

*Centennial  
Celebration*

**1920 - 2020**

Findlay  
**Rotary**  
Club



**100**  
*years*

Findlay  
**Rotary**  
Club



**FINDLAY ROTARY CLUB  
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic shutdown, the 100th Anniversary Gala referenced in this program was postponed, and later cancelled.**

Thank You

**100th Anniversary Committee**

Julie McIntosh – President  
Sarah Sisser – President-Elect  
Carolyn Copus – Immediate Past President  
John Harrington – Secretary  
Larry Busdeker  
Lynn Child  
Chuck Clapper  
David Glass  
David Healy  
Doug Huffman  
Greg Hull  
Ed Ingold  
Matt Korsos  
Paul Kramer  
Mike Lewis  
Michael Momany  
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The Findlay Rotary Club would like to extend its appreciation to the following for their assistance in coordinating the 100th Anniversary Celebration:  
Lauren Etler



# FINDLAY ROTARY CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**6:00pm**

**Hancock Hotel  
631 South Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio**

6:00pm	Social Hour with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7:00pm	Welcome..... Julie McIntosh, President Findlay Rotary Club and Kawaguchi Friendship Club
	Proclamation.....Mayor Christina Muryn
	Historical Presentation.....David Glass Sarah Sisser, President-Elect Findlay Rotary Club
	Introduction of Guest Speaker..... Keith Hodkinson Rotary District 6600 Governor-Elect
	Address..... Mary Beth Growney Selene Rotary International
	\$100,000+ for 100 years..... Julie McIntosh President Findlay Rotary Club
8:00pm	Music..... Seajamz7

# FINDLAY ROTARY CLUB #3474

**Julie McIntosh** – President

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**Carolyn Copus** – Immediate Past President

**Robin Ridge** – Treasurer

**John Harrington** – Secretary

**Craig Burnside** – Sergeant-at-Arms

**Sue Durain** – Club Administrator

## Directors 2019-2020

Chuck Clapper

Julie McIntosh

Julie Baker

## Directors 2020-2021

Dennis Hellmann

Eric Morman

Sarah Sisser

## Directors 2021-2022

Matt Back

Cheryl Buckland

Matt Hull

## Directors 2022-2023

Craig Burnside

Erin Poling

Precia Stuby



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

As part of its efforts to help the youth of today, Rotary International has been offering study abroad programs since 1958. These study exchanges allow students from more than 100 countries the opportunity to develop international friendships, broaden leadership skills, and learn about different cultures. Since 1985, the Findlay Rotary Club has sponsored 28 exchange students from 17 different countries.

## M.E.S.A

Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad, Inc. (M.E.S.A.) was formed as a World Community Service project of Rotary International District 6600 in 1982. The idea was conceived by District Governor Robert Kuck, when he learned of the desperate need for medical equipment in Pakistan after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. Kuck knew there were extra supplies and equipment from area hospitals available, but shipping proved expensive and problematic. By 1984, M.E.S.A. had sent four shipping containers of medical equipment, plus a used firetruck, to the Central American countries of Guatemala and El Salvador.

In 2001, Findlay Rotarian, Stan Kujawa, became M.E.S.A. Chairman. Over the next four years, M.E.S.A. shipped 63 more containers of medical supplies and six emergency vehicles to seven countries on four continents around the world. After moving from one donated warehouse space to another, M.E.S.A. was able to purchase its own 23,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Fostoria, Ohio, in 2014.



The Findlay Rotary Club has helped to fund multiple pediatric projects at the Benjamin Bloom Hospital in El Salvador





# AROUND THE WORLD

Rotary International unites more than 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs, worldwide. Together, Rotarians take action to create lasting change. The Findlay Rotary Club has contributed to life-saving projects around the world, including water purification in Haiti, eye clinics in Africa, and pediatric cardiac care in El Salvador, among others. Findlay Rotarians have traveled extensively to donate their time, in addition to their financial resources, to projects that have a significant impact and deliver real solutions.



