From one of our members . . . .

We, as others, had an unusual number of requests for year end financial support…. We have made our giving decisions based on available funds and have chosen to contribute to our Christian faith community, the flood ravaged recovery efforts both within the US and abroad, the sick, homeless and hungry, selected prisoner family support efforts and several "at risk" children's organizations.

*While we were unable to provide financial support for all or even most of those who asked us, we do wish you success in the New Year. For the record, we are members of the 1% Club, annually contributing to charitable efforts that equal one percent of our net worth or five percent of our annual income, whichever is greater. We urge that you and your supporters consider membership [**www.onepercentclub.org**].*
Best to you and yours in the New Year and thank you for your service to the community.

Chuck Slocum

1% Club Member Bill Gates, Sr., and late wife, Mary, taught Bill, Jr. and Melinda Gates: *"From those to whom much is given, much is expected."*

Bill, Melinda, and Patty Stonesifer (CEO, Gates Foundation; far right), surprise Bill, Sr., on his 80th birthday.

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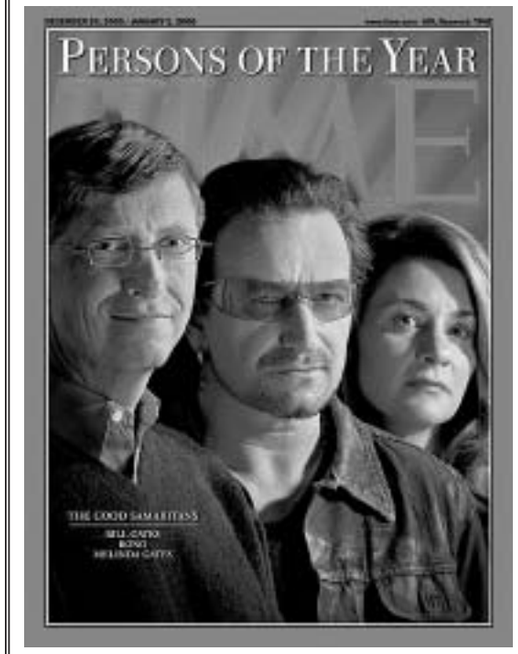

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PHILANTHROPY WINS!

Closing the Generation Gap, Philanthropically

By Henry Owen

Personal philanthropy is a generational thing for Kathy and Dick Hanousek, their four sons and a daughter—and, soon, their grandchildren. "It's a matter of the power of example, rather than words and lecturing," says Kathy Hanousek.

Kathy adds that she and Dick began by "deciding to tithe early on, when we didn't have that much to give." That was not long after the marriage, 47 years ago, of these high school sweethearts—he attending St. Thomas Academy and she, Visitation Convent.

Today, the couple gives substantially—with an emphasis on education and personal links that turned Kathy toward the plight of recovering alcoholics and HIV/AIDS sufferers.

"A lot of our giving was anonymous and some of it continues to be," Kathy says. However, "The idea of the One Percent Club is that there is strength in numbers. If you show you can stand up and be counted, it encourages others to give." Within the family, this example is manifest in the giving lives of their children:

- Their oldest son, Steven, and his wife, Nancy, built a social justice ministry wing on the new Holy Family High School in Victoria—as a Christmas present to his parents. Like father and mother, he's a member of the One Percent Club.
- Son John, and his wife, Carrie, in Boise, Idaho, took on fund raising over a three-state area to upgrade a Girl Scout Camp—as the oldest of their three daughters reached scouting age.
- Daughter Kris is, as Kathy Hanousek describes, "more than generous with her alma mater, Visitation Convent."
- Son Matthew, Salt Lake City, a former free-agent guard with the Seattle Seahawks, has coached football for little kids.
- Youngest son Rich (Bear) started the Rob Donovan Ice-Fishing Tournament—named for his best friend, killed in a car accident after graduating from St. Thomas Academy. The tournament helps fund a St. Thomas Academy scholarship for a pupil from Nativity grade school in St. Paul.

Right now, Kathy Hanousek is helping her grandchildren "get into the spirit of giving." This includes adding a portion for charity to monetary gifts. "We talk a little," but give them no lectures. They also see how their mom and dad are involved."

As for their own philanthropy …

Dick Hanousek, chief executive officer of Discovery Plastics, Minneapolis, contributes to private education, especially St. Thomas Academy and his college alma mater, The University of St. Thomas, where his giving includes fellowship and scholarship programs. He's also involved with Summit Academy, where at-risk youths can get a high-school GED certificate and train for a job, and once served as international treasurer of Pheasants Forever and as a regent of St. John's University.

Kathy Hanousek has been very active in H.E.A.R.T., which treats some 5,000-6,000 persons annually for substance abuse—motivated by the recovery of a friend "such a gift for those who loved her." She also actively supports Visitation Convent and The College of St. Catherine—both of which have named her outstanding alumna.

For the past decade, Kathy has been involved in fulfilling a promise she made to her brother, John, who died of AIDS. "My last words to him were … you save me a front-row seat, little brother, and I'll build you a nice home here." At that time, she said, there were no designated AIDS beds in St. Paul and only 12 in all of Minnesota.

Keeping this promise led to creation of Clare Housing, which consists of Clare House in St. Paul's Macalester-Groveland neighborhood and Damiano House near Lake Harriet in Minneapolis, to provide critical care "for those [AIDS patients] unable to live alone safely." Clare Housing also recently built Clare Apartments, a 30-unit building in the St. Anthony neighborhood of Minneapolis to provide "affordable, permanent and supportive living" for AIDS/HIV patients—a project accomplished in collaboration with a "wide range of funders, foundations, individuals, other AIDS groups, government and neighbors."

"It hasn't been a piece of cake," Kathy says, but she joined forces with a friend, Kate Manahan, to spark Clare Housing by raising an initial $1 million to buy, renovate and operate Clare House, four blocks from her own home in St. Paul. Having "got it started," she managed the creation and was on the board of directors, including president, for five years. She recently "stepped down into an advisory role," to concentrate on fund raising—"to assure that Clare Housing continues as a fiscally solid non-profit."

Kathy explains the housing venture specifically—and the family's philanthropy generally—"You don't have to look far to find something you can develop a passion about." For Clare Housing, it was "a beloved brother, who died in my arms."

Dick and Kathy Hanousek say this of the One Percent Club: "There is strength in numbers. If you show you can stand up and be counted, it encourages others to give."