



**BUILD ROTARY'S FUTURE;
PRESERVE ITS PAST**

Support the Paul Harris Home Preservation Project

One winter day, Rotary founder Paul Harris took a walk on a well-kept street just outside Chicago. Watching local children sled down a hillside, he recalled his own boyhood in New England. At that moment, he decided that if he were ever to own a home, it would be on top of that hill on Longwood Drive.

In 1912, Harris and his wife, Jean, made Paul's dream a reality with the purchase of a gracious Tudor-style home on that very street in what is today Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. They named the home Comely Bank after the street in Scotland where Jean grew up.

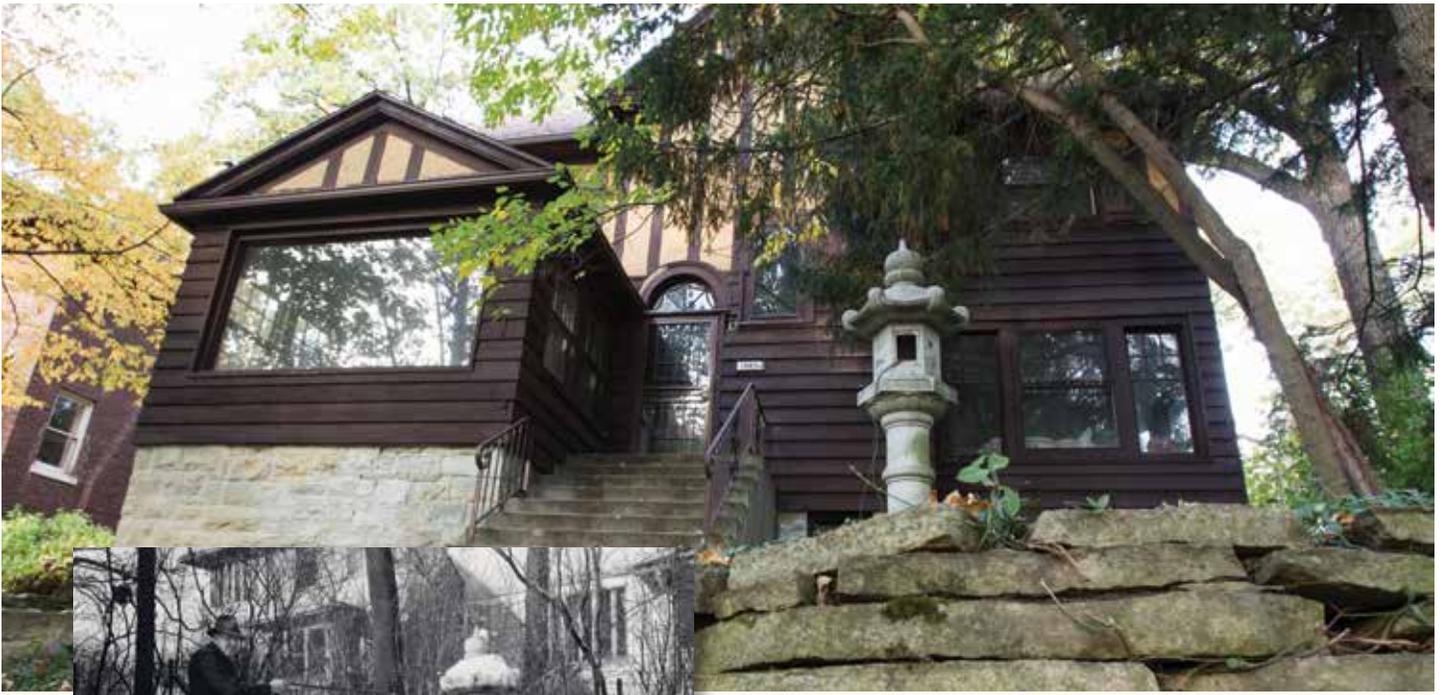
The world's early Rotarians met in the home and fostered the friendships upon which Rotary was built and thrives on today. The Harrises hosted Rotary meetings and entertained visiting dignitaries, surrounded by objects collected throughout the world. The trees that they planted in their friendship garden still grace the yard.

After Paul Harris passed away in 1947, Jean sold their home and returned to Scotland. The house changed hands twice more before Rotarians bought it for US\$550,000 in 2005 with plans to preserve it as a living monument to our founder.



Today, this piece of Rotary history is being restored to the way it looked in the 1940s. When the restoration is completed, the home will be open to the public as a museum and gathering place, where exhibits will give visitors a look into the personal lives of Paul and Jean Harris.

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation is working to raise \$5 million over five years to complete the renovations, establish an endowment to pay for operations and maintenance in perpetuity, and retire the purchase debt on the home.



Evanston, Illinois; the Rotary Club of Chicago, the very first Rotary club, or one of the 180 Rotary clubs in the Chicago area; and the gravesites of Paul Harris and co-founder Silvester Schiele in Blue Island.

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation is an Illinois corporation with U.S. federal income tax status as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Past District Governor Robb Knuepfer serves as chair of the foundation and is supported by the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation Trustees, an international advisory committee, and a fund development committee.

