



### Rotary This Week April 17 2025

**Rotary President Amy Kohnle** was the commencement speaker for this year's NWTC graduation. She announced the first four graduates of the new Childcare Degree will join the DC childcare workforce.

The **Raising the Roof** fundraiser sponsored by the **Door County Housing Partnership (with Rotary support)** raised \$70M.

**2025 Rotary Shipyard Tours June 20–22** tickets are still available. Rotarians, your support in sales is critical.

**Ticket link:**

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-sturgeon-bay-working-waterfront-shipyard-tour>

**Rotary Shipyard volunteers needed.** After today, only two more volunteers are needed. This link allows filling in the blanks. When you leave, the information is saved.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O7Lahda6HsnDOvSJUrDFm-4YnIZCpXtdwf1Tu8MGsGM/edit?usp=sharing>

**Program-Ken Boetcher Reclassification:**

This was an amazing program, presented by an amazing long-term Rotarian.

**Re-classification Presentation: Kenneth Boettcher**  
**Classification: United Methodist Pastor**

**Born: May 20, 1939, Marinette WI**

**Education:** 1957 Grad, Marinette High School  
 1957-58 UWis- Marinette Ext  
 1958-59 UWis- Madison  
 1959-1962 Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa  
 Bachelor of Arts, Social Science Div.  
 1962-1965 Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville IL  
 Master of Divinity

**Ordained: May 1965, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Wisconsin Conference,**

**Church Appointments:**  
 June 1965-November 1969: Egg Harbor, Gibraltar Zion, Fish Creek Community  
 December 1969-June 1980: Mayville, Horicon  
 June 1980-October 1994: Port Edwards  
 November 1994-June 2003: Sturgeon Bay, Jacksonport

**Retired: June 30, 2003; Live in Sturgeon Bay**

Ken was born in Marinette, WI in 1939. This is the bill for a mother's stay of 9 days and Ken's stay for 7. \$38.29 **Bryan Stevens.** (Editor, when my 4 children were born, mother and child overnight and out the door)

Pictured at left was the family doctor who owned 4 cherry orchards in Door County and invited Ken to pick cherries when he was 7.

#### Club Leaders



**Amy Leigh Kohnle**  
President



**Michelle Lawrie**  
President-Elect



**Allyson M Fleck**  
Secretary



**Ken Pabich**  
Treasurer  
iPast President



**Keith Mutchler**  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Director  
Past President



**Jeremy M Paszczak**  
President-Nominee  
Club Director



**Scott R. Bader**  
Club Service Chair  
Membership Chair



**Kenneth Boettcher**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Michael Felhofer**  
Club Director  
Past President



**Tonya Felhofer**  
Club Director  
Interact Coordinator



**Karen M Gosser**  
Club Director



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Rotary Foundation Chair  
Past President