Findlay Rotarian, David Healy, with son, Lance Healy, and incoming International Youth Exchange Student, Echo Mulanto (Indonesia, 1992-93)

## POLIO ERADICATION

Rotary International is a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary has helped to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, and has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Findlay Rotarians have adopted the cause to end polio as a top priority. The annual "Pints for Polio" event at Findlay Brewing Company helps to raise awareness and funds. Findlay Rotarians have traveled abroad to nations like India and Nigeria to help with national immunization efforts.

Findlay Rotarian, Cheryl Buckland, vaccinating children against polio in India.



# 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.

## OUR MISSION

*We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.*

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages.

**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?**

# \$100,000+ FOR O

## Findlay Rotary Club Char

### FORWARD FUND GRANTS

# \$15k

Rotary Saving  
Lives

# \$19k

Welcome to a  
New Life

# \$8k

Leader In Me



more than

# \$15,000

# \$22,347

raised at inaugural Sip  
and Strut for Mobile  
Health Clinic

# \$16,305

raised for polio  
eradication at annual  
Pints for Polio event



For 100 years, the Findlay Rotary Club has supported local efforts to improve the community and help those less fortunate. Projects supported by today's Findlay Rotary Club are as diverse as the club's individual members, meeting the various needs of a growing city. Club members uphold the Rotary ideal of "service above self," by answering the call for help with their time, talents, and treasure.

### FORWARD FUND

Findlay Rotarians give generously to charitable efforts both local and abroad. In 1991, the Board of Directors of the Findlay Rotary Club decided to form a fund that would increase over time, through donations and bequests. This permanent fund would be used only for local projects to build a substantial contribution to the community. The result was the Forward Fund. Today, this endowment through the Community Foundation has surpassed \$1M, and enables the Findlay Rotary Club to give an additional \$30,000 or more each year to community projects. To date, The Forward Fund has supported a number of local

programs including the Children's Immunization Program at Hancock Public Health, the Davis Learning Institute at the Hancock Historical Museum, Miracle League of Findlay, Christian Clearing House Project Happy Feet, Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Program, Hancock Public Health's 'Rotary Saving Lives' Mobile Health Clinic, and many others.





# COMMUNITY



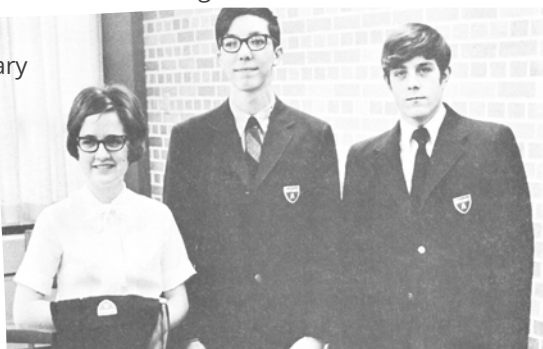
Findlay Rotarians, Cindy Maag, Carolyn Copus, and Tom Parke, volunteering at the Miracle Field All-Star Game, 2018.

## GOLDEN APPLE

While carpooling to a District Assembly in 1989, several Findlay Rotarians developed the idea for a new program to honor local educators. In 1990, the Findlay Rotary Club began presenting the Golden Apple Award to one teacher at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels each year. The award honors teachers who exhibit excellence in their field. The Findlay Rotary Club also sponsors the Golden Apple Academy – past Golden Apple recipients who support new teachers and youth in the community through various service projects.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

With assistance from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, the Findlay Rotary Club administers four competitive scholarships to area youth on an annual basis. Each year, the club grants more than \$17,000 in financial assistance for continuing education.



