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Forward (2016)

Centennial History of the Rotary Club of Lancaster

This is the fourth history of the Rotary Club of Lancaster (RCL) published since the club's founding in November 1914. The first history, covering 1914-1944, was published in May 1944, the second covering 1945-1956 in February 1957 and the third covering 1957-1980 in June 1980. Bill Mahler. RCL History Committee Chairman, updated the Club history for the years 1981-2009. As Bill's successor as History Committee Chair, Ihave added histories for the years 2010-mid 2016. Where feasible Ihave asked RCL past-presidents to write their own histories. The latest update contains a select group of photos depicting RCL activities which were graciously supplied by Rotarians Tashina Roberson and John Jascoll.Ialso thank the RCL's past presidents for providing annual histories form each of their terms of office and particularly, RCL's Centennial Year President, Bob McClenathan, who conceived and authorized centennial volume.

This volume contains the four original histories plus the updates through mid-2016.

Herb Landau
Rotary Club of Lancaster Historian

President's Introduction (2016)

The book you hold in your hands is both an epic adventure and a love story. I know that seems unlikely from the title, but, there it is nonetheless. From the words laid down before you, you will derive with a little effort, an insight into the excitement and passion experienced by some of your fellow members of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. It is no small feat that this club has performed a century of service to our community, to our membership, and, indeed, to the world. And you will find, if you look into the heart of our club, a vibrant and engaged group of devoted volunteers determined to carry forward our compassionate and caring works.

I've described our history as an epic adventure. Your skepticism can be forgiven as you think I exaggerate in making something out of nothing. Yet J will stand my ground and defend my position for the sake of Lancaster's Rotarians, past and present, for an epic adventure is, in other words, an undertaking with unknown risks, a remarkable experience, and that has defined my own knowledge of, and experience in, the Rotary Club of Lancaster. Who could challenge the fact that the journey of our club, from its inception in 1915 until the celebration of our centennial this year, has been an extraordinary one? From our involvement in the founding of the Cleft Palate Clinic, Schreiber's Pediatric Rehabilitation Center, and the local chapter of the Association of Retired Citizens, to our Mentoring Program at McCaskey, our signature project Summer Youth Initiatives in partnership with the United Way, and our Centennial Project which is the

"Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds Middle School: a project of the Rotary Club of Lancaster", and literally hundreds of other volunteer service projects and financial support we've offered during our collective lifetime, our contributions are unmatched by virtually any similar agency or organization in our area.

So, you see, it is no monumental stretch to label RCL's life story an epic adventure. But is this tome, this saga, also a love story? It could be nothing less! The very existence of our club stems from the love of our early club members for their fellow Lancastrians. Though much has been lost from our memories with the passing of each of our esteemed predecessors, what remains is a continuing testament to their vision. But this love of community springs anew in each freshly inducted Rotarian who steps into their enormous shoes. We don't perform our good works for our own sake, for it is not in our club's nature to be self-aggrandizing. In fact, I find it an awkward circumstance to find myself entangled in that very endeavor. Fortunately, I am ably assisted by each of my predecessors, the past presidents of our club, who have provided a synopsis of the club's activities during the year of their respective tenure as president. Please find, in their words, the often unwritten compassion and love that our club has shared with our community.

Bob McClenathan
Rotary Club of Lancaster President, 2015-2016

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Preface

This history of the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pennsylvania is presented in four parts.

Part One describes the early history of the organization from its inception to the end of 1919. The Club then began its corporate existence as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Part Two covers the period of the Club's history from its incorporation until May, 1944. The information in these portions was first prepared by Lowell Halligan, Joseph Feagley and Thaddeus Helm in 1937, and was revised in 1944 from information pre-pared by Herman Wohlsen, Gerry Hoover and Jacques Cattell.

Part Three brings the history of the Club up to February, 1957, and is based on information prepared by H. M. *J. Klein which was presented to the Club in an address on May 25, 1955, in recognition of the Golden Anniversary Year of the founding of Rotary. The revised 1957 edition was prepared by Frederic S. Klein.*

Part Four encompasses the years 1957 through the first six months of 1980. The information contained therein was compiled and prepared by Roy A. Horning. The manuscript was edited by A. G. Breidenstine. Valuable information and assistance pertaining to Part Four were provided by Mrs. Ellen Manning and Mrs. Barbara Kreider.

Part one

Beginnings of Rotary in Lancaster

Early History

Most of the history of the Rotary Club of Lancaster during the more than forty years of its existence is a matter of detailed record in the minutes of the Club and in the record of its accomplishments. The records of the earliest activities, however, are either non-existent or very sketchy; and while the story has been told before, a brief resume of its early history is presented here to perpetuate what is known about those early events. The personal files and excellent memories of John Wickersham, Ben Wolf and Thad Helm were largely responsible for this information about the early days of Rotary in Lancaster.

Several attempts were made to organize a Rotary Club in Lancaster prior to its actual organization in the fall of 1914. One of the most noteworthy of such attempts was made by Milton H. Diffenbaugh, who had the idea suggested to him by an official of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford. After attending Rotary meetings in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, and securing literature from Rotary International, Mr. Diffenbaugh invited eleven business and professional friends to a luncheon at the Stevens House on January 12, 1912, and broached the idea.

Among the guests were William H. Keller, Eugene L. Herr, William C. Brecht and W. Clyde Shissler. The objects and purposes of Rotary were explained to the group and were spiritedly discussed, but the conclusion reached was that the time was not "ripe" for the establishment of a Club in Lancaster.

For more than two and a half years the idea of organizing a Rotary Club in Lancaster lay dormant. It was John Wickersham

who revived the plan. John had completed the second factory building for the Narrow Fabric Company in Reading about September, 1914, and was invited to speak at its official dedication, which took place at the factory in the form of a "Shop Meeting" of the Reading Rotary Club. Mr. H. M. Fry, an official of the Narrow Fabric Company, was a member of the Reading Club, and asked John to talk on "Modern Factory Construction."

It can be assumed that the minutes of the Reading Club recorded the fact that the talk by John Wickersham was excellent and was much enjoyed by the membership, but the important thing about that meeting was that it marked the *genesis* of the Lancaster Rotary Club, For, after the meeting, Bill Koch, president of Reading Rotary, suggested the organization of a club in Lancaster and promised the help of the Reading Club in getting things started.

John was very much impressed with the idea of Rotary and upon his return to Lancaster talked the matter over with several friends, among them Fred Pyfer and Scott Baker. The result of their discussions was a visit to Lancaster by Bill Koch and Secretary Esterly, of the Reading Club, who had dinner with John, Fred and Scott at the Hamilton Club on the evening of November 30, 1914.

Birth of Rotary in Lancaster

It was at this early point in the story of Lancaster Rotary that custom and established practice was disregarded for what ap-. peared to be commonsense, and it is a matter of record in the archives of Rotary International that Lancaster Rotary has a reputation for an unconventional approach to practical problems. The usual procedure in organizing new Rotary Clubs was to have a "Booster Dinner" with a large attendance of men, many of whom were not likely to remain Rotarians; but John, Fred and Scott decided that they would immediately constitute themselves The Lancaster Rotary Club insofar as they had the authority, and would proceed to organize and build it up from this initial membership of three.

Thus the Lancaster Rotary Club was actually born on November 30, 1914.

At Fred Pyfer's invitation, the next meeting of the Club was held at his home on the evening of December 4, 1914, at a sauerkraut and oyster dinner. Three new men were invited: Thad G. Helm (F. and M. Academy), Ralph W. Coho (Houser & Coho) and A. C. Tunis, (Wholesale Lumber), and the Club had started on its slow, sound growth to its present membership of over one hundred and seventy.

The third meeting was also held at Fred's home, and the business of official organization was undertaken with the appointment of a committee on constitution and by-laws, consisting of Thad Helm, Fred Pyfer and Christ Engle -Christ being the one new member invited at this meeting.

Election of First Officers

The fourth meeting was the first hotel luncheon session of the new organization, and was held at the Hotel Brunswick on December 14. At this meeting John Wickersham was elected the first President of the Club, and Fred Pyfer its first Secretary. In addition to the seven men who then constituted the Lancaster Rotary Club, the following four new members were in attendance: Ralph Quinn (Remington Typewriter Company), Charles E. Leyden (Roofer), R. E. Smith (Bell Telephone Co.) and P. Harry Wohlsen (Wohlsen Planing Mill).

It was at about this time that the famous controversy over the constitution and by-laws began between Lancaster Rotary and Rotary International. This phase of the history of Lancaster Rotary should have, perhaps, ample explanation, but for the purpose of this brief history it will suffice to record only the essentials.

It was because the members of Lancaster Rotary felt that they could not subscribe in full to the by-laws of International Rotary, that Thad Helm, Fred Pyfer and Christ Engle were appointed to draw up a set of by-Laws for the use of the local Club. The work of this group was presented to the Club and adopted at the meeting held on March 15, 1915, but affiliation with the International organization was not possible under this arrangement, and International Secretary Ches Perry wrote to President John on June 28, 1915 that "it was a matter of sorrow and regret

that the committee acted negatively on Lancaster's application," which had been sent to Rotary International in May.

Two of the several points of difference were in the matter of weekly meetings and the method of election of new members. Without going into the technical details of the controversy (which is "past history" in every sense), suffice it to say that for some six months the Lancaster Rotary Club occupied an anomalous position, not being affiliated with Rotary International, but having the promise of the international body that no attempt would be made to organize another Rotary Club in Lancaster.

There were other points of difference, but they were reconciled. It is interesting to note, as Joe Feagley points out in his exhaustive study early in 1937, that many of the points of difference between Lancaster Rotary and Rotary International in the early days of the Club's existence were subsequently adopted by Rotary International in their model Constitution for all Rotary Clubs, and follows almost word for word the original Constitution and By-Laws written for the Lancaster Club by Thad Helm and his Committee.

The Records indicate that in the early days the officers of the Club held some correspondence with Rotary International over the method of electing members, and also advocating bi-weekly instead of weekly meetings. It is interesting to note that on December 24, 1915, Secretary Perry advised the Lancaster Club that it had been affiliated with Rotary International with the understanding that the Club would adopt the San Francisco model constitution. The Lancaster Club would not accept this, because it did not provide for associate members. Temporarily, Rotary International allowed the Club to follow its own plan.

The idea of associate memberships, as you know, originated with the Lancaster Club. As far as we know, the first additional active member ever admitted to any Rotary Club was Truman Greer, an associate of Joe Budding. The idea came about because Joe was not able to attend all the meetings himself, and yet felt that he would like to have his classification represented.

Some of the later minutes show our Club accepting certain amendments, but retaining the right to have its own Board of Directors specify the dates of meetings rather than to accept the

Rotary principle of regular dates. Probably the most recent instance of this kind is reported in the minutes of the regular club meetings of March 29, 1923, in which certain amendments were accepted *only with* the proviso that the regular meetings of the Lancaster Club would be held as fixed by its Board of Directors.

It is also interesting to note that the directors at the Lancaster Rotary Club meeting on September 23, 1924, originated the idea of attendance make-up. A resolution was passed at that time, reading as follows: "Resolved: that we interpret the rule governing attendance at meetings to mean that a member who misses a meeting of our own Club may secure credit for attendance by attending a meeting of another Club during the same calendar week, or within a week following the date of meeting which he has missed."

Early Activities

To return to the early activities of the Lancaster Club in its infant days during 1914 and 1915, we quote from the memoirs of one of the charter members:

"We ran along for about six months, meeting every two weeks, alternating between the Stevens House and the Brunswick Hotel, with an occasional evening meeting at the Hamilton Club. The attendance was very indifferent, and President John finally decided that if the Club was to continue to function, some-thing of a drastic nature would have to be done. At the next meeting, which was at the Hamilton Club, only seven of our fifteen members were present, and it was decided that the eight absentees had forfeited their membership. The task of advising them to that effect was delegated to President John."

"In those early days we couldn't be called a Rotary Club by any stretch of the imagination. We met bi-weekly, added new members slowly and our programs consisted mainly of vocational talks by various members. We had no secretary, kept no records, and had no treasurer, because we had no money. When we needed funds, we passed the hat."

The first four meetings heretofore chronicled were followed by a fifth meeting held on December 28, 1914, at the Hotel

Brunswick. At this gathering, Scott Baker gave the first vocational talk on "Hardware." Six new members attended: R. B. Todd (shoes), George Weber (jeweler), Herman Wohlsen (building contractor), Elmer Irving (Penna. R. R. Co.), Robert Miller (Hamilton Watch Co.), and Jos. C. Budding (builders' supplies).

January 11, 1915-Hotel Brunswick. Seven new members were admitted, increasing the membership to twenty-four. They were: Wm. G. Baker (men's furnishings), John Hess (electrical supplies), Frank L. Suter (linoleum mfg.), Laird Brown (umbrellas), Arthur Dodge (cork mfg.), Benj. B. Wolf (clothier), and Frank B. Burroughs (Penna. R. R. Co.).

From the January 11th meeting to that of March 15th little is known of the activities of the Club.

It is evident that there were other meetings in January, 1915, for it is accepted as a fact that the Lancaster Club was founded during January of that year, While the election of officers was held on December 14, 1914, it is possible that the organization was not completed until at one of the meetings in January, 1915 when the officers were installed.

At the meeting of March 15, 1915, the Constitution and By-Laws drawn up by Thad Helm and his Committee were adopted, even though there were provisions in them that at the time were not approved by Rotary International, Later, as stated before, a number of the differing provisions were accepted by Rotary International and made a part of their Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

The next meeting on record was on March 29, 1915, at Hotel Brunswick. At each of the earlier meetings of the Club, proposals for names were requested for a number of classifications. Ballots were also distributed for a vote on the names proposed at the earlier meetings. At this meeting the following classifications were opened for proposals: Ladies' Clothing, Photography, Structural Iron Manufacturing, Books and Stationery, Retail Cigars and Retail Hats, with the result that John J. Bair, Walter Miesse, A. B. Rote and Eugene Herr were elected to member-ship. Eighteen members were reported present.

George Hoffmeier, Charles Gunzenhauser, Sam R. Fraim,

Bob Todd, Charles Wisner and Ralph Cummings were elected to membership later.

From this point to the Club's development only the important dates will be noted, and records given of those meetings which provide the background of its slow but steady progress.

March 24, 1915---Members with their wives left Lancaster at 3:30 P.M. for Ephrata. They visited the Cloisters and the Moyer Knitting Mill, and had dinner at the Hotel Cocalico. Forty per-sons made the trip.

May 10, 1915-Members of the Club left the Square at 330 P.M. and journeyed to Pequea for a shad dinner. Charlie Leyden gave a talk on "Roofing." Five new members were approved: John S. Cochran (New Process Steel Co.), Charles B. Long (Champion Blower & Forge Co.), H. A. McCarmee (Postal Telegraph Co.), Wm. S. Sullenberger (Western Union), and B. Grant Stauffer (Fidelity Electric Co.).

It was during the month of May, 1915, that formal application was made by the Lancaster Club for affiliation with the International Rotary.

June 21, 1915-Held an outing on the grounds of the F. and M. Academy. E. J. Berlet, Philadelphia, Vice-president of the Eastern Division of Rotary Clubs and past President of the Philadelphia Club was the speaker.

The first general elections were held at this meeting with the following results:

President ..... JOHN WICKERSHAM
Vice-president .....P. HARRY WOHLSEN
Secretary .....RALPH QUINN
Treasurer .....THAD G. HELM

These officers were elected to serve through the 1915-1916 Rotary year.

President Wickersham appointed the following committees for the year:

Entertainment, Program and Luncheon-Frank Burroughs, Charles Wisner, Robert B. Todd, B. Grant Stauffer.

Membership-Scott W. Baker, Ralph W. Coho, P. Harry Wohlsen, Will Baker, Christ G. Engle.

Fellowship and Welcoming-Andy Rote, Ralph W. Cummings, Elmer Irving.

Club Publication-Eugene Herr,

Publicity and Public Affairs-Fred Pyfer, Ben Wolf, Frank Suter, Walter W. Moyer, Charlie Gunzenhauser.

At this time the Club was not governed by a Board of Directors, but by an Executive Committee composed of the officers and the chairmen of the Membership and Entertainment Committees.

Lancaster Club Receives Charter

The Charter for which application had been made in May was finally granted and the Rotary Club of Lancaster became affiliated with Rotary International on July 10, 1915, though for some reason it was dated July 1, 1915.

While the records do not clearly indicate the complete list of charter members of the Club, it is the opinion of Charter members who were members of the Club in 1944 that the following list is correct:

JOHN WICKERSHAM	BEN WOLF
FRED PYFER	WM. BAKER
SCOTT BAKER	JOHN HESS
RALPH COHO	FRANK SUTER
CHRIST ENGLE	FRANK BURROUGHS
THAD HELM	SAM FRAIM
A, C. TUNIS	JOHN J. BAIR
HARRY WOHLSEN	WALTER MIESSE
RALPH QUINN	ANDY ROTE
R. E. SMITH	GEO. HOFFMEIER
CHARLEY LEYDEN	CHAS. GUNZENHAUSER
HERMAN WOHLSEN	WALTER MOYER
ELMER IRVING	GRANT STAUFFER
ROBERT MILLER	RALPH CUMMINGS
JOE BUDDING	CHAS. E. WISNER

The above list is probably complete and is the result of considerable study and examination of all the known and available records of the Club. Collaborating in compiling the list were several charter members, since resigned, whose excellent memo- ries yielded a wealth of interesting data.

During the latter part of 1915 the effects of World War I

were beginning to influence the thinking of Lancaster Rotarians. In September, 1915, meetings were occupied with a general discussion of the advantage of club activity outside the membership and club meetings. World War I was raging in Europe, and fear that the United States would become involved was uppermost in the public mind.

The Club instructed President Wickersham to make arrangements for a public meeting in the interest of "Preparedness," and all the members agreed to help even though some opposed preparedness. Major George Haven Putnam, of New York City, was secured as the guest speaker and was entertained during his visit to Lancaster at the home of the president of the Club be-cause of lack of funds in the treasury.

Major Putnam spoke to an audience which filled the large courtroom of the Court House during the last week of September, 1915. He was entertained before the meeting by the members at the Hamilton Club. A street parade, with eight hundred men in line and two bands, held prior to the meeting were re-viewed by Major Putnam on the steps of the Hamilton Club, and served as his escort to the meeting.

Early Members Responsible for Club Programs

At the meeting at the Hotel Brunswick on January 24, 1916 it was decided that the members in pairs should take turns in providing programs and conducting the meetings, one member presiding, the other giving a talk. There were some variations from the following schedule, but in general it was followed out during the spring and summer months of 1916:

February 7	Burroughs and Carpenter
February 21	Coho and Cummings
March 6	Engle and Eshelman
March 20	Fraim and Geiss
April 3	Hess and Hull
April 17	Long and Mack
May 1	Miesse and Posey
May 15	Reynolds and Rote
May 29	Shaw and Shimp
June 12	Stauffer and Todd
June 26	Wisner and Williamson
July 10	Wohlsen (H. A...) and Wohlsen (P. H.)

The only change in the above program occurred at the June 10,

1916 meeting, which was held in Williamson Park, and to which the Harrisburg, Reading and York Clubs were invited. After a program of sports in the afternoon, the members had dinner at Rocky Springs Park. A business session held in connection with this meeting resulted in the election of the first Board of Governors. Those elected to the board were:

SCOTT BAKER	ELMER IRVING
RALPH CUMMINGS	JOHN WICKERSHAM
SAMUEL, FRAIM	HARRY WOHLSEN
WALTER HAGER	**RALPH QUINN**
THAD HELM	

Ralph Cummings was elected the second President of the Club.

Frank Burroughs was elected to attend the International Rotary Convention at Cincinnati.

It is interesting to note that Allen D. Alberts, President of Rotary International, delivered an address at one of the March meetings.

Space does not permit the recording here in detail of many of the programs for the next two years. It is interesting to note, however, that they were greatly diversified, and the Club showed a healthy and steady growth.

During the latter part of 1916 the New Armory was under discussion. A new Pennsylvania Railroad Station for Lancaster also captured the interest of the Lancaster Rotary Club. The new station was the subject under discussion at several of the November and December meetings, and a resolution in its favor was passed by the Club on December 11. The Rotary Club of Lancaster was perhaps the first Civic Club to advocate a new railroad station.

The year 1917 found the Club interested in Community and National Welfare. With the entry of the United States into the World Conflict, the Club engaged in various war activities and made a worthy contribution to the war effort.

One of the most memorable meetings took place on Thursday, November 7, 1918, at a noon meeting at the Stevens House. The speaker was the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador to Turkey, and father of a Secretary of the Treasury. His address was scheduled to be an appraisal of the European situation. Many wives of members and other guests were present.

The banquet room was packed, Suddenly, like a flash out of the blue, after Mr. Morgenthau had been speaking only a few minutes, the news was shouted into the room that an Armistice had been declared. The meeting broke up in pandemonium. Someone cried out in frenzy-"let's parade." And parade they did! Out into the lobby and into the street, up to Penn Square-and everywhere-with Morgenthau at the head! Soon thousands of towns-men joined the procession! Alas-the news was premature by four days! But Rotary none-the-less had its thrill!

For the great responsibilities and public trust later to be assumed by the Rotary Club of Lancaster, the Club became a corporate body under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, as a non-profit corporation, on November 22, 1919.

As the available records of its early history are studied, one is impressed with the solidarity and the fearless devotion to ideals that underlie the foundation of the Club. The individualistic traits and moral stamina of its early members, which characteristics are so much a part of early American history, are also found in the early pioneers of Rotary in Lancaster. They "stuck to their guns" for principles believed to be right. Because of their firm attitude, a worthy contribution has been possible for all of Rotary. Thus Rotary became more than a philosophy. It became an active movement of spirit that could be appreciated best by experience. It had purpose. Then, as now it may be said of Rotary that it grows on one as long as one remains a Rotarian.

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Part two
Detailed Record of Activities, 1919-1944

Part two of this history is largely a matter of the detailed record of the Club's activities on file in its repository of records. An examination of those records gives abundant evidence of the worth of the Rotary Club of Lancaster to the community. Doubt-less there are many "off the record" accomplishments that also help to justify its existence as an instrument of civic value.

Rotary Boys' Home

A history of the Lancaster Rotary Club, no matter how brief, would not be complete without some mention of the Rotary Boys' Home-one of its most valuable and vitally important contributions to the community of which it is a part.

In the spring of 1919, following the close of the World War, and at a time when the club was looking for something to take the place of its war-time activities, a guest of Bill Lebzelter's, Judge Wagner of the Berks County Courts, was invited at Bill's suggestion, to speak before the Club on the under-privileged and delinquent boys of the city of Reading, and the work which was being done for those boys in a home, which the judge, through the generosity of one of Reading's business men, had been able to establish.

There was a considerable amount of criticism of the Lancaster County Courts at that time on the part of the Law and Order Society and others, because of the detention of delinquent boys in jails pending disposition of their cases by the Courts. As there was no inclination on the part of the County Commissioners to provide a Detention Home for boys, Thad Helm, president of the Club, conceived the idea that the Club should, if possible, establish such a home. He appointed a committee of five, consisting of Ralph Cummings, Milt Ranck, Harry Wohlsen, Ralph Hull and Ben Wolf, to make a survey of the conditions of the under-privileged boys of the community.

Survey made for need of a Rotary Boys' Home

This survey revealed the fact that from fifty to seventy-five boys were being brought before the Courts annually, and that many of these boys were sent either to Glen Mills or Huntingdon, from which institutions they were later returned in many cases to become permanent liabilities of the community.

The committee, at the beginning of its work, felt that if a home should be established by the Club, everything of an institutional character should be eliminated insofar as possible, and the boys should be surrounded by the same wholesome influence and be allowed the same freedom that boys in good homes en-joy. If the work of the home was to be productive of the best results, it should be, as Charles Clement, of Sunbury, so aptly described it later, "a house of affection and not a house of correction."

With this in mind, and in order to get the best thoughts of men of wide experience in work of this character, three members of the Committee (Thad Helm, Ralph Cummings and Ben Wolf) visited Reading, Philadelphia and New York and had conferences with judge Wagner, of Reading; Dr. Louis M. Robinson, chief probation officer of Philadelphia; Mr. *Henry P.* Richardson, head of the Detention House of Philadelphia; Mr. Henry W. Thurston, of the New York School of Philanthropy, and Dr. H. Hastings Hart, director of the Department of Child Help, Russell Sage Foundation.

The committee then called on judge Landis and presented very fully, in writing, the contemplated plans of the Club, and secured the judge's promise that he would give the project his fullest cooperation. The County Commissioners were then visited, and they agreed, should the home be established, to allow the same amount toward its maintenance that was paid to Hunting-don and Glen Mills for boys who were sent to those institutions from this community. This amount was thirty-eight cents per day, per boy.

Having gathered all the information possible on the subject the committee presented a report of its work at a meeting held at Galen Hall sometime in the summer, supplementing the report with a statement that the cost of promoting a home would be approximately $5,000.00 per year, and that the entire amount, except for the small sum per day per boy allowed by the commissioners, would have to be raised by voluntary contributions from the members.

Opening of Rotary Boys' Home

The Club by unanimous action adopted the recommendation of the committee, and instructed it to proceed at once with the work of establishing a home. Harry Wohlsen "discovered" the Mayer property on Fruitville Pike, which was purchased by the Club, and the home was opened sometime in August. On August 23, 1919, the first two boys were turned over to it by Judge Landis.

Except for the daily allowance of thirty-eight cents by the County Commissioners, the home was financed until May, 1921, by voluntary contributions of members of the club. In May, 1921, the County Commissioners, recognizing the value of the home to the community, agreed to allow the flat sum of $5,000 per year for its maintenance, and in April, 1922, they agreed to an additional allowance of $2,000 per year. Since that time the work of the home is a matter of record in the annual report of the Club.

Since the home has been in operation, more than 2,000 boys have come under its influence. From letters from many of those who have been its guests, we know that it is a worthy project. It has made, and is making an important contribution, not only to the Community, but to the Nation, More than one hundred and fifteen of the boys were known to be in the Armed Forces of World War II, and some of them were commissioned officers.

Thus the club's existence in the community is justified and will continue to make its presence felt.

Having established the home, its operation and supervision now became the major activity of the Club. As this is written it still holds the "first place" in Club interest, although the Club has greatly broadened its scope of activities.

Club's increased civic activities

In December, 1921, the Rotary Club approved a movement to develop the Rossmere Sanatorium, and in 1922 the establishment of the Playground Association was endorsed. It was during the latter part of 1922 and the early part of 1923 that the plight of crippled children began to interest the Club as another community activity. This interest continued and led to the establishment early in 1925 of the Crippled Children's Clinic, with the famous Dr. J. J. Hugh contributing his skill and effort through corrective operations. Syl Moore was the guiding genius in the establishment of the clinic. His untiring efforts gave impetus to this humane endeavor.

During 1925 a movement for constructing a bridge between Columbia and Wrightsville began to crystallize, and the Lancaster Club, ever on the outlook for the things of community interest, discussed and advocated its construction.

It is also recorded that substantial contributions were made during the year for the operating expenses of the Rotary Home.

International programs of note are recorded early in 1926 with Japanese problems holding the spotlight. There were earlier programs on Japan-one dealing with United States Immigration Laws appears to be of particular interest. Concern was evident owing to the apparent intention of Japan to construct a "shell" around itself. One speaker pictured Japan as not wanting to change its beliefs and customs and wanting Japanese only to live in Japan. Subsequent events indicate how well grounded was this concern.

It was during the latter part of the 1926 Rotary year that there is recorded a unique accomplishment by the Lancaster Club. "For the first time in Rotary history," says the record, three new Clubs were given charters on the same night. They were the Lititz and Mt. Joy Clubs, sponsored by the Lancaster Club, and the Elizabethtown Club, sponsored by the Columbia Club. They became known as the Triplets.

During the years of prosperity of 1927, 1928 and 1929 development of the Club continued at an astounding pace. Club spirit and fellowship were particularly emphasized. Rotary ideals and ethics in business were the basis of much thought and consideration.

Intense interest in Club's Programs

Three one hundred per cent meetings were held during the 1929-30 Rotary year, and an unusually high percentage of attendance at meetings was maintained. There is abundant evidence of the intense interest the members had for the programs and activities of the Club. According to the "record" during their term of office, the officers of administration were "ingenious and masterful."

Great emphasis was laid on attendance. For then, as now, it is the foundation of Rotary. Without it, both the Club and the individual lose that contact so necessary to the promotion of fellowship, and the development of acquaintance into lasting friendship.

The Student Loan Fund was created during this year through a bequest of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) by Sylvester Moore. This fund has proved to be most helpful to a number of young men of ability.

Construction of the Lancaster Airport was advocated, and a fund of two hundred dollars ($200.00) was raised to plant roses along the Lincoln Highway between Lancaster and York.

The 1929-30 year closed and the highest point of member-ship was reached; one hundred and forty-three members were on the Club roster.

A Golfing Year----1930-31 records unusual activity among the "pill and stick" boys. The records indicate that many golfers of the Lancaster Club enjoyed the "Old Fifth" tournaments at Wilmington, Delaware and at Hagerstown, Maryland.

This year again, international emphasis characterized the programs and a number of discussions were given on Japan, China and Russia. Of great interest are excerpts from an address by M. T. Yamamoto calling attention to the cordial relations existing at that time between Japan and the United States, as shown by the growth of business transacted between the two countries. He

discussed at length the treatment Japan had received from the United States at the Washington Conference in 1921, and again in 1924 when an earthquake occurred in Japan. He stated that the $11,000,000.00 that was subscribed for alleviating the suffering of the Japanese had had a tremendous effect upon his people and that Japanese friendship would never be forgotten. *(Editor's Note:* Alas, that this friendly attitude could be for-gotten so soon.)

Rules for governing the Student Loan fund established during the previous year were drawn up and approved.

H. D. Weller selected as Boys' Home Superintendent

Toward the end of the year difficulties were experienced in the management of the Rotary Home. To the credit of the officials of the Club and the Rotary Home Committee at that time, may it be said that they disposed of the problems with dispatch and re- stored to tranquility the disturbance that might well have had more serious complications. H. D. Weller, former high-school coach and known for his ability to handle boys, was selected as the new superintendent. The new superintendent together with his good wife as matron entered upon their new duties August 15, 1931. With the home under such excellent supervision it was now ready for the greater responsibilities to follow.

During the year 1931-1932 a newly formed committee for the County Crippled Children began to take over much of the responsibility of the corresponding committee of the Lancaster Club. Work for crippled children spread rapidly, and cases re-quiring attention were brought in from all over the county. It soon became apparent that the scope of this activity extended beyond the reasonable responsibility of the Service Club that pioneered the project. Lancaster Rotary had founded, sponsored and developed a community project and after its establishment had relinquished operational control to the responsibility of the whole community, continuing, however, financial support.

About this time the stress of the depression began to show its effect on Club activities, as well *as* on civic, state and national affairs. For several years expenditures for the programs were cur-tailed and other expenses were reduced to a minimum. The Club

suffered some loss in membership, but the Spirit of Rotary, like Old Man River "kept rolling along." The ingenuity of the officers of the Club during these trying years was taxed to the extreme to maintain the interest of members. That they succeeded is evidenced by the fact that surprising results were achieved in the civic and vocational *fields.* Youth service work was emphasized through the personal example of members. There were varied programs of wit, humor and common sense, and Club activity aimed at developing an outlook of optimism and hope.

During the 1932-33 Rotary year a stoker was installed at the Rotary Home.

Club's first radio broadcast

Various Club members spoke in the Junior High Schools on the opportunities offered youth by their respective industry or business. During the year the first broadcast was made of a Lancaster Rotary Club Program-Hamilton Fish, Congressman from New *York,* was the speaker, his subject was "Have Faith in America." This was also the year of the "Banking Holiday." Banks throughout the nation were closed for a period of eight days by order of President Roosevelt. At the end of the period many did not reopen. Two Lancaster banks were reorganized on a sound basis.

Economy became the watchword; the curtailment of frills and non-essential expenditures became necessary; but Rotary was ready and equal to the occasion.

The change of Club administration at the new Rotary year 1933-34 found membership in decline as a result of the strained financial condition of the country. Club officials canvassed past members in an effort to "hold the line."

Walter D. Head, who later became president of Rotary International, spoke at a meeting early in the Rotary year.

Among other notes of interest during the year was the discovery at the home of an old sausage grinder and stuffer for which a ready sale was found, The first annual corn-roast meeting at the Rotary Home was held on September 14, 1933, with a large representation of Rotary Anns and guests present, and all evidences of a depression temporarily dispelled.

It was during this year that the territorial limits of the Lancaster Club were under discussion, principally by the Board of Directors. Having received a proposal for membership from a prominent Landisville resident and business man, the board was reluctant to encroach on what they felt might be disputed territory, despite the fact that at the time another Landisville resident and businessman was a member of the Lancaster Club. The Mt. Joy Club, a possible contender, was interviewed and did not object, but the Board requested a ruling from District Governor Ritchie Lawrie, who, after investigating the matter and with the approval of both the Lancaster and Mt. Joy Clubs, declared Landisville "open" territory.

The year closed with consideration of a proposal for refinancing the mortgage on the Rotary Home.

The Depression and NRA

The advent of the 1934-1935 Rotary year found the new administration confronted with the problem of resignations. Consideration of them seems to have been the chief business of the board during the first few months of the year. It is evident that the effects of the depression were now reaching deep into Rotary. Business and industry, though hopeful, were not immediately optimistic.

The National Recovery Act passed by Congress in the hope of improving conditions, though generally accepted in principle, and did not inspire the confidence expected of it. The national trend seemed to veer from ultra conservatism to ultra liberalism and was the subject of much discussion and debate. Governor Sweet of Colorado, visiting the Club, spoke for eight minutes on the NRA.

From a low point of one hundred and eight members reached the first half of the Rotary year, the fortunes of Rotary in Lancaster began the slow upward trend. It is to the credit of the officers of administration then leading the Club, that they were not too much discouraged, but held to their faith in the future of Rotary as well as of America. Though the days were serious, the Club laid great stress on fellowship, one of the cornerstones of Rotary, and made of it a positive factor in its activity during the year.

The social side was emphasized. Early in August a picnic was held at Andy Rote's Green Acres, on the old Philadelphia Pike, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Another highlight and outstanding social event of the Fall season was a Halloween Party at Ralph Coho's Maple Grove Park. Through the energy and ingenuity of President Joe Feagley, the spacious "rink" was appropriately decorated. Cider, apples, pumpkin pie and a program of entertainment that was tops made of the occasion one of the happiest in the history of the Club.

During the year extensive improvements were made at the Rotary Home and refinancing of the mortgage was completed.

Among the outstanding programs of the year were M. T. Garvin's talk on "My Sixty Years' Experience in Business" and the address and scientific display of photo-electricity by Professor H. M. Fry, of Franklin and Marshall College.

The year ended with a second picnic at Andy Rote's Acres which was enthusiastically enjoyed by all. The record says that the party lasted till well into the night.

Silver lining on horizon

As the 1935-36 Rotary year began, there was abundant evidence that there was a reversal of the trend at the beginning of the previous year, with the "Silver Lining" on the horizon, the Club together with the community and the nation were on the way out of the "worst depression" that was then becoming but a mile-stone in history.

During this year there was a notable increase in membership, 9 new members having been inducted-the greatest number since the 1928-29 Rotary year.

Of the several very excellent programs presented during the *year,* the one on July 18, 1935 was noteworthy. Bruce Barton, the nationally known publicist, spoke to an overflow meeting of the Club.

A most unusual type of program was presented at the meeting of September 5. This was intended to be a one hundred per cent meeting and the goal was attained-the first one hundred per cent meeting in seven years-and what a program! The pro-

gram committee endeavored to show how and why some of our members had reached the exalted station they occupied in the world of trade and commerce. The wit and humor developed at the expense of some of the "successes" was something to talk about for a long time.

Howard Ehmke, pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics in their better days, told us how he defeated the Giants in a World Series game and hung up a world's record for strike-outs in a single series game, and at a time when he was considered through as a pitcher.

Bill Manier (Rotary International President 1936-37), of Nashville, Tennessee, was the speaker at the Inter-City meeting at which one hundred and seventy-one "out of town" Rotarians visited us.

The Christmas party program was solemnly beautiful, Betty Bollman (Mrs. W. H. B.) presenting "The Other Wise Man,"

And then the last of a series of programs of unusual interest was a description of the balloon stratosphere flight by Captain Albert Stevens, Commander of the U. S. A. Stratosphere Expedi- tion of the National Geographic Society.

As in the previous year, the last meeting was the annual picnic at Andy Rote's "Acres" with the usual good time had by all.

The year closed with 117 members on the roll.

The 1936-37 Rotary year began as auspiciously as did the previous year. There were excellent fellowship programs which were above the average.

A political-non-political meeting

A most unusual and interesting meeting was presented late in October just prior to the national election. Although of a political atmosphere it was non-political and was known as a citizenship meeting. Edward Hartman spoke on "Why I vote for Roosevelt," and Howard Witmer on "Why I vote for Landon." The discussions were full of tempered political dissertations by the eloquent advocates who expounded with good humor the virtues of each of the major parties.

Toward the latter part of the calendar year the club unani- mously endorsed the civic policy advocated by Mart. Harnish, who proposed that the City of Lancaster purchase permanent playgrounds.

Early in January, John Klein (Dr. H. M. J.) spoke on "The World Moves." Again was demonstrated the rare fortune of the Lancaster Rotary Club to number among its members so keen and discriminating a student of world affairs.

Humorist Jimmy Gheen, Rotarian from the New York Club, spoke in his inimitable manner in the latter part of January. All who heard him left in a rousing good humor. It was "Old Members" day with twenty-six ex-members attending.

Colorful Smedley Butler spoke before the Club later in the Rotary year and advocated "keeping our Army and Navy home where it belongs."

The Club by a unanimous vote supported the board in its action opposing the reorganization of District #34 (at the time our District) whereby it was proposed that a new district be created for clubs south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

International Convention at Nice, France

The Rotary International Convention held at Nice, France, was of particular significance this year. With Europe seething with unrest the convention faced the challenge of attempting to hold in restraint the trend toward war. Seven members of the club and Mrs. John J. Eshelman attended the convention, and, before embarking on the trip, appropriate bon-voyage gifts were made to Bill Bollman, John Eshelman, Earl Godshalk, George Reynolds, and Herman Wohlsen. Bill Hamaker and Kurtz Zook, who left prior to the presentation, received their gifts at the hands of the other conventioneers.

The year closed with the biggest and best picnic at Andy's "Acres" with seventy visitors and guests and a large number of Rotarians in attendance.

The advent of the 1937-38 Rotary year continued the satisfactory trend so much in evidence during the past several years. Every phase of Club, activity reflected a well-balanced program, which continued throughout the year.

The annual corn roast, late in the summer, and the Halloween Party at the Odd Fellows Hall were recorded as outstanding successes; also the joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, presided over by Rotarian Bill Alexander, retiring president of the Chamber.

Early in December a District Governor's Day was observed. Attending with Governor Albert L. Roland of Shippensburg were seven past District Governors; George Harris of Washington, D. C.; J. Milton Patterson of Cumberland, Maryland; Walter N. Kirkman of Baltimore, Maryland; Harrison Howe of Washington, D. C.; Ward Wilson of Clearfield, Pennsylvania; Ritchie Lawrie of Harrisburg, and our own Howard Witmer.

First monthly birthday table

An innovation begun during this year was the monthly birthday table around which are seated those members whose birthdays occur during the month. A special cake is provided and appropri- ate felicitations made.

Another new activity was the sponsoring of a Boys' Club at the Y. M. C. A. Under the leadership of Harry Huffnagle and his Boys' Work Committee, it was organized to take twenty-five or more underprivileged boys off the city streets and give them protecting guidance and the privileges of the Y. M. C. A. Known as the Rotary Buddy Club, it meets once each month under the supervision of a counselor and operates under its own Charter and By-Laws.

Another interesting project revitalized during the year, was the Student Loan Committee Activity. Organized to help deserving young men of the Community to obtain a college education, this activity was spurred on through contributions from the Birth-day Table Group at $1.00 per head.

During the year the Club by unanimous action again voted against the division of the 180th district (the old 34th). The Lancaster Club hereby registered vehemently its opposition to the Mason-Dixon Line division.

The District Conference held in Lancaster was the highlight of the year. Preparations for it began early in the year, and activity in its interest mounted steadily to a "climactic" conclusion.

Assisting President John Eshleman in achieving a most successful conference were Conference Chairman, Howard Witmer; Host Club Committee Chairman, Earl M. Godshalk; Conference Treasurer, Harold Adams, and Conference Secretary, Samuel Rogers, efficiently assisted by Herman Wohlsen.

The conference was off to a good start on Sunday, April 24th. Services were held at The First Reformed Church, Rotarian Rev. William H. Bollman, and Pastor. At 9:00 P. M. a reception was held at the Brunswick ballroom and a concert given under the direction of Rotarian Dr. Harry Sykes. The Franklin and Marshall Glee Club gave a recital, with Harry conducting.

Monday and Tuesday were happy days spent with our guests. The conference was formally opened by Howard Witmer in the beautiful auditorium at McCaskey High School and excellent addresses were given by District Governor Albert Lindsay Row-land; Walter D. Head was official representative of Rotary International. H. W. Prentis, Jr., President of Armstrong Cork Company, spoke on "The Tripod of Freedom"; Judge M. Ward Fleming on "Youth and Justice," and Rotarian Dr. H. M. J. Klein on "This Changing World."

The Monday luncheon was under the direction of the Harrisburg Club, Howard Berkley presiding, and the Tuesday luncheon under the Baltimore Club, Edward W. Piper presiding. Both clubs did excellently.

The Conference Ball was held Monday evening at the Hotel Brunswick and the Conference Dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall *on* the 26th at 6:30 P. M. All will remember how beautifully the room was transformed from a drab place to a room of beauty. The decoration committee was complimented many times. Much credit must be given to the Rotary Anns for their part in this work; particularly the flower arrangements will be long remembered.

Our Rotary Anns also planned the entertainment for the visiting ladies, and held a luncheon and bridge party at the Country Club. There was a Dutch luncheon at the Iris Club *on* Tuesday, with a visit to Wheatland, the home of President Buchanan, and tea at four in the junior League Home at Wheatland.

This year ended with a delightful picnic, held at Andy Rote's

estate. The weather was as beautiful as the grounds. Andy was indeed a gracious host and all had a wonderful time-a fitting end to a year of happy memories.

The guiding theme for the new 1938-39 Rotary year was "Rotary in Action." The conviction of President John Carter was that Rotary was not only a philosophy but also an action, and he immediately began to "make it work" in a series of group meetings, the influence of which lasted throughout the year.

Meetings with civic groups

There were several joint meetings of considerable size; one with the Chamber of Commerce, with Dr. Caruthers as the speaker, and another with Kiwanis and the Lions, at which Mr. H. W. Prentis, Jr., president-elect of the National Association of Manufacturers, spoke.

A special meeting, which members considered one of the outstanding events of the year, was a testimonial given to Harry A. Sykes for his fine work in music in the community and for Rotary. Harry was presented with a beautiful watch and a scrap book of testimonial letters from men of music and affairs from all over the country, and at the meeting distinguished citizens such as Judge B. C. Atlee, Mayor Dale E. Cary, Dean Bomberger of Franklin and Marshall College and Dr. Richards of the Reformed Theological Seminary, paid tribute to Harry. Under the auspices of the Club he was the leading spirit in presenting a Music Choral Festival by a combined group of singers representing the Reading Choral Society, the Matinee Club of Philadelphia and the choirs of Trinity Lutheran Church of this city. The program was presented to an audience which filled the Field House of Maple Grove.

The Club that year made one notable contribution to Rotary International. Through John Wickersham and the Board a resolution creating a Senior Active membership classification was passed and sent to International, which in turn was considered and adopted at its annual international convention at Cleveland.

During the year the Club at one of its weekly meetings was privileged to hear Guy Gundaker, president of Rotary International during 1923-24 Rotary year.

The Club staged a unique program at another of its regular meetings when it "faked" a broadcast at which Ad Moore, Howard Witmer, Tom Metzger and Dutch Bucher spoke on what they believed was a broadcast program, but which later proved to be merely a transcription, which was played back at the same meeting.

During the year there were ten men admitted to membership; - five members were lost through death and resignations- a net gain of five members.

It was also during this year that a semi-permanent secretary was elected; that is, the practice of the secretary automatically moving into the vice-presidency was abandoned. George Reynolds, Jr., agreed to serve as secretary with the distinct understanding he would not be a candidate for the vice-presidency, agreeing, however, that if asked he would continue for another term or more as secretary. He was asked, and did continue in that office for several terms.

The year closed with one hundred and twenty-seven members on record.

High quality programs continued

The 1939-40 Rotary year was marked by a continuation of the high quality of the programs presented to the Club. An unusual number of most distinguished speakers appeared; among them Dr. Peter Drucker, the noted economist and writer; Dr. Victor G. Heiser, the author of "An American Odyssey," Dr. William T. Ellis; Watson Davis, director of Science Service; Mr. Barclay Atchison of *Readers' Digest,* and many others of equal caliber, who gave outstanding and interesting presentations on current subjects.

The year's programs were marked also by the great number of programs presented by the Vocational Committee of the Rotary Information Committee, in which there was participation by a large number of members. One program that aroused much interest and provided a lot of fun was the "Rotary Information Pro-gram" in which a group of five of our older members best versed in Rotary knowledge competed with the five newest members in answering questions on Rotary. Believe it or not, the new men

were far superior and their complete knowledge puzzled the old timers until it was revealed that they had the questions and answers handed to them well ahead of the program.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Club's twenty-fifth anniversary was appropriately celebrated during the year with a special anniversary program, an evening meeting with the ladies in attendance. This meeting was held at the Stevens House. There was much newspaper publicity. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

A Youth Hearing was held, giving fifteen young people of Lancaster the opportunity to voice frankly their opinions and views from the young people's standpoint of life in Lancaster. The evening's discussion was most interesting and enlightening, centering largely on the kind of jobs they hoped to find, and a discussion of the use of their leisure time.

The regular Club activities were carried on throughout the year and after a lapse of many years the annual Ladies' Night parties were resumed with a fine party held at the Hershey Hotel. The attendance at the dinner with dancing and cards following indicated that it was popular with both the members and the Rotary Aims.

Regular monthly "Parties" at the Rotary Home were inaugurated. These evenings were arranged primarily for the entertainment of the boys at the home by a different committee each month, but served the purpose also of putting every member in touch with the boys personally at least once a year, since the entire Club membership was represented on the committees during the year. The results were well worthwhile.

During the year eight new members were admitted to membership and four were lost through death and resignation. Club membership at the end of the year was 131.

Early in the 1940-41 Rotary year war refugee children from the homes of Rotarians of Lancaster, England, were invited by cable to Rotarian homes of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Restrictions prevented consummation of this plan. During the year the annual picnic for members and their families was held at Hostetter's Play Barn. The annual corn roast at the Rotary Home was held

for members and their wives. In the summer a very enjoyable Ladies' Night was held at the Hotel Hershey, Meetings by members at the Rotary Home were held monthly for the entertainment of the boys. The Buddy Club of underprivileged boys was continued at the Y. M. C. A. An Inter-city meeting of the County Clubs was held and Samuel T. J. Bennett, Director of Rotary International, was the speaker.

Rotary Glee Club organized

Under the direction of Harry Sykes, a Rotary Glee Club was organized and it functioned on various occasions during the en-tire year, both for Rotary and other organizations. Bowling was carried on during the year and several very successful matches were held with the County Clubs.

An intensive drive for contributions to the Student Loan Fund was carried on and $1,000.00 was added as a result. Cash contributions were made to the Rotary Relief Fund, for aiding Rotarians in war-torn lands. Contributions were also made toward gifts for British sailors now manning the U. *S. S. Lancaster, a* former U. S. destroyer turned over to the British Navy. Donations were made toward furnishing Christmas packages to Lancaster boys in the armed. services, in training prior to our entry into the war. The Lancaster Rotary Club and Glee Club con-ducted a luncheon meeting at the one hundred and eightieth District Conference held in York, Pennsylvania.

The results achieved during the year were very gratifying to the official family and were of lasting benefit to the individual members of the Club. Fellowship among members was at a peak. Happenings and events abroad were running counter to the aspi-rations of Rotary ideals. Shadows of coming events were cast in advance.

Six new members were admitted during the year and five were lost through death and resignations. The year closed with a Club membership of one hundred and thirty-two.

A year of national importance

Another page in Rotary History began with the advent of the 1941-42 Rotary year, which was destined to become one of national importance.

Under the committee set-up this year a member of the Board was placed on each of the major committees, either as chairman or as a member. This gave the president a working Board, with first-hand information available at all Board meetings.

The Pearl Harbor incident and the beginning of World War II, was the most outstanding event of the year. President Wohlsen appealed to all to do their duty by devoted and sacrificial service till Victory was won. Members responded by buying War Bonds, the Club investing $1,000.00. Two hundred and ninety books were collected for the boys in the Service. The following members entered the Service of their country: George Reynolds, Jr., the Navy as Lieutenant, Norris Kirk, the Army as Major, and Edward F. Jaeger as Lt. Commander in the Navy. Jesse Jones and Sam Fraim were attached to the Civil Air Patrol, and a greater portion of members of the Club became active in Civilian Defense. Sam Fraim was later commissioned a Captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Fifteen members completed a twenty-hour first-aid course.

A change in Club policy with regard to charitable bequests from the Club Budget was inaugurated. This was in accordance with an adopted Rotary International Resolution, which recom- mended that Club funds should not be used for this purpose, but rather that Self Service and Personal Contributions should be urged upon our members. Some of our community Service Activities included:

The Rotary Home

Monthly parties were given by members. Superintendent and Mrs. Weller put on a program at our April 23rd meeting and $344.00 was given by members for improvements. About twenty members rendered Personal Service to the boys, or gave materials or supplies for the Home.

The Student Loan Fund

Because of Selective Service for military purposes there was very little activity during the year. The fund increased, however, by monthly Birthday Table donations. One fine letter of appreciation was received from a young man we helped and who is making good with "Westinghouse."

Boys' Work

We supported the Y. M. C. A. Buddy Club, and they put on an excellent program on May 7th at which time they presented President Herman with a fine picture, a boy, "Upon a Sunny, Wind-Blown Hill."

A number of the fellows also became interested in the Welfare Federation Craft Shop and supplied the shop with seven pieces of woodworking machinery and tools of the value of $50.00.

Group meetings

Our members during the year responded splendidly to Rotary functions; three attended the District Assembly at Hagerstown, twenty-nine attended International President Tom Davis meeting in Baltimore, twenty-five attended the District Conference in Harrisburg and ten attended the International Convention in Toronto.

Socially, there were four meetings with the Rotary Anns corn roast, picnic, Christmas Party and Ladies' Night. We also had the Father-Son and Daughter annual meeting. About sixteen took an active interest in the weekly bowling party from October to April. The programs were both varied and interesting.

The Programs

Nineteen were by guest speakers from out of town: Raymond Maley, No. 1 Braintruster; Sidney J. Armstrong, Royal Navy; "Cy" Caldwell, Don Bate, Vilhjalmur Stefanson, Richard Finnie, Louis J. Albers and Dr. David D. Vaughan. They were "tops."

Fifteen were by local citizens (not members); Dr. George Noss who spoke on Japan, and Dr. Theodore Distler on Post War Planning were very much enjoyed, as were also Fred Klein on Training Pilots, and Dr. V. W. Dippell on Civilian Defense.

Nine were by Club members; four were by Club groups and five were parties by the Club as a whole.

Two outstanding meetings by Club groups were Rotary Information, under Earl Godshalk, entitled "Youth Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," and one by the rural-urban committee in

the form of a quiz of interest to farmers, about fifty of whom were guests at this meeting.

A new speakers' stand made by Jesse Snavely, Bill Brock, Dave Gochnauer, Herman Wohlsen, and designed by Ross Singleton, was presented to the Club.

During the year six members were lost by death and resignations and five men were admitted to membership bringing the total membership up to one hundred and thirty-one.

The advent of the Rotary year 1942-43 found the community and country at large engaged in a National program of production for both defense and offense. Development of facilities for the production of armaments, food, clothing, etc., for the Armed Forces and the maintenance of public morale were the chief concern. Rotary played its part in the giant national program. Large numbers of Rotarians became active in civilian defense. Members of Lancaster Rotary were active both in a leadership and in an advisory capacity in raising funds and promoting bond sales.

Our activities in World War II

The newly formed War Activities Committee, of which the chairman was Milton Ranck, also chairman of the Lancaster County War Bond Committee, made a survey of the sons and daughters of Rotarians as well as of Rotarians who were then in the Service of their Country. At Christmas the Club sent them gifts.

While Rotary was active in all phases of the war effort, it also was concerned with the Post War World and the Peace. Lancaster Rotarians participated in a series of discussions leading to the development of "Peace Thinking"; for only by a well-thought-out program could the pitfalls following World War I be avoided. Thus, Rotary's theme for the year-"Learning How To Live Together" was demonstrated through a practical approach to the problem by our own members.

In addition to the war efforts, Rotary in Lancaster found time to become interested again in the work for crippled children. For a number of years this activity was dormant due to the excellent work of the Crippled Children's Society. Now there was a new challenge. Care of the cleft palate and facial deformity did

not come under the scope of activity of the Crippled Children's Society. Yet this type of defect was as serious in the eyes of the Lancaster Club as that of the child with a deformed limb. The Crippled Children's Committee, of which Paul Eshelman was chairman, assisted by Adam Moore, formerly President of the Crippled Children's Society, successfully met the challenge and over one thousand dollars ($1,000) was raised to establish a Cleft Palate and Facial deformity clinic with Dr. H. K. Cooper in charge, thus reestablishing the Lancaster Club in an activity that had been formerly a major interest. This new activity received wide publicity and was the first such clinic established in the state and one of the few in the country.

The programs were both varied and interesting. Among those considered "tops" were Homer Rodeheaver early in July; H. W. Prentis, Jr., President of the Armstrong Cork Company, spoke on the Work of the War Production Board; An Indian viewpoint of the World Struggle by P. G. Krismayya, Indian Prince; "As I See It" by Larman Sherwood, blind humorist and philosopher, and Count Carlo Sforza of Italy, the former Italian Cabinet Minister and a proponent of democracy for Italy.

The social event of the year was the Ladies' Night Party held late in April.

Noteworthy also is an anonymous donation of two thousand dollars ($2,000) by a member to the Student Loan Fund.

During the year, through the efforts of Jesse Snavely and Sam Rogers, Rotary was extended to include Ephrata in the family of Rotary Clubs. The Ephrata Club became the seventh in the county and the third sponsored by our Club.

As the Rotary year closed, the battle of production was being won and bonds for financing the war programs were selling rapidly. On the national horizon the tide had turned and the for-tunes of war were favoring the United States and its Allies. The end of the beginning had become the beginning of the end, and Rotary was looking forward to the conclusion of hostilities and the restoration of Peace among men.

During the year seven new members were admitted to the Club and seven were lost through death and resignations, *the* Club membership remaining at 131.

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Part three

Activities Since 1944

Changes in Districts

It should be noted that the Lancaster Rotary Club has been re-districted several times because of the rapid expansion of the Rotary movement. The Lancaster Club began as a part of the 5th District, and then was changed successively to the 34th, the 180th, the 181st, and is now listed in District No. 268, although it still retains its standing as Club No. 176. In 1957 it becomes part of District 739. It has entertained the District Conference on several occasions, in 1918, 1937, 1946 and 1952. It has been privileged to have had three of its members elected as District Governors-Ralph W. Cummings, in 1918, who also became first Vice-President of Rotary International; Dr. C. Howard Witmer in 1926; and Earl M. Godshalk in 1946.

R, I. Distinguished Service Award

The administration of Jesse Snavely as President came to a happy ending on June 30, 1944, when he received, for the Lancaster Club, the Award of Distinguished Service, given by the President of Rotary International to the one Club in the District which most nearly approaches the ideal of Rotary through the four lanes of Rotary service. He presented Dr. Herbert Cooper with a gold wrist-watch for his fine work with children suffering from defects in speech. He was able to announce that 33 members, one-fourth of the membership, had not missed a single meeting during the year. Proud of the record of the Club, he handed the gavel with all its privileges and responsibilities to the new President, Paul B. Eshelman.

President Paul served during the most critical period of re-cent American history. The war with Japan and Germany was at its peak. China and Russia were our allies. The news was full of the Burma campaign, the Philippine campaign, the offensive against the Pacific Islands, the battle of Leyte, the battle of the Bulge, the capitulation of Germany, and, finally, VE day.

There were international conferences without end, at Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, Moscow, and Yalta and finally the United Nations was organized. But the war with Japan continued into 1945.

The war program, the problems of a coming peace, and the need for relief and reconstruction of a battered world featured the regime of Paul Eshelman and the Lancaster Rotary Club from July 1944 to July 1945. The subjects on the weekly pro-grams tell the story: Paratroopers . . . Newest War Books. . Medical Field Service . . . Story of Two Wars by a Veteran. . A Daughter of the Russian Revolution ... India and the Democracies . . . The Flags of the United Nations . . . Relief Problems in China and India . . . Story of the Allied Invasion of Europe ... Planning for Peace at Dumbarton Oaks . . . Do We Want Compulsory Military Training for Youth . . . The Negro at the Crossroads ... Your Life Tomorrow-A Forecast.

In addition, the Club sponsored an Institute of International Understanding, a series of four public lectures in Hensel Hall on "New Forces in Foreign Affairs," namely, "The New China and the New Pacific," "The Role of the North American Continent, Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific, and Russia's Position-East and West."

During the year the Club also devoted three meetings to the Employer-Employee Relations problem, with addresses by our own members. An. Inter-City meeting was held on a very hot night in August, with the President of Rotary International, Richard H. Wells, his wife and daughter, as the honored guests.

It was a year of anniversaries. The 30th Anniversary of the Lancaster Club and the 40th Birthday of Rotary International were duly observed by having as a speaker the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt MeKelden, then Mayor of Baltimore.

The 25th Anniversary of the Rotary Home for Boys was

celebrated with well deserved recognition of the work of Christ Neff.

Meanwhile the Lancaster Club received the President's Award for the second consecutive year and was given the custodianship of the Master Wheel because of its accomplishments.

In July 1945, Charlie Snyder took over the Presidency of the Club and became its presiding genius for another fateful year in human history. His administration was characterized by at least four features, the first of which was the close of World War II. The atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki resulted in VJ Day by August 15th. Naturally, these world-shaking events were discussed in the Rotary programs: The Atomic Bomb ... I was a Japanese Prisoner . . . China's Plight . . . Valley Forge Hospital . . . Battle of the Bulge . . . Military Government in Italy-these were some of the subjects under consideration.

Then we began to look ahead to post-war planning: The Returning Veteran . . . Plastic Surgery . . . Electrons in Industry ... Power for War and Peace ... Post-War Air Transportation ... Russia's Foreign Policy . . . Juvenile Delinquency . . . Post-War Conditions in Europe ... A Changing World-these ideas were brought before the Lancaster Rotary Club.

R. I. President Tom Warren

But the war was ended. Men's hearts were lighter. A burden had been lifted from their minds. And so a third phase of Charlie Snyder's official life made its appearance. There was in-creased social activity. Governor Phil Dean visited the Club; the marvelous "House of Roses" dinner in York, was attended by more than 200 Lancaster Rotarians and their wives, the guest of honor being none other than the Lord Mayor of London, Tom Warren, who was also President of Rotary International. Those who were there can still recall the enthusiastic response as he declared that "this world is entering upon the greatest era of human history-with the single exception of that which was signalized by the coming of Christ."

Other social occasions which still warm the heart were the record-breaking corn roast with the spiritually impressive talk by Howard Witmer, the gay Christmas parties, the Ladies' Night dinner and dance, and the Rotary stag parties and oyster suppers

served a la Rockefeller at John Groff's on East Orange Street. The stoical austerity of war times was supplanted by the epicureanism of more peaceful days.

At this time, too, Rotary began to go to church. On Thursday of Holy Week, April 18, 1946, the innovation was established of attending St. James Episcopal Church at a noonday Lenten Service.

181st District Conference

The high point in Charlie Snyder's official year was reached when the newly created 181st District of Rotary held its first Conference in Lancaster on May 5, 6 and 7, 1946. Sam Rogers was the efficient Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Phil Dean, the Governor of the District, was replaced by Earl M. Godshalk of the Lancaster Club, who thus became the third member of the Club to be so honored.

