

# Rotary Club of Beaver

## 2003-2004 Annual Report

*Meeting the Vital Needs of Children and Families  
in Our Communities, Locally and Worldwide*



*Beaver Rotary provided funding in 2004 for innovative social studies programs reaching 185 elementary students and teachers in partnership with the Beaver Area School District, Saints Peter and Paul School, Lenzner Transportation and the Beaver Area Historical Museum. Here, Rotary President Matt Copcutt presents a check to Museum Trustee Shirley Pow.*



**Beaver,  
Pennsylvania**

**A Member of  
Rotary International  
District 7300**

# A Vital Community Gem in Beaver County and Worldwide

By Matthew Copcutt and Yvonne Connor



**President Matthew Copcutt** – The past year has been a landmark for the Rotary Club of Beaver, and has positioned us for continuing growth and major relevance in the community. Our club maintained a high level of support through a direct investment of more than \$17,000 in funding, and untold manhours and other in-kind donations, to meet the vital needs of children and families, locally and worldwide. The year also produced a record-breaking growth in membership – with 10 business and professional leaders joining our ranks, our largest number ever – bringing total membership to 57 as of July 1, 2004.

The new members were attracted to our club's energy and enthusiasm, demonstrated by continuing high attendance figures at our weekly lunch meetings. We began the process of mentoring new members to quickly bring them into Rotary leadership, and several have responded by joining our board of directors for 2004-2005 and chairing important committees. If you are not part of Rotary's story, we urge you to join us.



**President-Elect Yvonne Connor** – The Rotary Club of Beaver enters a historic year in which it will help Rotary International celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2005. This will be an exciting year for all of us. Our board members have ambitious plans to help our club reach new heights. Our Community Service co-chairs, Jeff Ingros and Lisa Jackson, have launched new fund-raising plans based on our membership survey so that we can increase our charitable giving. New social events are being planned by Club Service Director Marjie Smith to help keep our large membership interested and connected. Mark Miner, the creator of our annual report, helps keep us focused on the importance of Rotary and the part we play in our community. Vice President Harry Kunselman has started a year long program schedule focused on the history of Rotary that will strengthen our Rotary commitment. Our other board members, Craig Nunamaker, Bill Wilson and Gerry Gloekler, have each started with enthusiasm. This year we will announce a significant project tied to the centennial that will be a permanent and prominent landmark in the Beaver area. As we merge into this landmark year, let us remind ourselves of why we are Rotarians.

## Charter Members of the Beaver Rotary Club



*Rotary International was founded in Chicago in 1905, and a local club was established in Beaver in 1946. It is rightful and proper for us to honor those foresighted individuals who saw the need that only Rotary can fulfill. Some of the charter members of Beaver Rotary are pictured here, from top to bottom, left to right:*

**Joseph Carver, J.T. Anderson Jr., David Carver, Charles Ewing, Phillip Hamilton, J.T. Anderson Sr., Ralph Ewing, George Hamilton and David Carver Sr.**

## Rotary Helps Ambridge High School Band Reach Dream of Marching in the Rose Bowl Parade



Last year, Beaver County received a singular honor when the Ambridge Area High School Marching Band and Steel Drum Band were invited to participate in the 2004 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif. Supported in part by a grant from the Beaver Rotary Club, using proceeds from the Rotary-Geneva College Football Classic, the bands enjoyed an experience of a lifetime, performing in front of a worldwide television audience of millions of people. Rotary is proud to underwrite such exciting educational opportunities for local students.

## Opportunities to Meet Distinguished Guest Speakers

One of the great benefits of membership in Beaver Rotary is the opportunity to meet community and business leaders who speak weekly on topics of vital interest. The following is a summary of our distinguished speakers during the past year:

### 2003

- **July 2 - Amy Langham** - World Federalist Association of Pittsburgh
- **July 9 - Catie Sofranko** - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County
- **July 23 - Ambassador Daniel Simpson** - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- **July 30 - Diane Brosius** - Chick-fil-A
- **Aug. 27 - Rotarian Vic Raskovsky** - Beaver Area School District
- **Sept. 3 - Barry Nathan** - industrial psychologist
- **Sept. 10 - District Governor Dick Beck**
- **Sept. 24 - Rotarian Norman Faulk** - Reminiscences
- **Oct. 1** - Press conference and luncheon - 4th Annual Rotary Football Classic - Geneva College
- **Oct. 19 - Rotarian Norm Mitry** - Heritage Valley Health System
- **Oct. 26 - Rick Beaver** - Heritage Valley Hospital System
- **Nov. 5 - Don Arnheim** - Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera
- **Nov. 12 - Sylvia Linn** - Meals on Wheels
- **Nov. 19 - Dr. David Atcheson** - oral surgeon
- **Nov. 26 - Robert Smith** - Beaver Area Heritage Foundation
- **Dec. 3 - Rotarian Craig Nunamaker** - classification talk
- **Dec. 10 - Mike Touscany** - "Operation Warm" program and **Bruce Simmeth** - United Way of Beaver County
- **Dec. 17** - Holiday party at The Willows

### 2004

- **Jan. 8 - Rotarian Bill Wilson** - polio eradication
- **Jan. 21 - Sgt. Dan Madgar** of the Beaver Police Department
- **Feb. 4 - Fritz Heinemann**, President and CEO of Economics Pennsylvania
- **Feb. 18 - Rory Mullan** - Ambassadorial Scholar from Limavady, Ireland, studying at the University of Pittsburgh
- **March 3 - Dr. Chip Lambert** - Allegheny General Hospital
- **March 10 - John Fink** - "Hosanna" theatrical production
- **March 24 - Jeff Courinous** - West Penn Engineering
- **March 31 - Tammy Jones** - Volunteer Outreach Coordinator at Friendship Ridge
- **April 7 - Karen Sue Owens** - President and CEO of Lifesteps
- **April 21** - University professor **Jose Enrique Peraza Perera**; office manager **Caroline Isabel Frias Camera**; and **Dr. Leslie Grizel Pech Ortiz** - GSE team from Mexico
- **April 28 - John and Alison Stanley** - Episcopal Church Army USA, Aliquippa
- **May 5 - Tom Fuller and Rev. Jeff Arnold** - First Presbyterian Church of Beaver
- **May 12 - Dave Buckenheimer** - Ohio Valley Imaging Solutions
- **May 26 - Robert Smith** - Beaver Area Historical Museum
- **June 2 - Dr. Leon Egleston** - Assistant Director of the Emergency Room at Aliquippa Hospital
- **June 9 - Bob Uhriniak** - *Beaver County Times*
- **June 23** - Demotion dinner for President Copcutt at Greg Powell's Rivertowne Restaurant

### Operation Warm Coat - Beaver County Times - Jan. 4, 2004



#### Coats for kids

Capt. David Irwin, left, of the Salvation Army and Mike Touscany of Operation Warm hold coats that were donated to the Salvation Army in Rochester. The Rotary Club of Beaver purchased 100 coats for \$1,000 through Operation Warm. These coats will be distributed, along with hundreds of toys, to children in the Rochester Salvation Army's serving area. Operation Warm is a nonprofit agency in Pittsburgh that distributes coats through other agencies for \$10 a coat. The organization began its campaign recently at Sport Trac in Sewickley, where the group distributed more than 100 coats to children in Allegheny and Beaver counties.

## Beaver Rotary 2003-2004 Photo Gallery



*Club President Matt Copcutt and his daughter Mia help with our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup along Tuscarawas Road. Beaver Rotary has been providing this public service for a decade.*

### LEADING OFF

#### Beaver Rotary Club's Football Classic slated

The Rotary Club of Beaver and Geneva College have "kicked-off" the fourth annual Rotary Football Classic to raise funds for charities in Beaver County.

Proceeds from the campaign will benefit the Ambridge High School Band's Rose Bowl Fund as well as Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Beaver County and HAP (Help a Person). The football classic has raised more than \$24,000 over the past three years.

This year's classic has been designated at the Saturday, Oct. 18, Geneva-Quincy University game, which will begin at 7 p.m. at Reeves Stadium in Beaver Falls.

Beaver Rotary and other community members will sell tickets for the game at \$5 a piece. Geneva is donating the full value of each of those tickets to the Beaver Rotary.