**Bryan J Mazur**  
Club Director  
Past President



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Club Director



**Robert C. Scieszinski**  
Club Director  
Past President



**John D. Swanson**  
Club Director



**Sean Linnan**



Club RYE  
Chair  
Past  
President



Robert M.  
Stuebi  
International  
Service  
Chair



Grace  
Rossman  
Vocational  
Service  
Chair  
Past  
President

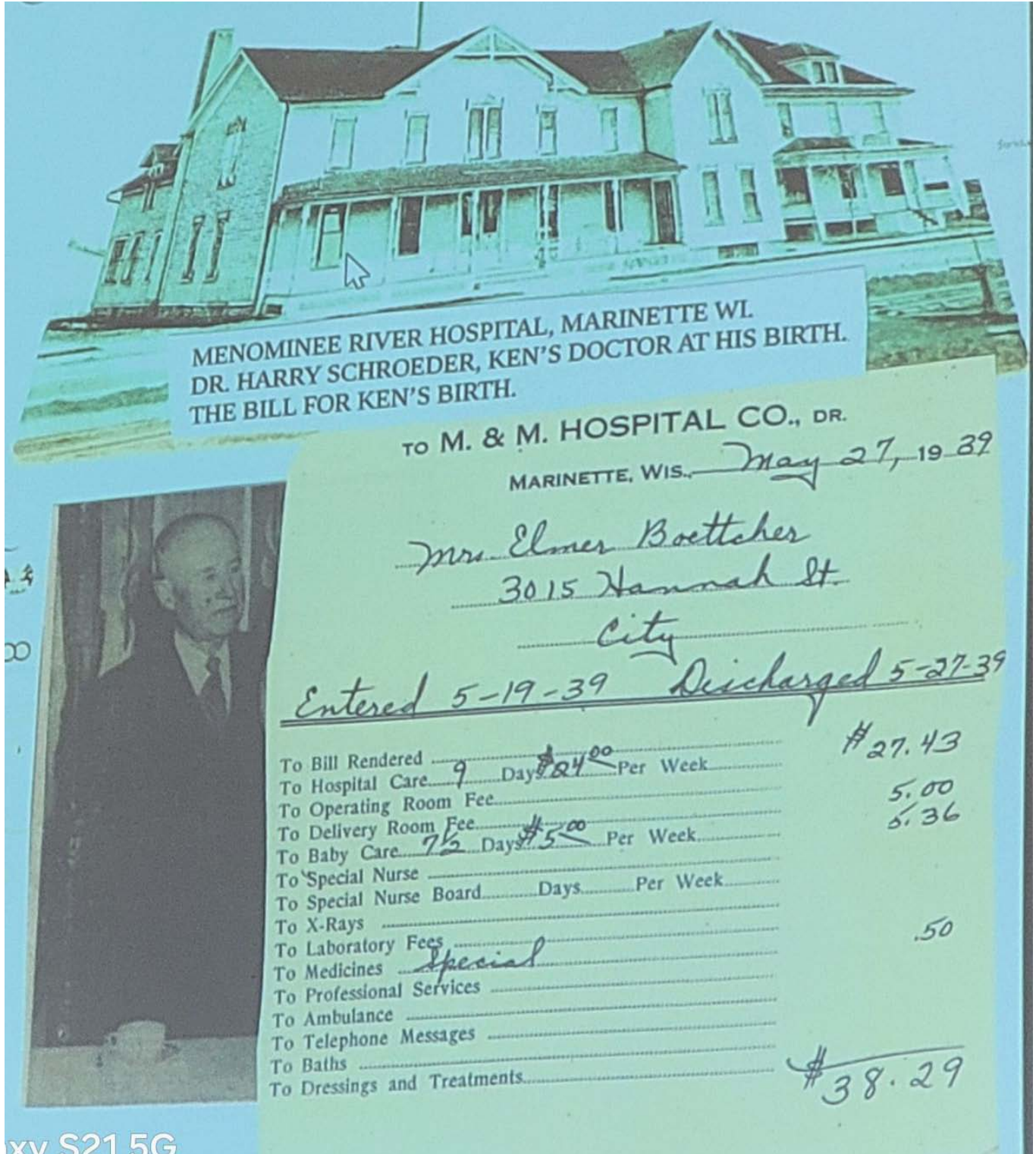
## Birthdays

Sean Linnan  
May 29th  
Paula Englebert  
June 3rd  
Nathan T Drager  
June 9th  
Sandra J Hurley  
June 14th

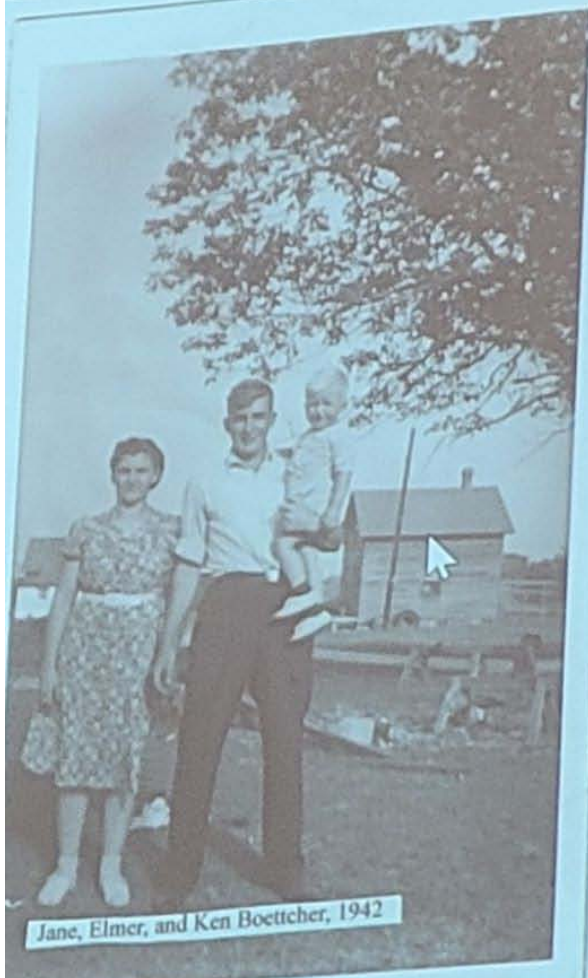
## Years of Service

G. Mark Nelson  
06-01-1986  
39 Years  
Robert C. Scieszinski  
06-01-1987  
38 Years  
Grace Rossman  
06-30-2000  
25 Years  
Bret Bicoy  
05-28-2009  
16 Years  
Scott R. Bader  
05-22-2014  
11 Years  
John D. Swanson  
06-05-2014  
11 Years  
Tom J Reynolds  
06-13-2024  
1 Year

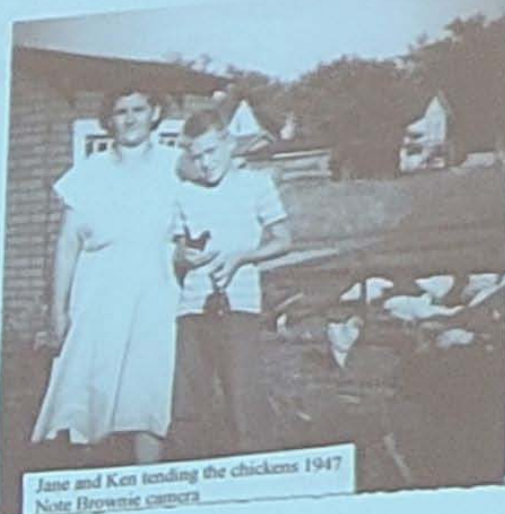
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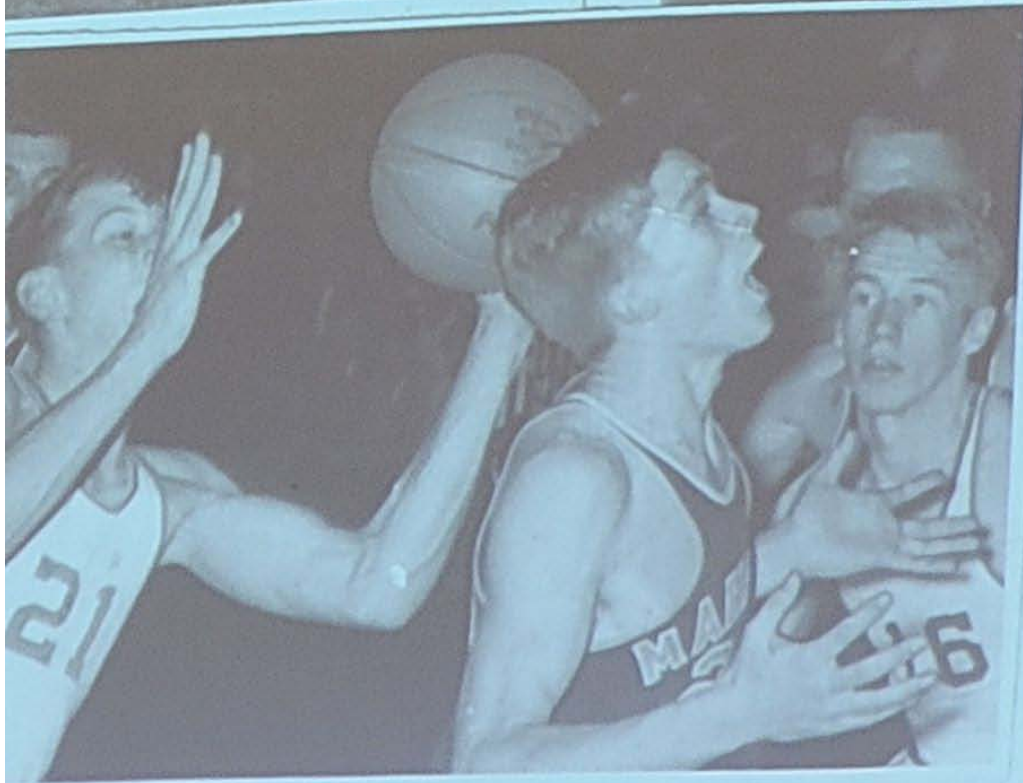
Jane, Elmer, and Ken Boettcher, 1942