The wild enthusiasm of post-war days was subsiding by the time the newly elected President of the Lancaster Rotary Club, John H. Swanger, took office. The allied world was becoming disillusioned and confused. Conference after conference brought no results. Peace seemed far o$ as the cold war developed. A sense of insecurity gripped the world. All this is reflected in the varied Rotary programs of the year. At least a half dozen of the meetings related to music, the most notable being Conductor Vyner's talk on the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. Four of the meetings related to the Navy. The best of the four was Capt. Ed. Jaeger's account of his experiences in the U. S. Maritime Service. For the first time, the term "Search for Security" appears on the program. And yet there appears to have been a shortage of labor in the Lancaster area-the first general labor emergency since VJ Day. A Rotary Labor Day program urged a drive to increase the supply of local workers. There was some question, too, as to the outcome of our American Foreign Policy. F. Lyman Windolph spoke on "World Government." There was consider-able interest shown in municipal affairs, as was evidenced in the discussion of the pros and cons of annexation. The death of Paul Harris, in January 1947, at the age of 78 resulted in the establishment of the Paul Harris Memorial Fund. The Lenten address this year was delivered by Bill Bollman on "The Cross and Fate." The District Conference at Hershey, Pa., led by Governor Earl Godshalk, was largely attended by Lancaster Rotarians. The Stag Party at John Groff's served oysters a la Ben Herr.

In July 1947 a new crew manned the Rotary ship. Wm. E.

Alexander became President; Martin Keener, Vice-President; Ed. F. Jaeger, Secretary; and Harold Adams, Treasurer. Charlie Mayser was Program Chairman for the year. War topics became rarer as the Club settled down to its more normal pattern. True, the members listened patiently to discussions on World Tensions, Far Eastern Frustrations, Post-War European Problems, and especially on International Affairs as interpreted by a brilliant Canadian lecturer. But they were really more concerned about affairs nearer home-about the birds along the Susquehanna, about the Landis Valley Museum and the Marietta Depot, about Camp Shand and the Rotary Boys Home, about Baseball, Horning Pigeons, about Playgrounds and Hobbies, and a description of the Moneys of the World as told by the Curator of the Chase National Bank Collection of Coins. The topics were at least a relief from the tension of war days. So was the meeting of the Rotary Information Committee at the Harnish hacienda on a summer evening. So was the Symphony Orchestra String Quartette, the Song Fest which was substituted for a missing speaker, the memory wizard, and the blind humorist. They all helped to make life brighter.

President Alexander reminded the Club of the qualifications of Active Membership in Rotary, namely, "Adult male persons of good character and good business reputation, engaged in a worthy recognized business, or holding an important position in a worthy business, or engaged in a worthy and recognized profession."

Judge Wissler spoke at the Annual Corn Roast on what the Rotary Home for Boys means to the Bench in handling juvenile cases. A feature at the Corn Roast was the music by the little German band. The Friendship Train was given a ton of food by members of the Rotary Club for the needy in Europe. The annual dues and initiation fees were increased in order to lessen the number of periodic solicitations for various activities in which Rotary is interested.

Paul Harris Foundation Fellowships

The greatest accomplishment of the year lay in the voluntary raising of the Lancaster Rotary Club's quota of $1,600 for the Paul Harris Foundation for International Scholarships. This is the far- reaching permanent work that Rotary is now doing.

The annual Stag Party, however, was slipping during this year- the hesitant committee promised only 19 new ways of preparing oysters instead of the customary 23 innovations!

The most enthusiastic meeting was held on June 8, 1948 when

Mart Keener and Doc Fulton gave a vivid account of their experiences at the Rio de Janeiro Rotary Convention. It is worth recording also that the *Transmitter* celebrated its 25th year as a weekly record of the affairs of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. The file of the *Transmitter* is complete and forms an invaluable source for the history of the Club.

When Martin Keener assumed the Presidency of the Club, in July 1948, the meetings *were* held throughout the month in the Plantation Room of the Wiggins Restaurant while the Ball-room of the Brunswick Hotel was being redecorated. The new president really waxed eloquent in his salutatory address. He made predictions of a good year in Rotary fellowship-and fulfilled them.

Pennsylvania Medical Society Award

During his administration he had the satisfaction of knowing that the first organization to receive the Benjamin Rush award of the Pennsylvania Medical Society was the Lancaster Rotary Club, in recognition of the fine work done by the Cleft Palate Clinic under the direction of Dr. H. K. Cooper. The presentation was made to the President of the Club at a public ceremony in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on October 5, 1948.

At the Annual Corn Roast the Hon. Guy Bard of the Federal District Court delivered the address. The programs of the year were varied: three on Pennsylvania, four on Foreign Affairs, four on local problems. At an Inter-county mass meeting Clinton Anderson, Past President of Rotary International, former United States Secretary of Agriculture, and United States Senator from New Mexico, spoke brilliantly on our international relations. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the world's leading evangelists, spoke at one of our Rotary luncheons on "The Seven Hesitations of Democracy." Dr. Geo. W. Richards spoke on "The World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland." One meeting was devoted to our awn Dutch Bucher-Lancaster County's most famous farmer. The subject in the Transmitter of March 22, 1949 was headed thus: "It's Coming-It's Almost Here-Are You Ready For It? The "New Age of Television."

At the New Year's Party, the marionettes, Hansel and Gretel, delighted the youngsters and the oldsters. By vote of the Club, the Ladies' Night program was postponed for another year. Incidentally, it might be interesting to note that the luncheon fee was

increased from $1.00 to $I.10, to help pay for the re-decorated Ballroom.

The Rotary Club of 1949-1950 was run by Manheim Township, with Wm. E. Nitrauer as President; Edward Rick, Vice-President; Fred Diffenderfer, Secretary; Harold Adams, Treasurer. Through the leavening influence of C. Howard Witmer they were kept in restraint and furnished us with some of the finest leadership in the history of the Club.

Lancaster County Inter-Club Meeting

The Lancaster• Club now entered a new District Number 268 instead of the former Number 181. The Information Committee as the guest of John Swanger met the new members in the Hamilton Club. The programs of the year emphasized vocational talks by members of the Club. They proved to be most interesting. The 45th Anniversary of Rotary International was observed by the Lancaster Club in a Review with Ted Distler as narrator, assisted by Ken Bates and Bill Bollman. There was also a wonderful meeting of foreign students from Lancaster County colleges, in which ten countries were represented. The addresses by Burgess Johnson and Oswin Frantz on "Service Is My Business" were exceptionally notable. The Board of Directors commended Earl E. Keyser, a fellow Rotarian, for his forthright and courageous newspaper attack on the Communists in Lancaster city and county. The Christmas Party featured a child pianist, Zola Mae Shaulis. To match the previous administration it was necessary to have a nationally known evangelist, Robert J. Wells; also several expert scientists to speak on the mysteries of chemistry and physics. The District Conference at Hershey and the International Convention at Detroit were well attended by Lancaster Rotarians. The event longest remembered was the Lancaster County Inter-Club Meeting, at which the beloved 84-year-old Francis Harvey Green measured up to his reputation as an after-dinner speaker. The tribute he got as he concluded his inspirational talk brought tears to many eyes.

Honorary membership was offered to all members who were also charter members of the Lancaster club, as well as to Dr. H. K. Cooper for his now widely recognized work in the Cleft Palate Clinic. The format of the *Transmitter* was changed; a new Song Book was introduced; the time of weekly meetings was set at 12:05 instead of 12:15; bowling became popular, and the stag party was merged with the golf tournament at the Lancaster Country Club. It was a year of innovations and of improvements.

Then comes the era of Ed Rick, with Cy Meminger as Vice-President. It began in a serious vein with Bill Nitrauer's valedictory, followed by a salutatory challenge by the new President, then a discussion of the Korean situation by Fred Klein who had just returned from a visit to the United Nations. Shortly there-after there was a talk on "Japan, Our Oriental Ally Against Communism." 1950 was a year in which America was really becoming aware of danger ahead. "How well are we prepared for defense?" became the theme. Dr. Meek spoke on "Thorough-bred Patriots." Dr. Arthur Wells discussed Britain's economic Problems. Major-General Lewis Hershey, National Selective Service Director, was to have spoken on "Recruiting," but sent a substitute. Problems involved in a war with Asia were discussed. Our foreign policy was considered on three or four occasions, mostly critical. At last someone spoke on "What's Right With America."

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New Student Loan Fund Policy

The meeting date of the Club was changed from Thursday noon to Wednesday noon, on January 1, 1951. The Student Loan Fund, under the chairmanship of Geo. K. Reynolds, Jr., changed its policy so that loans were made available to scholars, male or female, interest on loan to start one year after graduation, at a rate of four per cent. Fifteen members of the Lancaster Club attended the meeting of the Rotary International Convention in Atlantic City. The Rotary year ended as it had begun-on a high plane, with the serious consideration of our International Relations and Communism. It was a fruitful year for Lancaster Rotary and helped to awaken us to our national dangers within and without.

Cy Meminger embarked on his Presidential cruise in July 1951, with the assistance of two past presidents, two past District Governors, and a charter member. Herman Wohlsen, Jesse Snavely, Earl Godshalk and C. Howard Witmer all took part in the opening ceremonies. This was followed by "Baldly" Smith's illuminating talk on "Finance, Security and Brokerage." Then the meetings came down to earth as Richard Foose discussed "Geology as a Career," and State Senator Ed. J. Kessler related his first impressions on Capitol Hill. At an August meeting, Miss America of 1950 and Miss Lancaster of 1951 were the cynosure of all eyes, meaning that they were the central objects of general interest and attention.

The outstanding feature of Cy Meminger's Rotary rule was the Infra-County Rotary Club gathering in the Armstrong Cork Company auditorium, at which U. S. Senator James Duff spoke on "What's Ahead." No less important, however, was the joint meeting of the Lancaster Rotary Club with the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, to do honor to Elmer H. Bobst as a Pennsylvania Ambassador.

District Conference, 1952

The Lancaster Club was host to the Rotary District Conference on May 4, 5 and 6, 1952. Harvey Smith, John Miller and Gerry Hoover attended the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City.

At the suggestion of the Fellowship Committee represented by Clay Brubaker, the Board of Directors decided to present a copy of the book, "The Story of Wheatland," to the visiting Rotarian each week who came from the greatest distance. Rotary International warned all Clubs to the effect that they were not taking in a sufficient number of the younger executives of the community to counterbalance the senior active list of members.

Mayor Kendig C. Bare told us about Lancaster City; Joe Feagley about the Glass Industry; Milt Ranck explained Leaf Tobacco; his son John regaled us with the Trials and Tribulations of a District Attorney; Chandler Heagy spoke on Fire Prevention; and Dr. Griffith of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy told us "How To Live Longer and Better." The formula for longevity is best expressed by the old colored mammy who said, "When I works I works hard; when I rests I rest loose and easy; and when I worry I goes to sleep."

In the middle of 1952 Lancaster Rotarians were just recovering from the excitement and exhaustion created by the entertainment of the District Conference which had brought here several highly distinguished personalities; Thomas Cashmere of Wakefield, Yorkshire, England, and Will R. Manier, two Past Presidents of Rotary International, as well as hundreds of Rotarians from all parts of the District. Interest in Rotary was at a high peak when Cy Meminger passed the gavel to Harvey A. Smith in 1952.

The two National Political Conventions were described by two Lancaster lawyers who had been delegates; Hensel Brown and Clay Burkholder. Gerry Hoover told us about his trip to the Mexico City Rotary Convention. The Club took a tour through the newly

constructed Lancaster General Hospital. Dean Breidenstine of Franklin and Marshall College told us of America's poor voting record in Presidential elections. Dr. Samuel Hauck started us thinking about Geriatrics. Joe Feagley presented Pennsylvania Week as worthy of recognition. Chas. Snyder, Jr. told us of his experiences in Korea. Jack Swanger pictured the Romance of the Road. Dr. Reginald Helfferich described American relief work in Europe and Asia. Dr. Wallace Fisher, a former member of the Gettysburg Rotary Club, enlightened us on the value of Rotary Information. One speaker tried to induce us to change the world calendar. One of the most interesting discussions related to "Farming as a Business" by two highly successful Lancaster County farmers. "Pitfalls of Real Estate" was the topic of three Lancaster realtors. There were several pro-grams on Education, although not as many as one might be led to expect while a School Superintendent was President of the club. That may have been due to Harvey's natural modesty.

One of the finest things that the Club did during this year was to give $500 toward the equipment of the Lancaster Boys' Club.

The incoming President, Harry Esbenshade, began his work in July 1953. He became one of the most forthright leaders that we have developed in the Lancaster Rotary Club. **His** program chairman was Howard Flyte. One of the first meetings furnished us with an account of the Paris Rotary Convention attended by Paul Eshelman, John Swanger and Harry Esbenshade. One of the most informing addresses of the year was by Homer Crist on "Estate PIans." An Inter-County meeting addressed by Philip Lovejoy, Past Secretary of Rotary International, was a pronounced success. Snakes Alive, with real specimens by a member of the staff of the Long Island Zoo, furnished the most startling moment of the year. A meeting was devoted to the History of the Lancaster Rotary Club, with charter members seated in places of honor. Major-General Daniel B. Strickler honored us with his presence and gave us an intimate narrative of his experiences in Europe. The members voted on changes in the boundary of the Lancaster Rotary Club, thus preparing the way for the organization of a new club in northeast Lancaster.

Lancaster Northeast Club is Chartered

Charter Night for the new Lancaster Northeast Club which was sponsored by the Lancaster Rotary Club under the tutelage of Sam

Rogers, was held in April 1954 in the Manheim Township High School Auditorium. The Charter was presented by Governor Paul Gingrich and was received by Ralph W. Coho, Jr., President of the new club.

At several of our meetings the new industries in Lancaster were described by managers and representatives who were welcomed by the members of the club. Perhaps the most influential meeting of the year pictured the problems of retired men. Maurice DuPont Lee talked on "They Retired and Got Busy." It served as a challenge to the club, which has met with a response.

For a long time it was felt that the growing Lancaster Rotary Club needed an additional community project. President Harry appointed a Project Committee of fifteen in April 1954, with Gil Lyons as temporary chairman. What this committee has done we shall see as we examine the work of the club from July 1954 to June 1955.

This brings us to the regime manned by Bill Cooper who tackled his job as President of the Lancaster Rotary Club in July 1954 with all the eager enthusiasm and high spirit of talented youth. At his induction all the members of the Board of Directors, his honored father, the faithful Recording Secretary of the Club, Mrs. Manning, were seated at the speakers' table and all the chairmen of the various committees were duly introduced.

Golden Jubilee Fiftieth Anniversary

Two outstanding events took place this year. This was the year of the Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary Year of Rotary International. The Lancaster Club observed this event under the direction of Howard Witmer and Earl Godshalk in various ceremonies from February 23, 1955 until May 25, when Dr. H. M. J. Klein spoke to the Club on the history of Lancaster Rotary from 1944 to 1955. On this occasion, the Club presented Dr. Klein with a tribute in the form of a beautifully decorated scroll containing the following inscription, composed by Rev. Allan S. Meek:

"Today we pay tribute and honor to the Rev. H. M. J. Klein, D.D., Ph.D., in that he kept alive a keen interest in all fields of human activity during more than four score years of his life. We honor him *as* an outstanding citizen for his long life of distinguished service in Church, College and Community affairs....

We honor ourselves by honoring this distinguished Herald of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Audenreid Professor of History at Franklin and Marshall College for thirty-five years, the historian, the educator, and the community leader of public affairs. May this quiet, unassuming octogenarian enjoy a blessed life before his sun sets in the west, only to rise in a brighter and fairer room of God's House.

He looks like a gentleman, he talks like a gentleman, he acts like a gentleman, and he is a gentleman. We salute him.

The Club also presented Dr. Klein with a fund for the purchase of books for the use of history students at the college.

The other outstanding feature of the year was the establishment of a new Rotary project, the Association for Retired Citizens. The work began in real earnest on July 14, 1954, when the retirement problem was presented to the Club in addresses by Gil Lyons, George Diehl and Dr. Howard Esbenshade. The Club voted favorably on the project, and on October 13, President Cooper appointed a committee of 14 members, headed by Harvey A. Smith as Chairman, with Grant Brandon and O. L. Hampton as co-chairmen.

The Club under President Bill Cooper had both a pleasant and progressive *year.* In addition to some stimulating fellowship at the Bush River crab party and the Safe Harbor corn roast, the Club was unusually active in community affairs. Substantial contributions were made to the new Lancaster Free Public Library, to the Y. M. C. A. for the support of the Buddy Club, and sending boys to Camp Shand, and to the USO for refreshments. A woodworking shop was established at the Rotary Home for Boys, and Lancaster led the District with a contribution of more than $200 to the Rotary Foundation.

In July, 1955, Brooks Reigle accepted the Presidential gavel, with the expressed intention of carrying out a three-fold goal for the Club: To make the programs so good that everyone would want to attend; to have the fellowship so fine that everyone would want to share in it; and to make the service of Lancaster Rotary in all four lanes of service so outstanding that everyone would want to be a part of it. The year's progress indicated that Brooks accomplished what he planned to do. The newest club

project for Retired Citizens made notable progress this year, with almost one hundred percent support from the Club, and with several thousand dollars raised to establish the organization firmly. A variety of memorable programs included a beautiful pictorial description of Alaska by Howard Clark; an address by Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture; a tour of the new Public Safety Building; a serious analysis of juvenile Delinquency by Sir Basil Henriques, of London; an explanation of the special problems of Pakistan by Major-General Din; a talk by Ollie Oberg, 1st Vice-President of Rotary International; and a description of foreign Rotary clubs by Jim Coho.

The present administration of jack Swanger found the Lancaster Rotary Club with the largest membership of its history, numbering one hundred and eighty-two voting members and five honorary members. Of this membership, forty-two had been members continuously for twenty-five or more years.

Emphasis on fellowship and on international service was evident at the start. Perhaps it was accidental, but certainly the presence of many talented and charming members of the fair sex on the programs helped in keeping up attendance percent-ages. Kyra Shirk spoke on her experiences as a Lieutenant in the Russian Army; Shirley Watkins gave the club a delightful interpretation of her latest book; a trio of young musicians brought Viennese music to one program; and Elizabeth Swaim, a recent Rotary Foundation scholarship winner talked of her experiences in Scotland as a student at St. Andrews.

Rotary Foundation Fellowship Awarded

One noteworthy achievement during this administration was the award of a Rotary Foundation fellowship to Miss Ann Geracimos of Lancaster. She was the first Lancaster Club nominee to receive this award, and planned to study history in England. Another feature of international service during 1956 was the exchange of letters between members of the Lancaster Rotary Club and Rotary clubs all over the world. One program was devoted to the foreign mail-bag, and additional letters kept coming in throughout the year from Rotarians in many places which were hard to find on the map.

Some programs of unusual value were the dramatic presentation of electric safety methods, directed by H. R. Taylor, and featuring a crew of linemen in the hotel ballroom, climbing an electric pole and demonstrating first-aid methods; the demonstration by Detective Paul Cogley of crime detection methods used in the Lancaster Police Department; a lively program by members of the Association of Retired Citizens; and, perhaps of most value to all club members, the excellent talk by our own Jim Shreve on "The Responsibilities of a Good Rotarian."

As this record draws to a close, it is worthwhile to note that the elected officers of the Lancaster Club have been almost unanimous in praising the cooperation and the willingness of committee chairmen and members in carrying out the various club projects. A brief review of the present status of some of these services indicates that their confidence has been well justified.

Rural-Urban Committee

The Rural-Urban Committee has special significance in a community like Lancaster, where agriculture, commerce and in- dustry are so closely allied. The Committee has not only arranged regular programs where county farmers are invited as the guests of individual Rotarians, but has successfully operated a number of other projects for a number of years. Through the sponsorship of one of the 411 Clubs, activities like the Capon Round-up or the Strawberry Contest are made possible, and furnish the Club members with a chance to meet the young future farmers of Lancaster County.

Rotary Home for Boys

The Rotary Home for Boys, one of the Club's earliest and most important projects, has been described many times in records of Lancaster Rotary. The contrast between this pleasant country home, with its "Dad" and "Mother," its unbarred windows, its recreation facilities, truck farming, and regular visits from Rotarians on the committee, and the kind of prison to which these young boys of between eight and sixteen years of age might have been sent, is so apparent that it needs no further

description. The Committee was fortunate for many years in having the services of Mr. and Mrs. Weller as superintendent and matron, until the illness of Mr. Weller caused his resignation in April, 1954. The Wellers were succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. David W. Strayer, who served until June, 1956. After the temporary supervision of Mr. and Mrs. George Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Neal, former caretakers at Camp Shand were appointed on Nov. 1, 1956 as the permanent superintendent and matron respectively. Donations from citizens of the community as well as from members of the Club are as varied as they are valuable, and range from food and delicacies to money and articles of clothing. Each of the boys received a new jacket this past Christmas as a gift from a member of the Club, and many similar donations help to make the home a pleasant and friendly example of community service.

Association for Retired Citizens

The Association for Retired Citizens was chartered as a non-profit organization and numbered one hundred and sixty-two members in January 1957. Their charter stated the following objectives: 1. To educate all people concerning the problems confronting older people and to help them in solving such problems; 2. To provide a program of social activities of interest to older people; 3. To make available facilities for the following of various interests and hobbies of older people; 4. To assist older people in finding part time employment for those who are able to pursue it.

These objectives have been carried out through regular meetings each week, and opportunities for fellowship at the Boy's Club three days each week. Shop facilities have been used for hobbies and handcraft, and special social activities are planned regularly through the year. The most important goal of the Association at present is a building for their own use, where they will have a permanent center for their activities.

Crippled Children's Committee

Early members of the Lancaster Rotary Club were largely responsible for the present existence of a well organized and

progressive Lancaster County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The Crippled Children's Committee of the Club presents regular programs for the Club each year, dealing with the work of organizations for Crippled Children. Despite the need for expanded facilities and additional equipment, the local Society has made outstanding progress with an excellent staff trained in physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Individuals and firms have been led to contribute generously to the support of the Society through the leadership provided from the Lancaster Rotary Club, and the Committee is continuing to work toward a much expanded program for the community.

Cleft Palate Clinic

The Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, which originated from the energetic activity of Dr. Herbert K. Cooper and the official sponsorship and financial contributions of the Rotary Club, has now grown into a major hospital for speech correction, with a record of more than 6,000 patients who have been treated, Twenty-eight colleges and universities rely upon the Clinic's records for similar activities, and the constant development of new methods for correcting speech difficulties has brought nation-wide attention to this project. The Clinic has grown from a one-man operation by Dr. Cooper to a modem residential hospital with its own research facilities, dormitories and scientific equipment.

It is readily apparent that the influence of the Rotary Club of Lancaster has been widespread throughout many phases of civic and international service. The benefits of its fellowship can-not be measured, but their results will endure in the better and richer lives of every member of the club.

Objective of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Lancaster has had a distinguished history of progress in the past, and a firm devotion to the ideals of service and fellowship in the present years. The challenge of the future is contained in our statement of Rotary's objective, which constitutes the real reason for the past half century of Rotary's world-wide influence and progress:

Part IV

Lancaster Rotary in the Space Age

It is generally accepted that 1957 was the first year of the Space Age. It was also the year Dr. Lewis M. Johnson became president of the Lancaster Rotary Club. "Buzz" Tennent, of Ashville, N.C., was the president of Rotary International that year. His theme was, "Enlist, Extend, Explore, Serve". This theme was to become the tone of President Lew's year.

The District Governor that year was Bill Kishpaugh, of the Hershey Club, a man of infectious enthusiasm who demonstrated during and following his tenure how Rotary can be an effective force for good in the world. He was especially interested in business advisement.

An international atmosphere prevailed from time to time during the year, such as when the two German girls sponsored by the International Student Project Committee brought the club a delightful view of their homeland in contrast with their impressions of our own community. And the very next program involved some students from Holland, Italy, Finland, Germany and France, all of whom participated in the presentation.

Walter Hoadley, Chief Economist of Armstrong Cork Company, and later to become an officer in the Federal Reserve Bank, gave us a forecast. In typical economist jargon Walter told us, "The economy is steady, but churning beneath the surface."

The Club departed briefly from the Brunswick Hotel for one meeting in favor of the Stevens House on October 16, at which time there was an outstanding address by Sir Francis Evans, a distinguished British diplomat.

This year saw the inception of a new type of activity for the Club, an art and hobby show. This became traditional for a number of years to follow. It so happened that there were many

fine amateur painters in the Club at the time. Among these were Sam Rogers, George Mann, H. M. J. Klein (who took up painting at age 80), George May, Sr., Gil **B.** Lyons, Charlie Johnson, Grant Brandon, and President Lew Johnson. Among the membership was one professional artist, John Z. Miller. The works of these painters were on display at the Lancaster Free Public Library.

The major club project in those days was the Rotary Home for Boys. This was in the very capable hands of Gerry Hoover, Chairman, who accepted and coped with the many challenges involved in peerless style.

Indicative of the era, early in 1958 there was a program, 'the Significance of Jet Aircraft in the Next Decade", by W. A. Carr, District Sales Manager of American Airlines.

Conservation was very much in the news of the times, and this is reflected by the back-to-back programs presented to the Club by the Conestoga Valley Association and the Brandywine Valley Association.

Other high-lighted programs of the year included a concert by the Manheim Township School Choir, conducted by our own Harold Shaar, and we were once again treated to the special magic Harold always worked with music and youth. And early in the Baseball season of 1958 Johnny Pesky, former star shortstop of the Boston Red Sox, and then manager of the Lancaster Roses, brought a most enjoyable program to the Club.

It was in 1958 the board of directors voted to present $60 to Dr. H. M. J. Klein from the Club treasury for the purpose of buying books for the Franklin & Marshall College Library. This was to present a living memorial to H. M. J., and it subsequently became an annual tradition.

Succeeding Lew Johnson in the presidency was Mel Peters for Rotary year 1958-59. Early in that year President Mel, together with Charlie Mayser and Bob Gerhart, brought an interesting report on their attendance at the R.I. Convention which had been held in Dallas the prior June. And one of the most personable District Governors ever, Mark Tice, of the Lebanon Club, made his visit to our Club early in the year.

It was during this year the board of directors first voted to have the proceeds from the monthly birthday table go to the

Rotary Foundation instead of being allotted to various causes as selected.

Our First Foreign Student Visitor

One of the more memorable events of the year was the visit by Margaret Elizabeth Burns, of Lancashire, England. "Liz" was a delightful young lady who captivated all who met her. And this event definitely influenced the club's subsequent participation with the Experiment in International Living, which was and still is a very successful project.

In November, Walter Hoadley brought us another economic summary and forecast. He said, "We are just recovering from a recession which was the most severe in 20 years", and he closed on the theme that what we really needed in this country were new ideas to spark our growth and on which to build and expand our industry. He said that, on the whole, we could look forward to better conditions in 1959.

Stimulated Rotary Foundation Activity

It was during this year, too, that the Rotary Foundation really began to come into its own. Chairman Bill Nitrauer of the committee worked tirelessly to stimulate interest among the member-ship, and it was largely due to "Nit's" efforts that our club attained the 200% status by the end of Mel's year.

At the Club Assembly on February 12, 1959 a new technique was injected called "brainstorming". It was through this process that a number of new ideas evolved which were later brought to fruition.

One of the very valuable fringe benefits a Lancaster Rotarian had in those days was to belong to the same club H. M. J. Klein and his son Fred Klein did. The programs these two men provided on a number of occasions were truly gems. One such presentation was given jointly by this father and son team on February 18, 1959. "Washington and Lincoln in Lancaster" was the title of this program. And at this same meeting, Past District Governor Howard Witmer paid a special tribute to the Club's Honorary Members.

Handwriting on the Wall for Rotary Home

The Rotary Home for Boys suddenly emerged as an item of speculation in 1959. The first inkling that this institution might be destined for curtailed existence came when the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry began questioning the safety and general adequacy of the facility. Rotarian Elmer Hansen volunteered and contributed much time and skill in drawing up floor plans of the Home to be transmitted to the Commonwealth.

Leadership of the Club during the following year, 1959-60, fell into the hands of President Bob Haines. He set the mood of this administration early with a challenge. He said in his inaugural address that there should be two new classifications: "Newly Weds", and "Nearly Deads". It was clearly Bob's goal to inspire the vast majority of members to embrace the former and reject the latter.

Rollie Palmer was Chairman of the Program Committee that year and provided an excellent slate of speakers. Early in July there was a presentation by Dr. Richard Foose, an outstanding talk on our two new states, Alaska and Hawaii. And at one meeting shortly thereafter there was a brief but eloquent talk by Conrad Nagel, prominent veteran actor and a Rotarian from the Hollywood, California Club, emphasizing the importance of the Fulton Opera House and the Ephrata Playhouse in our community. Nagel suggested that a committee for the preservation of theatre arts would be a worthy endeavor in Lancaster County.

The international aspect of Rotary was emphasized in several programs early in the year. Dr. Paul Hartig, headmaster of a college in West Berlin, gave a brilliant word picture of life and strife in war-torn, politically-divided Berlin. At the next week's meeting there was a fine program involving Raja Gopal, of India, who gave an illustrated talk which was enthusiastically received. A week later, we heard from James William Queen III, Paramount Chief of the Kowa Tribe, in the newly-emerged nation of Sierra Leone. It was rather surprising to hear this African speaker say that he'd seen his first elephant and lion at the Philadelphia Zoo.

On September 8 the Club Assembly with District Governor Bud Carpenter was held at Meadow Hills. Governor Bud placed

much emphasis on youth and on the role that can be played in Rotary by its younger members.

Good Old Pre-Inflation Days

Some of our golfers may recall that our golf outing that year was held at the Lancaster Country Club. It was noted in the Transmitter of the time that greens fees were $3 and the dinner, including tax and gratuity, was $3. Such is the fabric of history.

The Club took an active role in the Long Park Amphitheater drive. Dave Weaver, Harold Shaar and Bill Price captained teams of Rotarians involved **in** this worthy enterprise.

Reflecting the mood of the nation in the Cold War Era we had a program in October on the "Fleet Ballistic Missile Weapon System", presented by Commander Gardenal, U.S.N. This was the Cub's introduction to Polaris.

There was an exceptionally good program early in November. Bill Robbins, of Miami, who was at the time First Vice President of Rotary International, addressed the Club on the topic, "World Peace is Your Business". The following week our own A. G. Breidenstine delivered a message appropriate for American Edu- cation Week, "The Qualities of Good Teaching". Early in Decem- ber, Past President Joe Feagley told us in a speech, "It's Later Than You Think", referring to the increasingly heavy burden of taxation by national, state and local governments.

Rotary Leaders Camp - Brilliant Concept Brilliantly Executed

Anyone who knows Bob Haines would also know his year as president had to be an activist one. Many accomplishments of his administration could be reeled off, but in the historical sense the activity for which Bob's year will surely be remembered had to be the Leaders Rotary Camp. Not only was this project conceived and initiated by Bob, but he personally participated in it and guided it, aided by other Lancaster Rotarians such as Bill Nitrauer and Ken Friend. Bob had a dream, then proceeded to make it come true.

Among lighter moments of the era, one vividly recalled was a loud vest contest in January, 1960. It was all the more memorable because of the two unlikely principal participants, H. M. J. Klein and Allan Meck. The record indicates that both contestants' vests were wild, but the consensus showed H. M. J.'s to be the wilder.

In February our board voted to change the direction and scope of the Student Loan Fund, providing for larger loans and for longer periods. Graduate study loans were made available, and the maximum loan to an individual student was increased to $2000. The move was a welcome one to those in need of loans because of the escalating costs of a college education.

Early in 1960 it became necessary for Mr. & Mrs. James Neal to resign as superintendent and matron at the Rotary Home due to Mr. Neal's health. They were subsequently replaced by Mr. & Mrs. John Jenkins, of York, Pa.

The very first Leaders Rotary Camp opened on June 19, 1960, at Camp Carson in Lebanon County. Mention of this project has already been made, but the total dedication of President Bob Haines in guiding this activity to its very successful outcome can-not be over-emphasized.

Lancaster Rotary - Cold War Era

When Stan Rickert took the reins of leadership of the Club in July, 1960, the eyes of the world were on Berlin, because of the tense and potentially explosive situation there. It was appropriate that one of the early programs of the year featured Dr. Paul Hartig, an educator from West Berlin who had addressed the Club a year or so earlier. He brought a dramatically graphic view of his hometown. Also around that period we heard a magnificent message from Dr. Wally Fisher on, "A Christian View of the American-Soviet Relations." As one could deduce from all this, we were deep in the Cold War Era, and the mood and tone of the free world were reflected at the Lancaster Rotary Club meetings.

Kudos to Gerry; Challenges to Walter

It was this *year* when Gerry Hoover resigned as Chairman of the Rotary Home Committee, following many years of devoted and excellent service in that role. It was indeed fortunate for the Club that Walter McMinn agreed to accept the post. And Walt immediately applied himself with unbounded enthusiasm to the job. It should be noted that Gerry Hoover, later in the year, received the Lancaster Sertoma Club Annual Award for Service to Mankind for his dedicated work with the Rotary Home.

The District Governor during Stan's year was Barney Schmidt. The Club Assembly was held on August 4, and the Assembly with the District Governor on August 24, at Meadow Hills.

Our members were invited to attend the 11lth Annual Community observance of M. S. Hershey Day. Guest speaker was Joseph A. Abey, President-Elect of Rotary International and a resident of Reading, Pa. A large contingent of Lancaster Rotarians attended. And Joe Abey favored our Club with a program address in March, 1961.

Rotary Leaders Camp Proof of the Pudding

Late in September there was a program involving the six young men our Club had sponsored at the Leaders Rotary Camp that summer. If any of our members had had any reservations about the validity of this project, they were certainly removed by this program.

Our Club was invited by the Kiwanis Club to join them at a special meeting on October 18 at the Brunswick Hotel to hear William L. Ryan, noted Associated Press news analyst.

The "good old days" of creeping inflation might be revealed from the announcement concerning the year's Rotary Golf Outing. While the greens fees were still $3, the same as the prior year, the dinner price shot up to $3.50. The record showed that despite a rainy day and soggy course, Bill Nitrauer won the low gross prize with a 90. Mention was made of one Rotarian who played in his bare feet. He was not identified.

Lancaster Rotary's Own Institution: "Uncle Charlie"

Charlie Mayser made the news in October. He was the guest of honor at Iowa State University at their annual homecoming. "Uncle Charlie" had coached football and wrestling there from 1915 to 1923, before embarking on his long and distinguished career at Franklin & Marshall College.

President Stan attended a District Governors' Conference in October. The major topic of discussion there pertained to the needs of improvement at Camp Harmony Hall, a camp for crippled children located near High spire, Pa. Some substantive good must have been derived from the conference, because Camp Harmony Hall subsequently developed into a fine facility.

The Foundation Strikes Home

The Club witnessed a heartwarming event in December, when it was announced that Joseph A. Clark, son of Rotarian and Mrs. Howard Clark, received the Rotary Foundation Fellowship and would be studying in Gottingen, Germany during the 1961-62 academic year.

The Club's Rotary Foundation status moved up to 300% during President Stan's year, thanks to the unceasing efforts of Bill Nitrauer, and further stimulated by the Joe Clark appointment.

The District Conference was held on April 16 and 17 at Harrisburg. Immediate Past President of R.I., Harold Thomas, of Auckland, New Zealand was present and added considerable interest to the proceedings. Twenty-two Lancaster Rotarians attended.

Another Rotary hobby and art show was held in May, 1961. Among those members contributing works for the exhibition were Grant Brandon, Roy Horning, Sr., H. M. J. Klein, Mel Peters, Don Reidenbaugh, Charlie Johnson, Lew Johnson, Gil Lyons, George Mann, Dick Herr, Fred Williams, Bob Haines, A. S. Groff, Chandler Heagey, Ed Jaeger, Harold Brubaker, Howard Clark, Roy Horning II, and Mart Keener.

The Pride of Central Pennsylvania

Joseph A. Abey, President-Elect of R.I., was given a testimonial dinner on June 21, 1961 at Reading. Many Lancaster Rotarians attended the affair. A special attraction was U. S. Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges as guest speaker.

Max Smith was the new president for Rotary Year 1961-62. And after receiving the gavel from Stan Rickert he proceeded to lead the Club in a most interesting and productive year.

Frank Powl served as Program Chairman and was responsible for an outstanding range of programs. Among these were Cameron Ralston, with one of his always inspiring messages; Robert Hibbard, of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce; John Gibson, president of the Rock Ford Foundation and the Lancaster County Historical Society; Rotarian Dick Nissley, on "Bridge Construction"; Warden Jack Tracy, Lancaster County Prison, on "Do We Need a New Penal Institution in Lancaster County?"; and a film was presented by the Bell Telephone Company, "Seconds For Survival", about national defense against I.C.B.M.s.

On September 13, 1961, Joe Feagley brought us a tape of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, he himself providing appropriate commentary. Later in September, Ken Shelley presented an interesting program on Special Education through the Hearing Conservation Center, and the Crippled Children's Society, in cooperation with the Lancaster County School District.

Jerry Greenabaum was District Governor that year. He visited our Club in September, the Club Assembly being held the same evening at Meadow Hills.

It should be noted that there was a change in positions of superintendent and matron at the Rotary Home late in the summer of 1961. Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins were at that time replaced by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Ritchie.

Try, Try Again

An attempt was made for a 100% attendance meeting on October 18, 1961. Nowell Hoover, Attendance Chairman, made a noble effort, but the results fell 10% short of the goal.

Special Recognition of a Beautiful Man

A special tribute was paid by the Club to Past District Governor Earl Godshalk on October 25, 1961, for the longevity of his perfect attendance and for the excellent quality of his service.

A report was delivered to the Club on November 1 by the boys who had been sponsored by the Club the previous summer at the Leaders Rotary Camp. It again became self-evident that this District project was an overwhelming success.

Lancaster County Inter-City Gala

On November 29, 1961 a special event occurred. This was the Lancaster County Inter-City Rotary Club meeting held at the Dutch Town & Country Inn. Guest speaker and stellar attraction was Theodore Roosevelt McKelden, former Governor of Mary-land and nationally known orator. One hundred two Lancaster Club members attended, and there were one hundred ninety-eight from the other clubs in the county.

A challenge was presented to the Club late in the year by an anonymous member who agreed to make a $2000 contribution to the Rotary Home if the rest of the club would match the gift. Subsequently the challenge was accepted and met.

Another Special Tribute to a Dedicated Rotarian

In January, 1962 the Club paid special tribute to Past President Harry Esbenshade for his many devoted years of service to Rotary. His accomplishments were reviewed, too extensive to list here, and Harry was appropriately praised. It was natural that Harry would be 'emotionally overwhelmed by the honor. Typically he gave credit to the many others who had encouraged and helped him.

February 14, 1962, in addition to being Valentine's Day, could be remembered as the day the Lancaster Rotary Club went to jail. We had been invited there by Warden Jack Tracy. Our regular meeting was held there, including lunch for a dollar and a tour of the facility.

In March the Rural Urban Committee program was presented. , It was appropriate that the guest speaker was Dr. W. L. Henning, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture. Dr. Henning was quick to point out that one of his more brilliant students when he was a professor at Penn State University had been our own President Max. This came as a surprise to no one.

Other programs of special note of that era were: Dr. John Marcum, on "The African Situation"; a report on emerging nationalism in former European colonies of Africa; on "Germany and the Common Market"; and "Britain and Europe-World Trade and Common Market", by Thomas Tull, British Consul General in Philadelphia.

If You Knew Harry ----

Harry Esbenshade was designated our club chairman for the District Conference which was held in Lancaster on April 29 and 30. This proved to be one of the stand-out Conferences. The main attractions were J. Ed McLaughlin, Immediate Past President of Rotary International; and Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, Director of the School of International Studies, Bradley University and former Minister of Finance of Hungary. These outstanding speakers were most enthusiastically received.

This Conference, the 48th, was by all standards a huge success. One hundred twenty-three Lancaster Rotarians participated in one or more phases, and there were more than six hundred in attendance from the District. Also, three hundred Rotary Anns participated. It was just another example of the total dedication of Chairman Harry Esbenshade, Joe Feagley, the Program Chair-man for the event, and Max Smith, whose guidance as club president was truly superb.

Another First

President Max and President-Elect Roy Horning were the delegates who attended the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles that year where they witnessed the installation of R.I. President Nitish Laharry, of Calcutta, India, the very first Asian to be selected for that post.

It is most difficult for your Club Historian to report on the next administration objectively and with appropriate modesty. It could be said that it achieved the high water mark in Lancaster Rotary history, but unfortunately there are still too many surviving members who were around then. So that will not be claimed. Perhaps it should be let go with the assertion that the year was "different". At least it was certainly the high water mark in President Roy Horning II's life.

The first meeting of that year, Tuesday, July 3, 1962 was a joint meeting with the Lancaster Kiwanis Club. The speaker was Wiley T. Millyard, Consul and Trade Commissioner for the Canadian Consulate. He spoke on the Canadian position regarding the new European Common Market, and of Canada's current economic crisis, a result of the economic recession in Canada and the U.S.A.

The Lebanon Rotary Club scheduled a special meeting on July 19, at which the new R.I. President Nitish Laharry was to be the guest speaker. Quite a few Lancaster members attended and found it to be a rewarding experience.

Change in Religion Classifications

A major change in club policy was established early in the year. It was a change in philosophy regarding the classification of Protestant ministers. This was in effect a liberalization enabling the club to have four Protestant ministers as members.

Ambassador Inga

It was during this year that the Lancaster Rotary Club hosted foreign "Rotary Ambassador" Inga Liden, of Sweden. Host families were the Breidenstines, the Max Smiths, the Whitneys, the Dave Watts, and the Dick Nissleys. And many other members entertained Inga from time to time, so that a relatively high percentage of Club members got involved in this project.

Our District Governor that year was Jacob Ruhl, of Manheim. The Club Assembly dinner meeting with the District Governor was held on September 5 at Meadow Hills.

Joe Clark - Foundation Fellow - Source of Pride

A very memorable program of the year was provided by our own Rotary Foundation Fellow Joseph A. Clark, son of Howard and Kathryn Clark. He brought us a splendid talk, "The German People Today."

Student Loan Fund to the Fore

An announcement in the October 31, 1962 Transmitter stated that there was $8,915 at work in the Student Loan Fund, distributed among 20 students, with a current available balance on hand of $827.

Another announcement a few weeks later was to the effect that a play was to be performed by Lancaster Rotarians and their families in April, 1963. Proceeds from this project would go to the Student Loan Fund. A more detailed description of this event will come subsequently.

An event of interest occurred in January, 1963. It will be re-called that a few years earlier Lancaster Rotary was instrumental in starting the Association For Retired Citizens. George Diehl, with help from several other Rotarians, led the project into overwhelming success. And in January the board of directors of the Association notified our Club that it .was willing and able to make available to our Student Loan Fund a sum of $2,300 as needed to meet requests for loans exceeding the Cub's resources. It was indeed gratifying to see this phenomenon, where an agency partially founded by Rotary became so self-sufficient in so short a time that it was actually able to lend a helping hand to another Rotary project.

The reader may surmise from all of this that much emphasis in those days was placed on the Student Loan Fund. This was in the very early days of college cost escalation. So the motivation for improving the Student Loan Fund can clearly be seen.

District Governor Jake Ruhl presided over our District Conference that year. It was held at the Host Motel on March 31 and April 1. There was a fine turnout by our Club members, and it was indeed an excellent conference.

Another Hobby Show took place on April 24. The usual participants again involved themselves. At that meeting Chandler Heagey showed motion pictures he had taken of the Lancaster Fencibles, starring Fred Klein; and Jim Shreve, in his unique humorous style talked about pigeons, aided by live specimens.

The Play's the Thing

History of any merit should be objective. Winston Churchill never let that bother him, of course. But it is impossible for this historian to be emotionally detached in describing the major happening of his Rotary Year, namely the theatrical production, "Wear The White Hat". This play, written by President Roy Horning, directed by the only non-Rotarian in the production, James L. Rees, and all the parts portrayed by Rotarians and their families, presented an opportunity for nearly 100% of the membership of the Club to participate in some way. And that is precisely what happened. The quality of the play and the acting were far from professional, but everyone agreed it was entertaining. The success of this venture was in no small degree due to the patient and tireless efforts of Bob Haines and his Rotary Ann Mary Jane, who performed the leading roles. Much credit also belonged to those behind the scenes, such as Myron Wolf, business manager, and his enthusiastic assistants, Harry Esbenshade and Jesse Snavely. We also saw the professional work of such stagehands as Mel Peters and Ken Whitney. They contributed immeasurably to the success of the project.

This project really accomplished a great deal. While providing the unique opportunity for Rotary fellowship, it also afforded the medium for every Club member to feel himself a part of the Club. And it made the Student Loan Fund about $1800 richer.

The Rotary International Convention was held in St. Louis that year. Our delegates were Tony Appel and Frank Abel. And another Leaders Rotary Camp was held in June. It should be mentioned that this project had grown so that 100 young men attended. By comparison, there were only 60 participants in the Camp's first year.

Tony and the Cold War

In Rotary Year 1963-64 the leadership of the Club was in the capable hands of President Tony Appel. A sign of the times can be observed by the nature of the very first program of the year. Sloan Martin, head of the Civil Defense Council of Lancaster County, presented an "Authoritative View of the Currently Controversial Question of the Value of Fall-Out Shelters". Yes, the Cold War had become a real factor in the American life style.

Though it was the Cold War Era, everyone still liked "IKE". There is a note in the July 10, 1963 Transmitter that Alphaeus Groff, as a guest of General Dan Strickler's, had the pleasure and thrill of shaking hands with President Eisenhower in Gettysburg at a Civil War Centennial affair.

Still more on nuclear fall-out came to us in a speech by Dr. Nathaniel Hager, Jr., Director of the Radiological Division of Lancaster County Civil Defense.

Another area of great concern at the time was the threat of over-population. In keeping with that, Dr. John D. Paul addressed us on planned parenthood. The title of his talk was, "The Costly Crowd".

Experiment Visitor Giulia

Our summer visitor, through the Experiment in International Living, was Miss Giulia Marie Tucci, of Italy. She arrived in Lancaster on August 7. This charming young lady was hosted during her stay by the Breidenstines, the Frank Powls, the Bob Reynolds, the Bill Andes, Jr.'s, and the Bob Moores.

District Governor Al Hammond visited our Club on August 7. The Club Assembly was held the same evening at Meadow Hills.

"Progress" Strikes Again - Brunswick and Rotary Home Victims

The first portent of the Brunswick Hotel's limited life expectancy came to our Club in August, when there was serious talk

circulating that the Hotel was destined to be a part of the North Queen Street Renewal Project.

Yet another institution dear to the hearts of Lancaster Rotarians seemed near its demise. In October it was announced that the Rotary Home for Boys would probably be closing within the next month. The Home had become a victim of "progress". It could no longer meet the increasingly stringent requirements of the Commonwealth. Waiter McMinn, Chairman of the Rotary Home Committee, made tireless and valiant efforts to explore ways and means whereby the Home could still be used in some manner to alleviate the problems of youth in our community. But it was all in vain.

Yes, They Still Remembered Pearl Harbor

A program of special note occurred on November 20, 1963. Our speaker was Mitsuo Fuchida, formerly chief commander of the Japanese air squadron which had bombed Pearl Harbor. Though this talk came 22 years after the "day of infamy", many of our Club members found they could not yet forgive and for-get. While the speaker was quite sincere and frank in describing both his role in the sneak attack and how he had since been converted to Christianity - and was at the time a Protestant minister, his presentation was met with mixed emotions.

Murder and Turmoil in the Land

These were indeed troubled times. The shock of the heinous murder of President John F. Kennedy caused a pall across the country. It was a time of uncertainty and general insecurity.

But on May 20, 1964 we had what has to be ranked as one of the funniest programs in the Club's history. Professor L. W. Cassel, Director of Practical Research, Whitmoyer Laboratories, Myerstown, Pa., spoke to us on "The Egg and You". If a man ever evidenced total dedication and love for a product greater than Professor Cassel did in *this* case, your historian has not yet seen him. One came away from this meeting with the feeling of having been well-entertained as well as enlightened.

Those Men of Distinction

A rare treat was encountered at our June 3 meeting. Three distinguished Lancaster Rotarians participated in a program involving the introduction of a new book, "Old Lancaster - Historic Pennsylvania Community". The book was written by Fred Klein with help and guidance from his father. Bill Andes, Sr. was the publisher's representative. Charles X. Carlson, famed artist who supplied the original paintings used to illustrate the book, was also present to display and explain the paintings.

Challenges and Champions

Following Tony Appel as Club President in Rotary Year 1964-65 was Harold Shaar. As this was to be a year of major changes in the status quo, Harold indeed had his work cut out for him. An example of items creating problems was that the Lancaster Rotary Club was forced to find another meeting place - after fifty years at the Brunswick Hotel. But Harold rose to the occasion. He appointed an executive committee for the purpose of locating a new site. Every place considered seemed to be either too small or otherwise unable to accommodate a group of our size on its traditional meeting day. Finally, as a temporary solution, the committee agreed on the use of the former Odd Fellows Hall at 213 West Chestnut St. And Andy Giannopoulos agreed to cater the luncheons at that facility. The place proved to be unsatisfactory for a number of reasons, not the least of which was a long flight of steps which clearly worked a hardship on some of the older members. Also the place had extremely poor facilities for the
caterer's staff. But there seemed no viable alternative at the time. And it might be added that some of the finest programs the Club ever had were presented at that location.

Fraulein Gabriele

In July it was announced by Chairman A. G. Breidenstine of the International Student Projects Committee that we would have

Miss Gabriele Fruwirth, of Austria, as that year's summer visitor through the Experiment in International Living. She arrived on July 28. Host families during her stay were the Breidenstines, the Roy Hornings, the Dick Nissleys, the Dave Watts and the Keith Spaldings.

In July, Frank Abel, Cy Meminger, George Diehl, together with President Harold, presented their reports on events at the Rotary International Convention they had attended at Toronto.

District Governor Oscar Funk of Elizabethtown visited our Club on August 19, and the Club Assembly was held the same evening at Meadow Hills. And at the very next meeting following Governor Oscar's visit there was another highlight of the year. Past President of Rotary International Joe Abey, of Reading, brought us a program, "The Antarctic". And continuing the pattern of high-quality programs, on September 9 our speaker was Harry A. Stuhldreher, former all American quarterback and one of the famed "Four Horsemen of Notre Dame". His topic was "Learn and Live".

Rotary Home Property Sold

Moving into 1965, an important event for Lancaster Rotary occurred on February 10, when the Rotary Home property was sold. After much careful study, Walt McMinn's Rotary Home Committee decided that the Commonwealth's new regulations for such facilities could not be attained without huge and unrealistic expenses on the part of the Club. They therefore recommended with understandable reluctance, that the property be sold at a public sale, and that the proceeds be used at a later date for some other worthy Rotary project. The transaction was completed. Joseph Current, local builder, purchased the property and subsequently put it to commercial use.

On March 31, 1965 Commonwealth Judge Genevieve Blatt appeared before a combined meeting of the Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lancaster Rotary Club at our regularly scheduled session. The title of her presentation was, "The Value of Getting to Know Our State Government".

Our Golden Anniversary

Our Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on *May* 16, 1965. An extremely well attended banquet was held at Mayser Gymnasium, Franklin & Marshall College. The principal speaker was the senior senator from the State of New Mexico, the Honorable Clinton **B.** Anderson. Senator Anderson was a personal friend of Past District Governor C. Howard Witmer's and Howard introduced him. This was at the time Senator Anderson was sponsoring the Medicare bill in the Senate, and he took this occasion to explain the implications of the bill should it pass. It is noteworthy also that Herman Wohlsen, the last surviving Charter Member of the Club, was an honored guest at this affair.

The Venerable A. S. Groff

On March 10 Alphaeus Groff received a certificate in recognition of his more than 40 years of continuous perfect attendance from Rotary International President Charles Pettingill.

Life Begins at 80

Early in April, H. M. J. Klein spoke at a meeting on, "What Painting Has Meant to Me". This remarkable man told how he decided at age 80 to learn to paint. And he later had a one man show of 62 of his paintings. These were put on sale on the spot, the proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. And speaking of the Rotary Foundation, in addition to all of the other major accomplishments of Harold Shaar's year, our Club managed to achieve 500% status.

Second Generation President - Charlie Snyder

Succeeding President Harold as President for Rotary Year 1965-66 was a second generation leader, Charles Snyder, Jr. Charlie, who had been raised in a Rotary background, proved to be a "natural" in the role, and this was in the days when leadership

was needed. The Club was still meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall. There was an air of dissatisfaction with the site. The Cub's morale was not at its highest, largely due to the loss of the major project of the Club, the Rotary Home for Boys. But there was a note in the July 28, 1965 Transmitter to the effect that Walt McMinn's Rotary Project Committee expected to announce its choice of a new club project in the near future. The $56,000 derived from the sale of the property earlier was at this time in-vested in U. S. Treasury Bills, and it was the intention of the Club to put these funds to work in some exceptionally worth-while project as soon as possible.

A bit of constructive criticism was noted in the August 4 Transmitter. It was suggested that when Jack Kelly, of Philadelphia, had been the speaker, and the event was preceded by considerable advance publicity, the attendance had been much better than usual. The clear implication was that some of our members were attending only when high-lighted programs were anticipated.

The Club was treated to a glimpse of what was going to replace the old Brunswick Hotel on August 11, when Rotarian Clint Clubb, President of the Wickersham Engineering and Construction Co., brought us a fine program on the redevelopment plans for North Queen Street.

Mlle. De Paris

The summer visitor, through the Experiment in International Living, that year was a delightful French mademoiselle, Diana Mary Flateau. She proved to be one of the most charming guests the Club had had through the program. During her stay she was hosted by the Breidenstines, the Hornings, the McGranns and the Cences.

Rotary Takes a Holiday from Odd Fellows

The Club continued in its Gypsy ways and moved its meeting place to the Holiday Inn, on the Lititz Pike, on September 8, 1965. The Odd Fellows Hall had been a fair stop-gap, but the

disadvantages were becoming burdensome. And at the last meeting held at the Odd Fellows building, President Charlie complimented Andy Giannopoulos on the excellent job his catering service had provided despite almost insurmountable obstacles.

The Club Assembly with District Governor Charlie Wolf was held on September 1, 1965 at Meadow Hills. It was at this Assembly meeting that the new Matched District Program was introduced.

The Loss of One of Lancaster's Most Distinguished - H. M. J. Klein

It has been the intention of your historian to avoid mention of vital statistics in the narrative portion of the Club's history. But with the reader's indulgence for one exception, the Club deeply mourned the passing of Dr. H. M. J. Klein on August 27, 1965. This highly venerated gentleman, perpetually young in heart, was an inexhaustible source of inspiration for several generations of Rotarians. The world and the Lancaster Rotary Club are better off for his having been here.

Just as President Harold Shaar had smoothly handled the transition of meeting sites from the Brunswick to the Odd Fellows Hall, President Charlie when faced with similar problems did equally well. The early meetings at the Holiday Inn went smoothly. As time passed, however, the service and meal quality deteriorated. And an undercurrent of dissatisfaction again compelled the board of directors to ponder possible new meeting places.

It Ain't Braggin' If You Can Do It. They Did it

Gil Lyons, Chairman of the Association for Retired Citizens Committee, reported at a Club Assembly in September that his committee was the only one which "did essentially nothing". It had no budget, no program, and no plans. The reason: "No need". What Gil was pointing out was that the Association was a self-governing group of over 300 retired Lancastrians which was active in many

areas and needed nothing more from the Rotary Club than stand-by interest. And this was in actuality a real testimonial to the good job done years earlier by our Club in helping this organization get started.

On September 22 the Club heard an outstanding address by General Dan Strickler titled, "The Fruits of Victory". General Strickler had been the youngest captain in the U. S. Army in World War I and served as a general in World War II. And he presented his view of the condition of the world 20 years after the close of World War II. Clearly he was disappointed in what he had to report.

On October 20, the six young men who had attended the Leaders Rotary Camp that summer presented the day's program. The young men were introduced by Bob Haines and Ken Friend. They expressed their appreciation for the opportunity of attending the camp. These youths captivated the audience and were graphic evidence of the validity of this project.

Lancaster Rotary and the Viet Nam War

It was around this time that the Viet Nam situation was becoming a major issue in the land. An item in the November 3 Transmitter said, "Although not representing the official Rotary position, President Charlie at last week's meeting expressed what appeared to be the feeling of the Club with respect to the recent anti-U.S. policy demonstrations regarding the Viet Nam War. He suggested that individual members express their sentiments by sending Christmas cards to our men in Viet Nam".

There was reference made in the same issue of the Transmitter to the recent Golden Wedding Anniversary of Past District Governor C. Howard and Mrs. Witmer.

It was announced in the November 3 Transmitter that our speaker for the day would either be Jack Tracy or Tom Monaghan, whichever of the two was elected mayor of Lancaster. As it turned out, Tom Monaghan was the speaker. He told us of his plans to interest a major employer to locate a home office in downtown Lancaster as a part of revitalization of the area.

The Club was a 600% Rotary Foundation contributor at that time, and Bill Nitrauer, peerless chairman of that committee, made one of his unique sales pitches to spur the Club on to a 700% status during President Charlie's year.

There was an exceptionally good program on December 8. Benny Bengough, former Phillies catcher and coach, and at that time with the public relations section of the Phillies organization, brought us his view of baseball as seen and lived by him for the prior 48 years. Filled with humor, it was a marvelous show.

The Chorus

It was around that time that it was announced that Harold Shaar and Red Richards were going to form a chorus of Rotarians and Rotary Aims, and that following several practice sessions a benefit performance would be given, the proceeds to go to the Student Loan Fund.

In February, 1966 it became necessary for Secretary A. G. Breidenstine to resign from the Club because he had been named Executive Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dave Weaver was named secretary to replace A. G. It was but a temporary departure. The Club was most fortunate that A. G. returned to us a few years later. It should be noted also that, around this time A. G. was selected by the Millersville Lions Club as "Citizen of the Year".

The Exalted 29

On February 23 there was a special program honoring the 29 living past presidents of the Lancaster Rotary Club. Seven speakers were selected to introduce the others present. Bill Nitrauer served as M.C. The other introducers were Milt Ranck, Joe Feagley, Earl Godshalk, Mart Keener, Ed Rick, Mel Peters and Roy Homing.

Show on the Road

The Rotary Chorus gave a performance on March 13, 1966 at the Lancaster Township Junior High School. It was a highly successful event. The chorus members enjoyed participating. Harold's leadership was peerless. Red Richards and Ernie Stanziola contributed heavily to the success also. A tidy sum of money was raised for the Student Loan Fund from this effort.

"Nit" to be Governor

The District Conference that year was held in York on March 19 and 21. Some very good news came out of this Conference to the effect that our own Past President Bill Nitrauer was named District Governor-Elect for the 1966-67 Rotary Year. Also at this Conference Bob Haines was honored for his splendid work with the Leaders Rotary Camp.

For the Rotary Year 1966-67 the gavel of leadership passed from President Charlie to Harry Gerlach. Charlie made a sort of challenge to Harry to bring the total membership up from 180 to 200, and the Rotary Foundation level from 700% to 800%. President Harry cheerfully accepted the challenge.

Ah, So - Hello, Yasuko

It was announced early in the year by Chairman Tom Cence of the International Youth Projects Committee, that our Experiment in International Living visitor that summer would be Miss Yasuko Hasoda, of Japan. She visited us from July 10 to September 10. Host families were the Cences, the Gerlachs, the Richards, the Nissleys and the Hornings.

On July 20, 1966 President Harry, A. S. Groff, Mike Moore, and Fred Diffenderfer gave the Club a report on the R. l. Convention they had attended at Denver. One direct quotation is note-worthy. Fred Diffenderfer said, "Denver is a great place for a small convention and Rotary was twice as big as a small convention, so ..." And all shared the thrill with Alphaeus Groff as he described his first airplane ride ever.

A new feature of Rotary meetings started on July 20, 1966. This was the Rotary Display Board, where club bulletins and banners from other clubs throughout the world were hung each week for the members' observation. This project evoked a great deal of interest at first, but it was subsequently abandoned through attrition of interest.

Rotary International President that year was Richard L. Evans. His theme was "Reach Out Beyond Your Own Borders", indicating his desire to see Rotary make a greater contribution to world betterment.

