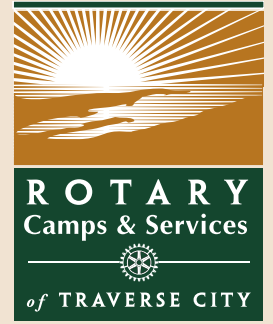


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Rotary Camps & Services *Celebrating 50 years!*



Fifty years ago...

the title of the scout campsite acquired in 1923 and what would become known as Camp Greilick was transferred to Rotary Camps, Inc., now known as Rotary Camps & Services.

Since that time the principal focus of Camps & Services has retained a common thread: young people and recreation---and the mix of land and natural resources vital to each.

Today's issues of raising community awareness of the critical need for affordable housing, along with increasing public use of regional recreation, trails and parks evolved from the agenda of Rotarians in the mid-50's.

The ability to change has always been one of the enduring traits of Camps & Services. Regardless of its composition, the board has been open to new challenges and opportunities to serve.

So let this 50th anniversary annual report reflect the journey of Camps & Services---giving credit to those Rotarians who trod regional woodlands so that Girl Scouts could have a permanent camp, and later incubated organizations like project HomeStretch, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and Traverse Bay Affordable Housing Land Fund.

And to recent Camps & Services boards who have wisely protected our natural environment with conservation easements, while maintaining an ongoing commitment to affordable housing issues.

Indeed, we have much for which to be thankful and to celebrate.

Marsha Smith
Executive Director, Rotary Camps & Services

C&S Bookmarks...

Founded in 1923, the 512-acre Boy Scout camp (Camp Greilick), offers year-round camping opportunities to scouts and families. In 2004 it served close to 5,000 campers. Initial camp land of 450 acres was purchased for \$1,100. It was on this property in 1976 that oil was discovered.



An early camping scene at the Boy Scouts' Camp Greilick.



Some of the members of the first Rotary Charities board at Camp Greilick in the summer of 1976: (from left) Dr. Frank Power, Doug Linder, Graham Keevil, Pete Strom, Art Huey, Bill Kildee, Bruce Needham and Jack Bensley. (Absent) Bob Hilty and Jerry McCarthy.



Girl Scouts attended their first pioneer camp the summer of 1955 at what was to be named Camp Sakakawea or Camp Saki. (Historical Girl Scout photos courtesy of Jocelyn Trepte and Tom Power.)

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Land has always been the core of Rotary Camps & Services mission. Today, the organization administers 1,737 acres in Grand Traverse County.

Boy Scouts Michigan Scenic Trails Council, Camp Greilick

For thousands of Michigan Scenic Trails Council Boy Scouts, Camp Greilick and the memories it evokes will remain a highlight of their scouting experience forever.

Tucked amidst three inland lakes in the Boardman Valley southeast of Traverse City, the 512 acre camp and its cozy warren of cabins, shelters and camp sites, offers a year round range of outdoor activities to scouts, leaders and their families.

Scenic Trails Council Scouting Executive Tom Stoeber likens Camp Greilick to a tradition in the Grand Traverse Bay area, one which “will be around for more than just our lifetimes.

“It’s in an idyllic setting like this where scouts have grown up during their camp stay, and those experiences have made a difference in their lives.”

Camp History

In 1925 Clarence Greilick, the camp’s namesake and a Traverse City businessman and the third president of the Traverse City Rotary Club, was instrumental in acquiring the first piece of camp property. Located on Little Bass Lake, between Spider and Rennie Lakes, Greilick reckoned that the tract would make an ideal camp site. He had long harbored an idea to establish a camp for Boy

Scouting. The initial camp land of 450 acres was purchased for \$1,100.

William Hobbs, then secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a friend of Greilick’s and also a scouting booster, teamed with him to acquire additional land in the area. Since both men were Rotarians, they also influenced Traverse City’s club, formed in 1920, to take an active interest in the camp project.



Over the next few years, the Rotary Club approved purchase of additional acreage.

In 1928, property title, which by that time had been transferred from Greilick and his wife to Rotary, was again transferred—to the Community Camp Association. This was to become the holding company for Camp Greilick, a group organized to administer the camp, promote Boy Scouting, while maintaining it for the use of Girl Scouts, Future Farmers of American and other diverse community groups.

