

A History of the  
Rotary Club of Lafayette, Indiana

## The Beginning

### Charter Members

Dr. Arett C. Arnett  
Surgeon  
524 Columbia Street  
Res. 516 S. Seventh Street

Frank M. Best  
Drugs  
Partner, Wells-Yeager-Best Co  
120 N. Third Street  
Res. YMCA

Karl R. Bachman  
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce  
607 Main Street  
Res. 120 Chauncey Ave. W. Laf.

Dr. Lewis M. Ellis  
Dentist  
40 Loan and Trust Building  
Res. 717 Columbia Street

James C. Farrington  
Fire Insurance  
Partner, Farrington & Lienkaemper  
57 Loan and Trust Building  
Res. 272 Littleton St., W. Laf.

William D. Foresman  
Grain Dealer  
President, W.B. Foresman Company  
54-55 Loan & Trust Building  
Res. 907 State Street

Orin L. Foster (honorary)  
Victrolas  
Prop., The Foster Shop  
116 N. Third Street  
Res. 411 W. State St., W. Laf.

Professor Thomas F. Moran  
Professor of History  
Purdue University  
Res. 24 Russell St, W Laf

Charles Radersdorf  
Retail Furniture & Carpets  
Mgr., D.C. Foster Fum. & Carpet Co.  
622 Main Street  
Res. 1219 Cincinnati Street

Moses Schultz  
Prop. Dept. Store  
334-336 Main Street  
Res. 517 Lingle Street

William A. Shipley  
Retail Hardware  
President Shipley Hardware Company  
330 Main Street  
Res. 1000 Pontiac Avenue

Christian G. Stocker  
Hotels  
President Lahr Hotel Company  
Cor. Main & Fifth Street  
Res. 512 S. Tenth Street

Frank B. Timberlake  
Past Service  
Pump Manufacturers  
Secretary Biggs Pump Company  
Cor. Brown, Erie & N. Thirteenth Sts.  
Res. 102 S. Ninth Street

Abner E. Werkhoff  
Life Insurance  
Pres., Lafayette Life Insurance Co.  
Emsing Building  
Res. 1244 N. Fifteenth Street

It was on February the 23rd, 1905, that Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer organized the first Rotary Club. With three friends, one a coal dealer, one a mining engineer, and the third a merchant tailor, these men conceived of the unique idea of organizing a club through the selection of only one man from each line of business or profession; and Rotary was given as the name of this organization as the meetings were to be held at the places of business of the different members. Its purpose, these men said, was to promote friendship and understanding, knowledge and broad mindedness and interest in the other fellow. Three years later one of the members of this first club told the story to a group of San Francisco men and the second club was organized. Other clubs were formed on the Pacific coast; the movement spread to the East; and then to the South. It was in 1910 that the first Convention of the National Association of these clubs was held, in Chicago, and Paul Harris was elected to the Presidency.

Three years later Rotary came to Indiana; Indianapolis and then Terre Haute and Evansville organized clubs. The latter part of that year E. J. Krous of the Lafayette Ice Cream Company corresponded with the International office relative to the possibility of Lafayette organizing a similar club. However nothing came

of this first interest, though during the next two years clubs were formed at South Bend, Vincennes, Fort Wayne and New Albany. With seven clubs in the State the movement attracted the attention of Dr. A. C. Arnett who made inquiries of Herbert C. Angster, Governor of the 8th District. Literature was sent to him from the International office, and before the month of December had passed Doctor Arnett forwarded a list of seven names as an Organizing Committee to the Rotary Office. Further interest was evidenced, however, before the actual organization of a Club.

In February Charles Radersdorf visited the Indianapolis Club as a guest, and was so impressed with the aims, purposes and spirit of this Club that he discussed his impressions with James Farrington and Frank Timberlake of Lafayette. Letters followed from these two men and from Karl Bachman to Governor Angster and to the International Office with the result that Governor Angster came to Lafayette and met with the following men on April 24th at the Lahr Hotel: Dr. A. C. Arnett, Karl R. Bachman, Frank M. Best, Lewis M. Ellis, James C. Farrington, Thomas F. Moran, Christian G. Stocker and Frank Timberlake. At this council it was decided to form the Lafayette Rotary Club, with the first meeting to be held on May the first, 1916, in the Blue Room of the Lahr Hotel.

This meeting was held as planned; officers and directors were elected, and Lafayette Rotary began to live. The membership of the Club was made up of the fourteen men whose names are listed on the following page; and on subsequent pages is the story of the first seventy-five years.

## 1916-1917

### Officers

Thomas F. Moran, President  
William A. Shipley, Vice President  
Karl R. Bachman, Secretary  
James C. Farrington, Treasurer

### Directors

Moses Schultz  
Abner E. Werkhoff  
Lewis M. Ellis  
Orin L. Foster  
Charles Radersdorf

### International President

Allen D. Albert, 1915-16  
Paris, Illinois

Arch C. Klumph, 1916-17  
Cleveland, Ohio

### International Convention

Cincinnati, Ohio  
Delegate: Thomas F. Moran

### District Governor

Herbert C. Angster (8th), 1915-16  
Chicago, Illinois

Frank P. Manly (8th)  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### District Convention

Danville, Illinois  
February 22, 1917

### New Members

Edward Ayres  
Clarence M. Bivins  
Charles Bradshaw  
Stanley E. Coulter  
Thomas Duncan  
Cecil G. Fowler  
C. Francis Harding  
George F. Keiper  
Lawrence C. Kigin  
Richard B. Moore  
John S. Morrison  
Levi Oppenheimer  
David E.S. Perry  
R. Joseph Plaistridge  
Edward L. Pottlitzer  
Charles C. Pyke  
George L. Roberts  
Herbert G. Sattler  
Winthrop E. Stone  
Burr S. Swezey  
Roy Wallace (honorary)  
Charles A. Woodbury (honorary)

Allen D. Albert of Paris, Illinois, was International President of Rotary for the first two months of the Lafayette Club's life, with Arch C. Klumph of Cleveland, Ohio, elected for the following year, July 1st, 1916, to June 30th, 1917. The District, No. 8, into which the Lafayette Club entered was composed of Illinois and Indiana. Herbert C. Angster, of Chicago, was the Governor for those first two months, and Frank P. Hanley of Indianapolis for the ensuing first full year of the club's existence.

In this story of Rotary at Lafayette and at Purdue we are heading each year with the organization of the club, its officers and directors, followed by the name and home of the International President, the name and home of the District Governor, with the number of this changing district of ours, and then a bit of a story of that year. By no means is this more than an attempt to sketch a few of the interesting things that have happened to Rotary here in Lafayette.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich states it well, for we know we have remembered many little things, possibly leaving out the important facts and figures, the failures and accomplishments.

"My mind lets go a thousand things,  
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings,  
And yet recalls the very hour -  
'Twas noon by yonder village tower,  
And on the last blue moon in May -  
The wind came briskly up this way,  
Crisping the brook beside the road;  
Then, pausing here, set down its load

Of pine-scents, and shook listlessly  
Two pews from the wild-rose tree."

The Secretary wrote early in May that President Thomas Moran would be the official delegate to the Cincinnati International Convention, and that Abner Werkhoff would also attend. "We also wish to call to your attention," he wrote, "that Lafayette is situated on what is known as a Dustless Air Line and is now a part of the National Highway." And again he wrote, "Keep your eye on the Kid." We suppose the "kid" our first Secretary referred to, was the "club".

The Club issued a monthly publication named "THE ACORN, from which a mighty oak will grow."

Looking back to those first fourteen months of Lafayette Rotary it seems far away and long ago. The Lusitania had just been sunk by a German submarine; Henry Ford's Peace Ship had sailed to Europe, and returned entirely unsuccessful. Dr. Winthrop E. Stone was President of Purdue University, a school of twenty-four hundred students. The Ladies Hall stood on the Campus; there was no Union building, not a single building in Stuart Field or on beyond. Before Rotarian Thomas Moran's term expired the United States had declared war on the "natural foe to liberty;" the first division of American soldiers had embarked for France; and ten million men had registered in the United States under the selective draft law.

1917-1918

#### **Officers**

George F. Keiper, President  
William A. Shipley, Vice President  
Karl R. Bachman, Secretary  
James C. Farrington, Treasurer

#### **Directors**

James C. Farrington

#### **International President**

E. Leslie Pidgeon  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

#### **International Convention**

Kansas City, Missouri

#### **District Governor**

Percival G. Rennick, Governor (8th)  
Peoria, Illinois

#### **District Convention**

Terre Haute, Indiana  
March 8, 1918

#### **New Members**

Thomas F. Bauer  
George Bergman  
Howard A. Decker  
Eugene L. Dyer  
Thomas J. Follen  
Edgar Goldsberry  
Floyd A. Loop  
Llewellyn V. Ludy  
John M. McWilliams  
Frank P. Riedel  
Samuel E. Souders (Honorarv)  
Benett Taylor  
Ernest S. Urwitz  
John W. VanNatta  
Edward M. Watson

This was the year Rotary grew rapidly throughout the state, twenty clubs now being organized. This was the year of Chateau-Thiery and of the counter attack at Belleau Wood, and the crossing of the Marne.

Picture Lafayette and Lafayette life. Fred Reule sold buggies and Over land cars; and at the Family Theatre it was "Always a Good Show" with "Ladies' Bargain Matinee every Tuesday and Friday, five cents." Ritter and Mauch were Practical Horseshoers at 219 North Second Street; and Ruger's bread was advertised as "The three times a day treat." Weibers and Rogers did a thriving business at the Seeger Transfer and Livery, and the American Laundry was damming socks free, besides doing a good business in "Americanizing" your laundry. "You'll do Better at Reifers Furniture Company," and "The Best Way, All the Way, All the Time" was the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction Company's hourly local and fast limited trains.

Jack Ralston had just graduated from Purdue; "Doc" Martin was a hard working Senior, Ed Stahl was going to the Kokomo High School and Eth Baugh was a Junior at Jeff. Eric Holm, a ten year old barefoot farm lad was milking cows—Holsteins, Dick not Guernseys; Herman Messing and James Reifers, two cute little boys were having a birthday party, they're just six; and Bobby Fuller was a toddling three year old youngster in Saint Louis.

The Club, with that fine beginning President Thomas F. Moran had given to it the preceding year was rapidly growing. From those fourteen Charter Members fifty-two now belonged to the organization.

Interesting is the following report of the work done by the Club at the close of the year:

- Liberty Loan Campaign representatives on all committees. President Keiper, a Captain, and the Rotary Club given the credit of putting it over the top
- Red Cross Campaign—Rotary on all committees
- War Camp Community R. Fund—Raised \$2,000
- Every Rotarian bought War Savings stamps
- Club raised \$1,000 for supervision of Vacant Lot Gardening
- Club gave \$50.00 to Comfort Kit fund

- The Club underwrote the expenses of a Field-Executive for an educational campaign for the Boy Scouts during the month of April, 1918
- Club raised \$2,500 for French orphans
- The Club started a fund with \$100 to supply local soldiers with small necessities and luxuries
- Raised \$1,000, its quota, for Smilage books. Raised fund in conjunction with the Merchant's Association for installation of green spotlights on Guide lines of Dayton, Ohio to Rantoul, Illinois Aviation line

1918-1919

**Officers**

Stanley E. Coulter, President  
Edward L. Pottlitzer, Vice President  
James C. Farrington, Treasurer  
Karl R. Bachman, Secretary  
O. L. Foster, Secretary  
R. Joseph Plaistridge, Secretary

**Directors**

James C. Farrington  
R. Joseph Plaistridge

**International President**

John Poole  
Washington, D.C.

**International Convention**

Salt Lake City, Utah

**District Governor**

John N. Dyer (11th)  
Vincennes, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 12-13, 1919

**New Members**

George B. Beadle  
Ernest N. Brown  
Charles A. Burnett  
Elton W. Campbell  
Albert C. Dudley  
William H. Fog  
Gustavo L. Gob  
William K. Hat  
James D. Hoffman  
Thomas A. Hollingsworth  
Frederick Holmes  
Nelson A. Kellogg  
Edward W. Forty  
Ollie J. Reed  
Samuel P. Templeton

Perhaps the war had its effect on Rotary's rapid growth, the desire to group ourselves together and do something worthwhile. Thirty clubs of Indiana now were taking themselves seriously and learning the philosophy of service above self.

This was the year of the Great Offensive of the Allied and American legions, followed by the Armistice. This was the year we were all so imbued with the high ideals of life that we passed the eighteenth amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Stanley Coulter's heart to heart addresses to the new members now rapidly com- in into the Club; his definitions of the principles and practices of Rotary; and his kindly nature and loving spirit was giving to the new born organization a strong and fine foundation for its future work in the community and the state.

As in the former year the Club carried on actively in its share of war work. Sixty-three names were on the membership roll, and there was the finest of attendance. "A live bunch, 100% men for March", the "Rotary Blue Sheet", now the name of the Club's publication, reported in one issue. Listed were Ayres, Bivins, Coulter, Cats, Dyer, Follen, Harding, Loop, Moore, McWilliams, Oppenheimer, Perry, Plaistridge, Pottlitzer, Pyke, Roberts, Sattler, Stocker, Swezey, Taylor, Urwitz and Watson.

At the banquet given to the Jefferson High School basketball team "Charlie Pyke certainly starred as toastmaster," and an announcement later in this same "Blue Sheet" stated that "Nominating speeches could be given at the next meeting if arrangements were made with 'Timmie'."

Vice President Pottlitzer with Swezey, Souders, Urwitz, Kigin and Farrington on his committee took a large delegation to the Fort Wayne District Conference.

The years to come would see the development of Rotary Park; the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, work with the Ro-to Lads Club; active support of the 4-H Com Club; entertainment of the Foreign Students of the University and work with many other Purdue projects; support of Lafayette's many civic improvements, and an increasing interest in the community and the University



1919-1920

**Officers**

Rev. David E. S. Perry, President  
Burr S. Swezey, Vice President  
Samuel P. Templeton, Secretary  
John M. McWilliams, Treasurer  
Oliver F. Cutts, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

John M. McWilliams  
Oliver F. Cutts  
Samuel P. Templeton  
Orin L. Foster  
Samuel E. Souders  
C. G. Woodbury

**International President**

Albert S. Adams, Atlanta, Georgia

**International Convention**

Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Delegate: Edgar Goldsberry

**District Governor**

Charles E. Watkins (11th)  
Muncie, Indiana

**District Convention**

Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
February 11-12, 1920

**New Members**

Fred L. Alexander (honorary)  
Samuel A. Cahn  
Charles E. Cory  
Oliver F. Cutts  
Jerry W. DeCou  
Paul S. Emrick  
Arthur L. Gabler  
Robert Hight  
Lafayette F. Jamison  
Clyde H. Jones  
Robert C. Kirkwood  
Wilbur R. McQueen  
Charles Nevitt  
Andrey A. Potter (honorary)  
Henry F. Poor  
William H. Shipley  
William R. Smith  
George L. Spahr  
Allison E. Stuart  
Charles H. Stuart  
A.L. Waters  
Charles F. Weber  
Chris D. Wiselogel

Another ten clubs had increased Indiana Rotary to forty. The last of our Expeditionary Forces from Europe had returned.

The Club was active in its backing of John N. Dyer of Vincennes for election at the coming convention to the office of International President, and if one went by the Blue Room of the Lahr Hotel on a Tuesday Noon, one would hear the song written by Pres. PERRY, "Help us boost old John the Farmer."

International President Albert Adams at the Atlantic Convention took for his text in his address, Isaiah's message to the Jews: "And those shall be called the restorer of paths to dwell in." He said, "Rotary brings men together, and makes them know one another, for When you get to know a fellow, And you understand his ways, Then his faults won't really matter, For you'll find a lot to praise."

"Rotary brings fellowship", he said: "Hearts grow warm, and lips grow kind, And all the shammin ends, When you are in the company Of good old first name friends."

These last lines express the customs of the day, perhaps a closer relationship of Rotary's members than that of the present twenty-five year old club. The letterhead of the day showed a large, red Rotary wheel and the names: "Mick" Perry, "Burr" Swezey, "Noisy Joe" Plaistridge, "Oliver" Cutts, "Honest John" McWilliams, "Charley" Woodbury, "Sam" Souders and "Orie" Foster.

Lafayette delegates at the International Convention were "Mort" Templeton, "Ed" Goldsberry and Francis Harding. Francis leaving Atlantic City said, "The last I saw of 'Mort', he was looking for the Schlitz Hotel;" and later in New York City, all visiting Rotarians being entertained by the New York City Club with a trip to Bear Mountain, Francis reported that the Host Chairman said, "All the delegates from the Middle West

greatly appreciated this visit for many were like your 'Mort' Templeton, they had never seen a mountain before."

1920-1921

### **Officers**

Edgar Goldsberry, President  
C. Francis Harding, Vice President  
Samuel P. Templeton, Secretary  
John M. Mc Williams, Treasurer  
Nelson A. Kellogg, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Levi Oppenheimer  
Lewis M. Ellis  
Charles H. Stuart  
John M. McWilliams  
International President  
Estes Snedecor  
Portland, Oregon

### **International Convention**

Edinburgh, Scotland

### **District Governor**

Walter E. Pittsford (11th)  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Evansville, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1921

### **New Members**

Millard H. Overton  
David E. Ross  
Edward A. Ross  
Joseph Schilling  
George M. Frier  
Theodore E. Murphy  
James J. Wiselogel

Rotary this year saw two hundred and sixteen new clubs organized to make one thousand throughout the world. A Ladies party, full of surprises, mystery and fun was held in November, with forty visiting Rotarians and Rotaryans from Crawfordsville.

January witnessed the successful completion of the biggest and best job the Club had so far attempted. It was the invitation to the State Legislature to visit Purdue University and the Soldiers Home; its acceptance; and the following visit. Every member of the club worked, paid his ten dollars per capita, and saw the thing through. A salute of seventeen guns upon the arrival of the Legislature, via Inter Urban cars direct from the Capitol building at Indianapolis to the Purdue Campus. Opposition had stated that the Wabash River bridge was unsafe for these cars. Rotary did not want to lose a single legislator by allowing the cars to stop on the Lafayette side of the river so Purdue engineers tested and examined the bridge safe, and the cars crossed the river. There was a parade of the three thousand students with the band; President Stone's welcome on the green by John Purdue's grave; lunch in Agricultural Hall; inspection of all the departments; automobile ride to the Soldiers Home in a very hard snow storm and return for dinner in the Chapter Houses of the Pan Hellenic Council. The result, a better realization of the members of the legislature of Purdue's value to the State; an increased future support for the University; and to Rotary a vision never before possessed of its ability to tackle new problems.

It was at the afternoon session of the Annual District Conference on February the 22nd, 1921, at Evansville that John N. Dyer, a former first Vice President of Rotary International called attention to the fact that the General Assembly was giving consideration to a bill to provide state assistance in the erection of a memorial to James Whitcomb Riley. He then proposed that Indiana Rotarians support the movement to have the memorial take the form of a hospital for children. He was seconded by Frank H. Hatfield of Evansville and the proposal was unanimously carried, Seventeen members from the Lafayette Club attended this Conference and supported this resolution.

Up to the time the Club had been meeting in the Blue Room of the Lahr Hotel, but with a membership now of seventy-five the meeting place was moved to the Rotary Room of the Lahr. Before the close of Edgar Goldsberry's administration the Club had a most interesting Ladies Night. Two hundred and sixteen sat down to dinner, with three hundred and ninety-five at the show,- Rotarian Kin Hubbard's "The Bean Blossom Rotary Club," the performers being members of the Indianapolis Rotary Club.

This was the year of the Edinburgh Convention of Rotary International. The delegates came back from Europe with fine reports of a wonderful convention. For souvenirs the, men all had specially bound copies of John Richard Green's "History of the English People," and the ladies had scarves of Nottingham lace. After the convention everybody went down to London, of course. There was a reception at Hampton

Court and one at the Hotel Cecil. Lady Astor in giving a toast said that the toast used to be: "To the ladies, God bless 'em," but now that women had the vote, she felt that it ought to be: "To the gentlemen, God help 'em."

A delegation of some twenty International officers from America journeyed from the Hotel Cecil to the Palace atop an ordinary bus, making the natives gasp, this being the first time such a thing had ever occurred.

1921-1922

**Officers**

Samuel P. Templeton, President  
Llewellyn V. Ludy, Vice President  
Edward W. Korty, Secretary  
Frederick Holmes, Treasurer  
Lawrence C. Kigin, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Isaac Rice, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Allison E. Stuart  
Thomas P. Huffman  
Nelson A. Kellogg  
Frederick Holmes  
Edward W. Korty

**International President**

Crawford C. McCullough  
Fort William, Ontario, Canada

**International Convention**

Los Angeles, California

**District Governor**

C. H. Willis (11th)  
Kokomo, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1922

**New Members**

W. Scott Crowe  
Edward C. Elliott (honorary)  
Horace C. Goodwine  
Deo H. Horton  
Roland D. Johnson  
Orson G. Lloyd (honorary)  
William E. O'Rear  
Isaac Rice  
James A. Slane  
Frank P. Snyder  
William F. Taylor  
John Wagner

Indiana installing its fiftieth club, Rotary continued its phenomenal growth throughout the world with two hundred and sixty-seven new clubs making a total of one thousand two hundred and forty-three.

Outstanding in President Templeton's administration was the construction of the Club House at Rotary Park. The erection of this building had commenced in the fall of 1921, and though not finished in 1922, nevertheless the club house and the Park was used by one hundred and seventy-two boys under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., by one hundred and twenty-five Girl Scouts, and by over one hundred and eighty other people. A description of this property as it stands today is given on a following page.

The Club used so much of its monies this year in this construction as well as for several other worthy local services it did not send a representative to the Los Angeles Convention.

President McCullough's address was an able presentation of Rotary as a living force; Joseph Turner's story, titled "Fellowship, the Key to the Treasure House of Friendship" was a simple friendly tale that got to the very essence of this fine part of Rotary; and Colonel Ralston's final address of the Convention on the subject of international goodwill was an able presentation of a much needed solution to a difficult problem.

Lafayette Rotarians missed the fiesta at Praeger Park; they were not decorated with Leis by the Honolulu Rotarians; nor did they eat the San Pedro Club's tuna fish sandwiches dispensed from a large submarine; or drink the Arrowhead Water.

1922-1923

#### **Officers**

James J. Wiselogel, President  
C. Francis Harding, Vice President  
Jerry W. DeCou, Secretary  
James Slane, Treasurer  
Frank P. Riedel, Sergeant-at-Arms

#### **Directors**

Samuel P. Templeton  
Jerry W. DeCou  
James Slane  
George M. Frier  
Frank P. Snyder

#### **International President**

Raymond M. Havens  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### **International Convention**

Saint Louis, Missouri  
Delegate: Edward L. Pottlitzer

#### **District Governor**

Frank H. Hatfield (20th)  
Evansville, Indiana

#### **District Convention**

Michigan City, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1923

#### **New Members**

J. Frank Bellinger  
Harry L. Bryan  
George I. Christie  
William R. Coffroth  
Robert Friend  
Marshall Haywood  
Thomas P. Huffman  
Charles B. Jamison  
Harry C. McAdams  
John A. McCarthy  
Paul A. McLeod  
Samuel H. Markowitz  
James F. Phelan  
Ed G. Proulx  
James M. Robinson  
John Ruger  
Orion V. Shaffer  
Paul T. Smith  
John D. Sousa  
George K. Throckmorton  
Wallace D. Wolfe

The District Conference at Michigan City voted to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to build an Indiana Rotary Convalescent Home for crippled children at Indianapolis. This meant for the Lafayette Club about five thousand dollars. A final meeting of the investigating committee in July of this same year approved of the District action and appointed a committee to organize the campaign. Meanwhile the Indianapolis Rotary Club through a special campaign raised one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars toward this total of two hundred and fifty thousand.

Ed Pottlitzer and Ernest Brown returning from the International Convention said, "Never have we seen anything like it." At this St. Louis Convention, perhaps the greatest in the history of Rotary there was a symbolic pageant that for sheer poetic beauty had never been equaled. The "Rotary Garden of Nations" it was called. The auditorium massed with humanity for the opening of this the fourteenth annual convention, was made almost dark; a trumpeter, and then a spotlight revealing the single figure of Columbia; a chorus of welcome by a large group of Italian singers; a shrill whistle and twenty-eight Boy Scouts appeared, each bearing the flag of one of the nations represented in Rotary; and then twenty-eight young women in classic robes, each wearing about her brow a band of flowers that represented the national flower of the nations in Rotary, each of these twenty-eight girls being a representative of one of those nations. A dance typifying the salute of the nations. The triumphal march from "Aida", the Stars and Stripes the central figure in the picture; and a great Rotary wheel of gold. The huge audience now on its feet cheering and cheering. No wonder both Ed and Ernest said they would never forget it.

The Chairman of the Convention in greeting the delegates and guests said, "St. Louis, which has the culture of the East, the vision of the West, the energy of the North and the hospitality of the South, greets you." President Harding addressed the Convention one day, and Eddy Guest, on one of those hottest of hot days, when reading some of his homely poetry said, "This was the first time I have ever talked in public while in a Turkish bath."



1923-1924

**Officers**

Edward L. Pottlitzer, President  
Charles A. Burnett, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Wilbur R. McQueen, Treasurer  
Thomas P. Huffman, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Wilbur R. McQueen  
Fred L. Alexander  
John Wagner  
Clarence M. Bivins  
James J. Wiselogel

**International President**

Guy Gundaker  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**International Convention**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Delegate: Charles A. Burnett

**District Governor**

Arthur H. Sapp (20th)  
Huntington, Indiana

**District Convention**

West Baden and French Lick, Indiana  
February 2 1-22, 1924

**New Members**

Frank J. Cason  
Robert Ferriday  
Ralph M. Mayerstein  
George L. Potter  
George W. Stout  
Bruce M. Warner  
Donald M. Warren

Lafayette Rotary was still young. The meetings, the entertainment, the activities of the Club and of the individual members somehow expressed the spirit of youthfulness.

After the State Championship Corn Judging team put on a demonstration at a meeting Stanley Coulter moved that the Rotary Club vote the members a medal for their fine work.

President Elliott wrote to the Club after its Christmas dinner for the foreign students: "I am certain that Rotary lived one of its ideals through the gathering of last week. This was real service to a group of students well worthy of friendly interest and encouragement."

A Ladies Night in February turkey dinner, and entertainment by the Rotarians themselves. The cast we do not have of "The Tired Business Man."

At the West Baden-French Lick District Conference held on February the 21st and 22nd the attendance reached almost one thousand with Arch Klumph and Everett W. Hill, past and future International Presidents attending.

In May, celebrating Memorial Day, the Club had a large number of Civil War veterans present as' guests, Doctor Perry giving the address of welcome, and Andrew Jackson, a veteran, responding.

One day Frank Best passed the cigars in celebration of his announced future wedding, and Stanley Coulter from week to week continued to give those fine "principles and ideals of Rotary" to the new members.

The steamship Missouri left Michigan City one Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Burnett, Ernest Brown and Charles Webber aboard. From issues of an out-of-print paper the "Indiana Rotary Log" advertised as having the largest floating circulation of any Rotary publication in the world, the story is told of this boat filled with nearly two hundred Indiana Rotarians from forty clubs of the state enroute to the Toronto International Convention. There was the first night when everyone thought they saw an eclipse of the moon. It was only Willis Dye of Kokomo standing on deck as the full moon came up out of the water. There was a two hour stopover at Mackinac Island on Friday evening to allow everyone to stretch their legs, and Charley Webber almost lost the boat. At Port Huron on Saturday Noon there was again a short landing, especially for President-elect Charles Burnett, and in making the run down the Saint Claire River later that same day Ernest was upset, though he claimed to be a sailor of some note—perhaps it was



only Wabash River cat he had experienced up to this time. On Sunday just in time for church the boat docked at Toronto, and to this day Past President Burnett's eyes glitter and shine when he tells about, "the greatest convention Rotary ever had." For some of us this is true in each year of Rotary's life.

1924-1925

#### **Officers**

Charles A. Burnett, President  
James D. Hoffman, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Wallace D. Wolfe, Treasurer  
Harry L. Bryan, Sergeant-at-Arms

#### **Directors**

Larry C. Kigin  
Edward M. Watson  
Wallace D. Wolfe  
Edward L. Pottlitzer  
Bennett Taylor

#### **International President**

Ernest W. Hill  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

#### **International Convention**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Delegate: Ed Pottlitzer

#### **District Governor**

Robert E. Heun (20th)  
Richmond, Indiana

#### **District Convention**

South Bend, Indiana  
February 23-24, 1925

#### **New Members**

Frank E. Lewis  
Harry J. Schilling  
Maurice I. Levy  
William Shipley  
Leslie J. McNair  
Zora M. Smith  
Cecil Ray  
Edward O. Stradling  
Everett L. Austin  
Spencer Carson  
Bert J. Graybill  
James M. Kirkpatrick  
William Wallace  
Jack E. Walters  
Francis D. Watson  
Simeon P. Wolever

Remember this year! The U. S. dirigible, Shenandoah was destroyed; there was an earthquake in Japan, and one in California. A headline in the New York Times read: Hens that Lay Purple Eggs Arrive for Show at Purdue. The Purdue Memorial Union, though incomplete was opened.

Rotary at Lafayette was running smoothly. President Charlie took twenty-two members over to Frankfort one August day for a group picnic. Another day the Club had thirty-six sons of Rotarians as guests at luncheon; and again after the football season was over the Purdue lettermen were guests.

The Club lost one of its past presidents, and a beloved member, Edger Goldsberry.

"I sit alone, and musing fills  
My heart with pain that will not die  
Till once again o'er greener hills  
We ride together, you and I."

How rapidly conditions change is illustrated by a letter from the Wolever Electric Company to Ed Bond stating that, "Our experience in the business district is such that we are unable to have receiving sets that give satisfactory results in hearing programs as distant as South Bend is from Lafayette." However the President, Ed Pottlitzer, Jimmy Hoffman, Chris Stocker, John Wagner, Thomas Moran, Doc. Crockett, Z. M. Smith and Jim Phelan all attended the 20th District Conference at South Bend, and reported a fine program and conference upon their return.

Ed Pottlitzer and the other delegates returned from the 16th International Convention at Cleveland and with glowing accounts, particularly of the great pageant, "Rotary" produced through the generosity of hundreds of citizens of Cleveland, from the scenario written by Rotary's past president, Arch Klumph; a pageant dedicated to "the men who are vitalizing the spirit of service by expressing it in their social, civic and business activities in every part of the world."

Ed also spoke of the opening session at which Dean White of Trinity Cathedral in pronouncing the invocation expressed the idealistic purposes of this convention. Dean White said:

“Strong Master of the hearts of men, be pleased to look upon us who have gathered in this place from the far and the near corners of the earth for the purposes of conference .... imbue us with a world wide sympathy and use us to develop as a fact in our generation that which began as an angel song - - peace on earth, among men of goodwill.”

Approximately five hundred boys and girls of Tippecanoe County, all under eighteen years of age used the Club House during the year.

1925-1926

**Officers**

James D. Hoffman, President  
Wallace D. Wolfe, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Paul A. McLeod, Treasurer  
Simeon Wolever, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Charles A. Burnett  
William Wallace  
Paul A. McLeod  
James Phelan  
Robert Ferriday

**International President**

Donald A. Adams  
New Haven, Connecticut

**International Convention**

Denver, Colorado

**District Governor**

Benjamin Sherwood (20th)  
Bedford, Indiana

**District Convention**

Muncie, Indiana  
February 22-23, 1926

**New Members**

George P. Gregory  
Harry Hollis  
Franklin A. LeMaster  
Sam Loeb  
David D. Robertson  
Ernest H. Schilling  
Rudolph C. Eisenbach  
Ed. L. Erickson  
Bert V. Force  
Edward A. Shriner  
Roger Wood

With three hundred new clubs this year the number throughout the world had reached twenty-four hundred, fifty-seven of these being in Indiana.