The Rubber Chicken Revolt

A sign of creeping inflation can be seen in the August 17 Transmitter when it was announced that the Club dues were being upped from $50 to $60 per year. Appearing in the same issue was the comment that President Harry was appointing a new commit-tee whose function would be to improve the menu at Rotary luncheons; the first official indication of possible disenchantment with the current meeting facilities.

District Governor Norm Rothermel, of Palmyra, made his visit to our Club on August 24. The Club Assembly with his presence was held the same evening. A noteworthy quote from Governor Norm on that occasion was, "We never get a second chance to make a good first impression."

Rotary Foundation at 800%

What might have seemed a difficult challenge at the outset of President Harry's year, the attainment of 800% Rotary Foundation status, actually proved to be a cinch. "Nit" Nitrauer's delightful style of soft-sell cajolery and outright dunning had us to the goal by late September. Anyone who knew "Nit" would have expected him to start plugging immediately for 900%, and he surely did.

There were some more fine programs in the fall of 1966. Al Matamoros, Chief Economist for Armstrong Cork Company, gave

us an economic forecast. One of the points he raised, a trouble signal, was, "the middle income housewife's concern about climbing prices", proving history does repeat and still does. Lt. John Lutz, Director of the Juvenile Bureau, Lancaster Police Dept., spoke on "Delinquency in Lancaster". Thomas Monaghan, Mayor of Lancaster, explained the new Mayor-Council form of city government. Cameron Ralston delivered another of his stirring talks. "Which Way, U.S.A.?", and Rotarian John Fitzpatrick spoke on "Security Brokerage".

The day Cameron Ralston addressed us our guests were the fine young men whom our club had sponsored at Leaders Rotary Camp that summer. And, speaking of that noble project, Charlie Snyder, Jr. was selected by Governor Norm to represent our Club, along with Ken Friend, on the District Committee in charge of the Camp.

Items of note in the November 16 Transmitter were about the coming R.I. Convention at Nice, France, to start on May 21, 1967, and about the decision of the board to sponsor the U.S.O. party on November 26, 1966, at the Moose Hall. Andy Rote was in charge of this project.

A plea was made in mid-December by Myron Wolf for additional volunteers to man the Salvation Army Christmas chimneys. The response, while at first reluctant, was ultimately adequate.

Past President Mart Keener realized a lifetime dream; it was announced at an early December meeting. He'd had his book, "How Not To Be A Success In Business", published. And Mart autographed a copy of his book for President Harry at that meeting,

Uncle Charlie Honored

Past President Charlie Mayser, venerated by all who ever met him, was recognized in a special citation given him at the January 25 meeting. President Harry, after an extensive review of some of "Uncle" Charlie's accomplishments, presented him with a lapel pin signifying Honorary Membership. The popularity of this gesture could be seen from the standing ovation for Charlie that

followed. The Club thus expressed its unanimous appreciation for this giant in Lancaster Rotary's history.

The Project Committee, Successor to Rotary Home Project

On January 25, l%7 the Project Committee, headed by Walter McMinn, brought a resolution before the Club which would authorize the committee, in concert with the board of directors to "seek out, negotiate for, and enter into an agreement of sale for the purchase of any real estate it deems suitable" for a new Rotary Home type program.

Alphaeus Groff got a special commendation in a piece appearing in the February 8 Transmitter for the splendid work he was doing as Chairman of the Visitation Committee.

The District Conference that year was held at Hershey on April 9 and 10. The Lancaster Club had an exceptionally good turnout. Also in April there was an outstanding program presented. Frederick H. Robinson and members of the Lancaster Opera Workshop brought us selections from the opera "Die Fledermaus."

Andy Rote - Juggler Par Excellence

And another unique situation arose in April involving Andy Rote, who had somehow inadvertently arranged for two programs for the same meeting. However, with total aplomb, Andy deftly managed to give each speaker an equal share of the show. The speakers accepting this situation with exceptionally good humor were Howard Goodman, of Bethlehem Steel Co., and Ambrose Dudley, president of the Liberty Bowl.

The year was rounded out with some memorable programs. Harold Shaar introduced Dr. Russell Getz, Coordinator of the Arts, Department of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and personage of great prestige in music circles of our area. **His** topic was "Music of the New World." Other speakers of note were Grant Heilman, Owa Koski, native of Finland,

Dr. Marvin Wachman, President of Lincoln University, Rotarian Sam Altdoerffer on Cable TV, Rev. Festus Ogunbanjo, of Nigeria, and Joe Williams, manager of the Lancaster Airport.

Herman Wohlsen - Charter Member - Honorary Member

On June 28 President Harry looked back on his leadership of the Club with unjustified modesty, giving credit to his committee chairmen and fellow officers for a very successful year. Herman Wohlsen, only surviving Charter Member of our Club and a past president, was also at the head table and was accorded further distinction by being made Honorary Member.

Dave Weaver's first official chore as president for Rotary Year 1967-68 was to report, along with Past President Jesse Snavely and our brand new District Governor, Bill Nitrauer, on their trip to the R.I. Convention at Nice, France.

Our Own Governor at Work

The fact that Nit was District Governor at that time diminished not a whit his enthusiastic pursuit of bigger and better things for the Rotary Foundation from our Club. We were at that time an 800% Club, but Governor Nit made it clear that he expected the Club to attain 900% status by the end of President Dave's year.

On July 19, John Abernethy, golf professional from the Lancaster Country Club, presented a program on golf. Using nets he demonstrated the proper golf swing. And Tom Cence, together with John Ranck, volunteered to hit a few balls into the net, with Abernethy analyzing their swings. Clearly the members enjoyed the program, and apparently John Abernethy liked the Club, because he eventually became a member in 1969.

Charming Experimenter from Italy

Miss Maria Caprioli, of Italy, was our summer visitor provided by the Experiment in International Living that year. She arrived on

August 6, and was hosted during her stay by the Dave Weavers, the Richards, the Bob Reynolds and the Nissleys.

Experiment Founder Honored

Along that line, there was a special program and dinner to which Lancaster Rotarians were invited, held at the Lancaster Country Club around the time of Maria's visit. The purpose of the dinner was to recognize and honor Dr. Donald B. Watt, founder of the Experiment in International Living and an uncle of Rotarian Dave Watt's.

An announcement in the August 9, 1967 Transmitter indicated there was $10,700 currently being put to use through our Student Loan Fund. But one can also observe inflation still doing its thing from the announcement of the cost of the golf outing that year. Greens fees were up to $7.50 and the dinner to $6. But in view of present day inflation rates, perhaps those were indeed the "good old days".

Governor Nit's Official Visit

There was an occasion for special pride on August 30 when District Governor Bill Nitrauer made his official visit to our Club. If there was ever a man totally fit for the role of District Governor it was "Nit". He certainly brought new dimensions to the office. So, already having provided two very distinguished District Governors in the past, in C. Howard Witmer and Earl Godshalk, our Club produced yet another who did the job with great distinction.

In October the five young men the Club had sponsored at Leaders Rotary Camp participated in the program. Ken Friend, chairman of the project, was in charge of the meeting. And Ken made the announcement at that time that Past President Charlie Snyder, Jr. had been selected to be District Chairman for the Leaders Rotary Camp project for the next year's camp.

At the following week's meeting the Club enjoyed a rare treat when Rotarian Samson Shain presented a program entitled,

"Visiting the Jerusalem of Jesus and the Bible". Quoting the Transmitter's reporter who covered the meeting, John McGrann, "Who am I to attempt to put into words in one small paragraph the story of Samson Shain's trip to Jerusalem by sea and land and the sights he saw from the hills surrounding the Holy City? The beautiful word picture he drew of the land in which Christ walked was a joy to hear. Unforgettable was his description of the Wailing Wall."

District Governor "Nit", who was still no less the Chairman and chief propagator for the Rotary Foundation, reminded our Club at a meeting on November 18 that the week of November 12 through 18 was the final week in the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. He said that our District, #739, was the first to achieve the 300% status. He thanked our Club for doing its part and urged us to do even better.

On December 14 the Harrisburg Club put on a special lunch-eon at which Immediate Past President of R.I., Richard Evans, was the major attraction. All Rotarians in the District were invited, and a fair-sized contingent from Lancaster attended.

Change in Foundation Policy

It was announced early in January, 1968 that every club in the District was eligible during Rotary Year 1967-68 to propose one or two candidates for a Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship for study during the 1969-70 academic year. Applicants could be male or female, single, and between the ages of 20 and 28 inclusive.

Also, announcement was made that the Rotary Family Chorus was going to be revived in February and would perform at the District Conference our Club was to host on March 31 and April 1 at the Dutch Town & Country Inn.

There were many fine programs during the second half of President Dave Weaver's year, too many to enumerate. But one of the better ones was on February 29, when Fred Klein delivered a breezy, brief, but fact-filled report on "The Beginning of Rotary", in connection with Rotary's 63rd birthday. It was a delightful

presentation, especially the part where Fred described the time he and his father, H. M. J. Klein, went to Scotland to attend Rotary's very first International Convention and were greeted at the dock by 500 bagpipe-playing Scots.

A Highlight District Conference

The District Conference on March 31 and April 1, 1968 was clearly the highlight of this Rotary Year. As "Nit" was our District Governor, our Club went all out to assure its success. Ted Grabowski was Conference Chairman and Fred Ritts served as Registration Chairman. Both men exerted ultimate effort and skill which obviously paid off.

Song 'Rotary Fellows" - Written for Occasion

Harold Shaar, with special help from Ernie Stanziola and Red Richards, developed a marvelous musical program, including the Lancaster Rotary Family Chorus. The piece de resistance was the singing by the Chorus of an original song titled "Rotary Fellows". The music was composed by Ernie and Harold, and the lyrics by Roy Horning. The song, tailor-made for Governor Nit because of his renowned affinity for the Rotary Foundation, was of course dedicated to District Governor Nit.

A Rotary songfest had been scheduled for our June 12 meeting, but due to the recent tragic assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy and the somber atmosphere prevailing at the time it was - cancelled, or at least postponed for some future and more appropriate time. Tony Appel filled in with an impromptu and inspiring talk.

The reins of leadership of the Club for Rotary Year 1968-69 were in the hands of President Ken Whitney. And at the first pro-gram of Ken's year he and Jesse Snavely reported on their journey to Mexico City as delegates to the Rotary International Convention. They told of one unique item of business occurring at the Convention being a resolution permitting the establishment of a Rotary Club for young women. But they reported that the resolution was soundly defeated in the voting.

At another early program of the year Rotarian Jim Deily gave a classification talk. The subject was wills. Jim took what could have been a rather dull topic and turned it into one of the year's outstanding programs. He related such things as the discovery of the earliest will in history, having been made in 2600 B.C. One must assume for the sake of authenticity that that date was not affixed to the original document. He also told us that the longest will on record was written in 1926 and contained 96,000 words.

On July 4, 1968 the Lancaster Rotary Club presented and had erected a new flagpole at the Ed Mack Boy Scout Reservation.

Experimenter Hilda

Our summer visitor from the Experiment in International Living that year was a very charming young lady from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Miss Hilda Barcos. She was hosted during her stay by the families of Tom Cence, Hank Brown and Ken Whitney.

Two items reflecting the intrepid movement of inflation appeared in the Transmitter in August. One item pertained to the Golf Outing, with greens fees moving up to $7.50 and the dinner to $6.50. And the other was the announcement that the cost of the meal at the Holiday Inn would be increased to $2.25.

In Memoriam o f Last Charter Member - Herman Wohlsen

It was also announced in the summer of 1968 that our recently deceased last surviving Charter Member and Past President Herman Wohlsen had been named posthumously a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation. Quoting from the Transmitter, "President Ken also noted that the contributions to the Foundation in honor of Herman, in lieu of flowers, now totals approximately $1,000 which will go to further the cause in which Herman demonstrated so great an interest throughout his active life."

Another of those outstanding club sings was held in August, featuring Harold Shaar, Ernie Stanziola and Red Richards. Past President Tony Appel served as M.C. Once again the membership

could observe the value of having gifted people in the Club who could bring so delightful a change of pace in our programming.

Early in September we heard, "The Effect of Supreme Court Decisions", by Lancaster Police Chief David Rineer. He emphasized the difficulties placed upon policemen by the Escobedo and Miranda decisions. He stated that the effect produced by these landmark decisions was to convey the impression to individual policemen that their procedures and not the law breakers' were constantly on trial.

Our Experiment guest, Hilda Barcos, spoke to the Club on September 18. In charming style she told of her homeland, contrasted with the U.S.A., and expressed her happiness and gratitude for the opportunity to visit our country and community. She also expressed her thanks publicly to the host families. Thus the members could see yet another testament to the merit of the Experiment in International Living.

In a rare move the Club skipped its regular meeting on September 25 and instead held a fellowship program at the Stone Barn, in Millersville. This pleasurable affair for those who at-tended, with a menu featuring oysters, clams, lobster and steaks, was also an attendance credit meeting.

It was a year for fine quality programs, many of which were presented by our own members. There was a history of carpet at Armstrong Cork Company, presented by Hank Brown; an educational presentation on the fabrication of steel shapes by Andy Rote; and one more attempt by Ed Rick to get through our "thick heads" the difference between cement and concrete - and, alas, "twas all in vain. Then Larry Pallas gave a most interesting program called, "View of Israel". This was a slide presentation featuring the architecture and sculpture of that ancient land. Larry had obtained the photographs on his recent trip to Israel as a representative of the National Office of the United Jewish Appeal, which was a form of recognition of Larry's outstanding local service.

In April, 1969 we witnessed an exceptionally high caliber program brought to the Club by State Senator Richard A. Snyder. He reviewed the effects of the Pennsylvania State budget. The key point of his address was summed up in this statement:

"Our wants and needs cannot be achieved without incurring corresponding taxation."

Rotarian Harold Jenkins brought us a memorable program on April 30, a comprehensive history of Lancaster's public library, from its inception in 1759 to the current year. He pointed out that it is now known as the Lancaster County Free Public Library, and serves the entire county.

Brad McKain was District Governor that year. At the Club Assembly earlier in the Rotary Year, President Ken told Governor Brad that one of the goals he hoped to achieve during his year was 1000% Rotary Foundation status. And the goal was attained in May, 1969. This achievement was proudly proclaimed by Past District Governor "Nit".

Another achievement of distinction during President Ken's year was a rather large net gain in membership. This served to reverse a trend of little or no growth. The net gain for the year was 13 new members. Other highlights of the year included a $2000 gift to the Y.M.C.A., a 90% attendance, and the first 100% attendance meeting in 31 years.

During the Rotary Year 1969-70, President Tom Cence was at the helm. Tom was well aware that following a year of such great achievements would not be easy. But there was momentum, and President Tom had little difficulty demonstrating that he was up to the challenge.

An early program in the year was one presented by A. G. Breidenstine, who had just rejoined the Club during the prior year. This was a slide-illustrated talk entitled, "Many Faces of Nigeria". A. G. had recently visited Nigeria for a period of 3 months and was in a position to bring a fresh and authentic view of that emerging nation.

Experimenter Christiane

Our guest from the Experiment in International Living was Miss Christiane Vermeulen, of Brussels, Belgium. Club families hosting Christiane during her stay were the Tom Cences, the Glenn Forneys, the Hank Browns and the Ray Stoners.

A novel type of program was presented late in September involving a panel discussion of medical services. Bob Roschel served as moderator. Other panel participants were Paul Wedel, Harold White and Gary Kirchner. Discussions principally were on medical costs and fees, and utilization of hospital facilities to the best interests of the patients. A conclusion meant to be drawn from all this was that medical fees in our county were lower and the hospital usage more efficient, and the overall costs of medical service lower than in most areas of the country.

The 1969 R.I. Convention had been held in Honolulu. Early in the year our delegates to the convention, President Tom and Past District Governor "Nit" Nitrauer reported on their trip. Nit said that Hawaii was a delightful place but that the native inhabitants were most adept at separating visitors from their money. This promoted some wag to comment that Nit should know all about that since he had been doing the same thing to his fellow Rotarians for years - in behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

A timely subject was covered in a program late in August, "Black Capitalism in Lancaster", by speaker Ronald E. Ford, of the Urban League.

An announcement in the September 3, 1969 Transmitter re-ports that the Lancaster Rotary Club golf team won the City Service Club Golf Tournament for the first time since the tournament had been inaugurated. The team consisted of John Abernethy, Ted Brubaker, George Brubaker and Tom Cence. It is hard to see how such a team could lose, especially with a pro in the group.

Christiane Vermeulen, our Experiment visitor, addressed the Club in September. She gave us her impressions of our country and of our community. She said she is currently studying to be a physician. Christiane's visit with Lancaster Rotary was a mutually gratifying experience.

District Governor Bill Langston made his official visit to our Club on October 1, 1969. His theme was, "Review and Renew", and our Club Assembly with him was held the same evening at Meadow Hills.

Also in October, our Club received a plaque from the Experiment in International Living commemorating the Club's participation

for the past 8 years. Attached to the plaque were name plates for each of the ambassadors who had been Club guests during that period.

Report from a Rotary Fellow

Our program at the November 12 meeting was presented by the Club's 1968-69 Rotary Fellow, Harry G. Prescott, who gave an interesting accounting of the District's investment in him during his year in England. It was a most fascinating program and a rewarding one, given by an extremely pleasant and capable young man.

Early in the decade of the '70's the Club heard programs given by its own members. Roy Horning gave a classification talk, a brief summary of the history of brick making; as he put it, "the second oldest profession". Dick Nissley told us about his recent big-game hunting trip to Kenya. And Tom Lehmier brought an inspiring message on Scouting.

In April, 1970 Past District Governor Nit presented a 100% certificate from the trustees of the Rotary Foundation to President Tom Cence. And also in April, Rotarian Samson Shain spoke to the Club on, "What I Saw in Israel". We have yet to find the equal of Samson in drawing word pictures. And this presentation was no exception as he vividly described the great strides the State of Israel had made since its pioneer days until the occasion of Samson's visit there.

Past President Tony Appel presented a program concerning his work as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County at our meeting on May 20. He traced the evolution of the Orphans Court concept from its origin in England to its present day status. His talk was spiced with humor, but the audience never lost sight of the seriously important service Tony provides for the community.

Another very successful Rotary Leaders Camp was held in June. That year the site for the camp was at the Circle "T" Ranch, north of Brickerville, Pa.

Another Move -- *from the Holiday Inn to the Farm & Home Center*

The last Rotary meeting was held at the Holiday Inn on June 17, 1970. This was the next to last meeting of President Tom Cence's year. So the passing of the gavel of leadership took place on June 24 at our new meeting place, and at present writing our current meeting place, the Farm and Home Center, Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Thus the transfer of leadership went to Myron Wolf in the new environment for Rotary Year 1970-71.

No sooner had President Myron accepted the gavel from outgoing President Tom Cence than he found himself a part of the first program of his administration. He, with Clay Brubaker and Mark Seibert, brought their report on their attendance at the R. I. Convention which had recently been held at Atlanta.

It was announced in the July 22 club bulletin that the board of directors presented $200 to the Lancaster County Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the purchase of a slide and film-strip projector.

Patricia Gale - English Visitor

Our summer visitor from the Experiment that year was Patricia Gale, of England. Patricia had a special attachment to Rotary, as her father was president of the Rotary Club in her home town of Ilfracombe, Devon. She was hosted during her stay by the Dick Witmers, the Tom Cences, the Ray Stoners, the Glenn Forneys and the Hank Browns.

The Rotary Project Committee proposed a resolution to be approved by the Club on August 26 to the effect that $1000 from the earnings of the Project Fund be contributed to the Citizens Advisory Council on Drug Abuse, to be used by that agency as it saw fit. The resolution was adopted.

District Governor John Shumaker made his official visit to the Club on October 28, 1970. Governor John made a point in his address to the Club to the effect that the Lancaster Rotary Club will "have everything to do with what the people of Lancaster think of Rotary International." He was suggesting that while

the Club was very highly regarded in the District and in Rotary International; the community is not really aware of what the Club has done and is doing in the local community.

First Special Grant Scholar

An excellent program was presented to our Club on November 1 I by Ronald Krablin, the first Rotary Foundation Special Grant Scholar from Rotary District 739, and his wife Zenaida. His topic was on the delivery of medical care in the Philippines. The speaker was introduced, appropriately, by Past District Governor "Nit" Nitrauer.

A most memorable program came our way on December 9. A sophomore student from Franklin & Marshall College appeared before the Club and proceeded to tell the audience just about all the things that audiences did not want to hear. Robert Arthur Riley was his name. Dissension against the Establishment was his game. Quoting the Transmitter reporter who covered the event, "The talk delivered by Robert Arthur Riley, a 20-year-old sophomore from F&M College, raised the blood pressure of many of the Rotarians present." Your historian was on hand for this pro-gram and got a feeling of amusement and nostalgia. I was stirred to recall how brilliant I had been when a college sophomore, and how stupid I'd become thereafter.

Grant Brandon Honored

Grant Brandon, a Rotarian since June, 1925, and former director of the Lancaster Recreation Association for many years, was honored at our meeting on December 2. He was given an engraved plaque in recognition for long, faithful, honorable service, and outstanding achievement in the park and recreation field. The presentation was made by James G. Trost, then chairman of the Lancaster Recreation Commission.

At the meeting on December 9, Rotarian Ted Brubaker and guest speaker Jack Lausch combined to give the Club the history of the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority from its beginning in 1955 to that time. It was pointed out that this agency had been built and made operable through the dedication of a number of

local citizens who served without compensation. Besides Ted, two other Rotarians, Dick Nissley and John Eshelman, had made valuable contributions.

At the first meeting in 1971 the Club heard from Dr. Robert F. Larson, General Manager of WITF-TV. He informed us of the value and purpose of public television, and the need of financial support from the public to sustain its work.

It was announced in the January 27 Transmitter that President Myron was reminding the members of the goals he had set at the beginning of his year. These goals were; 90% attendance for the year; 1200% Rotary Foundation status; and a 5% net increase in Club membership. It seemed to Myron that all these goals were still attainable, with the possible exception of the membership increase. Because the loss by attrition was rather high to date, this goal's attainment would have required a miracle.

A timely topic was covered in the program of February 3. Harold N. Myers, Operations Manager of Lancaster Malleable Iron Company, brought us a message titled "The Foundry Industry & Pollution Problems". As one industry caught up in the focus of attention from environmental agencies, Mr. Myers gave an admirable accounting of what his company was doing to conform to punitive laws and still provide the products so badly needed by the nation.

Presenting still another facet of concern for the environment, on February 17, 1971 our guest speaker was Grant Heilman, a Lititz Rotarian who brought an address called "A Look at the Environment". Mr. Heilman graphically pointed out how man-kind seems prone to foul his nest.

On March 3 we heard from our member, Jim Glasse, who brought us up to date on the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Being comparatively new in his job, Jim said he was pleasantly surprised to find the school "better than he knew, and better than the faculty, students and community realized."

Special Contributions

The March 10 Transmitter bore the announcement that the board of directors had approved substantial contributions from the

Rotary Projects Fund: $3000 to the Lancaster Library for a delivery van; and $500 to the Boys Club for building repairs. And in the same issue appeared the news that Dr. Harold A. Dunkelberger, of Gettysburg, had been named District Governor Nominee for Rotary Year 1972-73.

Foremost in the attention of the nation in those days was the Peace Movement, and dissent in general. One of our newest members at that time, Harry Flick, spoke to the Club on this topic on March 31. He also showed a film reinforcing his position. A summation of the program as reviewed in the Transmitter was, "Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."

That year's District Conference was held in Harrisburg. The main speaker at the banquet was Ralph Salerno, internationally recognized authority on organized crime. At the suggestion of President Myron, many clubs of the District invited police chiefs and other law enforcement people to attend the banquet as guests of respective clubs.

The May 12 Transmitter indicated that Past District Governor Bill Nitrauer had presented President Myron with a certificate signifying that the Lancaster Club had become a 1200% club in Rotary Foundation giving. Furthermore, at that time Lancaster ranked 76th in worldwide Rotary competition among 14,688 clubs.

The Rotary International Convention that year was held in Sydney, Australia. Two of our members, Sam Altdoerffer and Gene Robb, attended as our delegates, May 16-20. They would report later to the Club about their adventures "down under". And the Rotary Leaders Camp was held June 13-18. Again it was a most successful venture.

The new president for Year 1971-72, Sam Altdoerffer, lost no time in instituting his leadership. **His** year would eventually reflect the unique qualities of his personality. Early in his year he presented certain challenges to the membership for greater personal involvement in Club projects and activities. And on July 7, President Sam and Gene Robb presented their report on the R. I. Convention.

On July 21 A. G. Breidenstine presented a most intriguing

program stemming from his capacity as Administrative Coordinator of Brethren Colleges Abroad. He gave an illustrated talk on the colleges located at Strasbourg, France and Marburg, Germany. The project offered exciting adventures in inter-cultural education. With A. G. Breidenstine at the head of it, who could question the validity of the program?

Rotaract - Not Yet Appropriate

At the August 4 meeting Rotarian Chuck Froehlich brought us a program entitled "Rotaract-Problems and Possibilities". In sub-stance the summary of Chuck's presentation implied the problems at that time far outweighed the possibilities, at least on the campus of F&M College, where Chuck had intimate experience with the current academic mood.

A Charming Senorita

Our Experiment visitor that year was a charming young lady from Mexico, Alicia Ruiz. She was hosted during her stay by the Sam Altdoerffers, the Glenn Forneys and the George Richards.

Rotarian Tom Lehmier took the Club on a verbal tour with illustrations of the 970-acre J. Edward Mack Boy Scout Reservation at our meeting on August 18. It was clear to all witnessing this program how the Scout camp had earned the distinction of being named the Number One Camping Council in Region 3, which covered 44 councils in a five-state area. It provided cause for justified pride among many Rotarians who had played important roles in getting this fine facility started.

It was still another occasion for pride when Lancaster Rotarians read in the September 1 Transmitter that Lancaster's newest city park, located at Fairview Ave. and West Hager St., was named in honor of Rotarian Grant D. Brandon for his outstanding contribution to the recreation movement in Lancaster.

On September 22 a dinner was held for the Club's directors and wives, and for the hosts and hostesses of summer visitor Alicia Ruiz. Andy Gianopoulos and his Rotary Ann Mary provided the dinner. Alicia was presented with a charm bracelet

depicting some item of interest created while she was with each family. In addition she was presented with a diary in which some observation had been secretly inscribed by each hostess.

In two successive weeks that September programs were presented by Club members. On the 22nd, Samson Shain brought another peerless word picture of the current scene in Israel as witnessed personally by Samson on his trip there in July. Then on the 29th, Mark Seibert gave another humor-filled talk entitled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Your Building Materials Dealer But Were Afraid to Ask". Needless to say, Mark had another hit.

Harry Esbenshade Honored

It was announced on October 20 that the board of directors had approved granting the Rotary Service Award to Past President Harry Esbenshade. This action was very appropriate. Few Rotarians have ever given more of themselves to Rotary than Harry Esbenshade.

A very stirring program was presented on October 27 by Rotarian Fred Klein. Fred was at that time Emeritus Professor of History at Franklin and Marshall College. Depicting himself as an imaginary participant in many events and actions relating to the American Revolutionary War, Fred brought a graphically authentic picture of what was happening in Lancaster during that era.

On November 3 there was another excellent Rotary program. The topic was the Rotary Foundation. The speakers were three past district governors of our District: Bill Nitrauer, Bill Kishpaugh and Mark Tice. Nit expressed confidence the Lancaster Club would reach the 1300% level by the end of that year. It later developed that the Club actually attained 1400% status.

Speaking of Nit, he was recipient of the November Rotary Service Award in recognition of his many contributions to community service.

District Governor Bill Granger, of Annville, paid his official visit to the Club on November 10. Our Club's two living Past District Governors, Earl Godshalk and Nit Nitrauer, shared the platform with Governor Bill. The Governor's remarks were

focused on the point of stimulating greater participation by individual members, better public relations within the community, higher attendance percentage, the promotion of merit awards to deserving members, and increased activity regarding youth in schools and colleges. As a parting note he challenged the Club to assist in forming a new club in the area during his year as governor.

A Live Turkey! Really?

President Sam came up with an original idea at the November 24 meeting. The objective was to raise some money for Camp Harmony Hall. There was a drawing for a 36-lb. live turkey. If one's name were drawn he could buy the turkey for $15. If he didn't want the turkey he could contribute $1 and the drawing would continue. After many refusals of the turkey, Jim Wohlsen agreed to pay the $15 for it, providing that President Sam deliver it to Christ's Home, in Paradise. A total of $102 was raised for Camp Harmony Hall, and Christ's Home got the turkey.

Well Deserved Honors for Bob and Earl

On January 5, President Sam presented the Rotary Service Award to Past President Bob Haines for his outstanding and unselfish service to the community. And, speaking of service, when the new slate of officers for the Club was announced in March it was also mentioned that Les Herr, who had served as Club Treasurer for seven years, was retiring from the post at the end of that year. Les was extended sincere thanks for his good and conscientious service by President Sam from the rostrum.

In April, Earl Godshalk was honored by being given the Rotary Service Award. Earl, who at that time had accumulated 43 years of perfect attendance, was certainly highly deserving of the award. He had been president of our Club 1935-36, and District Governor in 1946-47. Few Rotarians have ever equaled Earl's record for Rotary service or his exemplary presence in the Lancaster Rotary Club.

The District Conference that year was held in April at Hershey. A sizeable contingent of Lancaster Rotarians attended.

A New High for Foundation - C. Howard Witmer Honored Posthumously

Past District Governor "Nit" Nitrauer presented a certificate from the Rotary Foundation to President Sam on April 26, indicating the attainment of 1400% contribution level by our Club. Nit announced also that District #739 had been the first district in Rotary International to achieve 500% status. Our board of directors, around the same period, agreed to establish a Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of the late Dr. C. Howard Witmer. This honor was accorded because of this Past District Governor's many contributions of service to Lancaster Rotary. A plaque was presented by Nit to Howard's son, Rotarian Dick Witmer at a regular meeting. Dick accepted in behalf of the family.

The 13th annual Rotary Leaders Camp was held at Camp Shikellamy from June 11 to 16. Our Club participated as in the past.

In June the Club presented a check for $1500 to the Lancaster Boys Club to be used for the erection of a storage shed. Richard Bauman, President of the Boys Club, accepted on behalf of that organization.

Awards to Paul and Jim

Paul Eshelman was presented with a Rotary Service Award in June. Paul was President of the Lancaster Rotary in 1944-45, and the plaque he received was for his outstanding service to his profession, to the community and to Rotary. Another Rotary Service Award was given to Jim Shreve, in absentia, for his many years of distinguished service to the community and to the Club. Jim was at the time confined to Maple Farms Nursing Home. He was destined to live out the remainder of his life there.

A special District Assembly was held on June 24 for all newly-elected officers, directors, club bulletin editors, and Rotary Foundation Committee Chairmen.

Past President Jesse Honored

This year seems to have been one for Rotary Service Awards, and all well deserved too. One more such award was bestowed upon Past President Jesse Snavely. Jesse was President of our Club in 1943-44. His entire life had been synonymous with service par excellence.

Rotary Year 1972-73 had its first meeting of the Lancaster Club under the leadership of President Fred Ritts on July 5. Few presidents have been harder working or more dedicated to the assignment than Fred.

Return of the Egg to the Nest

A note in the July 5 Transmitter stated that George Diehl and Harry Esbenshade, for the Association For Retired Citizens, had returned to the Lancaster Rotary Club $3,343.82, which had been the original "nest egg" our Club had put up to start that organization a number of years earlier. This act said all that need be said as to the peerless success of this venture.

Reflecting the tone of the era, one of the early programs in President Fred's year was, "The Effects of OSHA", presented by Edward J. Hagen, of the Keystone Chapter, Associated Builders & Contractors. Mr. Hagen deftly pointed out the implications on contractors and industry in general of this revolutionary bureaucratic agency.

A special collection was taken at the meeting of July 26 wherein the sum of $124.50 was raised and sent to the Elizabeth-town Rotary Club to aid their effort to provide a wheelchair for a young accident victim in that area.

A memorable program was presented on August 2 by Rotarian George Nieto. George related his experiences during a visit to the Peoples Republic of China. George had been among the first Americans to have the opportunity to visit that mysterious nation after so many years of alienation from the west.

Erica of Genoa

Our summer visitor from the Experiment in International Living that year was Erica Ziani, of Genoa, Italy. She was the guest of the families of Glenn Forney, Ray Stoner, Dick Witmer and Ted Jones during her visit to Lancaster. All of the Experiment visitors have been exceptional young people. Erica was equally delightful and was most appreciative of her opportunity to visit us.

It was announced on September 6, 1972 that Mrs. Ellen Manning retired from her regular position at the National Central Bank. But to the relief of the entire Lancaster Rotary Club establishment she did not retire from her very important role as permanent recording secretary for the Club. Another event of interest occurred around that time when the Club made a contribution of $3500 to the Lancaster Y.M.C.A. for the purchase of a new van.

District Governor Harold Dunkelberger made his official visit to the Club on October 18. The Club Assembly with the Governor was held that evening.

On November 8 the Club heard from Dennis Packard, Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellow from Selinsgrove, Pa. He brought a report to us on his year of study at the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France. Once again the intrinsic value of the Rotary Foundation became manifestly visible.

The North Museum Project

November 29, 1972 was a very significant date in the history of the Lancaster Rotary Club. This was the date the Club overwhelmingly endorsed the project known as the Lancaster Rotary Club Public School Program of the North Museum. After years of waiting and searching for a single large project to emerge which was comparable in size and scope to the Rotary Home project, it appeared a worthy endeavor was at hand. John Fitzpatrick chaired the Rotary Projects Committee at the time and provided the leadership required to consummate the agreement between the Club and the North Museum. The salient provisions of the agreement were: (1) The Club was to pay the North Museum

$3,600 per year for five years; (2) The Club would make efforts to increase the charitable fund by donations and bequests; (3) We would engage the interests of members and wives as volunteers in the programs and activities of the Museum.

lf the reader will permit a personal if parenthetical observation, it has seemed to your historian that while the concept was sound, and certainly well intended - the money goes to a very worthy cause - the participation by the members was never of the magnitude anticipated or deserved. Aside from the total dedication of John Fitzpatrick, Bob Phillips, Charlie Snyder, Harold Shaar, and President Fred Ritts, general support from individual club members was practically nil. This was unfortunate and surely must have been disappointing to those principals who poured their time and efforts into the venture.

"Nit" Named Paul Harris Fellow

On November 30, 1972 the Rotary Foundation International presented the commemorative plaque and medal to Past District Governor "Nit" Nitrauer designating him a Paul Harris Fellow, "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world." This award was made on the recommendation of the 36 clubs comprising Rotary District #739.

"Nit" was a patient in the hospital when he received the award. All who were aware of the terminal nature of his illness greatly admired his courageous struggle against it. The Club members and all others who knew him were deeply saddened by his demise on December 17, 1972. Few men have ever had so great an impact on a Rotary Club or District as "Nit".

Prior to "Nit's" passing, on December 13, President' Fred announced that a total of $1,200 had been received from Club members to be used as a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in "Nit's" memory.

A significant change in Rotary International policy was announced at the December 13 meeting which pertained to Senior Active Membership. This change removed the optional aspect of that type membership. If a member (1) had been a member of

one or more clubs for a total of 15 years or more; (2) had been a member of one or more clubs for a total of 10 years or more, and was age 60 or older; (3) a member of one or more clubs for a total of 5 or more years and was age 65 or older; (4) was a Past-Service member who had been a member of one or more clubs for a total of 15 years or more, those members would all automatic-ally become Senior Active. The date set for this official change to occur was January 1, 1973.

The Club received a special treat at its meeting on December 13, when Rotarian Mark Seibert brought one of his inimitable programs to us on the subject "The Four Way Test". Mark is always a star attraction, with his uniquely humorous style and comedic timing, and there were 180 present for the "show". This was close to a record attendance, and according to the Transmitter account, all there were satisfied customers.

A Charter Night meeting was held on January 20, 1973 for the newly formed Lancaster West Rotary Club. Our Club had played some part in getting this new Club chartered, mostly through the efforts of Past President Sam Altdoerffer.

On February 21, President Fred gave his report to the Club on his trip to the R. I. Convention at Houston, Texas. He told us the theme of the convention had been, "Goodwill Begins With You". It was certainly appropriate for a convention which Fred Ritts attended, as few people ever generated more goodwill than he. Then in March, President Fred presented a check from the Club to Tom Lehmier in the amount of $1500 to be used toward the purchase of a Jeep-type vehicle for the use of the Boy Scouts at Camp Edward Mack. And at the same meeting, the Club received a certificate proclaiming a 1500% Rotary Foundation level of participation.

Kudos for Gerry

It is noteworthy to mention that Past-President *Gerry* Hoover was honored late in this Rotary Year by being given a special "Outstanding Rotarian Award" for 40 years of "Service Above Self'.

Club of the Year

As can be discerned, Rotary Year 1972-73 was obviously one of the most active years in the Club's history. And it was entirely fitting that the Club was singled out as "The Club of the Year" in District #739 at the 59th Annual District Conference in Gettysburg.

From Fred to Ted

Not the least bit intimidated by the success of his predecessor in the office, incoming President Ted Grabowski assumed leadership of the Club for the Rotary Year 1973-74 and led us through yet another very busy year. This year was memorable for its high-quality programs.

At the initial meeting of the year, Mike Moore extended thanks to the members for the $412.99 contributed in the milk bottles on the tables for the Boys' Club Camp program that year. And at our meeting on July 18 the Club was privileged once again to hear one of those classics by Samson Shain, his subject, "Jewish Law on Crime and Punishment".

At the last meeting in July the Club was given a report on the R. I. Convention which had been held at Lausanne, Switzerland by past-presidents Charlie Snyder and Harold Shaar, and by President Ted. Clearly all the delegates had a fine time, though apparently the accommodations for so large a group (25,000) in a city about the size of Reading, Pa. were only marginally adequate.

Bob Phillips - Mr. North Museum

Bob Phillips, perhaps the most dedicated Rotarian with respect to the North Museum Project, gave a presentation to the Club on August 1 entitled "The Kids at North". He related some of the highlights of his work with the school children at the North Museum. And he brought live snakes for a touch of realism.

Another Mlle. De Paris

Our Experiment in International Living visitor for the year was Marie-Odile Benard, of Paris, France. This charming mademoiselle resided during her stay in Lancaster with the families of Ted Grabowski, Ted Jones, Dick Witmer, Ray Stoner and Tom Cence.

An excellent program was given in August by the Four Way Test Committee. The team was composed of Joe Keating, Tony Appel, Bob Reynolds, and "Top Banana" Mark Seibert, and the program was entertaining as well as informative.

New Faces in Fashion

An innovative change of pace came along with the fashion show presented on October 10. Rotary Anns were invited to the meeting. Serving as models for the show were Mrs. Sam Altdoerffer, Mrs. Tom Cence, Mrs. Clint Clubb, Mrs. Ted Distler, Mrs. John McGrann, Mrs. Pete Slaugh, Mrs. Harold White, John Abernethy, Sam Altdoerffer, Jr., Al Ernstberger, Samson Shain and Clair Simeral III.

Earl the Pearl

District Governor George E. Reimer made his official visit to the Club *on* October 17. At the same meeting, Past District Governor Earl Godshalk was honored by receiving a certificate and lapel pin for 45 years of perfect attendance. Additionally he received a letter of commendation from Rotary International President William C. Carter.

A really fine film was presented at our October 31 meeting, titled "The Ballad of Agnes". It was narrated by Nelson Sears, Program Manager of WGAL-TV. This, of course, was the pictorial record of the hurricane and flood named Agnes which devastated eastern Pennsylvania in 1972.

On November 21 John Fitzpatrick, Rotary Projects Commit-tee Chairman, cited Rotarians Jim Snavely, Ed Carr, Bob Phillips, Charlie Bitler and John McGrann for their fine work in the North Museum project.

Miss Pennsylvania visited our Club on December 5. Her name, of course, was Tina Thomas. She favored us with some Gospel **songs. Miss** Thomas completely captivated the Rotarian audience. Not only was she lovely to look at, but she was possessed of a fine voice and a charming personality.

The Matched District Committee was quite active that year. They got involved in an exchange program which proved very interesting. Through our Club's sponsorship, five students of the fifth grade in Kissel Hill Elementary School sent art work they created to Rotary Clubs in Taiwan and Japan. Those countries in turn sent art work from some of their elementary schools to us, which we referred to the Kissel Hill school. The results of this activity were then presented to our Club at a meeting program. Bob Smith chaired the committee, and his daughter Sue was the teacher of the Kissel Hill students. This was a project requiring considerable work, but the results were rewarding and certainly advanced the spirit of Rotary International.

George Nieto announced on February 6, 1974 that he needed help in the form of fourteen host families to host some guests from India who would be visiting our area in May as a part of the Matched Club Exchange Program. Dean Keller was subsequently to provide valuable help to George in seeing this project through in fine style.

1600% Going on 1700%

Around the same time, Chairman A. G. Breidenstine of the Rotary Foundation Committee announced that the Club had attained 1600% status in the Foundation project in December. In the spirit of "Nit", A. G. told us we were within $765 of attaining the 1700% level.

Rotarian Harold Jenkins presented a program called "The Future of Library Service in Lancaster County" on February 13. As Harold was already scheduled to leave our area for a larger assignment in Kansas City when he accepted the program duty for this meeting, this was Harold's last appearance before the Club. It became quite clear from the ovation Harold received at the conclusion of his presentation how highly regarded and respected he was in the Club and in the community.

We had a fine Space Age program on March 6 entitled "ERTS/ Nimbus Project". Dr. Wayne Guard, of the General Electric Company, showed some spectacular photos taken by satellites and gave us inkling as to the unlimited potential for gathering all sorts of physical information by this method. We can now see, in this year of 1980, how Dr. Guard's predictions have been born out, and how we now take for granted the use of satellites almost as much as we do electricity.

In March, the Rotary Project Committee selected the YWCA as recipient of a $750 contribution. The Club also presented a check to the Lancaster Hearing Conservation Center for the purchase of an audiometer. The latter check was accepted by our own Caleb Bucher, President of the Hearing Conservation Center.

Mark Seibert, our resident humorist, brought another of his gems to the Club in a program presentation on March 27. The tantalizing title of Mark's talk was, "Some Savory Scandinavian Shorts". Contrary to the impression conveyed in that title, the show was not "X" Rated. Instead it was a travel talk featuring photos taken by Mark during his trip to Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany. It was typical "Seibert" fare, enjoyed by all.

The Lancaster Rotarian Community Service Award was presented by Past-President Sam Altdoerffer on March 27 to Rotarian Tom Lehmier for his excellent work as Chief Boy Scout Executive of the Lancaster-Lebanon Council.

Frank's a Jolly Good Fellow

And on April 3, Frank Altdoerffer was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award by Chairman A. G. Breidenstine. Quoting from the Transmitter about this event: "Frank has always exemplified the ideals of Rotary, and to him we extend our sincerest congratulations on this achievement."

On May 8 our program was "Lunch Under the Stars". This involved lunch at the Franklin Residence of Franklin & Marshall College, then a trip to the planetarium of the North Museum. Bob Phillips, who practically dedicated his entire life to the North

Museum - Rotary Club Project in those days, very professionally guided us from galaxy to galaxy. Mick Ranck, Transmitter re-porter covering the event, said humorously, "Many members demonstrated the physical effect on the human body by relaxing on a reclining chair in a dark room following a big lunch. And George Reynolds demonstrated the effect of walking immediately from bright sunlight into planetarium darkness." The program was well done and clearly demonstrated that our support of the Museum was an extremely worthwhile venture.

An announcement in the May 29 Transmitter from President Ted stated that the Club's attendance in April had been 93.3%, which was the fifth highest in the District. He also indicated that attendance would continue to be a top priority goal in the months ahead.

We were informed in the June 5 issue of the Transmitter that there would be two young ladies visiting us through the Rotary Student Exchange program in July. They were to be Aleke Schemmert, of West Germany; and Jumana Ramadan, of Jordan. Rick Oppenheimer was to be in charge of the project.

District Governor George Reimer sent us a message in June stressing the point that our Club was very close to becoming a 1700% Rotary Foundation Club. Coincidentally it was announced that Andy Rote's Phillies baseball excursion on May 10 had yielded a profit. This profit plus some personal ante from Andy was refunded to the Club with the stipulation that it be contributed to the Rotary Foundation. This contribution, $50, enabled the Club to achieve President Ted's goal of 1700% status.

Another of Ted's goals had been to increase our membership. This too was achieved. The Club membership saw a net gain of 13 during the year.

The very first meeting of Rotary Year 1974-75, under the leadership of our new president, Jim Snavely, was high-lighted by the appearance of Past District Governor Bill Langston, who was at that time District Chairman for the Rotary Foundation. He commended our Club for having achieved the 1700% level of contribution to the Foundation. He also expressed confidence that we would continue with that record of progress.

The Bicentennial year of our nation was only a year and a half

away. As an opening effort of the Club to participate in its celebration, Bob Marvel announced the availability of Bicentennial license plates. Many members bought these.

In keeping with the Club's interest in the North Museum, Professor John Cavanaugh brought us a fascinating talk on his duties and experiences at North. And at the very next meeting we heard from John Hager, local balloon enthusiast, describing his participation in the Mtirren Balloon Festival in Switzerland. President Jim and Secretary Hank Brown gave us a report on their attendance at the Rotary International Convention at Minneapolis-St. Paul. That convention had been held in June of 1974.

Aleke - New Experimenter

We had a lovely young Fraulein from Germany, Aleke Schemmert, as our summer visitor through the Experiment in International Living that year. She was hosted by the families of Gary Kirchner, Jim Deily and Dave Lynch during her stay.

An excellent example of the spirit of Rotary service could be observed when Fred Diffenderfer, retired from an active business career, but at that time serving as Chairman of the Lancaster City & County Joint Transit Authority, brought us a report on the status of mass transit in our community. He related a rather grim account of the situation. But all of us who knew the sort of dedication and ability Fred brings to every task he undertakes were totally confident the mass transit problems would be solved.

Our District Governor that year was Ben Forrest. Unfortunately, quite early in the Rotary Year he became seriously ill and Past District Governor Mark Tice was appointed acting Governor in August.

Nobody's Fault

A topic of timely interest was covered in a September program presented by Mr. William Heller, an executive of the Aetna Life & Casualty Company. No Fault auto insurance was the subject. Some controversial aspects of the talk drew a number of pointed questions and heated discussions during the question and answer period following Mr. Heller's speech.

Good Fellow - Jim Shreve

An event of heart-warming quality occurred in September. Jim Shreve was named a Paul Harris Fellow. All of us who had the special pleasure of knowing Jim during his active years in Rotary were more than delighted to witness this honor being bestowed.

The Lancaster Rotary Club, long known for its traditional golf outings, was stimulated by some of the newer, younger members to become involved in tennis. A few of our members participated in the Mixed Doubles Tournament for the benefit of the Rock-ford Foundation in September, 1974. Mick Ranck assumed leadership of the Rotary contingent.

Again - Earl the Pearl

In October, Earl Godshalk was congratulated before the Club for his 46 years of perfect attendance. Past District Governor Earl was truly a living example of the ideal Rotarian in every way. Needless to say, the honor was very popular among the member-ship. At the same meeting, the Club had the privilege of hearing a talk by Dr. Eric A. Walker, former President of Penn State University. His subject: "Can Industries and Communities be Allies?"

Bob Phillips, clearly the strongest link between our Club and the North Museum, brought us a delightfully entertaining and educational program on outer space in October. With the use of some excellent graphic aids, he managed to give us all some perspective as to our infinitesimal significance in the total universe.

An attempt for a 100% attendance meeting was made on December 4, 1974. Mel Williams, Chairman of the Attendance Committee, provided the leadership in that effort. And it was a fine effort indeed. There were only two members who either didn't get the message or didn't care enough to do their part, but we did achieve a 98.81% attendance, which wasn't bad.

Revolution Over - Thank God!

We received some very welcome news in a program presented early in 1975 when we were informed officially that the student revolution was over, and why. This from Professor Stanley J. Michalak, Jr., Chairman of the Franklin & Marshall Government Department. Just one week later we heard from architect Cliff Coleman on the

architecture of Lancaster County. A few weeks after that, there was a fine talk along historical lines and reminiscent of some of those classic presentations by the Kleins. Dr. Joseph E. Walker, of Millersville State College, spoke on, "The Bicentennial of a Peculiar Revolution."

For a change of scenery, the Club held its May 7 meeting at the Lancaster Community Jewish Center. Larry Pallas provided the day's program. The title of his talk was, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Jews, But Were Afraid to Ask." Ably assisted by Samson Shain, Larry gave a fascinating and thought stimulating program which surely enhanced the spirit of under-standing in which Rotary prides itself.

On May 21, we were treated to a special brand of humor Mark Seibert always supplies. His talk was captioned, "How One Per-cent Can Make the Difference". Mark proceeded to expound on his economic theory: "I buy something for five dollars and sell it for ten dollars. That one percent mark-up really assures success." Need we say more?

Nobody's Perfect --- But Mel Made it Close

It was announced in May that in our April Attendance Contest, of 13 teams competing, 8 achieved the 100% level. Mel Williams was congratulated for leading the Club through a very successful effort to attain 100% attendance for the Club during the month. And our Club did attain a 98.31%, which was the best in the entire District.

This Rotary Year was a good one in Lancaster in many ways. It was also a growth year, and we showed a net increase in membership of eight. But there were more to come, and the Year 1975-76 was equally interesting, under the innovative leadership of President Bob Roschel.

60 Years of Distinction

As 1975 represented the 60th Anniversary of our Club's birth, President Bob called upon the Club Historian Committee to present brief excerpts of interest from the Club's history, including the early days as well as more contemporary years. It was done in a series of segments in chronological sequence and in the motif of the then popular "That's The Way it Was" style as seen on TV. Further, in the same vein, at our meeting of July 9, Andy Giannopoulos presented President Bob with a 60th Anniversary birthday cake which had been baked by Andy's wife Mary.

The Oral History Project

Further in the spirit of historical heritage, as the Bicentennial year 1976 was an immediate prospect, there was much going on in our community and in our Club pertaining to that. Many of the early plans never did materialize. But one project of considerable import did develop, namely, the Oral History Project. This was done in conjunction with the Lancaster Library. Rotarian Bob Case, who was Librarian, coordinated the project. The Club contributed the funds necessary to bring it to fruition. A total of $4,000 was contributed. These funds were taken from the Rotary Project Committee account with the understanding they would subsequently be replaced by some yet-to-be-named fund raising activity in the future.

Ellen Manning, A Lost Treasure

The Club saw the end of an era in October, 1975 with the resignation of Mrs. Ellen Manning as Executive Secretary, following 26 years of dedicated and peerless service. Many of us actually wondered how the Club could continue to function properly without Mrs. Manning to keep us on the right track. She was presented with a scrap-book containing letters of appreciation from many Club members, and an honorarium of $1,000.

Barbara Anne Kreider to the Rescue

In was indeed a fortunate turn of events, however, when the Club obtained the services of Mrs. Barbara Anne Kreider to replace Mrs. Manning. Mrs. Kreider lost no time in demonstrating that she was an ideal replacement and at present writing is keeping the Good Ship Lancaster Rotary afloat.

In reviewing the programs presented during President Bob's year, one must conclude that energy was the topic of paramount interest. We had a lot of programs on solar, nuclear and nearly every other possible form of energy. Other pressing issues of the era were medical malpractice, no-fault insurance and juvenile delinquency.

Probably due to the new young members in the Club, new athletic activities emerged. Tennis and bowling were added to the always popular golf events the Club traditionally provided. Thus there was something for just about anyone seeking athletic pursuits.

The Loss of Ernie, One of a Kind

There was a definite change in the Club's music situation when Ernie Stanziola became gravely ill and passed away late in 1975. Ernie Stanziola was recognized as one of Lancaster's finest musicians, and his versatile abilities at the keyboard had always made the Club's singing sound much better than it really was. Obviously Ernie's departure created a loss impossible to replace.

An attempt was made for a 100% attendance meeting on December 10, 1975. As usual, only a few members could not, or did not make the extra effort to make up. The ultimate results showed a 94.86% attendance for the target day. This was not really too bad for a Club of our size.

At our January 28, 1976 meeting, Jim Brener was the recipient of the Community Services Award. Most of us were well aware of the quality and quantity of services Jim characteristically performs for our community. The award was proudly presented to Jim by Samson Shain.

The District Conference that year was held at Lebanon Valley College. The District Governor presiding was Paul Dunkelberger.

There was an unusually good representation from the Lancaster Club.

In February the Club adopted a policy proposal deploring pornography in printed material, films and TV. While many members of our Club deplore even more any concept of censor-ship, no one was heard in opposition to the resolution when presented. Presumably this would have been tantamount to voting against motherhood.

One of the most outstanding programs ever given at a Rotary meeting was the one presented by Rotarian Bill Young in March on the topic of "Sonar in Medicine". The presentation was greatly enhanced by some exciting pictures illustrating what can be achieved through the scientific marvel known as Sonar Scanning.

President Bob's goal with respect to attendance at the outset of his year was to achieve a 90% for the Year. As of March 24, 1976 the official Club Membership stood at 199, and our attendance record to that date was 88.13%. So an attendance contest was devised for the entire month of May. As it turned out, this proved to be one of the most successful efforts ever, with the incredible result of over 99% attendance for the month. One member failed to make up for one unattended meeting. Steve McDaniels chaired the effort and obviously did a superb job. Moreover, it made possible the achievement of Bob's goal of 90% for his year.

President Bob Exits as Paul Harris Fellow

Bob Roschel relinquished the gavel of Club leadership to President Hank Brown on June 30, 1976. Just prior to this act, Bob became a Paul Harris Fellow. Picking up the momentum generated in the first half of the nation's Bicentennial Year, President Hank proceeded to provide the leadership of the Club through much exciting and gratifying activity.

Sweet Swiss Miss

Our guest from the Experiment in International Living that year was Miss Marie Zurfluh, from Switzerland. During her stay in our

community she was hosted by the families of Hank Brown, Don Needham, Tom Cence and Dick Witmer.

An early meeting of the year was held at the new Franklin & Marshall College Center which had only recently been completed. The luncheon, served at the new building, was followed by a tour of the center and a special planetarium program at the North Museum entitled, "Martians to Microbes".

On August 19, Past President Dave Weaver and his lovely Rotary Ann Ruth delivered a cassette tape containing personal messages from 22 Lancaster Rotarians to nursing home-bound member Jim Shreve, a true veteran of our Club who contributed so much to the Club during his active membership. The tape was accompanied by photos of ten of the commenting members. Dave later reported that Jim had been highly pleased and deeply touched by this unique experience. This was just another example of thoughtfulness so typical of Dave Weaver.

We were treated to "An Inside View of the Portuguese Revolution" at a meeting in October, presented by Lt. Col. Edward F. Grubbs, Professor of Military Science, University of Scranton; a most interesting talk. And another fine program was presented shortly thereafter by President Keith Spalding, of Franklin & Marshall College. Keith, a former Lancaster Rotarian, spoke on "What's New at F&M".

The Club Assembly was held on October 27 at Andy's Restaurant. District Governor Vic Hann was present and commented how highly pleased he was with the state of our Club. The turn-out of our members was excellent for this function. Another treat was in store for those attending our November 17 meeting, when our own Jim Glasse gave a delightful report on his sabbatical trip to Australia. Jim is renowned for his keen wit and declamatory prowess, and this presentation was no exception. And at our Thanksgiving week meeting, another of our distinguished members, Ted Jones, brought us a message of inspiration. It was surely the Club's loss when Ted subsequently was "kicked upstairs" to a more exalted post in his Church and was forced to leave our community.

Kenneth V. Hatt, Executive Vice-President of HERCO (formerly Hershey Estates), brought us an inside view of the history

and growth of the Hershey company at our December 8 meeting. As a special feature of his presentation he played what is the only known recording of Milton Hershey's voice. This was an excerpt from a 1938 radio program.

A Grand Gala at the Library - Nobody Said "SHHH"

Reference was previously made in the segment of this report covering President Bob Roschel's year to a rather large monetary contribution to the Lancaster Free Public Library to finance the oral history series. And it was announced on December 22 that our regularly scheduled meeting for Wednesday, January 16, 1977 would not be held, but that the Library Fund Raising Gala would be held in its place. Well, the Gala was held and was an overwhelming success. The function took place right in the Library. While the obligation of funds to be raised took place in Bob Roschel's administration, it was up to President Hank Brown's to "pay the piper". There is no doubt that Hank was to be commended, and he surely was, for his courage in taking on a project so revolutionary for the Lancaster Rotary Club.

Two More Paul Harris Fellows - A. G. & Sam

Two more Lancaster Club members became Paul Harris Fellows. These men were Vice-President A. G. Breidenstine and Past President Sam Altdoerffer. Past District Governor Paul Dunkelberger made the presentations and on the same occasion congratulated the Lancaster Club upon our attaining the 2000% level of Rotary Foundation giving.

Good Try - But No Go

Some consideration was given by the Club during this year to the sponsoring of a juvenile detention facility akin in concept to the old Rotary Home. A committee composed of Joe Lombardo, Jack Treier, Dave Watt, and chaired by Don Needham, spent much time and effort attempting to locate possible housing facilities. But on April 27 it was announced that the Board of Directors, upon due consideration and reflection on available data, unanimously rejected the project for the Club.

The month of May, 1977 saw another attempt by the Attendance Committee to promote a 100% Attendance Month. Chair-man Dick Minnich headed that valiant effort. A very respectable 98.23% was achieved. Again, only one or two members couldn't or wouldn't come through.

John J. Eshelman Honored

It was indeed a great pleasure for all to witness John J. Eshelman being honored with a plaque and a heart-felt standing ovation in May, I977. A Past President of our Club, John was celebrating 50 years of active service in Lancaster Rotary. He had been inducted in May, 1927. Through his lifetime of that service John always provided a living example of Rotary principles.

Perhaps one of the strongest characteristics of the Lancaster Rotary Club is its ability to provide continuity of leadership excellence from one administration to the next. No clearer evidence of that could be found than the transfer of Club leadership from the capable hands of Hank Brown to the equally-skilled hands of A. G. Breidenstine.

President A. G. announced his goals for Rotary Year 1977-78 at the July 6 meeting. While the goals set seemed ambitious, no one doubted for a minute that they would be achieved. He wanted to add 200% to our Rotary Foundation status; to in-crease the number of Paul Harris Fellows in the Club; to hold the line on dues; to make a strong effort toward a matching club in Japan; to add 25 new members; to participate in some world community project, using technical rather than financial assistance; to achieve a 90% attendance record the year; and to stamp out "scooters".

Senorita Lamadrid

Our Experiment in International Living ambassador that summer was a charming senorita from Spain, Laura Lamadrid. Principal hosts for Laura during her stay in Lancaster were the families of Rick Oppenheimer, Cal High, Don Needham and Charlie Seliga.

As stated earlier, high in the priorities set by President A. G. was attendance. Bob Case had been named Attendance Committee

Chairman. He did yeoman work and proved equal to the task of prodding the membership toward that goal of 90% for the year. One of several major efforts engineered by Bob was in scheduling a 100% attendance day for September 28. The results were as close to perfect as possible.

Aid for Johnstown

District Governor Urey Alexander made his official visit to our Club on August 24. An extremely successful Club Assembly was held the same evening. Governor Urey's theme was, "I believe Rotary can unite mankind." And during his visit to Lancaster he made an appeal for financial assistance from our Club for the unfortunate citizens of Johnstown, Pa. who had recently been victims of a devastating flood. Hank Brown was designated by President A. G. to head up this appeal. Through Hank's superb efforts a total of $895 was raised for this cause.

Rotary Fellow Gail Mummert

One of our outstanding programs for the year involved Rotary Fellow Gail Mummert at our meeting on October 26. Gail de- scribed her work toward her Master's thesis, a demographic study of a Mexican village of 355 people. Her presentation touchingly reflected her deep concern for the poverty-stricken life style of those people. Gail made us all very proud to have had a part in sponsoring her advanced studies.

Rotary Fellow Susan L. Anthony

On November 9 the Club witnessed another outstanding program in connection with the Foundation. Former Rotary Fellow Susan L. Anthony related her experiences as a Fellow during the 1975-76 Rotary Year. She had attended the University of Leicester, in England. All in attendance at this meeting were surely convinced of the worthiness of the Rotary Foundation.