Jane and Ken tending the chickens 1947  
Note Brownie camera



Ken Boettcher, 1953  
Marinette High



Family pictures growing up on the farm. Ken graduated from Marinette High School, was a trombone player in the band and a starter on the basketball team. Picture lower right with Ken in the middle.

Ken felt his best sport was track, and he qualified for State as a sophomore and a senior. He was honored as captain of the team and won the 1957-mile run as a senior in 4 minutes 54.5 seconds.



# Marinette Qualifies Six For State Track Finals

## Falls Victor In Sectional Meet

Gypp, Boettcher Set School Marks

Marinette high school track squad qualified six in eight events for the state meet at Madison and the Marines produced the only double winner at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's sectional meet in a chilly and breezy atmosphere at City Stadium in Green Bay Saturday afternoon.

First and second place winners at Green Bay will enter the state finals next Saturday.

Oconto Falls won the class B sectional title by a slim margin over Marinette and Sturgeon Bay. Team results were:

Oconto Falls	33 1/2
Marinette	31
Sturgeon Bay	30 1/2
West De Pere	23
Freble	18
Gillett	14
Kewaunee	11 1/2
Seymour	9 1/2
East De Pere	2
Pulaski	1

Appleton captured the class A sectional crown as the Terrors compiled a total of 70 points. Following in order were Green Bay West 62, Manitowish 39 1/2, Green Bay East 22 1/2, Shawano 13, Kewaunee 11.

The Marines, Sturgeon Bay and Oconto Falls dominated first places in the 14 class B events as the Door County squad annexed five. Marinette took four and Oconto Falls registered three. The other two wins went to Gillett and Kewaunee.

Junior Jerry Gypp was the meet's double winner as he took both weight events and along with Ken Boettcher bettered Marinette high schools records which the pair previously had set.

Gypp sent the discus into a strong wind for a distance of 132 feet, 10 inches to take the event and add eight inches to the school mark he set only last Tuesday in the Big Rivers conference meet at Wausau.

On his first toss in the shot put, Gypp sent the iron ball out to 49 feet, 4 inches which stood for victory. He was followed by Lowell F. of Gillett, who made his toss of 47 feet, 1/2 inch.

Boettcher, a senior, ran a steady mile to win in 4:54.3 and reduce the school low of 4:57 he established previously. Boettcher led the field after taking the lead in the first lap and although passed at

year's team and yesterday were joined by Bob Hartl.

Gary Durocher of Gillett tied the pole vault record when he cleared 19 feet, 9 inches to match a height set by Clintonville's Kesson in both 1954 and 1955.

Marinette went into the meet, postponed from Friday because of heavy rain, without the services of two regular performers, Tom Rasfall in the broad jump and 100, and Mark Thiele in the half mile.

One class A record was shattered when Bill Snelling of Green Bay West soared over 11 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault to surpass the record of 11 feet, 3 1/2 inches held by Shawano's Ziemer since 1935.

The class B summary:

High jump — 1. Miller (SB); 2. Young (OF); 3. Bortha (Mar.) and Drew (ADF), tied; 4. Papilam (K) and Surfus (SB), tied. Height—5 feet, 8 inches.

440-yard dash — 1. Carmody (SB); 2. Pfaff (Mar.); 3. Streble (Pre.); 4. Hagameyer (WDP); 5. Schley (SB). Time—54.5 seconds.

Spring medley—1. Oconto Falls (Binkowski, Elbe, Kussow and Damp); 2. Seymour; 3. Marinette; 4. West De Pere; 5. Sturgeon Bay. Time—3:57.3

Shot put — 1. Gypp (Mar.); 2. Paulson (G); 3. Janssen (WDP); 4. Jeanquart (SB); 5. Beaumia (OF). Distance—49 feet, 4 inches.

100-yard dash — 1. Peterson (SB); 2. McDougal (OF); 3. VandendAvond (Pre.); 4. Chevallier (Mar.); 5. Fuerstein (SB). Time—10.43 seconds.

Discus—1. Gypp (Mar.); 2. Janssen (WDP); 3. Moeller (G); 4. Koehne (K); 5. Schamal (Pul.). Distance—132 feet, 10 inches.

120-yard high hurdles — 1. Molander (Mar.); 2. Robillard (K); 3. Surfus (SB); 4. Vannonder (WDP); 5. Collette (WDP). Time—16.5 seconds.