A group picnic at Lebanon was well attended; and then there was the Christmas party with "Sam" Souders a real Santa Claus creating much fun. One day Dean Coulter, Stanley we should say, presented Levi Oppenheimer with a cake and a Rotary pin, symbolic of his "steenth" anniversary and of his good attendance at Rotary; and a few weeks later Levi returned the compliment by distributing neckties to the Rotarians.

Throughout these first ten years of Rotary life at Lafayette Stanley Coulter had stood out as one of the most active members, and in his interpretations of Rotary's ideals and aspirations he had done much, very much for the Club. To do him honor the Club made him an honorary member.

That Rotary Park was being used extensively is evidenced by a report in the late summer which showed that twenty-two groups totaling over five hundred children had been at the camp. A letter from the Tippecanoe Tuberculosis Association to President Hoffman thanking the club for the use of Rotary Park stated that the average gain of the thirty-two boys and the twenty-seven girls at the camp for a three week period was five and one quarter pounds.

A good delegation, led by Ed Pottlitzer, Group Representative of State Group Number Five reported the Muncie 20th District Conference one of the best in Indiana Rotary's history.

The Club staged a Lafayette-Tippecanoe County Centennial dinner in the Fall, attended by Centennial officers, presidents of the various luncheon clubs of the city, and Rotarians and guests from out of town. Dr. Moran introduced several distinguished guests, among them Indiana's Governor Ed Jackson, U.S. Senator James E. Watson, U.S. Representative W. R. Wood and ex-Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan. Dean Coulter introduced a number of "old timers," among them Mr. C. C. Digby and Dr. J. W. Digby. Harry Schilling was Chairman of the Program Committee of this affair with President Hoffman presiding.

Some one must have attended the Denver Convention for we found a torn letter addressed to Robert Ferriday, a letter with the following story but with the signature gone:

“There was a great spectacle in the Stadium with over two thousand participants—Zuni, Navajo and Blackfoot Indians; Boy Scouts; a great chorus from many local clubs; high school cadets; and the United States Cavalry and National Guard mounted troops. Those of us who saw the Black Horse Troop and the Mounted Band file down the mountain side, and sweep up to the stands with their sabers drawn and yelling as only troopers of the West can yell, and then the field all darkened—well, we’ll remember it as long as we live.”

1926-1927

### **Officers**

Wallace D. Wolfe, President  
Harry J. Schilling, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
William Wallace, Treasurer  
William O'Rear, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

James D. Hoffman  
Frank Timberlake  
William Wallace  
Cecil Ray  
Bert Graybill

### **International President**

Harry H. Rogers  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **International Convention**

Ostend, Belgium

### **District Governor**

William Barr (20th)  
Bluffton, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1927

### **New Members**

Harry Ainsworth  
Richard E. Currey  
Henry R. Kraybill  
Clarence Munger  
Ralph H. Schaupp  
Lester E. Singer

This was the year Colonel Lindberg crossed the Atlantic in "The Spirit of St. Louis." This was the year the International Convention was held at Ostend, Belgium. Fifteen years before Lafayette Rotary was celebrating its silver anniversary, Belgium, recovered from its barbaric invaders, was entertaining in a wonderfully happy manner seven thousand Rotarians and their friends from every corner of the world. It was an inspiring sight to see those three thousand Americans in six great Cunarders from America following one behind another, a mile long, sailing past Dover and across the Channel to little liberty loving Belgium.

Sunday was a day of rest, and of strolling up and down the three mile beach, and of visits to many points of interest.

King Albert, who had been made an honorary member by the San Francisco Rotary Club when he visited the United States, spoke on the opening day, and later had lunch with a group of many Rotarians.

International President-elect Arthur Sapp of Huntington, Indiana, spoke of the organization of clubs in Germany, which when done would leave, he said, "only Russia without Rotary Clubs."

This was the picture, one of the smallest countries in all the world; in size that of our own Rotary District, Number 155, one third of the state of Indiana; with a population of only twice that of our state, host to the peoples of forty-three countries. A recovered, happy Belgium; the world at peace; Rotary spreading throughout the land. Fifteen years hence would see Belgium again conquered by the same barbaric hordes, their people slaves, their cities devastated, hunger stalking not only their land but all of their liberty loving neighboring countries, and Rotary's Conventions unable to be held outside of the North American continent.

At the District Assembly of Club Presidents and Secretaries held in September, 1926, Chairman Floyd of the Indiana Rotary Riley Hospital Committee reported that subscriptions then totaled \$230,120.50 and urged that a special effort be made to obtain the pledges for the balance remaining, about twenty thousand dollars.

The Club granted three Winter Course scholarships to students at Purdue University, having adopted the Rural-Urban Relations Committee Plan. This plan, the idea of Orson Lloyd, Charlie Burnett and others was first to create greater interest in Corn Club work, second to provide funds for scholarships to the eight weeks agricultural course at Purdue University.

1927-1928

**Officers**

Harry J. Schilling, President  
George L. Roberts, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Edward W. Korty, Treasurer  
Bert V. Force, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Edward W. Korty  
Spencer Carson  
Orson G. Lloyd  
Bruce Warner  
Wallace Wolfe

**International President**

Arthur H. Sapp  
Huntington, Indiana

**International Convention**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Delegate: George Roberts

**District Governor**

Charles O. Grafton, (20th)  
Muncie, Indiana

**District Convention**

West Baden, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1928

**New Members**

Earl Cass  
Howard E. Enders  
Harry I. Metzger  
William Zimmerman

This was the year that Rotary entered Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay, South America. The year Rotary went to Germany, clubs being organized at Hamburg, Frankfurt-am-Main and Cologne, three thousand of them the world over now.

Already Frank Riedel was beginning to get perfect attendance medals and pins. Knute Rockne was the guest speaker one Tuesday, and another time it was Mr. Insull on "Utilities."

At the District Conference held at West Baden a new Indiana Rotary-Riley hospital committee was named with Robert E. Huen of Richmond, chairman. This committee worked until the goal of two hundred and fifth thousand dollars was reached and exceeded. Ten past District Governors and many International officers attended this conference.

The club now had a membership of eighty.

In August, perhaps for the first time, the club held a meeting at Camp Cary.

George Roberts, Bruce Warner and Charley Burnett attended the International Convention at Minneapolis and George in making his report spoke of the two addresses made by International President Arthur Sapp, the one in which he spoke of the growth in numbers and in nations and in objects; and the other in which he welcomed the clubs in countries into which Rotary had gone during the past year. Answering President Sapp in the latter address of welcome was Rotarian Wilhelm Cuno, Chancellor of Germany in 1922 and 1923, who said: "I studied Rotary's organization, system and principles; they are so sound and so necessary for every human being, for nations and for continents, and, more than that, they are the only successful remedy for a suffering world, that I decided to support Rotary by founding the first Rotary Club at Hamburg."

Charley Burnett spoke quite at length at the Assembly on International Trade Relations, the assembly presided over by Nils Parmann of the Oslo, Norway, Rotary Club. Rotarian Parmann at this most interesting group meeting spoke of the national characteristics of his people, a silent and retiring disposition, and the great change Rotary made to him and to many other Norwegians. Also, in bringing to the Convention the greetings of the Rotarians from Suomi—Finland we call it—he said: "It is a beautiful country with an interesting people, fond of their land, the land of a thousand lakes."

1928-1929

### **Officers**

George L. Roberts, President  
Bruce M. Warner, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Frank P. Riedel, Treasurer  
William Zimmerman, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Llewellyn V. Ludy  
Paul A. McLeod  
Frank P. Riedel  
Ed L. Erickson  
Harry J. Schilling

### **International President**

I. B. Sutton  
Tampico, Mexico

### **International Convention**

Dallas, Texas  
Delegate: Edward W. Korty

### **District Governor**

Worth W. Pepple, (20th)  
Michigan City, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Terre Haute, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1929

### **New Members**

William Collinge  
Frank P. Cullinan  
Kendall F. Dickinson  
Robert C. Irby  
W. A. Bevan  
Harold A. Bullard  
Charles E. Craw  
John E. McMahon, Jr.  
James Kirby Risk  
Floyd T. Romberger

This was the year sixty-two of the leading countries of the world made a pledge renouncing war. This was the year Commander Byrd made a flight over the South Pole from Little America.

Many interesting speakers the members of the Club listened to, but perhaps the most unusual program was that presented by Dean Enders, "Pictures of Rotarians in their younger days." Yes, Lafayette Rotary was growing up, but not yet had it reached that age which that disquieting name the local Kiwanis Club was to give it in the next decade.

Frank Riedel now had attended eight years without missing a single meeting. One day Llewellyn Ludy passed around the cigars. Another day Bob Heun told of forty-six children from Tippecanoe County during the past four years using the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital, and the local committee reported that the Club pledges were coming in almost one hundred percent.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Korty attended the International Convention held at Dallas, and to this day when one speaks of Dallas to Ed his eyes shine and he gets all excited and tells us of that enormous crowd of twelve thousand people filling the State Fair Park Stadium; of the beautiful Grecian temple with those long staircases leading to an enchanting garden wherein lay a huge Rotary wheel on a revolving base; of the drum-call and the blast of trumpets and then the entrance of each country—its flag with eight attendants in the costume of the land, and its national anthem playing, and then the United States followed by the "Spirit of Dixie"; of the glorious garden sparkling with golden fountains, and fireworks displaying their welcome; and of the entire week of the most cordial and hospitable entertainment.

President Tom Sutton closed his Presidential address with a quotation which is so true to life; especially to those who have attended a great international convention in a foreign country does this seem true:

"If you walk as a friend you will find a friend wherever you choose to fare;  
If you go with mirth to a far strange land you will find that mirth is there;  
For the strange part of this queer old world is that like will join with like,  
And who walks for love with his fellow man an answering love will strike.  
If you walk in honor then honest men will meet you along the way;  
But if you be false you will find men false wherever you chance to stray;  
For good breeds good and bad breeds bad, we are met by the traits we show,  
Love will find a friend at the stranger's door where hate will find a foe."





1929-1930

**Officers**

Edward W. Korty, President  
Edward L. Erickson, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Ralph Schaupp, Treasurer  
Charles E. Craw, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

George L. Roberts  
Nelson F. Kellogg  
Ralph Schaupp  
Edward A. Shriner  
Howard E. Enders

**International President**

M. Eugene Newsom  
Durham, North Carolina

**International Convention**

Chicago, Illinois  
Delegate: Edward L. Erickson

**District Governor**

Leslie C. Sammons (20th)  
Shelbyville, Indiana

**District Convention**

West Baden, Indiana  
February 19-20, 1930

**New Members**

Rex W. Ball  
O. M. Booher  
Joseph Callahan  
C. Ross Dean  
George Haskins  
Arthur H. Lange  
Erston L. Marshall  
Earl T. Martineau  
John C. Ralston  
George A. Sanford  
Lloyd M. Valleley  
T. Fred Williams

This was the year Sam Loeb had a new daughter, and Ed Pottlitzer became a Granddad. This was the year the last French soldiers left Germany, Rotary entered Morocco, Hong Kong and the Straits Settlements.

What is a Rotary Club? It is just a group of men who meet once a week, eat and run? Do they just listen to a lot of stories and smoke a lot of cigars? So often have we heard this, we give here a cross section taken from the Secretary's diary. Speakers on such subjects as - The American Legion and Its Work; Conservation in Indiana; Banking; Buying and Selling Relations; Cost of Medical Care; Purdue Football Prospects; The Making of Wills; Medicine and Surgery; A Trip Through the Orient; The Work of the Probation Officer, The R.O.T.C.; The New Europe; The Debt We Owe Electricity; Our State Highways; The Romance of the Tippecanoe; Rural Developments; The Disarmament Conference; Character Building; Life and Health; The Constitution; The King Can Do No Wrong; Why Men Fail; and many musical programs.

The Club had the winners of the High School Oratorical Contest as their guests; and then it was the Foreign Students of Purdue University. At one meeting with Dean Shoemaker the speaker, the Club entertained the daughters of Rotarians, and then it was the two High School football squads. There was a model airplane flying demonstration, and moving pictures of science, of technology and of travel. Past International President Allen Albert spoke to the Club one noon, and a Captain Cook and a Colonel Lieber. Governor Sammons addressed the Club as did members of the Purdue University faculty, doctors and social workers, politicians and ministers, engineers and business men, Hi-Y boys and Corn Club winners, and many members of the Club itself.

The Club bought pictures for the two High Schools; they equipped a room of the new Cary Children's Home at an expense of three hundred dollars; they presented George Roberts with a past-president's pin; they expended a considerable sum for the children's camp at Rotary Park; they had their regular Easter Egg hunt for the youngsters at the park; they spent money for the upkeep of Rotary Park; and there was the Christmas party with the many presents for the youngsters; there was the presentation of the Memorial Tablet of Doctor Thomas Moran; and one day they clothed a needy boy from head to foot.

The Club observed Memorial Day with a speaker from the Soldiers' Home; they listened to "Little Buffalo" around the campfire at Rotary Park; they visited the Ross Sanitarium, and there was the installation of the new officers at the West Lafayette Country Club. Harry Schilling was appointed Chairman of the April Fool program, and one day, it was January the 14th the record reads, "Ladies Night at Lincoln Lodge. Drowned out."

The District Assembly was at Lebanon with the District Conference again at West Baden. The Bloomfield Club attended one hundred percent. Later in the year Governor Sammons named an Advisory Committee for the Indiana Rotary Convalescent Home at the Riley Hospital. The Committee, Robert Heun, Chairman, Mr. Grafton of Muncie, Mr. Sherwood of Bedford, the District Governor and the President of the Indianapolis Club.

On April 28th the cornerstone of the Home was laid with Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary, and Ches Perry, Rotary's International Secretary, present.

The Chicago Rotary Club, Number One, founded in 1905, was host to the Twenty-first Convention, the Silver Anniversary of Rotary's birth. Delegates from the Lafayette Club were Ed Kory, Charles Burnett, Wallace Wolf and Ed Ericksen. Of the seventy-five District Governors in the Rotary World seventy attended the International Assembly the week preceding the Convention. Ed Ericksen called it the greatest that Rotary had ever had; Charles Burnett compared it favorable with his supreme Toronto Convention and the Great Lakes boat trip, and Wallace Wolf came back and could not stop talking about it. His favorite quotation was one Mr. Wu of Shanghai used. Here it is, and how true of Rotary's ideals:

"How can you, friend? the Swedish say; The Dutch, "How do you fare?"

"How do you have yourself today?" Has quite a Polish air.

In Italy, "How do you stand?"

Will greet you every hour.

In Turkey when one takes your hand, "Be under God's great power."

"How do you carry you?" is heard When Frenchmen so inquire;

While Egypt's friendly greeting word Is "How do you perspire?"

"Thin may thy shadow never grow", The Persian wish is true;

His Arab cousin, bowing low

Says, "Praise God. How are you?"

But oldest of them all is when Two Chinese meet, for thrice,

They shake their own two hands, and then Ask, "Have you eaten rice?"

There was that wonderful historical assembly staged in the Chicago stadium with twenty thousand spectators. Ed Ericksen told the club about it, and about the great silver birthday cake which was transformed into an enormous Rotary wheel.

1930-1931

**Officers**

Ed L. Erickson, President (July-Aug)  
K. F. Dickinson, Vice Pres. (July-Aug)  
K. F. Dickinson, President (Sept-June)  
Z. M. Smith, Vice President (Sept-June)  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Lester E. Singer, Treasurer  
Charles E. Craw, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Frank Cason  
Howard E. Enders  
Edward W. Korty  
L. V. Ludy  
Lester E. Singer

**International President**

Almon E. Roth  
Palo Alto, California

**International Convention**

Vienna, Austria

**District Governor**

William F. Hodges (20th)  
Gary, Indiana

**District Convention**

Michigan City, Indiana  
May 13-14, 1931

**New Members**

Victor L. Albjerg  
Franklin M. Cary  
Jay C. Gorls  
G. Stanley Meikle  
Leonard L. Nesbit  
Paul Rostov  
Vern Schuessler  
R. Norris Shreve  
Donald A. Stock  
Robert C. E. Wallace  
Roy Wallace  
Kenneth Workhoff  
Jesse W. Young

The Annual Assembly was held in July at Crawfordsville with a delightful banquet one evening at the Country Club.

Rotary spread to Poland this year making thirty-five hundred clubs throughout the world.

This was the year that "Certain groups within our Club look with disfavor on International relationship matters and subjects that have to do with peace movements and disarmaments."

The District Conference was at Michigan City in May, and in this same month the Club held its fifteenth anniversary banquet at Lincoln Lodge. Special guests of the Club were its Honorary members, Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Dean Stanley Coulter, Dr. David E. Ross and Dr. D. L. Ross; Presidents of the Crawfordsville and Frankfort Clubs; District Governor William Hodges; and the Presidents of eight of the luncheon and civic clubs of Lafayette. President Dickinson introduced Dr. L. M. Ellis, Dean Stanley Coulter and Nelson Kellogg as speakers of the evening.

There were several "dinners of soup" during the winter, with the difference given to the unemployed. Frank M. Cary was elected an Honorary member. Steve Hannigan spoke at a very fine meeting, and another time John Scott, charter member of the New York Club, gave a most interesting travel talk, "A Visit to Britain." Often during the year contributions were taken for the unemployed, for French relief, for further equipment at the Cary home and to help a young boy finish his school year.

The Club cooperated with the Tuberculosis Association in the Fresh Air Camp at Rotary Park. They sent a champion high school drummer boy to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a delegate to the Cleveland Crippled Children's Conference. There was the regular Easter egg Hunt for the youngsters; and a combined Ladies Night and Installation of Officers was held at Lincoln Lodge.

1931-1932

**Officers**

Howard E. Enders, President  
T. Fred Williams, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Bert Force, Treasurer  
Jesse W. Young, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Bert Force  
George Haskins  
Ernest Schilling  
Z. M. Smith

**International President**

Sydney W. Pascall  
London, England

**International Convention**

Seattle, Washington  
Delegate: Howard E. Enders

**District Governor**

John H. Beeson (20th)  
Crawfordsville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 22-23, 1932

**New Members**

Cable G. Ball  
Kenneth C. Boxell  
Richard L. Holden  
Randolph Mitchell  
Elliott H. Parfitt  
David L. Ross  
Generose M. Stronk

Both the Executive Conference and a Rotary Outing were held in August, the latter at the Lafayette Country Club. A trip to the Zoo at Columbian Park for the children; luncheon, cafeteria style; tennis and bridge for the ladies; swimming, horseshoes and golf for the men; with flying for all; and a chicken dinner at six.

In November the Indiana Rotary Riley Convalescent Home of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children was dedicated.

One day Paul Harris and Governor Beeson visited the Club, both speaking; and the following week almost the entire Club membership went down to Indianapolis for the District Conference.

The Club was now meeting at Lincoln Lodge on the North River Road during the summer and at the Lahr Hotel for the winter months.

At a Joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club in March Past International President Sapp was the speaker, and the following week President Edward Elliott addressed the Club.

Howard Enders, on his return from the Seattle International Convention, had much to say. He recalled the Presidential address in which Sydney Pascall told of his extensive travels, giving us the following words: "The first time I came to the United States to attend our Directors meeting and to address many of the inter-city meetings, I was met at my New York hotel by a squad of police. There was a motorcyclist with a loud bell, many motorcyclist with shrill sirens. My chauffeur had a policeman by his side. They took us through the streets at a breakneck speed; we passed through red lights over white lines; we held up traffic; we shot through here and around this corner on two wheels; we cut in and we broke every known traffic rule and regulation; we dashed through the Hudson tunnel at twice the speed rigid regulations called for. One of my American companions said, 'We are so glad we came; we never could have had this thrill otherwise.'"

Then President Pascall went on to relate many most interesting stories of his trips in Africa, in India, in New Zealand and in many other countries. Gandhi's niece entertained them in India with dried fruits and goat's milk. "We approached Bombay at early morning's dawn. We have been into seven of the most beautiful harbors of the world." He described the Bombay Rotary Club: Four Mohammedans; seven Hindus; five Jews; five Swiss; two Swedes; one Japanese; two Americans and sixty-nine British. The thing that impressed him was the difference of the life from that of America, and of Europe and even of Africa, yet the adaptability of Rotary.

Howard told of the House of Friendship with its thousands of fir trees, and their sweet odor. Of the cedar logs and cedar shingles giving the vast arena floor a log cabin effect. He spoke of the hundreds of "courtesy" cars ever ready to take you wherever you wished to go.

He told of the illumination, a group of big fir trees sprayed with metallic paint so that they glittered like silver, and of the colored floodlights playing on them to make of them enormous Christmas trees of glittering tinsel. He told of the rhododendrons, thousands of them and of the other beautiful mountain flowers. It was the height of the rose season, and roses were everywhere. Bouquets of fresh flowers every day for all of the visiting ladies.

Howard spoke of the address of Mrs. James W. Davidson, the Mrs. Davidson whose husband had done so much to spread Rotary throughout the East. We are going to quote from this address, "Trailing Along Through Asia," and it is of the women of that great continent she speaks:

"The Turkish women voluntarily threw back their concealing veils and for the first time in history, with faces bare, stepped out into the public streets. With velvety black eyes beneath gauzy turbans, they were irresistible. Nudity does not mean indecency. The Balinese woman, pure and chaste, bare from the waist up, carries herself like a queen. Distinguished in appearance, often handsome, the women of Athens are nearly all intellectual and well informed, seldom speaking less than four languages. The Parsee ladies, often very handsome, and exceptionally intelligent flit about the streets like lovely butterflies in their becoming saris. We visited a Sinhalese gentleman. His wife, a plump, motherly little soul, greeted us dressed in her native costume, tight silk sarong and spotless white muslin basque. She talked of her two sons who were attending Oxford. The cute, bob haired, often pretty Chinese women of Hong Kong and Shanghai, in their attractive costumes of silk or brocade are now seen on the streets with their husbands. The gentle, dignified, sweet little ladies of Japan still cling to their kimonos for they are delightfully picturesque in them. Now the lesson in all this mingling with Turks, Egyptians, Arabs, Persians, Indian Moslems, Hindus, Burmese, Japanese, Malays, Siamese, Chinese, Japanese and Europeans resident in the East is that, with each nationality, one finds some virtues that we and the others lack. No nation and no race has a monopoly of all that is good or desirable. None a monopoly of all the defects. If an Asiatic irritates us, we irritate him to the same degree, only he is generally too courteous to show it. We of the West in our inter-racial contacts, are often lacking in the good manners that many Asiatics possess."

1932-1933

**Officers**

T. Fred Williams, President  
O. M. Booher, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
C. Ross Dean, Treasurer

**Directors**

C. Ross Dean  
Chris Stocker  
Ernest Schilling  
Arthur Lange

**International President**

Clinton P. Anderson  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**International Convention**

Boston, Massachusetts

**District Governor**

Carl Bimel (20th)  
Portland, Indiana

**District Convention**

Evansville, Indiana  
May 17-18, 1933

**New Members**

Howard M. Baldwin  
George C. Brandenburg  
James L. Cattell  
William W. Crooker  
S. C. Hollister  
Thomas Roberts  
John R. Stemm

This was the year the German Reichstag building in Berlin was destroyed by fire; the year the United States Marines left Nicaragua, and the year of the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Rising Sun, Indiana, joined Rotary.

The Club had one of its August luncheons at the Boy Scout camp, Camp Cary; and this was to become an annual affair.

Dick Holden, returning from the Channel Islands, told the Club about beautiful Guernsey and Jersey; and Norris Shreve of his experiences in California. John Stemm and Jimmy Cattell became members and there was "the last day of Nelson Kellogg." How rapidly the Club changes even the meager records show.

On the first Sunday in April the Club attended Trinity Church in a body, this to honor its President, the Reverend Fred Williams. Even those who usually played golf, fished or worked with the Salvation Army, were among the attendants.

In June Bob Heun of Richmond opened the 24th International Convention at Boston, Massachusetts. This was a most successful convention; the attendance large, with delegates from fifty-seven countries, the widest representation ever reached at any convention; the entertainment unusually fine; and the accomplishments most worth while.

Every convention has its House of Friendship where Rotarians meet each other, rest, and receive the hundred and one services furnished by the officers of the convention. Here in Boston Rotarians met in the huge Mechanics Hall, a masterpiece of the mid-Victorian Era. The age old walls outside were decorated with flags and banners, the interior in blue and silver with great panels of paintings of various scenes typical of different parts of the United States—the wheat fields of the West, the deserts of the Southwest, the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas, the cotton fields of the South, and the sky line of Boston. A forest of blossom laden branches with Apple Blossom Allee down the center. Several of the Cape Cod clubs had built a replica of a two hundred year old Cape Cod cottage, and there was an exquisite miniature reproduction of the Massachusetts State House with its gilded dome, a masterpiece of Bullfinch architecture. Surrounding this a miniature Beacon Hill with typical New England picket fences and hedges.

Then there was the glorious boat ride in six excursion boats one hot afternoon and evening, followed by dancing and fireworks.

International Night found hundreds of New Englanders dressed in the garb of their Puritan and Pilgrim ancestors.

Yes, the setting of these Conventions is something to talk about and remember all of one's lifetime.



1933-1934

### **Officers**

O. M. Booher, President  
Cable G. Ball, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Leonard L. Nesbit, Treasurer  
Samuel E. Souders, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Leonard L. Nesbit  
William W. Crooker  
Erston L. Marshall  
T. Fred Williams  
Jack E. Walters

### **International President**

John Nelson  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

### **International Convention**

Detroit, Michigan  
Delegate: Ernest R. Brown

### **District Governor**

Oscar H. Cravens (20th)  
Bloomington, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Bloomington, Indiana  
May 17-18, 1934

### **New Members**

John C. Burkle  
John H. Gilpin  
Charles B. Jordan  
Lloyd W. Josselyn  
Basil Roney  
Albert P. Stewart

Time marches on. King Albert who entertained Rotary International so royally at Ostend only seven short years ago, was killed by a fall while mountain climbing. Italy had commenced her war of conquest with Ethiopia. Unrest was in the air. Only one new country joined Rotary, little Iceland.

This was a singing year for the Club. Perhaps never had the members enjoyed so much music as "O.M." gave it. One week it was the Purdue Quartette, then music from the children of the Knights of Pythias. Another time it was the Dayton Girls Musical Organization introduced by Jack Ralston, and again the Purdue Woman's Club Ensemble introduced by Jimmy Cattell. Al Stewart twice brought some of his singers out to Lincoln Lodge, and once Spotts Emrick entertained with pieces from the Purdue Band. The Club helped the West Lafayette Band financially and in return they rendered a musical program as a sort of a "thank you."

At the Birthday Party in February Dean Coulter spoke with that sincere idealistic spirit of his, and the response was made by beloved Jimmy Hoffman.

There was a most interesting meeting at the Peerless Wire Works in May as the guests of Jim Wiseloge and Ernest Schilling; and the usual installation of the new officers the following month.

Ernest Brown in his report of the Detroit International Convention spoke of the concert of the Chrysler Motor Company's two hundred employees; of the Davidson memorial and the fine tribute Allen D. Albert paid to this Rotarian, James W. Davidson who did so much and gave so much to make Rotary truly international in far corners of the world.

Ernest quoted at length from the address of International President John Nelson, somewhat as follows: "Whenever nations are in distrust or fear of one another, Rotary has its greatest challenge and its greatest opportunity. Concern was felt by all of us, and perhaps for the first time a Rotary International officer, your President, visited parts of the Rotary world to imbibe knowledge rather than to give knowledge. Twice I visited Europe, and once Northern Africa and Asia Minor. We often speak of how Rotary can express itself in so many cultural forms. This is true of religion as well. When one watches the adoration of the Musselman in St. Sophia, of the Roman Catholic in the marvelous extent of St. Peters, of the Englishman in the hushed silence of the Abbey which makes us WE, one realizes how comforting every religion is to its devotees."

1934-1935

### **Officers**

Cable G. Ball, President  
C. Francis Harding, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Frank P. Riedel, Treasurer

### **Directors**

Frank P. Riedel  
George C. Brandenburg  
James L. Cattell  
John R. Stemm  
O. M. Booher

### **International President**

Robert E. Lee Hill  
Columbia, Missouri

### **International Convention**

Mexico City, Mexico  
Delegate: C. Francis Harding

### **District Governor**

Raymond E. Willis (20th)  
Angola, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Gary, Indiana  
May 16-17, 1935

### **New Members**

Robert P. Long  
Fred Meyers  
John A. Palmer  
Herman H. Remmers

What happened in the world this year: The Saar Territory returned to Germany; President Von Hindenburg's death followed by Adolph Hitler becoming Leader-Chancellor. Here in Lafayette Rotary good George Brandenburg died suddenly. Dean Enders entertained one day with his South American travels, and a large group drove down to Turkey Run for an Inter-city meeting. "Mort" Templeton was Santa Claus for the Cary Home Children's' Christmas Party, Governor Ray Willis, later to become U.S. Senator, paid his annual visit, and in the Spring all the luncheon clubs held a special joint meeting to hear "Smokey Rogers." With the warm weather a most successful Ladies Night and Installation of Officers followed.

The Gary District Conference was attended by ten members and several Anns. An unusual entertaining feature was the ride on open railroad coal cars, but cars spotlessly clean, which took the Rotarians and their guests through the extensive steel plants, with short walking trips to rail mills, blast furnaces, and sheet mills.

President-elect Francis Harding went down into Mexico in June for the 26th Annual International Convention, the first to be held in a Latin American country. The Convention Auditorium, Francis told us on his return, was the beautiful Palace of Fine Arts in the center Plaza of Mexico City. Fresh flowers by the thousands were woven daily into banks and bands, vying in color with the many flags of all nations.

A Presidential Ball at one of these Rotary Conventions is a lovely and breath taking affair, and certainly it was so here according to Francis' report. From six to seven thousand people enjoyed dancing in two wing like rooms on either side of a huge fountain centered hall. In each room were two orchestras so that there was not a single instant when one could not dance. Then there was the Special Ladies Entertainment. On Thursday afternoon this was held at the Feria Ranchera for the thousand and more visiting ladies. All the Mexican ladies were dressed in their traditional costume "china pobla na," and society girls danced the various Mexican dances. Francis reported that even the oldest Rotarians, for a number of the men slipped away from their group meetings to be with the ladies, "fell" for these charming and beautiful señoritas. Rurales in huge grey felt sombreros and red serapes, and firemen in brilliant uniform and nickel plated helmets added color to an already colorful and brilliant affair.

Then there was the tour Francis took one day out of Mexico City over some dirt roads; there was rain and all sorts of incidents, almost accidents. Which gave thrills galore to one used to the good Indiana highways.

1935-1936

**Officers**

C. Francis Harding, President  
John R. Stemm, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Herman H. Remmers, Treasurer

**Directors**

Herman H. Remmers  
Fred L. Alexander  
Charles B. Jordan  
Lloyd W. Josselyn  
Cable G. Ball

**International President**

Ed R. Johnson  
Roanoke, Virginia

**International Convention**

Atlantic City, N. I.  
Delegate: John R. Stemm

**District Governor**

J. Ralph Thompson (20th)  
Seymour, Indiana

**District Convention**

Lafayette, Indiana  
May 12-13, 1936

**New Members**

Etheridge B. Baugh  
Carlos Brewer  
Brenton A. DeVol  
Clarence R. Grogan  
Arthur Lahr  
Harrison McDonald  
Herman M. Messing  
Louis M. Sears  
William M. Reser  
Edgar C. Schroyer  
R. C. Singer  
Frank Watson

Sometimes it's the bad things we remember. This year there were severe storms with great loss of life in Florida and the Indies; Will Rogers and Wiley Post were instantly killed in a plane accident up in Alaska; the Lindbergs left the United States to live in Wales; King George V died, followed by successor renouncing the throne; war in Spain commenced; and unrest was in the air. But brighter things there were. President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Bill, and here in Lafayette Rotary passed through one of its good years.

An early visit from Governor Thompson; a good steak fry at Rotary Park; an interesting and pleasant trip to Cary Camp; and the regular Christmas party for the Cary Home children. Eth Baugh was elected to membership. Doc Ellis told about his visit to the Paris Rotary Club, and when Congressman Halleck spoke both the Democrats and the Republicans were happy. Frank Hargrave told about his hot baths in Japan, and funds were collected for the Will Rogers Memorial.

