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RHHIF chair Fred Otto issues R and R challenge

Fred Otto, past president of the Rotary Club of Chicago O'Hare and past governor of District 6450 became our fellowship chairman on July 1. He is the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation's incorporation attorney, it's corporate secretary, and has spent countless hours using his home improvement skills to repair **Comely Bank** and restore Paul's original landscaping plan.

Our fellowship is only as effective as its officers and members. While we continue to address opportunities to preserve Rotary's heritage sites, we must regard the recruitment of new fellowship members and the retention of our current members as our most urgent priority. For the sake of shorthand, let's refer to recruitment and retention as R&R. Nothing would please me more than an email from YOU volunteering to be part of our *R&R Task Force*. We also seek volunteers in the greater Chicago area and ideas from Rotarians all over the world in support of the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation's call for appropriate memorabilia of Rotary's international presidents for eventual display in the home of Rotary's founder.

Please make sure *your* dues are up to date - just \$20/year or 3 years for \$50.

It is also time to take a look at this fellowship's branch concept. It was our custom to authorize branch managers to collect sufficient local dues to publish a heritage and history fellowship newsletter in their local language. At one time our Japan Branch produced an excellent newsletter distributed to more than 400 branch members in Japan. Times change. Most fellowship members use the world wide Internet today. Branch newsletters have ceased raising the question of whether geographical branches are of value to you, our fellowship members. Your thoughts about the role of a branch in your geographical area would be appreciated.

Fred Otto

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Did you remember to renew your dues?

Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship new member or membership renewal form

I (signed) _____ want to be a member of the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship and participate in its objective – to advocate and promote the collection of Rotary heritage and encourage similar activity by others devoted to the preservation, growth and appreciation of the service club movement; keep alive the fellowship and mutual friendships created by Harris, Schiele, Shorey and Loehr who first met in Room 711 of Chicago's Unity Building on February 23, 1905; and exchange information about Rotary clubs, districts and our shared international heritage through the fellowship's publication **SHARE ROTARY HERITAGE & HISTORY**.

Name (printed) _____ Email address _____

Postal Address _____ City _____

State/Province/Country _____ Rotary Club name & district _____

Enclose US\$20 per year circled (\$50 = 3 years) 2008-2009 2009-2010 2010-2011 (no charge to complete 2007-2008)

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