# OUR 100TH YEAR

Charitable Giving 2019-2020



## \$5,630

for infrastructure improvements at the Zimba Eye Clinic in Zambia

## \$13,000

Golden Apple Awards



## \$4,630

Youth Initiatives



## \$4,630

Community Projects



## \$4,000

Golden Apple Academy

# ORIGINS AND EARLY HISTORY

On December 11, 1919, William Houck, of the Boss Glove Manufacturing Company, invited a group of fellow businessmen to meet with him at the Findlay Elk's Home to discuss organizing a Rotary Club. Mr. Houck frequently attended Rotary meetings in Toledo, and believed that Findlay could support a similar club.

Sponsored by the Toledo Rotary Club, the Findlay Rotary Club received its charter on March 17, 1920. Twenty-five Findlay businessmen constituted the charter members. The club was the 626th chartered by Rotary, which had begun in Chicago just 15 years earlier.

The Findlay Rotary Club was soon involved with several community projects and actively supported many local organizations like the Boy Scouts and YMCA. The club was particularly interested in efforts assisting the community's youth. Under the leadership of Dr. J.P. Baker, the club affiliated with the newly formed Ohio Society for Crippled Children in 1920.



## CHARTER MEMBERS

Baker, Dr. J.P., Physician  
Bicknell, J.E., Porcelain Mfg.  
Bierdeman, G.A., Minister  
Bloomingdale, A., Clothing  
Brokaw, Dr. E.B., Agriculturalist  
Byal, George F., Garage  
Casterline, C.L., Bradford Oil Co.  
Crates, W.E., Old Settler Co.  
Davis, R.K., Life Insurance  
Donnell, J.C., Ohio Oil Co.  
Donnell, O.D., Mid Kansas Oil Co.  
Dorsey, A.E., Horseman  
Edwards, E.C., Buckeye Stave Co.  
Eoff, A.E., Fire Insurance  
Hartman, Dr. J.V., Surgeon  
Hollington, W.A., Banking  
Houck, W.E., Glove Mfg. (1st President)  
Hurley, F.E., Elec. Const. & Motor Co.  
Kirk, D., Jr., Wholesale Grocer  
Mascho, S.W., Nitroglycerine Mfg.  
Parker, V.J., Lumber  
Poe, M.N., Corporate Atty. (1st Vice President)  
Schaefer, J.F., Tire Mfg.  
Smith, C.F., Traction Co.  
Vernor, G.W., Telephone Co.



## WOMEN OF ROTARY

While women were not permitted as members of Rotary until 1987, the wives of local Rotarians were equally involved in their community. Known collectively as "Rotary Anns," the spouses of Findlay Rotarians helped to launch the local chapter of Camp Fire Girls. The Rotary Anns became known for the plays and pageants they produced between the mid-1920s and the early 1940s. The pageants raised money for the group's charitable causes, and were considered the highlight of the year by many.

In 1989, Jan Patton, Superintendent of Findlay City Schools, became the first female member of the Findlay Rotary Club. Beth Bradley Heck became the first woman president of the club in 1996. Today, there are nearly 50 female members of the Findlay Rotary Club.



## THE "GO-DEVIL"

The Findlay Rotary Club's weekly publication, the "Go-Devil," dates to the Club's founding. Charter member, John Schaefer, suggested the name "Go-Devil," a reference to the weight dropped into a bore-hole to detonate a charge and release the oil underneath the ground. Findlay had thrived during the Gas and Oil Boom of the 1890s, and in 1920, many members of Rotary were still employed in similar businesses.

R. L. Heminger was the first editor of the newsletter. The four-page, weekly publication was mailed on Mondays so that everyone had a chance to read over it before the Thursday meeting at noon. In the 1930s, during the Great Depression, a mimeographed publication was substituted for the printed edition. The printed publication continued until the paper copy was replaced with a weekly email.

### Longest Serving Active Findlay Rotarians (as of March 2020)

Jim Shrader (Past District Governor #6600) - 53 years, 2 months  
Dave Kuenzli - 50 years, 9 months  
Denny Bishop - 47 years, 10 months