There was a most interesting series of historical addresses: Elmer Waters, "Early Settlers of Tippecanoe County;" Doctor Reser, "Erie and Wabash Canal;" Mrs. C. W. Kern, "The Early History of the Wabash Valley;" Richard Sample, "Industrial Lafayette in the Early Days;" and Mrs. H. Y. Pollock, "History and the Art Museum."

Outstanding in President Harding's administration was the very successful District Conference. With President Francis as Host and Governor Ralph as Chief of Conference, Rotarians from all over the state assembled for a two day series of conferences, luncheons and entertainment, and a grand banquet and ball. Perhaps the greatest value resulting from such an assembly to the Host Club is the bringing together of the Club's members and the club's acquaintanceship formed by these men working together. For example, Francis had the following organization: Fred Alexander, General Chairman; O. M. Booher, Conference Secretary; Roy McQueen, Treasurer, Kirby Risk and ten members the Reception Committee; Ed Korty and four Rotarians the Publicity Committee; "Jack" Palmer and six "live wires" the Entertainment Committee; Lloyd Josselyn and Elliott Parfitt with ten daughters of Rotarians, the Registration Committee; Chris Stocker with two assistants the Hotel Committee; "Ken" Dickenson and two Rotarian stars the Golf Committee; and James Hoffman with three other members the Decorations Committee. Art Lang took care of Transportation with the help of four Rotarians; and Al Stewart assisted by three had charge of the Music. Then there was "Jack" Ralston and three Rotarians for the Public Speaking Contest; and Dean

Jordan with his three Purdue Rotary assistants for Meeting Halls; Cable Ball and two "Chefs" had the Dinners and Luncheons and Ernest Brown with five Rotarians tried to handle management of the Boy Scouts. Wallace Wolfe with five Rotaryans, claimed he had the prize assignment, that of working with the Arms for the interest of the Ladies.

1936-1937

**Officers**

John R. Stemm, President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Frank P. Riedel, Treasurer

**Directors**

Brenton A. DeVol  
Andrey A. Potter  
John Palmer  
J. E. Walters  
John C. Burkle

**International President**

Will R. Manier, Jr.  
Nashville, Tennessee

**International Convention**

Nice, France  
Delegate: Lloyd W. Josselyn

**District Governor**

C. Seymour Bullock (20th)  
South Bend, Indiana

**District Convention**

Fort Wayne, Indiana  
May 3-4, 1937

**New Members**

Charles B. Aiken  
C. Floyd Brunton  
Charles P. Callahan  
Frank S. Crockett  
Andrew Fried  
Alpha B. Gray  
Byron B. Grubb  
Clarence I. Kingery  
Paul F. Royster  
Melvin H. Taube  
Edmund L. Van Buskirk  
James E. Williams

By unanimous vote of the Rotaryans of the Lafayette Rotary Club John Stemm's administration was pronounced a banner year. The reason—John had a Ladies Night on October 20th with Dean Enders, Cable Ball and Ken Dickinson in charge; John had a Ladies Night in February, a most successful affair with the ladies presenting the entire program; John had a Ladies Night in June with the Club entertaining the Attica-Williamsport Rotarians and their Anns.

At John's first meeting Fred Alexander presented the Club with new song books; and at the following meeting President John introduced his hand shaking stunt—a half dollar for the unknown numbered handshake. Never before or since have Rotarians shaken each others hands as they did this year.

Good programs followed successively throughout the year. Harry Crane came over from Frankfort one week; Dean Potter introduced his daughter who spoke on the "Youth Movement"; Eth Baugh and Taube began their annual grid views, Doctor Sears happily entertained the Club Thanksgiving week and Gordon Enders told of his work in China with the Grand Lama of Tibet.

The Club entertained the Foreign Students twice during the year; they had a Farmers' Day with each member host to farmer; there was the usual Short Course Agricultural boys report and the Christmas party for the Cary Home Children.

In July the Club voted to electrify Rotary Park, having been advised that in the near future the United States Rural Electrification would cover this district.

President John worked hard and successfully in the organization of the Attica Williamsport Club. Twice he took delegations to Attica and many times he went there alone. We remember one conference there with an International Secretary and several Lafayette Rotarians when President John became so absorbed in his problem that he used his dish of apple-butter for an ash tray, much of his distaste of the Corona-Corona.

The District Conference was held at Fort Wayne with President John and Mrs. Stemm, Andrew Fried, Eth Baugh, Lloyd Josselyn and several others in attendance. President John attended the Atlantic City International Convention the month preceding his inauguration, and rumor has it that he often visited the

Council on Legislation and carefully listened to its deliberations. Three years later, if he could have looked ahead, he would be one of the Council, for as Governor of a District he would take part in its work.

1937-1938

**Officers**

Lloyd W. Josselyn, President  
Frank B. Timberlake, Vice President  
Ernest R. Brown, Secretary  
Alpha B. Gray, Treasurer

**Directors**

James Wiselogel  
Alpha B. Gray  
Albert P. Stewart  
Herman M. Messing

**International President**

Maurice Duperrey  
Paris, France

**International Convention**

San Francisco, California  
Delegate: Frank B. Timberlake

**District Governor**

A. Elliston Cole (155th)  
Bloomington, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 21-22, 1938

**New Members**

Ronald H. Bauman  
Charles W. Beese  
Charles S. Blakely  
Edwin R. Clegg  
George E. Davis  
Floyd R. Eastwood  
Eric A. Holm  
Frederick P. Knight  
Edward T. Stahl  
Elmer R. Waters

Rotary and its International aspect was stressed throughout this year, perhaps not only on account of the disturbed world conditions, but also because Maurice Duperrey of Paris, France, was Rotary's International President, and because Governor King Cole, President Joss, Rotarian Ernest Schilling and Rotaryann Schilling attending the Nice Convention, then traveled all over Europe and Britain, and returned filled with Rotary's International spirit and ideals.

President Joss arrived home in July for the second meeting of the year, and presented his report of the Convention, and two weeks later Ernest and Rotaryann Schilling gave the Club a fine moving picture program of their trip, Ernest operating the machine and Mrs. Schilling telling the story.

Later in the year Miss Moll of Austria spoke on World Peace; Professor Frank Ball on World Affairs; Rabbi Garry on Hunger in Europe; H. G. Reisner on Europe Today; and John Streismann on Germany. A number of the foreign students were inducted into the Club as Student Guests, and two programs on Chinese Education and Culture were given by Chinese students.

In July John Stemm was appointed Group Representative, which resulted through his fine work of the year in his being elected Governor of the new district the following May.

One icy day in December the Club lunched at the West Lafayette Baptist church and then visited the new University Gymnasium and Field House. The following week six groups of Rotarians delivered Christmas baskets to some of Lafayette's poor families.

Headed by John Stemm a delegation of twelve Rotarians attended the installation of Brazil into Rotary. This small club, four years later was to entertain International President Armando Arruda Pereira of Brazil, South America, and over three hundred Rotarians from Indiana and Illinois.

In January George Roberts in his dignified and fine manner inducted the following new members into the Club: Charles W. Beese; Colonel Charles Blakely; Edwin Clegg; George E. Davis; Floyd R. Eastwood; Eric Holm; Frank B. Knight; and Elmer Waters.

The Club lost one of its good active members in the resignation of Andrey A. Potter, but the Club would not accept the loss of Andrey. They made him an Honorary Member.

One day in March Ed Schroyer was introduced as a hole-in-one golfer.

The District Conference this year was earlier than usual, being held at Indianapolis in February on the Silver Anniversary of the Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Evansville Clubs. Frank Riedel, John Stemm, Frank Timberlake and the President attended.

The question of the division of the district which for many years had included all of Indiana met with strong sentiment against such action, the Club voting its disapproval. However in May the old Indiana District, first numbered 11, then 20 for many years and finally 155, was divided into three districts, the northern part of the State being District No. 154, the central, 155 and the southern 156. Lafayette in the 155th District now had for its district clubs, the following:

Anderson, Attica-Williamsport, Connersville, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Greencastle, Hartford City, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Lebanon, Marion, Muncie, New Castle, Portland, Richmond, Rushville, Shelbyville, Sheridan, Tipton, Turkey Run, Union City, and Winchester

President-elect Timberlake with Mrs. Timberlake and their daughter, Peggy, left one day via motor for the San Francisco Convention, and from day to day the Club had news of his journey. "Attended a Rotary meeting in this town"; "Just missed a Rotary meeting but met Rotarian So and So"; "Joined Bill and his wife at Yellowstone"; and "Arrived at San Francisco, they are coming in by planes, trains, steamships, flying boats and motor caravans."

Frank on his return said, "Never did I know there was so much to Rotary, I've got material for everything" - and Frank is a Charter member. Yes, from his reports and from his work to come Frank was inspired by this great Convention he attended.

Frank told the Club of the House of Friendship, a formal out-door flower garden brought indoors for the week—splashing fountains, three thousand blooming rose bushes, huge banks of hydrangeas and ancient boxwood hedges, gorgeous cinerarias and Martha Washington geraniums, and gaily striped umbrellas and garden furniture in bright colors. There was the cool fishpond with gold fish and pond lilies, and high overhead a great canvas bearing the blue and gold Rotary Wheel spotlighted, with over a thousand oriental lanterns of pink and rose radiating like the petals of a huge blossom.

Frank spoke of the great composite flag of all Rotary nations, made of sixty-nine national flags against whose multi-colored stars and stripes and backgrounds, was centered the motto: "Service Above Self. He Profits Most Who Serves the Best." "It's not the individual thing you see and hear but the whole that so inspires you," Frank said, "and one feels the spirit of the thing, when one realizes that these thousands come for no business or professional reason, but simply for fellowship and friendship, local, national and international."

A report came back to the Club from a Crawfordsville Rotarian that Frank got lost one night down in Chinatown, but we have found no record of this event.

Governor-elect John Stemm and Mrs. Stemm also attended the Convention.



1938-1939

**Officers**

Frank B. Timberlake, President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Vice President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn, Secretary  
Charles P. Callahan, Treasurer

**Directors**

Orson G. Lloyd  
Elliott H. Parfitt  
Paul F. Royster  
Jack E. Walters

**International President**

George C. Hager  
Chicago, Illinois

**International Convention**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Delegate: Etheridge B. Baugh

**District Governor**

John R. Stemm (155th)  
Lafayette, Indiana

**District Convention**

South Bend, Indiana

**New Members**

Leopold Adler  
Donald M. Beere  
Robert C. Fuller  
Stanley S. Green  
Henry B. Hass  
John R. Jamison  
Lloyd A. Peck  
Horace G. Reisner, Jr.  
James Reifers  
Charles O. Wiselogel

In September Vice-President Eth and seven fellow Rotarians visited Delphi and with a good delegation from Logansport laid the foundations for a Rotary Club there. On the following month a large group of Rotarians and Rotaryans spent the afternoon and evening at the Inter-city meeting at Frankfort Country Club, several Lafayette Rotaryans taking bridge prizes and Lloyd Peck and President Tim two of the golf trophies.

One day in October we heard that our Honorary member, Ed Elliott, was speaking at the Manila Rotary Club, and this same month other International news was the disbandment of the thirty-four clubs in Italy.

An unusually interesting series of programs were those arranged by Program Chairman O. L. Foster on "Hobbies"—the first one being Elmer Waters' gun talk, with an exhibit of ancient and modern guns, almost one for every member present.

At the February Ladies Night President Tim had a real treat with Stanley Coulter, Governor John, Rotaryann Clara and Ed Elliott the speakers.

Colonel Beere spoke one day, and as he commenced his address, of a military nature of course, there was a rattle of gunfire from Ed Schroyer and some of the Owen Street gang, but the Colonel never batted an eyelash.

Rotaryann Taube and her Committee arranged the Ladies Night and Sons and Daughters evening in April with a marionette show and a fine dinner at Lincoln Lodge; and the following month President Tim and Governor John took fifteen Rotarians and Rotaryans to the South Bend District Conference.

Eth Baugh and the Secretary were the delegates to the Cleveland International Convention, and from Sunday evening to the closing sessions they attended most faithfully general meetings, group assemblies, special discussions, vocational assemblies and council meetings. Entertainment as always was arranged for certain free periods, and perhaps the two Lafayette Rotarians did not fail there. The boat ride one afternoon will be remembered as an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends; particularly did they enjoy the Cuban group. President-elect Eth performed at the Indiana banquet one night while the Secretary presided at a reunion of some seventy odd old "Roma" Rotarians of the two years past Nice Convention trip. The Ice Carnival at the Cleveland Arena Thursday evening was attended by over seven thousand Rotarians and guests, and the program was a thing of thrilling beauty, skill and grace on ice, followed by an international hockey game. The Lafayette delegates were fortunate to sit in a box with Carlos Romulo from the Philippines, a Scotchman in kilts; Agripa Popescu from Romania and

Governor-elect and Mrs. B. T. Thakur from India—Mrs. Thakur in Hindu dress and wearing in the side of her nose, a beautiful diamond.

1939-1940

**Officers**

Etheridge B. Baugh, President  
Fred L. Alexander, Vice President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn Secretary  
Charles P. Callahan, Treasurer

**Directors**

Christian G. Stocker  
John R. Jamison  
Donald M. Beere  
Charles P. Callahan

**International President**

Walter D. Head  
Montclair, New Jersey

**International Convention**

Havana, Cuba  
Delegate: Charles W. Beese

**District Governor**

Russell L. Showalter (155th)  
Anderson, Indiana

**District Convention**

Lafayette, Indiana  
April 28-30, 1940

**New Members**

G. Bryant Bachman  
Harold W. Cope  
Charles R. Donham  
Herbert H. Homer  
William V. Lambert  
Arthur B. Masters  
Alfred J. McAllister  
Ivan L. Miller  
John R. Pell  
Oscar M. Pipes  
Oran W. Reed  
Marshall L. Vogler

Again the Club was Host for the 26th Annual Conference of Rotary, the 154th and 155th Districts, held at the Purdue Memorial Union on April 28th, 29th and 30th. With the wonderful facilities of the University, both in its physical plant and in its student talent, the Lafayette Club was able to establish an outstanding record in its entertainment. With the vital interest of Host President Eth and Rotarian "Chuck" Beese as Committee Chairman aided by the Secretary as Conference Secretary and Alpha Gray as Conference Treasurer, and the entire membership of the Club serving on the committees, never perhaps has Indiana had a more acceptable and memorable conference. From the informal Sunday evening meeting with Governors "Ed" Murray of the 154th, "Rus" Showalter of the 155th and International Representative Allen Oliver of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, present, to Colonel Beere's Dress Review of the University's R.O.T.C. units, and on to that Grand Monday night Banquet and Ball heralded into the Hall by "Spotts" Emrick's University Choir and other talent—well it's a thing to remember. And then the Conference closed Tuesday with that outstanding "Youth Forum" of Louis Sears.

In November Burnett, Riedel Reser and the Secretary attended the Richmond Inter-city meeting to meet International President Walter Head.

That Rotary works closely with the Chamber of Commerce was proven this year, Past President Timberlake being elected to its presidency and eight Rotarians on the Board of Directors. On March 19th was held the greatest of annual dinners of this organization. One hundred and twenty-four local Rotarians and Rotaryans; two Governors and Rotarians from Frank-fort, Lebanon, Indianapolis, Delphi and Kokomo attended.

An unusual Ladies Party was held at Lincoln Lodge, the "Snake County Annual Turkey dinner" with Bea Stahl and a fine committee of Anns in charge. "Effie May" and her Hill Billy Band entertained. Almost everyone came in costume.

The Club under President Eth's driving force made radical improvements at Rotary Park, The building was slightly remodeled to allow a caretaker to live there throughout the year and thus control the property. Successful camps over a series of weeks were held, and increased use was made of the Park for picnics.

The International Convention was held at Havana with Delegates Charles Beese, and the Secretary attending. Motoring down was the Secretary's family and Rotarian Samuel Souders. Though much of the

speaking was in the Spanish language the Lafayette delegation had an opportunity to see Cuban life and at least a part of the island.

1940-1941

**Officers**

Fred L. Alexander, President  
Charles B. Jordan, Vice President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn, Secretary  
Samuel E. Souders, Treasurer

**Directors**

Charles W. Beese  
Andrew Fried  
Henry B. Hass  
Frank P. Riedel

**International President**

Armando de Arruda Pereira  
Sao Paulo, Brazil

**International Convention**

Denver, Colorado  
Delegate: Charles W. Beese

**District Governor**

Fred Mck. Ruby (155th)  
Union City, Indiana

**District Convention**

Marion, Indiana  
May 11-12, 1941

**New Members**

Ralph M. Caldwell  
Edward A. Callanan  
Walter S. Gibson  
William P. Fehring  
Carl L. Klemme  
George Dale Marlsbary  
J. Holmes Martin  
Perry A. Ratcliff  
Harry L. Solberg  
Harry Tipper

We come to the twenty-fifth year, the President of the Lafayette Life Insurance Company is our President; the Dean of the School of Pharmacy at Purdue University our Vice-President; genial Sam Souders, Treasurer and the writer again Secretary.

On July 1st, the first meeting of the new year, at the Lafayette Country Club, in the evening, with the Rotaryans and guests present, President Fred delivered his inaugural address.

About once each year for the past four years some Rotarian forgets to "brake" his car. Last year it was Elmer Waters' car which slipped across the North River road and into the Wabash River. To celebrate his boss' first meeting at Lincoln Lodge, W. R. Smith let his car cross the road in front of a speeding tourist, miss two trees by a hair and dive into the Wabash mud.

The District Assembly was held at Kokomo in July with Past President Eth on the program, and with "Chuck" Beese, Sam Souders, and the Secretary attending. The District Conference to be held at Marion on May 11th and 12th, but this not to be a Joint meeting with the 154th District as of last year at Lafayette.

In October President Fred and Rotarians Baugh, DeVol, Fried, Marshall, Stemm and the Secretary spent a pleasant evening at the Inter-city meeting of eight clubs at the Frankfort Country Club.

During the year the improvements at Rotary Park were completed. This included electrification of the building and grounds, the digging of a deep well and the installation of a water system. Insurance was increased from two to six thousand dollars.

As was done last year for the first time, the Club again paid the expenses of four volunteer leaders of the 4-H Clubs to the training course at Indianapolis.

One of the Club's most interesting meetings was held at the Purdue Memorial Union Cafeteria followed by a visit to the Hall of Music where Spotts Emrick showed the members "the greatest band music library in the world"; the silent room; the first to ever be constructed "mixing bowl for band music", and other features of that wonderful new addition to the University's plant.

Perhaps outstanding in President Fred's administration was the action of the Club in taking for one of its fine civic efforts the Sponsorship of the Purdue University Glee Club. The expression of appreciation from the Director of the Glee Club and from its members made the Club realize that this was a definitely good project.

At Brazil, Indiana, 555 Rotarians and guests sat down to a turkey dinner in the High School gymnasium one Wednesday night in February. The Stemms, Jordans, Josselyns, and Rotarians Fried, Baugh, Reser, Riedel and Souders met and enjoyed International President Armando de Arruda Pereira of Sao Paulo, Brazil. And now on April the 30th the Club celebrates its Silver Anniversary. President Fred is in the Chair; twenty five tables of Rotarians and Rotaryanns, each table presided over by a Past President or a representative are enjoying a pleasant evening, and Past Governor Edgar G. Doudna of Madison, Wisconsin, is the speaker of the evening. Another twenty-five years, what will it bring?

1941-1942

**Officers**

Charles W. Beese, President  
Brenton A. DeVol Vice President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn, Secretary  
Oscar M. Pipes Treasurer

**Directors**

Lloyd R. Eastwood  
Herbert H. Homer  
Lloyd A. Peck  
G. Bryant Bachman

**International President**

Tom J. Davis  
Butte, Montana

**International Convention**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Delegate: Wilbur R. McQueen

**District Governor**

Harold Cooper (155th)  
Marion, Indiana

**District Convention**

Turkey Run Inn, Marshall, Indiana  
May 3-5, 1942

**New Members**

William L. Ayres  
Paul V. Hand  
Glenn L. Jenkins  
Samuel E. Keller  
Halsey F. Owen  
Joseph Sicer  
Wilfred E. Vogler

President Charles W. Beese the officers and Directors had their inauguration at the Annual Summer Ladies Night held on July 1st at the Country Club. At one of his first meetings the Club went out to Rotary Park for supper and an inspection of the electrification of the Club House and to taste the new artesian well water. Later in this month the District Assembly was held at the Ulen Country Club in Lebanon.

"Vim, Vision and Victory" Chuck suggested might be good words for the Club through this year. Vim is a colloquialism for energy, force, keenness, and physical energy. Vision has a combined meaning, of sight, perception, recognition, contemplation and speculation, with that of imagination, invention, inspiration and verve. Victory means success, speed, advance and mastery.

One day in September announcement was made that the Directors had approved the names of two men for membership -- Glenn Jenkins and Bill Ayres. You'll hear more of them. In October the Club heard, not for the first time, nor would it be the last, some of those greatly enjoyable readings from Whitcomb Riley by George Davis.

Governor Harold Cooper made his official visit in November and was well received. Then came an Inter-City meeting at the Frankfort Country Club with a good attendance from Lafayette.

It was a joy for the Secretary to put into the hands of Stanley Coulter, Rotary's Grand Old Man, a Christmas Card from the Club. "Tell the boys" he said, "I want to come out to the Club".

At the first luncheon of the New Year Dr. Harry Reed was our guest-speaker with his subject "The Part of Agriculture in Our National Defense". The following week Eric Holm presented his champion farmers, two of the boys Rotary sent to the International Stock Show. One of these youngsters had raised 133.5 bushels of corn to the acre.

Rotarians, many of them, helped in giving and collecting Lafayette's part of the two million books for the soldiers, sailors and marines.

Interesting programs followed one after another - "How to Wrestle" by Coach Reeck, John H. Yueh's stirring accounts of Conditions in China, a General Electric address, "Recreation in Defense Impact Areas", "Winning the war" by E. L. Butz, and an informal forum on "What Can Lafayette Rotary Do In These War Days"?

One day in March four members of the Club attended the Silver Anniversary of the Richmond Club, hearing International President Tom Davis give a fine speech. Eth Baugh reported on a very successful

Purdue University Glee Club party at Sportsman's Inn. Walter Ackerman, Purdue '05 told us of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and of some of his experiences there.

President Chuck and his Rotaryann and several of the members attended the Rotary Conference at Turkey Run, host of the Turkey Run Rotary Club. Alas we were old men. President Chuck and the Secretary started out for the Conference on their bicycles. Coming rain and a head wind turned them around at Romney. Chuck claimed he coasted for miles on the return.

Al Stewart with eighteen of his Glee Club singers entertained the Club one day, and later in June, John Stemm and the Secretary attended an Indianapolis meeting to hear the new International President, Walter Head speak on the subject, "Post War Work of Rotary".

At the last meeting of the month the Club, all of its members, wished President Chuck, now a private, a sincere "God Speed".



1942-1943

**Officers**

Wilbur R. McQueen, President  
Paul S. Emrick, Vice President  
Lloyd W. Josselyn, Secretary (July-Nov)  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary (Dec-June)  
James E. Williams, Treasurer

**Directors**

William P. Fehring  
Henry B. Hass  
John R. Jamison  
Erston L. Marshall  
James Reifers

**International President**

Fernando Cabajal  
Lima, Peru

**International Convention**

Saint Louis, Missouri  
Delegate: Paul S. Emrick

**District Governor**

Floyd J. Hemmer (155th)  
Greencastle, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 4, 1943

**New Members**

Arthur M. Brunson  
Munns A. Caldwell  
David W. McQueen  
Ray Millard  
Joel A. Peterson  
Ed A. Rowley  
Ernest C. Young

Two outstanding events in July were the introduction of our new President, Roy McQueen, and the officers and directors for the coming year. Also the presentation to the Club of a handsome American flag by John Stemm. John thanked the Club for its loyal support to him through the years of his service to the Club.

The Club visited the Scout camp for a noon luncheon, Lloyd Peck Chairman of the Youth Committee presenting a needed tent to the Scouts. On an August meeting President Roy and Eric Holm, the Club delegates to the Toronto International Convention gave short reports. Then the first luncheon in September was a "Rotary Day" with the Club honoring two outstanding Lafayette Rotarians—Chris Stocker and Stanley Coulter. The following week, Governor Floyd Hemmer paid his official visit. At the Assembly following his luncheon address Spotts Emrick told the Governor that he gave "the practical workings of Rotary, the human side, and not a lot of the trite theory."

At the Club's "Rotary Day", Past-President Timberlake gave us "Rotary Personalities"; Past-President Etheridge Baugh gave us "Social Life of Rotary, and Past-President Fred Williams gave us "Rotary Philosophy and Ideals"; and where could the Club have found in all Indiana one who could have done so well.

The Annual Christmas Party was held one Thursday evening at the Lodge with Santa Claus Morty Templeton passing out presents to the children, Rotarians and the Arms. Then we all sang Christmas Carols standing around a huge Christmas tree. About this time Lloyd Josselyn resigned as Secretary and the Board elected Etheridge Baugh.

In January the Club held a luncheon at the Tippecanoe County Historical Society, Herbert Heimlich, President of the Society; Elmer Waters; its Secretary and the Curator Miss Almeda McCollough, our hosts.

A very good meeting was that of William A. Simmonds, an Executive of the Ford Company who told us much about Greenfield Village and Thomas Edison. We learned that Edison invented something every two weeks, and that his patents netted him twenty million a year for many years.

In February came the Annual 4-H Leaders meeting with Dr. A. B. Graham, the "daddy" of 4-H clubs giving a spirited address. The following month the Ag Short Course meeting brought out a record crowd. This

was the month we believe that one of the outstanding awards in the world of engineering, the Washington Medal, was presented to Dean Potter.

With almost every Rotarian planning a Victory garden, the Club was glad to listen to R. B. Hull, a garden specialist, tell the members how to do it.

Due to floods around this time Lincoln Lodge was flooded, all of the first floor and half way to the second. This meant the Club had to go elsewhere for two of its meetings. One was the Union Cafeteria and the other, a Ladies Night, was held in one of the Union Faculty Lounges.

Throughout the year the Club had outstanding programs, and Fred Williams had his Twelve "Rotary Days", all very good. A week previous to Governor Roy's last meeting he made a splendid report of the year's activities. At this meeting Spotts Emrick and Eth Baugh gave a short report of the St. Louis International Convention. Harry Schilling attended but was unable to be with us.

1943-1944

**Officers**

Paul S. Emrick, President  
James E. Williams, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
Walter S. Gibson, Treasurer

**Directors**

George E. Davis  
Herbert H. Homer  
Glenn L. Jenkins  
Lloyd Peck

**International President**

Charles L. Wheeler  
San Francisco, California

**International Convention**

Chicago, Illinois  
Delegate: None—Travel Restricted

**District Governor**

Willis B. Dye (155th)  
Kokomo, Indiana

**District Convention**

Kokomo, Indiana  
April 16-17, 1944

**New Members**

Henry J. Barre  
Howard Bergo  
Ed Blakeslee  
Carl F. Boester  
William Bucke  
S. Ernest Bunnell  
Joseph H. Buskirk  
Frank H. Demaree  
D. D. Ewing  
Frantz A. Frank  
Glenn Harriman  
George Hendricks  
Earl R. Honeywell  
Cecil Isbell  
Ralph Kriebel  
Warren B. Maddox  
Chauncey E. McCoy  
Lewis M. Morlan  
Dwight O'Ferrall  
Herman E. Phillips  
Forest W. Quackenbush  
Phillip J. Quealy  
Charlie Robertson  
Burton W. Saunders  
Joseph L. Stout  
Frank Tedford  
Charles L. Vaughan  
Scott Weller  
Raymond C. Young  
Joseph Zartman

July 1st means a new year for Rotary the world over. For us it was the first meeting for our new president, Spotts Emrick, with a line set-up of all committees. Spotts has made Purdue famous with his Military Band, and he is a man that eats, sleeps and lives Rotary twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Early in the first month he had a Master schedule of Regular Weekly meetings, Directors Meetings and Committee Meetings for the coming twelve months.

For several months we had many Naval, Army and Civilian war workers on the program. Lt. Comdr. William H. Brockman, Jr. told us of our submarine warfare in the Pacific; Ed Elliott told about his war work in Washington; Senator Willis of Angola, a former Governor of Rotary had a war message; and Frank Lewis' War Emergency Committee held important meetings.

The President attended the Assembly at Anderson taking T. Fred Williams, Walt Gibson and the Secretary with him.

In September we went to Ed Rowley's Boy Scout Camp on the Wildcat for an evening supper and an enjoyable camp fire, and during the same month a large delegation attended the Inter-City meeting at Attica.

Governor Dye made his official visit the first week in October. His address was titled "Those who strive for merit shall attain success".

A Rotary Halloween Dinner Party was held at Lincoln Lodge with Bea Stahl Chief Goblin. Everyone stated that it was the best event of its kind ever held by the Club.

A November meeting had as speaker, Chief Lightfoot of the Potawami Indians. "Chief Lightfoot" in all his war paint and feathers turned out to be, upon revealing his identity, our genial Herman Phillips, Purdue's track coach.

The President took a small party to the Silver Anniversary of the Kokomo Club being welcomed by their President Ed Kaegi and Governor Dye.

Now comes the Annual Christmas Party, and what a party. Spotts puts on spectacles with his band, and now he puts on a spectacle with his Christmas party. Held at the Educational Building of the Central Presbyterian Church it was a glorious affair for the children, the Rotaryans, and the members of the Club. A mammoth Christmas tree with a thousand lights and table decorations, it must have taken Spotts and Glenn several days to give us this spectacle.

Two wounded veterans of the war, both holders of the Purple Heart, related their experiences at a January meeting. Rotary Medallions were presented to fifteen Eagle Scouts at one of Sam Keller's Youth Builders' Committee programs.

Frank Lewis gave us a speaker on Rationing and Inflation; Dave Pfendler brought three of his outstanding Winter Course students to the club and more war talks continued. We learned one day from J. Holmes Martin that Indiana led all states in baby chick production, one hundred and five million.

Ten delegates attended the District Conference at Kokomo in April. An outstanding address was given at the luncheon meeting by Bob Huen, "As I Remember Japan". At the Ladies Night Party at Lincoln Lodge, Governor Dye gave us a fine account of the Chicago International Convention; a Memorial Day program was one of the most impressive of the year.

President Spotts' administration closed with a record—more members had been added to Club than in any preceding year.

1944-1945

**Officers**

James E. Williams, President  
Glenn L. Jenkins, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
Walter Gibson, Treasurer

**Directors**

Walter Gibson  
Glenn Harriman  
Earl R. Honeywell  
Scott Weller

**International President**

Richard H. Wells  
Pocatello, Idaho

**International Convention**

Chicago, Illinois  
Delegate: None—Travel Restricted

**District Governor**

William E. Price (155th)  
Muncie, Indiana

**District Convention**

Cancelled—Travel Restricted

**New Members**

A. Glenn Armstrong  
Joseph L. Baker  
LeRoy D. Edwards  
Ernest A. Freedberg  
Robert A. Gasaway  
Curtis Hostetter  
Elmer Jones  
Paul W. Jones  
Carl McQuinn  
Allen H. Monroe  
John H. Moriarty  
Kenneth Poe  
Ray L. Robinson  
Robert N. Sine  
Arthur J. Stewart  
Rolland G. Sturm  
W. T. Winter

That the Club is growing is evident if one studies the Treasurer's Report; a budget last year of \$2,700.00, expenditures \$2,930.05, and a balance in the bank of \$1,729.27. At our 1st meeting Spotts was presented with the Past Presidents pin, and our new President Jim announced his Committees, presenting each of us with printed sheet giving us the committee personnel and the duties of each committee. Preceding this 1st meeting there was an unofficial meeting at Elmer Waters "Homewood" on the Little Wea, It was the 28th Annual Rifle Match and "Liars" Convention, many Rotarians attending picnicking down on the Crik and drinking Elmer's strong coffee. Subsequent meetings had programs of War subjects. Ted Knight gave us "The Problems of Returning Veterans"; Dean Potter, back from Washington discussed the G. I. Bill; Captain Ralston, Jack's son thrilled us with accounts of his extensive flying missions, twenty six months in England and the Continent.