Tickets are available from any Beaver County Rotary member, First National Bank in Beaver and Sky Bank in Aliquippa. For more information, contact Jeffrey Ingros at 724-728-0400.

#### Rotary donates \$31,000 in 2003

The Rotary Club of Beaver donated \$31,391 during 2002-2003 to support a variety of community groups for projects benefiting public and education needs and received six awards at the 2003 District Conference.

As part of Rotary's 20-year commitment to end polio by its 100th anniversary in 2005, Rotary International and its 1.2 million members raised more than \$88 million, surpassing its original goal of \$80 million. The Rotary Club of Beaver raised \$4,000 toward the effort, and \$9,700 was raised from a joint campaign with other Beaver County rotary clubs.

The club also sponsors the Student of the Month and scholarship program.

Along with other area rotary clubs, Beaver participated in the annual radio auction on WBVP-WMBA to help raise tens of thousands of dollars for charity along with the rotary football classic at Geneva College and a special event at Seven Oaks Country Club.



*Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Rory Mullan, a native of Limavady, Ireland, was a special guest speaker, greeted by President Copcutt.*



*Longtime Beaver Rotarian and resident photographer Jim Oelschlager, his infectious smile captured by fellow photographer Marjie Smith*



*Rotarian Phil Kreuscher helps Beaver Rotary raise funds at the Beaver Festival in partnership with Chik-Fil-A.*



*Beaver Rotarian Vic Raskovsky leads a tour of the new artificial turf at the Beaver Area Middle School-High School football stadium.*

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**1230 WBVP**  
The Talk of Beaver County

**1460 WMBA**  
The Talk of Beaver County



Above and left, the Rotary Radio Auction is our largest fundraiser, involving Rotarians and their families in a day of action. Held in April, the Auction raised more than \$12,000 for Beaver Rotary this year.



## Rotary contest promises a few lucky ducks

The Beaver County Rotary clubs and their co-sponsor, The Times, will launch the \$300,000 Ducky Derby-Quacker Splasher race Sept. 13 near PNC Park in Pittsburgh, starting at the Seventh Street Bridge.

Between now and then, hundreds of local Rotarians are sell-

ing "duck adoption" certificates throughout their communities for \$10 each. Discounts for bulk purchases include "Quaker Packs" (six for \$50) and a "Flock" (13 for \$100).

Purchasers will be eligible for major prizes. The winning duck will reward one lucky individual

with airfare and a week's stay at a tropical resort in Belize and possibly \$1 million.

Runner-up prizes will include use of a deluxe motor home for one week, a diamond pendant, home improvements, a year's supply of locally produced products and services, and seats behind

home plate at PNC Park for a Pittsburgh Pirates game.

The purchase deadline is Sept. 10.

Bayer Corp. and K9 Advantix are the event's major sponsors.

To obtain a certificate, see the insert section of The Times on Friday or visit [www.rotarypgh.org](http://www.rotarypgh.org).

Left and above: The district-wide Ducky Derby race held on the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh is another major fundraiser. Right: Rotarians from Beaver and other County clubs donated 300 man-hours to stuff and stamp duck adoption certificates, with special thanks to Sky Bank for use of the workroom facility, and the Beaver County Times for its in-kind distribution of 46,000 certificates in one day's newspaper, a model adopted for the 2004 event throughout the Western Pennsylvania region.



Beaver Rotary's annual holiday party provides an opportunity for Rotarians and their families to mingle and for children to receive gifts from Santa Claus

## In Memoriam – Chalmer Kelley



On Feb. 7, 2004, Beaver Rotarian Chalmer Kelley passed away at the age of 90. Born before World War I, educated in a one-room school and married during the Great Depression, he was someone special whose life example was treasured by us all. He joined the old Rochester Rotary in 1950, and was president and treasurer. The club helped support the old Epileptic Home in Rochester (now the Passavant Memorial Homes). He later joined the Beaver Club in 1954, where he was treasurer three times.

In a remarkable gesture, Chalmer showed his great appreciation to Rotary by making a provision in his will to donate funds to the Rotary International Foundation's permanent endowment. It was his desire that the earned income will be paid out to the Beaver Rotary Club to provide funding for projects of the board's choosing.