Mention had been made earlier in this journal of the project innovated by Dave Weaver involving taping messages from various Club members to be replayed later for the benefit of ill or infirm members unable to attend meetings. In November mention was

made in several issues of the Transmitter to this. It should be noted that Andy Rote provided valuable assistance in this project. And, needless to say, the members who heard these messages were deeply appreciative of the thoughtfulness of Dave and Andy.

December in Lancaster Rotary was filled with music. One most memorable program, on December 21, featured a concert by the Millersville State College Brass Ensemble, directed by Dr. Sy Brandon. The effect was unique, refreshing and highly pleasing to all who heard it.

Paul Harris Fellow Jesse Snavely

It was announced on December 28 that Past President Jesse Snavely had become a Paul Harris Fellow. It was also announced around the same period of time that Violet Nitrauer, widow of our beloved Past District Governor and Past President, "Nit" Nitrauer, had made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in "Nit's" memory.

As the year of 1978 rolled in and got under way, the high quality of programs continued in President A.G.'s administration, diversified and relevant, as though reflecting A. G. the person. One very excellent program was presented by Rotarian Bob Case in January. "Lancaster Colonial Libraries", was the title of Bob's talk. It was entertaining and edifying to obtain this documented and authentic view of a vital part of our heritage.

Two announcements appeared in the February 8 Transmitter. One was to the effect that the North Museum Benefit Ball, held on January 28, had been a smashing success. The other announcement was that the District Conference would be held in Carlisle on March 10-11, and that Past President Hank Brown and Rotarian Joe Lombardo would be participants in the program.

Ted Distler - Paul Harris Fellow

In February, Ted Distler was made a Paul Harris Fellow. This in addition to the previously mentioned award to Jesse Snavely enabled A. G. to realize one of his important goals at the Year's outset. Ted Distler's brief but emotional acceptance speech touched all in attendance.

Rotaract A Fact - Kudos to Harry

Culminating tireless and dedicated work, mostly on the part of Harry Flick, a Rotaract Club, District 739's first, was finally established at Franklin & Marshall College. The first meeting of the Club's committee with interested students was held on March 7 at the College Center. In light of the college campus scene during the prior decade or so, during which anything remotely identified as "establishment" was condemned out of hand, this accomplishment is all the more remarkable. Apparently it took a man of Harry's generation and a man of Harry's special talents to consummate this project.

There was another attempt, in the month of May, for a 100% attendance month. As May was a 5-week month, the target was the more challenging. Chairman Bob Case headed the effort and actually did attain 94.74% for the month. While the 100% was not achieved, and one wonders if it could be possible anyway, the contest surely helped to bring the Year average above 90%, so another of A. G.'s goals was to be met.

A. G. Says it All

President A. G. Breidenstine's comment at his valedictory very succinctly summed up what the Lancaster Rotary Club is all about. He characterized our organization as unique, friendly and humble, but still confident and aggressive where it counts. He paid tribute to the real strength of the Club, those faithful Rotarians who serve incognito to keep the Club and its officers moving in the right direction. He said that our record of good attendance, the ability to fill Club assignments and the good weekly programs are the envy of many clubs in our district. And he urged us to give incoming President Paul Wedel the same kind of enthusiastic help.

As we moved into Rotary Year 1978-79 under the leadership of Paul Wedel it became clear from the start that Lancaster Rotary would see a most active year. Paul set some very ambitious goals, such as acquiring 30 new members; raising our Rotary Foundation contributions to the 2500% level; and increasing our attendance average to 91%. And early in the year we had a fine

program presented by Congressman Walker on "National Economic Growth". Then on July 12 we had a report on the recently held Rotary International Convention, in Tokyo, from Paul, and Past Presidents A. G. Breidenstine, Hank Brown and Harold Shaar.

It was announced in July that our incoming Experiment in International Living guest, Yoshiko Oguchi, would arrive in Lancaster on July 16. Her hosts at various times during her 7-week stay included Ron Anderson, A. G. Breidenstine, Jim Conner, Bob Crosby, Fred Diffenderfer, Andy Gianopoulos, Jack Miller, Don Needham, Rich Oppenheimer, Ted Schwalm, Guy Shipe, Charlie Snyder, Ray Stoner, Bill Wagner and Ken Whitney. Possibly it was a coincidence that our summer visitor was from Japan the same year the R. I. Convention was held there. But it seemed a most appropriate happenstance.

A vital issue of the era was very competently covered at our August 9 meeting. Judge Paul A. Mueller, Jr., of Lancaster County, spoke on "The Death Penalty, Past and Present".

Much consideration was given in the summer and fall of 1978 by the Rotary Projects Committee as to what major projects should be undertaken by the Club. The commitment to the North Museum having been fulfilled, the determination of which way to expand our major efforts was once again something of a problem. It seems that nothing undertaken or contemplated could quite match the service our Club once provided through the Rotary Home Project.

District Governor Kassees - From our Northern Neighbor

Our District Governor that year was John Kassees, from our closely neighboring club, Lancaster Northeast. He visited our Club officially on September 13. The Club Assembly with the Governor was held the same evening at Andy's Restaurant. As Governor John was unable to attend the Assembly, former Governor Paul C. Dunkelberger represented him.

While the Rotaract Club of F&M College had been functioning embryonically for some months, it was officially chartered in September, 1978. And at our September 13 meeting, Governor

John Kassees presented a Charter from Rotary International recognizing that club. Harry FIick, architect and progenitor of the F&M Rotaract Club, introduced the officers to us. Then Scott Robinson, President of that club, gave a splendid acceptance address which certainly gave all in attendance a warm feeling.

At our October 4 meeting we were privileged to hear from the distinguished chairman of the board of Armstrong Cork Company, Mr. James H. Binns. The title of his talk was, "The 3-Rs That Threaten America's Future." It was a stirring address. The 3 Rs referred to were *Risidess,* Redistribution and Regulation, and they were blamed by Mr. Binns on society's willingness to permit the government to build a no-fault structure, removing all risk from life.

Distinguished Pennsylvanians A. G. and Ted

It was announced in the October 25 Transmitter that our Club had achieved the 2300% level of Rotary Foundation giving, and President Paul's goal of 2500% no longer seemed impossible. Another announcement in the same issue was to the effect that A. G, Breidenstine and Ted Distler had recently received the year's Distinguished Pennsylvanians Award.

Another program of distinction came our way on November 15. Dr. Joseph Abel Clark, research scientist and adjunct associate professor at Catholic University of America gave a talk entitled, "From Persia to Peru, Education and Industry in Developing Countries". Probably the major attraction of this speaker was that he is the son of Howard and Kathryn Clark. Howard was a dedicated Lancaster Rotarian for many years. Joseph Clark was a Rotary International Fellow in 1961, sponsored for the Fellowship by our Club. It was a source of pride for all of us who knew Howard and Kathryn, and who had followed Joe's career as it progressed.

Hank Brown for Governor District # 739

It was announced on December 6 that our Club had nominated Past President Hank Brown as our candidate for District Governor of our District, #739, for Rotary Year 1980-81.

2400% Rotary Foundation Level

Rotary Foundation Committee member A. G. Breidenstine re-ported on December 27 that the Club had reached the 2400% level, only $1215 away from President Paul's targeted goal.

We got the word early in January, 1979 that the meal price was being increased to $3.75. Andy had been doing valiant work to try to hold the line on the price of $3.50 for quite some time in the face of ever-increasing inflation.

Easy Rider Imboden

One of our newer Club members brought us a very interesting program on February 14. "Two Wheels West" was the title of the talk; Reverend Stanley F. Imboden the speaker. It seems we acquired a motorcycle-riding preacher in our membership; 20 states visited in 15 days on his Honda. The program gave us a chance to get to know Stan a little better, and it provided an excellent change of pace for the group.

Another stand-out program, brought by yet another Lancaster Rotarian, was presented on March 7. Dr. Irv Uhler spoke to us on the early detection of oral cancer. Not only was Irv's talk well conceived and interestingly presented, but he was contributing an invaluable service to all in attendance.

New Dixieland Marauders - Smash Hit

This was a year with something for everybody, from a programming standpoint. There was not a soul so dead as to not be captivated by the "New Dixieland Marauders", who appeared on March 14, 1979. A program of Dixieland music at its very best was provided by this group of local professional and business men. Two of these men happened to be Lancaster Rotarians: Red Richards and Al Schulz, and we had the opportunity to glimpse the vocational talents of these fine musicians. One could not find better quality Dixieland on Rampart Street, and it was just a marvelous Rotary program.

The District Conference was held in Lancaster at the Treadway Inn on March 23-24. The Lancaster Club, though not the host

Club, contributed largely to its success, and a great number of our members attended some phase of the Conference.

On April 18 there was an outstanding program. As we have become increasingly involved with nuclear energy, our speaker's message was both timely and informative. John H. Ebersole, M.D. who had gained considerable experience aboard the nuclear submarine Nautilus, presented a simplified (if there is such a thing) version of nuclear fission. Simplified or not, it was still over most of our heads. But yet we gained some rudimentary insight into what could be the world's greatest hope for future sources of energy.

Dr. W. Fred Kinsey, III, Director of the North Museum, spoke to the Club on the following week. The substance of his talk about the Museum can be summed up by a quote from Dr. Kinsey: "The North Museum contributes without charge to the quality of life, the values, and the broad educational experience of the public." And at the same meeting, Howard L. Feather, Associate Curator of the North Museum, was presented with the annual Community Service Award for his distinguished and self-less work at the North Museum. President Paul presented the award.

The month of May, 1979 became a target for another attempt at a 100% attendance month. It was another valiant effort on the part of team captains and of individual Rotarians who rendered total cooperation, but as usual, the 100% was again elusive.

The "3-H" Appeal

There was an appeal to the Club via a program on May 23 for contributions to the "3-H" Project. This was in conjunction with the coming 75th Anniversary of Rotary International. The year had been designated by the United Nations as "The Year of the Child". Ed Moore, a Rotarian from the Lancaster Northeast Club and District Coordinator for the Rotary "3-H" Project, spoke to us about it. The 3 Hs represent Health, Hunger and Humanity. We were told that the funding requirements were 12 million dollars. Club members were asked to contribute $15, or a total of $1,500 from the Club. These funds when collected would then be given

by the 75th Anniversary Fund of Rotary International toward the "3-H" Program to help alleviate problems of children throughout the world, and most particularly the 3rd-World communities. Needless to say, the quota for our Club was met in a few weeks after the appeal, and Lancaster Rotary was given the "3-H" banner.

Through the dynamic leadership of President Paul Wedel, most of his goals set at the beginning of his year were achieved. As mentioned earlier, those goals were ambitious in scope, and it is unlikely that Jimmy the Greek would have given good odds on their accomplishment. But Paul is Paul and he disdains all odds as he forges ahead with the tremendous "can do" spirit.

From Paul to John and the 75th Anniversary of R.I.

We are now, at the time of this writing, in the latter stages of Rotary Year 1979-80. John Fitzpatrick is our President. John's father-in-law was the late Joe Feagley, a name of considerable fame in the Lancaster Rotary Club. Joe made tremendous contributions to the growth and wellbeing of our Club, as a member and as one of our most distinguished Past Presidents. And now we have President John, who has also distinguished himself during this Rotary Year to date. This, of course, is the 75th Anniversary Year of Rotary international. It is also the 65th Anniversary of the Lancaster Rotary Club. Certain challenges have arisen as a result of those events and each has been met calmly but imaginatively. Thus it can be observed in an historical sense that the Lancaster Rotary Club started 65 years ago under the leadership of John Wickersham, and now, three score and five years later is headed by another John - Fitzpatrick. Rotary in Lancaster has always been blessed with skilled and dedicated leaders. Whenever a special need occurs, a special man comes along to meet it with excellence. As if in response to the well-known Rotary song, Lancaster Rotary really rolls.

Welcome for Giovanna

Our summer visitor from the Experiment in 1979 was a delightful young lady from Milan, Italy, Giovanna Nicodano. Host families

for Giovanna during her stay were those of John Fitzpatrick, Lloyd Ruoss, Don Needham and Rick Oppenheimer.

John Says it With a Kiss

And, speaking of lovely young ladies, Miss Pennsylvania, Carolyn Black, was the feature of our July 11 meeting. Carolyn sang some show tunes for us and we could thus witness the combination of beauty and virtuosity our Miss Pennsylvania possessed. President John, in thanking Carolyn for the presentation and wishing her every success in the coming Miss America Pageant, felt the urge to give her a send-off kiss. Unfortunately she did not become Miss America, and we can only hope the kiss was not responsible.

In our July 25 Transmitter were several announcements of some significance. First was the one inviting us to see Don Need-ham if we could suggest any nominees to participate in the Inter-District Program in which 5 men age 21-35 would travel to Australia for approximately 5 or 6 weeks, expense free, during the coming Rotary Year for the furtherment of international good will. Also, A. G. Breidenstine extended the challenge to find two candidates to study abroad for one year with expenses paid during Rotary Year 1981-82. Stipulations were that one candidate had to be a teacher of the handicapped with two years of experience, and be between ages 25 and 50. The other candidate to have had two years of experience in journalism and be between age 21 and 28.

The third announcement was to the effect that the board of directors had met on July 18 and authorized Roy Horning, Club Historian, to update the comprehensive written history of the Lancaster Rotary Club.

A Club picnic was scheduled for August 22 at Buchmiller Park. It was a good one, thanks to the usual good work of Bob Haines, Red Richards, Dave Heckel, Hank Harvey, Tom Gemmill and Andy Rote. Some were cooks; some were bottle-washers; we will not attempt to segregate them.

District Governor Jon F. LaFaver made his official visit to our Club on October 24 and, that evening, met with our Club

Assembly. It was heartening to see quite a few new members in attendance at the Assembly; evidence of their interest in the workings of Rotary.

The Rotary International Convention was scheduled for June 1 through June 5, 1980 in Chicago. In view of 1980 being the 75th Anniversary of R. I., it is expected this Convention may be the best ever, and it is hoped that a larger contingent than usual from our Club can attend.

In November, 1979 the board of directors approved a commitment, not to exceed $2500, to help finance the building of a horse barn in Long Park as a facility for the newly formed Lancaster Mounted Police Patrol.

Second Generation President - 1980-81

An announcement regarding the officers elected by the board to serve the Club in Rotary Year 1980-81 appeared in the December 26 Transmitter. These men are Dick Witmer, President; Bill Wagner, Vice President; Bill Tell, Secretary; and Ron Hill, Treasurer. How proud C. Howard Witmer would be to see this! It is always something of a thrill to witness a second generation Club president.

Still another 100% Attendance Contest was planned for the month of March. It was announced by the committee that as a prize for winning teams a free ticket would be given to the 75th Anniversary Party to be held on April 26.

It was an occasion for pride when our own member Bob Montgomery was presented the Community Service Award in February. The event was covered by TV media, thus the Lancaster Rotary Club along with Bob received some very pleasing publicity.

The District Conference was held on March 7 and 8 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill, Pa. This turned out to be one of the best attended conferences away from home in many years. A total of 28 Lancaster members were present for one or more phases of the Conference.

Paul Harris Fellow - Gene Robb

In March, Gene Robb received a surprise gift for his birthday from his Rotary Ann, Josephine, a pin and medal signifying him to be a Paul Harris Fellow. Our Rotary Foundation goal for the year as announced by A. G. Breidenstine was the 2700% level of contribution. At the time of Gene's award, our Club needed $2,950 to attain that goal.

75th for R. I. - 65th for Lancaster

Probably the highlight of events of President John's Year, and there have been many exciting moments, was the 75th Anniversary Party. As mentioned earlier, it was also the 65th Anniversary of Lancaster Rotary. Asa Hughes headed the special committee which planned and steered this project to a most successful and memorable result. Others who became deeply involved in this happening, members of Asa's committee, were Gil B. Lyons, Chris Herr, Guy Shipe, Jim Brener, Bob Reynolds, and Roy Homing. Don Needham was the Club Director in charge, and Bob Scheffey provided the lovely design which was on the wine glass mementos.

This affair was held at the Lancaster Country Club. Approximately 200 were in attendance. Music was provided, free of charge, by the peerless Bob Troxell dance band. The only stipulation was that our Club was to contribute the profits from the party to the Lancaster Library. And a breakfast the like of which one seldom encounters in a lifetime was served, and enjoyed by all.

Objective of Rotary

While Rotary Year 1979-80 is still in progress at the time of this report, it is nearing its final month. Perhaps the gist of the record in summary could be this: Lancaster Rotary started in 1915, led and nurtured by a few men of vision with the desire to be of service. Now, in May of 1980, 213 strong, we modem-day Lancaster

Rotarians can look back and take pride in the accomplishments of our predecessors, and at the same time look ahead with great anticipation to never ending challenges awaiting us and the opportunities for service afforded by Rotary, through its Creed:

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

I. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.

4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

The Roll of Presidents

*John **H.** Wickersham	1915 - 16
*Ralph W. Cummings	1916 - 17
*Samuel R. Fraim	1917 - 18
*'Thaddeus G. Helm	1918 - 19
*Milton H. Ranck	1919 - 20
*Benjamin **B.** Wolf	1920 - 21
*Scott W. Baker	1921 - 22
*Washington N. Nixdorf	1922 - 23
*Frank K. Sener	1923 - 24
*C. Howard Witmer	1924 - 25
*Martin M. Harnish	1925 - 26
*Eugene **B.** Andes	1926 - 27
*Charles W. Mayser	1927 - 28
*Henry W. Brubaker	1928 - 29
*T. Warren Metzger	1929 - 30
*John Hess	1930 - 31
***William** R. Lantz	1931 - 32
*Harry E. Gress	1932 - 33
*John Farmer	1933 - 34
*Joseph C. Feagley	1934 - 35
*Earl M. Godshalk	1935-36
*Oswin S. Frantz	1936 - 37
John **J.** Eshelman	1937 - 38
*John **H.** Carter	1938 - 39
*Adam Z. Moore	1939 - 40
*Samuel **H.** Rogers	1940 - 41
*Herman A. Wohlsen	1941 - 42
Gerry A. Hoover	1942 - 43
Jesse Snavely, Jr	1943 - 44
Paul **B.** Eshelman	1944 - 45
*Charles **V.** Snyder	1945 - 46
John **H.** Swanger	1946 - 47
*William E. Alexander	1947 - 48
*Martin M. Keener	1948 - 49

tResigned ***Deceased**

William E. Nitrauer	1949 - 50
Edward Rick, Jr	1950 - 51
*Cyrus H. Meminger	1951 - 52
*Harvey A. Smith	1952 - 53
*Harry H. Esbenshade	1953 - 54
*Clyde D. Cooper	1954 - 55
*C. Brooks Reigle	1955 - 56
-John H. Swanger, Jr.	1956 - 57
*Lewis M. Johnson'	1957 - 58
Melvin H. Peters	1958 - 59
Robert C. Haines	1959 - 60
H. Stanley Rickert	1960 - 61
M. Maxwell Smith	1961 - 62
Roy A. Horning, II	1962 - 63
Anthony R. Appel	1963 - 64
Harold W. Shaar	1964 - 65
Charles V. Snyder, Jr.	1965 - 66
Harry K. Gerlach	1966 - 67
David B. Weaver	1967 - 68
Kenneth W. Whitney	1968 - 69
Thomas J. Cence	1969 - 70
Myron E. Wolf	1970 - 71
Samuel M. Altdoerffer	1971 - 72
Fred M. Rifts	1972 73
T. J. Grabowski	1973 - 74
James L. Snavely	1974 - 75
Robert L. Roschel	1975 - 76
Henry C. Brown, Jr.	1976 - 77
A. G. Breidenstine	1977 - 78
Paul G. Wedel	1978 - 79
John **B.** Fitzpatrick	1979 - 80
Richard H. Witmer	1980 - 81

(Resigned ***Deceased**

Roster of Rotarians

Past and Present

Records of the early days of Rotary do not delineate Rotary year from calendar year.

Insofar as discernible from the record the name appears in order of election to membership. In some cases, however, the first time a member is mentioned is when his name appears on a Committee assignment or participated in a Classification Program.

1914

t John H. Wickersham

tFred S. Pyfer tScott W. Baker tThad G. Helm* tRalph W. Coho tA. C. Tunis tChrist Engle* tRalph Quinn tChas. E. Leyden* tR. E. Smith tP. Harry Wohlsen* tElmer Irving tRobert Miller Joseph C. Budding* Herman A. **Wohlsen**

1915

tW. G. Baker* t **John Hess*** Frank L. Suter Laird Brown* Arthur Dodge Benjamin **B.** Wolf* Frank B. Burroughs John J. Bair* t Walter Miesse tA. B. Rote* Eugene Herr

t Charter Member

Charles K. Hoffmeier* Henry E. Warren
Charles Gunzenhauser* Harry E. Moedinger

Walter Moyer
John S. Cochran
Samuel R. Fraim
Charles B. Long
f B. Grant Stauffer*
George W. Good* *f*
Charles E. Wisner
Ralph Cummings
Ralph Hull*
Harry Gardner* Samuel R. Fraim Henry C. Carpenter Geo. K. Reynolds, Sr.

1916

Hayes G. Shimp
Milton H. Ranck
Louis Geiss
Roy E. Eshelman
Walter Posey
Elmer Williamson*
Walter Hager*
Robert L. Gerhart

Rotary Year 1916-17

1916 C. Emlen

*Deceased

Urban*

Roy Kreider
G. Washington Nixdorf*
S. Kurtz Zook Dr. M. A. Becker* Frank K. Sener*
Chester Jackson

1917

Otto H. Lehman F. Harold Shaw*
Truman K. Greer*
John J. Bowman
William Brinkman*
Edward Goodell

Rotary Year 1917-18

1917

Edward E. Stehman*
William B. Hamaker*
James B. Stauffer
Ernest H. Miller
Walter M. Dunlap
Eugene Blickenderfer
William Lebzelter*
Howard Hersh* Jay R. Gilbert* Charles G. Baker*

1918
C. B. Hollinger
H.B. Grinfill English
John B. Cannon
Benjamin Shaub
Thomas V. Utley*
H. M. J. Klein
B. Frank Snavely*
John Ault*
Charles Weidner

Rotary Year 1918-19
1918
Galen P. Raub*
J. A. Maxwell
Harry E. Eby
Clarence L. Wohlsen

1919
John L. Sawyer
Howard M. Miesse
Harry W. Barnard*
Rufus D. Helm
Frank L. Gunzenhauser*
A. W. Moyer
H. W. Brubaker*
Edgar H. Levan
J. Corydon Gibbs
J. Fred Sener

Rotary Year **1919-20**
1919
Levi R. Bair
Leroy Nolt
William R. Lantz*

1920
Ira H. Bare*
Charles N. Brill
Harry J. Pierson
Dr. H. B. Work
T. Frank Fitzsimmons

Rotary Year **1920-21**
1920
John Bachman
William Breitinger
*Deceased

Marshall E. Smith*
Willis B. Morey
Martin M. Harnish
John J. Evans
C. E. Weidner
Frank E. Cowan
R. W. Dowdell*

1921
C. Howard Witmer
Adam Z. Moore
Charles F. Bowman*
Harry Haring*
James Shand*
Clyde H. Cooper
Harry B. Cochran*
Andrew H. Rote

Rotary Year 1921-22
1921
John L. Ruth
Roy Horning
Edward N. Stimson
Allen D. Keyser

1922
Raymond P. Yecker*
Robert B. Todd*
John F. Steinman
Sylvester Z. Moore*
Maurice E. Weaver
Martin L. Darmstaetter
Eugene Andes*
George Rogers*
Harry Lefever*
William A. Wolf
Edward Guilford*
George Souders
Wallace Black*
Edwin Hartman*
I. W. Stehman*
Lyle Trenchard
Clinton Moffett
James Vandergrift*

Rotary Year **1922-23**
1922
Howard Fisher*
John R. Brimmer
Martin M. Keener
George Roumfort

1923
Walter Miller*
Lloyd Hess
Hugo Darmstaetter
Christian M. Neff
Ralph Barton*
Fred Delvin
Harry A. Sykes

Rotary Year **1923-24**
1923
Lewis K. Edwards
Edward A. Allinson
Arnol E. Sanders
Charles Mayser
T. Warren Metzger*
Charles V. Snyder
Alphaeus Groff
Joseph M. Breneman

1924
Donald Brown
Charles M. Coldren
Richard Rohrer
William Trost*
Robert Morrow
William P. Brown
Frank A. Greenhawk
Dr. George A. Richards*
Harry C. Knodt
Robert Swab

Rotary Year **1924-25**
1924
James Cleaver
Claude Marble
Charles Gordonier
T. B. Appel*
Harry E. Gress*

1925
Grant Brandon
Harold Adams*

Rotary Year **1925-26**

1925
Chester W. Carpenter*
Oliver Keller
Byrt W. Fisher*
Herbert B. Taylor*
Ira G. Wagner

1926
Harry Schnitzer*
Joseph C. Feagley
Frank Zecher
Fred C. Hilker
James Schutte

Rotary Year **1926-27**
1926
B. Willis Moyer
C. B. Sanford
Earl G. Finney
H. Floyd Shell
Charles B. Weiss*
John E. Pohl*

1927
Lewis J. Vandergrift
Harry C. Kauffman*
Adam Batdorf
John J. Eshelman
Christian E. Brubaker*
John A. Farmer*
Floyd S. Bucher

Rotary Year 1927-28
1927
Alfred Jones
S. G. Pontius
William D. Grant*
Elmer Curry
Clarence B. Horning*

1928
David R. Baker
Christian Z. Schaffer
Samuel E. Fraim
I. C. Mishler*

Rotary Year 1928-29
1928
Joseph Gegg*
Horace E. Reichardt
William D. Andes
Maxwell S. Palmer
Bert A. Hartless
Earl M. Godshalk
Peter Watt
Roy T. Smith
George Carmen*
Oswin S. Frantz
Norman McCulloch

1929
James W. Williams
Harry Bevis
William Sanders
W. Bright Cleaver

Rotary Year 1929-30
1929
C. R. Wissler
Ross R. Atkinson*

1930
John H. Carter
Landis Tanger
Harry E. Festermacher*

Rotary Year 1930-31
1930
Jesse P. Jones
H. K. Anderson
Ben E. Wilson*
Allen DePugh*

1931
Samuel H. Rogers
George A. Swope
Kenneth Robbie

Rotary Year 1931-32
1932
G. Alvin Leaman
Gerry A. Hoover
Frank M. Abel

Rotary Year 1932-33
1933
John H. Swanger
Jesse Snavely, Jr.

Rotary Year **1933-34**
1934
Paul Eshelman
William Brock
Benjamin Herr*
William Bollman*
Ralph Coho, Jr.

Rotary Year **1934-35**
1935
R. Ellwood Good
Michael Moore
Lowe] F. Halligan
David Gochenauer
Clyde Brewster

Rotary Year **1935-36**
1935
Donald Philips
Walter C. McMinn
Clarence L. Snavely
John S. Groff
Harry W. Huffnagle
George K. Reynolds, Jr.
Samuel H. Knight

1936
Paul C. Dellinger
Ira Daffin

Rotary Year 1936-37
1936
Samuel Harnish
William Chalmers

*Deceased

1937
Horace Menchey*
Oscar Luttringer

Rotary Year **1937-38**
1938
William E. Alexander
Clyde D. Cooper
George Goldbach

1938
John Hoober

Rotary Year 1938-39
1938
C. E. Charles*
Jaques Cattell
Harvey Smith*
William E. Shissler
Harry Wigham

1939
John Z. Miller
Paul Byerly
Edward Jaeger
Leslie Hubbard
James Will

Rotary Year **193940**
1939
LaMar Wolf
Norris Kirk
Ross Singleton
Douglas Franck
Harry E. Miller
Robert Shaw

1940
O. L. Hampton
Robert Zahm*

Rotary Year 1940-41
1940
Edward Rick
Louis Hershey

*Deceased

1941
James Shreve
Stanley VanAuken
James J. Rudisill
W. J. B. Smith

Rotary Year 1941-42
1941
Harry C. Fulton
Henry N. Hillard
Cyrus Memminger

1942
Harry Esbenshade
James D. Kerchner

Rotary Year 1942-43
1942
Theodore A. Distler

1943
William E. Nitrauer
Rufus W. Thomas*
Rolland Jessup, M.D.*
R. Chandler Heagey
Frank W. Schott
William T. Price

Rotary Year 1943-44
1943
C. Brooks Reigle
John A. King, Jr.
Horace A. Menchey
Grant D. Brandon
J. Harold Brubaker
Ralph M. Hill
Curtis N. Painter
Jules L. Smith

1944
James N. Bagwell, Jr.
George D. May
Jacob S. Posey
J. Herbert Fehl

Rotary Year **1944-45**
1944
George W. Harwood
John M. Hoober, Jr.
Harold W. Shaar

1945
Frank H. Altdoerffer
Herbert K. Cooper
Walter C. Miller
Samuel B. Betz
Clair R. McCollough
Malcolm Young, Jr.

Rotary Year 1945-46
1945
J. R. Moedinger
Kenneth O. Bates
Charles M. Coldren
S. Fred Diffenderfer
Marvin E. Tigner
Henry Walter, Jr.

1946
J. Frederick Sener, III
H. Clay Brubaker
Frederic S. Klein
Robert N. Reynolds
Oliver S. Schaeffer*
Howard Magee

Rotary Year **194647**
1946
Leigh P. Helm
Fred E. Orr
Frank P. Groff*
Robert 0. Walton

1947
Victor R. Despard, Jr.
Maxwell E. Hannum
Lewis L. Mortensen
John H. Swanger, Jr.
Thomas B. Flynn
Charles C. Gunzenhauser*
Gilbert I. Lyons
C. Jack Mains

Rotary Year 194748

1947
Justus S. Gray
Lewis M. Johnson
William F. Renninger
Wilbur L. Denune
W. Hess Lefevre*
Oliver J. Swartz
Charles G. Drasher

1948
William N. Franck
Allan S. Meck
J. Richard Leaman
Douglas York Smith

Rotary Year 1948-49

1948
George S. Mann
Curtis N. Painter
Melvin H. Peters
Jules L. Smith
James G. Trost

1949
J. Kurtz Brubaker
Harry M. Herr
John R. Lively
Albert M. Schofield
Robert C. Haines
Earl E. Keyser*
Maxwell M. Smith
IrI A. Daffin
Melvin E. Groff
Clarence S. Reese
J. Howard Esbenshade
H. B. Flyte
Irvin V. Uhler

Rotary Year 1949-50

1949
Tom B. Metzger
Andrew S. Morgan
George S. Diehl
Einar A. **Palmgren**
Eugene K. Robb

1950
Edward J. Ford
C. **Raymond** Erb
Elmer E. Hansell]
Richard H. Herr
Fred E. Orr
Ross E. Long

Rotary Year 1950-51

1950
Kenneth Shelley
Myron E. Wolf

1951
Hulbert K. Ferger
Roger **DeBusk**
Lewis Mortensen
Spalding Warren*

Rotary Year 1951-52

1951
Lincoln S. Conrad
Ernest Stanziola
James R. Wohisen
David H. Albertson

1952
Harry M. **Binkle,** Jr.
Homer W. Crist
Ermon M. Postles
H. Stanley Rickert
J. Colin Robbie, Jr.
Earl M. Wood

Rotary Year 1952-53

1952
Barton K. Feroe
John E. Hershey
Aaron E. Hess
J. Frank Powl
O. H. Cilley

1953
A. A. Anderson
James P. Coho
John Milton Ranck
Charles V. Snyder, Jr.
John F. Garber, Jr.
V. Nowell Hoover
Donald C. Smelzer

Rotary Year 1953-54

1953
Charles M. Eby
Charles E. Johnson
Ben E. Mann
Robert H. Witmer

1954
Anthony R. Appel
Thomas M. Gorman, jr.
Roy A. Homing, II
Charles J. Martin
Theodore W. Schell
Howard E. Clark
Ernest E. Doerschuk, Jr.
Lester H. Herr
Roy A. Horning
Walter F. Kaufman
Ernest F. Stolpe

Rotary Year **1954-55**

1954
Carleton G. Long
H. Richard Taylor
Donald H. Reynolds
C. Frank Summy
William H. Sweet
William D. Andes

1955
John H. Carter
Robert U. Borneman
Wallace E. Fisher
Fred A. Williams
David B. Weaver

Rotary Year **1955-56**

1955
Thomas J. Cence
Paul W. Eyler
Robert L. Richardson

*Deceased

1956 **Rotary Year 1959-60** Rotary Year **1963-64**

Samuel M. Altdoerffer
Park E. Schimp
John L. Harrison
J. Richard Nissley
George P. Shutt

Rotary Year **1956-57**

1956

George M. Brady
A. G. Breidenstine
Russel A. Granton
Donald R. Helm
William R. Hutchinson
James L. Kilgour
J. Russell King
John M. Koogler
Elmer B. McEldowney
Walter C. McMinn
Roland E. Palmer
Fred M. Ritts

1957

Charles S. Gaige
Sidney White, Jr.

Rotary Year **1957-58**

Fred Bolman
John Cousler
Chub Horton
Casey Jones
George May, Jr.
Joe McCarthy
George "Red" Richards
Andy B. Rote

Rotary Year **1958-59**

Bill Andes, Jr.
Bill Burns
Frank Ertz
John Fitzpatrick
Adam LaRose
Gerry Lestz
Bill Rudisill
Dick Newswanger
Mike Stoltzfus
Dave Watt
Price Watts

1963-64 (coned.)

Claire Simeral
Pete Stauffer
Paul Yarnall

Fred Engle
Harry Gerlach
Mel Powderly
Don Rippey
John Schupp
Ken Whitney
Russ Zimmerman

Rotary Year 1960-61

Jerry Barber
Ken Friend
Jim Haldy
Stewart McMinn
Charlie McMinn, III
Jack Meister
Bob Moore
Joe Paul
Paul Peel
Bill Regan
Don Reidenbaugh
Frank Summy, Jr.

Rotary Year **1961-62**

Skip Gerdes
Lowell Halligan
Paul Herr
Rufus Hettinger
Ben Irwin
Charlie Stauffer
Henk Wentink

Rotary Year **1962-63**

Andy Anderson
Oliver Armstrong
Bob Batchelder
Bob Boswell
Herb Gunner
Bucky Losch
Charlie Poad
Paul Schappert
Ted Schwalm
Mark Seibert
Ed Short
Elwood Snyder
Ray Snyder
Dick Witmer

Rotary Year **1969-70**

Wayne Keech
Jack Lesher
Ed Mason

Fred Crisman
Milt Ford
Ted Grabowski
Tom Lehmier
Guy Shipe
Jim Snavely
Keith Spalding
Jack Swanger, Jr.
Ed Tesnar
Bill Wittick

Rotary Year 1964-65

George Brase
Clint Clubb
Warren DeLong
Fred Diffenderfer
Wally Fisher
Jay Garber
John Hambright
Steve Johnson
Hugo Kaufmann
Tom Kirchner
Carl Koch
John McGrann
Jack Myer, Jr.
Bob Roschel
Samson Shain
John Stauffer
Bob Trainer
Price Watts
Paul Wedel
Bill Wood

Rotary Year 1965-66

Fred Auten
Russ Bechtold
Ed Benson
Jim Deily
Ray Dunlap
Andy Gianopoulos
Harold Jenkins
Newt Jones
Clarence Leiphart
Charlie Miller
Larry Pallas
Wilson Rich
Brent Shunk

Bob Gilligan
Earl Hummel
Ed Jaeger, Jr.
Bob Jones

Rotary Year 1966-67
Dick Campbell
Hershey Groff
Joe Keating
Bob Kennedy
Phil Long
Earl Nehr
Bill Ziegfeld

Rotary Year **1967-68**
Jim Brener
Hank Brown
Dick Creasey
Bob Haines
Bud King
Pete Kreisle
Charley McCoy .
John Moore
Bob Phillips
Denny Poillon
Bill Tell
Al Wedge

Rotary Year **1968-69**
John Abernethy
A. G. Breidenstine
George Brubaker
Glen Forney
Chuck Froehlich
Al Gable
Herm Glassman
Chris Herr, Jr.
Ira Honaman
Leo Kelly
Gary Kirchner
Chuck Lohin
Dave Lynch
Hib Robertson
Don Smelzer
Bob Smith
Ray Stoner
lrv Uhler
Harold White
Rick Oppenheimer
Charlie Ruler
John Schroeder
Hank Swiftney

Rotary Year 1970-71
Al Allison
Caleb Bucher
Ted Distler
Jim Dye, Jr.
Gus Erisman
Harry Flick, Jr.
Jim Glasse
Dolph Jansma
Ted Jones
Norm Kingsley
Fred Klein
Joe Lobardo
Arlie Miller
Don Needham
George Nieto
Gus Schulz
Pete Slaugh
Jack Treier
Ed Tuttle
Bill Young

Rotary Year 1971-72
Dick Biechler
Dick Blackman
Ed Carr, Jr.
Don Horn
Dean Keller
Don Frank
Charlie Myers
Mick Ranck
Gil B. Lyons
Bob Montgomery
Mel Williams
George Wisehaupt

Rotary Year 1972-73
Charlie Biller
Fred Diffenderfer
Charlie Livingston
Bob Marvel
Jack Miller
Daun Nesbit
Jack Ritter
Charlie Seliga
Al Stoycas
Ed Tesnar
Bill Wagner
Dan Wingate

Rotary Year 1973-74
Sam Altdoerffer, Jr.
Bob Beers
Ron Coleman
Bill Dunsmuir
Al Ernstberger
Vic Gehman
Bill Heyn
Ron Hill
Bud Holder, Jr.
Asa Hughes
Bob McEldowney
Bob McMurtrie
Rick Middleton, Jr.
Dick Minnich
Barry Myers
George Nickel, Jr.
Dick Posey
Bob Richards
lack Ross, Jr.
Buzz Simeral
Don Weber
Dick Witmer

Rotary Year **1974-75**
Ron Anderson
Cliff Coleman
George Russo
Don Zielke
Bob Case
Dave Heckel
Mark Hess
Dave Friedrichs

1974-75 (coned.) Al Schulz Stan Imboden

Larry Green
Don Snyder
Norm Williamson
Roger Reist
Jim Schoeplein
Myke Rogers

Rotary Year **1975-76**
Don Appleton
Rick Claffey
Larry Dunlap
Bill Flaharty
Dave Kramer
Bill Martin
Steve McDaniel
Chris Neff
Tim Peters
Paul Powers
By Shard
Frank Shrom
Bud Walker
Pat Young

Rotary Year 1976-77
Joe Dennison
Dave Dodds
Harold Eager
Fred Edwards
Jack Hanel
Cal High
Dale High
Bob Keppel
Guy Lanza
Charlie Ligon
Ray Miller
Ted Schwalm
Sylvan Schwartz
Lou Shenk
Tom Slick
Rich Warnick
Bob Westcott

Rotary Year 1977-78
Dave Brockie
Jim Conner
Denny Cox
Bob Crosby
John Doane
Ron Feister
Ed Irwin
Larry Keller
Paul Linfield
Brad Reynolds
Lloyd Ruoss
Tom Snavely
Tom Snyder
Sid Stoltzfus
Dave Thomas
Dick Toriello

Rotary Year 1978-79
Jeff Banta
Jim Bounds
Herb Dutt
John Gareis
Tom Gemmill
Roger Grace
Hank Harvey
John Herr, III
Bud King
Gene Kurtz
Bill Ludwigs
Paul Lewis, Jr.
Wally Otto
Dale Rohrer
Don Roseman
David Rothfuss
Bob Scheffey
Art Sell
Ben Sheren
Takehito Shirahama
Steve Waugh

Rotary Year 1979-80
Andy Appel
Floyd Bantz
Dick Blouse
Bob Burns
Ed Davis
Rich Herschaft
George Hetrick
Gene Hostetter
George Kratzert
Joe Lamoureux
Dick Learn
Jim McCall
Gene Pelland
Bob Salansky
Larry Strassner
Dick Tokar
Bill Van Horne
Dick White
Ed Yale

IN MEMORIAM

Lancaster Rotarians Who Died
1957-1980

Rotary Year 1958-59
Henry Carpenter
Line Conrad
Mart Harnish
John Z. Miller

Rotary Year 1959-60
Oswin Frantz Christ
Sheaffer

Rotary Year 1960-61
*Ralph Coho
Bob Gerhart
Bill Chalmers
Bill Renninger

Rotary Year 1961-62
Roy A. Horning, Sr.

Rotary Year 1962-63
Charlie Coldren Dave
Gochnauer

Rotary Year 1963-64
Ed Ford
Ross Singleton

Rotary Year 1964-65
*Sam Frainx
*Walter Miesse
Bill Alexander
Lou Vandergrift

Rotary Year 1965-66
H. M. J. Klein Paul
Dellinger Cy Meminger
Park Schimp Bill Sweet

*Charter Member

Rotary Year 1966-67
Harold Brubaker

Rotary Year 1967-68
Alpheaus Groff Lowell
Halligan Ben Mann
Charlie Mayser
Brooks Reigle
Charlie Snyder, Sr.
Harry Wigham
*Herman Wohlsen

Rotary Year 1968-69
Walt McMinn
Earl Nehr
Milt Ranck

Rotary Year 1969-70
tC. Howard Witmer
Dennie Poillon Harry
Binkle Dave Albertson
O. H. Hampton

Rotary Year 1970-71
Frank Abel
George Brase
Howard Clark
Paul Yarnall
Joe Feagley

Rotary Year 1971-72
Grant Brandon

Rotary Year 1972-73
tBill "Nit" Nitrauer
Harry Esbenshade Fred
Auten
Bob Batchelder
Ralph Hill
John Stauffer
Pete Watt

Rotary Year 1973-74
Mart Keener
Jules Smith
Ray Erb

Rotary Year 1974-75
John McGrann

Rotary Year 1975-76
tEarl Godshalk Wat
Kaufman Allan Meek
Samson Shain' Ernie
Stanziola Harry Warren

Rotary **Year** 1976-77
Paul Schappert Jim
Wohlsen

Rotary Year 1977-78
Herb Cooper
(Honorary Member)
Justus Gray Chandler
Heagey
Chris Neff
Clarence Reese
John Schupp
Dick Taylor

Rotary Year 1978-79
Ira Honaman Dick
Leaman

Rotary Year 1979-80
Bob **Phillips** Jim Shreve

tPast District Governor

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The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1980-1981

The Lancaster Rotary Club enjoyed that rare privilege in Year 1980-1981 of having a second generation club president in the person of Dick Witmer; Dick being the son of past District Governor C. Howard Witmer.

It was announced early in the Year that Tim Peters, Chairman of the Rotary Projects Committee, made an appeal for input from club members concerning possible projects which could involve the total membership and be an effort toward valuable service to the community. This subsequently proved to be the tradition of the project known as "Graduate House." More will be said of this project later.

A number of fine programs were enjoyed by the Club, including economist Matamoros, who told us on July 23, 1980 that we were then in a calm like boat in the eye of a storm, that there was still another side of the storm to hit us before the economy would start to turn upward. As this is being written almost 2 years later, it seems to this writer that the storm has not yet passed. Economists are a breed apart, with a built-in defense mechanism sometimes referred to as jargon.

Another early program was presented by Tom Howard, Assistant to the President of the Tobacco Institute. He fell short of trying to convince us that tobacco is really very good for everyone, but he did make the point, and quite competently, that the tobacco industry, along with many other industries, has an unjustified history of government regulation to contend with.

Many of the usual fellowship activities were again pursued during the year. There was a baseball trip to the Phillies, the Rotary Picnic, the golf tournament, all well attended and advancing the cause of fellowship.

Perhaps one of the most memorable of programs was brought to the Club late in August. That program dealt with the new concept known as "The Living Will." This is a statement by an individual which excludes the use of heroic measure to sustain life in situations where there is no reasonable hope for meaningful life. The program was beautifully presented by three Rotarians. Gary Kirchner presented the medical implications; Ted Brubaker, the legal aspects; and Gene Hostetter considered the moral implications. The Club was most appreciative of this well conceived timely program.

The District Governor for the Rotary Year was Mack Aichele, of the Hershey Club. It was quite natural that the District Conference was held in Hershey. This was a well attended Conference by Lancaster members, particularly through the influence of Governor-Elect Hank Brown.

Our club attained the 3000% level of giving the Rotary Foundation during President Dick's Year, a notable achievement for a Club of our size, and an indication of the dedicated work of Daun Nesbit, Chairman of the committee.

Our experiment in International Living Ambassador that year was Christina Horner, of Sweden. As usual, this ambassador was a totally charming young lady who captivated us all, and

especially those families who hosted her visit—they were always the big winners in this program.

Our rotary youth Exchange student that year was Hannu Savolainen, a 17 year old lad from Finland. Rick and Essie Oppenheimer provided the usual peerless leadership in this project. The Club is indebted to them.

A new face which was destined to become much more familiar to us all was introduced to the Club in October. This was Mary Ellen Kiernan, director of the C.A. Snyder Service Site, the location of Camp Snyder. Andy Appel introduced Mrs. Kiernan. She brought us some insight into the valuable function of camp Snyder. The camp's role was to deceive boys between ages of 12 and 17 who were referred by agencies throughout the county because of the need to change their behavior, establish goals, and develop their potential. In general, most of these boys had few skills and very low self-esteem.

It didn't take long for Rotarians of long standing to see that Camp Snyder was doing many of the same things the Rotary Home used to do. It was therefore quite natural that interest was aroused among our membership. And, early in 1982, the Club voted overwhelmingly to fund.

Graduate House for the Boys Club of America, at the C.A. Snyder Service Site, Marticville, PA. Boys of age 17-19 were to be accommodated for a maximum of one year. The boys would pay minimum room and board from their earnings. Our Club would provide financial support of up to $7,100 per year for one year and give committee support to the project as well as employment counseling for the boys. The money came from the trust fund and from additional fundraising projects to come.

Thus, the major project for which we had been seeking so long to replace our former Rotary Home project was finally found. To date, it has been both rewarding and beneficial to the community. The committee which guided this extremely successful venture was composed of Ron Hill, Gil Lyons, Wally Otto, Tim Peters, and Jim Schoeplein.

A number of headline events occurred during this fine Rotary Year. Among these were the visit to our club by one of the freed Iranian hostages, Sam Gillette, who was the guest of Andy Appel. And in March of 1981, Jack Trier presented the Rotary Committee Service Award to Ralph Barley, Esq. A new Rotary song called "Rotary Leads and Shows the Way," music by Harold Shaar and words by Roy Horning, was introduced to the Club. This song was composed in honor of and dedicated to District Governor-Elect Hank Brown.

Attendance Committee Chairman Earl Hummell endeavored bravely to have a 100% attendance in May. It surely was not his fault that is didn't happen. It never did happen, and probably won't. Our club is a large one, and it just seems impossible to have a month during which no one is too sick to attend or make up. It couldn't possibly be that any Lancaster Rotarian would be too indifferent, could it? But Earl put everything into the effort t and is to be applauded for that.

The District 7390 Assembly was held on June 27 at the Treadway Inn, Lebanon, PA, while the attendance from our club was not great in numbers, the key people were there.

Surely this active and productive year of Rotary must have flown for President Dick Witmer. There is much to point to with pride, and the quality of leadership was obvious in the results obtained.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1981 – 1982

Perhaps the title of the show put on by the Club during this year, "Ah Variety," also provides an appropriate theme for William C. Wagner II's year as President. President Bill is a man of infinite variety, and he put a lot of spice into our live as the Club's leader. No one could rest on his laurels if he had any. Every Rotarian knew he was going to be fair game to be required to make some sort of contribution as a Rotarian. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?

Many pages could be devoted to the events of this year, but the Club Historian's paper budget is limited. It is hoped you will settle for this précis. A valiant attempt will be made, however, to cover the highlights.

Mention has already been made of "Ah, Variety." Well, this was the Club's first major attempt at fundraising in about 20 years. It was a one-night variety show. Some of the talent was from our own membership. In some cases, this should be called "guts" instead of talent, but there were some professional performers also. Bob Montgomery headed the entire project, and deserves the absolute maximum of credit. Gene Pellard took charge of the stage production. Gene is a "pro" as well as a member, and he worked wonders. Others contributed too numerous to mention, but the committee made a tremendous contribution and their efforts paid off. The show netted $8,100.00, much of which was ticketed for the Graduate House Project.

Evidence of interest generated in Rotary can be seen in the attendance statistics for the year. Attendance broke all prior records, ending up at 91%. Your historian's prediction that we would never have 100% attendance in a month was in jeopardy. Through Nowell Hoover's splendid efforts, we just missed that goal by a hair in the month of May.

Another first occurred during this Rotary year. Lancaster was the host club for the District Conference. Hank Brown, the District Governor, made the decision to hold the conference outside the District. It was decided it would be held in Williamsburg, Virginia. Thanks to the good work and Herculean effort of Conference Chairman Ron Hill and Program Chairman Bob Montgomery, this conference proved to be one of the very best District Conferences ever. There were 42 members of our Club in attendance. Including Rotary Anne's and others, there were 90 people in all from the Lancaster Club.

Having attended many, many, District Conferences in the past, your Club Historian recalls much sameness, tedium and ennui. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend this one, but the reports we received from our own members and from other members of other Clubs in the District were indeed glowing.

President Bill's goal with respect to the Rotary Foundation was $3,200.00. The level was at $3,000.00 when he took the reins. As it developed, President Bill's expectations were rather modest. Four Rotarians chose to become Rotary Fellows during the year, Jack Ross, Chairman of the Foundation Committee, Red Richards, Ed Short and Bill Heyn. Thus our Club attained the status of a $3,200.00 Rotary Foundation Club; A notable achievement for a large Club such as ours.

This was also a fine year for programs. Charlie Bitler was Program Chairman. Among the list of outstanding programs were many presented by our own members, including Harry Flick, Myke Rogers, an unlikely quartet of M. Seibert, Floyd Bantz, Brad Reynolds and Roy Horning. Others who contributed time and talent for programs Tony Appel and Ian Harrower.

Perhaps the finest program of all was a mistake. Lest one read the wrong implication in that, let us hasten to set it right. We are of course referring to the Christmas Party Program. As a last minute (literally) replacement for a scheduled program which did not materialize, Bob Case and his wife, Chardee, brought us a delightful presentation which included readings of an alternately hilarious and poignant nature. It was truly a welcome departure from normal Christmas Party fare.

The Club was greatly saddened to lose four members to death during the year. Three of these members, A. G. Breidenstine, Fred Ritts and John Swanger were Past Presidents. Gene Robb was the fourth loss. All of these men were strongly instrumental in making the Rotary Club of Lancaster what it has come to be.

Speaking of A. G. Breidenstine, it was he who made the presentation of the Community Service Award to the 1981 – 1982 recipient, Reverend David Maugans.

One of the innovative fellowship activities of the year was a ski outing. This adventure was headed up by Andy Rote and he led the sturdy group of winter athletes to the Poconos and back.

It is noteworthy that under the Youth Exchange Program Margot Rogers, daughter of Myke Rogers, became the first person sponsored by the Lancaster Club to be accepted for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She will spend a year in India. Also, during the year, our Club hosted Mitsugi Mukoyoshi of Japan as a Youth Exchange Student. Host families included Rick Oppenheimer, Bob Mathews, Jim McCall and Don Needham.

An outstanding job was done with Rotaract during this year by Chairman Dick White. Membership grew at the Franklin and Marshall College Chapter to more than 90 members. Obviously, times change. Ten years earlier, these students might have been stoned, in more ways than one, for belonging to such an "establishment" type organization, but Dick White's leadership and the change in mood on campuses helped this achievement's attainment.

The highlight of this Rotary Year has to be the event in which our Club was co-recipient with the Lancaster Boys Club of the National Award of Excellence. This award was presented by the Boys Club of America at their National Conference in Washington, D. C. on June 4, 1982. The accomplishment involved was of course the Graduate House Program. Al Alspach, Boys Club President and Bill Wagner of our Club accepted the award from Nancy Dickerson.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1982 – 1983

The 1982 – 1983 Rotary Year opened with President Don Needham initiating a new weekly program format that included introducing or re-introducing fellow Rotarians. Recognizing that The Rotary Club of Lancaster is large, President Don believed this would be an excellent way for many Club members to get to know more about one another. It proved to be an excellent idea and by year's end all Rotarians were re-introduced and the Club members were richer for new insights gained and learned about fellow members.

Under the leadership of Donald E. Needham the Lancaster Rotary Club continued its onward and upward development. The good works under way were augmented and extended. The Graduate House was by this time an obviously successful project. Many of our members were participating in it in a number of ways. Perhaps the most significant contributions were by those who obtained work for the young men while they were in the program.

One innovation under President Don's administration was the emphasis on getting all members to get to know each other better. He encouraged "table hopping" at meetings, thus trying to dissuade the all too customary inclination of members to sit at the same table with the same people each week. As a part of that effort Don promoted the "Rotarian of the Week" program in which each week a group of Rotarians would be individually named and identified at the meetings. This proved to be a superb idea. The problem of cliquishness has always been a phase of human nature that is not easily discouraged. One always feels more comfortable in the presence of known friends and people of common interests.

There were several outstanding fellowship activities during this year. Among those were the annual Rotary Picnic on August 25, 1982, at Buchmiller Park. And, on the very next day, the annual Rotary Golf Outing was held at the Lancaster Country Club. John Abernethy was still a Rotarian then, and he arranged it all.

On the International Service Lane, the Club hosted a Summer Ambassador from Spain, Marta Uriarte. She seemed to enjoy the association with Lancaster Rotary families and the sentiment was shared by the host families.

Among the many outstanding programs enjoyed by the membership during this year was one presented by Mrs. Lynn Peters, wife of our own Tim Peters. She shared the presentation with Gerald Lestz, a former Rotarian. The topic covered was Lancaster's famous artist Charles Demuth. Mrs. Peters gave a biographical sketch of Mr. Demuth's life and shared, through a slide presentation, many of the artist's paintings. Gerry Lestz, President of the Demuth Foundation, announced that the Charles Demuth Home would be open to the public later in 1983

While the Graduate House project was probably the leading activity in Community Service during the year, there were others that were being prosecuted with vitor. One of those was the Rotaract program. Brad Reynolds agreed to chair that committee, and he put a great deal of effort into it. Rotaract was, and still is, a program pushed by Rotary International intended to

interest college aged people in Rotary and possibly becoming Rotarians when they become involved in their careers.

Andy Appel chaired the Summer Ambassador activity for the year and Joe Dennison chaired the W. E. Nitrauer Camp program. It should be recalled that the Nitrauer Camp originally was the Leaders Rotary Camp, which had been the creation of Bob Haines in 1960. Also Myke Rogers did outstanding work in behalf of the Youth Exchange Program in seeking and finding names of teenagers to be prospective students abroad, and to secure host families to look after our incoming exchange student.

There was another outstanding program presented to the Club in September, 1982. This was a very graphic and impressive view of the events before, during and after the gigantic volcanic eruption at Mt. St. Helen. Mr. Humphreville showed 40 slides with audio and the whole thing was quite impressive.

And in October we were treated to the presentation by John D. Healy, Director of Financial Development for the Philadelphia Orchestra. Longhairs and crewcuts alike were impressed by Mr. Healy's talk. Some were less impressed when they suspected a plea for financial help. But Mr. Healy did not do a serious dunning job. Au contraire, he made some friends with an interesting and gracious presentation.

The Club was visited by the District Governor and the Club Assembly was held on October 13, 1982. The Governor that year was Bob Leidigh, of the Harrisburg Club.

Still another standout program came to the Club in November, 1982. This time it was sports oriented. Our own Andy Rote introduced Robert "Maje" McConnell, a prominent figure in Major League baseball, and a coach of renown in high schools and colleges in the Philadelphia area. He related some experiences and anecdotes about his time with the Phillies as a coach.

To add some international flavor to our programming for the year, in December, 1982, we had a distinguished visitor, Dr. Se Jin Kim, Korean Consul General from the New York Korean Consulate. He voiced the continuing gratitude of his nation for the military support provided by the U.S. to South Korea during the Korean conflict, and for the support that still continued.

And in February, 1983, Clarence Leiphart told of his experiences from a recent trip to China, at that time a nation that was somewhat of an enigma. It was an enlightening presentation.

In review of the year it was plain to see that all committee chairmen in all lane of service did a noble job and accepted their particular committee responsibility with enthusiasm. The Rotary Club of Lancaster has always provided excellent weekly programs, but Wally Otto, who served as program chair for the 1982-83 year is to be commended for the outstanding variety and excellent content of interesting programs. We gained new insight on our heritage and history with programs on Rockford, Wheatland, the DeMuth Foundation, the Preservation Trust of Pennsylvania, the history of Philadelphia and its symphony and the work of the Pennsylvania Museum Commission. Business and finance programs included in topics on the Social Security,

domestic policies, stock market, workmen's compensation, the IRS and the Pennsylvania Small Business Council. Education programs reflected new goals and practices as outlined by the Secretary of Education, Robert Scanlon, the Penn State College of Agriculture and state vocational education system.

Throughout the year programs were offered that reflected the international interests of Rotary. These were brought to our attention by District Governor Robert Leidigh, Jr. at the District Club Assembly by travel talks on China and with programs by our own Rotary Exchange Representatives. The Rotary Club of Lancaster learned more about its Blind Association, Urban League, United Way and Salvation Army. The importance of faith was brought to members in messages by Episcopal Bishop Reverend Charles McNutt, Reverend James Glasse and finally by Mayor Arthur Morris during the traditional Lenten message. We learned about crime prevention, the judicial system and the responsibilities of a citizen in a free world. We enjoyed fellowship and good music at the Christmas dinner, laughed at Groundhog Day prediction antics, marveled at the slight of hand of a magician, the good food of Betty Groff and cheered young farmers the strawberry auction. The Year 1982 – 1983 also marks the first year that programs were interrupted with balloon ladies, clowns and belly dancers. As guest John Morley, a friend of Paul Harris, Rotary Founder, remarked on the day of his visit, "Paul Harris would turn over in his grave if had he known such activities took place!"

The responsibility of The Rotary Club of Lancaster for support of the Graduate House Program at Camp Snyder was felt throughout the year. Appeals of Andy Appel for job placement, clothing and counseling were readily accepted by Rotarians in an effort to help in the development of four students to reach their potential. Financial support of the Graduate House Project comes primarily from the annual fundraiser chaired by Tom Gemmill. "Ah Variety" and its Fulton Opera House performances netted $9,000. Credit for this successful venture goes out to many Rotary members whose combined efforts sold 837 of the 877 seats in the theater and produced a community theatrical event that is on its way to becoming a Lancaster tradition.

In 1982 – 1983 The Rotary Club of Lancaster hailed the following members as new Paul Harris Fellows. They were Louis C. Hershey, S. Dale High, Gilbert D. Lyons and Laurence P. Dunlap. Fred M. Ritts was awarded the designation posthumously. The year also remembered its members whose lives ended: Ben Sheren, Leigh P. Helms, John J. Eshelman, "Woody" Snyder and Bob Wescott.

Throughout the year there were golf outings, ski outings, turkey shoots and bowling games. Rotarians competed with one another and against others. There was fellowship mingled with deep discussion. There were times in which we shared our ideals with our wives, young people, students in international exchange programs and with other community leaders.

1982 – 1983 was a good year for The Rotary Club of Lancaster. It reflected on its past, was reminded of its place and responsibility in the Lancaster Community and the part it must play in the increased understanding of the international life and obligations of Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Lancaster met those responsibilities in 1982 – 1983. It was able to do this because of its leadership and the response of its membership. In 1983 there were 19,953

Rotary Clubs in 157 countries throughout the world. Their combined memberships of 911,500 members include Club 176 of the 7390 District. That's The Rotary Club of Lancaster, a club made up of dedicated members who have and will continue to pass the Rotary Four Way Test. It's that spirit and commitment that allowed The Rotary Club of Lancaster to achieve its 1982 – 1983 goals and look forward to a new year with expectations and anticipation.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1983 – 1984

The president for the year was G. Gary Kirchner. Gary immediately announced that he had but one goal during his term of office. The goal "is provide the best possible programs that he and his program committee can produce." The theory of "Our Leader" was that if this goal can be achieved, then all other Club objectives, including attendance, involvement and growth would be met.

That the theory was correct has been proven by observing that the Club had an active year with enthusiastic participation. The excellence of the programs, which were presented, formed the keystone of the edifice, which was the 1983 – 1984 Rotary Year.

To assure the attainment of his goal, Gary appointed co-chairmen of the Program Committee. His selection of Bob Crosby and Dave Dodds evidenced soundness of judgment because both of them performed in exemplary manner.

As our president was a physician adn surgeon it should have been expected that the Club would lean toward health programs of one kind or anoher.