Governor Bill Price's official visit came in September. He complimented us on our fine program of work, our hospitality and our singing. The Club had an excellent steak dinner at the Scout Camp. There were personally conducted tours through "Kitten Hollow" and along "Mosquito Ridge" preceding the Camp Fire. Rotary Play Day and Ladies Night was a real success with a large delegation from Crawfordsville.

A new 1944-45 Directory gave us the Club objectives, a list of the officers and directors, those with the colors, honorary members, and a complete Club roster with the dates each member joined the club, a brief history of the club and other subjects including a list of all Indiana Clubs with the days of their weekly meetings.

George Davis delighted us with his "Three Ring Circus" of Riley readings and later Curt Hostetter introduced "Duster" Miller from Wilmington, Ohio, "Dusty", humorist, philosopher and newspaper publisher.

The Club sent an enormous bundle of blankets and clothing to the bomb victims in England. The Lafayette Club is certainly a singing club. With Al Stewart and Orwin Shaffer absent one November meeting we all heard Jimmy Cattell sing his "Old Sow" song. On the following week Al and his Music Committee put on an exceptionally fine program.

Between eighty and ninety attended Group One Rotary Meeting at Turkey Run. The District Governor closed the meeting with an address, "Study to show Thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth". II Timothy 2:15.

In December Louis Sears made a big hit as he always does. This time "Some Implications of the Tax Problem". This month we had our 4th War Time Christmas Party, carols, a Santa Claus and White Elephant presents. Rotary and Kiwanis raised over eight hundred dollars in the Salvation Army kettles. An interesting meeting to many of us was the colored pictures of High Bridge, Shades, Turkey Run, Black Rock, Mudlavia, Pine Creek and the Wabash.

Chief Honeywell and Eth Baugh with their Rotaryans represented the Club at the 25th Anniversary of the Lebanon Club. Six of our members attended the 25th Anniversary of the Crawfordsville Club, and in May John Stemm and Eth Baugh were our representatives at the Silver Anniversary of the Greencastle Club. It was also the 25th anniversary of the Harrison Trails Council of the Boy Scouts, the day we recognized eight new Eagle Scouts.

In February we had our Winter Short Course program with Dave Pfendler to tell us all about this fine work. It was a March meeting that we heard Jack Yarian, Governor of the 154th District give one of the best talks ever presented to the club. His theme, the future of Rotary and the part it will play in the world. Later Bill Ayres opened our eyes telling of his experiences as a Civilian in the Army Air Corps.

Established this year and very fine, the Scholarship and Citizenship program for the Schools of Tippecanoe County, and in April we had our first meeting.

Congratulations to Dean Potter for his appointment as acting President pending the selection of a successor of our own Dr. Edward C. Elliott. Many of our members had attended the Testimonial Dinner given to Dr. Elliott the preceding month.

On May 26th Rotary gave its Glee Club Party at Sportsman's Inn, and as before it "was one of the best". Ladies Night held at the Purdue Union saw one hundred and twelve gathered together. All through the year Scott Weller our Rotary Program Chairman worked effectively to give the Club the best of programs. It was a good year, ended when President JIM sang his swan song thanking the members for their work in helping him so loyally. The bank book showed a balance of \$1,217.25.

1945-1946

### **Officers**

Glenn L. Jenkins, President  
Paul F. Royster, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
Walter Gibson, Treasurer  
Ray L. Robinson, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Charles E. Craw  
George E. Davis  
Chauncey E. McCoy  
Burton W. Saunders  
Walter Gibson

### **International President**

T.A. Warren  
Bournemouth, Hants, England

### **International Convention**

Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Delegate: Etheridge B. Baugh

### **District Governor**

Howard N. Sweetman (155th)  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Muncie, Indiana  
April 26-27, 1946

### **New Members**

George Walter Burnell  
Matt J. Doherty  
Noah S. Hadley  
Claude Harper  
George Hirschinger  
John C. Horner  
Murray D. Klopfenstein  
Marion C. Leaming  
Joe B. Longden  
Donald R. Mallett  
James G. Murphy  
Paul E. Myers  
Paul A. Risk  
Russell G. Sanders  
Ernst L. Schiable, Jr.  
George A. Schilling  
Walter Scholer, Jr.  
Marvin L. Smith  
Frank M. Taylor  
Lawrence A. Thise  
Robert J. Vyverbcrg  
James R. Wiley

A very fine first meeting for President Jenkins. Al Stewart led the club in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y" for our new president. Then we all sang "Hail Purdue" for President Emeritus Ed Elliott, honoring him for his twenty-three years of outstanding service to Purdue, Rotary, the community, the state and the nation. Ed was reminded of a saying by the late George Ade—"Early to bed and early to rise and you'll miss meeting a bunch of prominent guys."

President Jenkins announced that each Tuesday he would select one or more "Rotarians for Today", and for today he had selected Ed Elliott and Dean Potter. During the year the following members of the Club were selected: Donald L. Beere, John Stemm, Walter S. Gibson, Orwin V. Shaffer, Paul F. Royster, Henry B. Hass, ~Richard L. Holden, Charles E. Craw, Etheridge Baugh, John C. Burkle, Frank B. Timberlake, Herbert H. Horner, Howard E. Enders, Llewellyn V. Ludy, Frank B. Knight, Arthur M. Brunson, Harold W. Cope, Glenn Harriman, Charles W. Beese, Ernest C. Young, John R. Jamison, William L. Ayres, James E. Williams, Albert P. Stewart, James Cattell, Curtis Hostetter, Andrew Fried, G. Bryant Bachman, Victor L. Albjerg, Edwin M. Blakeslee, Orion L. Foster, Elmer R. Waters, Earl R. Honeywell, Dressel D. Ewing, Harry L. Solberg, Samuel E. Keller, Frank A. Tedford, and Joseph L. Baker.

Colonel Robinson of the Soldiers Home spoke one day with the result that we all made a tour of inspection the following week.

At the September 1st meeting Gov. Howard N. Sweetman paid his official visit, giving us an inspirational address at the luncheon and conducting a good Assembly in the evening at the Club Avalon. The Club picnic at Rotary Park even though it rained was well attended, and the fried chicken was delectable.

Purdue's First Kick-off luncheon was sponsored by the men's lunch clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. A great success, and will probably be continued next year.

This year Rotary Park made outdoor living available for three hundred and twenty-one girl scouts and forty-two leaders.

Rotary and Kiwanis collected over seven hundred dollars in the Kettles for the Salvation Army, and the Rotarians had a lot of fun. During this first half of President Glenn's year we had programs on jet propulsion, atomic bombs, plywood, Rostone, how to play cards, inductions of new members to mention only a few subjects.

It was an outstanding Ladies Night that Bob Sine and his Committee gave us at the Country Club in January. Then there was the annual 4-H Corn Club meeting, with thirty-five members and their leaders from all over the county. Our baby member President Fredrick L. Hovde was present.

One January meeting we thanked the Howays and Millers for their service of many years. The new owners of the Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge were introduced.

Joe Zartman's Boy Scout meeting was on Lincoln's birthday. Joe stated that Lincoln exemplified scouting. The Big Inter-City Ladies Night Party held April 2nd continues to grow, over two hundred were present, eighty from other clubs. Our District Conference held later in this month at Muncie had a dozen from the Lafayette club.

When one attends a Glee Club Party - this year at the Sportsman's' Inn, Monticello,--you surely have a lot of fun. To hear the fellows sing just for the joy of singing is good for one's soul.

At the May meeting President Jenkins announced that Vice-President Royster was moving to Kokomo and so would be unable to serve as President the coming year. The Board of Directors unanimously elected Curtis Hostetter President for the ensuing year.

One day in June we had a personally conducted tour through Art Stewart's Aluminum Company's plant. Our delegate to the International Convention at Atlantic City, Etheridge Baugh, made a brief report. Attendance records, he said, broke all records with over ten thousand from the United States and an even nine hundred from other countries.

President Jenkins' last day he titled "Hostetter Day". He called on Past-Presidents Mort Templeton (1921-22), Jim Wiselogel (1922-23), Harry J. Schilling (1927-28), Howard E. Enders (1931-32), John Stemm (1936-37), Lloyd W. Josselyn (1937-38), Frank B. Timberlake (1938-39), Etheridge Baugh (1939-40), and Paul S. Emrick (1943-44) to stand, circle the table, and bring Curtis Hostetter, President-elect to the speaker's table. So ended a good year under President Glenn.



1946-1947

### **Officers**

Curtis Hostetter, President  
George E. Davis, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
William L. Ayres, Treasurer  
Joseph L. Stout, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Samuel E Keller  
Warren B. Maddox  
Robert N. Sine  
Albert P. Stewart  
Paul F. Royster

### **International President**

Richard C. Hedke  
Detroit, Michigan

### **International Convention**

San Francisco, California  
Delegate: George E. Davis

### **District Governor**

Arvid P. Zetterberg (155th)  
New Castle, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Richmond, Indiana  
April 23, 1947

### **New Members**

E. Joseph Bannon  
William E. Bayley  
James Cheney  
Ramon B. DuBois  
James E. Engeler  
James R. Geen  
Richard E. Gery  
Richard L. Hadley  
Russell H. Harmon  
Stuart K. Holcomb  
John B. Horton  
Frederick L. Hovde (honorary)  
William M. Humphrey  
Maurice G. Knoy  
Bud Leaverton  
Gray LeVitt  
William Luce  
Bill Luhman  
Clyde R. Nichols  
David C. Pfenkler  
J. Howard Porsch  
H. Richard Rasmusson  
James T. Richardson  
Kenneth A. Schuette  
Lew F. Shepherd  
Horace Russell Smith  
Fae H. Spurlock  
Richard P. Thornton  
Robert L. White  
William A. Williams  
A. C. Wood  
Everett Wright

Past President Jenkins was named Rotarian for the week by President Curtis at his first meeting. Later in his first month he attended the District assembly at New Castle, taking six members with him.

A Turkey Dinner at Cary Camp with Joe Zartman's Scout Committee was well attended. Joe and his gang put on a real "flim flam" program. One day in August our new member, Fred Hovde, President of Purdue told us about the new Purdue. A twelve thousand enrollment with crowded class rooms and housing. We have many visitors; one day it was thirty-eight, and there came a day later when the number was nearly a hundred. It is good to have these guests, and how they like our singing.

October saw the usual Stag Party at Roth Park. Games and contests in the afternoon, and a chicken dinner in the Club house with the great fireplace filled with blazing logs.

Governor Zetterberg's official visit was in November. "It Must Be of the Spirit" is the slogan of Rotary, he said. A Club Assembly preceded the luncheon meeting.

Eric Holm staged the program for the Number One club, Chicago Rotary, one day. It was a 4-H Youth Service program during the week of the International Livestock Exposition.

Santa Claus, a la Mort Templeton, the Bob Sine put over the "Wabash River reindeer and bells on a Tuesday in December Show Boat", our Al Stewart Ladles Night in with white elephant gifts for all members. April at the Purdue Union, and as usual a packed house.

The Club met at the Hall of Music for Al Stewart's Christmas Convo with Christmas numbers played by the sixty piece University Orchestra, and singing by over five hundred members of the University Concert Choir and the Glee Club.

Someone put \$110.00 into the Rotary Salvation kettle, and so Rotary beat Kiwanis \$498.75 to \$284.55.

One of the best programs of the year was Eric Holm's 4-H Corn Club and Rural Neighbors Day; the big dining room at the Lodge was packed. Later in the same month Fred Hovde introduced our member, Andrey Potter who spoke on the subject, "Your Calling and Your Government." He closed his address by saying "To be Great we must build on decency, law, honor, and The Golden Rule." Announcement was made of the death of Paul D. Harris, the founder of Rotary, January 27th the date.

The "Gay Nineties" was the title of our Ladies Night Lincoln Lodge the last day of the month. At the February meeting we all saluted Rev. A. Elliston (King) Cole of Bloomington, a Director of Rotary International. This was the meeting our Annual Winter Agricultural Course, with Eric Holm introducing David Pfenfder. There were three contestants in the High School Discussion group, Barbara Steill winning.

One day in March the new Rotary Men's Chorus brought the roof down with their "In the Evening by the Moonlight" and "Home on the Range". This was the day we welcomed a new member, Stu Holcomb, Purdue's new football coach. "Mental Flexibility" as given by Louis Sears was a treat to all of us.

The Third Annual Scholarship and Citizenship meeting brought outstanding seniors from all of the high schools of the County with their principals to the Lodge as our guests. Rotary Medallions were given to the students.

"How Much of the World Can We Feed" by Don Paarlberg packed Lincoln Lodge one May day. It was announced that Charlie Vaughan's son Charles would be our representative to Boy's State.

June 3rd was the date of our Glee Club Meeting, held at Sportsman's Inn with "all the fish you can eat", and how the fellows and Rotarians sang until midnight.

At a February meeting we had the Eagle Scouts as our guests presenting them with the Rotary Medallion. Our Joe Zartman explained how the Scouts achieve the eagle rating.

At President Curt's last meeting he thanked the members, all of them, for their splendid cooperation, and paid special tribute to Bob Sine, stating that the success or failure for a Club year depends upon the Program Chairman.

This was the year the Club earmarked \$250.00 for a new roof for the Club House, and made plans of spending \$350.00 additional for improvements of the house and grounds. It was twenty-five years ago that Rotary Park on the Tippecanoe River was formally dedicated. A picnic supper was followed by tribute paid Edgar Goldsberry, who made the Park possible by the donation of the tract of land and placing the foundation for the Lodge.

1947-1948

**Officers**

George E. Davis, President  
Robert N. Sine, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
William L. Ayres, Treasurer  
Chauncey E. McCoy, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

D. D. Ewing  
Donald R. Mallett  
Russell G. Sanders  
Marvin L. Smith  
Arthur J. Stewart

**International President**

S. Kendrick Guernsey  
Jacksonville, Florida

**International Convention**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Delegate: Elmer Waters

**District Governor**

John T. Scull (155th)  
Rushville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Greencastle, Indiana  
March 30-April 1, 1948

**New Members**

John M. Cage  
Charlie Chapin  
Clarence V. Conder  
Mart I. Fowler  
Bill Decker  
Elton Hocking  
Roy B. Hull  
James A. Huston  
Carl F. Kossack  
Aaron T. Lindley  
Oscar H. Lowery  
T. Kemper Sanders  
John W. Swezey  
Thomas E. Williams

President George, with Don Mallett, Program Chairman, started off with a bang. It was "Duck Shooting". One of our recent baby members, Clyde Nichols was the speaker, the duck shooting proving to be about his antiaircraft experiences, before, during and since World War II.

As Lincoln Lodge was closed for two weeks the Club met, first at the Union Cafeteria, and then down at the Boy Scout Camp where a number of members were inducted into the Ancient and Benevolent Order of the Barnyard Fraternity.

President George gave us a report of the International Convention at San Francisco and a week later Governor John T. Scull of Rushville paid his official visit holding his Assembly before the luncheon.

Preceding the Wisconsin game we had the 3rd Annual Kick-Off luncheon at the Purdue Union with Stu Holcomb and the squad present.

A Stag Party at Rotary Park was followed by Bob Sine's Ladies Night This year it was "The Great American Follies" and the "Cave of Mirth".

At a December meeting Chauncey McCoy donated a great turkey from his farm; the Lodge cooked it and the Club ate it. This was the meeting Mark White of Elkhart, Governor of the 154th was our speaker. Our Christmas Party at the Lodge with Santa (Curt) Claus presented gifts to everybody. And then Rotary beat Kiwanis in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. An all time record with the score \$865.51 and \$539.37.

Four hundred 4-H Corn Club members, farm leaders, and Rotarians packed the Lodge ballroom. The record of corn, 119.4 bushels per acre; the winner, Bob Haywood of Romney.

Bob Sine's big Inter-City Ladies Night held on February 18th with Al Stewart's Purdue Varsity Glee Club the entertainment. Some undercover work revealed that it was the birthday of Rotaryann Lucile Nichols, and the Glee Club sang Happy Birthday to her and also to one of its own members. The Glee Club member rushed down from the stage to "meet the woman from Texas", Many Rotarians from ten Clubs attended.

Over five hundred Rotarians and their Anns were at the District Conference held at Greencastle. Twenty-five were from Lafayette.

One day before Elmer Waters set sail for Rotary's 1948 International Convention at Rio de Janeiro, he was presented with a lighter to enable him to light his pipe when he walked the deck in a sixty mile an hour gale.

Fortunate are we for having such fine weekly programs year in and year out. We have mentioned several for President George's year.

Others were: "Snakes", with the speaker having a basket full of them; travel talks about Europe, the Caribbean, Egypt, Palestine and Central America; Mrs. Mildred Fitch's presentation of "The European Recovery Plan"; City Planning; Soybeans; Coal; Louis Sears with his "Historical Antecedents of the Russian Policy"; the F.B.I.; Jack Moriarty's "Human Side of Books", and Cable Ball's "The Printable Adventures and Opinions of a Middle Aged Colonel". There are annual programs such as the Speech Contest; Induction of New Members; Boy Scout; and Scholarship and Citizenship.

The Fish Fry, that is the Rotary Glee Club Annual Affair was held at Monticello at the Sportsman's Inn. President George's year came to a close with Elmer Waters giving the Club an exciting account of his conquests aboard ship, his travels in Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine.

1948-1949

### **Officers**

Robert N. Sine, President  
Donald R. Mallett, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Elmer Waters, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

William L. Ayres  
Joseph Baker  
Joseph Zartman  
Eric Holm  
Chas. O. Wiselogel

### **International President**

Angus S. Mitchell  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

### **International Convention**

New York City, N. Y.  
Delegate: Donald R. Mallett

### **District Governor**

Arthur S. Kramer (155th)  
Frankfort, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Frankfort, Indiana  
April 26-27, 1949

### **New Members**

Jackson M. Anderson  
Nils Bolin  
Roland H. Clamme  
C. Raymond Earle  
A. Riley Gaskill  
Wayne Gingrich  
Frederick Greenman  
Ralph Hull  
Herbert E. Hussey  
John S. Karling  
Michael T. Kosman  
J. Dayton McCormick  
George Needham, Jr.  
John B. Peterson  
Ralph C. Phillippe  
Clarence A. Pound  
E. Robert Shannon  
J. Ralph Shay  
Roy L. Whistler  
Irvine F. Wilson

President Sine arranged a special program for his first meeting, introducing the new officers and directors and presenting George Davis with a handsome past-president's pin. No club in the State has better programs than the Lafayette Club. For example; Elmer Waters told the club early in the year about the people of Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine, and a little about the Rio Convention. Rogers Hornsby of baseball fame, entertained the Club, brought by Oscar Pipes, President of the Columbia Park Recreation Association. Stu Holcomb packed the house to tell us about the prospects of the Purdue football team. "Joss and Joe" presented a program on Indiana's Rivers, by canoe". Tent, campfire, equipment and canoe made a good background. Corn was kind one day with 75 Tippecanoe County 4-H Club members, and their leaders. The entertainment was "Six Months in England and Europe on the Bicycle". The 5th Annual Scholarship and

Citizenship program, at which 1949 Rotary Medallions were presented to winners from Battle Ground, Buck Creek, Clarks Hill, Dayton, Jackson, Jefferson, Klondike, Monitor, Montmorenci, Romney, Shadeland, Stockwell, Wea and West Lafayette High Schools. Each school also had their principals present as guests. The Youth Service Committee during the year gave several fine programs. Ned Snyder, the Club's representative to the Hoosier Boys' State. There were several interesting travel programs. Mrs. Shambaugh told of her visit to the Geneva Conference of the United National Social and Economic Meetings.

The second "Sons and Daughters" was held at Lincoln Lodge. Among the new members were Irvine Wilson of the Hays, Kansas Club with a perfect attendance record of nine years, and Dayton McCormick, a charter member of the Mt. Vernon, Ohio club. Dayton is the new pastor of the Central Presbyterian church.

Our Big Stag party was held at Rotary Park, with Frank Riedel closing the Club House doors after the last man had gone home.

Dorothy Ayres, Bill's daughter won the Annual Speech contest, but lost to a Lebanon young man at the Crawfordsville final.

Governor Art Kramer visited the Club, holding a Club Assembly, and giving the Club his message.

We always love to hear Louis Sears give us his annual Foreign Affairs discourse and this year's was no exception.

Rotary emblem shields were presented to 14 new Eagle Scouts, with entertainment by the famous Keitsenko Indian troop, a local group of scouts.

The District Conference at Frankfort was attended by 23 local Rotarians and many Rotaryans.

On May 5th the Inter-City was held at the Purdue Union. "Sixty minutes of Harmony" by the famous Purdue Varsity (31cc Club entertained guests from 24 Rotary Clubs.

The Glee Club Stag Party (annual fish fry) was held late in May at Roth Park. It was one of the best.

1949-1950

### **Officers**

Donald R. Mallett, President  
James E. Engeler, Vice President  
Etheridge B. Baugh, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
John C. Burkle, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

William L. Ayres  
G. Bryant Bachman  
John R. Jamison  
Chauncey E. McCoy  
John R. Moriarty

### **International President**

Percy Hodgson  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

### **International Convention**

Detroit, Michigan  
Delegate: James E. Engeler

### **District Governor**

Reed Able (225th)  
Winchester, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Portland, Indiana  
April 18-19, 1950

### **New Members**

William T. Anderson  
Fred G. Berghaus  
William G. Bowyer  
George E. DeLong  
Gordon J. Graham  
Jacob L. Halavi  
Martin L. Harshman  
Clare A. Johnson  
Frederick J. Keller  
Edward S. Loeb  
James M. McFadden  
Bruce G. McGuire  
J. Russell Mitchell  
George V. Mueller  
Joseph E. Pottlitzer  
Harry B. Sammons  
Robert H. Sattler  
Robert P. Siskind  
Dallas R. Snyder  
Charles R. Van Natta  
Ronald Ray Williams  
Harold R. Wilson  
John C. Woefel  
Kenneth B. Woods  
Norbert Zahn

For a successful and worthwhile year of a president's administration there should be a well setup organization with each member doing his part.

On one of President Don's first meetings we all went to the Scout Camp with Indian dances after a good steak dinner. Programs throughout this year were good. We enjoyed Wilbur Shaw's story of the Indianapolis Speedway, Jack Anderson on "The Challenge of Leisure," Charlie Wiselogel's vocational talk about the Peerless Wireworks, Russ Mitchell's account of our work in the educational field of Germany, Herm Messing's story of "England Today", Herb Hussey's telephones (there are 40,000,000 of them in the U.S.), Glen Jenkins in Japan, and Ray Earle in Germany.

Kiwanis defeated Rotary in golf at the Country Club. A big turn-out for the Annual Kick-off luncheon with Stu Holcomb the speaker. The Club bought a \$500.00 U. S. bond.

Governor Reed Abel made his official visit in November and conducted a Club Assembly following his message to the Club.

The Family Night Christmas Party staged by Jim Engler and his Committee was a huge success. Yes, George helped in the entertainment with his ever fine Riley readings. A Sons and Daughter Party. An overflow crowd of over two hundred for the 25th Anniversary Party for the Tippecanoe County 4-H Corn Club. Lincoln Lodge was packed to the rafters to hear Col. H.G. Sheen tell about our Intelligence and Counterintelligence service, one of the best talks ever heard. A Boy Scout program with presentation of Rotary Medallions to the new Eagle Scouts; rural guests at a luncheon packed the top floor of Lincoln Lodge; the Silver Loving cup, each year to have a student of the Agricultural Winter Course's name engraved thereon is over twenty-five years old, first established by Orsen Lloyd and former Dean Coulter. All of these things took place during the year.

Bob Nichols, who represented the Club at the Boy's State made an excellent talk. At the end of the year a new Club Roster was mailed to all members.

The Inter-City Ladies Night was held in March with Al Stewart and the Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club providing the entertainment. There were three hundred and ten guests, twenty-three coming from Lebanon.

A large number of Rotarians and Rotaryans attended the District Conference in Portland in April. The following month the Annual Glee Club Stag Party was held in May at Roth Park. This is an annual fish fry given to the Purdue Glee Club. This year the Club gave them \$355.00 to help the boys see Paris on their European trip. With this ending we told President Don he had done well and now could rest.



1950-1951

### **Officers**

James E. Engeler, President  
David C. Pfendler, Vice President  
Irvine F. Wilson, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Louis M. Sears, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

E. Joseph Bannon  
Richard L. Hadley  
Aaron T. Lindley  
Alan H. Monroe  
Forrest W. Quackenbush

### **International President**

Arthur Lagueux  
Quebec, Quebec, Canada

### **International Convention**

Atlantic City, N. J.  
Delegate: David C. Pfendler

### **District Governor**

Oscar A. Newquist (225th)  
Muncie, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Rushville, Indiana  
April 3-4, 1951

### **New Members**

Fred Baldus  
A. L. Breitwieser  
Milton U. Clauser  
Harley H. Frey  
Francis Hackett, Jr.  
H. Hanley Hammel  
Leslie M. Hutchings  
Lucien G. Jones  
Howard R. Knaus  
John B. Lischke  
Earl T. McBee  
Barriss Mills  
Frederick B. Porter  
Roscoe Seybold  
Kenneth F. Stepleton  
Abe Verplank

At President Jim's first meeting he introduced the new officers and directors, and told the Club about the highlights of the Detroit International Convention. Delegate Dick Hadley added to Jim's story. At the following meeting Jim Murphy made a very complete report of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club's trip to Washington, France and Germany, Luxembourg, England and Wales. It was a fine meeting held in the Gridiron Room of the Fowler.

An outstanding District Assembly held in Anderson on July 26th with our Governor, Oscar Newquist presiding, was attended by the President, the Secretary, Eth and the new Secretary Irvine Wilson and also Dick Hadley.

There were many interesting programs during the first six months, travel talks about Cuba, Korea, Russia, Germany and Turkey and such subjects as Golf, Radio Operation, Local Street Traffic, Bacteria, and "Gold in Them Thar Hills". George Davis told us of his "M.O." experience from Norfolk to Halifax and return. Stu Holcomb told what was in store for us in football, and later the Annual Kick-off luncheon was well attended.

Kiwanis won from Rotary in the Annual Golf Contest at the Lafayette Country Club, though we believe Rotary won at the dinner. Governor Oscar Newquist was with us for his Annual visit. New member introductions at several meetings were most interesting.

As before, it was a banner day, the Tippecanoe 4-H Corn Club Meeting, with Charles Ford an award winner fifteen years ago, the speaker.

Programs continued for 1951 on such subjects as Japan, Insurance, Abraham Lincoln, Taxes, Push-button Warfare, Guinea Pigs with Feathers, Pest Control, Banking and Indiana Highway Problems, and The Florist Business. Jim Wiseloge used as his subject "Did You Ever Jump Out of an Airplane?" "Our Own Rotary Day" was the subject of "Tim" Timberlakes and "Joss" Josselyn's reminiscences. "The Library in Action" was the subject of one program, and the report was that "Joss" and his cast put on a first class show in which they demonstrated our Wells Public Library in action.

A combined Kiwanis and Rotary Luncheon was held one day in March at the Lincoln Lodge. The 35th Annual Conference of District 225 was held at Rushville with a good attendance, Dave Pfendler and Irvine Wilson reported on the Atlantic City International Convention. The other delegates were Rotaryann Pfendler and Lloyd Josselyn.

1951-1952

### **Officers**

David C. Pfindler, President  
Charles O. Wiselogel, Vice President  
Irvine F. Wilson, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Gordon J. Graham, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Ralph Caldwell  
Charles E. Craw  
Richard L. Hadley  
Herman M. Messing  
Everett Wright

### **International President**

Frank E. Spain  
Birmingham, Alabama

### **International Convention**

Mexico City, Mexico  
Delegate: Charles O. Wiselogel

### **District Governor**

Alfred V. Ringer (225th)  
Attica-Williamsport, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Anderson, Indiana  
April 23, 1952

### **New Members**

Charles F. Bowman  
Edward W. Comings  
Marion E. Hamilton  
Robert S. Hiatt  
Christian G. Irion  
Ross McBride  
Charles B. Murphy  
Lyle C. Ridgley

Two interesting meetings, the first of President Dave's, were those at the Sycamore Valley Girl's Scout Camp, and the other at the Alcoa Aluminum Plant with a guided tour.

Fellowship and companionship are prime factors in Rotary. The writer has broken bread with Rotarians for the past forty-three years. It has meant much in his life. Lafayette Rotary is always glad to have visiting Rotarians. One day the Club had thirty from ten different states.

President Dave with John Stemm and Irv Wilson attended the District Assembly at Crawfordsville. It was a good meeting under Governor Al Ringer's leadership, a chicken dinner and an inspirational address by International Treasurer Dick Vernor.

In November it was a privilege to hear International Treasurer Dick Vernor's sincere message at a Lafayette luncheon, "Rotary's Place in Today's World". Twenty members from other Clubs were with us to hear Vernor.

The Rural-Urban Acquaintance Day with our farmer friends from Tippecanoe County was a good November meeting. Twenty-five men from other countries attending a short course at Purdue were Rotary's guests.

The Christmas Season arrived and that meant the Annual Christmas Party and the attendance at the Purdue Musical Organizations' Program in the Hall of Music. Another meeting with Christmas Greetings for all the members, and Honorary Membership extended to Fred Alexander, Sam Souders, Burr Swezey, Bob Shannon, and to O. L. Foster, a charter member of the Club.

With the New Year President Dave started off with another meeting of the Tippecanoe County Corn Growers. Then at the next meeting Philip Wilkie, son of the late Wendell Wilkie told us about some of his experiences in the Indiana Legislature.

Programs vary. One week our Chuck Beese gave his impressions of Japan and the next Rotarian Roy Whistler told us about his hobby, Falconry. Then the International Relations Committee presented El Sazed Azzouz who told us about "The Egyptian Crisis From the Viewpoint of Egypt".

One of the writers of this history, having attended the International Conference at Nice was particularly interested in hearing Richard Cordell of Purdue tell of "His Impressions of France" for Cordell lived six months in Nice. A March luncheon gave us "The Military Training Act of 1951" by our Clyde Nichols.

Two worthwhile annual affairs took place, the Rotary Speech Contest, and the Citizenship and Scholarship Meeting with Jim Wiley, Chairman.

Pop Doan of the Purdue Athletic Department made a big hit with his story of the early days in baseball.

The District Conference was held in Anderson on April 23rd with a good attendance representing Lafayette.

Tommy Johnston having spent six months in Italy helping in their agricultural development related his experiences. Then came a headline attraction when Dr James K. Eyre, Jr., author of the book "The Roosevelt, McArthur Conflict", spoke on "The Real Story Behind the Truman McArthur Controversy".

One day Charles O. Wiselogel reported on the International Convention held in Mexico City, and there was a meeting when the Club heard the Honorable James A. Emmert, Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court tell us about "The Work of the U. S. Supreme Court".