During this period, names like Bert Gage, Hugh Johnston, Celon Wares and others emerged to join Bill Hobbs and Clarence Greilick in the camp’s operation and direction.

The next 27 years were marked by the growth of scouting throughout the Scenic Trails Council region, along with several control shifts between the Community Camp Association and Boy Scouts. In 1955, title of the campsite transferred to Rotary Camps, Inc., whose board was comprised of members of the Traverse City Rotary Club’s board of directors.

This transfer was made possible by the efforts of Jack Freethy, a long time Rotarian and president of the club in 1954. It was agreed to dissolve the former Community Camp Association and cede control to the new organization known as Rotary Camps, Inc. Art Huey, Dr. Kenneth Tinker, William Heidbreder, Hugh Johnston and others were also instrumental in this transition.

Interestingly, it was also at this time that Rotary appointed a committee to investigate finding a new home (i.e. campsite) for Girl Scouts. Dr. Frank Powers and Dr. John Hayes assumed that assignment.



A Board Member's Perspective

With over nine years as a trustee, architect and Rotarian Jim Elkins is one of Camps & Services' longest standing directors.

When he was named to the board there was actually a debate going on within Rotary about the viability of Camps (when compared to its sister group, Rotary Charities), and whether to continue or terminate it.

"You know, we existed long before Rotary Charities," Jim points out. "And as our chairman, Sid Lammers is fond of saying, 'Camps & Services birthed Rotary Charities.'"

Jim feels that Camps really took on its own identity with the Edwards' Property gift which would become the East Creek Reserve, and its venture into affordable housing.

He remembers all the hands-on effort at the Edwards' property that the Camps & Services' board has spearheaded: work bees, trash clean-ups and such. One of his favorite stories is the time fellow Rotarian Ted Okerstrom happened upon a large dump of what looked like garage sale items. "Ted rummaged through the stuff and wound up finding some addresses," Jim recalls. "That led to a phone call and the unveiling of the real story. It seems that parents had given some garage sale items to their kids and some money to take the sale items to town."

Of course the items never made it that far since the kids wound up dumping them on the Edwards' property.

As for Camps & Services' affordable housing efforts, Jim notes that finding suitable building land always seems to be the issue. But then land has always been integral to the organization's mission—from its origins and association with the Boy Scout property—to today's mission of protecting and improving tracts in the Boardman River Valley and increasing the public's use of outdoor recreation, trails and parks.

"You have to have a donation of land to start the process. The project winds up starting from a loss because Camps & Services usually purchases the land, then literally entrusts it to a nonprofit housing development agency for roughly half the price it paid for the land."

"The capacity for a program like this never catches up with demand," he observes, "but that's okay. There's such a need for affordable housing in the region, and we're making some progress."

He sees another of Camps & Services' timely goals as creating awareness of the need for housing for working families who cannot afford the area's escalating real estate values. "Camps has a key role in all that. We've gone from managing affordable housing to now recognizing the need for raising public recognition of it."



The burn is designed to restore the camp's original oak and pine barrens, a type of forest cover that once covered over 100,000 acres of Michigan's landscape, according to Dan.

"Oak is known for providing great sprouts following fires," the forester explains. "Regular burns will be a part of the scout property's overall administration plan and in keeping with our goal of diversity."

During the 2004 year-round camping season, Camp Greilick served some 4 – 5,000 youngsters and adults. Its namesake, along with the other Rotarians who figured prominently in its founding and formative years, would be proud.

Over the years, the relationship between Rotary and the Boy Scouts' Camp Greilick has been a good one, notes Tom Stoeber. A 99-year property lease signed in 1955 remains in effect in the form of a trust, while the Scenic Trails Council independently operates the camp. And support of the camp, and other camping opportunities in the region, continues to be an integral part of the Rotary Camps & Services' strategic plan.

In 2002 Rotary Camps & Services initiated placement of a conservation easement on all 502 acres of the camp property with the full support and cooperation of the boy scout council. This easement will permanently preserve the camp in its natural state. The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) administers the easement and assisted Camps & Services in its formation.