Early in Gary's year the Club heard from Jack DeVine, technical planning direccor at Three Mile Isand. This program was quite timely becaue the accident at that facility had only been about four years earlier, and there was a lingering stigma in many minds abouit the perious consequences supposedly related. Mr. DeVine's presentation was both credible and reassuring to the audience regarding the safety asect of nuclear energy.

That the influence of Rotary is worldwide was demonstrated in the talk of Dr. Lynn Dolan of The Rotary Club of Lancaster Northeast. Participating in the Rotary 3H program, he provided a month of emergency dental care in the refugee camps in Hong Kong.

There were other programs throughout the year which either revealed Rotary worldwide or in stark contrast, constituted a continuation of long established Club traditions. In the former category are the talks given by Margot Rodgers, daughter of Rotarian Myke, and Nary Regina Frey, each one-time Exchange students. Margot has been in India and Mary Regina in Denmark. Because of their articulation of the countries in which they visited, studied and went to Rotary meetings, there exists a fuller understanding not only of the countries, but also of the peoples and the interests manifested by members of Rotary.

Club traditions, which were continued, included the visit by District Governor Allen D. Smith, the Thanksgiving message by a pastor having association with our President, the Christmas party for Rotary Anne's and the other party for children and grandchildren of Rotarians.

Governor Al highlighted the Rotary International Theme for the year of "Share Rotary, Share

People." Former Rotarian Jim Glasse discussed the subject of "When is the Time Right for giving thanks.

It was a great Christmas Party and as for the annual children's party, "It was a Blast." "It was a ball."

Leading the list is Governor Dick Thornburgh, who brought to our Club a statement of the strategies of Pennsylvania for its future economy. The governor was ably presented by State Representative Marvin Miller, Jr.

From the Executive Branch of the State government came Pennsylvania's 23rd Secretary of Commerce James O. Pickard. A resident of Lancaster County, the Secretary pointed out that the high quality of life factor in Lancaster and Lancaster County is important in attracting business from other 49 states and from overseas.

The Legislative Branch of the State Government was represented by Lancaster County's senior Senator Richard A. Snyder. He discussed the yearlong processes from which the budget evolves. "With great skill he humorously described the give and take in caucus sessions to obtain the votes necessary for budget passage."

Congressman Bob Walker brought us a picture of the government's economic situation early in the calendar year 1984. He specifically discussed the national budget as it relates to the deficit of the country. He indicated encouragement, which stemmed from a belief that the growth in government spending could be brought in line with inflation.

Daniel G. Amstutz, Undersecretary of Agricultural Affairs and Community Programs represented the Executive Branch of the federal government. A one-time childhood brief resident of Lancaster, he established the need for American Agriculture to be competitive in world markets since the nation now consumes only fifty percent of what it produces.

The incumbent, Art Morris, presented the intricacies and complexities confronting the community servant who is Mayor of the City of Lancaster. Since he is a native of Great Britain, the meeting was opened with the singing of "God Save Our Gracious Queen." One of our waggish members suggested that we should have sung "God Save Our Hard Working Mayor."

Our attention was focused on education on four separate occasions when talks were presented by Dr. John Bonfield, Superintendent of the Warwick School District; Dr. Joseph A. Caputo, President of Millersville University; Dr. Charles "Bud" Walker, Superintendent of the Lancaster School District; and Dr. James L. Powell, President of the Franklin and Marshall College.

From Dr. Bonfield, it was learned about the report of the Commission on Excellence in Education and his agreement with it "that American education could and should be upgraded." From the heads of two of the country's institutions of higher education there was a confirmation of the existence of quality education, which is one of the factors in attracting

businesses seeking to locate in Lancaster County. Rotarian "Bud" Walker familiarized the members with the goal of the school board to work with the private sector in a program called "Partners in Education."

There were five programs, which stemmed from the recognition of the need to have background information concerning the ebbing and flowing of political and military forces through out the world as a basis for participation in international service. Interrelated were presentations on problems in the Near East. Dr. Hatem I. Hussaini, head of the Palestine Information Agency in Washington, D. C., discussed the Palenstinian situation. Mr. Obed Ben-Haim, the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia, updated the Club on the ever changing and confusing situation in the Middle East.

Dr. Emilio Adolfo Rivera, an 18-year prisoner in Cuba before coming to the United States, gave a vivid discussion on the tentacles emanating from Cuba. A different viewpoint concerning El Salvador and Nicaragua was brought to the Club by Dr. Glenn Miller, a Professor at F&M.

Intermixed in the study of various world focal points was a talk by the former Ambassador to Afghanistan, John M. Steeves. It was made fully clear that Afghanistan is of importance in determining the control of the Asian continent because its geographical location is the crossroads of Asian commerce.

Attention to the arts and cultural aspects of the community was given by presentation on the Fulton Opera House, the Independent Eye, a Lancaster based national theatrical group, and the Lancaster Opera Workshop. In May the Club joined in the National Historic Preservation Week by making its Historic Preservation Trust Awards. A delightful performance on mime in which the audience filled in the blanks to complete a story completed the Club's enjoyment of things artistic and cultural.

Interest in various providers for human services in the community was kindled by talks about Vantage House, General Hospital and the Boy Scouts. The Club was honored by Dawn K. Johnston's acceptance of the 1984 The Rotary Club of Lancaster Community Service Award.

The remaining area on which programs were centered consisted of business, science and industrial development. High echelon executives presented the activities of national companies. The service and goals of Armstrong World Industries, Bethlehem Steel Company, Sears and Roebuck and Company, Bell Atlantic, International Signal and Control and Hershey Foods Corporation were presented. Supplementing specifics were discussions on the computer revolution, the services of a management consultant, and the vagaries confronting he who would invest.

One of the outstanding performances of the year was the presence at Camp Harmony Hall of twenty club members to assist in refurbishing it for the summer season. This showing follows a string of years marked by the attendance of three or four and augurs a great change. (We hope!)

During the year the Club was saddened by the passing of five Rotarians. Each had been a long time member of the Club and had contributed greatly to the well being of our Club. Those we

mourn are: John Groff, Russ Moedinger, Ed Rick, Harold Shaar and Ray Stoner.

The Club was depleted by the resignation of thirteen members, but was augmented by the induction of twenty new members.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1984-1985

Following in the chair of leadership of the Club was Bob Montgomery, and he brought enthusiasm and expertise to this service. And, early in Bob's year, tribute was extended to two distinguished Rotarians. One was Mike Moore, who attained the Club record for perfect attendance which will probably never be equaled, was selected by the Club as a Paul Harris Fellow. And Past President Mel Peters was honored likewise as a result of his thoughtful generosity over the years.

Sports dominated the early programming of the year. First we heard from "Maje" McDonnell, a former batting coach, and at that time a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies. "Maje" was a colorful character, giving us an inside view of baseball in the big leagues. He told us everything except the fine arts of spitting and scratching. Then we also were treated to an education on the Triathlon by Lyn Brooks and Keith Martin. It was really quite enervating just to hear what is involved in that torturous activity.

Rotary's Four Way Test was analyzed and exemplified by our own resided stand-up comic, Mark Seibert in a program he presented to the club on August 1. Mark lived up to expectations, giving a humorous spin to the topic, but making his point exceedingly well.

The Club Assembly with the District Governor, Bill Bell, of the Lititz Club, on August 29, 1984. Governor Bill, well acquainted with our club and many of its members, framed his address to our group in kudos and challenges.

We were honored by the presence as speaker in August, Dr. Eugene Jacques, who described his recent two week trip to the Soviet Union. It should be recalled that the "Cold War" was still very much a reality. But, in retrospect, one could detect Dr. Jacques' grasp of an atmosphere ripening for big changes that subsequently developed.

In September, we had an opinion from lawyer member Roger Reist regarding the recent Supreme Court ban on the Jaycee's men only policy. Roger said, "we can safely assume it won't apply to Rotary," adding in typical lawyer-like caution, "at least not in the future." Fortunately there was no fee due for this opinion. Perhaps the "new future" part gets him off the hook.

The Club was singularly honored by Governor Thornburgh in being named as having one of the 25 best community service projects in Pennsylvania, namely the Graduate House Project. Andy Appel mentioned that 3000 private initiative programs were nominated for the prestigious Keystone Award. It will be recalled that this project was originally the idea of Tim Peters, and was brought to fruition during President Dick Witmer's year.

In October 1984, there were 214 current members of Lancaster Rotary. During a program in late September, four members joined forces to present the fullest accounting ever given of funds this club administers for the benefit of local charities. The group consisted of John Fitzpatrick, Sam Altdoerffer, Jr., Jim Deily, and Roger Reist. Among the specific charitable efforts were the Student Loan Fund, begun in 1929 by Sylvester Moore, in 1984 valued at $19,000, with current funds derived from Birthday Table donations; the Harry W. Huffnagle Trust, then valued at $2,000, which made a contribution of proceeds each year to the Crippled

Children Society; the Harvey A. Smith Trust, valued at $6,800, which made a $300 cash award annually to a McCaskey High School senior demonstrating "selfless service" to school and community; and the Lancaster Rotary charitable Trust, then valued at $97,000, which has benefitted the Boys Club, North Museum and various other local charities.

Quoting the write-up in the October 3 Transmitter, written by Roger Groce, "the funds share a common characteristic; all are used for local purposes. They are never out of the control of Lancaster Rotary. Combined, they yield about $6,000 annually. But with all that is now being spent, several members voiced concern. Without fresh contributions to principle, inflation will erode the effectiveness of that income in the future."

Our Youth Exchange Students for the Rotary Year were Francisco Vasconez, age 18, from Ecuador, and Nathalie Boen, 17, from Brussels, Belgium. Both matriculated at Manheim Township High School as seniors. Wylie Bradley was in charge of their stay, and appealed to the membership to help entertain them during their stay in the area.

In October we witnessed another fine program supplied by our own member Lou Shenk. As head of the Windward Travel Agency, Lou was in an ideal position to fill us in on the changes in airline details brought about by the deregulation of the airline industry. He pointed out the advantages and disadvantages that the public would probably encounter. He was overwhelmed with facts and figures, but assured us that if we consult a reputable travel agency it will be hard to go wrong. He also emphasized the importance of one thing: If you fly, take a plane.

In another effort to raise funds, the Club conducted a raffle for a trip for two to London, the drawing to be made at the Annual Christmas Party. There were to be 500 tickets sold at $10 each. Quite naturally, one of our lawyer members, Ted Brubaker was the winner. But it couldn't' have happened to a nicer lawyer.

At a meeting in late October there was a program presented which indicated the intensity of our Club's participation in community service. The subject discussed was the Graduate House Project. It became evident that the program was building a record of success. Wilson McElhenney gave us a history of the Governor's Private Sector Initiative Task Force, in which each year successful participation would be recognized by an award called the "Keystone Award of excellence." And in 1984 the partnership of the Lancaster Rotary Club and the Lancaster Boys' Club in the Graduate House project had been selected as one of the 25 winners out of 3000 applicants to receive the award. At that meeting, James K. Pickard, PA Secretary of Commerce, presented the award to President Bob Montgomery, who accepted it for Rotary and the Boys Club.

Andy Appel, Chairman of the Graduate House Committee, moderated a panel of speakers discussing the work at Graduate House.

Subsequently Past President Tony Appel, then President Judge of Lancaster County, told of the problems and successes of the Juvenile Court system which recognizes and uses the facilities of the Graduate House to help young men make themselves productive members of society. And Bill Wagner gave us an interesting history of the work of Rotary in this field, from the Rotary Home days until the Graduate House.

Mary Ellen Kiernan, Director of the Graduate House program, said the young men in the program, ages 17 to 21, must show that they are motivated to be productive members of the community, to give 5 hours per week of helpful work to the Boys Club or the community, to get a job and hold on to it, and to pay 30% of their salary to the Boys Club.

Past president Hank Brown, a Graduate House Advisor, told how he was working with one of the boys. He had become the boys' "adopted parent" and was without a doubt a prime example of service above self.

The final speaker on the panel was George F. Johnston, president of the Boys Club. We didn't know it then, but George would himself become a member of Lancaster Rotary a few years later. George describes the expansion plans and accomplishment of expansion of the Graduate House Program by the development of a facility for 20 boys located in Lancaster and appropriately named the C. W. and Dudley Armstrong Center. With this facility, the program entered a new phase which improves the quality of life for the boys and the community as a whole.

For our Thanksgiving program that year we were treated to an inspiring message from our fellow member, Rev. Gene Hostetter. While this was a serious message, Gene's irrepressible sense of humor added greatly to the enjoyment.

There were many fine programs during the year. We heard from Alvin B. Lewis, member of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, on the 'Pizza Connection,' which was about the rampant illegal drug distribution in our commonwealth. Then we heard from Col. Harold W. Nelson, of the Army War College in Carlisle, about Soviet conventional and nuclear weapons. Obviously Col. Nelson had no more inkling about the eventual ending of the Cold War than we did.

An address titled "A Changing Lancaster—The New City," was given to the Club in January 1985, by Milton J. Bondurant, Executive Director of the Urban League of Lancaster. Mr. Bondurant pointed out the problems rising in Lancaster through large growth in minority population, a high rate of single families, increasing drug use, a high rate of school drop-outs; these were all problems previously associated with large cities, but are now very much a part of our own community. Mr. Bondurant seemed to blame most of this on the lack of Federal programs and funding. He appealed to the Lancaster Rotary Club to do what we could to spur the community to help where it could.

Early in January the Club was made aware of the next major fundraising activity on the horizon. Using the theme, "When Swing Was King,' there would be a show at the Fulton Opera House on March 3, 1985.

We heard about the Lancaster Hospice on January 9. Mr. Joe Horn, Chairman of that organization, summed it up with this comment, "today, Lancaster Hospice is a group of caring people who counsel terminally ill people and their families. They help to set the stage for open and honest conversation among family members, laying the groundwork for their two goals: Last days as pain free as possible, and last days as dignified as possible."

And on January 30, there was an interesting talk on Forensic Dentistry by Dr. Edward Herschaff, and at the following week's meeting we heard from Arthur M. Horst, president of Suburban

Airlines, Inc. Mr. Horst brought us an update on airline Deregulation. As deregulation was something of a "hot potato" in those days, this talk was both timely and interesting.

It was announced in the February 20 transmitter that the District Conference for that Rotary Year would be held March 28-31 at the Host Farm Resort. And President Bob urged the Club to give Governor Bill Bell its full support.

Also, President Bob delivered "Part One" of his 'State of the Club" message. Among the items he stressed were: Our current attendance percentage was 90.28%, but the goal originally set was 92%. Our level of support of the Rotary foundation had increased 400%, whereas the goal set had been 500%. He also mentioned that our total membership level was down compared to the previous year. He encouraged us to try harder to remedy these deficiencies in the next four months of his administration.

The Rotary show, "When Swing Was King,' was held at the Fulton Opera House on Sunday, March 3, 1985. Featured in the show were Bob Troxel's big Jazz band, and singing group, The Vocal Image. Not only was it a superb show, but it was a singular success financially. President

Bob announced that there was a $8,215 profit, which could be applied to the Lancaster Rotary Trust Fund and be put to use for the Graduate House Project, among others.

The month of March was somewhat of a banner month for our club under President Bob's leadership. Not only was the show a bug success, but there were some very fine programs at weekly meetings. Among these were addresses by a former club member, Jim Glasse, at that time interim Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Wilmington, Delaware. The title of his talk was "Leadership is the Answer, but What is the Question?" Those of us who knew Jim Glasse were not at all surprised by his subtle application of wit and charm to a very thought-provoking message. He answered his own poser by saying, "whom do we willingly follow, or serve in our leadership responsibilities?" Then on March 13, the topic of "Lancaster's Boatlift People' was covered by Detective Sgt. James Walsh. This issue had developed as a result of Castro's attempt to deport criminal types to the U.S. It was under the leadership of Sgt. Walsh that most of this new criminal element did not secure a foothold in our community. Then an excellent talk was presented the following week by Joseph L. Jones, Chairman, President, and C.E.O of Armstrong World Industries. He told us about "The Quality management Process at Armstrong."

And, capping off a splendid month of programs, Mrs. Joann Hershey gave us a "Profile of a Farm Wife." Mrs. Hershey was then President of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. She and her husband operated a 124 acre farm near Donegal Presbyterian Church, and obviously qualified to give an authoritative picture of the day's life on a farm, together with certain unique problems and scope of activities associated with that life.

As President Bob had earlier mentioned, there was concern in the administration about the Club losing ground in membership. Due to an unusual trend of losing members for varied reasons, mostly career shifting to other areas outside our jurisdiction, a drive was mounted to attempt to fill open classifications. This drive was rather successful, but the results didn't manifest until the following year of two.

One of the Rotary Foundation projects, The Group Study Exchange, became quite active in our

club in April 1985, when we welcomed a team from District 925, South Africa. This was a diverse group consisting of an auto dealer, an attorney, a travel agency manager, an accountant, a banker, and a university professor. This team visited businesses and industries in our area, and they were lunch guests on April 10.

Who can forget the Nicaragua situation which was an hourly news item in the mid 1980's. And a timely message on this subject was presented at our April 10 meeting. Mick Ranck introduced Dr. Richard Zablah, who left no doubt in our minds where he stood, i.e., firmly behind the

Contras; and he warned that the Sandinistas, if unchecked, would spread Communism throughout Central America

On April 17 we were briefed on the status of the U.S. Strategic Air Command. While it is a bit difficult to relate to events during the "Cold War" in our present era, it was very much of paramount concern at that time. So an enlightening talk was given by our speaker, Capt. Douglas J. Goebel. As Transmitter scribe of the day, Bob Reynolds, put it, "It was like trying to get a drink from a fire hose," which tells us something about Bob's drinking habits. But, seriously, the speech did give us a feeling of security.

With respects to the Rotaract program, in May, Bob Minney introduced Miss Amy Pyfer, a career development officer from Franklin and Marshall College who had attended the meeting earlier of the Rotaract Committee. She informed the Club of "Internships," the purpose of which were to help students explore various career options, either by observing or accrual hands-on experience. Bob also introduced one of the five current interns, Rob Ruth, who related the advantages he gained from such sponsorship by Dr. Bob Mathews of Orthopedic Surgeons, Ltd, a learning experience involving about four hours per week for an entire semester with Dr. Mathews that was later extended.

And around the same time, Andy Appel made an urgent plea for all Rotarians to seriously consider how they could participate as advisors for the twelve young men anticipated to be in need of such service at the Graduate House.

In May the Club was given, in successive weeks, programs which were to be reminders of things we could do for our own good. Chris Herr pointed out the importance of the Organ Donor Program being pushed by our District, whose goal was to sign up 100% of us in the District. And at the following week's meeting, the program was "Let's Seatbelt Lancaster." Carol Wix, Executive Director of that organization, assisted by our own members, Herb Zimmerman, Dave Friederichs, and Gary Kirchner, made the case of prudence in seatbelt usage.

A unique and heartwarming event occurred in June 1985, when Michael G. Moore, "Mike" to us, was recognized for his 50 years of perfect attendance. During that period of time, his membership was exclusively in the Lancaster Rotary Club. Mike joined rotary in May 1935. Along with his tribute, President Bob awarded Mike and official certificate for 50 years of perfect attendance, a Rotary watch, and a special Rotary pin. Chef Andy Gianopoulos presented Mike with a flaming culinary masterpiece, and Mike's fellow Rotarians gave him a rousing standing ovation.

This was obviously an outstanding year of rotary, despite President Bob's modest retirement speech before surrendering the gavel of leadership to incoming President Ron Hill.

Among the accomplishments of President Bob's year were the net increase in membership from 218 to 226; increased Rotary Foundation contributions of 600%; eleven additional Paul Harris Fellows, and six sustaining members; fundraising was very successful with a net of $10,000 resulting from the Trip raffle and the Fulton Variety Show. All in all, President Bob's year, by any standard applied, was extremely productive.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1985-1986

Incoming President Ron Hill, the 71st president of the organization, set the theme for his administration. That theme was "You Are the Key." Amplifying, President Ron said, "You are the key to opening the club to more community and business leaders, the key to high ethical standards, the key to help and support of the community, and the key to promoting international understanding and for providing compassion and love in the community and the world."

President Ron went on to briefly outline his goals. He hoped to provide exchange team members to visit South Africa, and to provide support for the Rotary International "Polio 2005" project. He hoped also to hold our attendance near 92%; to increase membership by a net of 15; and for us to show our pride in being Rotary members by regularly wearing our Rotary lapel pins. Above all, he said he wanted us to enjoy the good fellowship available in Rotary, make an effort to know new members and all other members we do not know, and attend the social functions of the club throughout the year. In closing, he asked for the support of the membership for the projects and programs in the coming year.

The Lancaster Rotary Club celebrated its seventieth birthday at the first meeting of President Ron's Year. Our then and now (1994) Club Historian, Roy Horning, was called upon at the July 3, 1985, meeting to review briefly the history of the club since its founding in 1915.

In succeeding weeks the following programs were enjoyed: Senator Richard Snyder, his subject, "Guilty but Insane"; Judge John Walter on: "Patriotism in the U.S.A. Today"; Nat Hager, Jr., on "The Radon Problem in the Home"; Secret Service Agent Lou Caputo, "Protecting the President"; and Jack Seeley, on "Pros and Cons of Pennsylvania's PACs".

In August, Past President Bill Wagner, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, reported that the official unveiling of the Commemorative Map of Lancaster County Project would take place at the Treadway Resort Inn on September 19. He said that all Rotarians and wives were invited to a wine and cheese reception.

As these were in the middle of the Reagan presidency years, there was much interest in the economy and tax matters. So a timely program was enjoyed by the Club when Francis Confer, C.P.A. gave an informational talk on "The 1984 Tax Act and the President's Tax Proposals", and he expounded on the possible effects this all might have on our lives and the economy. The next week's program featured our own Clarence Leiphart, who shared some of his experiences on a recent visit to South Africa. Clarence dispelled some of the myths being circulated about that beleagured nation, in Clarence's opinion, unfairly. He and his wife had been guests of various Rotary Clubs in South Africa. He noted that many of the Rotarians he met in his travels were black.

There was another interesting program in August presented by Rear Admiral, U.S.N. Ret. James O. Mayo. His topic was "U.S.-Soviet Rivalries & Their Impact On Our Economy". At the time, Admirall Mayo was Executive Vice President of Kiplinger Washington Editors. In hindsight, many of the perils he related as strong possibilities have not occurred. But in

context of that time, deep in the "cold war", they seemed logical and probably.

The club enjoyed some "local talent" (many times the best) on Septembmer 11. Our own Past President Tony Appel, who had recently retired as President Judge of the Court of Common Please of Lancaster County, gave a talk, simply referred to as "Reflections" by Tony. His talk, laced with humor, certainly lived up to all our expectations.

More local talent was the fare at the following meeting. Rotarian Gary Melchionni, a former Duke University basketball star and then a professional player, and now an attorney in Lancaster, told of his additional activities as a sports agent. He traced the history of the emergence of agents in the field of sports in general, and in basketball in particular. He said the only qualifications an agent should have is to know the law on contracts, labor relations, antitrust and taxes. Obviously Gary has that expertise.

On September 25, 1985, District Governor Frank Grady attended our meeting and was the featured speaker. His theme coincided with that of President Ron. It was "You and the key", and your historian is beginning to think that this indeed was the general theme for Rotary International for the year. He announced that the District Conference in April, 1986, would be held in Philadelphia at the Hershey Hotel there, and that the International convention would be at Las Vegas, June 1-4.

At the same meeting, Tom Hoober introduced to the club our incoming foreign exchange students. These young people were Johanna Behrend, of Lemgo, West Germany, and Andreas Tam, of Puebla, Mexico.

Continuing in an International mode, on October 2 we were addressed by a member of the West Germany Bundestag, Herr Werner Weis. Mr. Weiss was introduced by Lancaster County Commissioner James Huber.

Mr. Weiss was an obvious fan of President Reagan's relations with his country. He was particularly complimentary of Reagan's visit to a certain German military cemetery, which the reader may recall created much controversy in this country when it occurred. As Mr. Weis delivered his talk in German, his remarks were translated by Rotary Exchange student, Johanna Behrend, and Peter Heim, of Lancaster.

In the two subsequent weeks the club heard from the Chef Economist of Armstrong World Industries, Dr. Albert G. Matamoros, about the "Economic Outlook for 1986", which, as usual, was "mixed". Then there was a talk by William G. Simeral, Director and Executive Vice President of the DuPont Company. His speech was entitled, "The Chemicals Next Door". He had some very interesting comments about the risks of dealing with hazardous, environment-threatening materials, which could be expected to be a part of any chemical company's operations. He hastily assured us that DuPont is, and always has been, ahead of the game in that regard. Our speaker was introduced by his brother, and our fellow Rotarian Claire Simeral.

It was announced that the Fund Raising Committee would be conducting a "Travel for Two Lottery" on December 18, 1985, at the annual Christmas Party. The first prize was one week for two in Cancun, Mexico; second prize would be three nights and four days for two in

Nassau, Bahamas; third prize was two nights and three days for two in Williamsburg, VA.

The disease AIDS was beginning to be taken quite seriously around that era. On October 30, 1985, our speaker was Dr. S. B. Chasko, Hematologist, and Medical Director of Lancaster General Hospital's Blood Bank. The substance of his talk was both chilling and enlightening.

In November, the club was visited by Pennsylvania Attorney General LeRoy S. Zimmerman. He brought us a message about his efforts to get a handle on the trend of increasing crime in our state, and he outlined his program to combat that, together with keeping an eye on anti-trust violators, public corruption, and sales tax fraud. One interesting fact about this attorney general is that he was the first one who was elected to the post, rather than being appointed.

Another stand-out program was enjoyed in November, presented by Dr. Robert W. Russell, a blind professor at Franklin & Marshall College. Dr. Russell was also a published author, having written "To Catch an Angel", which was a big seller in the 1960's. Your historian, who is an F. & M. alumnus, recalls seeing and hearing from Dr. Russell around that time as a club speaker at the old Brunswick Hotel. He related his experiences from the age of six, when he became totally blind, to the present. After a comprehensive education, majoring in English, he became an English teacher as a career.

In December, Thomas R. Farrow, Executive Vice President of Foltz-Wessinger, Inc. put on a program that was quite impressive. It was a nine projector AV show called "Once upon a Time in Lancaster County", which had been produced by Foltz-Wessinger as a commemoration of that advertising agency's 60th anniversary celebration. It should be noted that Tom became a member of our club less than a year later.

The winners of the Lottery previously mentioned turned out to be, for First Prize, Past District Governor Urey Alexander, Second Prize, Howell Hoover, and Third Prize, Marie Stramara (Ed Yale's daughter).

January, 1986, brought a variety of programming that appealed to the eclectic tastes of the membership. As there was building in America a consciousness of the "homeless" problem, we had a program on January 8 entitled "Street People: A Social Dilemma", presented by psychiatrist E. K. Eshleman; on January 15, Vice Admiral Joseph Metcalf, the American officer who led the raid on Grenada; on January 22, our own Past President Ted Grabowski presented "A Musical Potpourri" guaranteed to chase the midwinter blues and build membership growth in Rotary; and at the January 29th meeting, (Don't Call Me Past President Gary) Gary Kirchner led a panel of prominent physicians who fielded questions from the audience about all phases of medicine. Gary told us of the joy in "Fun and Profit in Surgery".

There was a concerted drive for membership growth this year. At the January 22 meeting previously mentioned, where Ted Grabowski offered his potpourri, that's what that meeting was all about. The main goal was to fill the active classifications vacated by death, by departure from the area, resignations, and mostly because of the large number of Rotarians electing or being compelled to accept Senior Active status. It was the desire of the Membership Development Committee to have a net gain of 22 members by the end of that Rotary year.

In the month of February we heard from Charles E. Brand, the new director of Camp Harmony Hall; Mr. Al Basciano, a physical fitness specialist, presented a program, "No Pain-No Gain", and inspired us all to shape up; on February 19, we were given some insight about life in the White House by former Lancaster Countian, Don Eberly; and another political angle came from Western Pennsylvania's senator, Mike Fisher, an announced candidate for Lt. Governor.

March came in like a lion, and the first program of that month was presented by Mr. Don Henry, who enlightened us about his work with the Voice of America. Then we heard from Alan R. Musselman, Director, of Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. Alan discussed the never ending dilemma about the expansion of residential and industrial activities encroaching upon former farm land.

The topic discussed on March 19 was the Goddard Space Flight Center by NASA's senior photographer, Joseph Walters. Frankly, most of this subject was far above the heads of most of us, as it should have been. And there was the usual Holy Week Service at St. James Episcopal Church on March 26. The main speaker was fellow Rotarian Gene Hostetter. So we have to know it wasn't in the least "usual".

All seriousness was set aside on April 2 (one day late) when Mark Seibert and Roy Horning teamed to attempt to put on a program. Mark, between somewhat ancient jokes, discussed his hobby, painting. Mark surprised many of us with graphic evidence of his painting talents. Roy discussed some of his experiences as a substitute teacher, which occupied a lot of his time since retirement from brick manufacturing. Apparently this was a cue to bring in the Pennsylvania State Police the following week, when Dennis Eckenrode of that elite group described the work of the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers. No arrests ensued.

We were honored to have Past District Governor John S. Kassees present a program on a controversial subject which still persists. The title of his talk was "Solving the Solid Waste Dilemma: Landfill or Incineration".

It was around this time that the Board of Directors of Lancaster Rotary honored Past President Tony Appel with a Paul Harris Fellow Award as one who has "lived by the service above self motto". Tony responded modestly, "I think that in my 32 years as a member I've gotten more out of Rotary than Rotary has gotten out of me. It's a part of me. And I'm grateful". As an expression of gratitude, he made a $1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation for a fellowship to be donated on behalf of another Rotarian, his son Andy.

At our May 7 meeting, Rotarian Dave Friedrichs, Chairman of the Community Service Award, announced the winners of the 1985-86 awards. They were Bob Scheffey, for his many years of distinguished leadership and service with the Lancaster City Board of Education; and Jane Mueller, for being instrumental in saving the Fulton Operat House and restoring it to its rightful place in the greater Lancaster Community.

Many other activities filled out this Rotary Year, including a visit to Lancaster Airport; a program involving the exchange students, incoming and outgoing; a program in which Dr. Harold R. Dalton, Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for the NRC, gave an analysis of the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union and compared that situation with possible hazards at 3 Mile Island and other nuclear energy operations in the U.S.A.

The Year concluded traditionally with the “changing of the guard”. As part of that procedure, Past President Bill Wagner said, “He didn’t have much of an education and doesn’t even own a plaid sports jacket, but Ron Hill, the ex-Maryland Terrapin, nevertheless ‘continued a tradition of excellence among Lancaster Rotary presidents’”. ‘This club has had outstanding leaders, and every so often one, like Ron, rises just a little higher than the others.’

In his parting words Ron commented on what he considered the most salient accomplishments of his administration: 19 new members (for a total of 224); $8,825 contributed to the Rotary Foundation; 9 new Paul Harris Fellows; 5300% Foundation participation; $10,000 donated to the Graduate House Project.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1986-1987

Incoming President Rick Oppenheimer at his inauguration said, "I'm proud of being a Rotarian. I'm proud of our club, and I'm proud of Rotary International. Our aim is to continue as the very best club in District 739."

Some of the goals Rick outlined for his Year were: An increase in membership to 229 total members; a $12,000 fund raising effort; continued Graduate House support; a new program, perhaps helping the aged; 200% increase in Rotary Foundation giving; continued support for youth in Rotary Exchange and Leadership programs; and to start a new Rotaract Chapter.

As 1986 was the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial year, it was appropriate that an early program of the year featured Hobart C. Cawood, Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. It was an impressive talk. Mike Moore, our fifty year perfect attendance member, remarked to a fellow Rotarian on the way out of the meeting, "You know, its wonderful—all these celebrations we're having...the Statue of Liberty, the Constitution. It reminds us of what we have. That's important, especially to the young people. It's so important that they understand and appreciate…"

Then there was a timely program given by Attorney Joseph F. Roda. His topic: "The Product Liability Situation". He cited some examples of the scope of this phenomenon, and of how easy it is to be found liable, and for big damages, from situations that appear to be harmless incidents. And there were mixed emotions in the audience. Those people involved in manufacturing processes were made to feel quite insecure. Our attorneys salivated.

Our club was honored by an early visit from the new District Governor, J. Paul Burkhart Governor J. Paul, a professor of speech at Shippensburg University. He was a past president of the Carlisle Rotary Club. His talk to the club was very inspirational. Among other things he said, "We judge of a man's wisdom by his hope. Let us be judged by the kind of hope we give. Let us, with our active devotion to what Rotary service means, exercise our membership to the fullest so that the world may rightly say, 'Rotary Brings Hope.'"

The Club Assembly was held that evening at Andy's Restaurant, where he received the committee reports from the chairmen.

Other early programs of the year that were noteworthy included a presentation by David L. White who related some of his activities associated with the Columbia-Marietta Development Company, which was described as a "strong private-public partnership that is willing to take risks, creating an investment climate that causes us to be looked at and examined, rather than to be passed by." Obviously the objective of Mr. White's organization was to overcome the stigma associated with small communities that had become distressed economically through no fault of their own. The basic aim being to change the perception investors have about their two riverfront communities, to help businesses already there to expand and become more competitive, and to locate new businesses that would help stabilize the economic base there. Mr. White pointed out one fact about Columbia, which enhanced the

historical knowledge of some of our members. He said, and it's true, that Columbia, Pa. Missed becoming the Nation Capital by a single vote two centuries ago.

Henry R. Gibbel, of Lititz, who had just returned from South Africa a few weeks earlier, and had been part of a six man team of the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program, gave us a vivid account of his experiences there. He had been impressed by the coronation of a new, 19 year old king in Swaziland. Mr. Gibbel learned on that occasion that the old king had had 300 wives, and the new king picked his first wife from among the coronation dancers.

We heard from Mary Ellen Kiernan and her husband, Rotarian Bob Kiernan, in August. They brought the club up to date on the progress that had been made at the Graduate House. Mary Ellen confirmed the success of the program by announcing that 21 of the 25 Graduate House alumni were at that time taxpaying citizens. And, she added, all nine of the current participants were working, paying room and board, and performing community service work.

The Fund Raising Committee, seemingly never out of creative schemes for generating additional capital, announced their latest, a grand raffle in which tickets priced at $125 each would be sold to Rotarians and their friends. The goal set was to sell 300-400 tickets. First among other prizes to be awarded winners was to be a new Chrysler LeBaron car. The drawing was scheduled to be held at a cocktail party and dance at the historic Drumore Estate in southern Lancaster County on October 11, 1986.

In August and September, some of the outstanding programs enjoyed were: Admiral Sylvester R. Foley, Jr., former commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The admiral brought us up to date on the comparative strength of naval power during that era of the Cold War. He gave our own position high marks. He made one surprising revelation, that Soviet naval leaders had been meeting annually with their U.S. counterparts to compare operational notes in an effort to avoid some accidental confrontation. And at an ensuing program our speaker was one of our own members, Gene C. Mahaffey, an investment counselor, who explained that practical effect of the newly legislated tax laws on the citizenry. He strongly advised that we all consult with our tax accountants to deal with a "new ballgame." More on the "cold war," and the not so cold war that took place in Vietnam a few years earlier, our speaker was Captain Edward A. Davis, a Navy Pilot who had been shot down and was a prisoner of war for 7 ½ years. It obviously was a painful ordeal for him. But he seemed more concerned with a down trend in social values since his return. We also heard from the Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor, William W. Scranton III. Quite naturally he praised the achievements of his boss, Gov. Thornburgh. Many of us were thinking what a fine successor Mr. Scranton would be. Some apparently weren't, because he didn't make it. We heard a pitch from our vice-president, Lou Shenk. His message, titled "From Coast to Coast in 48 Hours," was not a promotion for his own travel agency. But it was a glimpse of air travel in the past, and Lou proceeded to contrast that with his ultramodern services.

At an October meeting we were pleased to meet and hear from the current Youth Exchange Student, Carolina Pardo, of Venezuela. She spoke a few words, in very good English, expressing her pleasure in being here.

The same week, our speaker of the day was Dr. Ermaleen B. Etter, an associate professor at Millersville University, Department of Special Education, who told us how to work with and

manage the "difficult" employee. And at the following week's program, a Tony Appel lookalike, Thatcher Longstreth, practically a Philadelphia institution, and twice an unsuccessful candidate for mayor there, gave an informative presentation about unemployment compensation problems, and possible remedies, in the Commonwealth.

An interesting challenge was made to the club around that time by Gene Pelland. He was deeply involved in the fund raiser, the Rotary Raffle, and he vowed to shave off his beard if 350 tickets were sold for the October 11 event. And if 400 were sold, he would shave his entire head. Obviously Bill Wagner had something on Gene to compel him to make such a radical challenge.

"Keeping Well Doing Good" was the title of a talk given by Rotarian and future Club President, Bob Crosby. This was a Classification talk few, if any, would be better qualified to give. Bob was vice president, development, of Lancaster General Hospital Foundation.

It is not clear from the record as to whether Gene Pelland was happy or sad that a total of 361 raffle tickets were sold. He did lose his beard, but no his hair. He had to be pleased that the raffle produced more than a $19,000 net gain in the Graduate House fund-raiser, involving active participation by 93% of the club's membership. The leading salesmen were Mark DeBord, Joe Lombardo, Bob Patterson, Bill Durkota, and Dave Ashworth, in the $500 group; Brad Reynolds, Joe O'Brien, and Bob Montgomery, in the $750 group; in the $2,250 group, and tied for second place, were Gil Lyons, Sr. and George Kratzert. First place sales award went to Bill Wagner, who sold 22 tickets for a total of $2,750. Bill won an all-expense paid sailing weekend on the Chesapeake Bay.

An interesting variety of programs occurred in the fall of 186. There was a team of psychology experts, psychiatrist David E. Nutter and psychologist Mary Kearns Condron, who discussed frankly the vagaries of sex-related problems that are more common than lay persons might think, and the need for a clinic for sex-related problems. Many of us appreciated the nostalgia this program engendered. And at the next meeting the speaker was the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association's public spokesman, James W. Runk, who talked about the ramifications of the new era of deregulation of the trucking industry. Then, a change of pace was audited from Jane G. Pepper, President of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. She brought a graphic picture of the Philadelphia Flower Show and the extensive community gardening program that's "transforming both the look and 'livability' of Philadelphia."

Perhaps the most monumental undertaking of the Lancaster Rotary Club was in President Rick Oppenheimer's Year. We refer to the Polio-Plus Project. It's true that this was a project of Rotary International, but our club participated in a more than proportionate manner. It was announced in the December 3, 1986 Transmitter that the Lancaster Club would be honored in the Model Clubs Program at the R.I. Convention to be held in Munich in June, 1987. The objective of this noble venture was to provide for immunization against Polio and other diseases which afflict children, particularly in the Third World countries. This obviously was intended as a humane service in parts of the world where the benefits of modern medical discoveries and developments would never otherwise reach. The goal set by R. I. For contributions from all the Rotary Clubs of the world was $120 million. As the Lancaster Club was one of the 15 clubs named as a "model" club, we were expected to evidence leadership in the project and we were assigned a quota goal $200,000. To many of us older members this seemed to be a most ambitious target. But President Rick picked exactly the right man to chair

the project and we were assigned a quota goal $200,000. To many of us older members this seemed to be a most ambitious target. But President Rick picked exactly the right man to chair the project in our club, Past President Bob Montgomery. And Bob, together with his dynamic committee, delivered in an astoundingly successful way. When the formal end of the campaign was announced, Bob issued the following report: $255,000 pledged—enough to immunize 2,040,000 children throughout the world. And even following that announcement an additional $5,000 was received.

Time and space do not permit all of the many other activities of this busy Rotary Year. The quality of programming remained at a high level. Among the numerous distinguished speakers were Lt. Governor Bill Scranton, Vietnam POW Capt. Ed Davis, and Lancaster Mayor Arthur Morris.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1987 – 1988

Lou Shenk became the new President for the 1987 – 1988 Rotary Year. He accepted the gavel of leadership from Rick Oppenheimer, and acknowledged it would be a hard act to follow. In accepting the post, Lou outlined his goals for the year: A commitment to the Boys & Girls Club of $3,500 for his year and again for the following year; an increase in membership to 235 members; to maintain a Club attendance average of at least 90%; to establish a project to create money and encourage participation of all members in that effort; and to increase our Rotary Foundation commitment by 15%.

At the first meeting after his inauguration, President Lou presented a review of the Rotary International Convention at Munich, Germany. He was aided in this program by Wally Otto, Rick Oppenheimer and Tim Peters. This was a very entertaining program, but President Lou also emphasized the urgency of RI President Charles Keller's theme: "United on Service, Dedicated to Peace." Lou noted that the new RI President invited Clubs throughout the world to welcome women visitors. He also acknowledged that our Supreme Court's ruling regarding women's rights to belong to service clubs would only have an impact of indirect consequence on Rotary Clubs outside the United States.

There was an announcement in the July 1st Transmitter that Dick Witmer had been given an award for work he had done in the formation of The Rotary Club of Lancaster South club in Willow Street, Pennsylvania.

A sampling of early programming of the year indicates we heard from Norman Lamar, manger of the Lancaster Airport; Jack Messinger, whose topic was "Self Image and Professional Development." Dr. Grier Stephenson, Professor of Government at F&M College, talked on "The Constitution and the Supreme Court."; Barbara Porter, a Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholar, told us of her experiences in Ethiopia and about the agricultural picture there; a talk by John L. Enterline on "Conestoga House – Behind the Walls."

In August there were programs presented by Dr. Frederick C. Beyer, Director of Trauma Service at Lancaster General Hospital, describing his duties in this very essential activity. And we heard from a young man, Thomas McCarty, who was an intern at the Kunzler Company, and a student at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Then William Strauss, Director of the City of Harrisburg's waste-to- energy facility, gave us food for thought about converting garbage into inexpensive energy. And, speaking of food, Betty Groff, co-owner of Groff's Farm Restaurant, Cameron Estate Inn, Groff Farm Relishes and Pond Press, talked to us about her newest cook book, which she did in a delightful, humorous style.

Additional fine programs were on hand in September. Norman E. Shore made an appeal in behalf of the United Way of Lancaster County. Dr. Michael Altfield of the Army War College, where he was a Strategic Policy Analyst, spoke to us about our nuclear arms policy. It should be kept in mind that the "Cold War" was never completely out of American thought. Then, as a change of pace, the team from TV's PM Magazine, Doug Allen and Nancy Byrne shared some of their adventures in putting together informative and entertaining show. And at the next meeting,

Dr. Gerhard E. Speigler, President of Elizabethtown College, gave us a view of "Higher Education on the Hot Seat."

We had a visit of the District Governor, Albert A. Reidinger of The Rotary Club of Midddletown in October. The Club Assembly was held the same evening. In his talk to the Club he emphasized the theme set forth by RI President Charles Keller at the RI Convention, already described. He seemed well pleased with the work of our Club, particularly in its excellent performance as a "Model Club" for the Polio Plus Project.

A stimulating program was given in October by Mrs. Elaine Holden regarding a controversial issue, the possibilities of developing a civic center in the city of Lancaster. Mrs. Holden, Chairman of the local committee studying this, admitted there were many obstacles, and that it would be some time before the committee would be making definitive recommendations.

In successive weeks we heard from Jay Humphrey, local attorney who was a devotee of international yacht racing, presented a show including a film about Dennis Conner's adventures in preparing for the Americas Cup Competition. Then our own Past President Ted Grabowski gave us graphic insight into the situation in Communist Poland, where Ted had relatives and friends. With his usual enthusiastic style, Ted captivated the audience. And yet another fellow Rotarian, Dick Burley, Director of Lancaster County VoTech Schools, brought us an update and new perspective on how that system was meeting modern day industrial needs.

A Commonwealth dignitary graced our podium in November. State Secretary of Agriculture, Boyd E. Wolff related the status of agribusiness, particularly with respect to all the new environmental considerations that have developed. And in a not unrelated vein, there was also a program by Arnold F. Keller, of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, emphasizing the importance of tourism and proper protection of farmland in the County.

The Fulton Opera House received a substantial boost at a December meeting by Kathleen Collins, Artistic Director for that fine old institution. She reviewed some of the historic happenings at the theater, some of the personalities and activities associated with it, such as W. C. Fields, (Ahh yes) and John Philip Sousa, who directed a Marine Band on stage there. There were many other events of equal luster to enhance the heritage. She emphasized that the Fulton is a not-for-profit organization, and it was her hope that with more concerted promotion, people would be drawn from Harrisburg, York, Reading and elsewhere to participate as audience and supporters.

Congressman Bob Walker paid us a visit late in December. As a member of the minority party in Congress, Mr. Walker pointed out what should be done to reform that body and improve the legislative process, but he pointed out what an uphill battle that was. He also mentioned he's doing his part and that he has insulated himself from the "special interest' groups by refusing to accept more than $500 from any one source of contribution.

We had the pleasure of hearing about the state of the economy as 1988 ebbed and what to

expect in 1989. This writer has always had trouble understanding the language of economists. (Including lawyers and doctors) For example, "The American Economy is undergoing a transition and as a consequence, is giving off mixed signals." Has it not been ever so? But Al Matamoros had been saying things like that for almost as many years as this writer was a Rotarian. And he has never been wrong, as far as I can tell.

In January 1988, the announcement regarding the next District Conference was issued. As a change of pace, this conference would be held at Williamsburg, Virginia. As mentioned earlier, the District Governor for that Rotary year was Al Reidinger of The Rotary Club on New Cumberland. This turned out to be one of the outstanding conferences of the District's history.

Also in January the Club heard from Bud Mearig, President of the Lancaster Automobile Club, who gave an entertaining and informative talk entitled "Our Mobile Society." And at the following week's meeting we heard from Dr. Eugene C. Smith, a local family physician who treated AIDS patients. As this scourge was then becoming a scary and misunderstood disease, his insight was quite helpful for Rotarians to better grasp the facts and nuances of the threat.

In February there was a thoughtful, frank and informative presentation on "Effects of Sexual Assault on a Victim and on Significant Others," given by Mrs. Bonnie Boyer, volunteer speaker and counselor for Rape Aid and Prevention Association. Mrs. Boyer went into great detail about the procedure to follow if one experiences rape. Many of these things being the opposite to what people normally might do.

So, between the AIDS and rape programs, we acquired much sex education indeed. So the scene shifted in February to "The Amish: A People of Preservation," the title of a program presented by Richard Armstrong and Dr. John A. Hostetler which reintroduced us all to knowledge and new insights into the work of our Amish neighbors. In the few following weeks there were programs pertaining to government. There was State Senator Gib Armstrong, then Richard E. Wyckoff formerly with the FCC and related agencies. Mr. Wyckoff had been a former "graduate of the Rotary Leadership Camp."

Andy Appel gave a stirring program based on his own personal experiences as a forest fire fighter; the title: "The Lancaster Forest Fire Crew: Past, Present and Future." The talk was impressive in demonstrating what some Rotarians do on a voluntary basis to make our environment safer and more pleasant.

It must be clear from the foregoing record that there were many fine programs during this Rotary year. So let us turn to the other accomplishments and Lou Shenk himself, who was indeed our venerated leader during The Rotary Year 1987 – 1988, enumerates these.

A. The South East Lancaster Health Services Health Project was initiated.

B. The procedure for proposing and electing members to Lancaster Rotary was revised.
C. The rediscovery and reframing of our original Charter thanks to Hamilton Bank.
D. The Club received a plaque at Camp Harmony Hall recognizing The Rotary Club of Lancaster Contributions.
E. The highest expenditures for the Fellowship Committee in many years were made during this Rotary year.
F. The club received the Rotary International Presidential Citation for the 1987 – 1988 Rotary year.

When asked what significant Rotary activities had taken place during his year, Lou responded with, "The 74th Annual District Conference in Colonial Williamsburg at which The Rotary Club of Lancaster tied for the highest attendance."

An additional achievement of note was that President Lou acquired a Paul Harris Fellowship and when asked if there was any other information he wished to share with his fellow Rotarians, Lou replied, "I'd like to play better golf."

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1988-1989

The gavel of leadership was passed from Lou Shenk to Sam Altdoerffer, Jr. on July 6, 1988. So we witnessed once more the son of a past president being installed in the highest office of a Rotary Club.

As this year progressed it became clear that this was not just another routine Rotary Year. It became increasingly difficult not to notice that some of our fellow Rotarians were wearing earrings, lipstick, high heels and dresses. There was some consternation among some of the old "Sticks in the mud". There were murmurings of resignations and possible suicides. But your historian is not aware of those drastic measures being actuated. And, as a matter of fact, most Rotarians adapted to the new situation quite well. One was actually overheard saying, "Notice how much better looking Rotarians are now? And they smell better too". But we will attempt to give this development further treatment later. President Sam (referred to some as "Son of Sam") stated his goals and aspirations were (1) Growth in membership with continuation of quality; (2) To encourage higher general attendance percentages, (3) To make extra effort to include new members in table conversations, and encourage their participation in Fellowship activities; (4) To find a new community project which would touch a larger proportion of the community.

It was announced early in the year that there would be a gala fund raising project on October 1. This was to involve champagne, hors d'oeuvres, a five course dinner, dancing to the music of the Dixie Land Jazz Band, and there would be substantial door prizes. This was to be held at the Sheraton Golf and Resort Inn. The price to attend was $150 per couple, and the proceeds would benefit the Southeast Lancaster Health Services and other Club projects. Joel Baron headed this effort, with help from Harry Flick and Bob Minney.

True to President Sam's pronouncements, early in his year it was announced that there would be a Gala Fund Raising affair at the Sheraton Golf and Resort Inn on October 1. There would be only 400 tickets available for this event.

In keeping with the established high quality of weekly programs, the early programs included a visit from Miss Pennsylvania, Denise Meyer; an interesting program by William L. (Smokey) Roberts showed some film footage of underwater cinematography, including scenes of the Andrea Doria wreck; a fine show put on by Tom Reilly, Pennsylvania Area Manager for the Compaq Computer Corporation, giving insight for the "fastest growing company in American business history"; and we heard of a new term, "Still Imaging", and what that was all about, from Tim Justice, Manager of Still Imaging for Sony's Eastern Division. The latter program served to show our membership how far behind they were in modern technology .

A topic which sometime later became quite controversial was presented to us in early August by Lt. General Daniel O. Graham, a man of great military distinction, and considered the "father of SDI". He told us something about that concept. You may be award that SDI assumed the mockingly familiar nickname of "Star Wars" from opponents of Ronald Reagan's defense strategy.

Not wishing to show political bias, your historian can merely say that the cold war is over now. And regardless of the pros and cons of the effectiveness of the "Star Wars" strategy, one can not help but wonder if that strategy didn't help speed up the desired result.

Some really fascinating programs were yet to come. One that comes to mind was presented by Lt. Commander Alan Lerchbacker, who had headed the recovery operation of the space shuttle Challenger which was involved in the disastrous explosion in 1986. The project had taken 214 days to salvage the cabin of the Challenger. One surprising fact emerged, that all of the Astronauts had lived after the explosion, at least long enough to turn on some of the equipment. And they all could be identified. So much of the mystery of that tragic event was clarified by this mission.

We learned a great deal about a comparatively new feature of our community, the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, at a program in August presented by our own fellow Rotarian, Tom Prather. Tom and his wife Deborah are co-producers of that excellent medium of theatrical arts. Most of our members have attended one or more productions of Dutch Apple, thus knowing of its value to the community.

Earlier in that month we heard from Pat and Dona Whitmore about their project, Habitat For Humanity. This was a program that dated back to 1968, but was just in its infancy in the Lancaster area. The purpose of the project was to provide housing for people in a poverty status. It is a non-profit organization which raises funds through individuals, churches, companies, service organizations and foundations. Those funds are used to build or renovate houses, using volunteer labor and donated materials. These houses are then sold at cost to low income families. A no-interest mortgage is repaid over a twenty year period. The mortgage payments are recycled back through the "fund" to finance more homes. The Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity dedicated its first building and rehabilitated house on South Queen Street, in April 1987. The Rosario family, owners of the house, had invested the required "500 hours of sweat equity" in their house. It was also mentioned that there were two more houses planned to be built on lots purchased from the City of Lancaster. The McDonough's concluded their presentation by recommending the Lancaster Rotary Club adopt the Habitat for Humanity as a future Rotary project. Their way of putting it was, "let's give Lancaster's working poor a hand-up, not a hand-out".

In September there were programs of eclectic interest. There was an inside look at Political Conventions", moderated by Keith Martin. Participating in the program were (besides Keith), Mick Ranck, Dick Witmer, Dick Hoxworth and Pete Wambach, Sr. It was exciting and informative. And Mike Spangler, the youngest Chairman of the United Way in Lancaster history, gave us a splendid message about the needs and services connected with that organization. Not unrelated, was the inspiring program at the Lancaster Sight Saving Center of Lancaster County.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1989-1990

The advancement of Dr. Tom Gemmill to the presidency was distinctive in a number of ways, most particularly as he was the first veterinarian to hold the office and also the Club's resident liberal. Tom conducted meetings with dispatch and good humor, and set in motion many efforts which would bear fruit later.

After much discussion, Rotary's Student Loan Project, begun in 1929, was finally terminated. The $10,000 in the account plus $8,000 in receivables was turned over to the Citizens Scholarship Foundation, which a study committee had determined was better equipped to manage this activity. The funds then constituted the Lancaster Rotary club Endowment Fund for Scholarship Loans within the Foundation.

A major funding involved the Boys and Girls Club. On the recommendation of the Projects Committee, $40,000 was provided for capital improvements: $20,000 for four campsites and $20,000 to renovate the farmhouse on the property. In addition, the Club pledged $10,000 per year for five years to provide staff needs at the campsite.

The Club also provided $1,000 to Dr. Albert Alley and District Governor Dick Witmer to help fund a medical mission to Nigeria.

A major effort during the year was preparing for the Club's 75th anniversary on July 11, 1990, shortly after the next changing of the guard. Another time-consuming project was the development of new song books, because the complications involved in getting copyright clearances were almost as difficult as the choices of songs.

On March 1, the Club's office was moved to 38 N. Christian St., the business location of Bradley Associates.

The district Conference, arranged by our own District Governor-Elect Ken Whitney, was held in Toronto May 10 to 13th. A chartered bus took some of our members.

Attendance during the year was consistently above 90%.

The year was marked by too many fine programs to mention, covering many member interests. On the global front„ Dr. Amit Mitra, Director of the Center for Asian, African and Latin American Studies, said that the new worldwide economic process is moving market economies to the right and that Communist and left-leaning countries were having difficulty finding a sound theoretical basis for their programs. Major General Paul Cerzan, Commandant of the Army War College, spoke optimistically about NATO's future, saying that most of the internal disagreements were more about budgets than philosophy.

Turning to domestic policy, Rotarian Penn Glazer analyzed the death penalty and concluded that it is not civilized. In another talk, Rotarian Mike Young made an interesting distinction between health care value and health care values, showing the difficult choices individuals as well as health care professionals will have to make.

Still another Rotarian, Andy Appel, provided not only talk but demonstrated the work of his Wilderness Emergency Strike Team (W.E.S.T.)

An inspirational presentation was provided by Yvonne "Yonnie" Kauffman, Elizabethtown College's women's basketball coach, who urged us to live so we would "never look back and say I wish I would have tried."

There was an off-site meeting (in addition to the traditional Easter week service at St. James Church) when the Club met at the Kreider Dairy Farm Restaurant and then enjoyed a tour of the farm.

A program highlight of the year was Rotarian Bill Wagner's "Ramshackle Rotary Reflections." He cited 28 living past presidents of our Club, 22 of whom were present. The fascinating account couldn't be contained in one program, so with unanimous agreement, he concluded it at another.

For the International Youth Exchange, inbound students came from Germany and France, while outbound students went to the Republic of South Africa and Thailand.

The year received a resounding close at the changing of the guard on June 20, when Bob Troxell not only spoke about "Fun with Fund-Rising Jazz" but delighted everyone with the live music of his jazz ensemble.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1990-1991

New President Bob Crosby promised that his year would be one of "programs, projects and parties." It was bound to be a distinguished year: 1990 marked the 75th anniversary of the Club. The festivities began on July 11, when Gene Hostetter traced the history of the Club in words and pictures, describing it as "a unique piece of work." Members also received stylish commemorative pens. Then, on October 6, a widely acclaimed Gala was held in a "humongous" tent" (with a comparable rainstorm) at Camp Hogan, not incidentally raising $18,000 for Club projects. The next week, District Governor Jack Schofield came to present his congratulations.

Responding to the Rotary International theme, a "Preserve Planet Earth" Committee was formed and quickly swung into action, with Rotarians planting 250 trees in Lancaster City and Township. Forty Rotarians also worked at Camp Hogan, converting a farmhouse to a conference center and getting the camp in shape for inner-city kids' summer camping experience..

At the District Conference in Baltimore, the Lancaster Club received several awards for projects and Rotary Foundation giving. Further honors came as former president and district governor Dick Witmer was featured in an article in Rotary Magazine by our own Roger Groce about the Witmer/Ally Nigerian medical mission and then became the recipient of a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Emphasis on education and youth work continued as the Club contributed $944 for Catholic High School tuition for an exchange student from Thailand. The Club hosted visiting Soviet students on August 2 (two of whom went AWOL permanently during a Washington, D.C. trip), and a Lancaster City-County Chilean Group Study Exchange from March 31 to April 8.

The Annual Community Service Award was presented to Calvin Duncan for his leadership of DADDS in the fight against drug pushers in Lancaster.

True to President Bob's promise, the program standards were high. On the global scene, Lt. Col. Joseph Englehardt of the Army War College brought us up close to the Persian Gulf War, while Dr. John Joseph, emeritus history professor at F&M, taught us about Iraq and the Middle East and the need to get Saddam Hussein out.

Closer to home, President Richard Kneedler of F&M described the Cultural Action Plan for Lancaster county, while Ron Bailey, County Planning Director, explained Lancaster County's Comprehensive Plan and Rotarian Dave Hennigan presided over a panel of local political reporters to enlighten us on the1990 campaign. It was a good year for panels -- we had what was believed to be our first legal panel, and the medical panel (especially Chair Gary Kirchner) was as provocative as ever. On the subject of health care, Paul Wedel gave a talk on "Where do we go from here with health costs" and summed up the situation as "a mess."

On the lighter side, "Maje" McDonnell, long-time player and official, gave us a preview of the

season, while Ralph "Bud" Bray presented a breath-taking slide show of his African safari -- so worthwhile that he was given the full hour from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

In addition to projects and programs, President Bob also talked about fun, and there were some fine events during the year. In addition to the Anniversary Gala, there was a new style Holiday Party at the Sheraton Host Resort that ended up $185 in the black. As a fund raiser, the show "Sugar Babies" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre not only produced a lot of enjoyment but also $3,200 for Rotary projects.

For the International Youth Exchange program, inbound students came from Brazil, Thailand and Ukraine, USSR, while outbound students went to Norway, Belgium, Turkey, Ukraine and Brazil.

During the year, meeting attendance stayed comfortably over 90%. And, after many, many years of delay, new song books appeared on the luncheon tables!

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1991-1992

Succeeding Bob Crosby as president of the club was Wally Otto. And President Wally brought his own unique style and substance to the effort.

Bob Crosby's year had been a great one, with monumental achievements. But Wally's tenure would prove to be just as exciting in different ways.

The club and the entire district benefitted from the selection as District Governor of Past President Ken Whitney. Any observer could see from the start that Governor Ken would lead District 7390 to greater heights.

President Wally asked early in his administration for Club support in eight initiatives. The first of these initiatives pertained to the establishment of monthly program theses. All of these themes were to be timely and of general interest, to be presented by speakers recognized as authorities or experts in that field. For example, the programs of July, 1991, carried the theme of "War and Peace". And some very find programs along that theme were presented during that month. Themes to follow were Travel and Leisure, Education, Politics, Investments, Substance abuse, Aging of America, Religion, and Government.

The only intervals deviating from the themes were for the traditional programs involving the Strawberry Roundup and auction, and the Medical Panel, headed by Gary Kirchner.

Another innovation of President Wally's year was a change in format in the weekly bulletin, the Transmitter. The idea was conceived and implemented by Joanne Judge, the editor. Part of the process was the presentation of mini-bios of various Club members. This was well received and enabled other members to obtain a better view of their fellow Rotarians with whom they had not had a chance to become acquainted. These brief biographical sketches did take up space which had formerly been used to report on the prior week's program. This problem was solved by issuing separate written reports on last week's programs, and in greater depth than had been permitted by space in the Transmitter. These were made available at the Secretary's table in the meeting room.