1952-1953

**Officers**

Charles O. Wiselogel, President  
William L. Ayres, Vice President  
Irvine F. Wilson, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
George Hirschinger, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Arthur M. Brunson  
Richard L. Hadley  
David W. McQueen  
John H. Moriarty  
J. Kirby Risk

**International President**

H. J. Brunnier  
San Francisco, California

**International Convention**

Paris, France  
Delegate: William L. Ayres

**District Governor**

William F. Pell (225th)  
Shelbyville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Kokomo, Indiana  
January 21, 1953

**New Members**

Harold T. Babb  
James Baynes  
L. M. Busche  
M. L. Carmichael  
Paul F. Chenea  
Ray Colwell  
William Degitz  
Warren N. Eggleston  
Corydon H. Hall  
Harold E. Hudlow  
William J. Lang  
John W. Long  
Murle E. Denney  
William A. Riedel  
Stanley A. Sawicki  
Hugh H. Steele, Sr.  
Maurice L. Williamson  
Maurice R. Winfield

The year started off with a bang for our new President Charles O. Wiselogel. Charles is the third generation Wiselogel in the Club. Number 1 of the "Ripples" had the listing, "To mark on your calendar", the following:

- July 15: Fred Randell of Eli Lilly & Co.
- July 22: Tour Purdue School of Aeronautics
- July 24: Annual Kiwanis-Rotary Golf Contest
- July 29: Evening Meeting with the Boy Scouts at Cary Camp
- August 5: Frank Sparks President of Wabash College
- August 19: Reception Day for New Members
- August 26: Governor Wilbur Pell with us
- September 2: R. O. Papenguth, Coach of U.S. Olympic Women's Swimming Team
- September 9: Brownie Scout Program
- September 16: Stu Holcomb, "Football for 1952"
- September 23: William Kraft, Chamber of Commerce World Tour

Announcement was made of the R.I. Convention enactment relative to Past Service and Senior Active memberships.

The purpose of the Club Assembly held before the luncheon on Aug. 26th is threefold, Governor Pell stated: 1st, to carry to the clubs inspiration and helpful suggestions about the Rotary program, and to bring to the clubs a larger vision of the program as revealed to the Governor through his participation in the International Assembly at Lake Placid, and in the International Convention; 2nd, to acquaint the

Governor with all the clubs in his District; and 3rd, to provide Rotary International with information and recommendations for its guidance in serving the clubs throughout the world.

In early October we had our Annual Stag Party at Rotary Park. Then came the Lafayette Symphony led by Tom Wilson. John Bolland, Foundation Fellowship from New Zealand spoke to us, and Norris Shreve told us of his experiences in Japan. December is always a busy month: our Christmas Party, a Rotary Speech Contest, and the Salvation Army Kettle Day. Our new member, Superintendent J. Russell Hiatt told us about Lafayette's School Problems.

In January we had a successful 4-H Corn Show, and an International Service program with Karsandos Master from India the speaker.

Comes February and Louis Sears, "My Political Observations". There were several "world problems" and Frank Hockema told us about Employer-Employee relations.

Our Scholarship-Citizenship Recognition Day is something we are all proud of and this year it was good.

Under the guidance of Ralph Hull and Bill Ayres, Ladies Night was held in the Purdue Union on May 14th.

"Covered Bridges in Indiana" interested some of the river-rats.

A June meeting delighted all of us. It was Dean Potter Recognition Day, with Dayton McCormick, Roscoe Seybold, Fred Hovde and our President taking part.

President Wiselogel's year finished with a report on the Paris Convention from Bill Ayres, Dick Hadley and Elton Hocking.

1953-1954

### **Officers**

William L. Ayres, President  
Richard L. Hadley, Vice President  
Irvine F. Wilson, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Lucien Jones, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Nils Bolin  
Russell H. Harmon  
J. Holmes Martin  
J. Russell Mitchell  
John H. Moriarty

### **International President**

Joaquin Serratoso Cibils  
Montevideo, Uruguay

### **International Convention**

Seattle, Washington  
Delegate: Curtis Hostetter

### **District Governor**

George E. Davis (225th)  
Lafayette, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Crawfordsville, Indiana  
October 21, 1953

### **New Members**

Harold T. Amrine  
H. R. Christianson  
Howard O. Diesslin  
Fred A. Doeppers  
John S. Drysdale  
David Dyer  
Charles F. Garrison  
Richard P. Gripe  
Murray E. Hardin  
J. Russell Hiatt  
Henry Mangus  
David M. Pepper  
W. Ferris McKenna  
William L. Rose  
Henry Silver  
Arthur H. Tichenor  
Frank Tyrrell

At one of Bill's first meetings we all went to the Duncan Electric Manufacturing Company for a delicious dinner and an interesting inspection of their new plant. With Lincoln Lodge closed we had one of our July luncheons at the new Marshall Cafeteria.

Rotary lost to Kiwanis in golf at the Elks Club one day in September. That was the day Elmer Waters was 83 years young. No longer are we the "old man's club". The annual Kick-off luncheon took the place on one of our September luncheons. On the 29th we had our own George Davis present for the annual Governor's message. On a pretty day in October we all went to Rotary Park for the annual Stag Party with Joe Sicer barbecuing the chicken, a great success.

Over forty Rotarians and Rotaryans attended the Crawfordsville District Conference. An outstanding occasion was the Old Timers Meeting the night preceding the one-day session.

There was an induction of new members with King Cole of Bloomington welcoming sixteen new Rotarians. December saw Kettle Day for the Salvation Army, and a Sons and Daughters Day. On January 22nd the Annual 4-H Leaders and Tippecanoe County Corn Growers meeting filled the large room at Lincoln Lodge with George Doup of the Indiana Farm Bureau the speaker. In February Earl Butz told us "You Gotta Have a Dream", this was our Rural-Urban Day. At one of our International Meetings, Art Tichenor had two foreign students for the guest speakers. A Club Assembly was held on March 11th at the Marshall Cafeteria. Each week the "Rotary Ripples" has a heading "Other Interesting Programs", for example: April 27, Will Hays, Jr., April 28, Information Meeting at Marion; May 4, W. H. Johnson, "Atomic Energy and the Hydrogen Bomb"; May 11, Donald Beer, "Korea"; May 18, R. B. Stewart, "Lake Central"; May 20, Inter-City Ladies Night with Al Stewart's Glee Club; May 25, John Adams, "Mexico".

During a recent crossing of the Atlantic, honor came to A. A. Potter, elected President of Rotary Club's Luncheon meeting on board the R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth.

At Bill Ayres' last meeting Curtis Hostetter gave an unusually fine report of the Seattle International Convention.





1954-1955

**Officers**

Richard L. Hadley, President  
J. Russell Mitchell, Vice President  
Clyde R. Nichols, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
H. Hanley Hammel, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Directors**

Charles E. Craw  
L. M. Hutchings  
Herman M. Messing  
James M. McFadden  
Irvine F. Wilson

**International President**

Herbert J. Taylor  
Chicago, Illinois

**International Convention**

Chicago, Illinois  
Delegate:

**District Governor**

James R. Pence (225th)  
Greencastle, Indiana

**District Convention**

Connersville, Indiana  
October 20, 1954

**New Members**

Robert C. Bolin  
Donald L. Chapman  
Dan Henry Cooper  
VonRoy Daugherty  
Harold M. DeGroff  
Charles Dellinger  
Horace C. Edstrom  
Leonard M. Gluck  
William W. Heath  
Charles M. Homer  
David D. Jackson  
John H. Korschot  
Rudolph H. Mahara  
Melvin Mallery  
Ralph A. Morgen  
Ralph L. Morris  
Herbert E. Nelson  
Albert Rosen  
Reinhardt Schuhmann, Jr.  
Alden D. Schwarz  
Louis H. Wollenweber  
Alfred G. Wright

At the first meeting of the new year retiring president Bill Ayres told new president Dick Hadley: "If you wham the bell hard enough they will eventually listen to you". With only 2/3 of the year past, as this goes to press, much has been done to make this one of the outstanding years in Lafayette Rotary.

District Governor Jim Pence gave a sincere and earnest approach to the responsibilities and opportunities of Rotary when he made his official visit.

"Frank Riedel" Day on Oct. 20 was a great celebration in honor of 37 years of perfect attendance.

Seven Rotarians and five Rotaryanns attended the District Conference at Connersville, which was quite entertaining as well as full of good Rotary.

Joe Sicer and his committee really filled us full of barbecued chicken at the fall Stag party out at Rotary Park—a great "poker-time" was had by all.

We were saddened by the deaths of our great past District Governor John Stemm, and fellow Rotarian Leroy D. Edwards.

The biggest Dinner Dance ever held by our club was at the Country Club on December 4. This was the opening of our Golden Anniversary programs—our own members and their Rotaryanns portrayed the growth and life of Rotary to perfection. Other Anniversary projects have been the installation of eight Rotary road signs; the authorization to purchase some land for the Girl Scouts and giving of something of equal value to the Boy Scouts; the publication of this history; and a series of programs to show us the local school situations.

There were 125 winners in the 4-H Corn Club Contest this year.

John Newby, our fellowship foundation student from England cleverly showed the minor differences and major similarities between Americans and Britons.

John Cage, our program chairman, has brought so many outstanding programs that it would take another page to summarize them. We will leave this, as well as the rest of the events of this 1954-1955 year, to be filled in by our next historian.

The regular Inter-City Ladies Night with Al Stewart and the Purdue Glee Club, and the Glee Club Fish Fry (at Rotary Park this time) were held at the usual times in the spring. A special meeting on May 17 honored 65 of the oldest employees in length of service working in the businesses of Rotarians: Eddie Loeb brought James E. Dafty, 22 years with Loeb's, and Herb Hussey brought Miss Ruby Hayth with General Telephone 40 years.

The Club had 207 visiting Rotarians during the year; 391 Club invited guests; and 198 other visitors with Rotarians.

Norris and Eleanor Shreve left Lafayette Rotary wheels in Taipei and Tainan Formosa, and Norris gave the first anniversary address to the Tainan Club.

John Newby made at least 30 talks to Rotary Clubs before returning to England—almost failed his work at Purdue as a result of being such an international goodwill ambassador.

The Club's By-Laws were amended to have 11 Board members with 3-year terms rather than 7 members with one-year terms, effective the following year.

The Club, by a written secret ballot of the entire membership, voted to enforce the 60% attendance rule.

The passing of another charter member, Orion L. Foster, saddened our Club again.

Past District Governor George Davis joined the ranks of the "absent-minded professor" with all dues paid to a fortune teller, and attested to by the police. Our good friend Frank Hockema dedicated a poem titled, "An Absent-Minded Professor" to George "Whitcomb Riley" Davis.

The price of meals was raised to \$1.25, which brought a letter from Jack Ralston objecting on the grounds that members who were attending were paying the penalty cost of the ones who were absent. And Curt Hostetter and Chauncey McCoy were caught slipping away without paying for their lunch the next week.

The Golden Anniversary Project of the Club culminated in a deed to 10.6 acres of land for the Girl Scouts of Sycamore Valley, and the pledging of \$1060 to the Boy Scouts for a worthwhile contribution in the future.

Russ Mitchell, Irv Wilson, Herm Messing and Ev Wright were our official delegates to the Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago.

1955-1956

**Officers**

Russ Mitchell, President  
Herman Messing, Vice President  
Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary

**Directors**

George DeLong  
Herman Messing  
Howard Porsch  
Earl McBee  
David McQueen  
Marvin Smith  
Dick Hadley  
James McFadden  
J. R. Mitchell  
Clyde Nichols  
Jack Ralston  
Paul Risk

**International President**

A.Z. Baker  
Cleveland, Ohio

**International Convention**

Philadelphia, PA  
Delegate: Herman Messing

**District Governor**

Earle Fortney (225th)  
Rushville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Hartford City, IN  
October 19, 1955

**New Members**

Floyd S. Amsler  
John O. Bradshaw  
Howard Davis  
John W. Farley  
Lytle J. Freehafer  
Ralph Guenther  
George A. Hawkins  
Herbert Hunsaker  
Louis H. Meyer  
Nelson M. Parkhurst  
Ralph Reeder  
N. William Schwartz  
George E. Spencer  
Jerome J. Stefaniak  
Walter Wade

A tremendous amount of time, energy, labor and materials were given by Dave McQueen, Frank Taylor, Edgar Scroyer, George Needham, Ernest Schaible and others in improving Rotary Pa& and getting it in the best condition for us in many years. And Rotary Park had the heaviest use by more groups than in several years past.

There were two Club Assemblies - one for the District Governor - and a second one for a review of the year's accomplishments. This second one was held in the Blue Room of the Lahr Hotel on May 1, 1956, which was the room where the Club's 14 charter members held their first weekly luncheon just 40 years before.

Russ Mitchell received the "gavel" only after it passed through the hands of 17 of the past presidents; and then introduced a seven-point program for the Club—much of which was achieved through the year.

A wider intra-club acquaintance and an increased spirit of fellowship among the members developed through the year. Attendance steadily improved, reaching more than 70% average for the year. Monthly birthday tables were instituted. Club singing improved. New projects included weekly visitations of high school boys and foreign students from Purdue; the sending of a girl to Girls State, and our contribution to the Southside Community Center Reconstruction project directed by the Tri Kappa Sorority, wherein our Frank Peter Riedel became "Mr. Wonderful" of the Lafayette Civic Clubs. Rotary, through individual contributions, gave \$866.

There were two ladies night parties—the first in the fall at the Trails to provide "an evening out for our best lady friend" (wife or otherwise); and the second one our annual Inter-City Ladies Night with Al Stewart and the Purdue Glee Club. A record attendance was set of 502 that still stands. And there were two Rotary Information Indoctrination Dinners held for the new Rotarians and their Rotaryans.

The Board of Directors spent much time studying finance of the Club's activities. We would have to retrench in the face of the increasing needs of our Youth of our community, or raise more funds. Thirteen Rotarians (still anonymous) contributed \$375 to carry on the work of the Club toward the end of the year. The dues were then raised to \$34 per year, and the entrance fee to \$25.

Warren Maddox went to a YMCA World Conference in Paris, France. Warren admitted that he attended the French Follies—Earl McBee was there too.

Cecile Harden, Indiana's Sixth District Congresswoman, and mother of Our Murray Harden, gave her impressions of the first session of the 84th Congress - "Mediocre." Our Rotaryans were guests; and the meal went down in history as being the worst ever.

Rotarians lost to Kiwanis at golf, but beat them in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle.

Clyde Nichols was seen wearing a Texas size band-aid (12 inches long). George Davis lost his place of entertaining our children at the Christmas Party to Mrs. Earl Harlan.

Cordy Hall won the plaque for the best story teller at the Rotary Club in the 1956 story telling program - A kindergarten teacher in the great state of Texas was securing the names of boys and girls in the first class of the year. One Negro boy told her his name was "Opium Jones". The teacher thinking that the name was incorrect called the boy's mother. "That's his right name," the mother replied. When the teacher explained that "Opium" was a dope—the mother replied, "That's my boy". And when the teacher continued by telling the mother that "Opium" was illegal, "That's my boy" replied the mother. "And didn't you know that "Opium" Comes from the white poppy?" "That's my boy!" the mother exclaimed.

John Bachman, son of Bryant Bachman, went to Boys State.

A telephone contact with the Rotary Club of Saint Lo, France was made by Jim Huston and Elton Hocking, as the program on June 5th, the 12th anniversary of the Normandy landings that wiped out Saint Lo. Russ Mitchell's last official act as president was to appoint Clyde Nichols as Club Historian.

1956-1957

### **Officers**

Herman Messing, President  
Earl McBee, Vice President  
Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary

### **Directors**

George DeLong  
Herman Messing  
J.R. Mitchell  
Charles Murphy  
Howard Porsch  
Earl McBee  
David McQueen  
Marvin Smith  
Fred Doeppers  
Richard Gripe  
Harold Hudlow

### **International President**

Gian Paolo Lang  
Livorno, Italy

### **International Convention**

Lucerne, Switzerland  
Delegate:

### **District Governor**

Alden P. Chester (225th)  
Kokomo, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Union City, Indiana  
October 17, 1956

### **New Members**

John Bollard  
Bruce Howard Dutton  
Maurice J. Ferriter  
Lloyd W. Littell  
John E. McQueen  
Joseph Mirsky  
John V. Osmun  
E. Max Snyder  
Ronald L. Stuckey  
Harold B. Taylor

Herman Messing introduced two new features that did more to help Rotarians know one another better and create more fellowship than anything done in the past several years. Nils Bolin was the first to score 100% when called upon (without prior notice) to introduce everyone at his table, The second feature was the "Rotarian of the Hour" biographical sketches on Ernie Schilling, Jack Ralston, Jimmie Wiselogel, Roy McQueen, Kirby Risk, Erston Marshall, Norris Shreve, Frank Riedel, Cable Ball, John Burkle, A. A. Potter, O. O. Lloyd, Frank Timberlake, Eth Baugh, James Williams, Alpha Gray, Charles Callahan, Eric Holm, Al Stewart, Ed Vanbuskirk, Dave Pfendler, Chuck Beese, Ed Schroyer, Charlie Wiselogel, Herb Horner, Oscar Pipes, Ralph Caldwell, Walt Gibson, Bryant Bachman, Bill Ayres, Joe Sicer, Sam Keller, Holmes Martin, Earl McBee, Glenn Jenkins, David McQueen, George Davis, J. A. Peterson, Frank Demaree, Art Brunson, D. D. Ewing, Warren Maddox, and Everett Wright in that order.

The Club began giving bronze-coated Lafayette-Purdue Rotary Wheels designed by Howdy Porsch to each guest speaker, and to the visiting Rotarians from the greatest distance.

A. A. and Eva Potter celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Dean Potter is known as "The Dean" throughout the whole engineering world, Elmer Walters was recognized for 50 years of Masonry. Ray Colwell was elected as the Junior Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. Russ Mitchell proposed Curt Hostetter as a candidate for District Governor.

The printing of the Club Organization on the back of Rotary Ripples was begun helping everyone know much more about the club, who is in the Club, and what is doing.

Youth work continues to be stressed—some basic tools for equipping a workshop in the YMCA, and some boats for the Boy Scouts were purchased; Junior winners were sent to the Science Fair in Chicago; the 4-H Corn Club program grows; the Scholarship-Citizenship group honored; and two boys and one girl sent to Boys-Girls State. The \$1060 promised the Boy Scouts helped get their new swimming pool at Boy Scout Camp.

New babies arrived in the homes of "papa" Rotarians Mike Kosman, Vern Breitwieser, Ralph Shay, Marvin Smith, Rudolph Mahara, and Bill Schwartz; and in the homes of "grand-papa" Rotarians Ralph Morgan,

Mart Busche, Clyde Nichols, Herb Horner, Bill Ayres, Doc Burkle, Mart Fowler, M. Daugherty (VonRoy), B. Lang, C. Wiselogel, M. Busche, B. Siskind, and B. Bayley, with a second time for Ayres.

All gave \$10 to the Rotary Foundation. These plus others brought the Club across the 100% mark and Dist. Gov. Alden P. Chester urged us to try for 200%.

Lafayette Rotary was complimented by the Dist. Gov. when he said "he would prefer to copy the good work of the Lafayette Club than to suggest new ideas for the Club."

A rump Rotary session was held in Romney with Williamson, Reeder, Whistler, Spencer, Pfendler, Freehafer, Shay, Baynes and a visiting Rotarian, Charles F. Bowman present. They appealed to the Club for attendance credit that was granted by acclamation.

Al Stewart, John Farley and Mickey McGuire with about half the Purdue Glee Club suddenly became the program at Cold Water, Mich. when they stopped to make up attendance, while enroute to Detroit to put on another program. This was the best program Cold Water ever had--Service Above Self.

With Lincoln Lodge management deteriorating, and the food getting worst and worse, the Club finally moved its meeting place to Marshall's in Mar Jean Village on May 14, 1957.

The Intercity Ladies Night was a huge success, and 76 Rotarians attended the Rotary-Purdue Glee Club Fish Fry. Thus, a very successful and fruitful year of Lafayette Rotary ended as Herman Messing turned the gavel over to Earl McBee.

1957-1958

**Officers**

Earl McBee, President  
Everett Wright, Vice-President  
Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary

**Directors**

Fred Doeppers  
Lytle Freehafer  
Harold Hudlow  
G. Bryant Bachman  
Nils Bolin  
Everett Wright  
James Huston  
Earl T. McBee  
David McQueen  
Herman Messing  
Marvin Smith

**International President**

Charles G. Tennent  
Asheville, North Carolina

**International Convention**

Dallas, Texas  
Delegate: Everett Wright

**District Governor**

Donald J. Wickizer (656th)  
Shelbyville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Tipton, Indiana  
October 16, 1957

**New Members**

Robert W. Aungst  
Andrew A. Bain  
John T. Barclay  
Ethridge B. Baugh, Jr.  
Joseph L. Behler  
Francis M. Clark  
Paul F. Chenea  
Melvin Covey  
Kermit D. Fry  
Ed Griffin  
Daniel J. Grier  
Elmer Heinmiller  
Robert L. Hogue  
Karl Kettelhut  
Edwin S. Lee, Jr.  
William E. Luhman  
Lloyd V. Moser  
Harry C. Rountree

With new vice-president Ev Wright presiding, the "Rotarian of the Year" was saluted. Herman Messing's life from babyhood to adulthood was cleverly portrayed. Ev, with the help of members at a special table sang "Rock-a-By Baby," "School Days," "Over Hill, Over Dale," and "I Love You Truly," and did a great job of presenting the highlights of Herman's life. Herman's father was present to enjoy the act.

Girl State Governor Lana Ruegamet thanked Lafayette Rotary for her enjoyable experiences and for sponsoring her to Girls State.

Lafayette Rotary heartily adopted a resolution endorsing Curtis Hostetter as candidate for the office of District Governor. Curt became the District Governor Nominee in the District Conference at Tipton, October 16. And Curt and his Rotaryann Catherine had one of the greatest experiences of their lives at Lake Placid, New York, at the Rotary International induction of all the District Governors from all over the world the following day.

At the District Conference, Hudlow, Sine, Wright, Mitchell, Hadley, Huston and Rotaryann Florence Huston put on a well-acted skit. Al Stewart and the Glee Club were part of the evening's program.

Jim Huston gave the Club a brief report of his visit with the Saint-Lo, France Club—the Club which our Club talked with via phone June 5, 1956.

At the Club Assembly for Governor Don Wickizer, 27 of the 30 committees were represented and gave excellent reports. Gov. Wickizer stated this was the finest Club assembly he had ever attended.

Our Rotary Dollar in Lafayette was spent last year as follows:

- Rotary International: 35

- Community Service: 32
- Club Service: 17
- Salaries: 11
- Office Supplies: 3
- International Service: 2

With Charlie Vaughan as M.C., Frank Peter Riedel was honored for his 40 years of perfect attendance.

George Davis was toastmaster for Charter Night for a new Rotary Club in District 656—Danville, Indiana.

Ev Wright was chairman for the District Institute held in the Union Building on December 5th.

Frank Timberlake, the remaining charter member of our Club, became a patient of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium (at this writing 3 1/2 years later Frank is still a patient, but we are told is not in pain and does not suffer.)

The Club was host to 50 4-H Adult leaders and instructors from four surrounding counties attending the 19th training conference.

A Rotaryann day with 70 Rotaryanns present heard the public relations director for E. I. DuPont, Robert T. DeVore; speak on "Strength for Tomorrow" at the noon meeting on February 18th (Rotaryann Lucile Nichol's birthday).

Purdue Graduate Students from Foreign Land's who were getting advanced degrees in June were guests of the Club on May 20; our own John Bollard (Former Rotary Foundation Fellow from New Zealand) talked to them on "The Scientist and Society."

The Rotary Information Committee under the chairmanship of Jimmie Williams, brought a series of 5-minute talks during the year:

- George Davis on "The Object of Rotary"
- Jim Huston on "The History of Rotary"
- John Bradshaw on "The Rotary Foundation"
- Dick Hadley on "Classification and Membership"
- Jimmie Williams on "Lafayette Rotary"
- Don Mallett on "Community Service"

Fifteen of our members brought 1/3 of the programs to our Club during the year—John Bollard (twice), Hanley Hammel, Norris Shreve, John Bradshaw (now General Bradshaw), Art Tichenor, J. J. Stefaniak, Al Stewart (twice) Warren Maddox, Howard Knaus, Vern Breitwieser, Don Mallett, Ralph Caldwell, Richard Gripe, Herbert Hunsaker, and Cable Ball.

Three of our staunch and faithful Rotarians of long standing became Rotarians Eternal—Frank Lewis, a Rotarian for 33 years; Elmer Waters, a Rotarian for 20 years; and Lloyd Josselyn, Lafayette Rotarian for 25 years, and 15 years elsewhere—former President of Buffalo, New York; Lafayette President 1937-38; Club Secretary for 4 1/2 years; and the major author of the History of the Lafayette Rotary Club, 1955.

The Club gave Lafayette Rotary Wheels to all visiting Rotarians from foreign countries; bought a banner stand for the new Club at Danville; became a sponsor of Al Stewart's Purdue Musical Organizations; and gave \$500 toward the purchase of 17 additional acres of land at Sycamore Valley Girl Scout Camp.

Our attendance record for May 1958 reached 81.76%, the highest ever attained to that date (since we began to climb from the bottom 10 in the nation) and we were 15th out of 29 clubs in the district.

Ev Wright was installed as President three-weeks early so retiring President Earl McBee could go on a three-week Navy cruise—some secret stuff with the Navy.



1958-1959

**Officers**

Everett Wright, President  
Homes Martin, Vice President  
Howard Porsch, Secretary-Treasurer

**Directors**

Fred Doeppers  
Lytle Freehafer  
Harold Hudlow  
Earl McBee  
Albert Stewart  
Bryant Bachman  
Nils Bolin  
Everett Wright  
Russell Hiatt  
Homes Martin  
Hugh Steele

**International President**

Clifford A. Randall

**International Convention**

New York City  
Delegate: Homes Martin, Everett Wright

**District Governor**

Curtis Hostetter, Governor 656

**District Convention**

Attica – Williamsport  
October 15, 1958

**New Members**

William C. Bramble  
Joseph Claffey  
Enoch H. Clements  
Alvin C. Derbandes  
N. Kent Ellis  
Donald P. Gustafson  
Yelverton B. Hall  
Pete F. Hohnhaus  
John C. Irvine  
Geo. T. Schilling  
Jack Snyder  
E. Clark Stevenson  
Gilbert E. Teal

The first official act of president Ev was to introduce “Fireside Meetings.” Two were held at Rotary Park, one at Ev’s home, and one in the Union Building.

The Board of Directors liberalized our local attendance rules so that anyone desiring, could actually meet our 60% attendance requirement for each six months without any undue difficulty.

Sickness and death in the family were automatically excused. Business and vacation excuses could be obtained by request from the Secretary. The limitation of 6 days before and 6 days after regular meeting for makeup was eliminated. Makeups include Board meetings, Club Assemblies, Dist. Conferences, Dist. Institutes and other Club or Rotary functions, in addition to regular meetings of other Clubs. Attendance did improve as the food improved. The October attendance percentage reached 85.7%.

The Club purchased 200 newly designed (by Howdy Porsch) Lafayette Rotary Club banners—members could purchase and give to foreign or other Clubs. We discontinued giving Lafayette Rotary Wheels as distance awards. The Club bought eight 5-tube radio sets (through Bob Hiatt) for Saint Elizabeth Hospital in recognition of inviting us to be their guest for a noon meeting, at which we learned more of the great work this hospital is doing in our community. \$600 bought two pool tables for the local YMCA.

District Governor Curt Hostetter at his annual visit to the Club said: “Rotary is not measured by the number of Clubs, the number of members, or the countries in which it is found, but by the INDIVIDUAL ROTARIAN in the Club.”

Joe Baker, Dan Cooper, Chief Honewell, Charlie Wiselogel, Jimmy Williams, and Dave Pfendler gave vocational talks: “Ripples from Rotarians”.

In October 1958 Lafayette Rotary had 146 active; 5 additional active; 31 senior active; 3 past service, and 8 honorary members. The record showed that for the past ten years we had lost 14 members and gained 18 new members per year.

Seventy Rotaryans braved -2° temperature to have noon lunch with us on December 9.

The sudden closing of Marshall's forced the Club to find a new place to meet. Oscar Pipes invited the Club to come to the Fowler on March 17th, and we stayed. In the move we discovered our "Meeting Place Plaque" had been stolen from Marshall's. Marshall reimbursed the club \$25.00 - a new plaque was ordered and placed by the elevator in the lobby of the Fowler. Later on the old plaque was found in a fraternity at Purdue when the police were looking for something else taken in a prank—Marshall's \$25.00 was returned by the fraternity and the Club wound up with two plaques. The next year quite a group of Lafayette Rotarians went to Crawfordsville for the 40th anniversary meeting of their Club. Lafayette had sponsored this club. It was found that they did not have a meeting

Plaque there in the hotel Crawford, so our 2nd plaque was given them on this occasion.

Dayton McCormick, Jack Barclay, George Spencer, Sam Keller and Andy Bain put on a stimulating program answering the four questions posed in The Four-Way Test.

Roy Whistler and his Membership-Classification Committee deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts in bringing the classification roster of the Club up to date.

Happenings of Rotarians through the year:

Chauncey McCoy admonished other Rotarians that they might fare as well as Frank Riedel if they forget to remain at the scene of an accident.

Mickey McGuire, upon returning from Flint, Michigan, was to pick up his family in Huntington. Back in the PMO office much later, he "remembered" that he "forgot."

A past president, past secretary and past editor of Ripples wanted to know: "Where does past governor George go when he wants to go to the State Fair?"

Cordy Hall drove to South Bend, obtained a room with TV in a hotel, and saw the Purdue-Notre Dame game in style.

The Union threw a strike on the Fowler, and Rotarians Stewart, Luhman and Mickey McGuire couldn't cross the picket lines—Holmes Martin almost tricked Al once into coming.

John Osmon MC'd the 25th anniversary banquet of the National Pest Control Association in Washington, D.C.

District Governor Curt Hostetter presented "The Rotary Wheel" to twenty-nine Rotary Clubs in the district - speaking to the individual members Curt said: "You are an important COG on the Rotary Wheel today to help build the BEST District in the Rotary World."

Norris and Eleanor Shreve made their annual trek to Formosa.

Paul Chenea was at M.I.T. for a year as a visiting professor and Clyde Nichols went to M.I.T. for the Spring semester as a guest professor.

Harold Amrine was honored with a Fulbright Scholarship to teach at University of Melbourne, Australia, for one year.

J.R. Mitchell and Dan Cooper invaded the Lions Club at Pendleton.

Jim Huston, a Lt. Col. in the Army Reserves, became a faculty member of the Navy War College for a year—what is Jim trying to do?—Sink the Navy?

John Osmon visited Russia as a member of the United States Entomological Delegation.

Ralph Morgen was one of eight to study Russian Engineering Education for 60 days—all over Russia.

Dayton McCormick went to Scotland to fill Rev. Levison's pulpit for three months, while Rev. Levison filled Dayton's here in Lafayette. While here, Rev. Levison met with the Rotary Club in Dayton's place.

Everett Wright's last act was to appoint (for the second time) Clyde Nichols as Club Historian.

1959-1960

**Officers**

Holmes Martin, President  
Hugh Steele, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
Howard Porsch, Treasurer

**Directors**

G. Bryant Bachman  
Nils Bolin  
Harold DeGross  
Charles Horner  
Everett Wright  
J. Holmes Martin  
J. Russell Hiatt  
Hugh Steele  
H.R. Christianson  
L.M. Hutchings  
Clyde Nichols  
J. Kirby Risk

**International President**

Harold T. Thomas  
Auckland, New Zealand

**International Convention**

Miami, Florida  
Delegates: Hugh Steel & Clyde Nichols

**District Governor**

Mark Ertel (656th)  
Tipton, Indiana

**District Convention**

Lebanon, Indiana  
October 21, 1959

**New Members**

Garth F. Cobb  
Harry James Cowin  
James R. Eaton  
Ernest Freedberg  
Brage Golding  
Willard Hall  
Karl T. Kettelhut  
William A. Owens  
Richard Pittenger  
Edward A. Ragsdale  
Franklin E. Simek  
James F. Smith  
Francis W. Trimmer  
Thomas F. Jones  
J. Edward Willis

“Chick-Boutonnieres” adorned the lapels of officers and directors at the first Tuesday of prexy Martin’s year, with instruction to wear them throughout the year—and Holmes did.

Ev Wright, Clyde Nichols, Arty Tichenor (kitchen-door) and Irv Wilson were a panel that dueled with a similar panel from Indianapolis at the District Conference at Lebanon.

Price of noon meals went up to \$1.50.

Club purchases 100 new Rotary songbooks.

Chances were sold at 25¢ each for the “Barong Taglog” material given to the Club the year before by a visitor from the Orient. \$32.00 was turned over to Rotary Foundation.