## Focus on Community Service and Public Outreach

**Vocational Service** (chaired by **Pam Webb**) - Beaver Rotary provides an important educational outreach through its "Student of the Month" and scholarship program. Each month, two Beaver Area High School seniors are selected by the school guidance staff for their academics, leadership and community service. During the past year, "Students of the Month" were:

- Oct. 2003 – **Beth Nunamaker** and **Jackie Herwig**
- Nov. 2003 – **Kristy Naccarato** and **Erica Smith**
- Dec. 2003 – **Sarah Lauer** and **Elizabeth Kowalski**
- Jan. 2004 – **Samantha Marion** and **Elizabeth Oaks**
- Feb. 2004 – **Hattie Pettibon** and **Alan Flenner**
- March 2004 – **Gregory Dixon** and **Kimberly Walsh**
- April 2004 – **Krista Parilli** and **Sam Wengryn**

**New Members** (co-chaired by **Bill Elliott** and **Marjie Smith**)

- **Melissa Berg** – LifeSteps
- **Julie Rutecki** – Home Savings Bank
- **Rebecca James** – Attorney at Law
- **Randy Howard** – J.T. Anderson Funeral Home
- **Lisa Jackson** – Integra Marketing
- **Jean Briancesco** – Girl Scouts of Beaver and Lawrence Counties
- **Simone Miller** – Comcast Advertising
- **Faith Morrison** – Cottrill Arbutina & Associates
- **Craig Nunamaker** – Insurance Unlimited
- **Bob Nunamaker** – Retired

**Community Service** (chaired by **Kevin Bingle**) – The Beaver Rotary Club was involved with a number of community service projects and fundraisers to help accomplish its goal of serving the vital needs of children and families. This included:

- A ticket booth at the Beaver Festival of Trees in June, plus a co-sponsorship of a Chik-Fil-A booth.
- Planting a flowerbed in the courtyard of the dementia unit at Outlook Point in Chippewa in May
- Fielding a team for the 2004 Corporate Spelling Bee for Adult Literacy Action of Penn State Beaver in March
- Art Auction in November at the Beaver Valley Golf Club in Patterson Heights to benefit LifeSteps.

**Highlighting Meals on Wheels** – Kevin Bingle was interviewed as a Rotary representative in a special video celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Lutheran Service Society of Western Pennsylvania's Meals on Wheels program. Kevin coordinates our local weekly meal deliveries, which is a key part of our community service outreach involving many Rotarians.

**Rotary District and Regional Leadership** – In addition to his role on the Beaver Rotary board, Mark Miner served in two influential Rotary positions within the broader Rotary community – as PR chair of the Pittsburgh Rotary Foundation's 2004 Ducky Derby fundraiser, and on the PR Committee of Rotary District 7300.

### *Essay of Samantha Marion –2004 Beaver Rotary Scholarship Winner*



*Samantha Marion, a 2004 graduate of Beaver Area High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship as the student who best exemplified the Rotary ideals of "service above self." She is attending the University of Texas. Her essay follows:*

"Worker, thinker, learner, citizen, communicator, and individual are all unwavering aspects of being a well-rounded graduate. As a senior in high school preparing for higher education, these attributes are always under construction: striving to fulfill the unwritten requirements of each. The next step in higher education is not only the opportunity for a depth of academic study, but also an opportunity to develop each personal attribute to its fullest potential.

The career path I am choosing to follow is both a challenge and a great opportunity. I have great hopes of expanding my interests in science and animals and developing skills I can use to pursue a future in veterinary medicine. As an individual, goals are very important to me and as I carry goals from my personal life to my life as a student I work with similar habits. I am driven to achieve those goals I set before myself, and will do so with determination, patience, and care.

I hope to develop relationships within the school and community, to not only work towards individual goals but to

help meet the needs and interests of others. As a challenge is presented it cannot be seen as too difficult only viewed as opportunity to express creativity, develop new relationships and to define my life path.

My goal of pursuing the major of pre-veterinary science is seen as an academic challenge and an opportunity to discover the spectrum of possibilities this major could reveal. Not only is there the basic medical studies of veterinary science but also research, conservation, and management of the business which will be involved in the field. I hope to volunteer within the university to explore these possibilities and to be open to new and enlightening experiences. With a mixture of passion and determination, I have every intention of pursuing my career goals with an enduring commitment, but also to nurture other important aspects of my life.