The second initiative of President Wally's agenda was to stimulate action in the third of the Rotary "Four Way Test", to "build good will and better friendships". In that endeavor there were many fellowship activities during the year, including a family picnic at Dave Friedrich's Farm; a golf outing at Fairview Golf Club; a train ride to Atlantic City; a crab feast; a ski trip; a sailing trip; and a "Lancaster 250 Celebration Brunch". Certainly there was something in some of those events that appealed to each Rotarian. And they went a long way in producing the results Wally sought.

Wally's third initiative, and a very insightful one, was to stimulate interest in the Club's activities among the newer members, of whom there were many in the past few years. Wally

created a new committee, headed by Ed Hauck, to respond to this challenge. Ed did a find job in getting greater involvement among the newer members. The Club will clearly benefit from these activities for years to come.

President Wally's fourth initiative involved fund raising. He set goals of $3000 for new activities and $13,000 for existing projects. Past President Bill Wagner was designated to use his usual appealing qualities in heading the "Committee of Twenty-one", whose objective was the raising of funds.

Perhaps a good example of how the third initiative had a very positive influence on the fourth initiative can be seen in the efforts of new member, Jim Kirchner, who with the help of mostly new members conducted the first Annual Rotary Amateur Bicycle Race. And President Wally was elated by the success of that, along with the total personal giving by Club members of $32,595 during his year for projects including the Boys Club and Camp Hogan, Special Olympics, the Romanian Children's Fund, and others.

The fifth initiative of Wally's agenda was to properly recognize the many accomplishments of Lancaster Rotarians. And with the help of Joanne Judge, editor of the Transmitter, and Mark Seibert's newspaper clipping contributions, news of Rotarians' achievements was brought to light.

During President Wally's year, 24 new members came into the Club. There were 11 resignations, and the untimely death of Past President Dave Weaver. But part of the success of increasing the net membership total was due to Wally's sixth initiative, which was to attract leaders of the community to Lancaster Rotary. The force of Wally's winning personality and positive leadership had a great deal to do with that success.

The seventh initiative Wally considered essential was the emphasis on high attendance percentages. He let it be known that it was not enough to merely show up for lunch, get attendance credit, and skip out before the meeting was really under way. Wally made it clear that that style of behavior was not really in the true spirit of Rotary. Of course, this initiative was hardly unique. Every Club president in the writer's memory has preached against this scourge, but Wally did have better than average results in reducing "scooting".

President Wally's final initiative, and one he devoted much effort toward, was in trying to develop a new significant Rotary project. As Vice President Herb Zimmerman and Secretary Tim Peters were hand-in-hand with Wally, continuity is assured. Who could doubt that positive results will ensue? Audrey Slater was designated by Wally to, with a committee of eighteen, endeavor to explore and review a number of promising projects that could fill the bill.

In his valedictory address to the Club, Wally stated that the year had been "exciting and rewarding". He pointed with pride to the activities of Tom Bamford in connection with the "Lancaster Celebration 250". While that project had already been committed to financially by Park City and Wohlsen Construction Company, there was a need for organization to implement the project.

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The product developed was known as “Faces of Lancaster”, which was a splendid display of photographs reflecting Lancaster’s past. Bob Case undertook the leadership in this effort and did a distinguished job. Bob was very successful in enrolling participation of many Rotarians. Anyone viewing the photo displays would recognize the very high quality of the display, but could not know of the time and effort Bob Case expended to make it such a smashing success.

This obviously was a stand-out year of Rotary. Perhaps one statistic which confirms that is the 92% attendance average in a club of large membership.

One bad bit of news was that Barbara Kreider our lovely and super efficient Executive Secretary will be resigning her post soon and will definitely be a loss to our club and every Rotarian will solely miss her.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1992-1993

With President Herb Zimmerman at the rostrum, members knew to stay alert or risk missing a subtle turn of wit or a penetrating riposte. Adopting the Rotary International President's theme, "Real happiness is helping others," Herb set about encouraging members to feel good while doing good. Among other goals, he set 100% participation in Rotary Foundation giving with an objective of $10,000 during his year.

There were all kinds of ways to serve. Right away there was need for members to work at constructing Kids' Place at Long's Park, the biggest and most unusual playground in Lancaster. There was a Strike Out Hunger in Lancaster food drive during the summer, and a clothing drive for Water Street Mission and the Salvation Army in December. The Club provided funds, based on $10 per member, for R.I.'s appeal for clothing and blankets for refugees in Croatia and Bosnia. There was ongoing work at Camp Harmony Hall, highlighted by an Open House and Picnic there and the dedication of Rotary Lodge at Camp Hogan. Much work went into the Second Annual Bicycle Festival. A group of visitors from India was hosted as part of world Understanding Month. A Rotary Raffle was the big fund-raiser: members were asked to sell five tickets at $25 each. (Jack Ross won top prize, $5,000.)

Countless hours were given to the search for a new major project. Almost two dozen possible projects were reviewed and debated, culminating in a recommendation that a literacy project be undertaken.

There were internal matters to be advanced. Cynthia Dinger was hired as Executive Secretary. Annual dues were increased to $175. Attendance continued above 90%.

An unusual distinction was Dick Witmer's selection as one of 75 Anniversary Candles by Rotary International, featured in Rotary Magazine.

Fellowship activities took a variety of forms. There was the Rotary Regatta, a golf outing at Fox Chase, a Strike Out Hunger baseball game at Veterans Stadium which produced a record-setting turn-out of 606 for the District, an Eagles-Viking football trip, a Crab

Fest, a Christmas Party at the Farm and Home Center, a ski outing at Jack Frost Resort, an Atlantic City bus trip, an Orioles-Indians baseball game and a picnic at Dave Friedrich's horse farm.

Luncheon programs took some new twists, with three off-site events. There was lunch on the stage of the Fulton Opera House, where the members enjoyed seeing scenes from "Crazy Quilt" and "Romeo and Juliet." At perhaps the other extreme, there was a visit to the Lancaster County Incinerator. And there was the Annual Easter Week meeting at St. James Church.

For the international Youth Exchange Program, there were inbound students from Denmark, Mexico and Chile and outbound students to Indonesia, Germany and Belgium.

In an election year, it was only natural that there be many political programs. Dr. Stanley Michalak of F&M spoke on "The Nation and the World and the 1992 Elections." Candidates for two districts in the Pennsylvania Legislature spoke to advance their causes. Dr. Terry Madonna of Millersville University spoke on "National and Local Politics." Mayor Janice Stork spoke on "The Challenge of Keeping Promises." County Commissioner Brad Fischer spoke on "City/County Cooperation." Most controversial were talks by Ted Byrne of radio station WNZT about "The Bias in Media" and Attorney General Ernie Preate, who turned his designated subject into a campaign harangue, to almost everyone's dismay.

Education presentations were highlighted, including one by the State Secretary of Education and another by two county school superintendents, Dr. Melvin Rosier and Dr, John Bonfield, who tackled the issues of year-round school and private construction of public schools. Health care featured a panel of local hospital executives, including Rotarian Mike Young. On the business side, Rotarian Alex Schneebacher spoke on "Lancaster's Downtown Investment District," Armstrong's Bo McBee described "The Lancaster Quality Management Award," and Irex' Kirk Liddell introduced "New Discoveries in the World of Business and Economics". Rotarian Lou Shenk brought together a panel of airline representatives from United, Delta and U.S. Air. WITF's Steward Chelfet talked about "Public Broadcasting in the 90s" and, on the lighter side, there was a panel of local sports writers.

A program highlight was a rare public speech by George Delp, who spoke about the origins and development of New Holland Machine Company and then received the Club's Community Service Award, along with Rotarian Tom Bamford.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1993-1994

"Welcome to the best Rotary Club in the world!' That was the greeting President Tim Peters gave to members and guests every week of his term. The son of a former president -- and assuming the office at the same age, 45 -- there was no question he believed it, and he carried all but a few skeptics with him.

So it seemed only appropriate that he was able to preside from a beautiful new walnut podium hand-crafted by Rotarian Scott Stieber that will undoubtedly see the Club through its first century.

Tim set high goals. He asked the Club to produce an average $50 gift from every member for the Rotary Foundation, to participate more broadly in Club projects, to restore the tradition of personally excusing oneself to the speaker if unavoidably scooting, to maintain meeting attendance at over the 90% level and -- in sum -- share his pride in being a Rotarian.

One highlight of the year was the Club's sponsorship of the Annual Rotary Foundation Banquet, featuring R.I. President-elect William Huntley from England. An organ donor campaign recruited many members. A storm drain stenciling project by the Preserve Plant Earth Committee benefited the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. $1000 was given to two District eye surgical teams going to Guyana and India. A new Tip-Off the New Year basketball tournament at F&M, proposed and headed by Bill Marshall, made $1,800 and drew good crowds despite bad weather. Another fund-raiser involved raffle tickets for a vacation at Little Palm island Resort in the Florida Keys. A contract was completed with Northeast Rotary to govern future Bicycle Races, with a goal of raising $10,000.

A membership survey was conducted, resulting in new goals: to lower the average age of the membership, to encourage broader participation in the Club's activities by women, and to recruit more minorities.

Many hours, much effort and Rotary money was put into developing the Workplace Literacy Project adopted the previous year. Unfortunately, a presentation to the membership by the Literacy Council raised more questions than it answered. Further study and a survey of local businesses indicated that it seemed impossible to put a clear, measurable goal for the project and that it lacked wide-spread support. As a result, it was dropped.

After much searching for a new site for the Club Office, Rotarian Jim Godfrey generously offered space at his Health Guard offices at 270 Granite Run Drive, the move being made in December.

Fellowship activities continued strong, featured by a dinner-dance at the Strasburg Railroad Museum, which raised almost $14,000. During the year there was a wine

tasting party, a picnic at Dave Friedrich's horse farm, a luau at Camp Harmony Hall, Strike Out Hunger trip to see the Phillies play the Expos, a Christmas party at the Farm and Home Center, a Children's Christmas party featuring magician Harry Who, a trip to see the Orioles play the Red Sox, a dinner outing at the Penn National Race Course, a trip to see the Eagles and Giants and a combined ski trip to Blue Mountain with members of the Hamilton Club. And the annual crab feast, golf outing and Rotary Regatta continued.

An innovative get-to-know-members event was a Bring and Brag program, where members could showcase their creative talents. Mark Siebert and Ken Kise provided intriguing before-lunch exhibits in the visual arts.

For the International Youth Exchange program, there were inbound students from Belgium and France and an outbound student to Thailand.

Luncheon programs during the year featured a number of Club members, Fritz Light described "ABPA: The Games and the Players." Dave Hennigan offered "More Coffee with Clyde." Bob Beers talked about his aviation experiences. Torn Gemmill explained the important role of veterinary medicine. Madelyn Nix headed a panel on "Sex Harassment in the Workplace and Courts", while Jay Humphreys led one on censorship and a group of Rotarians helped us understand investments and estate planning. Barb and Bob Gingerich displayed their skills in a delightful "Stories of the Season" at Christmas.

In matters of Lancaster interest, there were mayoralty campaign talks by candidate Brad Fischer and incumbent Janice Stork, an insight on politics by Dr. Terry Madonna, an explanation of reassessment by County Commissioner Terry Kauffman, a presentation by District Attorney Joseph Madenspacher on "Violent Crime in Lancaster," and educational programs concerning the possibility of a Lancaster Community College, the School of Art and Design and an off-site meeting at the Willow Street Vo-Tech School.

Programs also looked beyond the local. There was a "European Update" on the EEC by attorneys Andrew and Kathy Gaddes, a talk on "Doing Business with the Japanese by Dr. Marlene Arnold of Millersville University, and another on "Business reform in Russia" by consultant Robin Adams.

The best Rotary Club in the world? You bet!

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1994-1995

President John K. Herr III brought a quiet, understated style of leadership to the Club that moved it ahead on many fronts. His special goals were to increase the membership by about five percent, to select a major new project that would be widely endorsed by the membership, to increase member involvement with exchange students, and to develop a repetitive fund-raiser that would significantly include the community.

The McCaskey Student Project quickly took form in three parts. The first was a one-time grant of $5,000 to buy string instruments for the school orchestra. The second was a "Leap Ahead" program to encourage selected high school freshmen to pursue higher education by providing up to $4,500 each for college if they maintained attendance and academic standards for their next three years at McCaskey. The third was funding to keep the McCaskey Library open two or three nights each week where they would be guided in their studies by Rotary volunteers.

The fund-raiser was a Fun Triathalon, held at the County Park. The first year involved 150 participants, raised $4,400 and created excellent publicity for the Club. Another Tip-Off Tournament was also a success and raised $4,500, while the Cycling Festival raised $8,700 to be shared with Northeast Rotary..

The Save Planet Earth Committee staged a tree planting in the County Park. The Club paid the $10,000 balance of its pledge to Camp Hogan, bringing the total to $90,000 -plus countless work hours --over five years. A contribution of $500 was made to the Lancaster Mounted Police Project, and $1,000 was given, half through direct member contributions, to the Oklahoma City Rotary Club to aid victims of the bombing there.

The Club achieved further community notice by creating a "Rotary Window on the World" display in a store window on North Queen Street as part of a Rotary International effort and also by having a Rotary float in the annual Loyalty Day Parade.

The Club sponsored three outbound Rotary exchange students: Will Hunt in Japan, Stacy Brown in Ecuador and Erin Nesbit in Turkey. Two inbound students were hosted: Tugba Isik from Turkey and Tsuyoshi Nagai from Japan. The Club also hosted a group study exchange from Denmark.

On a sad note, the Club mourned the death of Executive Secretary Cindi Dinger's two year old daughter, making a memorial contribution to the Manheim Library. And it was with mixed emotions that the Club made former president Ken Whitney an honorary member as he departed for a retirement community in North Carolina.

The Community Service Award was presented to Joe and Lorna Nolt at a meeting where three of their community interests -- the Cultural Council, the AIDS Project and the YMCA made presentations.

During the year, under the leadership of Bob Crosby, the Club raised over $23,000 for the Rotary Foundation. Bob received a Rotary International Award for his efforts, presented the following year.

The Transmitter was honored as the best weekly newsletter in District 7390.

Fellowship events included baseball trips to the Phillies and Orioles, a football trip to the Eagles, a ski trip to Camelback, a wine-tasting and dancing party at Nissley Vineyards, an evening at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre plus another at the Dutch Apple, and the annual golf outing, regatta and crab feast.

Programs featured many local concerns. Tom Baldrige reviewed the first year of the Lancaster Alliance, County Treasurer Paul Thibault described the growth of Lancaster County's government, Rotarian Dan Witmer revealed "Myths about the Local Economy", Kim Richards answered "What is the DID Doing?", Rotarian Max Smith gave us a history of the Farm and Home Center, John Jarvis of the Historic Preservation Trust asked "What Kind of Lancaster Do We Want?", and Nancy Weeder of the Chamber of Commerce explained how Lancaster won the Community of the Year Award.

Off-site luncheon meetings took the Club to the General Hospital Health Campus and to the County Courthouse. There were several programs involving investments and a panel on workmen's compensation featuring Rotarian experts Jeff Sidebottom, George Nickel, Mick Ranck and Mike O'Day. Fresh from the NCAA meeting, Rotarian Bill Marshall brought us up to date on "The Changing Face of Big-Time Collegiate Sports,"

Distinguished outside speakers included Tom Ridge, running for governor, and Richard Maxwell of the Greensboro, N.C., club who was Rotary International's 35th Candle.

To highlight the Club's 75th anniversary of incorporation, Rotarians Tony Appel, Bob Haines and Roy Horning shared some of their memories of their combined 127 years of membership in the Club. Their pride enriched us all.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1995-1996

A new Club tradition was introduced by President Gene Hostetter when he gave the members a one-minute warning bell before sounding the official bell to begin the weekly meetings. Drawing on his years in the pulpit, Gene presided with unusual grace and awareness of audience needs.

Ever since the sale of the Rotary Home in 1965, funds had been appreciating in the Rotary Trust Fund -- and Club leaders had discussed what to do with the money. Now the decision was reached to begin disbursements from the Fund's appreciation to meet worthwhile community needs. With an "initial principal amount" of about $220,000, it was hoped that something in the neighborhood of $25,000 could be granted each year, recommendations to come from a special committee and approved by the Board.

The Club continued to aggressively raise new funds, too. The Fun Triathalon made over $10,000. The Bicycle Race produced $5,622 for the Club, but raised questions as to whether the results equaled the manpower commitment. The Tip-Off Tournament was again a success. And an evening at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre to see "Forever Plaid" was not only an opportunity for fellowship but also a money-maker.

Rotarians worked hard on the McCaskey Project, but one part didn't succeed. Despite funding to keep the Library open three nights a week -- and despite the willingness of seventeen Rotarians to provide counsel on those nights -- the students just didn't show up. Some nights there were more Rotarians present than students! So this part of the McCaskey project was closed down in December with the agreement of school officials. But the "Leap Ahead" program again produced good candidates and good reports about those already enrolled.

A significant funding was $5,000 for the Fulton Opera House's Youtheatre, through which high school students would create and perform their own production. $500 was given to help fund a medical clinic in the Dominican Republic.

The International Student Exchange program included inbound students from Germany and Croatia and an outbound student to Brazil. The Club also hosted a group exchange from. France.

Club member gifts to the Rotary Foundation totaled about $12,000, making our Club the best in the District.

Cindi Dinger announced her resignation as Executive Secretary for the happy reason of expecting another child. After a careful search, Kimberly Roberts was employed in March.

Jack Ross resigned as Club Treasurer after dedicated service under eight presidents. He was succeeded by Bruce Smith.

Fellowship activities continued strong. In addition to the annual golf outing, ski trip, crab feast and regatta, there was a trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and one to Harrisburg's City Island to see the Harrisburg Senators play the Reading Phillies as part of the Strike Out Hunger District-wide effort. The Christmas Party was especially notable for the 225 attendees because of the playing of the McCaskey String Ensemble, which included instruments the Club had funded.

Luncheon programs included many involving education. Principal Carlos Lopez spoke on "What's Up at McCaskey", Dr. Richard Sherr, Executive Director of 11J-13 talked about the IU programs, Floyd Montgomery, retired PSEA field representative asked "What's a Public School Teacher to Do These Days?" and Rotarian Sunny McFerren led a panel on "It Takes a Village."

Of State-wide interest, Dr. Sherri Heller told us of her plans for welfare reform in Pennsylvania and John J. Butler, Secretary of Labor and Industry explained how the Ridge Administration was "Creating a Business-Friendly Environment."

As usual, medical issues were popular. Dr. David Barnard, Hershey Medical School, talked about "End of Life Issues", Dr. Dixon Miller told us how to combat "Midwinter Blues", Dr. Seth Worley explained the Lancaster Heart Foundation and a medical/legal panel of two attorneys, two physicians and Rotarians Jim Godfrey and Joanne Judge answered a variety of questions.

On the lighter side, baseball great Gene Garber reflected on his experiences and the game today, while Judge J. Michael Eakin of the Superior Court kept us laughing with "You Can't Make This Stuff Up."

An off-site meeting had the Club lunching at the Fulton Opera House's rehearsal room and then touring the splendidly-renovated facility.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1996-1997

From the moment "the gavel passed" from outgoing President Gene Hostetter to incoming President Lou Garcia, one could sense that an exciting year was in store for the Club. As he eloquently outlined his plans and goals, modestly but with determination, his fellow Rotarians knew that a gem of a leader was elected.

This was made readily clear with the first program chosen. As an early and successful participant in the computer business field, it was inevitable and appropriate that President Lou's area of interest would be initially portrayed. A representative of LANCASTER ONLINE, one of the first "Internet" providers in South Central Pennsylvania, clearly described and predicted the growth, portent, and importance of this incredible Communication System, the "Information Superhighway", to the world. The nearly two-years hence have seen the explosive justification of this prediction, particularly with the younger set, as well as the "Baby Boomers".

It was therefore important that the Club looked forward to youthful and dynamic growth, with the emphasis on "Interact" and "Rotaract", strengthening these Clubs, at McCaskey High School and Franklin& Marshall College.

The annual election of the Board resulted in the return of the past-year members, plus newcomer Ed Hauck, but less Past-President Gene Hostetter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE was obvious with "Food Fund Drives" for the needy; planting of trees and gardens as part of "Planet Earth" and the dedication of Case Commons, in memory of one of our members. Other aspects include support of the "Lancaster Revival Alliance"; farming awareness of that portion of our County; a new and innovative committee entitled "Partners in Education and Service", first establishing a data-base of talents and expertise of Club members, and utilizing these in area organizations; organ donation encouragement; trust funds for scholarships for students needing financial help; and numerous others.

HEALTH programs, providing very useful and interesting information to all the membership, including that segment "getting-on-in years, were particularly emphasized during the year. The effective (and sometimes humorous) panel of physicians responding to previously-written questions was one. Related to this was a panel on Hospitalization and Health Insurance.

Hospice was also covered, in a sensible and frank manner. An unusual presentation on Tourette's Syndrome was also well-accepted.

FUND RAISERS of various kinds occurred during the year: the Lancaster Bike Races; Core State Festival; Triathlon Weekend/Family Fun Day; and Tip-Off Tournament, which in aggregate raised over $525,000 for subsequent disbursement to area civic groups.

SOCIAL and FELLOWSHIP activities were not forgotten: Golf Outings, Sports events (baseball, football, hockey), Regatta sailings, and picnics provided plenty of membership and family enjoyment.

ENTERTAINMENT-type programs provided surcease to the many information and educational talks. Humorous Sports Figures in baseball and football gave the Club plenty of laughs. A special Duet provided music and singing that yielded one of the first standing ovations in "memory". The Annual Christmas Party included two treats: the McCaskey H.S. String Band and the Dutch Apple Theater Players. A review of Lancaster Restaurants gave an “epicure picture" joy.

POLITICS in this "mid-term" Election year gave us a spirited Debate of the local Candidates for the important County Commissioners Office.

The following week, an analysis of the National Political Scene was offered us by a competent and well-known local pundit, G. Terry Madonna. A rather emotional presentation by retiring U.S. Congressman Robert Walker was well received by the Club. Also covered: International Affairs, including Cuba and Bosnia.

Space does not permit a full review of the remarkable diverse other programs, but some do warrant noting:

- Jose Greco, World Famous Spanish Dancer and present Teacher at Franklin and Marshall College.
- Guinness World Record "Bridge Walker" Don Betty.
- Return to Holy Week program; African-American Churches in Lancaster County.
- Many varied Education, Business, and Cultural highlights.

ATTENDANCE, always an important key to total involvement by Club members in projects, fund drives, civic events, etc., was stressed several times with "100%" meeting days. Maintenance of our long record of over 90% each week and for the year remains a must. During this year, the champion Clay Brubaker, reached an astounding record of 50 years of perfect attendance since his election, followed by 40 years each for Sam Altdoerffer Sr., and Tom Cence, Myron Wolf, and Nowell ("Pappy") Hoover.

Finally, with such diverse, informative programs and activities, it can be agreed by all the membership that this wonderful, significant year will be well established in the historical record of the Lancaster Rotary Club.

Some items of note:

1. The two original charters of the Club and a large Portrait Print of Paul Harris, in a frame, were found in a storage room of the Farm & Home Center. All were in poor condition. It was decided that they should be refurbished; the work was done by the "FINISHING TOUCH EAST" located at 9 East Main Street, Strasburg, PA. Phone 717 687 - 7400: Price S 155.

   It was intended that the official charter and the print could be hung permanently in the lobby of the Farm & Home Center. After all,

the Club may be the only organization which leases the facility every week, as it has for over 25 years and deserves to be given this privilege.

2. Charlie Bitler requested that the writer work with him to prepare a very brief and concise history and current status of our Club. It was intended to have it printed on a postcard-sized card to be given to each visitor, guest, and "make-up" Rotarian who attends the meeting that day. A rough-draft copy was finally made -- a copy is enclosed. However, it is not known if anything further was done.

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CHAIRMAN/HISTORIAN

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1997-1998

Following a Strategic Planning Retreat in April, President Dave Ashworth launched a year of program expansion and new efficiencies in Club administration

One effort was the creation of a series of repeatable vehicles for fund-raising. A chicken barbecue was successfully added to the annual Family Fun Day at County Park in September. The first Rotary Service Auction was held at McCaskey Auditorium in June, with bids on hundreds of products coming in person and by phone as the result of newspaper ads and live coverage on Suburban Cable, about $30,000 being raised. The Tip-Off Basketball Tournament grew in popularity. A series of fourteen paintings called "Treasures of Lancaster County" by Norman Grinager was commissioned and sold at auction at a gala dinner at Bent Creek Country Club. A concert by the Rhos Men's Voice Choir from Wales was sponsored at the Mennonite High School Auditorium. A raffle and auction for two tickets to the Penn-State-Wisconsin football game was held. The only fund-raiser that didn't take hold was an attempt to get $65 sponsors for Transmitter issues, which produced only two -- including President Dave. And the Board decided to discontinue sponsorship of the annual Bicycle Race because the results were not commensurate with the effort..

External projects were also expanded. The Rotary Trust Fund distribution benefited fourteen community organizations. An effort to aid children in war-torn Croatia was not only funded, but personally overseen by member Bob Patterson. A Clean-Up Day was held at Roberto Clemente Field. Funds were made available for Lancaster Police to attend a National Conference on Gang violence. After a ten-year hiatus, a Rotoract Club was formed at Franklin & Marshall College. The McCaskey Youth Project continued, with $28,500 in scholarship awards presented. And there were two inbound Exchange students -- one from Brazil, the other from Belgium.

Internally, a Traditions Committee produced a list of thirty-two items, covering everything from applause to scooting. The price of lunch was raised to eight dollars. A new computer software program, Clubmate, systematized the Club's financial, attendance and other management needs. A faster-track program was developed for new member applications. The Rotary Foundation Committee exceeded its goal for the year. The Community Service Award honored our late member, Jay Humphreys. Bob Patterson was honored with the Rotary Foundation Endowment Benefactor Award. Bob Haines was honored for 50 years of membership.

Socially, the Club enjoyed the annual ski trip, regatta, golf outing, crab feast and Christmas luncheon. There was also a trip to CoreStates Center to see "Stars on Ice," an Orioles-Rangers baseball game, an evening at Nissley Vineyards and a District 7390 sponsored baseball game at Harrisburg.

The year was replete with outstanding luncheon programs. Former Lancaster Mayor Art Morris introduced a new organization encouraging tax-paying development of downtown real estate. Dr. Randall Mills described his controversial Blacklight Power Technology. Lancaster mayor candidates Charles Smithgall and Jon Lyons presented their opposing views, Scott Oberholzer presented "Perspectives on the Lambert Case," later countered by Assistant District Attorney John Keneff s "Comments on the Opinion of Judge Stewart Dalzell." A panel of two college professors and two journalists discussed the Clinton scandal in "Sex, Lies and Videotapes." Computer-expert Stephen Shaiman frightened some of our small businessmen with the dangers of YK2000. And State Senator Gibson Armstrong spoke on two hot topics, Route 30 construction and Workmen's Compensation.

Not so controversial but equally interesting were programs by the County Commissioners, by Jack Hess describing his bicycle trip across the United States, by Mary Saladna of WGAL-TV talking about the present media scene and Nelson Sears about the station's early days and by Kaye Ames who held everyone spellbound as she demonstrated dog training with several animals on stage.

A long-term program changed when the Holy Week service was held at First Presbyterian Church as part of a plan to rotate the service among downtown churches.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1998-1999

When Kathy McElliott assumed the presidency, it marked a first in the Club's eighty-four year history. Kathy was not only one of the first three women member inducted into the Club and the Club's first woman president, but also the first -- and only to date -- woman member of the Board of Directors. Perhaps surprisingly to some, the Club and its meetings didn't experience any significant change. Lancaster was still "the best Rotary Club in the world."

The most notable evidence of this distinction was the Club's winning of the first Rotary International Foundation 3-H (Health/Hunger/Humanities) grant ever awarded to -- or even proposed by — any Rotary Club in District 7390. The grant totaled $444,238, with $25,000 to come from our Club and the remaining $419,238 from R.I. It had all begun in the fall of 1997, when the Club funded a project proposed by Bob Patterson to start a program for children traumatized psychologically by the Balkan war. Psychologist Lark Eshleman developed a program based on intervention strategy focused on training volunteers to interact one-on-one. Traveling to Croatia, she and Bob began developing an international partnership with the Rotary Club of Zagreb and District 1910 A $10,000 Matching Grant "Pilot Project" (#10,142) was the next step, leading to the proposal for a Child, Adolescent and Community Center in Velica Gorica (a suburb of Zagreb) that will serve as a model for other cities in Croatia and other regions of the world where armed conflicts have occurred. Within two weeks after the 3-H grant, more than half the members of the Lancaster Club contributed the required $25,000, so President Kathy was able to go to the District conference in York and challenge other clubs to follow Lancaster's lead and fund other centers in the Balkans.

Another first was a Perfect Attendance Day on October 1 which actually achieved that mark, thanks to a $1,000 Challenge Grant and extensive follow-up by the Attendance Committee. During the year, the Board acted on the rule that permits members to be exempted from the attendance requirement if they were 65 years or older with 20 years in the Club or 70 or older with years of membership. Many of those exempted had sterling attendance records, so the action was not taken to improve the Club's statistics. On the other hand, the Board ruled that make-up credit could be awarded for volunteering at official Rotary projects.

A number of fund-raising projects were successfully managed. The Club produced a poster print, "The Treasures of Historic Lancaster," which involved selling the prints and stationery and an auction and dinner at Bent Creek Country Club on July 24. Combined earnings were over $4,000. A concert by the (Welsh) Rhos Men's Voice Choir netted $3,000 at Mennonite High School on September 11. Fun Day in the Park, augmented by a chicken barbecue, earned over $7,000. The Tip-Off Tournament made $6,400.

$30,000 in Rotary Trust Fund grants were made to seventeen community organizations for specific projects or uses carefully sifted from over forty requests The McCaskey Project continued to expand, as more students entered the scholarship program. Contributions to the Rotary Foundation exceeded $22,000, far exceeding the assigned goal of $14,000.

A Community Service Award was presented to Sean Pokorney for his development and implementation of the Home Safe Home Program.

The Club participated in a Group Study Exchange with Brazil, the inbound group in April-May and the outbound group in May-June. The Rotary Exchange student program included a girl from Brazil and a boy from Belgium.

Two members were given special recognition during the year. Roy Horning -- past president, long-time historian, writer of Rotary songs, with 38 years of perfect attendance -- was made an Honorary Rotarian, only the Club's second. And George Reynolds was given a watch for his 64 years of Rotary membership.

Social activities continued: the Rotary Regatta, the Golf Outing, the Crab Feast, the Holiday Luncheon, the Ski Trip and the Baseball Excursions.

Luncheon programs were varied, with the greatest emphasis on the Lancaster community and business concerns. The three County Commissioners presented their case for a new Barnes Hall, Detective William Chalfant talked about "Gangs in Lancaster," Assemblyman Mike Sturla cited problems of the cities and urban schools, new Superintendent Vicki Phillips gave her vision for the Lancaster School District and Mayor Smithgall reported on the City. The Club held an off-site meeting at McCaskey High School to see the renovations there.

The legal system was highlighted by a talk on the federal habeus corpus system by Judge Ronald Buckwalter, an insight into the Lambert Case by John Keneff and a "Meet the County Judge Candidates" forum, which was highlighted for Rotarians by the candidacy of our own, Dave Ashworth.

Business talks featured local entrepreneurs, such as Patrick Egan's various adventures in the security field, Robert Ruoff and the Chameleon Club, J. Wilson Hershey and Lancaster Laboratories, Mike Frey and Turkey Hill Dairy and Mike Lardner and Wide World of Golf An informative presentation of the Y2K Problem was presented by Leonard Martin of the Lancaster Health Alliance and Ann Gray of Barley, Snyder. Out-of-town business subjects included the Kiplinger Letter, presented by Managing Editor Gary Matthews and Citibank's Global Banking Operation, presented by Lawrence Phillips V-P for Human Resources.

Kathy's year concluded with an outstanding booth at the District Conference in York in May. There were a lot of achievements to exhibit!

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 1999-2000

Incoming President Jim Godfrey had to deal with the changeover to 2000 and all the potential computer problems we thought might happen - gratefully none did;

The Board made the decision to continue the Rotary Fun Triathlon one more year but if it did not turn a profit, it would be cancelled . It didn't and was cancelled. We did agree it continue the Chicken Bar-b-que because it was making a profit;

We began the process of choosing a new caterer - the membership had begun to be displeased with the then current one. After sampling several caterer 's presentations, Hess' was chosen overwhelmingly ;

Began activity on a spring fundraiser/social event. We've been through several different versions since then;

We had great programs including our annual medical panel, a speaker from the Army War College in Carlisle and a visit from G. Terry Madonna, PhD - pollster and political pundit;

Awarded nearly $20,000 from the Rotary Club of Lancaster Trust Fund based on earnings. My personal favorite was there search and rescue dog group .

James. R. Godfrey

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2000-2001

President Tom Bamford's maiden speech got his year off to a fast and ambitious start. He listed four measurable objectives. Within three months, he could check off two of them as well on their way to fulfillment

The first was to develop a major, repeatable fund-raiser. The answer was assuming sponsorship of the Annual Horse Show, previously run by Community Hospital. The September event was a great success, netting over $17,000, plus another $5,300 earned by a companion Barbecue.

The second was to help fund an Education Mentoring Program at Price Elementary School, a reading prow am for pre-schoolers. At the November 15 meeting, Tom presented a check for $17,500 to the school's principal

A third was to add 25 new members. By the end of his term, 26 had been added, and Club membership had increased from 257 to 264

A fourth was to achieve $100 per capita giving by the membership to the Rotary Foundation. The final Club total of $23,000 fell slightly below the goal.

There were also two major unanticipated events during Tom's year. First was the difficult decision in April to withdraw from the Croatia Project and our Rotary Foundation 3-1-1 Grant because of difficulties in working with the Zagreb, Croatia, Grant Management Committee and the uncertainty that enough of the grant money would be spent for its stated purposes. The Croatia Project had many successes. Traumatized children were helped and professionals were trained. But as the work went on, the Croatia GMC moved away from the Rotary guidelines and the desired working relationship was not affected. It had been an inspiring project. Its unfortunate end has not discouraged Rotary leadership from seeking other such grand-scale opportunities. The unspent portion of the Grant was returned to the Rotary Foundation.

The second surprise was the change in caterers for the weekly luncheons. After many years of service, Andy's Catering was one of four caterers invited to make proposals for improving the Club's food service. Because it represented an $80,000 decision, the Board dealt directly with the subject and ultimately chose Hess's Catering, which began its work at the May 2 meeting. The luncheon price was also increased to $10, an action that would have been required regardless of the choice.

The annual basketball Tip-Off Tournament at F&M involved many members and earned almost $8,000. A Birthday Tree Project resulted in the planting of 56 varieties of trees at Chickies Rock County Park and 17 for private plantings, as well as a profit of $700.

The Student Exchange Program had an unusual experience when difficulties caused one boy to return early to Brazil. But Oleksandor Kotut from Ukraine had a successful year and became a popular speaker at the weekly luncheons. The Group Study Exchange Program hosted a group from Greece.

Special distinctions came to two members. In July, Bob Patterson received the Four Avenues of Service Citation, especially for his tireless work and travel for the Croatia Project. In June, Bob Montgomery was selected as Rotarian of the Year for almost thirty years of selfless service to the Club and the community.

Fellowship activities included the annual golf tournament, Rotary Regatta, ski trip and Christmas luncheon, as well as a trip to the Fulton Theatre to see the play, "Miracles" and a Dinner-Dance/Auction at Bent Creek Country Club. The Easter Service was held at Covenant Methodist Church.

Luncheon programs featured newsmakers Don Eberly of the National Fatherhood Initiative, City Police Chief William Heim, State Attorney General Mike Fisher, School District Superintendent Vicki Phillips, Millersville University Pollster Terry Madonna, State Secretary of Health Robert Zimmerman, and Robert Steele, Dean of Penn State's Agriculture School. Programs featuring seven service academy appointees and the annual 4-H Strawberry Round-Up, highlighted promising youth. Many Rotarians also presented programs: Bob Gingrich, Tracy Horst, Ron Kratofil, Andy Appel, Ellen Cruse, Mike Young, Rod McCullough and Mary Colleen Heil. There was also an informative State of the Club program by Board members and a stimulating real estate panel featuring nine members answering members' questions.

The Club was saddened by the death of two former Presidents and District Governors, Dick Witmer and Hank Brown, and by that of George Reynolds, who had been a member for a possibly record 65 years.

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The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2001-2002

"We got it done and had some fun."

That's Bob Minney's succinct summary of his year as president of the Rotary Club of Lancaster.

And right he is. From Jack Hubley's snakes to Paul Quinn's hospitality at WGAL to the Rotary Club's swift team in the Race Against Racism, it was a year filled with humor, hard work and surprises.

Bob's especially proud of the $40,000 raised at the Tip Off tournament, the Horse Show and the Auction, and the money saved _ $5,000 by sending the Transmitter via e-mail. Of the 270 members, 230 now receive the weekly newsletter electronically on Thursday, rather than Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week. Bob credits Scott Scheffey with setting up the web site. And once again the club helped The School District of Lancaster with the HOSTS reading program for elementary children.

At a time when membership in service clubs is declining, our Rotary club showed a net gain of 14 during his year. Why? Bob thinks there are a variety of reasons _ the club draws quality members and its programs are compelling. He also thinks the social events and community involvement are strong also.

Some of the highlights at the lunch meetings included Dr. Wanda Filer's talk on healthcare; Salvation Army Commander John Busby's accounts of the work done in New York City after the September 11 attacks; Marine Corps Gen. Mike Williams discussion about Afghanistan and the American involvement; Grove Gouker's letters from kids addressed to Santa; and of course, Hubley's wildlife talk. Bob says of Hubley's visit that it was the only meeting all year in which all eyes stayed open. The final program of his year _ the visit by Michelle Ridge _ not only was entertaining, but also gave the club television exposure as our banner appeared on Channel 8 which did a news spot on her.

And speaking of public relations, Bob said that Harry Flick, submitted 25 articles to the papers and that a dozen stories appeared during the year. He also noted that the club's brochure was admired at the district conference, and a couple of weeks after the meeting, a similar brochure appeared in a Harrisburg club.

A couple of events highlighted the fellowship committee's work: A host of Rotarians traveled to Annapolis to attend the world's largest crab fest at the Naval Academy's football stadium. He noted humorously that our club might face a surcharge because of all the crabs and beer that was consumed. The Rotary Regatta was windy, and the Bell Ringers performed superbly.

It also should be noted, he said, that the club had a perfect attendance day in October.

Doesn't happen too often.

Other highlights included:

*District Governor's Ann Keim's motivational speech;

*The wonderful holiday luncheon and show at the Fulton Opera House;

*Holy week service at San Juan Baptista Catholic Church where Rotary grants were presented to eight local needy non-profit organizations;

*The annual strawberry roundup which had a record number of entrants;

*The upgraded Fireside chats with power point presentations, eliminating the 30-year flip chart;

*The Rotary Ensemble's smooth performances at noon meetings and at F&M and the district conference.

And finally, there was the Rotary team in the Race Against Racism which dispelled the notion that Rotarians were a bunch of pot-bellied senior citizens . The three top finishers were Pete Barber, Bill Boben and Rich Allison. Also running were Gil Lyons Jr., Roy Baldwin and Bob.

And while he may not be the swiftest anymore, Bob had one fast rule: Keep it light. He did, and the club's grateful for it.

The Student Exchange Program had an unusual experience when difficulties caused one boy to return early to Brazil. But Oleksandor Kotut from Ukraine had a successful year and became a popular speaker at the weekly luncheons. The Group Study Exchange Program hosted a group from Greece.

Special distinctions came to two members. In July, Bob Patterson received the Four Avenues of Service Citation, especially for his tireless work and travel for the Croatia Project. In June, Bob

Montgomery was selected as Rotarian of the Year for almost thirty years of selfless service to the Club and the community.

Fellowship activities included the annual golf tournament, Rotary Regatta, ski trip and Christmas luncheon, as well as a trip to the Fulton Theatre to see the play, "Miracles" and a Dinner-Dance/Auction at Bent Creek Country Club. The Easter Service was held at Covenant Methodist Church.

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The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2002-2003

President Gilbert B. Lyons, Jr. reported a wide range of Rotary Club of Lancaster (RCAL) achievements .

World Community Service: Supported two international water projects.

Created the Rotary Club of Lancaster Permanent Fund.

Initiated the creation of a Strategic Plan update for RCL under the direction of Kent Rise.

Past President Bob Minney led the GSE team to Japan in March 2003.

An Easter week program was held at Shaarai Shomayim synagogue, led by Rabbi Jack Paskoff .

Rural Urban Strawberry Round-Up was held the first Wednesday in June.

Successfully ran the two -day Rotary Tip-off Tournament at F&M

The Annual Horse Show, Country Fare and Chicken Bar-B-Que was held on September 20th on the grounds of Linden Hall School. To promote the chicken bar-b-que, member Bill Patrick invited the life-size Kiwanis Chicken to join us during the announcements and required President Gil to do the "chicken dance" in front of the club.

Auction : Created an evening of "Hi Fun and Low Cost" for the Rotary Community Auction at the historic Conestoga House on June 20th.

As part of our School District of Lancaster (SDOL) commitment we introduced a new mentoring program designed to introduce the values of the 4-Way Test to teenagers as a way to address conflict resolution in their lives .

Attended the World's Largest Crab Feast sponsored by the Annapolis Rotary club on August 2

W .E. Nitrauer Camp: Sent three students from J. P. Mccaskey High School to Messiah College from June 15th - June 19th

Gave $450 to Farm and Home Center to fund the installation of an emergency defibrillator.

Supported the Salvation Army Bell Ringers on December 5th at Lancaster Central Market.

Started the Rotary Patriot of the Week program to recognize and honor the families of those serving in the Armed Forces. The families of the selected Patriot came from a pool of families with connections to RCL as well as other appropriate families in Lancaster . President Gil, Vice President Still and Director Weisensale led this initiative .

Supported the Book Challenge for the SDOL by donating a book each week to be signed by our speaker and placed into a library in the School District of Lancaster elementary schools.

Made a financial commitment to sponsor 3 HOSTS programs and provide volunteers for reading to the students in SDOL.

Richard D. King, Past President of Rotary International 2001- 2002, visited the Rotary Club of Lancaster and gave the keynote speech to our club about his year as president of R.I. He also presented two Paul Harris Fellows awards. These awards were made possible by Gilbert B. Lyons and President Gil Lyons Jr. and were presented to their wives by R.I. Past President King. The recipients were Elaine L. Lyons, wife of member Gilbert B. Lyons, and Carlie 8. Lyons, wife of President Gil Lyons Jr.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2003-2004

Bob Still has always liked telling stories. So it was one day that, as president of the Rotary Club of Lancaster, he stood at the podium and said, tongue firmly planted in his cheek, that he was a bit dumfounded by what he saw the other day.

Here was the editor of the Sunday News plugging quarters into a vending machine on Walnut Street, buying a New Era.

"Don't you know somebody down at the office who would give you a paper?" he asked.

Of course, everybody chuckled, and another meeting of the club got under way.

So went the year for Bob. He loved to work the crowd, and he did it well.

But he also helped guide the club through a year of unusual events. His year as president was filled with provocative speakers and a unique look back at the Depression as remembered by club members.

"We had a good mix of business, public policy and non-profit presentations. It was an energetic year and I believe the organization benefited from that energy," he said.

Tops on his list of favorite programs was the one delivered by Lt. Col. Craig Trebilcock, "the guy who came back from Iraq," Bob said.

The colonel, who spent 15 months in Iraq and Kuwait, said contrary to some reporting that the U.S. was succeeding.

"On the street, the Iraqi people know we are there to help them," he said. He added that the terrible acts at Abu Gaib prison were isolated incidents.

His talk was particularly rewarding, Bob said, because it followed several meetings in which parents and wives of soldiers serving in Iraq attended the noon sessions.

"I thought our honoring Gulf War families was important for the club," he said.

Another program that was especially memorable to Bob was when members recalled how hard life was during the Depression.

He remembered Kent Kise's stories of growing up in Kansas City. Kent recalled that his dad rented out a barn to a guy who used it to house a pony, When the guy left, Kent gave out pony rides to make money.

A common theme — "we didn't know we weren't wealthy" — ran through most of the stories, Bob said. Nevertheless, the club members said they were basically happy despite the hardships many endured. "It was an interesting perspective from older men who were kids during that era," Bob said.

Bob believes the other programs also were very rewarding.

Four cabinet secretaries — Gregory C. Fait, revenue; Dennis Yablonsky, community and economic development; Diane Koken, insurance commissioner; and Vicki Phillips, secretary of education, addressed the club. In addition, Bob Walker, former Lancaster congressman; Dr. Darrell Kirch, Dean of Hershey Medical Center; and Francine McNairy, new president of Millersville University, offered insightful talks.

Bob thought that the *Rev. Peter* Hahn, a former attorney and Lancaster city councilman who is now pastor of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, gave the most inspirational talk, and that Wiliam Lerach, the lawyer who represented investors in the class action suit against Enron, stimulated discussion very well.

One of the behind-the-scenes successes was the completion of the two-year strategic planning process. "The board really got a chance to look inside the organization regarding fundraising, membership and programming. We focused on the type of young members and business leaders that Rotary needs to attract and how to do it.

"We also focused on the transition of leadership in committees each year, and how to keep good ideas alive". It will help future presidents and boards to better manage the club. Bob credited Kent Kise with helping design this process.

On a personal note, Bob thought that going to McCaskey High School's graduation, and presenting the $750 scholarship to a student was one of the highlights of his presidency. 'The place went absolutely nuts," he said. "You would have thought we were passing out $40,000 scholarships."

Other accomplishments, he said, were solidifying the basketball tournament at Franklin & Marshall College as a premier fund-raising event for the Rotary Club of Lancaster.

In addition, the horse show was phased out and the car wash fund-raiser was begun.

The HOST funding — five years at $75,000, and continued support for the School District of Lancaster with the mentoring program despite the district's problems were also a positive step for the club.

Another project, the Brazil water excursion, moved ahead. Two Rotarians, Bob McClenathan and Liz Martin went to Brazil in October; Bob will examine eyes, and Liz will help digging wells.

And finally, Bob had a suggestion for the club to consider:

— Do away with the head table. It would allow the president and the speaker to mingle with the membership. For Bob, whose banter and jokes kept things loose at the meetings, that would suit perfectly.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2004-2005

"It was probably one of the most productive years a president has ever had."

That's how former president Bob Minney, summed up the presidency of Nick Downey, 2004-2005.

It was such a busy and rewarding year that the club received the Presidential Citation Certificate.

And Nick, who estimated that he spent about 20 hours a week with Rotary duties, is also credited with guiding the club in its successful efforts to establish the Rotary Park, a major achievement.

Nick cites five areas of accomplishment for the club: Membership, fellowship, presidential grants, world community service and group study exchange/youth exchange.

In addition, there were a host of memorable programs throughout the year.

Recruiting and retaining members were a first priority for Nick. The Membership Development committee worked hard all year to attract new members. A 'bring a business person to lunch day° was one successful attempt. The late Jack Church also suggested that 'bring a friend' to lunch would help increase membership. During Nick's year, these efforts resulted in 16 new members and 10 potential ones.

Equally important was the diversity of new Rotarians. They included Shaun Balani and Walter Chuquima.

Equally important was keeping in touch with new members so that they were included and involved in club activities.

As for fellowship, Nick is especially proud of the opening day turnout at the Barnstormers baseball game. There were 320 Rotarians and guests at the ceremony. Other activities that brought members together for fun and camaraderie included the Tip-Off Tournament at Franklin & Marshall College, the Chicken Barbecue (in the rain), and the annual auction. All of these activities also raised funds for the club which went to a variety of sources.

The club also remained active in the community, sponsoring projects that improve the lives of many. In March, a presidential grant was awarded to the Lancaster County Council of Churches to help fund its emergency prescription program. It also earmarked funds for the "Power Packs Project" to assist with meeting the nutritional needs of Lancaster School children by providing food to them over the weekend. And every week it donates books to the School District of Lancaster's "Book. Challenge" project for elementary students to read and borrow.

The club also extended its reach outside our country, supporting two projects in Brazil. In one, Liz Martin helped build cisterns to collect water. In the other, Dr. Bob McClenathan participated in an eye mission in which he helped many with eye-related problems, ranging from cataract surgery to fitting people with glasses.

Then there was the Youth Exchange. The club sponsored and members hosted two outstanding students from abroad. Wayne Mutata from Zimbabwe charmed and won many friends with his smile and sense of humor. Laurent Cromlin from Belgium was equally adapt at fitting in with his peers and with Rotarians.

The club also sponsored a group study exchange. In the fall of 2004 a team went to Denmark, and in April of 2005 a group from Denmark visited Lancaster. In addition, Rotarians invited young people to their places of business for brief meetings and tours. Among the sites that opened their doors were MRI Group, Merrill.Lynch and the Lancaster County Courthouse.

Of all the projects that the club hosted during Nick's term, none surpassed the development of the Rotary Park. It's located at the intersection of Prince Street and Harrisburg Pike, near the new baseball stadium, and commemorates the centennial year of Rotary International and the 90th year of the local club. Much of the planning and work occurred under Nick's presidency, and was dedicated while Bruce Smith was president.

In addition to the inner workings of the club, there also were some memorable programs.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Pitts, fourth term congressmen from the 16th Congressional District, spoke about events in his district and in Washington.

Don Eberly, senior adviser to U.S. operations in Iraq for the Bush administration, discussed the war efforts and life in the White House.

The "Drug Court," a new collaborative drug and alcohol treatment option, was explained by President Judge Michael Georgelis and Judge David L. Ashworth, club president 1997-1998.

Rufus A. Fulton Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Fulton Financial Corp. discussed the economy and his experiences serving as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank.

And many members commented on the Easter program at Bright Side Baptist Church.

It was quite a year for Rotary. And while former president Nick credits the board of directors for much of the ears' success, it also took his guiding hand to make sure everything was pointed in the right direction.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2005-2006

Bruce Smith entered his presidency of the Lancaster Rotary Club just as Rotary International was entering its second century. In his inaugural address, he told the Club it was time to get back to the Rotary basics of emphasizing literacy and world needs. At the same time, he promised we would find "Service Above Self' could also be fun. Despite having to deal with the problems of a major relocation of the Club's meeting place, he made his goals happen.

World needs came before the Club quickly. At President Bruce's first meeting, Steve Mentzer called for help from Rotarians to load Honduran Medical Mission Relief Services supplies on a container. The next month, Bob McClenathan was enlisting Rotarians for a vision mission trip to Micronesia, which took place in October. In September, President Bruce announced that funds had been sent to Rotary District 6200 in Lafayette, LA to help their recovery work from Hurricane Katrina, and then former President Bob Still carried the Rotary spirit personally on a two-week hurricane work trip to Alabama. By December, McClenathan was lining up support for another vision mission to Peru.

On the literacy front, Randy Riggs helped President Bruce keep the Book Challenge continually before the Club. A highlight was the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration, when (00) Rotarians read to students in Lancaster elementary schools. The Club also gave $5000 to the Book Challenge in honor of former president Tom Bamford. In a committee cross-over, the Protect Plant Earth Committee helped students plants lilies at McCaskey High School and then planted trees at Martin Elementary School. The Club participated actively in the District's Teacher Impact Awards.

An important Club activity was completing the Rotary Park project, with its dedication on the site providing the October 5 meeting and the Mayor and District Governor present. Late in his term, President Bruce announced a $10,000 Presidential Grant to the United Way Summer Activities Initiative Fund. Six students from McCaskey, Lancaster Catholic and Lancaster Country Day were sponsored for the annual Rotary Leadership Conference.

Rotary International was emphasized in numerous ways. The biggest was the annual Rotary Foundation campaign, where the Club gave $29,920, exceeding the $27,000 goal based on an average of $100 per member. Former president Tim Peters was honored at the June

meeting as a major Rotary Foundation Donor. The Club itself, and former president Nick Downey, were awarded Rotary International's Presidential Citation at the November 2 meeting for achievements the previous year. The Club hosted a Mexican Group Study Exchange team in April. Pres. Bruce represented the Club at a dinner and reception for RI President Carl-Wilhem Stenhammer in Harrisburg in March and in a concluding act of Club housekeeping, President Bruce led us to adopt Rotary International's Standards and By-Laws as our own at the May 24 meeting.

Local Club management and enhancement was another feature of the year. President Bruce emphasized attracting suitable new members, and getting them involved in the Club. New ideas included a "Bring a Friend to Rotary" meeting on October 12, when 54 members actually did. Another new idea was adding red ribbons to new members' badges so they could be identified and welcomed during their first year. Also, special tables were set aside once each month so new members could meet with selected veteran members. Recognition was also a feature: Exemplary Service Awards were presented to 14 Rotarians during the year. Banners from clubs that members had visited were no longer invisible in storage, but mounted weekly on a screen before the food line. And, a result not often achieved, a speaker at the July meeting – Ted Byrne – was sufficiently recruited to become a member! The Club took in 26 new members during the year. The Transmitter was enhanced as ClubRunner website was adopted as the Club's second generation website.

President Bruce had pro9mised that service would also be fun. During the year, the Club continued with many of its fun and fellowship activities, including a crab fest, regatta, golf outing, holiday party, ski trip and an opening night picnic at the Barnstormers ballpark. The Rotary Ensemble had pleasant hours practicing and performing for the members. The Club won the District Tennis Challenge for the second straight year.

There was also active fund-raising to support Rotary projects. The Tip-Off Tournament, the Car Wash ticket sale, the Chicken Barbecue and the Auction were all well supported.

Programs have always been the key to attendance and new members for Lancaster Rotary, and a high standard was maintained. Highlights are always in the mind of the beholder—programs are chosen recognizing our variety of interests – so they varied from politics (Lancaster's mayors) to entertainment (Sports Illustrated photography and movie-making in Lancaster) to health (Gary Kirchner's quick-minute medical panel) to education (international business at Elizabethtown College) to philosophy (Plato and Popcorn".) The Holy Week meeting was held at First Reformed Church. RI Past President/RI Foundation Chair Frank Devlin spoke to the Club on September 7.

An unforgettable part of the year was the necessity to move the Club's meeting place when the hammers and saws involved in the Farm and Home Center's expansion program began interrupting Club business and programs. Starting in March, the Club moved to Liberty Place, better known as the former Armstrong General Office. The Auditorium that had housed four

decades of wholesaler conventions and employee meetings was spacious, Hess' catering provided their usual varied food assortment, but having the had table on a proscenium stage and speakers at a raised pulpit made the usual Rotary camaraderie difficult to maintain.

President Bruce maintained his composure and his ready smile, attendance remained high, and everyone had a new Rotary experience—plus a lot of nostalgia for the Club's many former Armstrongers.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2006-2007

As president, Barbara Gallen put a new and consistent emphasis on things Rotary. She immediately introduced the recitation of the Four-Way Test at the beginning of each Wednesday meeting. She utilized the new Club website to disseminate committee assignments and other information. A new Club Connections Committee sought to get members to mix their luncheon seatings and to carpool from downtown. The School District of Lancaster introduced Rotary's Four-Way Test philosophy to McCaskey High School seniors and formed a student club there and a new Rotoract Committee formed a student club there. The fundamentals of Rotary principles and fellowship were continually in the foreground during her 2006-2007 term.

Periodic Lines of Service Reports from the responsible Board of Directors member at the weekly meetings were another innovation to make Rotary more understandable to the members. These also tended to bring the Board members closer to the rank and file, all too often unaware of the wide range of activities of their Club, both those in the community and internally Another effort to show the inter-connectedness of Rotary was the creation of a portable display of banners from clubs around the world that had been collected by Lancaster members on their travels or presented to our Club by visiting Rotarians. Members were made knowledgeable about the Club's roots by a new weekly series of historical anecdotes in *The Transmitter.* The community was made more aware of Rotary by a combined televison-radio-print advertising campaign funded by a public awareness grant from Rotary International.

The highlights of every Rotary season are challenging, stimulating programs at the weekly meetings. The 2006-2007 year had the usual impressive variety. There were health programs on wellness and weight loss; political programs, including debates for candidates for the Pennsylvania Senate, U.S. Congress and Lancaster County Commissioner; educational programs, including the Lancaster School District Superintendent and the President of Franklin & Marshall College; business programs, including labor law, the Duke Street Business Center, the James Street Improvement District, and the Workforce Investment Board; and science, including stem cell research and nanotechnology. The annual Holy Week meeting was held at the Salvation Army.

Close-to-home were programs featuring Club members. Former president Bob Still spoke of his work helping with Hurricane Katrina relief and also the school tax referendum issue; former president, now County Judge, Dave Ashworth spoke about the new drug court; Jim Miller spoke about the proposed County Government Study Commission; Bob McClenathan, Steve Mentzer and Tom Hoober spoke about their eye mission trips to Peru and Honduras. The Rotary Ensemble, led by Paul Fisher, added pleasure to several meetings, especially on May 9 when they performed their Irving Berlin Celebration. New members gave classification talks each month.

Everyone welcomed the return of the weekly meetings to the Farm & Home Center on August 2. Hess' catering provided a special deluxe meal and President Barb led a Club

Assembly featuring a State of Club Report. Added good news: the weekly luncheon charge remained unchanged. It was an unusual event when heavy snow forced cancellation of the February 14 meeting and hurt attendance at Farmers Day on March 7. The Strawberry Auction was the usual success, with the top bid $575. A 100% Attendance Day featured popular political commentator Terry Madonna, but as usual, fell slightly short of its goal.

A number of Rotarians were given special recognition during the year, including many Paul Harris Awards. Bob McClenathan was given Rotary International's Service Above Self Award at the District Conference and Bob Montgomery was given a special honor from the Rotary Foundation for his exceptional service and generosity.

The Club also continued to give awards for notable community service, this year twice. On August 23 the awards went to Rev. Louis Butcher for his work with the Bright Side Opportunities Corporation and to Manheim Township student Matthew Melchiorre for his work with the Eden Fire Company. On June 20 the awards went to Frances Veri and Michael Jamonis as founders of the Pennsylvania Academy of Music and to Audrey Sheetz her work with homeless McCaskey students. The Club participated in a District program of Teacher Impact Awards, strongly supported by spots on WGAL-TV.

Community service continued to be much of the Club's focus, especially on the Lancaster School District. Each week the Club donated a children's book to the Book Challenge, autographed by the week's speaker. Members volunteered two Thursdays (or more) for the Guest Reader program in the elementary schools. About 60 students were taken to the Exchange City Partnership in York. Six local high school students were sent to the District Leadership Conference. The Preserve Planet Earth Committee had flower plantings and upkeep outings at Rotary Park.

Educational exchanges are a large part of Rotary's efforts at international understanding. During the year, students were outbound to Ukraine, India, Mexico, France and Poland while inbound was a student from Japan. An inbound Group Study Exchange from India was hosted.

All these efforts cost money, which was primarily raised through the Tip-Off Tournament, the Chicken Barbecue and proceeds from the Rotary Trust Fund.

Inevitably, the Club faced the death of members with Memorial Resolutions for Claire Simeral, Walter Mauer and David Watt. Special note was also given to the death of former member and past president John Fitzpatrick.

Members enjoyed a variety of social events, including the Tennis Challenge, the Rotary Regatta, the Christmas Party, the Ski Trip, Barnstormer baseball game, and a wine and cheese party on the Strasburg Railroad.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2007-2008

By all accounts, Alexandra (A.J.) Weisensale succeeded in her goal as president of the Rotary Club of Lancaster to "have fun" and make a contribution to the community.

"It's service above self, every day," she would say each week.

Of particular pride during her reign (June 2007-June 2008) she said, was how the club members rallied around the community-wide Daniel's Den project --a big playground for children with disabilities.

She also noted that there were no boring programs. Some, however, were livelier than others. Take the Aug. 8 appearance of Hazelton Mayor Lou Barletta. Along with the speaker came protestors and police. The mayor was the talk of the town.

Mr. Barletta believes that aliens need proof of citizenship before getting a drivers license, and that companies who knowingly hire illegal aliens should be penalized. The Republican lost out in his bid to become a congressman, but nevertheless A.J. thought he was an excellent speaker, and the most memorable program.