880-yard run — 1. Koehne (OF); 2. Hirm (WDP); Brickner (OF); 4. Messenger (Mar.) and Mareks (Sey.), tied; Time—2:08.7

Broad jump — 1. Steffens (OF); 2. Hansen (Mar.); 3. Vanderkelen (Pre.); 4. Hartl (SB); 5. Elbe (OF). Distance—19 feet, 10 inches.

Pole vault — 1. Durocher (G); 2. Damp (OF); 3. Drews (OF); 4. Petrina (SB); 5. Freiman (SB). Height—10 feet, nine inches. (Tied meet record).

Mile run — 1. Boettcher (Mar.); 2. Roznowski (Pre.); 3. Kane (OF); 4. VanDuyse (EDP); 5. Prerock (WDP). Time—4:54.3.

220-yard dash — 1. Allen (SB); 2. Mans (Mar.); 3. Graf (SB); 4. Badetong (WDP); 5. Libert (Pre.). Time—23.83 (Allen tied meet record of 23.5 in winning trial heat).

180-yard low hurdles — 1. Robillard (K); 2. Molander (Mar.); 3. Surfus (SB); 4. Meike (OF); 5. Kunesh (Mar.). Time—22 seconds.

Half mile relay — 1. Sturgeon Bay (Hartl, Carmody, Allen and Peterson); 2. Oconto Falls; 3. Preble; 4. Marinette; 5. Pulaski. Time—

## Ken Boettcher Named Captain

Elected By Mates On Track Squad

Miller Ken Boettcher has been elected captain of the Marinette high school track team for the 1957 season. It was announced today by Coach Marlon Bateman.



Ken Boettcher sweep of a bountiful supply of provisions.

Boettcher, a senior, has been a miler for the Marines for several seasons and this year set a new school record when he won the sectional mile event at Green Bay in 4:54.3. The time broke the mark Boettcher had set the previous season.

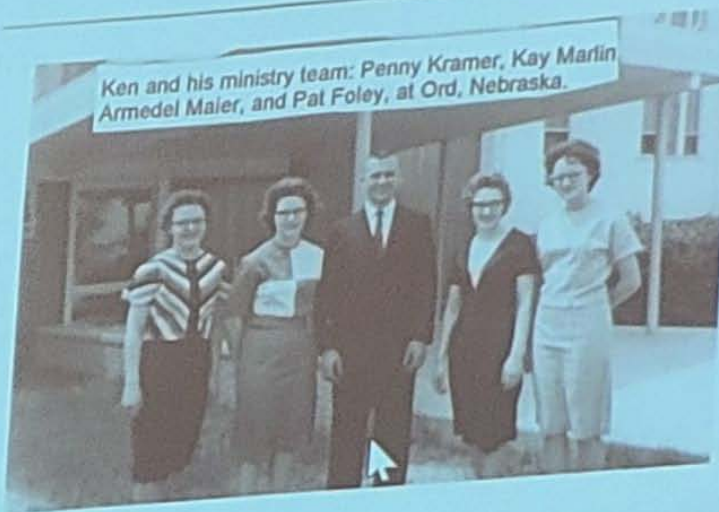
The high school M club staged its annual picnic at Hones park in Menominee Tuesday afternoon. Approximately 60 youths who have won letters for participation in athletics attended the event and made a clean

Ken attended Divinity School at Westmar College in Lemars, Iowa. He played in the band and led campus activities, including bi-monthly visits to the homeless shelter, and was elected to head the campus YMCA. He was ordained in Fond du Lac in 1965 and was assigned four churches in Door County. Gibraltar, Fish Creek, Egg Harbor and Cty F in Bailies Harbor. Ken and Ellen were married on Aug 7, 1965. (Editor's math indicates that they will be 60yrs in August) Ellen had a degree in Music and approached Superintendent Carl Schultz, in Sevastopol, for a job. No music slots were available, so she was hired as the Librarian. In her second year, she was assigned all the vocal music responsibilities.



# WESTMAR COLLEGE - LEMARS, IOWA 1959-1962

Ken and his ministry team: Penny Kramer, Kay Marlin, Armedel Maier, and Pat Foley, at Ord, Nebraska.



YWCA president at WESTMAR COLLEGE, Le Mars, Iowa, is Kathleen Klein, Senior from Minot, North Dakota, majoring in history. Leading a cab-



Kathleen Klein



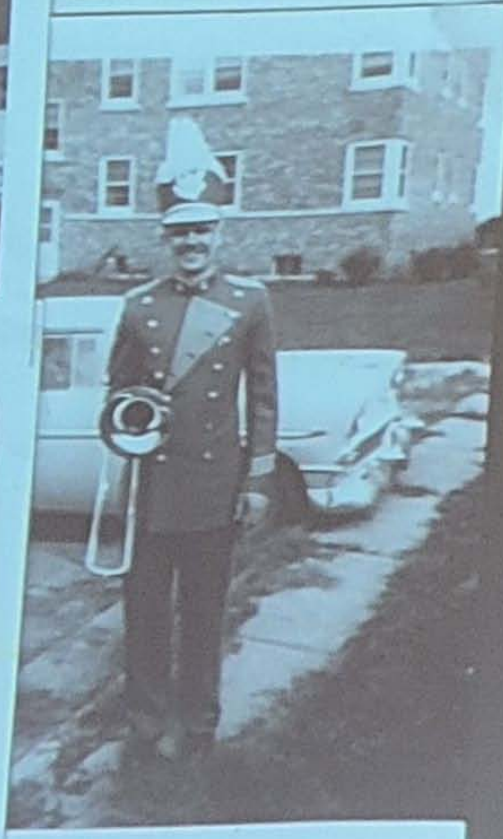
Kenneth Boettcher

net of approximately 18 people, Miss Klein directs the women's Christian activities during a year when the relationship of the college religious program to the YWCA and to the United Campus Christian Fellowship is being seriously studied.