"This is a flexible easement," explains Matt McDonough, land protection specialist with the GTRLC. "It allows for camp expansion but protects its natural features."

New to scout property management this spring has been a controlled burn, supervised by the DNR, and recommended by Daniel Schillinger, district forester with the Grand Traverse Conservation District.

In 1955, Rotary located a site southwest of Traverse City on Bass Lake that would become known as Camp Sakakawea, or as Girl Scouts call it—Camp Saki.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the Crooked Tree Council's Camp Sakakawea

For years, Girl Scouts shared Camp Greilick with Boy Scouts and other regional organizations.

However, that all changed in the mid-50's.

That's when Rotarians Dr. Frank Power and Dr. John Hayes drew the assignment of finding a new home for Girl Scouts. Moreover, the task was also a family inspired

one, at least in the case of Dr. Power, a well known and respected surgeon at Thirlby Clinic and Munson Hospital.

His wife, Margot, was a long time Girl Scout troop leader, as well as trainer. Her activities led her all over Northern Michigan, as well as part of the Upper Peninsula, recall her family—Tom Power,

now a circuit court judge and long time Rotarian, and his sister Jocelyn Trepte.

The Powers remember that their father, a pilot, would conduct camp property searches by air over Grand Traverse County. Once back on the ground, he and their mother would check potential sites. "Mom didn't like to fly that well," says Jocelyn. "So I doubt if she ever accompanied him on those flights."

Ultimately a site was found southwest of Traverse City on Bass Lake. And it was there in the summer of 1955 that Girl Scouts held their first pioneer camp at what was to become known as Camp Sakakawea.

Jocelyn recalls that Ellen Brigman was the camp director, while her mother, Margot Power, was the scout leader. Some of the first campers included Jocelyn (or Jolly as she was known then), Kit Hammond, Meredith Raftshol and Judy Henges.

The Powers well remember work bees in the early days of Girl Scout Camp Sakakawea. "I was probably around ten at the time," says Tom. "And Mom and Dad would drag me to those work sessions."

Early photos taken in the spring of 1955 even show Girl Scout troop members assisting Dr. John Hayes in the initial survey of the property.

Rotary Camps & Services purchased the Girl Scouts of Crooked Tree Council's Camp Sakakawea site in 1956 and continues its support to this day. 'Camp Saki' as its known to scouts, now comprises 565 acres and serves some 3,600 girls (350 troops) and 1,000 adult leaders from Girl Scout troops in 11 northern Michigan counties. Some 95% of those adult leaders are Mothers. Shirley Kratt is the program director.

Rotary has maintained its financial support of Girl Scouts in the form of Rotary Charities' grants over the past 27 years, with over 80% of it going to the camp. It's now operated year round, serving girls from grades K-12.

A trust partnership and 99-year lease between Rotary and Girl Scouts has been in effect since the mid-50's with Rotary as the financial partner.

Over the years, many improvements have been made to the camp, notes Marsha Barber Clark, executive director of the Crooked Tree Council.

In 1988, a site plan was developed with Rotary as part of the council's long range planning. Girl Scout programs dictated how the property was to be used.

In 2004, Rotary Camps & Services again led the movement to place a conservation easement on camp property with the Grand Traverse Regional Land





Camps & Services

Interview with Sid Lammers, board chairman

Proactive is the word Rotary Camps & Services chairman Sid Lammers uses to describe the role of the current board.

“We’re identifying needs and opportunities and as a board presenting them to Rotary Charities for possible funding. These are the kinds of projects that might not happen without Camps & Services becoming involved.”

Examples of this kind of past involvement include HomeStretch, TART (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.), Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and the Traverse Bay Affordable Housing Land Fund.

The proactive philosophy was affirmed in a recent strategic planning process, observes Sid, the same exercise in which Rotary Charities’ board members also participated.

An example, says Sid, might be a property tract contiguous to an existing area owned by Camps & Services. “If we knew it was slated for commercial development, we might consider acquiring it to maintain its naturalness and add to our conservation easement protected properties.”