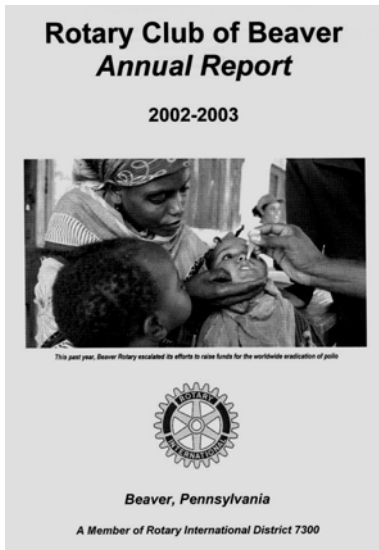
With the gift of higher education I hope to use the knowledge I gain to help in my community and offer my services with the best of intentions. The ultimate goal I intend to pursue is to be able to travel to Africa and offer my service abroad as a missionary. My grandparents and parents have always been great role models for me throughout my life, offering me guidance where needed. As they were missionaries once, I hope to follow in their footsteps. My goal is not to seek monetary gain but to be able to achieve a degree at a university that will help me to be of more use to those who may need my services."

## Beaver Rotary Reinvests More than \$17,000 Into Community to Meet Needs of Children and Families

The funds raised through Rotary activities each year are used to support a variety of community groups for worthwhile projects benefiting public and educational needs. Recipients primarily are in Beaver County, but also internationally as high quality

opportunities are identified. This work is accomplished through our Community Service Committee (chaired by **Kevin Bingle**) and our International Service Committee (chaired by **Alan Buncher**). In 2003-2004, our bequests included:

Girl Scouts of Beaver and Lawrence Counties .....	\$2,000
Salvation Army .....	1,500
Beaver Area Historical Museum – Trolley tour of historic Beaver .....	1,500
Ambridge High School Marching Band - Rose Bowl Parade .....	1,300
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County .....	1,300
Operation WARM – Warm Coat Program .....	1,000
Beaver Area Memorial Library .....	1,000
Women’s Center of Beaver County .....	1,000
University of Texas - Beaver Rotary Scholarship Recipient Samantha Marion .....	1,000
Beaver Volunteer Fire Department .....	730
Borough of Beaver –Festival of Trees .....	640
Project Amigo - promoting literacy skills in Mexico .....	500
Private family helped with medical expenses .....	500
Polio Eradication .....	500
Senior to Senior - Community College of Beaver County Prevention Project .....	500
Beaver Area School District .....	500
Adult Literacy – Corporate Spelling Bee .....	365
Help a Person (HAP) .....	300
Beaver Festival of Trees .....	250
Aliquippa Community Hospital .....	250
DARE .....	225
Outlook Pointe Senior Center beautification project .....	152
Rotary District 7300 Golf Outing .....	<u>100</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>\$17,112</u></b>



### Beaver Rotary Publishes Inaugural *Annual Report*

One of the highlights of 2002-2003 was the publication of Beaver Rotary’s inaugural *Annual Report*. Designed to appeal to business and professional leaders, the eight-page report uses text and photographs to highlight the exciting activities of the year.

Copies of the report were sent to more than 130 business and community leaders in the Beaver area, as well as to Rotary officials locally, regionally and internationally. In a letter to President Copcutt, Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe said: “I appreciated receiving a copy of your club’s Annual Report. This is indeed an excellent way of letting your community know about the work of your club and, as you say, to remind your own members of the benefits of their membership.”

Rotary District 7300 Governor Dick Beck wrote: “I especially congratulate you on your fine Annual Report. What a marketing piece. It’s the best I’ve seen.”



## Beaver Rotary Board of Directors

*July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004*

**Matthew Copcutt, President – Citizens Bank**  
**Yvonne Connor, President-Elect – First National Bank of Pennsylvania**  
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**Pam Webb, Director-Vocational Service – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County**  
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### Where and When:

Rotary Club of Beaver meets at noon every Wednesday  
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