There are other events that stick out in AJ's year in office. It was a fun day when many Rotarians dressed up in Halloween costumes, and she fondly remembers the last day of her presidency when Chris Poje entertained the club and sang "Dream On" by Aerosmith to her.

Activities she especially enjoyed were the crab fete, the car wash, the auction, the strawberry roundup, the Christmas party where Ken Hussar told a ton of jokes, and especially the Tip Off Tournament.

"It was an honor to serve this wonderful club," she said on her last day. She was the third woman to serve as club president, and at the time the youngest woman. She joined Rotary in 1995, and was sponsored by Joan Boben.

A.J. was born in Erie, but moved to York at an early age and grew up there. She graduated from the Moore College of Art & Design. She has owned a commercial design firm for over 20 years. She and her husband Jim have been married 28 years. She's an Episcopalian, and is a lay minister in her church. Although she collects little chairs, her biggest hobby is "watching my kids play sports." Their daughter plays lacrosse and field hockey at Hempfield and is headed for James Madison University. Their son has played a lot of golf.

Among the programs that stood out included a couple about Iraq . Dr. William Monacci, the neurosurgeon who has since joined Rotary, spent four months in Kuwait early in the Iraq war, and helped set up the first hospital near Bagdad, even before U.S. troops occupied the city. He called the facility "fairly modern," especially because it had a CAT Scan that saved many, many lives.

Conditions in Iraq were horrible. The temperature often reached 130 degrees, and sandstorms

would make it worse. Still, the survival rate was much higher because of the improved hospitals. If wounded soldiers got medical care, they were going to live.

And then there were the ethical problems. Doctors were supposed to treat only American troops, but often Iraqi families would put injured children on a hospital's door, and doctors felt obligated to help them.

Another countian who served in Iraq was the Rev. William Worley, senior pastor of First Reformed Church. He spent seven months as chaplain for the 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines, headquartered in Al Anbar Province.

His camp was huge, complete with a modern chapel that even had stained glass windows. Nearby was the Oasis of Abraham, where lore has it that Abraham stayed there to refresh himself while traveling. He said it was a popular place for worship because it was at least 20 degrees cooler than other areas.

As a chaplain, he didn't carry a weapon, but he had a "Big Brother" who could shoot well. He served as a spiritual presence and as such helped baptize three Marines before they went on combat patrol. His main job was talking to fellow Marines, trying to make sense out of the senseless violence.

American troops tried very hard to win the trust of the Iraq people, but it was difficult. Women do most of the work, and the men sit around and drink beer and smoke.

Another program that was particularly riveting also involved the military. It was given by Matthew Parsons of East Lampeter Township, a highly decorated former naval officer. His account revolved around the USS San Francisco which rammed an underground mountain while traveling at about 38 miles per hour on Jan. 8, 2005.

The program included a clip from "60 Minutes" which explained how the sub plowed into this huge mound of rock 500 feet below the surface.

The map the ship was using did not show the mountain. As a result of the wreck, one sailor died, 98 others were injured, and the captain and three officers were relieved of their duties.

Commander Kevin Mooney accepted full responsibility for the accident. He sent Matt Parsons a note thanking him for his heroic actions that fateful day. The letter was signed "your brother, Kevin."

At several times during the presentation, Matt Parsons became emotional. He said it was the first time he has spoken about the accident in public.

There were many other outstanding programs during A.J.'s year. Two involved hospitals.

Matthew Wain, an administrator for Penn State Children's Hospital at Hershey, joked that although he was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, he tells his friends that was part of his misguided youth. He now identifies with Penn State .

The philosophy at the hospital is to take care of children and their families. Some 8,000 youngsters from all over the world are admitted to the hospital in a year. But more come from Lancaster County than any other specific place.

Wain is also on the board of Children's Miracle Network, which raises money for special equipment for the hospital.

As an example of what the hospital does, Wain introduced the Smith family from Elizabethtown to Rotarians. Bob Smith talked about the drama surrounding his son. Four years ago, R.J. Smith suffered cardiac arrest at home. The family opted to go to Hershey. After getting there, doctors could not slow down his heart rate. He was rushed to the seventh floor, and there he had another cardiac arrest.

He finally was hooked up to a special machine which was purchased through Children's Miracle Network. R. J.'s days in the hospital were filled with trauma. At one point he was blind, and the family didn't know what to think. But over time, he began to heal.

In September of 2007, R.J. entered third grade. He had just finished the baseball season, and was getting ready for soccer. In the future, he will need a pacemaker, surgery that will be helped by the Children's Miracle Network.

Jan Bergan, an executive vice president at Lancaster General Hospital, also spoke to Rotarians, saying that health care in the United States is lacking. She cited two reasons, chronic illness is on the rise, and the rate of obesity continues to climb.

She said the country and Lancaster County need to reverse the threat of avoidable illnesses. More education would help.

There are several reasons for Lancaster's problems, she said.

They include: more senior citizens; the growth of the Latino population; rising costs of insurance; fewer access points for medical assistance, and low income people who are uninsured

There are four areas that need urgent attention, she said. They are: obesity, smoking, domestic violence, and access to care.

Other programs that were of particular interest included one on how the internet was affecting news gathering; former Sen. Frank Keating's talk; the political "debates" by county commissioner candidates and state senate seat; Terry Madonna's observations; Mike O'Day's piano performance; Rabbi Jack P. Paskoff's discussion of Jewish history, and Mayor Rick Gray.

Dave Hennigan

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2008-2009

Andy Fletcher began the 2008/2009 Rotary Year on June 24th, 2009. His Father was the only family member present, as his wife was in Virginia Beach with Andy's daughter, Kendal at a field hockey tourney and Tayler, Andy's oldest daughter was at the beach.

Andy's term of office was one of the more unique terms as president of the Club. It was a year following two previous female Presidents, Barb Gallen and Alexandra Weisensale, and would be followed by another female President, Tracy Horst. Andy would be surrounded by three female Rotary Presidents. Not a problem, but certainly unique.

President Andy had just returned back from the Rotary International Conference in Los Angeles, California, the site for the 2008 Rotary International Conference. International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson just passed the torch to Dong Kurn Lee, the 2008 – 2009 Rotary International President. A South Korean, President Lee's theme was "Make Dreams Real." Another unique and special moment for Andy is when he met President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, who attended Andy's PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in Valley Forge prior to the International Convention.

Andy reported that the conference was fabulous. An excerpt form President Andy's installation speech is as follows:

"It was similar to any other conference; the booths, the food, hotels and travel, but the greatest difference is the Rotarians. You go nowhere without striking-up a conversation. All these people are proud to be Rotarians and are very glad to share information with you and look for input back from you. From clubs with 13 members to clubs with 625 members you learn they all have their own personality and their place in the worldwide organization.

You quickly find out that what we do is just a very small part of the whole Rotary International picture, but and I must stress, you also quickly find out the things we do here in Lancaster are make the big picture possible. It's the sum of all these parts make this machine work. You all should be proud to be Rotarians."

His speech to the Club stated that he would like to get to back to basics. "What is old in new again," Andy told the Club. We need to build on the traditions of the RCL past. He took time to explain his Rotary career and the moments and the people that shaped his Rotary career.

Andy started sharing his Rotary experience by telling us all, "I love Rotary." Another excerpt from Andy's speech follows:

"I love Rotary. I didn't know it when I first came into the Club. I not sure I knew I loved it the first few years, but I know now I love it and I guarantee you'll love it too. I'm not saying to kick your spouse out to the corner, but set your priorities and Rotary should be high on the list.

My Rotary journey thus far is somewhat interesting. I believe I have a special membership. Lancaster Electrical Supply and Power Company was part of the charter membership that started this Club in 1915. John Hess was the president of the Company and was a founding member of this Club. Following him in the RCL were: Frank Altdoerffer, Bill Wittick, Bud Fletcher and myself. I am

only the sixth member of this club from an electrical contractor and from Lancaster Electric, Inc. (Sam & Sam, Jr. came in under the classification of Radio) This makes this already special membership even more special."

So, I have to first thank Frank Altdoerffer, Senior for explaining to my Father that he could add an additional active in his classification, so I could join Rotary. This maneuver was generally not favored, but I would be the second from the same company and a son following his Father. A "legacy."

The "old man" as we lovingly called him, told me in front of my Father, "your old man pays your dues, you get your butt to the meetings and give $100 per year to RCL, and if you don't have it, ask your old man." He then reminded me not to miss a meeting. My Dad told me to have better attendance than him. Great thanks also goes to my father for listening to "the old man." I have never missed a meeting, so something stuck."

In his speech Andy also thanked the series Presidents that preceded him in office. Andy noted that he learned something from all of them.

Coming off a down year as it related to fundraising, the 2008 / 2009 was an unprecedented year for raising money. President Andy and the Club had an exceptional year and is documented below:

Accomplishments:

- The Rotary Club of Lancaster Penn Square was Chartered
  Andy was key in garnering support in our Club to sponsor the new Club, but it was Ron Alarie's tireless dream and Jim McCall's tenacious commitment to help the Club that made this 50th Club in the District possible.
- Expanded website content (an ongoing project)
- Fundraising was nearly $50k and enabled the Club to distribute funds to help the youth of this City and County.

  The funds raised are reviewed by the Board of Directors and giving is decided using a guideline set forth by the Board. The summary of giving strategy is:

  - ± 33% of proceeds to be used for a "signature project"
  - ± 33% of proceeds to be used for an International Project
  - ± 33% of proceeds to be used as Presidential Grants

  The 2008/2009 Rotary income from fundraising and the disbursement of funds was as follows:

*Aaron's Acres	$2,000	Four (4) full Camp Scholarships
*American Red Cross	$3,000	Youth Leadership Institute Training

*PA Academy of Music	$5,000	Training Educational Opportunity for Inner-City Children
*The Lancaster Family YMCA	$3,000	Camp Shand Youth Service Camp
*YWCA of Lancaster	$3,000	Youth Anti-bias Program
*Junior Achievement of Central PA	$2,100	Biztown
Teacher Impact Awards	$1,000	Annual Awards
United Way Summer Initiatives	$10,000	Various Summer Youth Programs
World Community Service	$10,000	Future Eye / Medical Mission

*The President of RCL and a subcommittee consisting of two Board members and two Past Presidents reviewed the applications for the Presidential Grants.

- Enjoyed an exceptional program committee and programs thanks to Bob Minney, Jen Baker, Gary Melchioni and Wally Otto.
- Met Foundation goal of $30,318
- Accepted Asst. Dist. Gov position for 2009/2012 term
- Prepay lunch fees expanded
- 100% return on 2008 winter Foundation Car Wash after club reached $50k in sales
- Holiday recess – year in which two meetings were not held over Holiday
- Membership numbers were up thanks to John Kerlish, membership chair
- Reconnected with SDL
- Interact Chartered at J. P. McCaskey after many years of hard work thanks to Scott Morrison
- Created a new “post-card” style make-up card with Scott Scheffey’s help

There existed a few more memorable events that happened throughout the year. One was the Rotary Ski Trip. Andy, not being an avid skier, but a good sport, participated in a prior ski trip and learned that the bus trip, lunch and dinner are an integral part of these annual functions. Taking a lead from Brad Reynolds, Andy provided a spread of shrimp, cheeses, dips, pepperoni, crackers, grapes and more, and along with Brad Reynolds, held a feast at lunch during the ski trip.

Another memorable time was the Rotary Auction Sporting Clays Trip. Nick Downey, Bob Still, John Zukus and other guests “cashed-in” their auction purchase of a round of sporting clays donating by President Andy. All safety rules and procedures were followed. President Andy especially noted the three most important rules: #1. We don’t want anyone hurt. #2. We don’t want to get dirty. And most important: #3. We don’t want to be late for lunch. Andy helped

the group and treated them to the round and then lunch at Giannotti's Country Manor, famous for their oiled peppers. As all participants would tell you, they literally had a blast!

The Teacher impact Awards provided another fellowship opportunity prior to the ceremonies. Bill Marshall and Andy arrived early (4:15pm) at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey and enjoyed a few ginger ales while awaiting more Rotarians. Dale Salmons, Tom Baum and Mike Fessler joined the group and fun was had by all. We solved the world's problems and were totally mesmerized by Mr. Baum's "enzyme" business.

The year was one where no members were lost, but we did have a couple of Rotary Ann's pass during the year. Cami Shenk, wife of Lou Shenk and Janet Snyder, wife of Charlie Snyder were two who passed during the year.

Tom Gemmill finally got his heart transplant and came through it very nicely. The Club knows Tom was blessed with a more conservative organ, as he was somewhat mellow despite the Democratic victory in November of 2008.

The biggest news outside the Club was the economic "shake-up" that occurred in the Fall of 2008. A mortgage crisis started a chain of events that put the United States in the worst economic times since the Great Depression. Banking failures due to the mortgage crisis, unemployment above 9% (Spring 2009), the bankruptcies of General Motors and the sale of the Chrysler Corporation to Fiat were the biggest newsmakers. The government bailout plan failed and has opened debate whether it has saved jobs or just created a massive amount of debt for our kids and grandkids. Washington has been only interested in more government and how to perpetuate their political careers. This history can't do justice to what we are experiencing at the end of this 2008 / 2009 Rotary year, but we will certainly feel the impact for many years to come.

Overall, it was a great Rotary year despite the economy. Time flew by as it always does. We completed many positive things in our community and beyond. We look forward to our Club's future.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2009-2010:

• Administrative Accomplishments

Tracy Lin Horst thanked her Committee Chairmen for being "stellar" in their activities, providing new ideas and persistence to lead their committees to be successful for the benefit of others. There was also excellent committee participation by members. She emphasized committee service as an opportunity to make friends, and provide easy networking with fellow business leaders, encouraged members to be active in the club, to be part of what is going on and to learn moll about what Rotary is capable of achieving.

She commended the Board in its efficient sharing with each other and working together with the committees for a greater success. A new Rotary Caring committee was created under her leadership.

• Strategic Milestones Achieved

A poster was created and presented at each meeting, to remind members of our Club's Foundation and International Foundation programs as well as Club goals and the achievement of each throughout the year.

1. Outreach to Our Community

Our Club has achieved good local PR. We have been represented in almost every publication of the District's newsletters.

We're have had a successful Inbound Program this year with inbound youth Adrienn Biro visiting from Hungary.

2. Community Support Activities/Sponsorships/Grants

We donated 52 books to School District of Lancaster (SDoL) Libraries, each signed by our weekly program speakers at a cost of $1,040.

We continue to be involved in the SDoL's reading programs and power pack meal programs to support families in our community who are in need.

We had a successful School Uniform Drive for McCaskey students to be delivered at the Rotary District Banquet. Participation was excellent with both students and teachers.

The Teacher Impact Program touches the lives of those who touch the children in our community Teachers were noted in the local Press and were presented at the Rotary District Banquet.

We supported Interact, GSE, Peace Scholars, Farmers Day, Rotary Youth Leadership Camp and the Polio challenge activities.

3. Fundraising and Financial Accomplishments

A task committee was created to study how to grow a Lancaster Rotary Club Foundation and how those monies would be managed.

Fundraising proceeds totaled $35,660:

1. $10.500 from the Auction
2. $19,239 from the Basketball Extravaganza
3. $4,189 from the Chicken BBQ
4. $1,732 from the fall car wash.

4. Noteworthy Events/Programs

Web Site - We created a member Club Website pocket card for members with simple instructions accessing the Site.
Created a new section for job and resume postings, classifieds for things wanted and things for sale.

We had many thoughtful Programs thru the Hard Work of Tom Gemmill and Chris Barrett and their committee who brought interesting topics, such as:

- Two off site meetings - new Convention Center and at Long's Park, with Sertoma presentation.
- Significant building project for the youth in Philadelphia by the Salvation Army o A timely Program on the Chesapeake Bay.
- Pa Budget Discussions from Local State Representatives Bear and Sturla who both stood and laid down during their visit ...
- Randy Miller, a victim of Polio who worked hard to succeed in his life, and give us a reason to pause when we think of our own challenges.
- Heard about a new local company offering assistance to folks experiencing catastrophic medical conditions
- A program by the Barnstormers Management folks and team players o A joint meeting with the Downtown club.
- Lee Blatt spoke on how Inflation is good for Real Estate Investors.
- A local Retailers vision and fashion show which engaged rotary members, presented by member Larry Helicher and his wife Faye.
- Jan Bergen and Keith Orris informed us of the new development plans for Lancaster General Hospital and Franklin & Marshall projects in our town.
- Halloween Costume Lunch Meeting o Off Site December Holiday Party

5. International and Preserve Planet Earth:

In 2009 the Club participated in the creation of a Permanent Eye Exam Clinic in Honduras, co-

supported by the Rotary Club of Choluteca Honduras. With donated eye equipment valued at over $9,000 Clinic is ready for patients. We met with our Honduran partners including COVA (• nonprofit in Honduras), Community of San Marcos, Rotary Choluteca, and Central American Relief Effort of Lancaster. The group sent seven shipping containers to Honduras in 2009 and provided the shipping for the donated eye equipment. Tracy served as the Director of this organization.

The Club supported the kids in our local school district thru our Preserve Planet Earth Committee Chaired by Tom Baum.

6. Special Projects

The Club's new Volunteer Photographers: Al Heyen, Chris Herr & PP Sam Altdoerfer took memorable shots of our weekly meetings, fellowship and fundraising events!

Our Music Committee did a wonderful job entertaining us and giving us singing assignments where we actually entertain ourselves.

The Fireside Chat power point was updated and got right to the point of involvement and member opportunity.

We honored, with awards and pins, three of our own Rotarians to date, for performing service to the Club above and beyond routine membership and committee work.

We have had special recognition of Senior Members by fellow members.

A Crab Fest was held at the Elks Club, and was great fun

7. Membership Growth

We saved over $1,000 with the new design and printing of our Membership Directory.

Membership count was 256, short of the 300 target. Everyone did a good job to grow the Club and we had several new members, but lost an equal amount

We combined the membership and classification committee to shorten the time to get a proposed member to full membership, and for better communication during the vetting.

8. Liaison with Other Organizations

District involvement by our Club members included:
3 members to the Public Relations Seminar
2 members to the Membership Seminar
1member to the District Youth Exchange Seminar
A 4-some to the Golf Challenge

As usual, we participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2010-2011

Paul D. Quinn started the year with a board planning session in April, three months before the start of new year, where we assigned the Lanes of Service and set expectations for our 30 committees.

Understanding programs are extremely important to attracting and retaining members we organized a three-person Program Committee of Past Presidents Bob Minney and Bob Still and Pat Whalen met in February 2010, five months prior to our year starting to plan the year's programs. We started by learning about the 75-year history of the Blue Ridge Parkway and ended with the Editor of Business 2 Business Ted Byrne sharing his extensive research on the Lancaster County economy. In between there were programs on Marcellus Shale - not without controversy ·, the National Debt and Deficit Commission, State Pension Crisis, Legislative Reform, Modern Economic Warfare between US China, Terry Madonna's political insights, and one of the funniest ever programs on April Fool's Day when Mike Still (Bob's son) came as an expert on foreign relations and had the whole club shocked before they gradually came to understand they had been had.

Fund raising was an obvious priority and we took a chance by prioritizing our efforts when we took a chance and canceled our annual chicken BBQ to better focus on our fall F&M Basketball Extravaganza. By concentrating on one fall event we were able to exceed the combined total of those two events in previous years. A big debt of gratitude went to Or. Bill Marshall for chairing our basket event, raising a record $28,000 net profit.

The second big fundraiser was our inaugural Monte Carlo Night/ Silent Auction at the new downtown Marriot chaired by Jennifer Baker and Dave Foulk. This James Bond Casino Royale event was over a year in planning and it was a huge success in that it raised over $11,000 and was one of the most fun events this club has ever had, attracting support/ attendance from outside the club, which was our goal.

And additional Cloister Car Wash ticket sale headed by Paul Williams raised about $3,000.

The money we raised was donated back to Rotary causes as follows :
$10,000 went to our International Missions partnering with Rotary Clubs in other parts of the world to serve the less fortunate. Steve Mintzer led our World Community Service Committee which included Eye Mission to Honduras, opening an eye clinic in San Marcos de Colon, where they treated about a thousand people for eye problems. Dr. Bob McClenathan headed a mission to Brazil in which 1500 people were examined for eye problems and 600 were examined in the dental clinic.

$10,000 was donated to fund our signature project, the Rotary Summer Youth Experience in partnership with the United Way to engage city youth in meaningful, educational and fun experiences while they are on summer break from school. Peter Barber led anew committee to get our members d in these summer camps.

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Our annual Presidential Grants were organized by an ad hoc committee of Chip Kirchner, Past Presidents Bob Minney and Andy Fletcher who called for proposals from local organizations that are concerned with helping city youth. We chose six local charities to spread $10,000 in grant funds. The

presentations were made Easter Week at our meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church where each organization explained how our funding would help their mission.
First United Methodist Church's Discovery Corner Pre-School received funding for their early literacy program
YWCA of Lancaster received funding for their Residency Program for homeless women and children.
Compass Mark received funding went for their summer day camp for at-risk youth in Lancaster.
Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center received funding for their Respite Program allowing childcare in the evening to allow families of special needs children to have time to attend their personal business. We also celebrated the 75th anniversary of this organization our club helped start.
Power Packs received funding for their food and nutrition education programs to help School District of Lancaster's disadvantaged families.

In addition our club provided services and or funding in seven other areas:

1. Youth Exchange hosting a student from Chile thanks to the hard work of Jamie Alton and our Youth Exchange Committee. Sarah Thibeault also contributed greatly to this committer by serving as club counselor for our exchange student, Pilar.
2. . Group Study Exchange Committee helped host a team from Singapore and Malaysia. Sarah Thibeault led this committee's efforts.
3. Elizabeth Martin Middle School Outdoor Classroom project was headed by Tom Baum and Dale Salmons who led work sessions to construct this outdoor park.
4. School District of Lancaster Committee headed by Rich Wolman led reading programs for 5th grade students, helping fill Power Pack bags and the donation of books for the SOL elementary school libraries.
5. Rotary Youth Leadership Camp Scholarships Committee led by Craig Russell awarded seven rising senior students from Lancaster Catholic, Country Day and McCaskey tuition to attend a week long Rotary Youth Leadership Camp at Messiah College.
6. Rural Urban Committee was led by Leon Ressler to conduct a Farmer's Day to celebrate the farming profession and led a very successful Strawberry Auction that raised funds for 4-H Clubs members and their organization.
7. Community Awards Committee led by Dan Whitmer came up with four outstanding recipients.... Our Past President Tom Cence was our adult recipient and we gave three student awards to students from the three high schools in our area. Each recipient received a plaque and $100 and a $100 donation to the charity of their choice.

In addition we met our Rotary Foundation giving goal of $30,000 thanks to the great work of Past President Barb Gallen who led that committee.

Our Membership Committee was led by Chris Herr brought in 32 qualified new members allowing us to end the year at our goal of 260 members.

Rotary Information Committee led by Past President Jim Godfrey conducted monthly Fireside Chats to introduce our club to new members.

Fellowship Committee was headed by Jennifer Goldbach who started a new tradition of monthly fellowship outings or better known as Happy Hour events at local restaurants. In addition the club

conducted our annual golf tournament, ski trip, sailing regatta.

Attendance Committee was led by Terry Radcliffe and worked to make sure our members made their attendance requirements, but we emphasized make ups could be any time a member attended a fund raiser or social event.

President Elect Dave Hosler hosted our second annual off-campus evening Holiday Party. These were truly parties and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Transmitter Committee was led by Oneida Deluca and she did an outstanding job getting the newsletter out on a timely basis every week.

Our Music Committee was chaired by Paul Keddy and he did a great job making sure we always sang Rotary songs every week, one of President Paul's goals.

During the year our club lost two long time members in Past President Sam Altdoerffer and Roger Reist. Both were outstanding Rotarians, had many years of perfect attendance and truly loved our Rotary Club.

Our cub's paid Executive Secretary Gwyn Fulmer retired in March after nine plus wonderful years of service. We were able to find an excellent replacement in Kathy Hainley, who hit the ground running.

President Paul changed a few things during his year, two successfully and one unsuccessfully. At some risk the long running Chicken BBQ was canceled to better focus our efforts on the Basketball Extravaganza and thankfully the club more than made up the difference on one fundraiser. The formal head table was successfully removed and replaced with a just a podium so the speaker and the club officers could have lunch together and as it turned out not witness the exodus of scooters when the singing starts. He also instituted with board approval a Scooters' Fee, a suggested $5 donation to the RCL Foundation. There were many in the club who loudly objected and the Scooters Fee was rescinded.

Overall, it was a good year ... fundraising and membership goals were attained, many good causes were helped, and all who participated had a lot of fun.

Paul D. Quinn

A self-described "hopeless volunteer," David E. Hosler parlayed his broad community leadership experiences and buttoned-down efficiency with his dedication to Rotary goals to produce a Rotary year that was both enjoyable and productive.

Dave emphasized service to both the local and worldwide community, most clearly demonstrated in fulfilling his goal of the Club's contributing over $30,000 to the Rotary Foundation. His personal identification with the Rotary/United Way Summer Youth Experience led the Club to give $12,500 to provide worthwhile activities for about 800 children and teens. He introduced the Club to the Shelter Box idea for providing basic assistance to disaster victims with a program and follow-up Club and individual support.

Other special grants went to Bob McClenathan's Thailand eye-glass distribution, to the Drug Court, to the new Veterans Court and to a Honduras mission led by Steve Mentzer, Andy Appel and Jim Hendricks. And there was the annual Presidential Grant of $10,000 that went to support programs at eight local educational and social services organizations.

Challenging and informative programs have always been a highlight of the Club's weekly meets During the 2011-2012 year, they ranged from international affairs (Ambassador John B. Craig on Syria Elizabethtown College's President Dr. Carl Srikwerda on Globalization) to close-at-home business self-help ideas from our own members (Pete Barber on how his painting business got started, Dick Stauffer on leadership transition in his architectural firm.)

With the national and local emphasis on the economy, programs also provided insight into subjects ranging from economic development in Lancaster County to the hot jobs that are currently available and the fields slated for future growth.

Dave took a personal hand in programming, never more evident than in the moving audio-visual tribute to veterans on December 7, which he produced with Doug Hall and Tim Ruhl of the Manheim Club and a risky "Rotary's Got Talent" program over the Christmas holiday. Announcing the latter, Dave told the Club, "If this doesn't come off well, my impeachment proceedings might begin the following week." Happily, it was a fun and entertaining half-hour featuring Rotarians and their families who really did have talent.

Education was another emphasis. Our Club members join a record attendance at the Teacher Impact Awards Program, jointly sponsored by Rotary District 7390 and WGAL-TV 8. Meetings featured the president of Franklin & Marshall College (Outcomes Based Education), the former president of Elizabethtown College (Why Does College Cost so Much?) and four Lancaster County public school superintendents (Budgets). The political scene was represented by Mayor Rick Gray, Representatives Bear and Sturla and former Lt. Governor Mark Singel.

The year's off-campus meeting was in Columbia, where members visited The Turkey Hill Experience Dave also tried an experimental meeting format, starting the business meeting at 12:30 with the goal of having the speaker available for questions by 1:00. He indicated that more such experiments may be in the wings to in an effort to allow those members with afternoon commitments to be able to experience most of the weekly program before needing to leave.

Fellowship activities hit a new high of frequency. In addition to the annual boating, golf and ski outings, there were Happy Hours at a variety of local bars and restaurants, a Christmas party at the Lancaster Country Club, a Crabfest at the Liederkranz and a night at the Barnstormers.

The Club's traditional involvement in people-to-people relations was highlighted by hosting visit

From six members of a Pakistan Group Study Exchange and shepherding Eduardo Nobriega from Brazil as an exchange student at McCaskey.

After years of struggling with borrowed projectors, the Club purchased its own laptop computer and projector. Also, in the new age of technology, the Public Relations Committee held a well-attended series of 11:30 meetings on how to use the social media both personally and in business. A new Club banner was produced. To great applause, Dave congratulated Kathy Hainley on her first full year as the Club's executive secretary. There was no applause but no complaints when he announced that the of luncheons would increase to $13 on July I.

Fund-raising set a record of $44,029 profit at the Basketball Extravaganza, of which one-third went to partner Franklin& Marshall Athletic Department. Other funds to support Rotary programs came from the Casino Night and Auction (also called Gaming and Tippling Night) and from car wash sales in cooperation with Cloister.

On a sad note, Dave had to announce the passing of former president Max Smith and of current Membership Committee Chair, Chris Herr. Also noted was the death of Ralph "Buzz" Coho, who although no longer a member of this club, was known as "Mr. Rotary'' for all he did to start up and encourage clubs throughout District 7390.

An unusual activity was welcoming members of District 7510, in New Jersey, to Lancaster and to First Friday for their annual conference. Mayor Gray also participated!

ng ahead, Dave pointed out to the Board of Directors that the Club's 1oo•h anniversary is coming up in 2015 and that it was time to begin planning for it. Rotary presidents' terms end, but Rotary goes on!

Bill Mehler

Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2012-2013

Charles F. Blumenstock Jr. vigorously devoted his term as Rotary Club of Lancaster President to strengthening the Club's infrastructure, to improving its community outreach and to building its funding base. He also established a sound plan and foundation for future growth which he turned over to incoming President Karl Boltz.

His administrative accomplishments included development of a new, July 2013-June 2016 Strategic Plan, developed with the guidance of Oneida Deluca and incoming President Karl Boltz. The Plan's important new long range objectives include such goals as endowment building and a new signature event to raise $60,000 per year.

Plan short range objectives include: forming a New Member Orientation Committee; inducting at least 12 new members under 40 years of age; a "Planned Giving" mechanism for the Rotary Club of Lancaster Foundation, a data collection and reporting mechanism that supports Rotary goals; integrating the Rotary Summer Youth Activities Initiative into our club culture; a mechanism to acknowledge member participation; a "Centennial Project" plan a "Signature Community Event" fundraiser; a monthly Board review of progress towards strategic goals and a year-end process to annually update the Strategic Plan.

Chuck's impressive administrative achievements included a membership survey with 65 responses; improved budget and administrative information transparency to members via the Club's upgraded website (with assistance from Alicia Moranz and Bonnie Jess Lopane); and improvements to the Transmitter including the addition of Club and Rotary historical factoids (under the leadership of Jon Walker and Catesby Gilbert).

Our club's outreach to our community was enhanced under Chuck's watch by the development and implementation of a McCaskey mentoring project (with efforts from Rich Wolman and a number of Club members, including some new members). The Club also reestablished a Rotaract Club at F&M College, under the leadership Past President Dave Hosler, after years of inactivity. Fellowship events were also well-attended

Chuck's leadership enabled the Club to set several fund raising records. We met our Foundation goals, reaching a million dollar all time high mark, achieving our annual goal in early June without a push like most other years In fact, the Club exceeded its $33,000 annual giving goal established by the Foundation Subcommittee by more than 10% with over $36,500 in Foundation donations. This success was largely due to the efforts of chairs John Saeger and Shane Moser and their committee members.

The Club's largest fundraising events had another successful year with record results under the leadership of Bill Marshall and Jeremy DeBord. This included the Basketball Extravaganza, the McCaskey mentoring project and the Car Wash ticket sales. Past President Bob Roschel gave $5,000 to the RI End Polio campaign. The Club’s 2012·13 Spring Fundraising events sold out thanks to the tireless efforts of chair Jen Baker, President Elect Karl Boltz and others.

During Chuck's presidency the Club presented members with a great variety of informative and entertaining programs on a wide spectrum of topics, including the controversial, delivered by an array of expert speakers. Highlights included a debate between congressional candidates Joe Pitts and Aryanna Strader, discussion of health issues ranging from an analysis of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act to Medicare to the new Barshinger Cancer Institute, local history and culture, education and religion. National issues were also addressed such as defense, security and the economy. Important social issues such as foster care, conservation, corrections reform and slavery were explored. Business and commercial topics included travel, agriculture

branding as well as trends in local banking and news media.

Alas, Chuck had some disappointments. The Club failed to meet his membership goal of adding a net of four new members. The Spring Fundraising event from the 2011-2012 Rotary year failed to produce as expected, thus providing fewer funds in the 2012-2013 year. Between this shortfall and the shortfall in new member initiation fees, the financial results of the Club were not as favorable as Chuck would have hoped, although this shortfall was offset in part by strong financial results from the Basketball Extravaganza. Although the Club Directory was essentially finalized in December, it was not printed until May.

Rotary Club of Lancaster gives a hearty "Well Done" to Chuck Blumenstock as he ends a successful year as Club President and turns the reins of a much improved club over to President Karl Boltz.

President Karl thanked Chuck for his hard work and leadership over the years and presented him with a new name badge and pin as well as with other gifts. Chuck said that as Immediate Past President he looked forward to having some time to re-engage his law practice and spend more time with his wife, Anita.

ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING

President Karl Boltz's term of office focused on strengthening the Club through innovative planning, fund raising, community service fund raising, membership growth and programming. He addressed objectives defined in the Club's new Strategic Plan developed under the direction of Oneida Deluca and her committee under Past President Chuck Blumenstock and laid down plans for the Centennial year anniversary activities to be undertaken under President Elect Bob McClenathan.

The important goal of increasing membership will ensure that the Club costs may be kept to a minimum. Karl encouraged members to Bring a Guest to Rotary meetings as an excellent opportunity to introduce prospective members to our club. His mottos were "Let's Pack the Room ", "Growth for Depth" and "Invite a worthy candidate to become a member of "The World's Greatest Rotary Club."

Rotary International President-elect for 2013-2014, Ron D. Burton's theme of "Engage Rotary - Change Lives" was integrated into the Club's comprehensive and exciting three year strategic plan by the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee was comprised of Oneida Deluca, Chair, PP Nick Downey, PP Tracy Horst, PP Dave Hosler, PP Gil Lyons, Deepa Balepur, Christina Gallagher, Jeff Kenderdine and John Kerlish. The Strategic Plan was presented to the Board and shared with Club members.

The new strategic plan addresses summer youth programs for at risk youth in the School District of Lancaster. Our Rotary club gives $10,000 to the Summer Youth Initiatives Program and an equal amount is matched by United Way. While more than $45,300 of requests from 15 social service agencies were deemed worthy, the committee was able to fund only 8 agencies with the available money. Going forward increasing support for these programs is part of the strategic plan and is a reflection of the impact that our club is having on the community.

After reviewing our budget, rising costs and a decrease in membership, President Karl requested that dues be increased effective July 1, 2013 to $130.00 for a six month period. He emphasized that an important goal for us each year is to continue to increase our membership so that the Club costs may be kept to a minimum.

FUND RAISING

District Governor-Elect Hector Ortiz congratulated us for achieving the goal of giving over $1 million to Rotary International over the life of the Club. Our Club was acknowledged for being in 2nd place in Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation and in 3rd place in total giving for District 7390.

Fund raising activities included a Spring Fundraiser and raffle at the Lancaster Museum of Art entitled "Bands and Brews," featuring local bands and local breweries. The event featured a raffle with three great prizes and yielded net income of about $15,000.

Other fund-raising activities included the Basketball Extravaganza, Car Wash Tickets and the Spring Raffle. Basketball Extravaganza Co-Chair, Bill Marshall, was acknowledged for his 15+ year commitment to this event, the Club's largest fundraiser. President-Elect Liz Martin organized volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army in front of member Alan Friedland's Ream Jeweler

COMMUNITY SERVICE & MENTORING

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Rotary Club of Lancaster Community Service Awards were presented to:
- Youth Recipients:
  Sarah Hafiz - Senior at Lancaster Country Day School
  Sarah Bomberger - Senior at Lancaster Catholic High School
  Crystal Hogge - Junior at Lancaster McCaskey East High School
  Mary Frances Gallagher, a recent graduate of Lancaster Country Day School.
- Adult Recipient: recently retired Director of The Ware & Winter Centers, Millersville University

Rotary Club Exemplary Service Awards were presented by President Karl to the following individuals:
- Althea Ramsay Carrigan, Co-Chair of the School District of Lancaster Committee,
- Bill "Doc" Marshall, Co-Chair of the Basketball Extravaganza Committee,
- Rich Wolman, Co-Chair of the McCaskey Mentoring Program

The Club's Annual Strawberry Auction allowed members of local 4H Clubs to market their produce with the first $100 going to the 4H student and additional money split 50/50 with half going to a 4H leadership development fund to benefit all.

Club member families hosted Queralt Batlle, a 17-year-old Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Spain with the Lancaster-Northeast Rotary Club as co-host.

Group Study Exchange. Our Club hosted a Group from Argentina.

Under the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, the Club sponsored six high school juniors to attend the District 7390 Youth Leadership Camp at Messiah College - two each from McCaskey, Lancaster Catholic and Lancaster Country Day School.

The Club's McCaskey (High School) Mentoring Program Committee (formerly Career and Technical Education Committee) met once a month with 11th and 12th graders. The program has been so successful that there's a waiting list of students. The mentors involved in our Mentoring Program conferred "diplomas" on the McCaskey Career Tech Senior student participants and honored Career Tech Junior students at the second annual Mentoring Program Commencement Ceremony.

A Club member Guest Reader Program was conducted at Lancaster's Washington Elementary School.

PRESIDENTIAL GRANTS AND FUND RAISING
- The Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic : $2000 for the purchase of special nipples for infants who are born with cleft lips and/or palates to allow them to nurse. These funds will provide for 5 nipples each to the 25 +/- children born in Lancaster County each year.
- Neighborhood Services: $1500 to be used in the Representative Payee Program, one of the three core programs. Representatives oversee clients who have difficulty prioritizing finances.
- Southeast Lancaster Health Services. A final grant of $1000 was awarded to Southeast

Lancaster Health Services. The funds will be used to purchase a Doppler fetal heart rate monitor to detect the heartbeat of a fetus for prenatal care.

- Summer Boost Camp run by Lancaster Council of Churches was given a $1,500 grant to assist refugee children for whom English is the second language.
- Girls on the Run: A grant $1,000 for a character development program to develop physical and emotional health, character and confidence for girls in third to eighth grade.
- St. James Anchorage Ministries: A grant $1,500 towards serving daily breakfast to 135-150 people in need.
- YWCA Women's Shelter/Residence Program: A grant $1,000 for long term and emergent housing for women who need to distance themselves from their abusers.
- Girls on the Run is a character development program that works to develop physical and emotional health, character and confidence for girls in third to eighth grade through running and physical activity based programs. Amount of grant $1,000.

The World Community Service Committee, headed by Steve Mentzer, shipped a container of medical and other equipment to the Surgery Center in Honduras. These items were either funded by the Lancaster Rotary Club or donated by our fellow Rotarians. The Surgery Center is a cooperative effort between Lancaster Rotary Club and a local Lions Club in Honduras. The Committee travelled to Honduras in January, 2013, to dedicate the Surgery Center.

Rotary Mission: Board Secretary, Dr. Bob McClenathan, visited Jamaica on a Rotary mission serving about 150 to 175 people per day. This is the largest Rotary mission to Jamaica ever. Over $100,000 in eyeglasses, medications, medical equipment and supplies, dental extractions and dental restorative work (cavity fillings and such) are being provided by thirty Rotarians from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Denmark, Japan and Brazil. Our club is a sponsor at $1000, matched several ways.

The Power Packs Project supported food distribution at Washington Elementary School.

A Preserve Planet Earth Committee Nature Observation Deck was completed at the Elizabeth L. Martin Elementary School in cooperation with a carpentry class from the Lancaster Career and Technology Center and volunteer help.

PROGRAMS

A range of diverse programs for Club members, families and friends included:

- A Ski Trip to Camelback Mountain;
- Fellowship Mixers;
- Farmer's Day;
- Holy Week:
- A Night at the Derby Washington National Baseball Game Event;
- Annual Golf Outing at Crossgates Golf Club;
- Holiday Party

Herb Landau, Historian

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2014-2015

Incoming President Liz Martin directed a good part of club efforts this year towards the children and youth of Lancaster County.

Many members volunteered for the McCaskey High School Mentoring Program with a gala celebration of student program graduation at a club meeting where we saw how the program made a difference in the young people's lives.

The Group Study Exchange Committee did a wonderful job of welcoming young professional from both the Czech Republic and the Republic of Slovakia and helped them learn about both the United States and the Rotary Club of Lancaster.

The Youth Exchange Committee ensured that our youth exchange student from Ecuador had a meaningful year in the US.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee held a leadership event at Messiah College supporting students from McCaskey High School, Lancaster Country Day School and Lancaster Catholic School.

The Club donated $10,000 each to six local nonprofit organizations that assisted abused and food insecure children.

Our Summer Youth Experience was successful in providing positive experiences to at risk youth.

We had fun and fellowship at our quarterly mixer events and high quality speakers at our weekly meetings.

The Membership Committee recruited 20 new members, bringing the Club total membership to 235 members with at least three new inductees pending.

Our Rotary Information Committee has been effective in orienting new members to Rotary and our Club

Liz urged all Club members to focus on recruiting and inviting potential members to join.

Herb Landau, Historian

Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2015-2016

The Rotary Club of Lancaster President, Bob McClenathan, expressed his sense of duty and obligation to be at the helm of our great club during our Centennial Year. He stated:

" I hope that the members feel that I honored my responsibilities. Let's take a look at the journey! Many apologies for the length of this "synopsis". To be honest, I don't think it is inappropriate for my notes to be more voluminous than other presidential summaries, as my notes might help a future president celebrate the 125th or 150th or 200th celebration!

My very first luncheon meeting was a simple casual social event, our Centennial birthday party! A cake, some punch, hors d'ouevres, and such, put together by our friendly caterer, Hess's' Barbecue Catering. It was a time to enjoy one another's company and to share conversation uninterrupted by normal Rotary business.

There were a few rather silly activities that I instituted during my reign. Most noted was my attempt to have trivia questions each week to stimulate members to engage and to have a little fun. Rotarian Sam Mecum ran away with the very fine bottle of aged Laphroig Whisky, which was the grand prize. Truth be told, it was hard to come up with original trivia questions, which mostly focused on the history of Lancaster and on Rotary topics, but I gave it my best shot. In addition to the trivia game, I put together several short (and slightly humorous) videos related to Rotary. One pointed out that many people overlook the treasures in their own backyard, like Rotary, simply because it is always there and under the radar. Somehow we need to create more visibility for our club in our community.

Attendance is an ongoing issue for our club, as it must be for many clubs. Keeping attendance high has been a historic goal for the Rotary Club of Lancaster. During my term, I held "minimakeups",as I called them, at Thornhill Wines. These free hour long makeups were available from 5:00 to 6:00 PM twice each month in an effort to assist those with marginal attendance keep their numbers up, so to speak.

Impressive programs at our luncheon meetings are a major factor in the success of a Rotary Club. I was able to twist the arm of an old family friend, Dr. John Sever, to speak on Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Effort. Dr. Sever is the voice that brought the polio eradication effort into the Rotary world. Whether our membership recognizes this, or not, we were privileged to have been addressed by this gentleman who has been so instrumental in what will ultimately be Rotary's greatest gift to mankind. Our membership also needs to be reminded, and I will do so now, that OUR club was selected as a model club for what became the PolioPlus Campaign. We successfully helped launch this most astonishing act of altruistic humanitarianism.

In other programs, we heard about the major project in repairing and refurbishing the Tappan Zee Bridge, from Ronald D. Medlock of the local High Companies and our own Judge Dave Ashworth discussed Lancaster's Drug Court. More controversial topics included Global Warming, Gun Laws, Genetically Modified Foods, and Abortion, each presented in a point-counterpoint type manner. We learned about the apparent dysfunction of our State political leaders during discussions of the State Budget Impasse.

There were many other speakers, of course. We learned about healthcare topics, food topics, military and foreign affairs topics, refugee issues (especially relevant in light of our Centennial Project), about music and sports, and about education and School District of Lancaster issues. We heard about the Gaming Industry in Pennsylvania, about the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Team and stadium, and about Sun Air, flying out of Lancaster Airport. Our local Chamber of Commerce shared an update us with and we heard about alternative fuels.

All these speakers were in addition to our traditional programs: Group Study Exchange/Group Vocation Study Exchange, Strawberry Roundup and Auction, Farmers Day, Easter Services, Holiday Party, Mentoring Program Graduation, Community Service Awards, and our typical District Governor visit and "State of the Club" conversations. We had several opportunities to hear our own members offer up their life stories and "classification talks", and two luncheon parties celebrating the beginning and end of our Centennial Year as well. Many thanks go out from me to Jim Shenck and John Esbenshade for their leadership on this committee.

As mentioned, we heard from Kim O'Brien, the outbound Group Vocational Study Exchange participant whom RCL sponsored on her trek to Slovakia and the Czech Republic and we hosted the Group Vocational Study Exchange team inbound from Australia, Team Pink. As part of our international service to humanity, this exchange program is unrivaled. The personal perspectives shared by both the inbound and outbound participants with their hosts is indispensable in promoting peace and understanding and in broadening everyone's perspectives on the global reach of Rotary. Thank you to John Herr and Tashina Roberson for leading this effort.

No organization that reaches a milestone anniversary, like our 100th year, should ignore the joy and excitement that accompanies your arrival at that point. We did not ignore itl The RCL Centennial Gala was a very special evening for those who attended. Great entertainment, dancing, excellent food and drink, and the comradery of fellow Rotarians made this evening memorable.

When I learned that I would be guiding our organization during our centennial year, I approached a gentleman whom I greatly respected, Rotarian and Past Club President Bob Montgomery, now deceased, and asked him what one thing I had to achieve that year. His prompt and emphatic reply was that the RI President should be invited to visit us and speak with us to honor our longstanding commitment to Rotary and to our community. It is no small task to recruit a sitting RI President for such a visit. I know that our club was the first to make contact and begin that negotiation because I initiated contact with his home club in Sri Lanka within days of his selection as RI President Elect Nominee, a full two years prior to his ascension to the Presidency. RI President Ravindran, and his wife Vanahy, were gracious guests focused on helping our club highlight some of our most significant contributions to our community. Of course, he was the speaker at our luncheon meeting, but let me share a few of the other activities in which he participated during his visit.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster sponsors a Mentoring Program at J. P. McCaskey High School. This program was initiated by Rotarian Rich Wolman who cochaired the committee with Rotarian Alicia Moranz during my year. There are many Rotarians from our club who mentor youth through this program. President Ravindran participated in a hands-on visit to a Mentoring Session at McCaskey and his thoughts on leadership, on achieving success, and on overcoming obstacles in life. In addition to President Ravindran's visit, it is important to note here that this is another of the landmark

programs begun by our club with huge impact. This project involves many Rotarians, and friends of Rotary, in face to face opportunities to share life changing ideas and concepts with eager and engaged students who might otherwise be overlooked or sidelined. The project has been, in my opinion, as valuable to the mentoring adults as it has been for the youth involved. The impact of this program cannot be underestimated and, I hope, will continue long into the future.

I should also mention RI President Ravindran's brief visit to Rotary Park, which was our club's project to celebrate the centennial of Rotary International. There, under the guidance of PP Nick Downey, and others, our club had placed a bronze statue celebrating the importance of play for children.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster should take great pride in our Centennial Project, an initiative to help create "The Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds Middle School: a Project of the Rotary Club of Lancaster", which RI President Ravindran visited. In fact, he cut the ribbon to officially open the facility. His presence gave a global recognition, and endorsement, to the welcoming nature of our Lancaster community. I am proud of this project which recognizes our commitment to mankind. The project builds itself from compassionate heart of Rotarians, and honors our historical policy of initiating groundbreaking and sustainable projects that have tremendous positive impact and lasting influence on our community. It addresses so many components of our club's areas of focus and our history in our community, like our commitment to the School District of Lancaster, youth initiatives, healthcare, education, international peace and community service, to name a few. The timing of this project was especially fortuitous as international refugee numbers have been steadily climbing. Our project can be a model for other organizations to mimic. Even as I write this, Rotary International is in the process of producing a video describing the project in an effort to promote similar projects around the world.

Our "Club Foundation Grant" (CFG) for the year was to put $5000 toward equipment and supplies for the medical services offered at the Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds. This CFG involves $2500 in club funds matched 1:1 by the district to reach our total goal of $5000.

President Ravindran concluded his visit to the Rotary Club of Lancaster by attending, and speaking at, an evening dinner meeting. It was another great gathering of Rotarians including some from other clubs in the district and District 7390 leaders, and a chance for us to hear more about the vision our international leadership has for our organization.

Vice President Lisa Groff put together a fun Christmas/Holiday Party and organized the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. As usual, the signup sheet filled quickly. Similarly, the collection of crock pots for Power Packs families went very well.

I was fortunate, this year, to have had the chance to represent our club on three international medical humanitarian trips. Mission trips to Ethiopia, Jamaica and Tanzania were completed, serving hundreds of individuals in need of vision or dental care. I appreciate the support I've had from so many members of our club in the many mission trips (now at 20) in which I have been privileged to participate.

We have begun the process of creating a satellite club in East Petersburg. The Rotary Club of East

Petersburg has voted to move that direction and RCL board has agreed to accept them as a satellite. Much work remains to be done, yet the ground work has been laid. Soon, we will welcome them as members of our own club!

In addition to the formation of the Rotary Satellite Club of Lancaster East Petersburg, our club partnered with the Rotary Club of Lancaster Sunrise to sponsor the Rotaract Club of Lancaster, currently formed of students at Franklin and Marshall College but open to other institutions and young adults in the area. This is a major achievement for our clubs. Sincere thanks are extended to Past President Dave Hosler for his work in helping bring this to fruition.

fundraising was a special challenge this Centennial Year, because we set the bar very high. In addition to our $100,000 ask for the Centennial Project (the Refugee Center), we had our normal and routine giving activities: our Fall Tip Off Tournament at Franklin and Marshall College, our Car Wash ticket sales, and our Spring Fundraiser at Tellus 360 (including the raffle). Thanks to the hard work of those involved in each of those fundraising committees, the Rotary Club of Lancaster met all targets. And it should be mentioned that this is in addition to our traditional commitment to support The Rotary Foundation with our Paul Harris Fellowship donations to the Annual Fund. When the Spring and the Fall Fundraisers, the Car Wash ticket sales, Crockpot donations, birthday table donations, and Paul Harris Foundation giving are added to the total monies given, or pledged, for the Centennial Project, our club reached the vicinity of $200,000 to benefit our community and beyond. That is a remarkable achievement and one I find very humbling. I should remind the reader that this is in addition to the many hours donated to the community through our major programs (Mentoring at McCaskey and the Summer Youth Experience program) and the many often underappreciated programs, like reading to elementary school children, helping with Power Packs program, working with RYLA or Rotaract students, and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

A special shout out must be given to Bill "Doc" Marshall, who seemingly single handedly, put together the Annual Tip Off Tournament at Franklin and Marshall College. This, our most significant fundraising event, hosts four men's and four women's basketball teams in a round robin type tournament. While I know he had support from various members of the club, it must be pointed out how significant and important his own participation has become. Many thanks, Bill!

I thank Rashyna Banzhof for her service in the Car Wash ticket sale fundraiser and Steve Humphries for helping us reach our goal in Paul Harris Fellowship and Rotary Foundation giving.

Russ Harlan should also be recognized for the challenging job he had putting together the Spring fundraiser, near the end of the Centennial Year when there was certainly a bit of fundraising “burnout" among the membership. I offer my sincere thanks for the work he did in this, otherwise, thankless job.

Because I have just mentioned the Rotary Summer Youth Experience: A United Way Partnership, I should mention that the Rotary Club of Lancaster and the United Way supported several summer programs to engage young people in summer activities to keep their minds and bodies moving, to reduce the educational slide that occurs over the summer months for many children who simply are idle over those summer months, and to expand the experiences and opportunities for them. This is another invaluable program of the Rotary Club of Lancaster that needs to be highlighted here. Thanks

go out to Bill Boben and Chip Kirchner for their hard work on this committee as chairpersons.

Additional thanks are extended to the leaders of our many committees not yet mentioned. Especially, Amy Henriques and Graham Side and their RYLA committee, Jon Walker and Jonas Kauffman and the Transmitter Committee, Alicia Moranz and Bonnie JessLopane and the Website/Yearbook committee, Randy Riggs and the chaplains, Paul Keddy for his committee's music leadership, Dave Eberly and Larry Helicher and their troops on the Sergeant at Arms Committee, Scott Wagner in Public Relations, PP Jim Godfrey for the Fireside Chats to incoming members, and Duane Crouse for the work he does to put together the Registration team each week. Of course, I must mention Herb Landau, historian, for his work on this very treatise.

In all these words, I hope you will see that we had a successful year. I think we have taken a giant step toward launching our second century of service to Lancaster. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve."

Robert A. McClenathan

President Lisa Groff continued the legacy of the Groff family by being the fourth generation of funeral directors serving the Lancaster Community. She is the President and Licensed Supervisor of The Groffs Funeral Home where she is dedicated to guiding families every step of the way through the decision-making process. Lisa takes great pride to carefully explain your options, make recommendations at your request, take care of all the small details, and ensure that you and your family's personal touch is always present.

Lisa is a graduate of McCaskey High School, class of 1978, earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College in 1984. Lisa began her business career as a Security Consultant with Dictograph Protective Alarms in Greenwich CT, before earning her degree in Mortuary Science from Mt. Ida College in Newton, MA in 1991. Lisa completed her apprentice year at Fred F. Groff, Inc. before becoming a Licensed Funeral Director. She has over twenty-five years of experience as a Funeral Director previously holding the positions of Pre-Need Manager, Pre-arrangement Counselor and Licensed Insurance Agent. After her father Bob's retirement in 1999, Lisa assumed the role of Licensed Supervisor at Fred F. Groff, Inc.

Lisa has been a passionate and dedicated community volunteer for many years. She has held and currently holds leadership roles with many organizations. Lisa is on the Board of Neighborhood Services and served as President of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. She has served many many years as a committee member and sponsor for the Office of Aging Senior Games. She is the former Board Chair of both the American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley and the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOOSE). Lisa is also involved with the Elizabethtown College Leadership Council and LancasterHistory,org serving on the committee for the Valentines Extravaganza. She recently co-chaired the Capital Campaign for the Lancaster County Council of Churches new Food Hub. Lisa has been a lifelong member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster.

Lisa is a lifelong sports enthusiast having been active with her high school's basketball and tennis teams. As a USPTA Tennis Professional, she coached the Greenwich High School Boys and Fairfield (CT) University Women's teams. Some of her athletic accomplishments include The Lancaster Intelligencer Woman Athlete of the Year in 1978, NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Champions at Elizabethtown College in 1982 and inducted as a Championship Team Member of Elizabethtown College Hall of Fame. She also was inducted into the J.P. McCaskey Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. Lisa currently enjoys boating, fishing, playing recreational tennis and spending her free time with family and friends on the water in North East, MD.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2017-2018

President Tom Baum wrote:

I am truly honored and humbled to preside over the Rotary Club of Lancaster for the 2017/2018 Rotary year. In our 102-year history, our club has been led by many great people, and comprised of many more active and committed members. These men and women were not just great leaders in their businesses; they were also great leaders in the community with a passion to improve life here at home and around the world. With the same passion, I will do my best to continue their legacy while drawing upon the talents of our current energetic and engaged members.

As a third generation Rotarian, I consider myself old fashioned – a throwback, maybe even a dinosaur, when it comes to Rotary. It's important for me to maintain perfect attendance, and have 30 years between two clubs. I believe a quality Rotary meeting should be divided in thirds with equal time spent between socializing with fellow members, club business/projects, and educational/thought-provoking programs. I believe quality speakers are critical to gaining new membership and engaging our current members. I believe strongly in Rotary ideals and all the good we do in the world. I love Rotary just the way it is, and was.

That said, I have come to realize that clinging to these ideals, my Rotary, the one of my father and grandfather, is neither practical, nor wise. Our club is very strong and active, but we must always strive to be better if we are to remain relevant and grow. We must embrace changes that make our club more attractive to a new generation of Rotarians to assure another century of service, friendship and fun!

That is one of the ideas behind our Rotary Rendezvous meetings — two additional, if less formal, evening meetings per month on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Among their purposes is to allow greater attendance flexibility for both existing and prospective members. The hope is that they will help improve member engagement in club activities, provide additional fellowship activities, and enhance opportunities for those who cannot attend luncheon meetings.

It is my hope that with these events, in addition to our strong weekly meetings with wonderful programs, we can introduce a new generation of Rotarians to an organization that has greatly served our community and world, all while enhancing their personal and professional lives.

We will need to explore other new ideas as we go, making continual adjustments as we introduce to each new generation the opportunities inherent in community service.

Many of my best friends and business associates have come from the engaging partnership that is Rotary. It is my hope that your life as a Rotarian will be as enhanced by that experience as I find mine to have been.

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Baum

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2018-2019

President Althea Ramsay-Carrigan wrote:

It is my honor to be the 2018-2019 President of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. I greatly enjoy being a Rotarian. Originally I joined the Club because I was required to do so by my job. That was part of the way things were done many years ago. I have stayed a member because I truly love it. If you have come to this web site and to this page, it may be that you are considering Rotary and want to learn more. I encourage you to contact a member that you may know, visit our club (and others!) to see if we are a fit for you. We have lunch together every Wednesday at 12 in the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster, PA.

This year Rotary International has defined our mission as "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change- across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This is something that we can all get behind. Our history is full of amazing accomplishments. What other organization of Business Professionals can claim to have very nearly eradicated Polio from the face of the earth? What other club can claim to have helped to form the United Nations? We can! This year our theme "Be the Inspiration" guides us to our goals. This year they are set as the following: Promote Peace, Fight Disease, Provide Clean Water, Support Education, Save Mothers and Children and to Grow Local Economies. My own Presidential goals are to use my position to work with the Preserve Planet Earth Committee to plant a lot of trees, support our local Cleft Palate clinic and the Power Packs program (which provides healthy meals and recipes to food insecure families) and to make meaningful donations to Community Aid and the Lancaster Clothing Bank. Each week of my presidency I will donate a dress in honor of being so fortunate to address the Club from the podium.

Our club has worked together over the last 103 years to bridge the gaps of poverty, hunger, environmental decline and to support the economic stability of our own great country while also helping those of other lands. Together we help people to literally (with medical and vision missions) see a better world. We have helped to found the Rotary Refugee Center and Community School to help our newest neighbors in making a new life here. We have helped to send our local children into an enriched and educated future- with full belly's. We work together and we work tirelessly to support our local high school programs, camps, school libraries, parks and green spaces and to encourage the leadership skills of young people through travel, scholarships, supporting college Rotary clubs and with supportive and interactive mentoring.

Our members make up what is the very best of our society in service to others. Our club is so fortunate to include officers and board members of the United Way, the Boy Scouts of America, Hospice, the YMCA, Water Street Rescue Mission, the Council of Churches, Toys for Tots, School District of Lancaster, SCORE, the Salvation Army, Music for Everyone, the Lancaster Conservancy, the Farm and Home Center and so many others who are focused on the needs and the benefits of the community on a day to day basis. Belonging to the same Club is an opportunity to combine efforts, serve more effectively, share needs as well as our gifts of time, talent and traditions.

Our Rotary club also has the county's strongest businesses, service providers, cultural enhancements, educators and professional leaders from every walk of life assembled all in one place each Wednesday at Noon (and so often out and about in the Community together) who are actually friends with each other and who enjoy the sense of being part of something bigger than themselves and the ability to harness that power to change the world.

Serving as President for this year is a privilege; but I am most proud to simply be a Rotarian and to serve with my fellow members. Whether we are drenched together in the rain at our Wheels and Wings fly-in and car show, racing goats, working the snack bar at the Tip-Off Tournament at F&M, pulling weeds at Rotary Park in the heat of Summer or ringing the bell in the snow at Christmas I will strive and do hope to lead our club through an exciting year in practice of "Service above Self" to our community and to our world. I also hope to join our members in having fun, enjoying the meetings and joining in the Club projects. In these ways as we enjoy one another we find new ways to serve. An important thing to remember is that while "with responsibility comes obligation" in Rotary we are never alone. There is power in the partner at your side. If we can dream of a better world we can create that change and there are no limits for what we can do together for the good of the world.

My special thanks to the Past Presidents and to our wonderful Board of Directors.

Let's make a difference out there-from week to week!
Althea

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2019-2020

July 1, 2020

Well, here we are. I cannot believe that my year as your President came and went…and boy, what a crazy and unprecedented year it has been!

I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your hard work and dedication; you truly made my job much more enjoyable.

First and foremost, I wanted to thank our Executive Secretary, Kathy Hainley. Kathy has been a godsend to me and I wouldn't have been able to be half the President that I was without her keeping a watchful eye on me and offering her assistance and advice along the way.