Started giving banners rather than wheels to Rotarians from outside the U.S. and started giving Rotary Wheels to speakers.

David McQueen replaced Samuel Souders and Charles Horner replaced Spotts Emrick as court appointed Trustees for Rotary Park.

A \$60.00 life raft was given the Y.M.C.A.

A dozen Rotarians give much time, much work, materials, money and help for the benefit of Rotary Park, in addition to the regular annual sponsored work of the club.

The By-Laws were amended to increase the number of Board members from 11 to 13, with provisions that will maintain an equal number of Board members from the Town and Gown groups.

18 programs were given by Club members during the year. Others sang, MC’d and took various parts at other meetings.

Individual Rotarians sponsored the "First Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner" on February 12, entertaining and honoring 23 new Eagle Scouts.

Joanne Pottlitzer, 21, granddaughter of Edward L. Pottlitzer, Past President 1923-24, was nominated by the Lafayette Club for a Rotary Foundation fellowship. Joanne won the nomination and will study a year in Chile, South America. She is a graduate of Jefferson High School and received a B.S. from Purdue in June 1959.

During the year Club members stood in silent tribute to the memory of departed members Leslie M. "Pat" Hutchings, Charles "Charlie" Vaughan, and Stanley G. "Stan" Meikle, and former members Kendall Dickinson, Past President 1930-31, and Louis M. "Louie" Sears.

Lafayette Rotary Club was host to 70 4-H Adult Leaders at their 21st annual District Training Conference on February 9, 1961.

The Club renewed practice of giving "tabs" for perfect attendance.

One week Hugh Steele opened a meeting by saying that "prexy Martin 'chickened out' on us today for a few 'poultry' dollars making a few 'fowl' speeches somewhere in the Midwest." The next week prexy Martin opened the meeting by saying: "I plead guilty of 'fowl' speeches but I got nary a 'paltry' dollar as I attended the Poultry Science Association meeting on a tax deductible basis. Now as for this gastrointestinal specialist who presided, I hope you will Steele yourself for my remarks, although I will Hugh to the line of fair rather than 'fowl' play. Remember he egged me on since his remarks stuck in my craw. His intestinal fortitude is exceeded only by his ability as a punster. When you choose an M.D. for a veep and a Ph.D. for prexy you might have expected a paradox." Steele replied that Martin was trying to "feather his nest."

Al Stewart organized a Rotary Choral Group—the first session was attended by 12 Rotarians and lasted for two hours and a fifth.

It was reported in the fall that an Army Colonel opened the door at the Armory and directed a Sgt. to aid the I.U. boys in loading the Big Drum. Wasn't that a real Purdue Hospitality?

Once Dr. John C. Burkle let it be known he has lost a straw hat, size 7½.

Another week prexy Martin accused Al Wright of having "plenty of brass." The next week Al told of Martin having been a member of the wood-wind section in Spotts Emrick's band many years back, and how he had since lost the 'wood' but still retained plenty of the 'wind'."

Ralph Morgen became the new president of Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute.

Holmes Martin took an 8-day cruise on the S.S. Independence.

At the annual Christmas Party, Clark Stevenson won the prize for the most children present—six; and Nils Bolin and George Davis tied for the most grandchildren—three each. Good old George, finding his audience with a higher level of intelligence than usual, was superb with his presentation of "Little Orphant Annie" and "The Raggedy Man" but failed to get the Little Boy out of the tree in "The Bear Story".

Thirteen Lafayette Rotarians traveled to Crawfordsville for their 40th anniversary. It was interesting to note that 13 Lafayette Rotarians attended Crawfordsville Rotary 40 years ago and presented them with their Charter. Marvin Smith and David McQueen presented some musical numbers, and Swezey, Martin and Hostetter spoke. Lafayette Rotary presented them with a "hotel" plaque for the lobby of the Hotel Crawford.

George Davis and Curt Hostetter represented Lafayette Rotary at the 10th anniversary meeting of the Tipton Rotary Club.

Three Proud Papas and 14 Proud Grandpapas presented checks to the Rotary Foundation. And four others did likewise for birthdays, etc.

1960-1961

**Officers**

Hugh H. Steele, President  
Clyde R. Nichols, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer

**Directors**

Paul Chenea  
J. Russell Hiatt  
J. Holmes Martin  
Forrest Quackenbush  
Hugh H. Steele  
Joseph Baker  
H.R. Christianson  
Clyde R. Nichols  
J. Kirby Risk  
John Bollard  
Ralph Caldwell  
Charles Crow  
William Riedel

**International President**

J. Edd McLaughlin  
Rails, Texas

**International Convention**

Tokyo, Japan  
Delegates: None

**District Governor**

John McKee (656th)  
Williamsport, Indiana

**District Convention**

Shelbyville, Indiana  
October 19, 1960

**District Governor**

John McKee (656th)  
Williamsport, Indiana

**District Convention**

Shelbyville, Indiana  
October 19, 1960

**New Members**

Frank K. Burrin  
William E. Fontaine  
Max V. Goken  
Robert L. Hartley  
Lawrence C. Lane  
Lloyd L. Neuman  
Philip N. Powers  
Michael E. Ritzman  
Charles M. Robertson  
E.W. Schilling  
Louis A. Weil  
Harland W. White

Club voted \$100 to defray bus travel expense of sending the Explorer Scouts of Harrison Trails Council to the Explorer Delegate Conference at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Jim Natale of Portage, Pa. Rotary Club, made for and gave to our club a gavel made of leather in appreciation for some courtesies extended to him by some unnamed Lafayette Rotarian. (See the September 1959 Rotarian story about JIM and his gavels.)

Al Stewart received a warm ovation from the Club for the recognition received recently from DePauw University—the honorary degree of Doctor of Music. Congratulations, Al!

An appreciation dinner was held August 17 in honor of Warren B. Maddox, retiring general secretary of our local YMCA.

Nichols, Busche And Hostetter attended the Rotary District Institute at Danville, Indiana on July 30th. Officers from 27 of 29 Clubs were present and Ned Rickett of Crawfordsville was nominated District Governor for the next year.

Western Union telegram: "Congratulations from the State Kiwanis Convention to the Lafayette Rotary Club on their outstanding men of Service of the caliber of J. R. Mitchell and Warren Maddox."

Certificate from Rotary International: "In recognition of its contribution of a minimum of \$20 per member to the Rotary Foundation, the Lafayette Rotary Club has been designated a 200% Rotary Foundation Club!"

Twenty Lafayette Rotarians proved to be better at golf than the Lafayette Kiwanians for the first time in 10 years of play. We now have the plaque—let's keep it.

It was good to see Capt. Ed Lee last Tuesday (August 30) on his way from Corpus Christie, Texas to The Hague, Netherlands. The Board made Ed a roving international ambassador from the Lafayette Club, and Ed was just that—he maintained better than 200% attendance throughout the year, giving Lafayette banners to many Clubs and sending many banners to Lafayette.

Jim Huston failed to sink the Navy War College and was welcomed back to our community and Rotary on September 27th.

October 20, 1960 was the 43rd anniversary for Frank Riedel's perfect Rotary Attendance Record. Congratulations to you Frank and may your good health continue so that you can make many more years of perfect attendance.

George Davis, Frank Riedel, Wilson, Nichols, Steele, Ev Wright, Irvine, Hostetter, Tichenor, Caldwell, Hocking and Bollard, and seven Rotaryans, attended the District Conference at Shelbyville. The Lafayette Rotary International Service Committee of Caldwell, Bollard, Tichenor, Irvine, Hocking and Ev Wright contributed greatly to the success of the conference. Frank Riedel took the prize for perfect attendance for 43 years, but others with 40, 39, and 37 years were pushing him.

Paul Risk received tokens of Minnesota's football rank from Eth Baugh who no longer needed them after Purdue's victory November 12. Later on Paul got even by offering Eth two tickets to the Rose Bowl game (for a price).

Did you notice Rotaryann Meredith (Chuck) Homer's letter to the editor of The Rotarian in the January 1961 issue. She wrote: "Tell us more" of the fight against Communism.

Ralston, Baker, Williamson, Harmon, Ragsdale, Ellis and Demaree did an outstanding job in honoring Tippecanoe County's 4-H Corn Club members. It marked the 36th time that Lafayette Rotary has sponsored this annual event. Medals were awarded to some 70 farm youth for their corn yields ranging from 100 to 242 bushels per acre. This year's trophy went to Sharon Kerkhoff, the first time a girl had won this honor. Sharon's yield of 242 bushels per acre is the highest record in Indiana in all history, and is this year's State Champion also.

Officers elected for 1961-62: Clyde Nichols, President; Charles Craw, Vice President; Curt Hostetter, Secretary; and Howard Porsch, Treasurer. Directors: James Huston, Samuel Keller, Roy Whistler and Michael Kosman. It was not destined for Clyde to be the president of the Lafayette Rotary Club. In 1950 he was recalled to the Service giving up the V.P. of the Club. Then in March of 1961 he accepted a job with Texas Western College at El Paso, Texas. J. Howard Porsch was elected to the Board and to fill Clyde's unexpired term as president, effective about August 1, when Clyde leaves for El Paso. Alpha B. Gray was elected Treasurer.

Nichols, Porsch And Hostetter attended the District Rotary Assembly in Crawfordsville.

Janice LaPlante, Lafayette Jefferson High School Junior won the Rotary District speech contest. Other contestants were from Anderson, New Castle and Union City.

34 U.S. Senators, and 54 U.S. Congressmen are Rotarians. 16 of the Congressmen have been Club presidents, 4 have been District Governors, 2 as R.I. Directors, and one as R.I. President. 20 State Governors are Rotarians; 4 having been Club presidents, and 2 have been District Governors.

April 25th, 1961 was the 17th anniversary of our Club's Scholarship and Citizenship Awards for the winners in the ten high schools in the county. Harlan White speaking on "So You Want To Be A Leader" gave a marvelous presentation of the qualifications, the price, and the rewards of being a leader.

The Rotary-Glee Club Ladies Night Party was an outstanding event, for the 21st time, and was well attended—425 from 25 different clubs. Stewart-Luhman-McGuire and the Glee Club were "Better than Ever" if that is possible, for they are always wonderful.

More than 150 Purdue Glee Club and Rotary members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening of fellowship at the Frankfort Country Club Wednesday May 31, the 22nd such meeting. It was a wonderful place to hold the event and was the Best Yet. Thanks to Cordy Hall and his committee for a job well done.

New Club in District 656: As of July 1, 1961, the Rotary Club of Flora, Indiana will be included in our District. This Club was organized in 1945 and it has 22 members. Our district will then have 30 clubs.

Club Members presented sixteen programs. As always, our own members bring some of the better and best programs. Especially good this year were: "Middle-Aged Intelligence" by Bill Owens; "Pre-Emptive Cold War" by Jim Huston; "So You Want To Be A Leader" by Harlan White. And the Club had many good programs from visiting speakers, some of the best: "Beautiful America" by Col. H.C. Anderson - General Telephone; "The Rural Development Program" by Harry J. Reed, Ag. Dean Emeritus; "Current Crime Problems" by E.J. Powers, F.B.I., Indianapolis; "Therapy of Laughter" by Rev. Joseph G. Wick, Lafayette; "Facing a New Age" by Ray Mertes, United Airlines College Relations Director, "Japan-American Economic Situation" by Dr. L.S. Hardin, Purdue Ag. Econ. Head; "Inside Indiana's Legislature" by Donald Foltz, Clinton, Rep. Purdue '46; "More Lasting Results of the Civil War" by Frank Hall, Purdue History Department; "Turned Out To Grass" by Leon F. "Monty" Montague, past R.I. Officer. And probably the highlight of all programs of the year was: "Thirty Years Experience in Dealing with Communism" by George K.C. Yeh, Chinese Ambassador to the United States. Thanks to Norris Shreve for this program.

New sons announced by Art Tichenor, James Smith, Skip Dellinger, John Bollard, Pete Kettelhut, Chuck Horner, and Harry Cowin. New daughter announced by Bill Riedel. New grandchildren by Frank Riedel, Nichols, Delong, Karl Kettelhut, Spencer, Ball, Conder, Herb Horner, and Charles Wiselogel.

The Club stood in silent tribute to the passing of Rotaryann Elizabeth Burkle and Rotarian James J. Wiselogel, past president, 1922-23.

World Travelers: Bradshaw to Alaska; Irvine to England, Norway and Sweden; The Shreves to Japan and Formosa; the Joel Petersons roved completely round the world; Ed Lee to the Netherlands and all of Europe; Whistler to Africa; and Bramble to Brazil.

There were 412 Attendance Makeups reported. These helped in a great way to give our Club the best attendance for the year that it has had in many years. In the month of May 1961 our attendance was 86.92% for our best month, and placed our Club 8th in the District for May.

There were 224 Rotarians from other Clubs that visited with us during the year. There were 564 other visitors including 35 speakers, 60 Rotaryanns, 90 children, 70 4-H Corn Club members and 10 4-H Adult Leaders, 3 speech contestants, 5 "Crusty Crumbs", 10 high school scholarship and citizenship winners, and our weekly high school guests

Perfect attendance tabs, denoting the number of years of perfect attendance were presented to Frank Riedel 43, Irv Wilson 24, Eth Baugh 7; Hugh Steele 7; Ev Wright 7; John Burkle 6; Curt Hostetter 6; James Williams 6; Mel Covey 3; Clyde Nichols 3; Howard Porsch 3; Ed Lee 2, Holmes Martin 2, and Y. B. Hall 2.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club these past 14 years. Any service rendered the Club in all the many trusts and assignments you have given me has paid many dividends in seeing Our Club a much better Club in every respect—Fellowship, Attendance, Fun, Cooperation and Service. Possibly my work in the Rotary Information Committee has been the best. I enjoyed working with the late Lloyd Josselyn on the Golden Anniversary Edition of "The Story" and it is hoped that this addition of 7½ years of "The Story" will bring a few memories to mind as they are read in later years. It is with regret that I am leaving one of the grandest bunch of fellows I have ever known.

1961-1962

**Officers**

Clyde Nichols (July), President  
J. Howard Porsch (Aug-June), President  
Charles Craw, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
Alpha Gray, Treasurer

**Directors**

Joseph Baker  
Nelson Parkhurst  
J. Howard Porsch  
Kirby Risk  
Hugh Steele  
Ralph Caldwell  
Charles Craw  
William Riedel  
Roy Whistler  
Harold DeGroff  
James Huston  
Samuel Keller  
Michael Kosman

**International President**

Joseph A. Abey  
Reading, Pennsylvania

**International Convention**

Los Angeles, California

**District Governor**

Ned Rickett  
Crawfordsville

**District Convention**

Sheridan, Indiana

**New Members**

Byron Anderson  
James Breitwieser  
John Day  
Anthony Fiore  
O. M. Foxworthy  
Delbert Graham  
Richard Grosh  
Wm. Hayt, Jr.  
Robert Hildebrandt  
Merrill Kempton  
Joseph Liberles  
J. Russell Manor  
Jean Paul Mather  
Harold Michael  
M. B. Ogle, Jr.  
Walter Pacek  
Horace Reisner, Jr.  
Harry Sammons  
John Scott  
Robert Sine  
Fae Spurlock  
Robert Verplank  
Joseph Waling  
Jack Walls

Clyde Nichols was president one month and then had to move from the community as he accepted a new position with Texas Western College in El Paso. He had completed 38 months of perfect attendance with our Club and was very active for many years.

Howdy Porsch consented to assume the presidency at Clyde's leaving. Howdy who had been treasurer for 13 years said, "I am ready to serve, but this is not a one man's club. Each member has ability and talent to serve well to build a great Lafayette Rotary. We have the material. Together we can produce."

Hal DeGroff replaced John Ballard as Director, the latter going to the University of Washington to head the Aeronautical Engineering School there.

Honorary Members this year: Hovde, Lloyd, Christianson, Potter, Timberlake and Riedel.

Lafayette Rotary defeated Lafayette Kiwanis in golf for the second straight year. Jim Engeler and Bill Heath organized the team.

Our club to the first of this year had contributed \$4,119.25 to the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Many of our members attended meetings outside the North American continent: Bannon-Africa, Delong-Europe, Martin-South America, Whistler-Africa, Irvine-England and European continent, Trimmer-British Isles, Davis-Europe, Al Wright-South America, Ralston-Hawaii, Spencer-South America, Joel Peterson-Pacific Islands and New Zealand, White-Africa, John M. Peterson-South America, Golding-Puerto Rico,



Shreve-Japan, Verplank and George Schilling-Bahamas. Also, Winfield and Doeppers on a cruise in the Pacific.

Cesar Ary of Brazil was the Rotary Fellow at Purdue this year and spoke to many clubs in the District.

Our club collected \$1,050 for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund.

New directors elected: From town: Robert Hiatt and Wollenweber. From gown: Cooper and Spencer.

Hal DeGross proudly announces the arrival of a daughter, Judith.

Frank Timberlake, one of the 14 charter members of Lafayette Rotary and President in 1938-39 passed away. He had made an outstanding contribution to our Club and to the Greater Lafayette community during his lifetime.

Joanne Pottlitzer, granddaughter of E. L. Pottlitzer, President of our Club, in 1923-24, who had served from our District as a Rotary Fellow in Chile, South America, during the past year, gave an interesting report at the February 27th meeting of her many experiences.

Twenty-four foreign students from twenty-one different countries were hosted at the March 20th meeting to promote better world understanding. Our International Information Committee of which Hal Amrine was chairman arranged this. Lou Wollenweber and his Youth Committee had an outstanding Youth program on March 27th, including a speech contest and musical program.

Curt Hostetter and his Rotaryann, Catherine, accompanied on March 30th six high school youths to Cincinnati to attend the World Affairs Institute, sponsored by the Cincinnati Club and other Rotary clubs of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Many Lafayette Rotarians were present on May 22nd in the Purdue Union Ballroom to honor our own Past District Governor George Davis, who was retiring from Purdue on July 1st. More than 300 were in attendance.

Oscar Pipes, a dedicated Rotarian for over 20 years, passed away at St. Elizabeth Hospital on June 26th.

The following had perfect attendance records for the entire year and also in parenthesis is the number of years without missing a meeting: Bachman, Eth Baugh (8), Burkle (7), Covey (4), Gibson, Y.B. Hall (3), Hostetter (7), Lane, Lee (3), Martin (3), Porsch (3), Frank Riedel (44), Robertson, Bill Schilling, Siskind, Steele (8), Williams (7), Wilson (25), Ev Wright (8).

Howdy Porsch who willingly assumed the reigns of Lafayette Rotary when Clyde Nichols moved away, was to be congratulated on an outstanding year. He presided efficiently and passed on to the membership many wonderful thoughts of his own as well as releases from RI headquarters. A true Rotarian, he agreed to assume once again the position of Treasurer, as Alpha Gray was resigning from that position.

1962-1963

**Officers**

Charles Craw, President  
Roy Whistler, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer

**Directors**

Ralph Caldwell  
Charles Craw  
Harold DeGroff  
J. Howard Porsch  
William Riedel  
James Huston  
Samuel Keller  
Michael Kosman  
Roy Whistler  
Dan Cooper  
Robert Hiatt  
George Spencer  
Louis Wollenweber

**International President**

Nitish C. Laharry  
Calcutta, India

**International Convention**

St. Louis, Missouri

**District Governor**

Wilbur Whitehead  
Lebanon, Indiana

**District Convention**

New Castle, Indiana

**New Members**

Paul Alexander  
Earl Allen  
Joyce Bailey  
Thomas Bruce, Jr.  
Francis Denkelman  
Howard Diesslin  
Frank Flynn  
Wellman France  
Fred Gates  
Felix Haas  
Emerson Kampen  
Paul LeBlanc  
Herbert A. Miller  
John Sullivan  
Lawrence Teder  
John Wierenga  
J. Orville Young

Charles Craw, a Rotarian for many years, guided the Lafayette Club very successfully. At the beginning of the year he charged us all to "Kindle the Spark Within in order to Light the Path of Service in Yourself, your home, your Club and your Community."

One of our unusual meetings at the beginning of the year was a conducted tour of the Lafayette Journal-Courier, with Jack Scott as our host.

Ralph Morris was congratulated on the arrival of his third child, a son, Ralph Lee, on August 30th.

Harold Amrine was elected to the Board of Directors to succeed Dan Cooper, who resigned as a result of moving to Ann Arbor to be associated with the University of Michigan.

Rotary and Kiwanis held their annual joint meeting during Thanksgiving week. This year it was in the Purdue Union Ballroom with an excellent musical program provided by the Jefferson High School Madrigal Singers.

Pete Kettelhut announced the birth of a second daughter, Ann Marie.

D. D. Ewing, a dedicated Rotarian for some 20 years passed away in February.

Congratulations were extended to Robert Verplank on his marriage to Marcella Smith.

Programs throughout the year varied from Paul Chenea advising the Professional "Don't try to know everything; don't assume that knowledge acquired long ago is still good; associate yourself with your learners; become acquainted with new areas of knowledge" to Joe Bannon discussing his trip to Africa as a member of a Trade Mission for the U.S. Department of Commerce, to a report on the proposed Wildcat Creek Dam and Reservoir near Lafayette by an Army Engineer from Louisville.

New directors elected were Nelson Parkhurst, Irvine Wilson, Y. B. Hall, and George Needham. They will serve from July 1, 1963 to June 1966.

4-H Adult Leaders' Day took place at Lafayette Rotary on March 5th, 45 leaders from 6 counties were with us for lunch. Ed Ragsdale was in charge and Harold Taylor was on the program.

Purdue News Reel No. 8 was extraordinary. Leading roles included Hovde, Freehafer, Mallet, Stewart, Al Wright, Moriarty and Parkhurst to name a few. Eth Baugh made arrangements for the film.

Our club expressed sympathy at the passing of Rotaryann Hazel Harriman.

Al Stewart and his Purdue Glee Club pleased an audience of 440 Rotarian and Rotaryans in the Memorial Union. Members from some 19 different clubs were present.

Those with perfect attendance records for this year and consecutive years were; Bachman (2), Eth Baugh (9), Covey (5), Craw, Edstrom, Gibson (2), Y. B. Hall (4), Hostetter (8), Lane (2), Lee (4), Roy McQueen, Porsch (4), Frank Riedel (45), Robertson (2), Siskind (2), Steele (9), Williams (8), Wilson (26), Ev Wright (9).

Charles Craw closed his year as President In expressing his appreciation to all of his officers, committee chairmen and members for their cooperation. Charlie in turn was congratulated for his leadership. His devotion was evident at all times and his ability at guiding the club was outstanding.

1963-1964

**Officers**

Roy Whistler, President  
Louis Wollenweber, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer

**Directors**

Charles Crow  
James Huston  
Samuel Keller  
Michael Kosman  
Roy Whistler  
Harold Amrine  
Robert Hiatt  
George Spencer  
Louis Wollenweber  
Y. B. Hail  
George Needham  
Nelson Parkhurst  
Irvine Wilson

**International President**

Carl P. Miller  
Los Angeles, California

**International Convention**

Toronto, Canada

**District Governor**

Edward S. Dowling  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**New Members**

Frederick Andrews  
Robert Brunger  
Earle Curtis  
Leslie Dolbow  
Virgil Drake  
Aaron Lindley  
E. William Noland  
Clarence Pound  
Paul B. Risk  
James Rohleder  
William Smith  
George Wheeler  
Calvin Yoran

Roy Whistler, internationally recognized in his field of Biochemistry, assumed the helm of Lafayette Rotary. Roy had been a hard working Rotarian for some 15 years and the club knew of his ability and leadership.

Early in the year, Melvin Covey, who had a perfect attendance record while a member of our club, was transferred to Crawfordsville.

Robert Sattler announced the arrival of a daughter, Margaret Ann.

Bruce Copeman, from Cairns, Queensland, Australia was a Rotary Fellow at Purdue this year. Our club welcomed him. Bruce had a fine personality and excellent speaking ability.

Death struck heavy losses within a short period of time. Within one week, Paul A. Risk and John Burkle, dedicated Rotarians of long standing, passed away. Then in September, Robert Sine, a former member and President in 1948-1949, died. William Foresman, last of the 14 charter members of our club passed on at the age of 90 in Indianapolis.

During the week of president Kennedy's assassination, a joint meeting with Kiwanis had been planned as usual at Thanksgiving time. Dr. James Armstrong of Broadway Methodist Church, Indianapolis, said, "This thanksgiving Day is fraught with fear in the light of recent events. We can be grateful that we are One People who can be thankful for our recent President's position on International Peace and Racial Equality and his support of the United Nations. We can be grateful for our system of government. The events of the past few days will tend to sober us all."

New Directors elected were Walt Gibson, Karl Kettelhut, Mart Fowler, and Harold Taylor.

Rudy Anders of Jefferson High School won our local speech contest and also the group contest in Attica. His subject was "Can We Meet The Challenge?"

Louis Wollenweber in February was elected President for the coming year. However, in April, Lou was taken to the hospital with a heart condition and was compelled to resign as President-Elect. He remained a Director. The Board of Directors elected Walter Gibson President.

Frederick Andrews, Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School, gave a most enlightening report on "The Changing Graduate School" The school grew from 800 students in 1940 to 2400 in 1950 and 6000 in 1963. He also related how the transistor was developed at Purdue.

Word was received of the sudden death of Warren Maddox in Battle Creek on May 1st. He had attended Lafayette Rotary only the previous week.

A month thereafter Glenn Hartman died. Glenn, a member for over 20 years, had been very active in many phases of our club, and also in the life of the Greater Lafayette community.

Twenty years had passed since the first Scholarship-Citizenship meeting had been sponsored by Rotary in Lafayette. The 20th annual program was held in May. Ten outstanding seniors from the county's high schools were recognized along with their parents and principals. Dan Greer was chairman of this committee and Dr. Donald Paarlberg, distinguished professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, was the speaker for the occasion.

On May 28th, the 25th annual Rotary Purdue Varsity Glee Club stag was held at the Frankfort Country Club. Bill Owens was chairman, a great time was had and there was much reminiscing as to great fame gained by Al Stewart's "boys" over the last quarter of a century. It was a send-off for the club's trip to Europe.

Former U.S. Senator Homer Capehart addressed the club in June. His general theme was that most of us have been too busy developing new tangible things to make us happy, that we have not had enough time to work for improving our government.

Again, it was appropriate to mention the perfect attendance records for the past year and years of: Eth Baugh (10), Ed Strom (2), Gibson (3), Gray, Y. B. Hall (5), Robert Hiatt, Hostetter (9), Lane (3), Roy McQueen (2), Porsch (5), Frank Riedel, (46), Siskind (3), Teder, Williams (9), Wilson (27), Ev Wright (10).

Roy Whistler sang his swan song and told of his pleasure in leading the club during the past year. Roy performed an excellent job and the club progressed under his keen guidance.

1964-1965

**Officers**

Walter Gibson, President  
Nelson Parkhurst, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer

**Directors**

Y.B. Hall  
George Needham  
Nelson Parkhurst  
Irvine Wilson  
Harold Amrine  
Robert Hiatt  
George Spencer  
Roy Whistler  
Louis Wollenweber  
Mort Fowler  
Walter Gibson  
Karl H. Kettelhut  
Harold Taylor

**International President**

Charles W. Pettangill  
Greenwich, Connecticut

**International Convention**

Atlantic City, New Jersey

**District Governor**

Chalmer Denny  
Kokomo, Indiana

**District Convention**

Rockville, Indiana

**New Members**

John Kadlec  
Boyd Kennen  
John McManus  
Walter Miller  
Elliott Brenner  
William Ferguson  
Hans French  
Gerard Isaacs  
Frederick Montague  
Fred Patterson  
Robert Stephens  
Jack Walters

Walt Gibson assumed leadership and had a most successful year. He endeavored to put into practice the theme of RI "Let Us Live Rotary By Sharing Rotary." He constantly urged us to show an interest in various community events involving athletic, civic and youth projects and even had visitors at our luncheons to speak on these various themes. During the year, Walt had a bad automobile accident but this did not curtail his efforts.

Our meeting place changed from the Van Orman Fowler Hotel to the Morris Bryant Inn beginning with the first meeting in July. Price rose from \$1.53 to \$1.75.

Al Stewart spoke on the successful trip of the Purdue Glee Club to 12 European countries. A recording with slides was inspirational. Howard Knaus and Eth Baugh accompanied the group.

Our members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Ernest Brown, former YMCA secretary, who served as Rotary Secretary in Lafayette from 1923 to 1938.

The Rotary Foundation for another year had a Fellow at Purdue. He was Jean-Paul Geffriand of France.

Death took probably the most beloved Rotarian in the history of our Lafayette Club when Frank Peter Riedel passed on in August. A special Memoriam written by one of our past presidents, who desired to remain unknown, is reprinted below and made a permanent record of the history of our club. Frank became a member in October of 1917 and had a perfect attendance record for the entire time he was a member—nearly 47 years. Lafayette Rotary will never be the same.

In Memoriam

Frank Peter Riedel, Rotarian

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die."

During the past week has come, to one our best-loved Rotarians, the time to die. And yet, we ask with Landon:

“Can that man be dead whose spiritual influence is upon his kind? He lives in glory; and his speaking dust has more of life than half its breathing moulds.”

Frank Peter Riedel became a Rotarian in the second year of our Club's history. He belongs to the pioneer group of Rotarians who were the builders of our great worldwide organization. There were then only a few hundred clubs in seven countries of the world. The late Allen D. Albert, who attended our Club's 40th anniversary celebration, was Rotary International President. Frank must have believed with President Albert that, “If you and I of Rotary would be happy and joyous, if we would find the key to prosperity and happiness for others, if we would show in our own lives the divine favor which makes life lovely, it must be because we are making manifest in ourselves the beautiful doctrine of service upon which Rotary is founded.”

We will miss Frank Riedel. We will miss his vibrancy, his never failing wit, his keen humor, his hearty handshake, and his radiant smile. We will miss his voice reporting each week the condition of our sick members. We will miss his physical presence—a record unmatched in the annals of Rotary and one that will not likely be equaled or surpassed. Frank made this record not for the sake of the record—he was scarcely conscious of it—he made the record because he loved Rotary and eagerly looked forward to each Tuesday's meeting. He loved people and would say with Edwin Markham:

“There is a destiny that makes us brothers,  
None goes his way alone,  
All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own.”

Frank Riedel was an Architect by profession. There are monuments to his imagination and design everywhere in this community that will keep fresh his memory. But Frank Riedel was also an architect of men, of human relations, and his spirit will ever be with us in Rotary.

There are those who refuse to accept orthodox conceptions of immortality. No man, however, can deny the existence of immortality of a great spirit, which inspires, and helps shape others lives. In that sense, hundreds of Rotarians will bear witness to the immortality of the great spirit whose memory we honor today.

May we bow our heads for a moment of silent tribute to this husband, father, friend, Rotarian and Gentleman, Frank Peter Riedel.

Hugh Steel had the West Lafayette High School Cross Country Track Team and its coach, James Tatlock, as guests. The team was the new state champion and rank high scholastically as well.

Ev Wright, who had worked with Frank Riedel many years on the Sick Committee became chairman and began giving interesting and enlightening reports every week.

December 1st marked the 40th annual Tippecanoe County 4-H Corn Banquet. How the yield of corn had grown and grown! Joe Sicer was chairman this year and Dave Pfendler presented a talk of “Corn Club Work and Citizenship.”

Three more loyal Rotarians were not with us any longer. The club stood in silent tribute for Ed Griffin, George Spencer and Clarence Pound. George was a Director this year. Clarence was Past District Governor of District 658 in Indiana.

Eth Baugh and 11 of his January birthday brothers once again put on a special harmonious rendition of “Happy Birthday To Us.”

President Walt appointed a 50th Anniversary Steering Committee headed by Howdy Porsch, which began organizational meetings at once. Lafayette will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1966.

Rotarian Phil Eskew, Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, gave a most interesting talk on the history and operation of this successful organization.

New elected Directors were: William Heath, Francis Trimmer, Kent Ellis and Harland White.

Hans French announced a son, William.

