



Fred Otto's

## *Comely Bank* report

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation has been approved as a 501(c)(3) by the U.S. Treasury Department. In addition to cash donations, we are now accepting gifts of documents, pictures and other Rotary history artifacts, plus appreciated stock, cash, checks, gold and silver.

Help us restore the house, pay off the mortgage and develop an endowment to take care of the Paul and Jean Harris' Home into the future.

We plan to make visits to the house available for Council on Legislation delegates in April. If anyone else would like to visit the Harris home tell Fred Otto at least 48 hours in advance. In addition to serving as RHHIF chair Fred is Secretary of the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation. Phone Fred at 847-698-1160. His email is [ottolaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ottolaw@sbcglobal.net) For more information please go to [www.PaulHarrisHome.com](http://www.PaulHarrisHome.com)

### Link *your* legacy to the founder of Rotary

Paul and Jean Harris married in 1910. Two years later they acquired a hilltop home on a large plot of land on Longwood Drive in Chicago. In *My Road to Rotary*, Paul explains he named their home *Comely Bank* after the street in Edinburgh Scotland where Jean spent her childhood and youth. They lived in this home from 1912 until Paul's death in 1947. Soon afterward Jean Harris returned to her native Scotland. A representative of the Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship of Rotarians (RHHIF) visited the house about a decade before the 100th anniversary of Rotary. We learned that the current owner was just the second family to live there since the Harris family, and that very few changes to the home had been made. RHHIF's *Comely Bank Committee* was spun off as the **Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation (PJHHF)**.

Fellowship members helped PJHHF raise the down payment. A loan was obtained from *Naperville Rotary Club* in time to purchase *Comely Bank* just before Rotary's centennial convention. Today funds are needed to repay *Naperville Rotary Club's* loan, complete repairs, furnish the home, and prepare it for use by the Rotarians of today.

Today's need for funds presents an opportunity for **you** to memorialize a Rotarian. Contact **PJHHF President** Robb Knuepfer care of the Rotary Club of Chicago; or contact PJHHF Secretary/RHHIF Chairman Fred Otto by telephone (847-698-1160) or email: [ottolaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ottolaw@sbcglobal.net)

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