He explains that Camps & Services, in its role of working in conjunction with Rotary Charities and taking both a proactive and responsive approach, would initiate projects and respond to grant requests made during grant cycles in these areas of expertise:

- Protecting and improving the Boardman River and Valley.
- Increasing public accessibility to recreation, trails, and parks.
- Supporting Scout Camps Greilick and Sakakawea, and other camping opportunities in the region.
- Continuing its commitment to affordable housing issues, and focusing on land acquisition.

Conservancy. “We established a footprint for the future, designating what can be developed and how,” explains Marsha.

With an eye toward the future, the council meets every four years for a performance assessment at which time a needs survey is done. Strategic planning is also done in five-year increments.

The challenge for Girl Scouting, observes Marsha, is always making it relevant. “As people change we must also change in order to maintain our persona as an organization where ‘girls grow strong.’”



ROTARY CAMPS & SERVICES BOARD - (From left) Marsha Smith, Sid Lammers, Jim VanEenaam, Beth Karczewski, Ed Downing, Rob Lovell, Steve Chambers, Ralph Cerny, Jim Elkins, Bob Witkop, Tim Burden and Stacey Foster. (Photo courtesy John Robert Williams Photography, Inc.)

Members of the Camps & Services board and the committees they head include:

Bob Witkop, chairman, Scout Liaison Committee
 Jim VanEenaam, Edwards’ Property Committee
 Tim Burden, Affordable Housing Committee
 Jim Elkins, Parks & Trails Committee

Other board members and support staff:

Sid Lammers, chairman
 Beth Karczewski, vice chairman
 Steve Chambers, treasurer
 Rob Lovell
 Ed Downing, club representative
 Pat Wilson, legal counsel
 Marsha Smith, executive director
 Stacey Foster, administrative assistant



Mission/Vision

A two-year strategic planning process has resulted in a revised mission statement for Rotary Camps & Services, along with identification of goals and objective over the next three to five years for its four committees.

“This required a real time investment and was something our board became very involved in” explains Sid Lammers, Camps & Services board chairman. “The fact that it occurred near the time we were nearing our 50th anniversary was also significant. Our journey has been always one of change. The service aspect of it, however, has always remained constant.”

Mission/Vision Statement

“Our mission is to leverage resources and volunteers to preserve and enhance the natural environment of the five county Grand Traverse region. We provide leadership by encouraging proactive, collaborative partnerships for land conservation/stewardship, recreation, camping and other projects that meet community needs.”

Goals/Objectives

Over the next three to five years...



C&S Bookmarks...

In 2001 Camps & Services, along with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, formed a conservation easement which will forever protect the naturalness of East Creek Reserve, part of the original Edwards’ property donation to Rotary.

GOAL

Protect and improve the Boardman River and Valley.

(Edwards’ Committee)

OBJECTIVES

1. Facilitate the implementation of the Boardman Valley Master Plan as an example of inter-governmental cooperation and planning.
2. Evaluate the Canterbury Woods parcel as a possible model conservation project, preserving scenic views, natural resources and building mixed price housing.
3. Involve fellow Rotarians in restoration projects on the Boardman River in cooperation with the Conservation District.
4. Promote the East Creek Management Plan, conservation easement and CFA as models in order to educate and motivate other land-owners.
5. Facilitate the preservation of lands in the valley with unique conservation values through donation, acquisition, trade, purchase of development rights or other methods.

GOAL

Support Scout Camps Greilick and Sakakawea and other camping opportunities in the region.

(Scout Liaison Committee)

OBJECTIVES

1. Request a new capital improvement plan from both scout groups and encourage development of other funding sources.
2. Encourage other camps in the region to follow our example with conservation easements and preservation.
3. Investigate acquisition of other lands for camping activities.



GOAL

Increase public accessibility to recreation, trails and parks.

(Parks & Trails Committee)

OBJECTIVES

1. Work with units of government and other organizations to ensure public accessibility and enhancement to parks and recreational facilities.
2. Help with the development of trails, especially the Boardman River Trail and the management of existing trails.



GOAL

Continue our commitment to addressing issues related to affordable housing, focusing on land acquisition.