The foundation's mission is to own and operate the home as a museum and historic site so that visitors may experience it as it would have looked when Paul and Jean Harris lived there. Rotarians and other visitors will have an intimate view of Paul and Jean Harris, as if they were invited into their home.

Once restored, the 2,808-square-foot home will offer a unique venue for Rotary meetings and events. Exhibits will tell the remarkable story of Paul Harris and the founding of Rotary. Through videos, audio recordings of Harris's speeches, and photographs, visitors will experience what the couple's lives were like at that time.

Honoring Rotary's Founder

The preservation of Paul Harris's home is a way to honor our founder and his legacy, keep the home under Rotarian ownership, and showcase Rotary as an important part of Chicago history. Experiencing the Harris home firsthand, where the couple entertained Rotarians and friends from around the world, will lead to a deeper understanding of the true essence of Rotary: personal relationships built on a platform of service and a shared set of core values.

The preservation project also provides a way for Rotarians to give back to the man who created the organization that has enriched our lives.

After the renovation is complete, the home can be listed with the Ridge Historic District, the Historic Site Landmark Commission, and the National Register of Historic Places, spreading the word about Rotary to a broader audience.

As an integral part of Rotary history, the home could become part of a larger Rotary history tour that would include visits to Rotary International headquarters in



The Paul Harris Home and Your Support

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation has established a campaign goal of \$5 million for the preservation project.

The foundation is working with an architect to create the look and feel of the home as it was in the 1940s.

The budget includes \$1 million for restoration of the home and grounds. Interior work will include the completion of necessary construction, drywall, insulation, flooring, windows, doors, painting, and custom trim to replicate the Harris's trim. The home's electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems must be brought up to building code and fire safety standards. Exterior work includes the removal of a building addition and reconstruction of a screened porch and balcony, based on archival photographs of the house in the 1940s. The restoration will also include replacement of exterior elements that have deteriorated over the years. The driveway restoration will include commemorative donor bricks.

The foundation will allocate \$1.3 million to re-pay the loans from Naperville Rotary Charities and Rotary International.

The income from a \$2.5 million endowment will support the annual operating expenses of the home. The endowment will be managed by a portfolio manager and overseen by the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation finance committee.

The Paul Harris Home Preservation enables Rotarians and friends from around the world to unite on a project that embodies Rotary history: the home of Rotary founder Paul Harris and his wife, Jean. Working together, supporters will save this unique piece of history for generations of Rotarians to come.

About the Home

Located at 10856 South Longwood Drive, the residence is a Tudor-style home situated on a 0.42-acre lot in the Ridge Historic District of the Beverly neighborhood in southwest Chicago. On the National Register of Historic Places, the Ridge Historic District runs from 87th Street to 115th Street and from Western Avenue to Prospect Avenue.

Paul and Jean Harris lived in the home from 1912 until 1947, where they entertained friends from around the world, including well-known figures like J.C. Penney, and hosted meetings of the Rotary Club of Chicago. After Paul Harris passed away, Jean sold the house and returned to Scotland. It remained in private hands until the spring of 2005, when the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation purchased the home for \$550,000 with a \$500,000 loan from the Naperville Rotary Charities. The purchase occurred the same year as the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Rotary club.



Donor Recognition

Donors at the \$250 level and above will receive a pin. Naming opportunities inside the home and keys to the home are available to donors who contribute \$10,000 or more. The lead donor will be honored in the home's foyer.

Recognition levels:

\$1,000,000 – As a lead donor, you will receive the most prominent name recognition in the home's foyer, as well as recognition as a Fellow of the Comely Bank Society, a pin, a key to the home, and membership in the Paul Harris Home Society.

\$250,000 – You will receive name recognition in a room on the first floor of the house, recognition as a Fellow of the Comely Bank Society, a pin, a key to the home, and membership in the Paul Harris Home Society.

\$100,000 – Your name will be displayed in the lower or upper levels of the house or in the friendship garden or pergola; you will be recognized as a Fellow of the Comely Bank Society and receive a pin, a key to the home, and membership in the Paul Harris Home Society.

\$10,000 – You will receive name recognition outside the house or in the stairwells, a pin, a key to the home, and membership in the Paul Harris Home Society.

\$5,000 – Your name will be displayed on a video monitor in the house, and you will receive a pin, a key to the home, and membership in the Paul Harris Home Society.

\$1,000 – Your name will appear on a brick in the driveway or garden.

\$500 – You will receive a certificate and a commemorative medallion.

\$250 – You will receive a donor pin.

Supporting the preservation of our founder's home can be a fitting way for clubs to celebrate special milestones, such as their centennials.

In-kind donations of building materials are also welcome.

How to Give

Online: Contribute at www.paulharrishome.org

Please make checks payable in U.S. funds to:

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You can also donate by wire transfer to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation's account. Email rkneupfer@rotaryone.club for instructions.

Or you can contribute to a donor advised fund established by RI President Ron Burton and his wife, Jetta, by sending your contribution in U.S. dollars and made payable to:

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