I would like to thank our Executive Board, consisting of Tom Baum, Althea Ramsey Carrigan, Ben Bamford and Rob Gallagher. Their combination of experience, leadership, innovative thinking and friendship helped in keeping our club afloat during such difficult times.

I would to thank the entire Board of Directors as well as the Committee Chairs for keeping a watchful eye on the club and offering assistance from a leadership level when needed.

I would like to thank the entire club including our past presidents for their support and encouragement, especially during the second half of this year.

And last but certainly not least, I would like to thank my family, especially my children Ethan and Austin who were understanding and supportive of the time commitment that it took for me to be Rotary President. If the boys came downstairs from their bedrooms late at night to see me on the laptop, they would often ask the question: "what are you doing daddy funeral stuff or Rotary stuff?"

While I very much enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to serve as your President; I wouldn't be truthful if told you that I wasn't a little disappointed by the second half of my term. We could focus on the fact that we were forced to forego some of our club's major initiatives, we could focus on the fact that we were not able to see our friends in person each week at the Farm and Home Center, we could focus on a variety of negatives…..but I refuse to do that and would prefer to focus only on the positive aspects of this year.

Some of these positive aspects are as follows:

1) Through a District Grant, our club was able to donate iPads to Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development to help with their newly created room to help children with Autism

2) Utilizing funds designated through our Presidential Grants, our club was able to donate a total of $10,000 to United Disabilities Services and Operation Emerald (dedicated to providing Personal Protective Equipment to first responders).

3) We were able to contribute over $9,000 as well as partner with Penn Manor School District two Lancaster churches, the Central American Relief Effort (CARE) and a local moving company to salvage used desks and chairs to be sent to schools in a poverty-stricken community in rural Honduras. Historically these children in Honduras often had no more than wooden benches to sit on. Now, with the help of our club, these children have the school furniture that they need to further their education.

4) We volunteered 250 hours to pack and help distribute over 3000 Power Pack bags in a shortened school year.

5) We had fellowship initiates including a Rotary family picnic as well as our annual Crab feast.

6) We are well underway, shepherded by Greg Orth, to develop and implement a strategic plan which will hopefully attract new members, reach a different demographic all while continuing to serve our community.

7) During the Pandemic, we identified a local restaurant each week and supported them by encouraging our members to patronize them during those difficult times.

8) We were able to have our annual 4H Strawberry Auction (virtually of course), but were able to raise 1450 for 4-H. We sold all of the berries for the kids and raised $650 for the Max Smith Scholarship Fund!

I am proud to say that even during a Pandemic we raised over $20,000 for our Rotary Foundation…I appreciate your generosity.

Most importantly, however the biggest Positive that we experienced this year, was keeping our club together, engaged and productive during a time of such unrest.

Speaking of the future, it is now time to step aside and make room for new leadership. I have no doubt that our new President will continue to move our club in the right direction and find ways to scale our current successes and continue to serve our community not only locally, but globally as well. I want to thank you all again for your support during this year and at this time I would like to introduce your new President, Ben Bamford!

Jeremy R. DeBord, 2019-2020 President

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2020-2021

On July 1, 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, we had our first regular Zoom meeting with 42 attendees. During this meeting former President Jeremy gave his state of the Club address. Then our new President Ben Bamford gave the following address:

First, I would like to say thanks to all of the well-wishers. I have been receiving lots of folks confidence. Thank you to all of you who are stepping up to the plate after such a great year. And of course, thank you to Past President Jeremy for your service to the club during these really difficult times. I have appreciated your guidance throughout all of this.

Your board and executive committee are second to none and I thank them for their dedication to the Rotary Club of Lancaster and the community. Back in January I started to make some notes about some things I might like to say today. I thought that the only major thing I would have to deal with would be a goofy election and how to keep Tom Gemmill's blood pressure down.

Then about March I took all of this information I had written down and threw it in the trash. I was reading Steve Henning's history of our club and thought to myself that during our more than 100-year history we have been here before. World wars, depression, recession, civil unrest and even the plague.

This much I know is true. After more than 100 years we are still here. We are here because of people like you and those that came before you. We are here because you believe, as I do, in 3 words, service above self. This is when we shine and it is also when we focus. This is when we pull together and find ways to help people in our community who need help the most.

No words could be more true than the ones spoken in a recent district governor's Zoom meeting: "We were built for this." In the coming year, coming months really, I believe that we need to focus on our strategic plan. The committee has identified 4 pillars for growth.

We need to improve our identity, and address our core-value proposition, our 'why' if you will. What is it that differentiates us?

We need to enhance our recruitment and increase membership, and we must work together to become as diverse as our community. And to that end I have added a new committee, the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. I am thankful that Jim Shank is with us today and has agreed to chair this new committee and I know he has already reached out to members that will round out his committee and assist with this important work.

We must improve engagement, whether it is our social function or our committee structures, member recognition, etc., we simply need to improve engagement with each other and with our community.

And we need to streamline our delivery. Let's take a closer look at our meeting structure, our speakers, and our traditions.

So, all of our committees are going to focus on those 4 things: identity, recruitment, engagement, and delivery. Within each of these things we are going to leverage technology, which it appears we are starting right now.

I want to tell you that Kathy Hainley has been such a great help as we try to figure out our new normal, whatever it is going to be. And I am appreciative of her assistance, so thank you very much Kathy. She is our moderator today. And I will leave you with one last item. Years ago, I opened a fortune cookie and the fortune is this. I have it right here. 'Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this planet.' And so far, this is the best planet I been on so I am willing to pay the rent. And thank you all for your commitment to Rotary and to our community. And if you would, join me in saying the 'Four-Way Test.'

- *Of the things we think, say or do*
- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

Biography:

Ben Bamford is a partner in TRUE Commercial Real Estate which focuses on brokerage, leasing, management, and development. He has more than 25 years of construction management and development experience with a main emphasis on single-family residential and multi-family projects. He has also developed commercial properties including retail, hotel, medical and industrial. He Chairs the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors where he has been a member since 2010. He has been the Chairman of the Lancaster Industrial Development Authority since 1996 and is also Vice Chair of the Lancaster Municipal Authority. In addition, he serves as Vice-Chairperson of the Lancaster County Planning Commission and is a Commissioner on the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Commission for Lancaster County. He also serves on the executive committee of Homestead Village, Inc. as immediate past chair.

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Year 2021-2022

Rob Gallagher took office July 7 with hybrid meetings, both live and on Zoom. Hess's stopped being our caterer in mid-June. On July 7 President Rob, Greg Orth, and Bill Patrick revealed the Strategic Plan and Mission Statement. Rotary Rendezvous came back on July 14. Wheels & Wings and 5K was July 24. Lancaster Rotary logo items were offered to members until May.

August 18 had a very special moment when Ethan and Austin DeBord were recognized for creating their business "Cookies For Covid." The business was introduced to everyone through their YouTube video. The boys sold their Nonny's (Diane Snyder DeBord) famous, homemade, Chocolate Chip Cookies! A portion of each sale was donated to a local business that was negatively affected by Covid. The boys presented a check for $1,000 to Rotary. Each boy was presented a Rotary Certificate of Recognition, a club banner, and a "Sally," the Sally Bures Service Above Self Medal.

In September Wally Otto reported the Greater Ronks Rotary Club claims they have the COVID-19 virus well in hand. However, they are fighting a new virus, the Amish Virus. It starts with being hoarse followed by a buggy.

The Rotary Crab Fest was held on October 7 at Mr. Bill's Fat Crab Café. The Rotary Golf Outing was October 12.

On November 19 our club participated in a special event at the Carlisle War College.

The club participated in Salvation Army bell ringing on December 3 and raised $1,955.53. Mimi Sigworth provided the entertainment for the Rotary Holiday Party on December 15. The club participated in Secret Santa for Reynolds Middle School.

In January meetings became zoom only. Rendezvous was suspended due to Covid community spread.

In February, Kathy Hainley was promoted to full-time Executive Director. She had become Executive Administrator in 2019.

March brought back live meetings with local caterers but not Hess's. The price was $16. Zoom meetings continued as an option. March 30 was a special meeting with speakers from Ukraine.

Rotary Rendezvous was back on April 13. April 13 started with an 11:30 service at St. James Episcopal Church with Rev. Shayna Watson and finished with lunch and an update by Mayor Sorace at the Farm & Home Center. In April, gifts to Rotary Foundation went toward Ukraine Relief agencies.

May brought live meetings only. Rotary Rendezvous was meeting.

June 8 was the Strawberry Auction. It raised $1,475 for 4-H and the young farmers. Wheels, Wings & 5K was June 25 with a great turnout and great weather. There were 275 cars and 116 runners registered and 109 participated. The event made $39,000 for the Summer Youth Experience. Friends and family of Harold Keller ran in the 5K to honor his memory. He was the auctioneer for the Straw"burry" Auction for 54 years. On June 22, York Rotary hosted a joint meeting at the York Revolution/Barnstormer game. It was announced the dues were increased to $404 for the next year.

2022-3, President Russ "Tug" Harlan's Year In Review

- We returned to in-person meetings.
- We secured an agreement with the Farm and Home Center.
- We secured an agreement with Hess's Catering.
- We hired a new Executive Assistant.
- We updated our banking and office records procedures.
- We streamlined the committee structure.
- Our Political Forum with media coverage was a great success.
- We kept traditions like bell ringing, holiday party, and meeting format.
- We hosted a Fed economic outlook, with media coverage.
- Our Judicial Forum with media coverage was a great success.
- We hosted the McCaskey Mentorship Graduation.
- We sponsored attendees to the District RYLA.
- We hosted the 4-H Strawberry Roundup and Auction.
- We packed 10,000 meals for Food Hub.
- We painted clubfoot braces for Hope Walks.
- We separated Club and Foundation accounts & balanced the budgets.
- We secured a grant for the Refugee Center.
- We tested all activities to the Strategic Plan and 4-Way Test.

The Club Is On The Right Track

2022-2023
The Road Ahead

The Executive Team
- President - Beth Trout
- President Elect - Eric Elliot
- Secretary - Jamie Alton

The Board of Directors
- Malcolm MacDougall
- Rakesh Popli
- Jennifer DeWalt
- Clint Krushinsky
- Lisa Lewis
- John Grove
- Amy Lewis
- Mike Lutz
- Treasurer – Tom Wobber
- Pas President - Russ Harlan

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2023-24, President Beth Trout's Year In Review

June 26. 2024

It is hard to believe that my year serving as your Rotary Club of Lancaster President is coming to an end. I want to express my gratitude to each of you. This club is fortunate to have a hard working and dedicated board, past presidents who care deeply about the ongoing success of the organization, committee leaders who take their role seriously and a host of engaged members who live out the Rotary commitment to service.

This year, the Board has undertaken some foundational work that will guide the future of our club – new membership categories, bylaws updates, budget alignment, new banking and accounting practices and the implementation of the revised committee structure. With the significant assistance of the past presidents, we have reached out to members who had taken a step back during the pandemic and have verified the membership status of each person on our roster.

As a club, we have deepened our commitment to youth-focused programs like RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, Summer Youth Experience, the Strawberry Auction, the McCaskey Mentoring Program, PowerPacks and more. It is these things that bring the most energy to me and I believe, to many of you.

For those of you who were at WW5K and to those who supported the event in other ways, I can't thank you enough! Despite the heat, the spirit of our club was evident throughout the day – from the 5k registration in the early morning to the taking down of banners after the last show car had driven away! The camaraderie we share as we work together for our community is why we are each part of this amazing club.

I have appreciated this platform in the Transmitter to provide updates and share aspirations. Looking back over the year, the focus of this column has been on RCL Board actions, member engagement, club history, committee highlights, global outreach, our focus on youth and WW5K. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President. It is certainly not an easy job, but it is important and it has been my honor. I look forward to seeing where President Eric, President-Elect Jamie and the full RCL Board will take us in the coming year. The Rotary Club of Lancaster is in good hands.

Yours in Rotary,
President Beth

2024-25 President Eric Elliot's Year In Review

It's hard to believe my year as President of the Rotary Club of Lancaster has come to a close. Serving in this role has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I'm deeply grateful to each of you for your dedication, support, and friendship throughout this past year.

This Rotary year was a memorable one for me personally as well. My wife Ayesha and I moved into a new home last August and welcomed our daughter, Isla to our family on September 22nd. It has meant a great deal to have the encouragement and friendship of this club during such meaningful times for my family.

When I began my term, I outlined four priorities to guide our work together. I want to take a moment to reflect on what we accomplished in each of these areas:

Improve public image: We launched a modern, mobile-friendly website and produced fresh membership materials, helping us tell our story more effectively and strengthening how we present ourselves to the community.

Grow and engage membership: We introduced Young Professional and Corporate membership categories, and launched focused recruitment initiatives that helped us end the year with more members than we started, something we should all take pride in.

Strengthen the Rotary Club of Lancaster Foundation: We formed the Foundation Investment Advisory Committee, which is now developing an investment and disbursement policy to ensure thoughtful, long-term stewardship of our resources. This work will support the Foundation's impact for years to come.

Enhance leadership development and succession: We held a kick-off meeting for all club leaders at the beginning of the year to ensure alignment, conducted a full-day board planning meeting, and created Committee Clarity Documents for each committee. All of these efforts have helped improve internal communication and position our leadership team for greater alignment, accountability, and long-term success going forward.

Beyond these priorities, I'm proud of how our club continued to live out Rotary's values. We supported two students through RYLA, supported Elica's Youth Exchange in Turkey, and funded Summer Youth Experience grants for four worthy organizations. We provided funding support for two Rotary medical relief teams that will be traveling to Uganda in the months ahead. And we came together for another successful Wheels & Wings & 5K Festival, with stronger sponsorships, smoother logistics, and new community partnerships.

These achievements are a testament to what happens when Rotarians unite with generosity, purpose, and heart. Together, we made a difference, not only in the programs we supported or the goals we reached, but in the connections we built, the lives we touched, and the tradition of service we strengthened for the future.

As I pass the gavel to President-Elect Jamie, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and optimism. It has been an honor to serve as a steward of this club's incredible legacy, a club that has made an impact in Lancaster for over a century. Now, it's Jamie's time to carry that legacy forward.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jamie and wish him every success as he leads us into a new Rotary year, a year that will mark the 110th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Lancaster's founding. I know Jamie's thoughtful leadership, integrity, and commitment will guide us well. Our club is in excellent hands, and I look forward to supporting him and working alongside all of you as we continue this important work together.

Yours in Rotary,
Eric

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APPENDIX A

Rotary Club of Lancaster Historic Documents

1. **January 11, 1912 and January 12, 1912 letters from M. H. Diffenbaugh to Rotary International Secretary Chelsey R. Perry on abortive efforts to organize a temporary Lancaster Rotary Club.**
2. **April 3, 1913 letter from M.N. Clepper to Rotary International Secretary Chelsey R. Perry inquiring about organizing a Rotary Club in Lancaster.**
3. **December 14, 1914 letter from John H. Wickersham to Rotary International Secretary Chelsey R. Perry reporting on the Lancaster Rotary Club's organizational meeting of December 13, 1914.**
4. **June 1, 1915 Rotary Club of Lancaster Application for Membership in the International Association of Rotary Clubs submitted by President John H. Wickersham.**
5. **January 1915 Rotarian note on Rotary Club of Lancaster's preliminary meeting in November 1914.**
6. **Rotary Club of Lancaster Charter Members List.**
7. **April 1920 *Rotarian* article on Lancaster's "Rotary Home".**
8. **Selected *Rotarian* articles on Rotary Club of Lancaster accomplishments:**
    a. **October 1 937**
    b. **November 1 978**
    c. **April 2000**

While the records do not clearly indicate the complete list of Charter members of the club, it is the opinion of Charter members who were present at a meeting in March, 1944, that the following list is correct: -

John Wickersham
Fred Pyfer
Scot t Baker
Ralph Coho
Christ Engle
Thad Helm
A. C. Tunis
Harry Wohlsen
Ralph Quinn
R . E . Smith
Charley Leyden
Herman Wohlsen
Elmer Irving
Robert Miller
Joe Budding
Ben Wolf
William Baker
John Hess
Frank Suter
Frank Burroughs
Sam Fraim
John J . Bair
Walter Miesse
Andy Rote
George Hoffmier
Charles Gunzenhauser
Walter Moyer
Grant Stauffer
Ralph Cummings
Charles E. Wisner

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
in the
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS

To the Secretary
of the International Association of Rotary Clubs
1014 Karpen Building, Chicago, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

Rotary Club of Lancaster of the State of Penna

hereby makes application for membership in the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Constitution of said Association.

Upon notice of our admission to such membership we will make payment of per capita tax and subscriptions to "The Rotarian" as provided and execute and deliver to you a ratification of the constitution and by-laws of the Association.

Rotary Club of Lancaster was organized January 19 15

and at the time of making this application has 34 members, of whom a complete roster list is hereto attached in duplicate.

Attached hereto is copy of our constitution and by-laws. It is understood and agreed that no change in, or amendments to, the club's constitution and by-laws herewith submitted, will be made without first submitting same to the Secretary of the Association for approval by its board of directors.

The present officers and directors are:

J. H. Wickersham	President
Fred S. Pyfer	Vice President
Ralph Quinn	Secretary
T. G. Helm	Treasurer
Scott W. Baker	Chairman, Membership Committee

Regular meetings are held (insert place, day and hour):
Brunswick Hotel, Stevens House, Bi-weekly
Monday noon from 12 15 to 1 30

What is approximately the present population of your city? 50 000

Approximately how many manufacturing plants has your city? 300

Approximately how many retail stores has your city? 800

All the foregoing we certify to be facts.

June 1st 1915

BY John H. Wickersham
ITS PRESIDENT.

Ralph Quinn
SECRETARY.

The Travelers Insurance Company,

Sylvester C. Dunham, President

Hartford, Connecticut.

LIABILITY INSURANCE.

M. H. DIFFENBAUGH, SPECIAL AGENT.
LIFE AND ACCIDENT DEPARTMENTS.
ROOM 311 WOOLWORTH BLDG.

Lancaster, Pa. Jan. 11, 1912.

Mr. Chelsey R. Perry, Sec'y.,
911 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

A temporary organization of The Lancaster Rotary Club will be formed tomorrow by eleven representative business men and myself on the plans outlined by you in your several letters.

I broke the ice yesterday by inviting one of them to dinner with me and he is very enthusiastic, and I believe we will start off very nicely at our meeting tomorrow.

If there is anything further which you can send me which will be of assistance to us at our next meeting, I shall be glad to hear from you. Our next meeting will possibly be the 23rd inst. I have received copies of by-laws from the Harrisburg and Lincoln Clubs as well as a roster of the Harrisburg Membership, all of which serves to give me light on the organization and workings of Rotary.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Diffenbaugh

MHD/EH

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The Travelers Insurance Company,

Sylvester C. Dunham, President

Hartford, Connecticut.

LIABILITY INSURANCE.

M. H. DIFFENBAUGH, SPECIAL AGENT.
LIFE AND ACCIDENT DEPARTMENTS.
ROOM 311 WOOLWORTH BLDG.

Lancaster, Pa. Jan. 12, 1912.

Mr. Chelsey R. Perry, Sec'y.,
911 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Following up my letter of yesterday, wish to state that nine other representative business men of this city and myself dined at the Stevens House today after which I outlined Rotary to them.

I was unable to secure a temporary organization by reason of the fact that there were some questions raised as to the advisability of forming such an organization in a small city like Lancaster which is about 50,000 in population. It was the sense of the majority of those present that the restricting of the membership to one man in each line of business would work against the individual member in the long run by reason of the fact that people on the outside of the membership would feel prejudiced against the members whose object is to patronize the individuals which composes that membership.

There were present at this dinner the leading retail cigar man, a treasurer of a Trust Company, one o the most prominent attorneys, one of the most successful jewelers, the largest druggist, one of the leading furniture dealers, the largest book-seller and stationer, the largest job printer, the largest men's outfitter and myself. The gentlemen raising the question above mentioned are all men of good business judgment and it remains for some Rotarian to show these gentlemen the way. Of course, I explained to them the best I know what Rotary means and tried to tell them that people outside of Rotary would not be prejudiced against any of its members by reason of their being but one man in each line of business.

The Travelers Insurance Company,

Sylvester C. Dunham, President

Hartford, Connecticut.

LIABILITY INSURANCE.

M. H. DIFFENBAUGH, SPECIAL AGENT.
LIFE AND ACCIDENT DEPARTMENTS.
ROOM 311 WOOLWORTH BLDG.

Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. C. R. P. #2.

When I finally saw that no temporary organization could be effected today, I invited each man to make inquiry about the Rotary Idea in other cities and find out how it works. Several of them know members in Harrisburg and others will ascertain what they can in New York and Philadelphia. The Harrisburg Club being a new one, it is hardly fair to expect to find out how Rotary works in that city, and that is a point which was taken by some of the gentlemen present at this dinner.

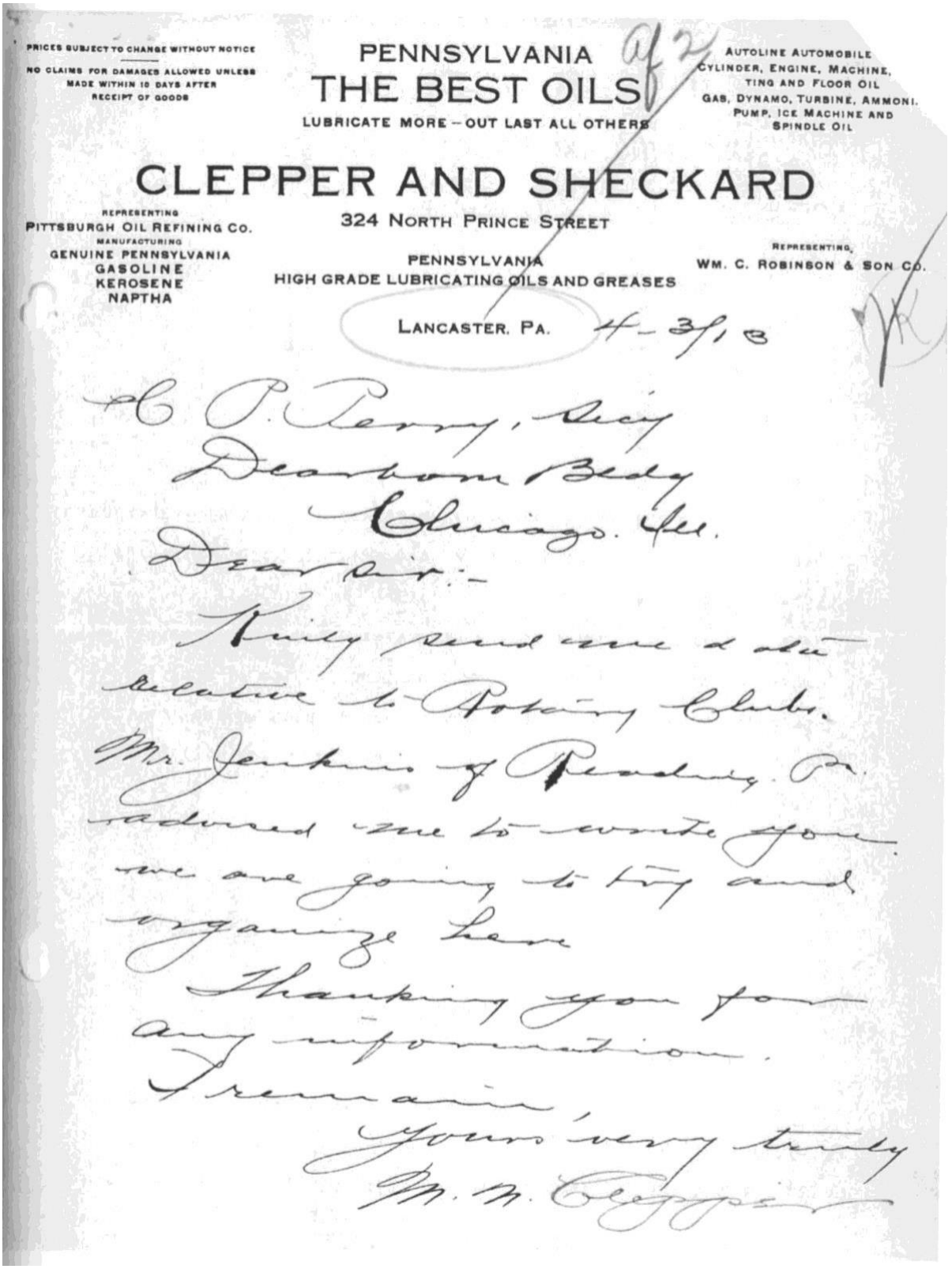
I am disappointed in not being able to effect a temporary organization today and, if you are in a position to see me through on an organization of a club in this city, I shall appreciate the assistance. I never like to start anything which I am unable to finish. I am, therefore anxious that you will be able to prove to us that a Rotary Club will work alright in a city of the size of Lancaster, which, as stated above, has a population of about 50,000 people. The business men in a city like this know practically all the people and, therefore, feel that Rotary could do nothing toward making new acquaintances which a Club in a large city like Chicago, New York or Philadelphia might perform for its membership

Awaiting your reply by return mail, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. Diffenbaugh

MHD/EH



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C P Terry, Secy
Dearborn Bldg
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly send me a statement relative to Rowing Clubs.

Mr. Jenkins of Reading, Pa. advised me to write you. We are going to try and organize here

Thanking you for any information.

I remain,

Yours very truly

M. M. Clepper

RCL History 1980 - 2016

GENERAL ENGINEERING REINFORCED CONCRETE FIREPROOF BUILDINGS DIFFICULT CONSTRUCTION

JOHN H. WICKERSHAM

M. AM. SOC. C. E.

DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING ENGINEER

C. FRANK CLASS, ASSOC. M. AM. SOC. C. E.
CHIEF ENGINEER.

Lancaster, Pa.,

12/14/14

Mr Chesley R. Perry, Secty.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your many letters and literature concerning Rotary, and are very much obliged to you for the same.

With reference to the Lancaster Club, I would report we have organized with the following membership, ten of whom were present at our first luncheon today, and we plan to increase the membership by about six for our next meeting, which will be Monday, Dec., 28th.,

Baker, Steinman Hardware,
Pyfer, B.B.Martin, Lumber Retail,
Tunis, Lumber Wholesale,
Leyden, Tile Roofing,
Smith, Bell Telephone,
Wohlsen, Planing Mill,
Engle, Lancaster Real Estate Co.,
Quinn, Remington Typewriter,
Cohe, Hauser & Coho Coal Co.,
Wickersham, Designing & Construction Engineer.
Helm, F. & M. Academy,
Wolf, Groff & Wolf, Men's Clothiers.

It seems to me that the proposition here is proving a great success, and I believe we will be in a position to take up the matter of affiliation with the National Association very shortly.

QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ALL AGREEMENTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER DELAYS UNAVOIDABLE OR BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

JOHN H. WICKERSHAM, C. E.

#2.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

John H. Wickersham

JHW/Z

Lancaster Solves a Problem

By Thad. G. Helm

"ROTARY HOME"—Such is the inscription on a large Rotary emblem which may be seen at the entrance to an old country house just on the outskirts of the city of Lancaster, Pa.

As the passerby observes more closely the stately old mansion, set in a spacious lawn amidst evergreens and maples, arbors and shrubbery, he is likely to remark "What a beautiful place the Lancaster Rotarians have chosen for their club house."

But this is not the club house of the Lancaster Rotary Club. It is that club's solution for the very important problem of the care and correction of juvenile delinquents.

The larger cities of the country have had for some time detention homes and homes for the correction of juvenile offenders, while many of the smaller cities have not been treating the problem satisfactorily or at all.

The Lancaster Rotary Club in its study of the boy problem found that the methods used with juvenile delinquents were not really corrective. Boys arrested and brought before the Juvenile Court were being returned to their homes where conditions were bad or sent to some institution where the severe discipline and the heartless treatment failed to correct. Such boys would often come back hardened by their experiences only to frequent their old haunts and perhaps begin a life of crime.

Now, boys in only a few cases, unless mentally defective, are inherently bad. Incorrigibility, truancy and even petty thieving are usually the product of a boy's environment. These things are due chiefly to the lack of training and of wholesome home conditions. Homes with careless, indifferent, immoral and oftimes drunken parents are responsible for most of our delinquency.

If the absence of proper home conditions is the cause which brings so many boys before our Juvenile Courts, then the solution of the problem must lie in supplying in such boys' lives an environment as nearly that of a good home as possible. With this thought in mind the Lancaster Rotary Club after knowing that they would have the co-operation of the Juvenile Court, undertook to supply that kind of an environment.

In the securing of a proper building and in all the details of operation, everything was planned with the one end in view of surrounding the boys who came to live in the home with good influences.

There was a studied effort to eliminate everything and anything of an institutional character and no officer of the law is supposed to come to the home.

The old mansion has readily been adapted to the purpose for which it is now used. There is a large and attractive living room where the boys study and, when studies are finished, where they play games. Here is also being assembled a boys' library.

"Rotary Home" at Lancaster, Pa.

The bed rooms are neatly fitted up with individual beds, chairs and dressing bureaus. There is an infirmary where a sick boy can be isolated from the rest of the boys. In the basement are shower baths. The dining room is large and pleasant. Here "Dad" and "Mother" Martzal take their meals with the boys as one big family.

That boys love play is not overlooked. A gymnasium has been provided where the boys can play basket ball and volley ball. Provision is made for tennis and other outdoor games.

When a boy enters the home he receives a thorough physical examination and any defects are treated and corrected during his stay in the home.

The boys attend the public schools in the city, and a gratifying feature of the club's plan and one indication of its success is the high degree of results attained by the boys in school. Many of the boys' previous school records were poor, and their conduct bad, efforts indifferent and attendance irregular. This has all been changed and improved. The boys' school records in every respect have been good, many of them very good.

One of the great opportunities for service in the field of Boys' Work is to establish homes for the delinquent boys—places where under kindly, wholesome influences the boys may find themselves and may make a right, new start. Lancaster Rotary has blazed the way.

All of the boys, with one exception, have past the midyear examinations and have been promoted. A daily record is kept of each boy's attendance, conduct and effort. He carries a card to and from school to be signed by the teacher and by the superintendent of the home.

The change is readily accounted for. The boys now are happy and contented. Good fresh air, good food, regular habits, pleasing surroundings and wholesome influences have affected the change.

The success of such a home necessarily depends largely upon the persons directly in charge. From the start the club secured just the right man and woman. "Dad" and "Mother" Martzal, as the boys call them, have in each of these boys a fatherly and motherly interest. Superintendent Martzal is firm but kind in his treatment of the boys.

The boys are placed on their honor. They are free to go to and come from the public school, Sunday school and church, and if their conduct record is good they are given permission occasionally to visit parents or friends and even to attend the "movies."

The boys must help at the work of the home. They assist "Mother" Martzal in the kitchen, dining room and laundry. "Dad" Martzal finds work for them on the lawn and in the garden, and also in caring for the pigs, chickens and rabbits. A few of the older boys attend the continuation school and are employed during their free time in some industrial plant. Out of their wages they pay their board and the balance is placed to their credit in the bank.

This brief account of the Lancaster Rotary Home has been written with the thought that it may interest Rotary Clubs in other communities confronted with similar conditions. The Lancaster Club's work began as an experiment and with the hope that when its value and worth were proven the work would be taken over by the county commissioners. But the work has been so successful and the interest of the club in it has been so great that the present disposition of the club is to maintain it as a distinctively Rotary movement. The property has been purchased by and is now held in the name of the Rotary Club.

—Thad G. Helm is Past President of the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pa.

An Experiment in Youth Building

By MARTIN M. HARNISH

The writer is a member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pa., with the classification of attorney-at-law

FOLLOWING close upon the settlement of Philadelphia and vicinity by William Penn and the Quakers, came the so-called Plain Sects. Some of these earliest inland settlers found refuge in what is now Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Moving westward from Philadelphia they came into the rich limestone valleys of Lancaster County where they settled, toiled, prospered and lived their simple faith, generation after generation—even to this day. They have transformed these rolling acres into one vast garden wonderful to behold. Naturally, owing to the character of the early settlers, Lancaster County is conservative. Innovations come slowly in this old community. Therefore, when about three years ago the Lancaster Rotary Club suggested a local boys' home for the city's junior delinquents, it met with little encouragement, and no support from the county officials.

Lancaster County, like every other county, had its delinquent boys. These boys were arrested and thrown into station house or jail, pending trial, where their association and environment was well suited to foster and strengthen their criminal tendencies. After their hearing, or sentence, they were sent to some large State institution, where chiefly through stern discipline and fear they were to be made into good boys; or, they were sent back to their old environment with the court's stern admonition that a reappearance would mean severe punishment. Not a very hopeful outlook for the boy, you will agree, yet it is to a great degree the general method of protecting society from youthful malefactors. The Lancaster Rotary Club felt that delinquent boys were not getting a square deal. The local authorities were consulted and the following suggestions offered: A detention home for those awaiting trial; a permanent county home for the small boys sentenced; and a delinquent officer to look after the boys discharged, or on parole.

The "personal touch" is being emphasized in this Rotary Home for underprivileged boys, supported by the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martzall, "dad" and "mother" to the boys, are seen standing in the back row.

THIS rather radical innovation entailing additional expense to the county was rejected by the conservative county officials. However, the need was urgent, so the Lancaster Rotary Club, feeling that here was an opportunity for the practical application of Rotary ideals, bought a home, equipped it and procured a man and wife as superintendents to manage it—all without outside aid, financial or otherwise. Then the court was again appealed to. "We have provided a home, send us the delinquent boys; we want to help them and the community." While at first the court and public officials were skeptical and committed boys to the "Home" with some hesitancy, today we have the enthusiastic support of all.

The property purchased was a large home conveniently located on the edge of the city. It has a few acres of ground which the boys farm and where they raise many of their vegetables. The home has been fitted up to accommodate about twenty-five boys, and is filled to capacity all of the time. The age limit is about sixteen years. Boys are committed for indefinite periods, and their stay is almost wholly determined by the superintendent. When he considers that the boy's behavior warrants his dismissal, he applies to the court, and the boy is usually excused. If he has no home to go to, the superintendent gets him a home on a farm, or procures work for him in some store or factory. As a rule the superintendent is appointed by the court as probation officer to keep in touch with the boy; this he does most religiously. At the present time he has about fifty boys on probation, and he makes it a point to visit every boy at least once a month, thus keeping tab on each one's behavior and showing a personal interest in each one of his former protégés.

THE discipline in the Home is simple, firm, and direct. The greatest degree of freedom possible is given the boys. There is no uniformity of clothing required and there are no hard and fixed rules. Deception is despised and every boy is taught first, last, and all the time, to be square and honest. The superintendent and his wife live and work among their boys. Rising hour is about 5:30 a. m., except Monday morning, wash day, when it is a little earlier, so that the boys can help to get out the washing before going to school. Upon rising, each boy washes and dresses himself, makes his bed, assists in cleaning up his room and the rest of the house, helps at breakfast, and at such other work as may be found about the Home. The boys also attend to all the permanent improvements so far as possible. During school season they are sent to the neighborhood schools,

those coming from the city going to the city schools, and those coming from the county going to the county schools. Sunday morning each boy goes to the Sunday school of his own religious faith. Through the co-operation of the Sunday school and public school teachers, each boy brings home a daily report signed by his teacher, showing his attendance and behavior. Bad behavior in school or in the Home means a curtailment of the boy's privileges and amusements, and if he gets too bad, he is confined to a room on simple diet which soon brings him around to his senses.

FOR example: A short time ago a small colored boy was committed to the Home for larceny, incorrigibility, and other offenses. He defied discipline. He was put into the "prison room," and defiantly said he could live on bread and water, which was promptly made his diet. He held out bravely for a few days, getting a glowing report each meal of the good things the other boys were having. With Sunday came a good chicken dinner, which was too much for little "Snowball" and the superintendent found him a weeping, penitent little boy, promising that he would be good, if he was given his freedom so he could get his share of "dat chicken." The sequel to this story—like dozens of others that might be narrated about the boys in the Home—is that little "Snowball" has kept his promise, and is today one of the best boys.

The boys have their time for amusement, including tennis, baseball and other outdoor sports, indoor games and music with phonograph and piano; every week they attend in a body without any person accompanying them, a vaudeville performance at one of the city amusement places, as guests of the manager. To be deprived of this privilege is one of the worst punishments that could happen.

Each boy when he enters the Home is given a bank, and he is encouraged to save the small sums of money given him for services at different times. Some of the older boys while committed to the Home, work in the city, usually for some Rotarian, and their earnings are kept for them. The proof that they accumulate funds and spend them wisely, and that they are learning the spirit of One who said two thousand years ago, "Do unto others," was touchingly illustrated last Christmas morning when the boys, of their own volition, and out of their own little savings, joined together and bought a beautiful rocking-chair for the little daughter of the assistant to the superintendent's wife. It was an act which truly typifies the spirit which permeates the Home.

I MUST not keep from you longer the real secret of the success of our social experiment, for such we deem it. I feel that a careful examination of the cause and effect may have a deep and widespread significance. The answer is one word of four letters, the sweetest in the English language—*h-o-m-e*. We have *provided* the place, our superintendent and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martzall, are *making* the home. They are playing on the most tender chords of the boyish heart; they are filling an aching void in the breasts of these wayward boys who with few exceptions have never known a real home. Don't think for a moment the boys are pampered. Discipline and obedience are firmly enforced. Yet it is nothing short of marvelous how these boys committed to the Home for larceny and other crimes, the worst boys in our community, after a short time become with very few exceptions happy youngsters, willing and eager to serve and obey. To the boys, the superintendent and his wife are known and addressed at all times as "Dad" and "Mother," perhaps the first real ones in spirit they have ever known. And to "Dad" and "Mother" their little flock are not "the boys," or "the inmates," but always in word and action, *"Our Boys."* A visitor to the Home on a winter evening will find them a big, happy family; "Dad" and "Mother" mingling with "their boys," helping them with their lessons, or joining with them in music or games. If a new arrival "sasses Mother" he is warned by her boys in no uncertain terms that he had better not try it again. And usually one warning is enough.

What of the boys after they leave the Home. Does their good behavior continue when again thrown amid temptations? The answer is that with very few exceptions they go straight, which is an unusual record when you consider that these boys were the very worst boys in the community when committed to the Home. To a great extent this record is due to the fact that the Rotary members and "Dad" and "Mother" continue to show interest in them, and keep in close touch with their youthful one-time delinquents. The boys love "Dad" and "Mother." Indeed, they are in most instances reluctant to leave the Home. This makes that personal touch and continued interest of the Rotary members and of the superintendent and his wife in "their boys" simple and effective. The boys welcome them not as their oppressors, but as their dearest friends.

IT has been the aim of the Rotary Club to humanize and not to institutionalize the Home. The "personal touch" is emphasized. A Rotary Home Committee has general supervision of the management and finances of the Home, subject, of course, to the approval of the Rotary Club. This committee as well as the other members of the club visit the Home whenever possible, get acquainted with the boys, and show them that they take a real interest in them. During the summer we occasionally have our weekly luncheon at the Home mingling with the boys, and always staging a game of baseball between the boys and the club members, at which game the boys always happen to win with much rooting and to their great delight. On these visits the boys assist in entertaining the members, particularly in serving the luncheons, and I have yet to see the first boy who sulked on his job, or who had to be disciplined for misconduct on these occasions. The boys are not only willing, but eager to show every service and attention. The wives of the Rotarians take a personal interest in the boys, particularly at Christmas time. Each boy sends his letter to Santa Claus, and early Christmas morning the members, their wives and friends, and needless to say, old Santa Claus himself, appear at the Home, to the great glee of the boys. And I may truly add with even deeper significance that the visit is an inspiration and a delight to the others.

THE extraordinary results attained make this institution of special interest in the field of reform of the small boy. What is being done here can be and no doubt is being done elsewhere. This Home is a practical working example, confirming what is becoming more and more the accepted theory of the proper treatment of younger delinquent boys, viz., to keep them in limited numbers, in small units or homes, where those in charge can and will be a "Dad" or a "Mother" to "their boys" and can and do give the boys what their hearts most long for—"a Home." There is not a small boy living who will not respond to this treatment, unless he is weak-minded or a degenerate. Not cold force and compulsion, but love and kind discipline will put any boy on the road to good citizenship. You can't kick a boy into Heaven; what he needs is a lift to get him up.

To sit in our courts and behold the pathetic, distorted faces shrink before stern justice, and then to visit our Rotary Home a few months later and see these same boys with their happy beaming faces, willing to serve and striving to be good; to see these boys go out into the world regenerated, with a will for the right, gives an indescribable thrill to the heart of every Rotarian. He feels that this is one of the greatest investments he has ever made. He knows through sweet experience that the finest work in the world is serving and helping others, and he rests content in the assurance that Rotary principles are practical and can be applied to this, one of the most important phases of that large and vital problem of a nation's boyhood.

The Rotary Foundation | Healing the youngest victims of war

3-H project helps Croatian children recover from emotional trauma *by Jane Lawicki*

STRAVKO, A SIX-YEAR-OLD, brown-eyed war orphan, tentatively watches the American woman who gently holds him. Childhood trauma expert Lark Eshleman, Ph.D., a Rotarian from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., has chosen him to demonstrate an exercise for volunteers at a counseling center in Zagreb, Croatia.

Lark, who speaks no Croatian, carefully makes eye contact with Stravko each time she gives him a biscuit and receives one in return. With each exchange the little boy hesitates, then smiles with delight. He is taking the first steps toward trusting adults again.

Like many Croatian children, Stravko still suffers from the effects of the 1991-95 Balkan conflict that devastated entire communities and sent thousands of refugees fleeing for safety. But an effort by the Rotary Club of Zagreb is giving these children a chance for recovery.

Last year, the Zagreb club partnered with the Rotary Club of Lancaster and The Rotary Foundation of R.I. to create a community center that provides a highly structured therapy program for at-risk children and teenagers. With a U.S. $420,000, three-year Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grant from the Foundation, the center opened in February in Velika Gorica. The city of 25,000, located near the Zagreb airport, suffered heavy losses during the conflict. The project will help an estimated 1,000 children during the first three years and 800 per year thereafter.

LARK ESHLEMAN

Play therapy helps the children learn to trust adults again.

LARK ESHLEMAN

Children in war-ravaged Croatia find hope at a Rotarian clinic.

The Zagreb club is forming a nonprofit foundation, with Rotarians filling most board positions, to operate the center during the critical years to come. Today, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, one in four adults in the Balkans cannot work or carry out daily tasks due to post-war trauma. For children, experts say, the emotional scars can be much deeper, causing serious problems as they grow up.

Evidence of this long-term damage is already mounting, observes Dean Ajkukovic, a psychologist at the University of Zagreb. "Since the war, there have been increases in family violence, violence in the schools and in the number and use of guns, which was not typical for our society," says Dean, who also is president of the Society for Psychological Assistance, a local organization that helped design and implement the program.

"We're looking at a cycle," says Lark, a clinical therapist. "If a child experiences an early trauma and is not equipped to deal with it, then neurological changes can occur–violent, reclusive or anti-social behavior. It becomes the emotional equivalent of a broken leg. Without setting it, the leg will grow crooked."

Dean, Lark and other mental health professionals train and supervise volunteers and graduate students from the University of Zagreb. The core program includes a series of exercises, performed with a caring adult, which allow each child to attach a sense of safety and nurturing to their surroundings. "Children need symbols to feel safe. They need to have people and experiences they can trust," Lark explains. "The program re-teaches them that there are appropriate people they can rely on."

Lark, who has made several volunteer trips to Zagreb, first became aware of the need for such a center through Bob Patterson, a neighbor and fellow member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. Bob was a host counselor for a 1995-96 Rotary Youth Exchange student from Croatia, who described the terrors he had witnessed during the conflict. Convinced his club should take action, Bob contacted Lark–who became so committed to the cause that she accepted an invitation to join his club. She also published a 50-page manual, "Healing Emotional Trauma: Treating Children in a War Zone." The manual provides a model for how war-torn areas around the globe can help heal and rebuild their sense of community, starting with the children.

Lark says she often encounters initial resistance from the war's victims, many of whom still lack basic necessities. "They will ask me, 'Why should I help a child when my house needs to be rebuilt?'" But by helping children face the traumas they endured during the war, she says, the entire community can begin to heal.

• *Jane Lawicki is a senior public relations specialist at Rotary International.*

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Eastern Division U. S. A.
E. J. Berlet, Vice-President.

ALTOONA (Penna.).

Extension work in Altoona i in the hand ol' r. Julian Millard (Architect) who writes us that he is seriously thinking of taking np the matter actively before long.

ELIZABETH (N. J.).

Paterson Rotarians are carrying on extension work in this city and expect soon to hme a Ro tary Club in Elizabeth.

HAGERSTOW N (Md.).

'rhe Rotary Club of Hagerstow11 wa organized on January 9th with nine "red hot" enthu, iastic ltotarians. 'fhe permanent organization will Leeff ected at their next hmcheon on Jannary 14th.

!'he Chairman of the Organizing committee is U. G. Triesler 16 W. Washington St.

HUNTINGTO N (W. Va.).

Afr. \V. 11. Banks (Secretary Banks 8upply Uompany) i chairman of the Organizing committee for tho Rotary lnb of Huntington aud he writes "I am confident that we will be able to have e\erytbing well 11nd r way before Fobrnnry Jst."

LANCASTER (Pa.).

The Rotary Club of Lancaster completed it organization on January 11th with a charter membership of t lreuty-five.

The officers are:

President-John H. Wicker ham.
Secretary-F. S. Peifer.

MERIDEN (Conn.).

'l'he 'hairman of tho Organizing committee for the Rotary Club of "Meriden is Mr. D. T. McCarthy, 136 Hanover Street.

POTTSVILLE (Penna).

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Heading nine gentlemen from Pottsville were present and immediately formed a temporary organization with 0. L. nderwood, as temporary president and J. H. Zerby, Jr. as temporary secretary. Will complete their organization within about a week and desire to become affiliated w i th the International Association.

SPRINGFIELD (Mass.).

'l'h e H.otary 'lub of 81 ringfield had the i r first banquet on J anua ry 6th with sixty sernn of the foremost busine s men of Springfield present to- geth er with delegation from the Rotary 'lub of Bo ton, ew Y ork, \Vorcester and Alba ny.

The officers are:

Acting residen t-Stewart Ander on, cl o :.\fassachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co.
'ccretary-D. H. Lmub, P. 0. Box 552.

WILLIAMSPORT (Penna.).

President N'icely reports that the promoters of the Williamsport luL feel very uthu iastic and Yery m uch de ire to hal e a Rotary 'lub in Wil- liam port. Are going o,er the matter slowly, how- e\•er, carefully selectillg their prospective mem- bers and working up the matter a they think best for that particular place.

'l'he ofiicer are:

Presid nt-Tracy L. Xicely, clo 'l'he Brach>treet Co.
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WILMINGTON (Del.).

On Thursday January 7th the Rotary Club of Wilm iugtou held their election for oilicers and ef- fected a permanel1t organization. They are de sirous of becoming affiliated with the Intern ational Associat ion. l'lle officers elected are:

President-Harri on W. Howell.
First Vice-President-Geo. S. Ca.polle, Jr.
Second Vice-President-Henry T. Bush.
'ecretary-Treasurer-'i'i alter D. Bush, Jr.

Southern Division U. S. A.
John E. Shelby, Vice-President.

CHARLESTON (S. C.).

'rhe organization of a Rotary Club in Charle ton is in the hands of Mr. W. W. Fuller, Chief Engineer an'd. General Superintendent Charleston Isles of Palms Traction Company. Mr. Fuller is the chairman of the Organizing committee and expects soon to ha\e a Rotary rnub in this city equal to any of the Southern Rotary Clnbs.

The Rotary lub of Augusta (Ga.) and Paducah (Ky.) barn made application for affiliation as a member of the Interr lational Association.

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the clubs in action

ENHANCING COMMUNITY LIFE

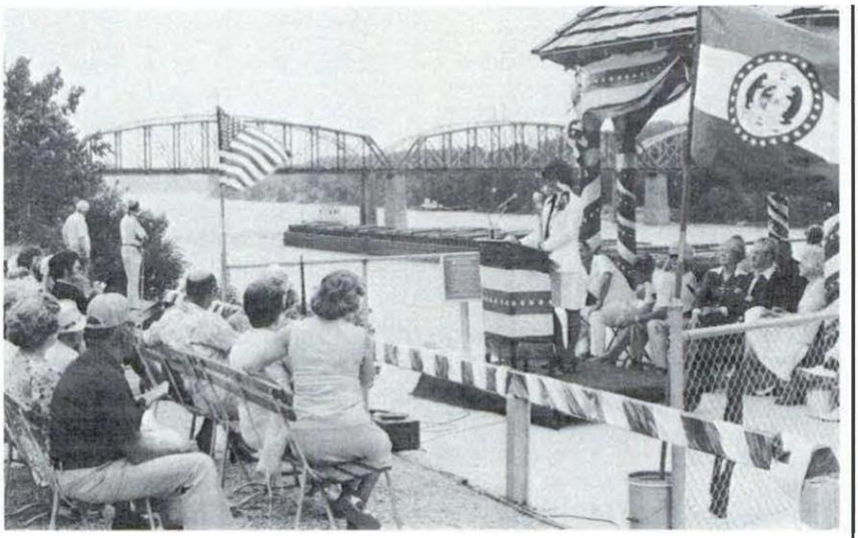
Making their communities happier, healthier, safer, livelier, lovelier places to live is a constant goal of Rotary clubs around the earth. Here's how some of them do it . . .

Creating new vistas

On the Missouri River, near Glasgow, Missouri, U.S.A., stands what club bulletin editor Roy Anderson describes as "the first all-steel bridge in the world." Slightly upstream is the Friemonth Ferry Landing, named for late Glasgow Rotarian Elmer Friemonth.

In June 1978, the Rotary Oub of Glasgow opened to the public a new River Outlook commemorating the spot. The Outlook, which also serves as a community bandstand, was several years in the building. One slab of concrete used in its construction weighed more than 11 tons, and the club had to wait for a "high river" in order to tow it by barge from a local construction firm.

- A lighthouse for the Lake Erie shore that rims their city was a U.S. bicentennial gift to the Rotary Club of Gibraltar, Michigan, U.S.A. The structure was designed by a high school student, the winner of a contest held for the purpose, and the manual labor for its construction, as well as its funding, was provided by the then 12-member Rotary club.
- A Rotary rose garden makes convalescing much more tolerable for patients at the local hospital in Hope, Arkansas, U.S.A. The garden, sponsored and tended by the Rotary Club of Hope, provides cut flowers for individual rooms as well as pleasant viewing for all.



Missouri, U.S.A.-This *handsome "River Overlook" bandstand is a recent co111111u11ity service achievement of the Rotary Club of Glasgow (see item). Let the band play 011.*

Honoring old friends

Two famous former citizens of Frederick, Maryland, U.S.A., are commemorated in beautiful old Mt. Olivet Cemetery which overlooks the town of Frederick from a high hill. One of the dear departed is Barbara Frietchie, the Civi.l War heroine honored in a John Greenleaf Whittier poem. The other is Francis Scott Key, composer of the U.S. national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." It was in honor of Key that the Rotary Club of Frederick erected a handsome monument in 1977, in celebration of the second anniversary of its chartering.

- The Rotary Club of Canal Fulton, Ohio, like many other Rotary clubs in the U.S.A., searched hard to find a community project significant enough to mark the 1976 U.S. bicentennial. The Canal Fulton Rotarians were fortunate in discovering a neglected bit of antiquity right in their own back yard-a pioneer cemetery abandoned sometime in the 1850's and overgrown with weeds, briars, and brush. In 1973, club members pitched in to rehabilitate the old burying-ground and by bicentennial time, it was a neat, well-tended community landmark.
- By contrast, the creation of a *new* lawn cemetery and adjacent columbarium for the township of Tuncurry won a district Rotary Significant Achievement Award for the Rotary Club of Tuncurry-Forster, N.S.W., Australia.

Preserving the past

The Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., has awarded a grant of $4,000 to the Lancaster County Library for the development of a county-wide oral history collection. The project, similar to one described in THE ROTARIAN for December 1977 *(Listen! Your Grandfather Is Talking)*, gave hundreds of county residents an opportunity to share personal recollections of customs, folk ways, and past events.

- The Rotary Club of Oakland, California, U.S.A., gave a $30,000 grant for the installation of a "20th Century

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cnt ycor _enjo y the bocking of HKS I ,600 from the Rotary Club of Ctnton. As in past years, the sum will spread over such activities as sup- port of a boys' camp, a hospital, and an orphan- age; help for a leper settlement; etc.

Canada

Charge of the Nightshirt Brigade

AMHERST, N. S.-The honors for uniquenss in money-raising chemes probably go to the Rotary Club of Amherst. Part of the Horse Show which the Club presented some months back to about 3,500 people was a nightshirt pa- rade. Every member had to march in the in- formal garb-or forfeit 5. The treasury col- lected only $10 from such offenses. The show netted some 800 for the Club·s boys' camp and 1,300 for crippled children work.

Remove Offend ing Tonsils

THE PAs, MAN.-All children do not have the same gifts. But mental backward ness is often **the fault of some physical h:lndicap. Rotarians** of The Pas disco,erecl these facts in their local school of 400 children. To give deficient chil- dren, whom the school board had placed in a special class, a chance, they had their me<lical member examine each child, had the public health nurse call on the parents to explain the children' handicaps. After making arrange- ments with doctors, dentists, and the hospital, the Club sponsored live tonsilectomics, dental care for ix, the purchase of glasses for four. The health nurse has lately reported that a number of the youngsters who were treared ha\'e shown marked improvement in their school- work.

United States

Hoaxed but Happy

CHAPEL HILL. . C.-Arc the "boys" pretty fond of their Rotary Club in Chapel Hi!l? Would they fight and bleed and die to keep their memberships in it l They'd do something like that thinks President Robert \V. Madry. He has tested their loyalty. In a recent meeting he announcec1 thr.t lnt rn:ati on31 hcnclqu3rUrs h:.d ordered the Club's member hip reduced from 32 to 25 (a pure fabrication, of course). Mem- bers took it seriously. Some grew exceedingly in.. dignant. Some threatened to resign on the spot. When the joke had gone far enough; the Presi· dent disclosed the hoax. A roomful of sighs escaped.

$250 Buys a Bed

SEATTLE, WASH.-"To the Seattle Rotary Club much credit i due for our splendid institution, ' hich is nationally known;• aid the treasurer of a local orthopedic hospital in receiving a check for $250 from the Club. The sum is to pur- chase a special bed.

A Social Call Returned

RALEIGH, N. C.-Some years ago John A. Park , now Governor of Rotary District I 9. visited the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires. Ari:en- tina. He sat next to Austin E. Gootl<. Re· ccndy Rotarian Goode returned the visit when he addressed the Raleigh Rotary Club and called on Governor Park in his own office.

For the Members Who've Gone

FuLTOs, Mo.-A memorial day for dee<ased members honored ten men who had once shared the fellowship of the Rotary Club of Fulton. Ten candles bearing the nomes of the former members were lighted. one at a time. by inti- mate friends who made brief memorial talk ,

Muscle and Sun Tan-Al/ fo r 600

PATERSO>!, .).-For youngsters who didn't **have "a vaca tion chance:· Rotarians and Kiwan-** ians of Paterson each raised S300 durinJ! rhc past Summer. That sum sent the lads to a camp in the woocls, put plenty of tasty food in their tomachs, muscle on their le s, tan on their backs.

Thanks f or Fom· Huts

LASCASTER. PA.-To thank in person the Ro- tarians who mad e possible the buildin i: of four huts at their camp, Boy Scours in filed the Rotary Club of Lancaster to a dedicatory and dinner.

Run Music Over Border

WE:<ATCIIEE, \VASJ I.-'ow that school is un- der way again, 111dcn in Wenatchee and in Penticron, fl. ., Canada, arc pr< bJbly wonder· ing about this: Will the Rotary lub' in the e two towns make po;,1blc the cxchani;e of high- <ehonl choru'Cs a<the)' did la<t)'CarI Last **Sprin . Pcnticlon Rot.uirns took n girl!!" chonls** of 6 \'oices to Wenatchee. i\ few weeks later Wenatchee R t"ians t0ok a mixed chorus and orchestra of 70 to Penticton. In each city the ..foreign" mu 1c1:tns gave conce:rtst were enter· tained at a luncheon and dance and as guests in man)' homes. The idea sprouted in the mind of Rotarian Wellini:ton Pegg, principal of the We- natchee High School.

They Made Ice /iom Hetii

FORT SCOTT, KANS.-Rotarians and Kiwanians of Fort Scott pounded the leather. whizzed around the bases, and got warm generally one <lay last Summer-all 10 raise some money for ice. The Penny Ice Fund of the city, which bu ys the cooling solid for nee<ly families, got the proceeds.

Serve Seals on the Sea

PAWTUCKET, R. !.-Hundreds of townsfolk of Pawtucket got grandstand scats at the Interna- tiona l Yacht Races off Newport by sailing out to sea on the steamship *Comn,* which the Rotary Club chartered for rhe event. And proceed< from the excursion went to the Club's Kid<lics Fund .

'They're on the Air!'

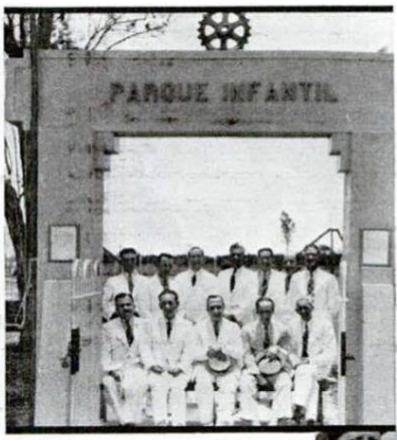
ALDAS\', GA.-If you live somcwh('rc near Albany, spin your radio dial to station WGPC at I :20 some Thursday a fternoon. You 'll hear the proi:ram of the Albany Rotary Club. For four or five months the weekly proi:ram> have **been put on the air :anti listener rcspnnscs have** come from all parts of southern Georgia. "

He'll Make It, Tool

ORA NCE, CALIP.- friendly hand bid on his shoulder, a helpful hint 1>0ken into his car, go a long way with any boy. With a blind boy they !!O further. So finds the Rotar)· Club of Orongc, which is doing whot it can to help a blind high -school boy. Recently it bought him **a new Braille tYl:>C\\·ritcr, and the young m::rn,** who is stuclyini: to become a Spanish interpreter, is justifying all the foith the Club has in him. Hcs making top grades in all his studies, an<I he's popular with hi fellow students.

Advance Booking Pays

MoDJ r. t \.-Plonnini:-hat's wha Rotary Club program< require, fiml Mobile Roralian<. Not infrequently Lhey'rc woring on a ploi:r.1m 20 weeks in the ofiing. Varict) i requi,irc, too. In Julr rhc lub held • meeting on board a l.irge pa>scngcr ,hip. J_lter it expected to h nor the .o,crnor of the tatc •and the Stare Docks Commi.sion. *Traffic* was the subje t of a pro- gram that was to come later. High·,chool senior oml the Srote hii;hwo)·-patrol chid were to engage in a roundt3ble. On e a)Car the lub fcre< neighboring farmers. Ea h mcml>cr brin,::s a farmer to lunch and rhc latter brings omc of



Childre11 i11 Pi11a, Cuba, 11eeded a place to play, yes, 11eeded one badly. 'f>i oting that fac t, the R9- lary Club got busy, i11- terestt:d others, a11d a children's park resulted. Scores of youngsters (right) and a group of Rotaria11s (a bove) turd out to witness the dedication ceremonies.

APPENDIX B

Rotary Club of Lancaster Centennial Year Photos

1. Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran and wife Vanathy visit with Rotary Club of Lancaster President Bob McClenathan and Wife Kay in October 2015.
2. Rotary Club of Lancaster Centennial Gala at Lancaster Country Club September 26, 2015.
3. Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran officiating at October 2015 ribbon cutting ceremony for Refugee Center Centennial Project at Reynolds Middle School.
4. Past President Dave Hosler at the inaugural meeting of Rotary Club of Lancaster's sponsored F & M College Rotaract Club, April 22, 2016.
5. Rotary Club of Lancaster President Bob McClenathan with visiting Australian Vocational Study Exchange Team members Bronwyn Lacy, Josephine Bell, Renee Garske, Caitlin Reid and Nadia Venzke, May 2016.

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