WESTMAR COLLEGE, Le Mars, Iowa. YMCA president is Kenneth Boettcher, Marinette, Wisconsin, Senior at Westmar with a divisional major in the social sciences. Boettcher's athletic interests are cross-country and track.



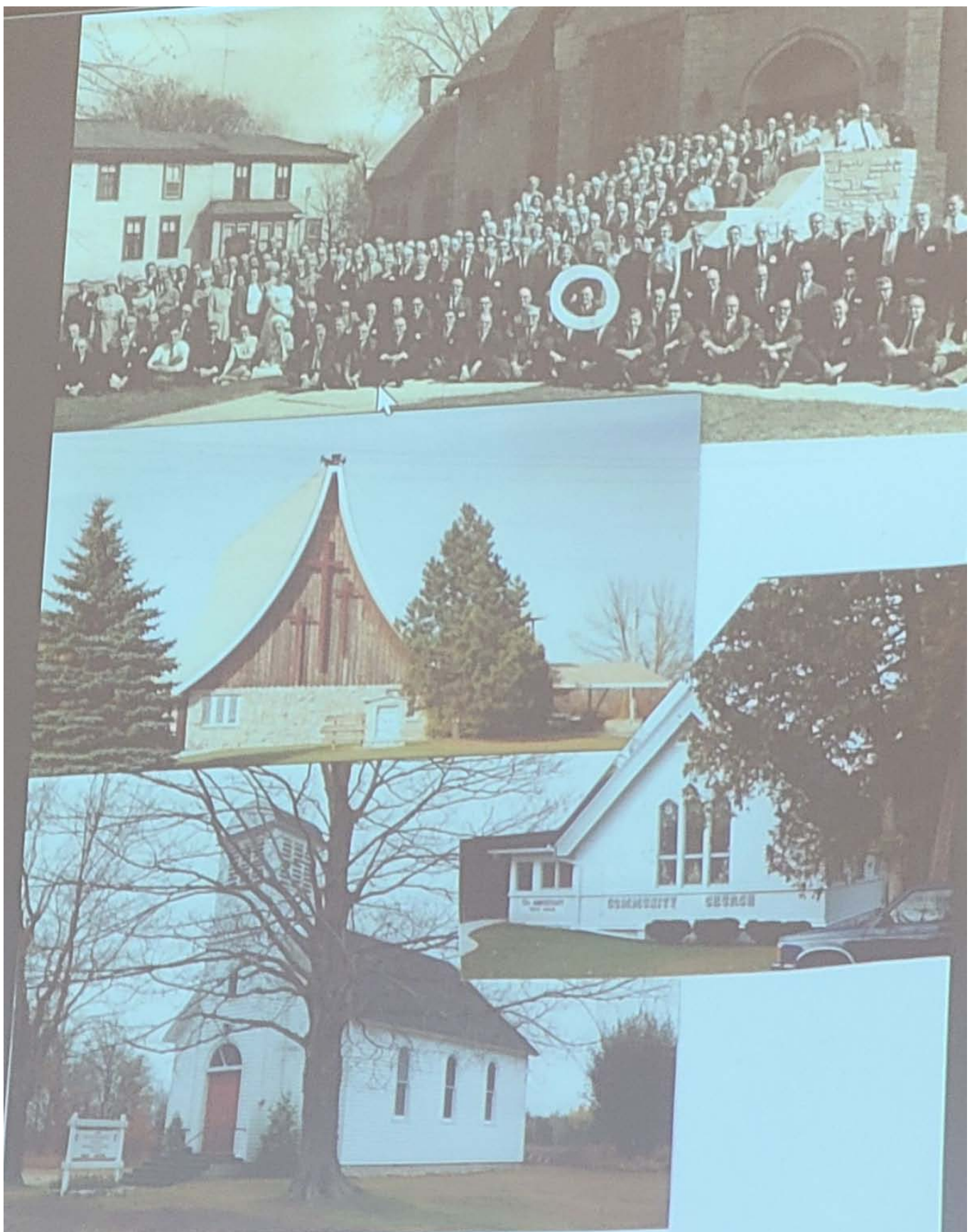
Sioux City Gospel Mission, Ken arranged services using college students twice a month.



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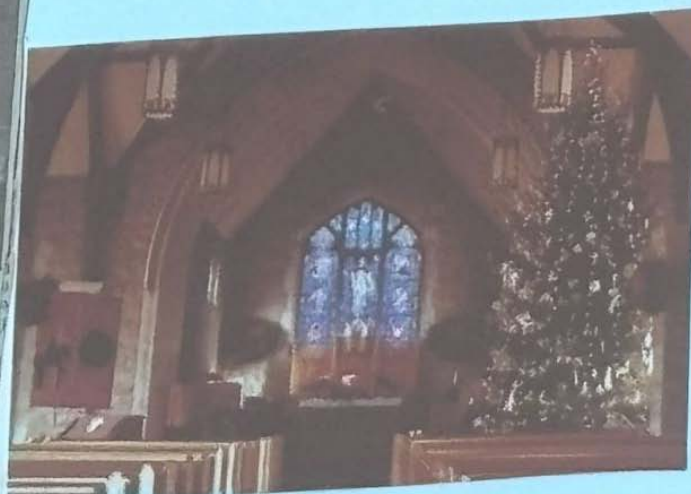
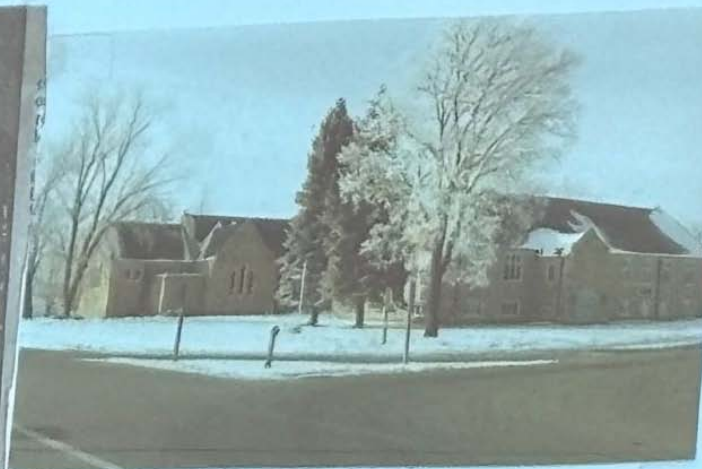
Stops on the journey.





