



PDG Fred Otto, the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation's incorporation attorney and corporate secretary, uses his home improvement skills to help get *Comely Bank* ready for conventioners.

Naperville Rotarians saved *Comely Bank*

The fellowship thanks the many Rotarians — attorneys, architects, structural engineers, and historic preservation experts, whose advice and encouragement made it possible to accomplish this challenging and historic goal.

Naperville Charities, formed by members of the Rotary Club of Naperville Illinois, loaned the half million dollars required to buy the house. Harris Home Sponsoring clubs and districts donated funds to restore the home to the way it looked during Paul's lifetime and to add modern conveniences required to convert the building from a single family residence into a public gathering place in compliance with ADA code.

To repay the Naperville loan and maintain the home for use by Rotarians after the Rotary Centennial Convention., donations are still needed.

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Join the team restoring the home of Paul Harris

This fellowship's "centennial project," saving the home of Paul Harris, will be celebrated during breakfast June 18. (If you don't have a breakfast ticket yet, turn to page 3 and send in your check before we sell out.) The Comely Bank team is part of our fellowship's long tradition of accomplishing the impossible.

Some of the 57 Rotarians who organized this fellowship in 1988 had (as the Paul Harris 711 Club) saved the room where Rotary was born in 1905, and others (on District 6450's Rotary Club of Blue Island Memorial Committee) maintained the grave site of Rotary Founder Paul P. Harris and first club president Silvester Schiele and created the monument and walkway honoring RI Presidents.

Currently fellowship members are helping the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation purchase and prepare the Harris Home for tours by Centennial Conventioners. Lend a hand with these efforts. Use the count me in coupon below to join the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians. Be a Harris Home Donor. Encourage your club to be a Harris Home Sponsoring Club and your district to be a Harris Home Sponsoring District. Donate your time as a fundraiser, a home renovator, or a tour leader.

This year Rotarians have donated and loaned the Harris Home Foundation money to buy the former home of Paul and Jean Harris named *Comely Bank* after Jean's home in Scotland. Fundraising continues to complete renovation work so the home will be ready for visitors during the Centennial Convention. Add your name to the long list of Rotarians participating in the *Comely Bank* Project. Individuals, clubs, districts, corporations, and foundations donating \$250 or more will be named on plaques permanently displayed in the Rotary founder's home. Send a check payable to Rotary District 6360 Foundation to: Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation, 12248 Southgate Drive, Plainwell MI 49080-9052 or donors can use our web site donation form.

For our readers who do not have U S dollars in their pocket, currency conversion is automatic on line. Go to:

www.comelybank.org

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Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship membership form.

I (signed) Rotarian _____ would like to become 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 the Rotary clubs, districts and our shared international heritage through the fellowship's publication **SHARE ROTARY HERITAGE & HISTORY**.

Name (printed) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province/Country _____

Mail address _____ Member in good standing of Rotary Club of _____

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