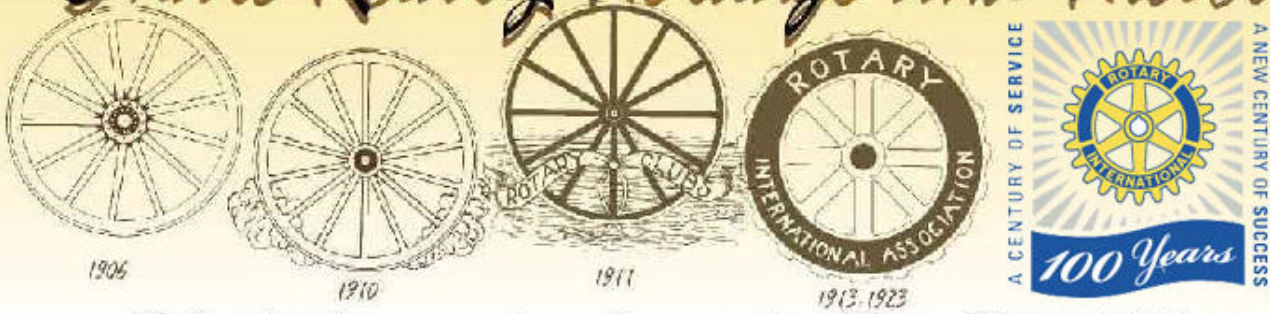


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Preservation of *Comely Bank*, the home of Paul Harris, depends upon YOUR support



The organizational meeting of the "Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation" (PJHHF) was held in the living room of Ken and Shirley Butler's home, formerly the residence of Paul and Jean Harris. The Founder of Rotary named his home "Comely Bank" after the street in Edinburgh Scotland where Jean Harris had lived in her childhood. Visible in these two photos covering about three-quarters of the living room are (left to right) Ernie Mainland, Don Knapp, Fred Otto, Rich Ingalls, James Alden, Ben Lawton, Shirley Butler, and Peggy Soderberg. Ken and Shirley Butler hosted the group for lunch and spoke briefly with the prospective PJHHF trustees, then excused themselves so the Rotarians could hold an on-site private discussion of the pros and cons of purchasing the 98-year-old residence. Not visible in these two photographs are the following meeting participants: Bob Hosch, Jack Mayo, Jerry Donovan, Alan Jarvis, and of course home owner Ken Butler.

Where we stand today

In order to have *Comely Bank* ready for those attending the 2005 RI Centennial Convention, the time has now come when we must make the difficult decision either to purchase the house or release it for non-Rotary use.

Influencing our decision

Are enough people committed to this project to enable us to raise an amount of money sufficient to buy it, restore it, and to maintain *Comely Bank* for use by interested Rotarians? If so, can the property be

zoned for museum use? (We need architectural renderings of our restored, museum-configured, upgraded-to-code structure for Zoning Office review.)

Fund raising

This RHHIF newsletter's appeals for donations have produced so little thus far that we are not sure we can afford the cost for a structural engineering firm and an architect to examine the 98-year-old structure and its lot, then draw up restoration specs — then fund work needed to bring the residence up to museum code. If you

know a potential donor who would enjoy having their name forever linked with the home of Rotary's founder, or if you know of any funding source, contact us today!

Why buy Comely Bank?

Recent newsletter editions detailed the historical value of the property, and the desire to add it to our Rotary Heritage Trail by June 19, 2005 when Rotary's Centennial Convention brings tens of thousands of Rotarians to the area. Heritage Trail starts at the Racine Wisconsin birthplace of Paul Harris, then gives you a 90 minute drive

Will you donate to Comely Bank? Use ballot on your dues notice.