The Rev. Ken Boettcher is shown in the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church in Port Edwards. (Tribune Photo by Steven Platteter)

## Port minister doesn't mind working holidays



## Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids September 20, 1993



**BOTTOM ROW:** Ken Boettcher, Bob Zimmerman  
**ROW TWO:** Edith Nash, Suzanne Anke, Dick Nesville, Jon Iverson, Dick Kalesch  
**ROW THREE:** Judi Paul, Larry Nash, C.J.R. Stewart, John Murgatroyd, Jan Suz  
**ROW FOUR:** Orv Howan, Bob Schuster, Ted Miller, Jim Boyd, Bill Quinn, Jim Wa  
**ROW FIVE:** Vail Lee, Steve Andrews, Pete Smart, Bob Zimmerman, Floy Ego  
**ROW SIX:** Jeff Gellerman, Dick Skibba, Pat Reudin, Jim Lucas, Elton Poirsky,

## COMMUNITY LIFE



Dar Blanke



Rev. Ken Boettcher



John Murgatroyd



Pete Smart



Jim Wenzlaff



Bob Zimmerman

## Rotary names 6 Harris Fellows

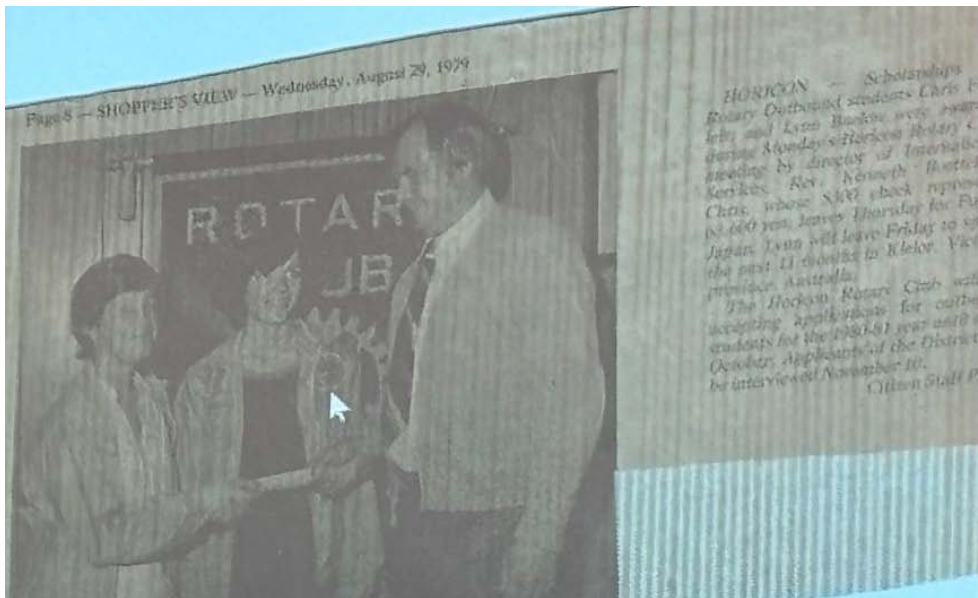
WIS. RAPIDS — Dar Blanke, the Rev. Ken Boettcher, John Murgatroyd, Pete Smart, Jim Wenzlaff and Bob Zimmerman were named Paul Harris Fellows in ceremonies at a Rotary assembly Nov. 5.

They join a group of more than 250,000 Paul Harris Fellows named in honor of Rotary's founder. An individual in whose honor or with a certificate, medal, and lapel pin.