(Affordable Housing Committee)

OBJECTIVES

1. Monitor the investment in the Michigan Housing Trust Fund and ensure that Camps & Services has a permanent position on the local advisory board of the Traverse Bay-Affordable Housing Loan Fund of the Michigan Housing Trust Fund.
2. Support agencies or organizations that are actively developing low income or supportive housing.



C&S Bookmarks...

The establishment of Camp Sakakawea was due in part to the urging of Margot Power, wife of Rotarian Dr. Frank Power (club president, 1951-52), and a Girl Scout Mother, trainer and troop leader.

Affordable Housing

HomeStretch. Crosstown Project. Kensington Park.

These are all names now synonymous with providing affordable housing for working families in the Grand Traverse region. And they were all championed by Rotary Camps & Services.

HomeStretch was started in 1997 and grew from a Rotary Camps & Services and Charities' funded study of



the affordable housing situation in the five county area. It confirmed earlier concerns of the region's human services community that due to increased real estate values in the area, many young families were being priced out of the market.

Executive director Bill Merry was recruited.

Camps & Services donated \$115,000. And Charities approached the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and other non-profit agencies to help put affordable housing programs together.

Also helping HomeStretch and subsequent housing initiatives get on their feet was the creation of funding agencies like the Traverse Bay Affordable Housing Land Fund. George Powell, a former Camps

& Services' affordable housing committee member, explains that Camps was responsible for these funding mechanisms. "HomeStretch was not bankable, so in essence we created our own resource to pay for land or option it, and cover costs not covered by conventional state or federal funding. Initially we did this on our own. Later, we leveraged other state resources."

Today, HomeStretch has accounted for 14 single-family homes, while others have been rehabbed.

In 2001, Camps & Services was the catalyst for the Crosstown Project, a program making single family homes available to MSHDA qualified buyers. Additional lots were purchased the following year and similar homes were built by Habitat for Humanity.

Phase I of the Kensington Park project in Garfield Township wrapped up in May '05. And financing is in place for phase II which will begin in June, notes Bill Merry.

The Kensington Park housing project totals 16 units, with eight already completed. Bill explains that the three bedroom homes are designed for a family of four. Middle class working people will occupy the units, he notes. "These are people that qualify under MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) guidelines, which means they earn 80% or less of the median income for the area."

It was Rotary Charities, on the recommendation of Camps & Services, that guaranteed the land acquisition for Kensington. Charities' assets were used as initial seed money that would later attract state and federal funding. Charities' PRI (Program Related Investment) program allows Rotary to bring other resources to the community, while positively impacting and leveraging its assets.

With an eye already on next year, Bill predicts HomeStretch will remain busy. Construction of a 'Green Home' (energy efficient, environmentally healthy, more durable building materials) is being



“The real story here is one of people, their dignity and pride in home ownership.”



Interview with Pat Wilson *(Attorney and counselor, Rotary Camps & Services/Rotary Charities)*

Traverse City attorney and honorary Rotarian Pat Wilson has been general counsel to Rotary Camps

& Services since the mid-70's. That's when he was approached by Dr. Frank Power to act as independent counsel in structuring the oil and gas revenue from the wells on Rotary's Boy Scout property. This, of course, would lead to the birth of Rotary Charities.

He remembers at that time that Camps had a 99-year lease with Boy Scouts, and that the county equalization department wanted to tax the Camp Greilick property. "Their reasoning was sound, so we wound up converting that lease to a trust agreement to satisfy the taxing authorities."

At the time, Dr. Frank Power headed the group that was to become Rotary Charities.

"He was a very no nonsense type of individual and very accomplished," says Pat. "He was also very well organized. His directions were to keep things simple and understandable, and the rules to a minimum."

Also integral to the flurry of Rotary activity that went on during that period, notes Pat, was the role of Bob Hilty. A long time Rotarian, he was not only a charter member of the Charities' board, but for many years served as its volunteer director.

Attorney Wilson describes his role with Camps & Services and Charities as an extraordinary adventure. He credits both groups with cherishing the past while enhancing its value.

Rotary Camps' major role over the years has been the preservation of properties, says Pat. It divested itself of the oil and gas producing wells on Boy Scout property with the creation of Rotary Charities.

"Both organizations have matured beautifully over the years, a reflection of all the people that have been involved over the years."