The Board announced Herman Messing as candidate for District Governor for 1966-67. He will be voted upon at Marion on October 20th.

Beginning in May, Rotary dues were raised to \$20.00 every six months.

A new idea was instigated with a social mixer. Y.B. Hall was in charge. It was held an evening in June and enabled Rotarians and their Rotaryanss to know other couples in the Club so much better.

Dave Jackson was elected to serve a one-year term as Director.

Perfect attendance for the year and years shaped up as follows: Baugh (11), Ed Strom (3), Gibson (4), Gray (2), Y.B. Hall (6), Jackson, Lane (4), Parkhurst, Porsch (6), Paul Risk, Siskind (4), Bill Smith, Wheeler, Hostetter, Williams (10), Wilson (28), Ev Wright (11).

Walter Gibson relinquished his duties after a very fine year at the helm. He spent considerable time and effort toward his presidency and it proved most successful.



1965-1966

### **Officers**

Nelson Parkhurst, President  
Karl H. Kettelhut, Vice President  
Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer

### **Directors**

Mart Fowler  
Walter Gibson  
Karl H. Kettelhut  
Harold Taylor  
Y. B. Hall  
David Jackson  
George Needham  
Nelson Parkhurst  
Irvine Wilson  
Kent Ellis  
William Heath  
Francis Trimmer  
Harland White

### **International President**

C.P.H. Teanstra  
Hilversum, The Netherlands

### **International Convention**

Denver Colorado

### **District Governor**

John Showalter  
Anderson, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Marion, Indiana

### **New Members**

James Cuppy  
J. Wilborn Garrison  
Richard Grace  
Robert Hannemann  
Calvin Henderson  
James Hoggatt  
Royce Kurtz  
Ivan Seley  
James Tamow  
Jay Wiley

The last few pages of Lafayette Rotary's history were written during the current year of 1965-66. In years ahead as members of our club will be reading this, it should be noted that the two dominant subjects in our nation's headlines these days were the way in Viet Nam and our country's efforts in space. What will the future hold?

Also, the sports followers in the club were still hoping and waiting for that first trip to the Rose Bowl by Purdue's football team.

Nelson Parkhurst, a "go-getter" took over the gavel in July and kept the members on the alert during his term in office. An excellent presiding officer, with choice humor at the proper moment, Parkie had the club moving forward in fine fashion.

Our club stood in silent tribute to the memory of "Spotts" Emrick, who had moved to Rochester, Indiana after retiring from Purdue. "Spotts" was president in 1943-44.

Congratulations were extended to Robert Verplank on the arrival of a son, Neil Eugene, and to Robert Hannemann on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Lynne.

Don Mallet and Lytle Freehafer gave a report, "Purdue Looks Ahead." this fall Purdue's enrollment will be over 20,000 on campus. Last year it was 18,600. Graduate students will number approximately 4,400. The big year is expected to be 1975 with an enrollment on the Purdue campus of over 30,000 and on regional campuses of 23,000

Hanly Hammel rated the Rotarian Magazine for his last line to a limerick.

Herman Messing became District Governor Nominee at the District Conference in Marion in October. Herman followed in the footsteps of three outstanding members of the Lafayette club who were Governors: John Stemm (1938-39), George Davis (1953-54) and Curt Hostetter (1958-59).

There were two Rotary Fellows at Purdue this year: Hiroshi Kuga of Japan and Reginier Pot of France. They spoke at the District meeting and also on our program on October 26th.

In December, the price of our noon luncheon was raised from \$1.75 to \$2.00. No objections were made. In these mid 1960's, everyone seemed to feel economic conditions were good. However, with it, prices, costs, etc., were edging upward little by little.

The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee under Howdy Porsch, and the various subcommittees were working diligently to make 1966, the 50th anniversary of Lafayette Rotary, a memorable year. Membership cards in gold were issued in November. The Ripples, beginning in January, were printed with a special masthead. It was planned to have one or two noon meetings devoted to the history of the club. A special souvenir brochure was in process and all efforts were centered on a gigantic Ladies' Night affair on May 11th, honoring our club, with the entire District and the Greater Lafayette community participating.

At the end of January there were 219 members of which 6 were honorary: Christianson, Hovde, Lloyd, Potter, Stewart AND Wiley.

Bill Hayt and his committee scheduled the 7th annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner for February 9th in the Purdue Memorial Union. This year there was a class of 25 Eagles, with each Scout, having listed his chosen vocation, hoping he would have a Rotarian as his host.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: In December 1965, Ed Willis and Jack Walters resigned from the Club. Jack became a new member of the Suttons Bay, Michigan Rotary Club. Other resignations in the first part of 1966 were by Charles Dellinger, Marbury B. Ogle, and Harley Frey. the death of James R. Wiley was reported in April 1966.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF PROJECTS CONCERNING YOUNG PEOPLE: In January, for the forty-first time, Lafayette Rotary was host for the Tippecanoe County 4-H Corn Club Banquet on Tuesday noon, and some fifty 4-H Corn Club members and three of their leaders were present.

Lafayette Rotary-Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner was held in February with Rotarians signing up as sponsors for the 23 Eagle Scouts, with William Hayt as Chairman. Also in February, the Annual Trophy Award for outstanding students in Purdue's Winter Course was reviewed and presentations were made.

In March, a letter was read from the Chairman of Hoosier Girls' State American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 11, expressing thanks for the check which would sponsor two girls to Hoosier Girls' State and would also pay for their transportation. Two events in March were the Rotary Speech Contest, with students from three high schools contesting, and, on another Tuesday, the recognition of outstanding seniors from nine high schools in Tippecanoe County. On March 31, a letter was read expressing appreciation of the Harrison Trails Council for the gift of eight tents for the summer program at Cary Camp.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF TRENDS OF INTEREST: On Tuesday, April 3, 1966, at the meeting at the Mars Theatre, Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette, spoke on the subject: "Who Says God Is Dead?" On April 12, "Environmental Health Research" was the subject of a review by Dr. John Christian. On June 28, George DeVault spoke as President of the Board of Trustees for Urban Renewal; his subject was: "An Urban Redevelopment Program."

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: January 6, 1966, marked the use of the new masthead of Rotary Ripples, designed in keeping with the 50 years of service in the Greater Lafayette Community. The club was organized in May 1916 with 14 members. In the past 50 years it grew to a count of 213 as of this date, plus six honorary members. This year, 1966, was the year of the Golden Anniversary Celebration.

At the April 26, 1966 meeting, the history of the Rotary Club of Lafayette, 1916 to 1966 was reported by five members - the first ten years by Charles B. Murphy, the second ten years by Irvine Wilson, the third ten years by Nils B. Olin, the fourth ten years by Harold Hudlow, and the fifth ten years by George Davis.

In May, at the Purdue Memorial Union, the Ladies Night Dinner celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Rotary Club of Lafayette.

At the May 10, 1966 meeting, the history of Fort Ouiatenon was reviewed by Ted Reser.

Kirby Risk reported on a yearlong search of the Commemorative Project Committee of Lafayette Rotary for a suitable gift to the Greater Lafayette Community in keeping with Lafayette Rotary's Golden Anniversary. Following a study of 37 projects submitted, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the Fort Ouiatenon area restoration and recommended that \$4,000 be made available for a specific project in that area. The Lafayette Rotary's Board of Directors approved this recommendation. The Project Committee also recommended that a proposal be made to Lafayette Rotary members for a special

assessment in the amount of \$10 units, with a minimum of one unit per member. Lafayette Rotary members approved this \$10 unit proposal unanimously.

In June 1966, Herman Messing, who had been a Governor nominee since October 1965, became Governor Elect of District 656.

N. Kent Ellis, Vice President of Lafayette Rotary, represented the club at the International Convention in Denver, Colorado, in June 1966, along with Governor Herman Messing.

On June 21, 1966, months of continuous attendance of 12 or more were reported as follows: Eth Baugh 143, Ellis 16, Engler 14, Gibson 63, Graham 14, Gray 44, Y. B. Hall 86, Hostetter 138, Jackson 31, Lane 56, Messing 17, Parkhurst 23, Porsch 94, Paul Risk 27, Siskind 69, William Smith 26, H. B. Taylor 17, Trimmer 17, Williams 141, Wilson 347, Ev Wright 143.

On the broader scene of this 1965-66 year, highest rated movies were Mary Poppins, Sound of Music, Goldfinger, and My Fair Lady. Nielson champions on television were Bonanza, Bewitched, Andy Griffith, Gomer Pyle, and My Three Sons. The Beatles were still in their prime and earned six gold records.

1966-1967

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Robert Verplank  
Joseph Waling

### **International President**

Richard L. Evans  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### **International Convention**

Nice, France  
Delegate: N. Kent Ellis

### **District Governor**

Herman M. Messing  
Lafayette, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Lafayette, Indiana

### **New Members**

Wendall G. Asplin  
Gilbert S. Banker  
G. Walter Bergren  
Fritz G. Cohen  
Morris Cram  
Harry M. Fuehrer  
Donald D. Gall  
Thomas Bernard Jones  
Rex Kepler  
Burton E. Leninson  
Gerald O. McGeorge  
George W. McNelly  
Tom S. Miya  
Erskine Morse  
Richard T. Oliver  
Vernon E. Putnam  
Robert A. Roberts  
Edward A. Schneider  
William B. Temple  
Varro E. Tyler  
Edwin A. Wood  
Donald Woods-Thomas  
Roscoe S. Yegerlehner

Incoming president Karl Kettelhut presented outgoing president Nelson Parkhurst with a past president's pin and luncheon badge.

Past district governor John Showalter, Anderson, presented the district governor's banner and district governor's diamond pin to governor Herman Messing, who pledged to lead the District to another outstanding year.

The Purdue University Football Kick Off Luncheon sponsored by the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Service Clubs of the Lafayette area, was of unusual significance this year since the team later finished a successful season with a victory over Southern California in the Tournament of Roses Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. Ted Axton, Chairman of the Purdue Public Relations Committee, presided at the Kick Off Luncheon and Purdue President Hovde's prediction of a successful season was fulfilled.

This was also the year Purdue University's new Basketball Arena, with a seating capacity of 14,600, was dedicated in an exciting game with the national college championship team of U.C.L.A. Basketball coach George King, in an address to Rotary in November, predicted the close, clean, and hard fought game it turned out to be in December.

Also in November the governor of the state of Indiana, Roger D. Branigin, speaking to an overflow audience of Lafayette Rotary and Kiwanis members, reviewed the accomplishments and problems of his

administration - interstate highways completed, new industry, two new state parks, and the need to develop a better parole system and improve traffic safety.

Herman M. Messing, Governor, District 656, Rotary International, was accorded a standing ovation as a welcome back home salute following his official visit to the 30 clubs of District 656. Governor "Herm" praised our club for the improvement in attendance and membership growth and also for becoming a 300 percent Rotary Foundation Club.

President Karl Kettelhut reported on an exchange of letters with Hermes Passerine, president of the Cordoba, Argentine Republic Club, our match club. President Karl requested the assistance of anyone in the club fluent in Spanish to help prepare some material about our club in Lafayette to send to Argentina.

The Rotary District Conference in Lafayette in April was a great success in every respect. One hundred seventy five were in attendance and 670 were at the Governor's banquet in the evening. Committee chairmen, members, and Rotaryans of the Lafayette Club were commended for a job well done by Governor Herman Messing.

Programs of unusual interest during the year include: our own Rotarian Harold Taylor's pictures and narration of the eight country tour of Europe taken during the summer by 66 4-H club members shepherded by Harold. Rotarian Philip N. Powers, Purdue nuclear engineer and president of Argonne National Laboratories of Chicago, located south of Chicago and owned by the Atomic Energy Commission, gave a talk, with slides, on "KWA=MC<sup>2</sup>" - i.e. energy release when matter is annihilated. Professor Powers related the growth of nuclear fuel since 1946 and predicted its use, together with other means, to generate power plants in the future.

Jack Mollenkopf, head football coach at Purdue, narrated the color of the Rose Bowl game played on January 2 between Purdue and Southern California. Final score 14-13 in favor of Purdue.

Joseph Waling's report on "Federal Sponsorship of Research at Purdue" indicated the Federal Government will invest some seventeen billion dollars for research for the year ending June 30, 1967. Of this amount Purdue will receive \$14,910,000 which is 81 percent of Purdue's research funds.

In May 1967, the 100 per cent club, with 12 or more months of continuous attendance, included Eth Baugh 155, Ellis 28, Engler 26, Gibson 75, Y. B. Hall 98, Heath 18, Hostetter 150, Messing 29, Lane 68, Porsch 106, Paul Risk 39, Siskind 81, WM. Smith 38, Taylor 29, Verplank 13, Williams 153, Wilson 359, and Ev Wright 155.

In concluding this brief review of the Rotary year 1966-67, it seems desirable to put the Rotary year in context with a few revealing events from the world at large: Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and David R. Scott achieved the first docking in space. New York's old Metropolitan Opera House, a landmark for 83 years, closed after a gala program. Baltimore beat the Los Angeles Dodgers four straight games to win the baseball World Series. The New York Yankees finished last in the American League for the first time since 1912. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, only child of Nehru, was sworn in as Prime Minister of India. Deaths of prominent persons included Walt Disney (Walter Elias) 65, Kathleen Norris 85, Hedda Hopper 75. Motion Picture Academy Oscar in 1966 went to "A Man for All Seasons" as the best film.

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**International President**

Luther H. Hodges  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**International Convention**

Mexico City  
Delegate: Robert Verplank

**District Governor**

Dwight Brinson  
Shelbyville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Muncie, Indiana

**New Members**

David Ancil  
James E. Benken  
Richard O. Clawson  
Thomas Fletemeyer  
Edwin F. Hargitt  
James A. Holland  
Ronald D. Kingston  
Robert B. Lett  
Laurel Meade  
Jack P. Mollenkopf  
Edwin H. Page  
James Kirby Risk III  
Max E. Rumbaugh, Jr.  
Richard P. Thornton  
Senior Active  
John Nottingham

In July 1967 President Karl Kettelhut stated that the past Rotary year had been a rewarding experience and thanked everyone for making his term as president so enjoyable. He expressed his special thanks to his fellow officers, directors and the music committee with Hugh Steele as chairman and Kepler at the piano. Karl Kettelhut presented the gavel to incoming president N. Kent Ellis who responded by thanking him for his fine year and commending him on his near perfect attendance as the presiding president.

Outstanding programs and interesting events during the year included: the word and picture report of the fourth tour of Europe of the Purdue Glee Club given by Albert P. Stewart and Howard Knaus.

The talk by R. D. Steuner, Indianapolis, regional engineer for the Indiana Gas and Water Co., was on the method of gas storage in the Lafayette area. Gas is purchased from the Texas-Oklahoma pipeline, south of Lafayette, and stored in storage wells. One storage area is near West Point. There are some 145,000 gas customers in Indiana with 15 per cent living in the Lafayette area. Eighty per cent of the Lafayette customers use gas for heating and the storage areas are needed for the peak use of gas in the winter months.

President Kent Ellis presented an excellent word and picture report on the recent Rotary International Convention at Nice, France, and charged members with their individual responsibility in Lafayette Rotary to fulfill R. I. President Luther Hodges' four suggestions of "making Rotary membership effective." They are: Get personally involved in Rotary; exercise membership by being successful in your own business or profession; be loyal to your own community and nation and serve them wherever possible; keep informed and develop an understanding of the problems of peoples of other nations.

Don Bain, son of Rotarian Andy Bain, made a very interesting report to the club about his experience at Boys' State and expressed his appreciation for Lafayette Rotary's sponsorship. He said the boys learned a great deal about government and politics.

A word and film report on the "Topeka, Kansas Tornado" was used as a basis for a discussion of the very grave menace the tornado is to our area, and pointed to the necessity of paying attention to the reports sent out from the tornado alert center. Great as the damage was in Topeka—17 lives lost, and more than 100 million dollars loss in property—it would have been much greater had it not been for the good alert that saved many lives.

Governor Dwight Brinson of Shelbyville made his official visit to the Rotary Club of Lafayette and challenged us all to make our membership in Rotary more effective by getting ourselves more involved in Rotary. "Rotary is built around service—service above self and he profits most who serves best."

With Paul Alexander in charge, the annual speech contest was excellent in every respect. Robin Reser, Klondike, "The Power of Dissent" was first, Carmen Rivas, Jefferson, "A Second Chance for Carmen" was second, and Eileen McGrath, Central Catholic, "Juvenile Delinquency" was third. Miss Robin Reser was also the winner in the district speech contest.

Dr. Don Paarlberg, distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, told Rotary members that in recent years modern medicine has lowered the death rate, and with the birth rate on the increase the population increase is ahead of food increase. American agriculture is furnishing a great deal of help, but it is a myth to think the USA can feed the world even though our technological proficiency is great.

Ed Ragsdale presided over the 43rd Rotary 4-H Crop Banquet honoring the top 4-H corn and soybean winners in Tippecanoe County. 4-H is big business in Indiana with its 90,000 members and one million alumni. 4-H young people learn by doing and thus become better citizens.

Chauncey McCoy and his Salvation Army Committee led Rotary to a splendid victory over Kiwanis by two to one, \$1,650.10 to \$867.00.

The Smith family, Marvin Sr., Marvin Jr., Susie, Nancy and Bob, accompanied by William Luhman, presented a fine selection of Christmas songs.

The election of new Directors resulted in Harold Hudlow and William Smith being chosen on the Town ticket and Paul Alexander and Thomas Bruce on the Gown ticket.

Robert and Marcella Verplank went to Mexico City to attend R.I. Convention.

Harold Taylor announced that the Long Range Planning Committee would be mailing each member a letter and that a return envelope would be enclosed for each member to return the questionnaire filled out.

Direct distance dialing comes to Lafayette August 4 of 1968. It all sounds so simple when Chris Hansen, Manager of General Telephone Company, explained it, but it is a major progressive step in communications.

In June, 100 per cent attendance for 1967-1968 and number of months of continuous attendance were as follows: Bain 14, Eth Baugh 167, Ellis 40, Engler 38, Gibson 87, Y. B. Hall 110, Hostetter 162, K. Kettelhut 18, Lane 80, Messing 41, Porsch 118, Siskind 93, William Smith 50, Taylor 41, Verplank 27, Wheeler 15, Williams 165, Wilson 371, and Ev Wright 167.

On the world scene in 1967 and 1968, the six-day war" between Israel and Egypt led to the occupation of the Sinai peninsula, Gaza strip, Jordanian territory west of the Jordan River, and the Golan Heights of southeast Syria by Israel.

Svetlana Alliluyeva, only daughter of the late Soviet dictator, Joseph Stalin, arrived in the United States after having broken her ties with Russia while on a trip to India.

Three United States astronauts, Virgil Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee were killed in a flash fire in an Apollo spacecraft during a test at Cape Kennedy. Grissom and Chaffee were Purdue graduates.

The world's first human heart transplant was performed by South African surgeon, Dr. Christian N. Barnard.

Deaths included John Nance Gamer 98, Francis Cardinal Spellman 78, Paul Whiteman 77, Spencer Tracy 67, Nelson Eddy 65, and Bert Lahr 72.

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Robert H. Sattler  
Paul Alexander  
Thomas L. Bruce  
Harold Hudlow  
William Smith

### **International President**

Kiyoshi (George) Togasoki  
Tokyo, Japan

### **International Convention**

Hawaii  
Delegate: Frank Burrin

### **District Governor**

Charles Price  
Muncie, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Kokomo, Indiana

### **New Members**

Roy Bronson  
William C. Carpenter  
Frederick R. Ford  
John Hancock  
Joseph T. Hobb  
Irving H. Knudson, Jr.  
Hsu Lo  
John F. McLaughlin  
Ralph E. (Buffy) Mayerstein  
William J. Miller  
Bruce K. Moore  
Elwood F. Reber  
Charles R. Reid  
Carl J. Sandy  
Joseph Toscano  
Dale B. Ward  
Jack A. Young

Robert E. Verplank, new president of Lafayette Rotary, congratulated Kent Ellis, immediate past president, for the smooth operation of the club during 1967-68 Rotary year. Kent's year started with 212 members and ended with 216. There were fourteen new members and ten who resigned (most of the ten moved to other communities).

President Verplank gave an excellent report as Lafayette Rotary's delegate to the International Convention in Mexico City. Bob and his Rotaryann, Marcella, were two of 15,000 in attendance. Bob described many of the events which he attended—panels, sessions, and assemblies. He told of the stimulation of meeting people from all parts of the world, and said he was particularly impressed by the work of the Rotary Foundation and by Mexican hospitality. Our new Rotary International President, Kiyoshi Togasoki from Tokyo, Japan is emphasizing participation. Now is the time to start.

Rotary International Foundation acknowledges Lafayette Rotary's support of this program for the past Rotary year in the amount of \$465. Lafayette Rotary is a 300 per cent Club with a cumulative total contribution of \$7,494.75.

Charles F. Price, Muncie, Governor of Rotary District 656, in his official visit to Lafayette Rotary, said the youth program is a big part of Rotary and we must convince the young people that Rotary is interested in them. Governor Price is the son of the late William Price, governor of our district in 1944-1945.

An interesting item in the 50-year ago column of the Journal-Courier: "The Rotary Club at its meeting last night held its annual election of officers which resulted as follows:

President, Stanley Coulter; Vice-President, Edward L. Pottlitzer; directors, James Wiselogel, Roy Wallace, and Prof. J.D. Hoffman. There were 43 members present of a membership of 65."

The Rotary Board accepted with regret President-elect John Osmun's resignation as president-elect. John will continue as an active, dedicated Rotary member. We all appreciate John's fine service as Vice



President. At the same meeting, Frank Burrin was elected president to serve for the 1969-1970 Rotary year for the Rotary Club of Lafayette.

Final score in the annual Rotary-Kiwanis Salvation Army Fund Contest: Rotary \$2,515.13 -Kiwanis \$1,174.26. Congratulations to George Davis and his committee for a job well done.

Chairman William Riedel of the Fellowship-Hospitality Committee says new members will be assigned as greeters for a month at a time. Members will also be assigned to be hosts to visitors.

Harold Taylor, chairman of the Lafayette Rotary Club's Long Range Planning Committee, commended members of the club the 70 per cent response mailed out last year. Any member failing to receive a copy of the report should notify Harold Taylor.

Mike and Susan (Mater) Jenkins, former Peace Corps workers, told, at a Tuesday meeting, of their work in El Salvador. With their supervision and labor, financial aid of Lafayette Rotary (\$1,325.42), and the labor of the natives, a Junior High School was built for \$5,500.

Another outstanding Ladies' Dinner party with Al Stewart and the Purdue Glee Club was held in the South Ballroom, Purdue Memorial Union. This is an annual event to which everyone looks forward each year. The Lafayette Rotary Club tries to show its appreciation by having an annual Rotary party for the internationally famous Varsity Glee Club. This year's party at the Frankfort Country Club was the thirtieth annual party.

Charles Horner and his volunteers have accomplished miracles in cleaning up Rotary Park on the inside. Much needs to be done on the outside and Chuck requests more volunteers.

Herbert and Frances Horner celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July. Rotary was pleased to receive a check from them for fifty dollars for the Rotary Scholarship Foundation.

William R. Smoot, Editor-in-Chief of Purdue Exponent, caused quite a bit of excitement by the point of view he took regarding "student unrest". Mr. Smoot was not in a compromising mood, and he stipulated that some student demands were not open to compromise or negotiation. His position was typical of many radical students in the era, and many Rotarians were quite shocked at the talk. According to Smoot, students want to establish their own views on sex, individualism, war and peace, public policy on crime, police, etc.

A few meetings later, the Lafayette Rotary Club had the good fortune to hear O. D. Roberts, Purdue Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Men, put the position of the students at Purdue in perspective. Students, like the general public, reflect many different shades of opinion, and most of the students are sound and serious people. A recent survey indicated that the scholastic reputation of Purdue was the deciding factor in their choice of Purdue as the University they wished to attend. Of course, students today are interested in change, question the status quo, and want to be consulted themselves in community affairs. The universities face the challenge of working with the students, and in making an environment from which students can develop independence and responsibility, and be equipped to make wise decisions.

Costs of Lafayette Rotary Club have increased: (a) increase in Rotary International dues of \$2.50 (b) increased operating and maintenance costs of Rotary Park of \$1.50 (c) increase in postage, printing, supplies, club projects. In the light of these the Board recommended, and the Club accepted, an increase in dues to \$22.00 from \$17.00 semi-annually, and in initiation fees to \$30.00 from \$25.00. The last increase in dues occurred in 1957.

In the spring of 1969, Lafayette Rotary moved its Tuesday noon meetings to Campus Inn from Morris Bryant. This move was decided by a vote of the members present. Cost of lunch: \$2.65 (smorgasbord) at Morris Bryant, \$2.00 at Campus Inn (plate served.)

Tom Eggleston, son of Warren, Rotary's representative at Boys' State, gave an excellent report on his experience at Terre Haute.

This is Purdue's Centennial Year, 1969.

Lafayette Rotary congratulates Purdue on its 100 years of service under the guidance of Presidents Owen, Smart, Stone, Elliott, and Hovde, and wishes the University well as it begins its second century of service.

Wallace E. Busch, Director of Development Planning for Purdue University, gave Rotary a glimpse of the proposed urban development on University lands North of the 52 By Pass. The area is between Soldiers' Home Road and Salisbury and north to include the Purdue Swine Farm land. The plans call for roadways, walkways, parks, schools, village center, apartments, and private homes. Underground parking is being considered, and it is hoped that all utility lines will be underground.

John Ross Harrington, General Telephone Company, presented an excellent explanation of the Laser Unit, and how it will be use to transmit telephone messages via the Laser Light Beam, and will do away with copper wire.

In May 1969, members with 100 per cent attendance for 1968-1969 and months of continuous attendance were as follows: Bain 26, Eth Baugh 179, Ellis 52, Engeler 50, Gibson 99, Gustafson 17, Y.B. Hall 122, Heath 42, Hostetter 174, K. Kettelhut 30, Lane 92, Messing 53, Osmun 12, Porsch 130, J. Risk 16, Siskind 105, J. Smith 16, William Smith 62, Verplank 39, Williams 177, Wright 179.

On the American scene in 1968 and 1969, President Lyndon Johnson surprised the world with his statement (March 31, 1968) that he would not seek re-election.

The campus revolution was in full swing in the United States and around the world. "New Left" groups headed by the Students for a Democratic Society (S.D.S.) occupied several buildings in Columbia University in New York. Events in Columbia University followed a pattern set at the Berkeley Campus of the University of California in 1964. Large-scale student outbreaks also occurred in France, West Germany, Poland and Japan.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, 42, was shot (June 5, 1968) by an assassin at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. He died the next day. He died less than five years after the assassination of his elder brother, President John F. Kennedy. Sirhan Sirhan, a Jordanian Arab, was seized with gun in hand.

Richard M. Nixon was elected President of the United States in November 1968 by a narrow margin—302 of the 538 Electoral votes, 43.4 per cent of the popular vote; Hubert Humphrey 191 Electoral votes, 42.7 per cent of the popular vote; Governor George Wallace of Alabama 43 Electoral votes, 9,906,000 popular votes. Governor Wallace ran on the American Independent Party ticket.

"Oliver" was the Academy Award winner as the best film in 1968.

Deaths in 1968 included Edna Ferber 82, Dorothy Gish 70, Helen Keller 87, and Franchot Tone 63.

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William J. Smith  
William B. Ferguson  
Richard E. Grace  
James F. Smith  
Harold B. Taylor

### **International President**

James Conway  
Rockville Center, New York

### **International Convention**

Atlanta, Georgia  
Delegates: Harold Hudlow, Walter Gibson,  
Robert Verplank and Lawrence Lane

### **District Governor**

George M. Small  
New Castle, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Winchester, Indiana

### **New Members**

John R. DeCamp  
Jacob G. Hockstra  
Charles J. Hoover  
Col. Thomas J. McDonald, Jr.  
William V. Payne  
Louis A. Weil III

Frank Burrin, the new President of Lafayette Rotary, presented Robert Verplank, the outgoing President, a past president's pin and the gold badge. A standing ovation was given to Bob for his good year as President.

President Frank Burrin, in charting the course for the new Rotary year in Lafayette, read a message from R. I. President, James Conway. The message called on all of us to renew Rotary life in our club, seek new fields of endeavor and not to be satisfied with status quo and to innovate. Frank indicated that the officers and board would follow many of the plans of the Long Range Planning Committee as set forth in the study made over the past two years. Frank also indicated attention would be given to such new areas as the YMCA building program, Riley Hospital, Club laws and constitution.

The Board approved President Burrin's suggestion that Rotary Board members preside at regular Tuesday Club meetings once each month. This means that all non-officer board members will each have a chance to serve once during the coming months of this Rotary year.

The visit of George M. Small, Governor of District 656, to the Rotary Club of Lafayette was a highlight of the Rotary year. Governor Small spoke to the Club about the problems of our times: "hippies", disrespect for law, demonstrations, outright revolution and violence. Governor Small urged Rotarians to "stand up and be counted" in the support of our country, our churches, our schools and law enforcement in the fight against communism and other enemies to our way of life. In a later session with officers, directors, and committee chairmen, Governor Small reviewed objectives, programs and problems, and gave helpful suggestions on many points. Later, Frank Burrin reported to the club that the District Governor was well pleased with the operation of Rotary in Lafayette, and that he had enjoyed his official visit.

An interesting Rotary fact is that the average size of all Rotary clubs is 47.6 members. And, as of June 30, 1959, more than half of our Rotary clubs were in North America, but now (March 1970) only 42 per cent.

A standard constitution and new By Laws, which had been distributed to members two weeks previously, were adopted by the Lafayette Rotary Club, without objection, on a motion by Verplank, seconded by Taylor.

Hudlow, Lane, Verplank, and Gibson and their wives attended the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The thirty first annual Stag Party given by our club members at Rotary Park for Al Stewart's internationally famous Purdue Varsity Glee Club was a huge success. Tickets at \$5.00 cover one Rotarian and one Glee Club member. A number of Rotarians regularly purchase tickets even though they are unable to attend.

The request by William Smith for the use of Rotary Park by the YMCA for next summer, June 15 to August 21, was approved. The activities at Rotary Park by the YMCA are regarded as a real contribution by the Rotary Club to the community. In addition, this year, a grant of \$3,000 was made to the YMCA and a voice vote of the club accepted a \$10 assessment for the project.

In connection with Lafayette Rotary's fiftieth anniversary project, a box lunch was served, and large attendance was recorded at Fort Ouiatenon. Lafayette Rotary members had an opportunity to see first-hand the progress being made on the restoration of the Fort. Ted Reser from the Tippecanoe County Historical Society gave a fine review of the Fort's history, and thanked Lafayette Rotary for the large contribution in aid of the restoration.

John W. Hicks, Assistant to the President of Purdue, addressed the annual Citizenship-Scholarship Day for the top boy and girl student in each of the eight high schools of the County. It was a brief but forceful talk. We worry about the problems of life discovered by our hearts and solved by our minds. Other guests at the annual Citizenship-Scholarship Day include the parents of the students and the high school principals and superintendents of the three school corporations in the County. Each student is awarded a plaque, and selects a book to be placed in the high school library.

Father-Son Day brought an overflow audience that included fifty sons and grandsons of Rotarians. Max Rumbaugh introduced the program, which was magnificent. Harold DeGroff spoke and the NASA film "Apollo II- For All Mankind" was presented. It was inspiring.

The Rotary-Kiwanis joint meeting was well attended and Frank Burrin, President of Rotary, and Jack Albright, president of Kiwanis, shared the presiding duties. John U. Graham introduced the program that was directed by Roger Heath, Purdue Bands. Members of the Purdue Varsity Band, three coeds and eleven men, presented a wide variety of folk tunes, Dixie and rock music, progressive jazz, and popular songs.

Harold Michael, traffic engineer, gave an excellent report on the facts of traffic everywhere and in the greater Lafayette area in particular. With 100 million automobiles and 100 million drivers driving one trillion miles per year, one would expect traffic accidents. It is predicted that traffic will double by 1990. Harold Michael pointed out the fact that all costs of running a car amount to \$1.57 per gallon and that \$1.40 of that is spent on the car and 17 cents on the highway.