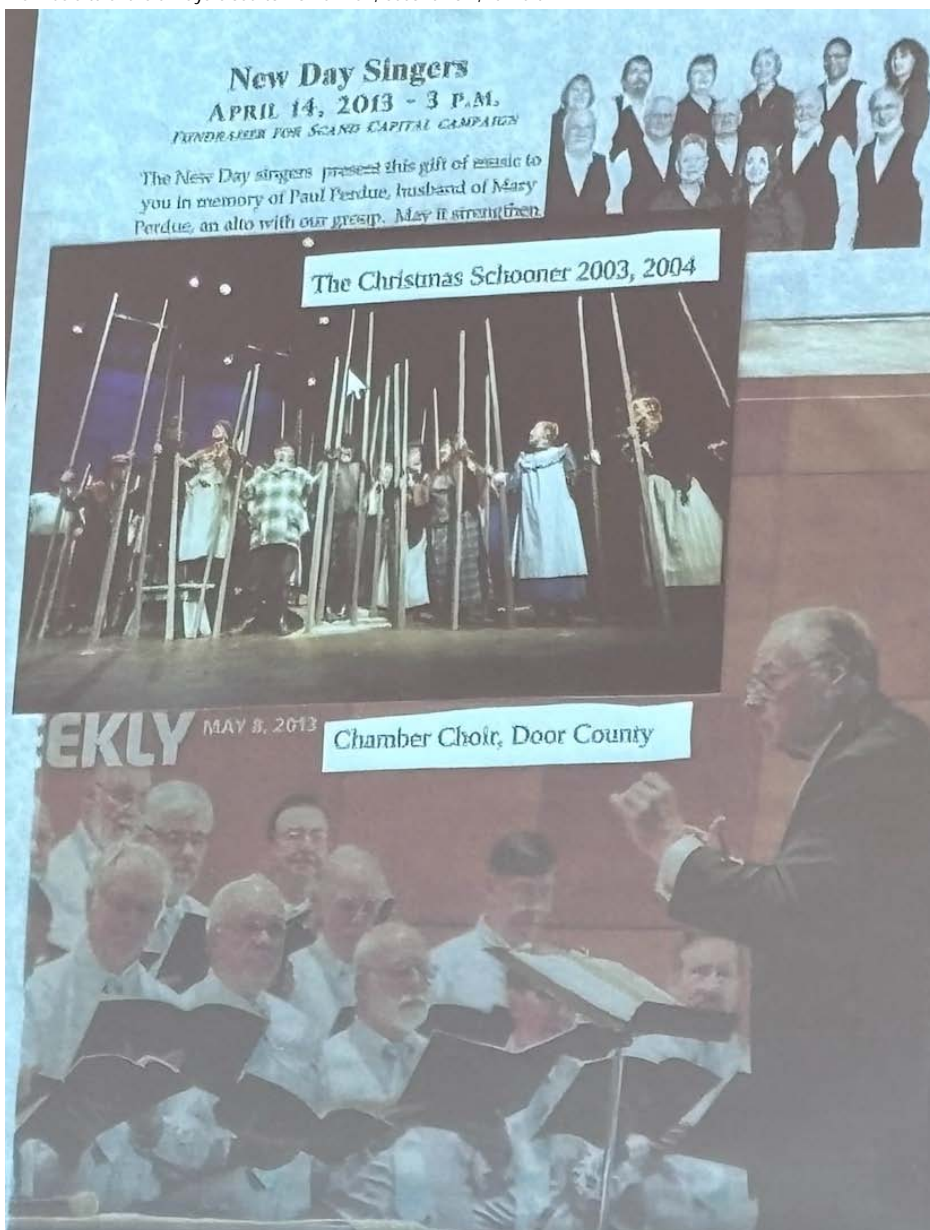
The Rotary Foundation uses Paul Harris Fellow donations to fund its many humanitarian programs including scholarships, group study exchange, special grants, grants for the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program, grants for university teachers to serve in developing

gram to eradicate polio from the world by the year 2000.

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and promote international understanding and good will. There are more than one million Rotarians in over 74,000



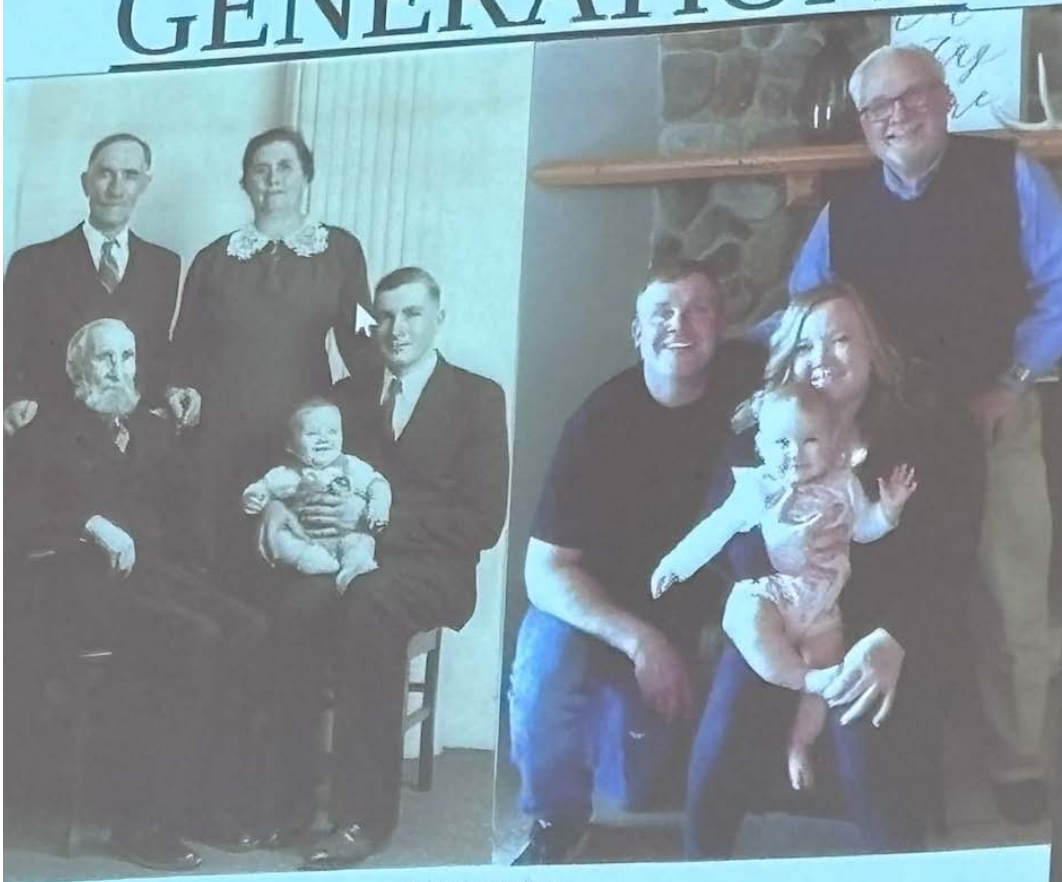
The music talent is always close to home. Ken, second row, far left.



An amazing long family history. Ken was a great-great grandchild and a great-great-grandfather.