A fitting testimony of the Rotary creed of service above self.

considered. And HomeStretch is collaborating with a committee comprised of Northwestern Michigan College and the Grand Traverse Regional Home Builders' Association on that project.

Eight affordable housing units in downtown Traverse City's Midtown Centre neighborhood were also sold late last summer.

HomeStretch's goal, emphasizes Bill, is to build larger projects in the area with greater capacity and impact—and remain focused on providing more housing for working families. He credits Camps & Services with its ongoing efforts to dedicate human as well as financial resources to help others in need in the community.

Getting the message out of the need for affordable housing is one of the major tasks facing Camps & Services now, suggests Tim Burden, current Camps & Services affordable housing committee board chair. "This is part of our emerging role. Smart growth, zoning, regulatory issues. They all play a part in this."

He characterizes affordable housing's future as having three prongs: governmental participation and offering incentives; marketing (i.e. creating awareness of need); and land value.

"I like to think we're bringing a business sense to this effort. We need to find land that makes sense, then act as an incubator—promoting the collaboration of all factors: government, developers and philanthropy.

"The real story here is one of people, their dignity and pride in home ownership."

The Mary Dunn-Edwards and Howard Edwards Boardman River Valley property, given to Camps & Services in 1993, had TWO working oil and gas wells.

Edwards' Property an important and invaluable community resource...

In 1993, a Boardman River Valley property bequest to Rotary Camps & Services would not only change the course of the organization, but also provide it with a defining benchmark that resonates to this day.

That's when the estate of Mary Dunn-Edwards and her husband Howard bequeathed Camps three separate parcels of wild land comprising some 800 acres in the Boardman River Watershed in East Bay and Paradise townships.

A vision statement drafted by the Edwards' Committee, a group of Camps' board members named to guide management of the gift, denotes the importance Rotary felt about this new found responsibility:

"In the spirit of Mary Dunn-Edwards and Howard Edwards, and as chosen

stewards of the land gifted to them by the Edwards, Rotary will manage the Reserve to protect, enhance, and promote public recreation, water quality, wildlife habitat, and ecological diversity in the Boardman River Valley so that the Reserve remains an important and invaluable community resource..."

Since the Edwards' bequest, Camps has undertaken a land swap with the state to create a permanent green belt and wildlife corridor in the Boardman River Valley. And today the original acreage is in the form of the 560 acre East Creek Reserve; an 80 acre Howard and Mary Edwards'

Preserve; a 40 acre tract deeded to Paradise Township for the Mayfield Pond Park; 120 acre Canterbury Woods property; and other Boardman River Watershed acreage.

Since the original Edwards' property also had two wells, some gas and oil revenue has been collected by Camps & Services.

Steve Largent, Boardman River Project Director for the Grand Traverse Conservation District, has been managing the properties. And his environmental passion and expertise have guided the Camps' board in their stewardship of the properties. He has also led countless work bees at the East Creek Reserve which regularly involve Rotary volunteers.

The 'human use aspect' is Steve's biggest challenge as a project director. Because there's public access to the scenic reserve—recreational trails, managed forestry, hunting and fishing are integral to its management. And illegal off-road-vehicle (ORV) traffic remains a persistent problem.

In 2001, Camps & Services, in league with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC), executed a conservation easement which will forever protect, maintain and enhance the natural features of East Creek Reserve. At the same time, it also deeded the Edwards' Nature Preserve to the conservancy, while granting \$5,600 to create a permanent stewardship endowment fund for the property.

According to Matt McDonough, land protection specialist with the GTRLC, the Edwards' Preserve contains flora and fauna unique to the state. Its preservation will be more restrictive than the reserve.

As a result of Camp & Services conservation easements, Matt foresees opportunities for more land protection in the

Boardman River Valley. "Rotary's leadership position in land protection and conservation is bound to influence other Valley property owners," he reasons. "People who love the land and appreciate its potential will foster further protection efforts because of what Rotary has done."



Regular work bees at the Edwards' Property and East Creek Reserve are well attended by Traverse City Rotarians.



