conley and Hipnotix. See the back page for more information.



## Congratulations Rotary on 90 Years

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### FOLLOWS THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

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**GENE STEVENS - 27 YEAR ROTARY MEMBER**



# Rotary Club of Findlay

The Rotary Club of Findlay, Ohio, was founded in 1920 as the result of untiring efforts by one man, Bill Houck, the manager of the Boss Glove Mfg. Co. He made repeated trips to visit the Toledo Rotary Club and convinced them to sponsor a club in Findlay. His efforts came to fruition on March 1, 1920, when 28 community leaders (listed below) met as Charter Members of the new club.

The Rotary Club of Findlay then became a member of Rotary International, an association of Rotary clubs around the world, which today numbers almost 32,000 clubs in over 160 countries.

The first new members of the club, who were invited guests at the charter night, were Arthur D. Patterson, J.C. Spencer, John E. Priddy and R.L. Heminger. They were received into membership at the next meeting of the club. A total of 21 new members were welcomed during the first 12 months of the new organization's existence.

In its first year, the Rotary Club of Findlay grew to about 50 members. Today, there are approximately 200. The Rotary Club of Findlay was founded by the city's leaders back in 1920, and continues with the leaders of today.

For more information on the history of the Rotary Club of Findlay, a book authored by Dick Daugherty is available by contacting [admin@findlayrotary.org](mailto:admin@findlayrotary.org)

## CHARTER MEMBERS

Baker, Dr. J.P., Physician	Eoff, A.E., Fire Insurance
Bierdeman, G.A., Minister	Hartman, Dr. J.V., Surgeon
Bicknell, J.E., Porcelain Mfg.	Hollington, W.A., Banking
Bloomington, A., Clothing	Houck, W.E., Glove Mfg.
Brokaw, Dr. E.B., Agriculturist	Hurley, F.E., Elec. Const. & Motor Co.
Byal, George F., Garage	Kirk, D., Jr., Whole Grocer
Casterline, C.L., Bradford Oil Co.	Mascho, S.W., Nitroglycerine Mfg.
Crates, W.E., Old Settler Co.	Parker, V.J., Lumber
Davis, R.K., Life Insurance	Poe, M.N., Corporation Attorney
Donnell, J.C., Ohio Oil Co.	Schaefer, J.F., Tire Mfg.
Donnell, O.D., Mid Kansas Oil Co.	Smith, C.F., Traction Co.
Dorsey, A.E., Horseman	Vernor, G.W., Telephone Co.
Edwards, E.C., Buckeye Stave Co.	

## The 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.

## Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

## The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Mission

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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ON 90 YEARS IN FINDLAY**

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on your 90th Anniversary, Findlay Rotary Club!

Your commitment to serving others and the global eradication of polio is an inspiration to our community.



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# FINDLAY ROTARY AT WO



The Golden Apple Academy and The Findlay Rotary Club helped fund the A.P.P.L.E. (Awesome Practical Learning Experience) Bus program. This is a mobile laboratory allowing students to study microorganisms, water quality and other ecological issues. The Findlay Rotary Club helped provide funds for maintenance and both the Findlay City and Hancock County schools support it financially.

Rotary Way was a dow



The Fort Findlay Playground at Emory Adams Park and "The Field of Dreams" located at The Cube are two local projects Rotary members financially supported and helped with construction.



The ramp at Central Auditorium was donated by Rotary.



Under construction at Emory Adams Park are two premier soccer fields that will become Rotary Arena. The ribbon cutting and first games will be September 24th.



# WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY



town improvement project.



Local fundraising events by the Findlay Rotary Club help fund many local and international projects.



The "GO DEVIL"





# Local Rotary Supports International Efforts of Hope and Need

MESA - Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad was formed in 1981 by the Rotary Clubs of Northwest Ohio with a mission to facilitate international projects bringing equipment, technology and volunteerism to meet humanitarian needs throughout the world.



Infant incubator donated by Mansfield Hospital and sent to medical mission in Mexico.

In the United States, there's a huge wealth of usable medical equipment and supplies that are no longer in use. Some may be in your local hospital, a storage room or even your own garage.

It's a fact...what's simply second-hand surplus in our country is often state-of-the-art

to the healing needs of Guatemala, Zambia or Cambodia. Rotarians have resources to collect, sort, identify, store and ship millions of dollars of still usable medical supplies and equipment.



Findlay Rotarians with one of the first emergency vehicles sent to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - and still in use today.

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The polio virus invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age, but mainly affects children under five.

In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus, a program to immunize all the world's children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$200 million toward a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort.

Today, endemic wild polio virus has been eliminated from all but four countries in the world (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan), and less than 2000 cases were reported worldwide in 2008. Though great progress has been made, challenges remain. Overall, the quality of immunization campaigns must be improved, and more funding is critically needed. In response, governments, donors and international agencies have endorsed a plan with clear milestones to tackle these and other challenges to a polio-free world.

With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor to a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Since its launch in 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF - has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. At the time, more than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and more than 350,000 children were paralysed by the disease each year.

Besides raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize nearly two billion children during mass immunization campaigns throughout the world. Rotarians prepare and distribute different types of mass communication tools to get the message to people cut off from the mainstream by conflict, geography or poverty. Rotarians also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, administer the vaccine to children and provide other logistical support.