# GENERATIONS



## Eight Generations

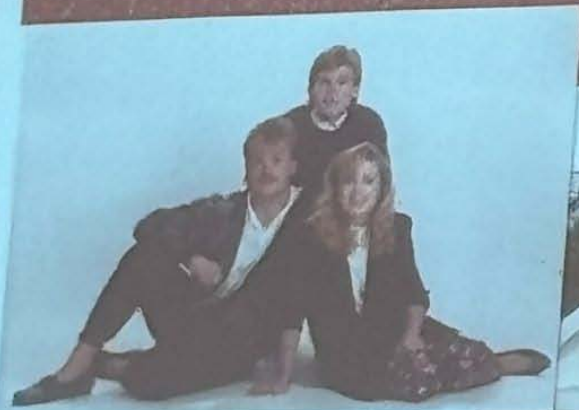
Frank Aland (1838), August Aland (1863), Esther Aland Boettcher (1891), Elmer Boettcher (1919),  
Kenneth Boettcher (1939) Ken is great-great grandchild on left picture and great grandfather on right,  
Ernest Boettcher (1972), Brookie Boettcher Westover (1994), Zory Westover (2020)

# KEN'S STORY

by  
Kenneth E. Boettcher

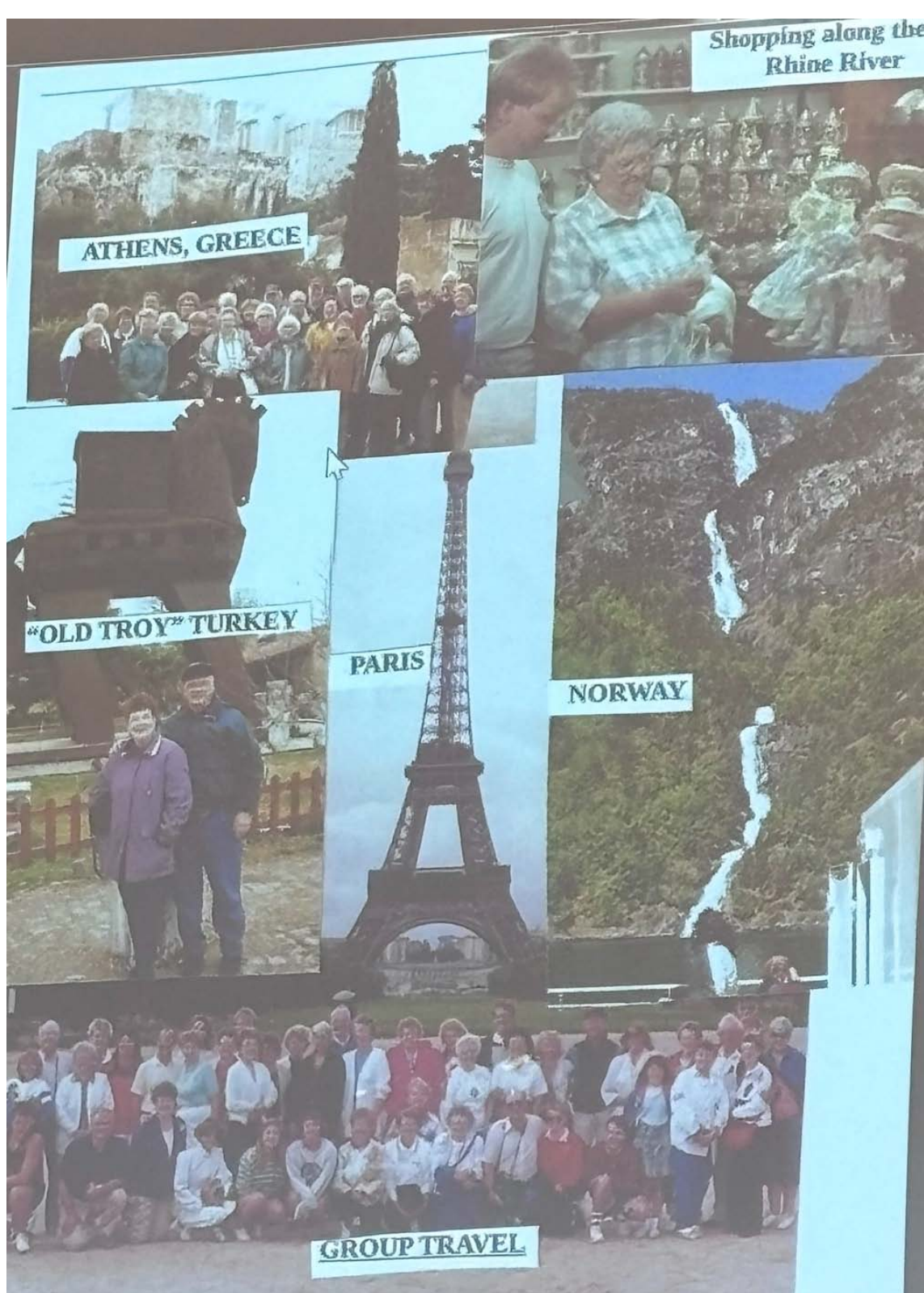
Children and back to Door County.

**PORT EDWARDS-CRANMOOR TOWNSHIP/ANDREW,  
KENDRA, BRENT/ STURGEON BAY, JACKSONPORT**



Awidely traveled past.





Technical Assistance from number one son.




Ken Boetcher, at 86, is still a mainstay for Sturgeon Bay Rotary. Setting up the welcome desk, sign, banners, and name tags are all in a day's work for this fine man every week when he isn't traveling. We are lucky to have him.





**Upcoming Programs:**

- May 29 no lunch meeting. 5th Thursday at Sawyer Park 5-7pm. Rsvp Michelle
- Today. [Michelle@doorcountybusiness.com](mailto:Michelle@doorcountybusiness.com)
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- June 5- Club Assembly. Updates on club programs and activities.
- June 12-Michelle Waldinger, Director of Human Resources for Marine Travelift, shuttlelift and Exactech
- June 19-Patti Ligman from Leader Dog
- June 26-Presentation by Peach.



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