Roles, Responsibilities & Relationships

	Rotary Camps & Services	Rotary Charities	Rotary Club
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	Rotary Camps & Services	Rotary Charities	Rotary Club
VISION	Pro-active/risk taking Leadership thru collaboration Provide real estate resources Evolving	High impact Leading positive changes thru philanthropy Providing resources Exist into perpetuity	Direct service to the community Leadership thru volunteerism Providing human resources Constantly changing
MISSION	Landowner and good steward Improve quality of life Guided by Rotary principles	Grant maker Improve the quality of life Guided by Rotary principles	Service organization Improve quality of life Guided by Rotary principles
METHODS	Buy, hold, resell land for charitable purposes Philanthropy and advocacy Conservation easements Property management Incubate projects to meet community needs	Build facilities infrastructure Increase philanthropy Promote innovation and grassroots Strengthen non-profits	4 avenues of service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club service • Community service • Vocational service • International service
ROLES	Flexible link to community and club Manage Rotary owned properties	Philanthropic link to the community and the club Distribute grants based on community needs	Service link to the community Elect Rotary Charities and Camps and Services Board Input to Rotary Charities and Camps and Services' regarding needs Help Rotary Charities evaluate grant requirements
RESPONSIBILITIES	Serve community with help from corporate membership	Serve the communities of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau, with help from corporate members	Support members who serve the Traverse City Community
RELATIONSHIP	Board elected from corporate membership	Hire, support and evaluate executive director	Members constitute the corporate membership



C&S Bookmarks... Ever wonder why Traverse City Rotary Club contribution checks are made to Camps & Services? That's because Camps is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and traditionally acts as an agent for collection of certain contributions on behalf of the club.

C&S Bookmarks...

Rare flora and fauna on the Edwards' Nature Preserve make it a very unique piece of land in the Boardman River Valley and state of Michigan.

Camps & Services

- **1925** Traverse City businessman and Rotarian, Clarence Greilick, acquires title for property in East Bay Township, Grand Traverse County, and which much later would become a camp for Boy Scouts called Camp Greilick.
- **1928** Camp property title is transferred to the Community Camp Association, a group organized to “promote recreation; to provide and maintain camps for Boys and Girls; and to encourage and foster reforestation and conservation of natural resources.”
- **1928 – 1955** A Camping Committee is formed by Rotary to maintain close relations with the activities of the independent Community Camp Association.
- **1955** The campsite acreage is transferred to Rotary Camps, Inc., whose board is comprised of members of the Traverse City Rotary Club’s board of directors.
- **August 1955** Leases are signed between Rotary Camps, Inc., and the Scenic Trails Council of America (East Bay Township property); and Crooked Tree Council of Girl Scouts (Bass Lake property, Green Lake Township).
- **July 1976** Oil is discovered on Camp Greilick.
- **The mid 70’s** Rotary Camps & Services role since the creation of Rotary Charities, has been one of land management, conservation and stewardship, while incubating such organizations as the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, TART (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.), Project HomeStretch and the Traverse Bay Affordable Housing Land Fund.
- **The late 80’s** In the late 1980’s, it figured in the formation of the Rotary Center Board, a group that for two years guided the restoration process of Traverse City’s Grey Lady—the Park Place Hotel.
- **Early 2000’s** Permanent conservation easements placed on East Creek Reserve, Camp Greilick and Camp Sakakawea.
- **Present** Today, Camps & Services remains in the land business—leveraging it so that working families might have access to affordable housing; continuing to support Camps Greilick and Sakakawea and other regional camping opportunities; increasing public access to recreation, trails and parks; and protecting and improving the Boardman River and Valley.



(Photos from top right clockwise)

Dr. John Hayes and fellow Rotarians establish the boundaries of the newly found Girl Scout camp on the shore of Bass Lake.

Girl Scout leaders Ellen Brigman (left) camp director, and Margot Power, roughing it at Scouts' first camp outing on the Bass Lake property in the summer of 1955.

Rotary signage at Camp Greilick.

The Grey Lady—Park Place Hotel

On July 1, 1991, the Park Place reopened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left are Jim Tompkins, Dr. Don Good, John Goense, Gary Columbus, Art Elliot, and Bruce Rogers.

The first well site on Boy Scout property.