The savings of polio eradication are potentially as high as \$ 1.5 billion per year - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities. The savings in human suffering will be immeasurable.



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 Golden Apple Academy

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 STRIVE

Amanda Crates-Steinmetz  
 Youth

# Rotary Gives Back To Education

In 1989, an active group of Findlay Rotarians became interested in a Teacher Recognition Program being conducted in a Chicago, Illinois, Rotary Club. Inspired by a visit to Chicago, they returned to Findlay and received support to begin a similar program in the school year 1990-91 for the Findlay City School system. Other city schools were added to the program, including two parochial schools and a school for those with learning disabilities. In 1999, the program added the seven Hancock County public schools.

The purpose of the program is to focus attention on and encourage excellence in teaching, thereby supporting improvement in our education system.

Through a nomination and interview process, a selection committee identifies three semi-finalists from each of the three school levels: elementary, middle and high school. A final selection committee then chooses one finalist from each of the three school levels.

Each finalist is presented with a Golden Apple pin and a check for \$2,500. The remaining semi-finalists are presented with a Golden Apple pin and \$250.

All Golden Apple finalists become members of the Academy of Master Teachers, which sponsors projects such as the A.P.P.L.E. Bus, a bus outfitted with field instruments allowing students to study nature on-site. The Academy also administers annual local education grant requests sponsored by the Community Foundation and the Findlay Rotary Club.

Since 1990, 57 teachers have been recognized as Golden Apple recipients. The Golden Apple Awards have become a showcase project for the Findlay Rotary Club!



## Past Golden Apple Winners

### Elementary School

Cassie Ohlrich – Van Buren  
 Laura Finney - Chamberlin Hill  
 Jane Vanden Enyden – Van Buren  
 Lisa Schadel – Whittier  
 Julie Miller - Lincoln  
 Beppie Walerius – Van Buren  
 Diane Froning – Wilson Vance  
 Kathy Conine – Whittier  
 Rebecca Williams – Whittier  
 Christine Mockensturm – St. Michael  
 Mary Ann Culver – Whittier  
 Linda Graybill – Wilson Vance  
 Lori Beth Burnside – Wilson Vance  
 Barbara Kidwell – Jefferson  
 Deb Wickerham – Chamberlin Hill  
 Cindy Strathman – Wilson Vance  
 Barbara Matheny – Wilson Vance  
 Cheryl Post – St. Michael  
 Toni Leonard – Lincoln  
 Barbara Myers – Bigelow Hill

### Middle School

Linda Van Der Molen – Donnell  
 Teresa Lambert - Donnell  
 Celeste Eirich – Liberty Benton  
 Cindy Habegger – Glenwood  
 Michael Wilson - Central  
 Laurie Jo Collier – Liberty Benton  
 Kevin Swan – Central  
 Kevin Manley – Central  
 Susan Davis – Glenwood

Sondra Lunn – Central

Paul Schroll – Glenwood  
 Jane Rodeheffer – Donnell  
 Nancy Hutchinson – Donnell  
 Michael Risser – Glenwood  
 Rhonda Simms – Glenwood  
 Linda Miller – Donnell  
 Jeannette Jordan – Donnell  
 Mike Eier – Glenwood  
 Ron Bowerman – Donnell  
 Mark Smith – Glenwood

### High School

Susan Davidson – Findlay  
 Patti Spiegel - Liberty Benton  
 Chris Leuthold – Cory Rawson  
 Jeff Bixler – Millstream South  
 Timothy Opp - Findlay  
 Tim Mattis – Findlay  
 Lori Beutler – Findlay  
 David Coolidge – Findlay  
 Barbara Tidd – Vanlue  
 Brad Currie – Arlington  
 Janelle Busdeker – Findlay  
 Jim McGonnell – Findlay  
 Bruce Patterson – Findlay  
 Bonnie Holden – Blanchard Valley Center  
 David Hanson – Findlay  
 John Miller – Findlay  
 Rod Fellows – Findlay  
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# ROCK N ROTARY

## DOWNTOWN BUILDING TOUR AND CONCERT

**Saturday, July 24, 2010 - 3:00 p.m. To 11:30 p.m.**

The Downtown Building Tour will feature eight (8) unique buildings that have been renovated and are currently offices, retail stores and living quarters. Tours begin at 3:00 and end at 7:00.

The Concert on Crawford Street will begin at 7:00 with Fatt Conley playing until 9:00. Next up at 9:15 will be Hipnotix playing until 11:30.

If you can't make the Building Tour, but would enjoy The Concert, a \$5.00 cash fee is required at the entrance on Crawford Street starting at 6:30.

Tickets for the Tour and Concert are available from any Rotarian for \$20.00 each.



Buildings on tour include:  
Rieck's Gallery, AR Marketing, The Rooney Building,  
Corporate Research Int'l., Ali's Alley, Factory Direct,  
Eyes on Main, and the Rawson Building.



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**Celebrating our 90th Anniversary...**

*Congratulations*  
TO FINDLAY ROTARY CLUB ON 90 YEARS OF SERVICE!

"As Rotarians, you bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. On behalf of The University of Findlay, I thank you, and I pledge to you our commitment to support your ideals. We will serve alongside you for the betterment of our city, our state, our nation, and our world."

**Dr. Katherine Fell**  
President  
The University of Findlay