E.J. Bannon, president and chairman of the Board, Purdue National Bank, gave a report on the plans and progress of the new high-rise bank building being built on 'the half-block area bounded by Main, Columbia, and Third Streets. The building will be 10 stories with the bank operation being on the first floor, parking on the second and third floors, and more banking operations to be on the fourth, fifth, and part of the sixth floors. There will be 75,000 square feet of space to lease.

Ted Reser gave an interesting word picture of William Digby and the founding of Lafayette. Digby purchased the land at the Land Office in Crawfordsville for \$1.25 per acre and later sold 20 acres for \$60 per acre.

Joseph N. Heath, Jr., Jefferson High School Basketball coach, gave Rotary members an account of the founding of the local unit of the

"Fellowship of Christian Athletes." It started nationally in 1954 and came to Jefferson last year. There are 70 members at Jeff. You must be an athlete and must work in the church of your choice to become a member.

The Board authorized a new Lafayette Rotary Membership Directory.

Morris Crain reports: Rotary \$1,685, Kiwanis \$700 for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund.

Rotary International Scholarship Foundation sends word of Lafayette Rotary's contribution this past year \$461; cumulative total \$7,955.75; needed to be 400 per cent club \$684.25.

In May 1970 members with 100 per cent attendance for 1969-1970 and months of continuous attendance were: Bain 38, Eth Baugh 191, Burrin 21, Ellis 64, Engeler 62, Gibson 111, Y. B. Hall 134, Hostetter 186, Hudlow 22 K. Kettelhut 42, Lane 104, Messing 65, Porsch 142, Jim Smith 28, William Smith 74, Steele 13, Taylor 65, Verplank 51, Williams 189, Wilson 395, Ev Wright 191.

In the world of science in 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin became on July 20, 1969, the first men to walk on the moon. Armstrong is a Purdue University graduate.

The world's first total heart transplant on a human was performed by Dr. Denton A. Cooley in Houston, Texas.

At the end of 1969 the longest running shows on Broadway were *Hello Dolly*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Man of La Mancha*, and *Mame*.

General of the Army, Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States, died March 28, 1969, at the age of 78.

Other deaths in 1969 included Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen 73, Irene Castle 75, Judy Garland 43, and Sonja Heine 57.

1970-1971

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William J. Smith  
John C. Irvine  
Howard R. Knaus  
Tom S. Miya  
John F. Sullivan

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William E. Walk, Jr.  
Ontario, California

**International Convention**

Sydney, Australia  
Delegate: Harold Taylor

**District Governor**

Charles Wallace  
Lebanon, Indiana

**New Members**

Jerry M. Arnold  
Kenneth E. Botkin  
Charles H. Brown  
Chester E. Connor  
David P. DeWitt  
Earle C. Fowler  
George S. King  
David A. Landgrebe  
James B. McNeely  
William Mentzer  
Paul E. Million  
George A. O'Connell  
Earl L. Park  
Wilbur L. Plager  
Wesley Shook  
Richard R. Stanfield  
Mark L. Tomes  
Paul VanKirk

July 1970 marked the end of the presidency of Frank Burrin. Frank ended a good Rotary year by expressing his gratitude to the many individuals in the club who helped him during his administration. President Frank concluded by saying that he had had a lot of fun, and the best of all was in getting to know many members a little better.

Harold Hudlow, our new President, expressed the hope that we could all get to know each other better, and that by working together we could make Rotary grow in Lafayette. President HUDLOW, on his first day in office introduced to the club Praniti Ghatak of Calcutta, India, a Rotary Fellow this past year at the University of Florida and presently a guest in the home of the Harold Hudlow's.

Among other visitors this summer were Eddie Okasaki, Hawaii, and Emel Ciontoa, Conina, California. Each thanked Rotary and the community for the hospitality for their Colt baseball teams. Pineapples were handed out to Hudlow, Jim Smith, and Foxworthy for special services rendered to the baseball teams.

Bruce Copeman, a Rotary Fellow seven years ago, spoke briefly but sincerely, expressing his appreciation of the opportunity that Rotary International and Lafayette Rotary had given him and telling how it had influenced his entire life. He leaves next Monday for Australia, his home.

Governor Charles I. Wallace made his official visit the occasion to challenge our members to assist our youth today to bridge the gaps in our society. Most young people believe in law and order, but are concerned, and we must not neglect them. Some 50 per cent of our population is under 25 years of age. Governor Wallace outlined how we could do our jobs through the four areas of service in Rotary. He congratulated our club on being at the top of the list in attendance for clubs with 100 or more members in our district.

In our first Father-Daughter Day at Lafayette Rotary, a high school youth panel - Robert Bain, West Lafayette; Mike Bowman, Jefferson; Ken Gloyeske, Central Catholic; and Tom Hayt, Harrison presented a splendid discussion on "What Youth Expects of Adults." Youth expects truth in advertising, fair prices, honesty, social responsibility, tolerance, opportunity, and more concern with politics. Their comments were well received and questions from the audience were fielded very well. Many fathers brought their daughters, and it was a real treat to have them for our first Father-Daughter Day.

The annual Rotary Stag Party for the Glee Club at Rotary Park began at noon with golf at the Battle Ground course, games at Rotary Park starting at 3, and dinner at 6.

Mayor James Williamson of West Lafayette reported to the Rotary Club on the activities of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns in relation to constitutional reform tax reform and better governmental relations. "The city governments need more local control." Mayor Williamson concluded by pointing out that even with a new City Hall, secondary treatment plant, street program, and recreational program, the civil tax rate in 1964 was \$2.32 and in 1970 is \$2.31.

Herman Andre, chairman of the taxpayers of Indiana, in Rotary Club reminded all that high taxes at all levels of government are growing faster than the productive ability of taxpayers. A free society cannot long survive and our personal freedom is vanishing. As government power increases, people power decreases. We must bring spending under control.

Dr. Merle Jenkins, Director of Research, Agricultural Alumni Seed Improvement Association, gave an excellent report on the "Southern Corn Blight." This is the big farm news of 1970, and the big question for 1971. The fungus disease has caused damage in the billions of dollars. It started in Florida and the Gulf states. It is spread by wind currents. The loss has been greater in the South than in Indiana, and Indiana's greatest loss was in the southern part of the state. Dr. Jenkins thought that by 1972, with the measures being taken, the corn crop in Indiana could be back to normal.

In May 1971, members with 100 per cent attendance for 1970-1971, and months of continuous attendance were: Bain 50, Eth Baugh 203, Ellis 76, Engeler 74, Gibson 123, Y.B. Hall 146, Hostetter 198, Hudlow 34, Irvine 14, K. Kettelhut 54, Lane 116, Messing 77, Porsch 34, Jim Smith 40, Wm. Smith 86, Steele 25, Taylor 77, Verplank 63, Williams 201, Ev Wright 203, Yegerlehner 22.

In 1971, world events included greater communication between United States and Soviet Russia, and between United States and China. Red China was admitted to the United Nations on October 25, 1971.

1971-1972

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Jack P. Mollenkopf

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Ernest F. Breitholtz  
Kaimar, Sweden

### **International Convention**

#### **District Governor**

Robert W. Shoemaker  
Anderson, Indiana

#### **District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **New Members**

Ralph E. Adams  
Michael J. Bluestein  
Singer A. Buchana  
Donald R. Edwards  
Robert F. Fields  
Harley J. Griffith  
Albert K. Meerzo  
Stanley N. Miller  
O. Ronald Needham  
Marvin W. Phillips  
Harold F. Robinson  
Adolph B. Scaglia  
Kenneth A. Schuette Jr.  
Walter R. Woods  
Senior Active  
C. Leslie Carter

Incoming President Harold B. Taylor presented retiring president Harold Hudlow with a gold Past President's Badge and Pen. Ken Botkin, on behalf of all the new members of Lafayette Rotary during the year, presented Hudlow with a washboard with a bronze plate with all the names of the new members all in keeping with Hudlow's classification of cleaning.

Our Rotary statistician notes that "the median age of our members is 56 with the oldest 90 and the youngest 25." One half of our members were inducted in 1961-1962 and later. The median age of this group is 53, with the oldest 82 and the youngest 25. Burr Swezey has the longest tenure in Lafayette Rotary, having been inducted in 1916-1917. Rotary today has 14,821 clubs in 149 countries and geographical regions, with 701,000 Rotarians.

Lafayette Rotary President Harold Taylor gave the club an account of the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia. President Taylor showed pictures of Australia and thanked members of Lafayette Rotary for making it possible for him to be a delegate.

President Taylor, Vice President John Irvine, Director Harold Michael and Director Tom Miya presented a challenging program on how to maintain and increase the quality of Lafayette Rotary. Irvine stressed the importance of programs, and emphasized the necessity for care in the selection of monthly chairmen in order to bring out variety and excellence in our programs. Michael, speaking on international understanding stated good will must be practiced, and must begin with each member. Taylor in guiding the discussion stressed International Youth Exchange and the Lafayette Rotary Foundation.

An excellent account of "The History of Lafayette Rotary" was given by Rotarian Harold Michael. He began with the start of Rotary in Chicago in 1905—the first club in Indiana at Indianapolis in 1913, the start of the Rotary Club of Lafayette on May 1, 1916 by fourteen charter members and the addition of nine members the first year—back when there were only 2400 students at Purdue. He related many of the



activities of the Lafayette Rotary Club throughout the last 55 years—projects supported that have accomplished much in the greater Lafayette community.

Eth Baugh gave the club an excellent account of the Colt Baseball Program and the current World Series being played at Lafayette. The program is aimed at helping youth become better adults. Teams are here from as far away as Maryland and Hawaii. More than fifty local Rotarians have had a part in the local event this year.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1971, Etheridge B. Baugh, a dedicated Rotarian for 36 years in the Rotary Club of Lafayette, died. The Lafayette Rotary Club stood in silence in memory of Eth, and several members paid tribute to his friendship, enthusiasm, and good deeds. It was recalled that for more than thirty years Eth had not missed the annual Football Kickoff luncheon, or the Rotary Glee Club party, both of which he had been instrumental in launching and developing—as he had been in so many other Rotary activities.

Rotarian Arthur G. Hansen, Purdue University President, addressed the Rotary club and pointed out that all of us—town and gown—have a responsibility to preserve the concept and the integrity of the University; and that the University has a function to fulfill, a responsibility to train young people to take part in society as good citizens.

President Taylor read a letter expressing thanks and appreciation from Harrison Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America for assistance from the Lafayette Rotary Club. The Scouts were especially grateful for our sponsorship of the Eagle Scouts' dinner.

Hugh Steele gave a vivid word and picture report on a Rotary Club meeting he attended in Japan during the Scout Jamboree last year. He presented the club with a number of club banners from Rotary clubs in Japan, and recalled meeting a scout at the Jamboree with the name Andrew Bain, the same name as that of one of our members. The Scout sent a gift via Hugh for Andy.

Rotary District Governor Robert W. Shoemaker Jr., held a club assembly of officers, directors, and committee chairmen Monday evening, October 18, following a dinner in the Purdue Union. Tuesday noon Governor Shoemaker presented an inspirational address and said, among other things, "it is a unique privilege to be a Rotarian and to serve." He sighted several examples of the service being given by members and clubs in many parts of the world. He urged our support for the Rotary Scholarship Foundation program.

Roy Hickman, President Elect of Rotary International, was the featured speaker at the new Convention Center in Indianapolis on the second day of the District Assembly.

Lafayette Rotarian Varro Tyler gave a scholarly presentation on "The Rewards of Scholarship" at the annual Scholarship-Citizenship program honoring a young lady and young man from each of the high schools in the county.

An innovation at the meetings of Lafayette Rotary this year was the presentation of short autobiographical sketches by members each week. The idea was to acquaint members with information about each other. These miniographies were given to the club by, among others: James Cuppy, William Smith, Arthur Brunson, Herman Messing, Chauncey Edward McCoy (Purdue, Ch.E., class of 1911), Cable Ball, John Bradshaw, Bud Baugh, Y.B. Hall and Charles Wiselogel.

J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer, And Curtis Hostetter, Secretary, were elected as voting directors.

Jacob Hockstra reports \$1,915.76 contribution by Rotary for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund; Kiwanis \$1,057.31; difference \$858.45 Rotary over Kiwanis.

Plans were launched for the celebration of Dean Potter's 90th birthday to be held at the Rotary meeting on August 1, which will be during the next Rotary year.

Walter Gibson has been appointed Sergeant-at-arms, succeeding Eth Baugh.

At the next Rotary meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 1972 at Campus Inn, outgoing President Harold Taylor will say farewell, and incoming President John Irvine will become the Captain of the Lafayette Rotary Ship.

In May 1972, members with 100 per cent attendance for 1971-1972 and months of continuous attendance were: Bain 62, Brown 20, Edstrom 23, Ellis 88, Engeler 86, Foxworthy 16, Gibson 135, Y.B.

Hall 158, Hitch 20, Hoggatt 20, Hostetter 210, Hudlow 46, K. Kettelhut 66, Lane 128, Messing 89, Porsch 166, Jim Smith 52, William Smith 98, Steele 37, Taylor 89, Verplank 75, Williams 213, And Ev Wright 215.

In 1972, a broader view of the world, to provide a context for the history of Lafayette Rotary, would include reference to peace agreements by the United States, South Vietnam, and the Viet Cong to scale down the Vietnam War, the return of United States prisoners of war, inflation, and preliminaries of the November 1972 presidential election. President Richard M. Nixon became a candidate on the Republican ticket and Senator George McGovern on the Democratic ticket. Governor George Wallace of Alabama was shot in an assassination attempt as he campaigned for the nomination and has not recovered ability to walk. Former President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died on December 26, 1972.

## History of Rotary Park

by W. Roy McQueen

In 1921 Edgar Goldsberry was president of Lafayette Rotary Club and Ernest Brown, then Secretary of the local YMCA was secretary of the club.

At that time there were no camps in Tippecanoe County for youth organizations, such as YMCA boys, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and these men conceived the idea of providing a permanent camp for these youth groups. Edgar had no children, but he was greatly interested in young people, and he proposed the building of Rotary Park. He had purchased a farm along the Tippecanoe river, and he donated 5.4 acres of land and at his own expense, provided the money for the excavation, the foundations and the concrete floor of the club house, and the members of Lafayette, Rotary, then some 60 members, by voluntary donations raised about \$6000.00 to build the club house. Some of the members even did some of the actual work on the building. Frank Riedel was the architect and supervised the erection of the building. At that time electricity was not available and an acetylene light plant was obtained and the building was piped for gas lighting. The water supply came from the large spring on the hillside and the water was piped from the spring to a hydraulic ram near the bottom of the hill and from there was forced up the hill and into a large tank placed over the small room adjoining the kitchen. From there the water was piped to the kitchen and to the toilets. There was constructed underground immediately North of the club house a large septic tank. Later when electricity became available a well was driven to assure an adequate supply of good water, an electric pump installed, and the house was wired for electricity.

At a later date the three rooms at the west end of the building were lined and insulated and a chimney built, making it possible to heat those rooms, and for several years a caretaker lived there through the winter. Other later improvements included the building of the concrete steps down to the river and the placing of railroad ties in the hillside and the building of concrete walls to stop erosion.

Edgar and Cora Goldsberry conveyed the land to Frank B. Timberlake and Wilbur R. McQueen as trustees and to their successors "in consideration of the benefits and advantages that will accrue to the boys and girls of Tippecanoe County." There is a clause in the deed which provides that the trustees in all matters affecting the administration, maintenance, management, direction and supervision of the park shall consult with the directors of the Lafayette Rotary Club, so long as such organization shall be in existence, and shall carry out the wishes and policies of the Rotary Club as expressed through its board of directors or committee having jurisdiction of the park.

The deed further provides that in case of death or resignation of either of the trustees the Circuit Court of Tippecanoe County shall have authority to appoint a successor or successors, with the request that the court in making such appointment to appoint those persons who are members of the Lafayette Rotary Club in good standing, upon recommendation made by the board of directors of the Rotary Club. The deed further provides that should the use and enjoyment of the real estate be wholly abandoned for the purposes designated, the Trust shall terminate, and the real estate shall revert to the donors or their heirs. This trust was dated August 1, 1921.

By 1945 both Edgar Goldsberry and his wife Cora were deceased. Mrs. Goldsberry who survived Edgar, left as her legal heirs three sisters, Grace D. Woodfield, Esta M. Willoughby and Edna S. Bonnilla. Your trustees, realizing that this Rotary Club had made large contributions to the building, improvements, maintenance and upkeep of the property, and feeling that the Club should have future ownership of the property should it cease to be used for the purpose expressed in the trust deed obtained from the legal heirs of Cora Goldsberry a deed conveying to Samuel E. Souders and Paul S. Emrick as trustees appointed by resolution of the board of directors of Lafayette Rotary Club, all of the right, title and interest which said heirs have or might hereafter acquire by reason of the reversionary clause in the original trust deed of conveyance from Edgar and Cora Goldsberry. This deed was dated April 18, 1945, and both deeds are duly recorded in the records of Tippecanoe County.

Should in the future there come a time when the property ceases to be of use by boy or girl organizations of Tippecanoe County, your trustees or their successors will ask the Judge of the Tippecanoe Circuit Court to authorize them to abandon the property and release them as trustees. The property will then revert under the original trust deed, and will pass into the hands of the trustees to whom the heirs of Cora Goldsberry conveyed their reversionary interest, and the Lafayette Rotary Club can then decide what is to be done with this property. This property has substantial value, and the Club, even from a selfish interest if no other, should be interested in its proper maintenance.

To those members who may not know its location, or who have never seen the place, why not drive Out there some evening and look it over.

The most direct way is to 'go out road 25 toward Delphi, turn left at Americus, cross the bridge over the Wabash, follow that road to the top of the hill and there a sharp turn to the left and follow that road for a half mile or so, and there is Rotary Park.

Rotary Park has provided not only recreation for the smaller folks of Tippecanoe County but it has been used to enhance the health of undernourished children who have been taken out there, given proper food and medical attention, and with this combination and with God's sunlight and clean country air returned to their homes greatly improved in physique.

It has been used by many children who have been taken there for short summer camping vacations, children unable to attend Boy Scout, Girl Scout or other camps.

It has been used by many organizations for day picnics, groups of from ten to one hundred; employees of industrial plants, and their families; church organizations; students at Purdue University; clubs, fraternal groups and clerks from business houses.

It has been used for YMCA camps and for Boy Scout camps before the Scouts acquired their own camp. It was then used for Girl Scout camps until the Sycamore Valley Camp for Girls was acquired. It has since been used for Brownie Girl Scout camps throughout the Summers.

It has been used by members of the Rotary Club, large groups and small groups.

For many years it was the custom of the Club to have at least one of its regular luncheon meets there each year. For the last several years it has been the custom to have a Rotary Stag Party with a barbecued chicken dinner in the fall; the preparation of which has made Joe Sicer famous.

For many years Rotarians Wilbur McQueen and Frank Timberlake have been the Trustees of this property.

For many years Rotarians Chris Stocker and Frank Riedel have given much of their time and effort toward the care and the operation of this property. Other members and the presidents of the Club from year to year have done much to make Rotary Park touch the lives of thousands of citizens, old and young, for some bit of good.

Today it stands as a potential for good in the community; as an opportunity for Rotary to do even more than it has done in the past. All that it needs is the interest of all members of the Club in its future service.

It is a great project, one duplicated only by a few clubs in other communities of Indiana.

Editor's Note: In 1976, due to repeated vandalism the Club voted to sell the Rotary Park property. Wes Shook was to hold a public auction on May 15, with a minimum selling price of \$25,000. If unsuccessful, the property was to be listed. After prolonged legal problems were satisfied, the property was sold for \$25,000 with the stipulation that the proceeds be placed in trust and all earnings be used for camping scholarships.

At this writing in 1991, the Lafayette Rotary Foundation administers the fund, and earnings are disbursed for camperships on recommendation from the Youth Committee.

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James P. Cuppy  
John R. DeCamp  
Eric A. Holm  
Max E. Rumbaugh, Jr. (July to Nov)  
Horace Reisner (Nov to June)

### **International President**

Roy D. Hickman  
Birmingham, Alabama

### **International Convention**

Houston, Texas  
Delegates: John Irvine and Eric Holm

### **District Governor**

Charles W. Jones  
Rushville, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Plainfield, Indiana

### **New Members**

Donald R. Brown  
I. Doyle Brown  
Joseph Ebbs  
Edward E. Farley  
Harley Griffith  
Herbert Hunsaker  
Wayne Kirkham  
William R. Miller  
Eldon E. Ortman  
Raymond Peeters  
Harry Sammons  
Robert W. Vermilya, M.D.  
John F. Weber

It was farewell to Harold Taylor and hello to incoming President John Irvine as Harold expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation he had received during his year and Jack presented Harold with a Past President diamond rotary pin.

Dick Grace chaired a special program honoring Dean A. A. Potter on his 90th birthday (August 5). Karl Kettelhut, who has known the Dean for the past 50 years, read excerpts from a Potter talk, "Essentials for Effective Leadership".

There was a birthday card signed by all Rotary members and letters of congratulations, among them one from District Governor Charles Jones. Prof. Bob Eckles of the Purdue History Department gave an excellent review of the life of the Dean pointing out his interest and activity in many careers which included teaching as his greatest love. "The world learned about Purdue through Potter, the teacher, inventor, public agent for Land Grant Colleges, administrator, founder of the Manhattan, Kansas Rotary Club, dedicated Lafayette Rotarian and Greater Lafayette Citizen". The Club gave a \$100 donation to the Purdue Scholarship Foundation in honor of Dean Potter's birthday.

Ethridge Baugh, former President and former Secretary of the Lafayette Rotary Club, who had died the previous September, was honored by being made the Club's first Paul Harris Fellow. Numerous Club members raised the \$1,000 needed to accomplish this from contributions.

January 9, 1973 marked the beginning of our Birthday Table for those Rotarians having birthdays during the month with the urgent suggestion that each Rotarian donate at least 10~ for each year of his age to the Rotary Scholarship Foundation. This first table brought in a total of \$82.50.

Holm, Verplank, Thornton, Yegerlehner and Yoran made a trip to visit the Chicago Rotary Club and the Rotary International offices.

The Club reached the 400% mark as a Foundation Club, meaning that the Club has now donated an average of \$40.00 per member to the Rotary International Foundation. At Salvation Army bell ringing, the Club collected over \$2,000 for that organization.

The Stag party at Rotary Park, under the leadership of Ralph Morris and Larry Lane was deemed one of the best ever. A Ladies Night Valentine Party held at Holiday Inn, North, under the chairmanship of Pete Putnam was a great success as was the Inter-city Ladies Night program in the Union Building with the Glee Club rendering a grand program. There were 407 present and 17 Rotary Clubs were represented. There was a dinner for new members of the Club and their wives at Morris Bryant Inn with Harold Michael as the speaker. At the Scholarship-Citizenship Program meeting, winners from six county schools were presented with plaques and a book of their choice for their library and John Hancock, Dean of Engineering, addressed the group. The Rotary-Glee Club Stag Party was deemed the best ever.

Other outstanding programs included: Paul Nye, a member of a Group Study Exchange Team from District 654 to Australia in 1971 reported that they traveled throughout the country and stayed in the homes of Rotarians. He felt their contacts were International Relations at its best. Prof. Geo. M. Palmer of Purdue told of the history and present status of aircraft powered by humans. "In 1962, a man-powered plane traveled 1000 yards, the record to date," said he. (Ed. note: In 1979, a man-powered plane "bicycled" across the English Channel.) Betsy Morris, daughter of Ralph, gave a most interesting report of her week as a member of the Presidential Classroom, visiting many departments of government and attending Senate and House committee meetings. Fritz Cohen gave an illustrated report of his year in Hamburg, Germany, where he was director of a class of 27 P. U. and I. U. students at the University of Hamburg.

"There is no poverty and the streets and parks are safe." Dr. J. J. Stockton, head of Purdue's Veterinary School, gave an excellent talk on animal disease control and eradication. Herman Andre, President of the Indiana Taxpayers' Lobby, stressed the need for tax reform when he spoke at the Joint Rotary-Kiwanis Thanksgiving meeting.

There was an excellent slide-talk on Paraguay by Rotary Foundation Fellow Elizabeth Salomoni at Purdue. In addition, Akira Yawaza, an exchange student from Japan, and Miku Coelho from Brazil, S.A., told of their countries and their enjoyment of living in the U.S.A. for a year.

Dave Pfendler received the first Fred. L. Hovde Award for meritorious service to Rural Indiana.

Locally, the Lafayette and West Lafayette city councils adopted the name, "Sagamore Parkway" for the rebuilt U.S. 52 Bypass around the cities. Sears Roebuck gave 4.69 acres of land for a riverside park later named Tapawingo Park. The 88-year-old Tippecanoe County courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It was in the fall of 1972 that the "Watergate Caper" occurred in which five men were charged with attempting to electronically bug the Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C. Subsequent events finally led to the resignation of President Nixon in 1974. In November of 1972, Richard Nixon defeated George McGovern in the race for the Presidency. Early in 1973, a Vietnam cease-fire agreement was signed. Fighting continued between the Vietnamese but all American troops were withdrawn and many U.S. prisoners of war were repatriated by March 29th. The dollar was devaluated for the second time in 14 months and price controls were reinstated because of the unprecedented price increases and sudden shortages of commonplace food items.

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James Hoggatt  
J. Dayton McCormick  
Paul Million  
Richard Thornton

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William C. Carter  
Battersea, London, England

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Lausanne, Switzerland  
Delegate: Harold Michael

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Indianapolis, Indianapolis

### **District Convention**

Richmond, Indiana

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John Brinnegar  
Leonard Bucklin  
Hilbert Burger  
John R. Carpenter  
Jack Chapman  
Gregory L. Deliyanne  
Leonard F. Dibble  
Carl Funk  
Soloman Gartenhaus  
Thomas Gunderson  
Stanley Hall  
Robert O. Jackson  
John Jamison  
Charles V. Jarman  
Donald Keipert, Jr.  
J. Ronald King  
Edwin W. McGuire, Jr.  
William Pape  
Bruce Reese  
Dale Sadler  
Gilbert Satterly  
Edgar Stuntz, M.D.  
Dan Teder  
Stephen Thompson  
Gerald H. Williamson

The 1973-1974 year marked the beginning of several very worthwhile projects in Lafayette Rotary.

In July 1973, the Lafayette Rotary Foundation was formally approved by the Secretary of State of Indiana as a corporation. A Membership Drive was initiated that December and concluded in June 1974 with 173 Charter Members that had contributed \$10,126.16 in cash and property. Its purpose was to provide an independent, tax exempt organization to raise and administer funds for assistance to worthwhile local betterment projects. Rotarian Frank Burrin was elected its first President.

The Club initiated a program of cooperation with the Purdue International Center. This Center carries on numerous projects for the betterment of foreign students at Purdue (currently around 1300 including wives.)

A kidney donor program was promoted.

The Paul Harris Sustaining Members Program was started through the efforts of Eric Holm, Committee chairman. At the September Birthday table, Eric Holm, Kirby Risk, and Karl Kettelhut became our first Sustaining Members. At the October table, four more men were added, - MM Risk, Ev Wright, Harold Taylor, and Roscoe Yegerlehner. A Sustaining Member is one who contributes a minimum of \$100 to the R. I. Foundation with the expectation of giving additional amounts periodically until the full \$1,000 has been given and he thus becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Drawings for free lunches was started by Morris Crain, owner of the Morris Bryant Inn. At first, the number of free lunches was based on the number of people present at our meeting.

The Club placed Harold B. Taylor in nomination as District Governor, which later resulted in his election.

Walter Gibson had an active part in getting the Colt Worlds Series of Baseball to be held in the Loeb Stadium in Columbian Park.

At the start of the year, incoming president Harold Michael cited the many accomplishments of outgoing president, John Irvine, and presented him with the customary diamond past president's pin. Harold told the Club that it was "Time for Action."

In early July, the Campus Inn said they were going to raise the cost of the luncheons from \$2.30 to \$3.00. Thereafter, the Club tried out Morris Bryant Inn, Heritage House, Holiday Inn-East and the Y.M.C.A., finally settling, on September 18, on the Morris Bryant Inn.

The football kick-off luncheon, as usual, served as our regular meeting. There was a dinner for new members, the Rotary Stag party at Rotary Park, the Thanksgiving meeting with Kiwanis with Art Hansen as speaker, the Salvation Army Fund Drive which brought in \$2,684 vs. Kiwanis's \$1,238, the Jefferson High School A-Capella choir and their Christmas program for us; the Ladies Night dinner and dance at Howard-Johnson-East, planned by the new members of the club, with 140 present; and the Intercity Ladies Night in April with a special program honoring Albert P. Stewart who was retiring as head of the Purdue Musical Organizations and director of the Purdue Glee Club. The Glee Club has been the chief attraction at this Inter-City event for years. Al was presented with a Grandfather's clock.

Twenty eight Indianapolis Rotarians were given a warm welcome when they visited our club on December 4. In return, 15 Lafayette Rotarians went to Indianapolis in March.

Six men from Scotland were here as a study exchange team. At the end of their stay, they presented a most interesting program on their country of 5 million people (4 million living on 3% of the land). Other foreign visitors during the year were Jurgen Grossman of Mulheim, Germany, a Rotary Scholarship Fellow at Purdue; Kenrich Rylander of Sweden, Camino Pinto of Sri Lanka, a small island in the Indian Ocean. A U.S.A. Rotary Fellow, Pat Buescher of Fort Wayne, now a Purdue student, told of his recent stay in Germany.

The Club sponsored Diane Landis and Jane Ellen Suddarth to Girl's state.

Among some of the outstanding programs at regular meetings were Harold Michael's report with words and pictures of the inspiration he received at the R.I. Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland. Bill Smith, with the aid of his son, Phil, Y.M.C.A. director of camp activities for 400 youth ages 6 to 11, and the camp staff along with some 40 youth demonstrated that Rotary Park is being used for a most worthwhile program. The Rev. Francis Trimmer spoke to us of his visit to Christian Mission Fields in Southern Asia. "Christianity is what the world needs", said Trimmer, "when it knows what it needs." Prof. Otto Doering, Purdue economist, called attention to the seriousness of the energy crisis due to the doubling of our energy use since the Korean war and predicted that it will not get better for about five years. He urged conservation. Did not think government controls would solve the problem. Bruce Moore, Superintendent of West Lafayette schools, talked on problems public education systems are facing today. He pointed out that the new collective bargaining act has brought about a situation where teachers may have more control and that teacher strikes may become more common.

A new Rotary International regulation changed the requirements for Senior Active Membership and as a result 48 of our members were transferred from their original classifications to that of Senior Active.

It is interesting to note that locally, in July 1973, the Brown Street bridge was closed after inspection showed serious damage to a pier. In December, The Tippecanoe Villa, a \$750,000 facility for 115 residents at the Tippecanoe County home, was dedicated replacing the 98 year old building..

In October 1973, Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice President of the United States, pleading *nolo contendere* to tax evasions on payments to him by Maryland contractors while governor of Maryland. Pres. Nixon fired special Watergate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, and defied a court order to surrender his tapes of oval office conversations. Middle East tensions burst into war for the fourth time in 25 years. After three weeks a cease fire was accepted.



The OPEC nations joined together in boosting the price of crude oil to unheard of heights, there was an embargo on oil shipments to the U.S. and gas lines formed at U.S. filling stations for the first time.

At the end of June 1974, the following had 100% attendance for the year with the number indicating months of continuous attendance; Botkin 12, Carter 26, DeLong 12, Doeppers 18, Engeler 111, Foxworthy 18, Gibson 160, Y. B. Hall 183, Hitch 45, Hoggatt 44, Holm 30, Hostetter 235, Hudlow 61, Irvine 24, K. Kettelhut 91, Lane 153, Messing 114, Michael 25, Sicer 12, William Smith 123, Taylor 114, Verplank 100, Williams 238, Wright 240, Yoran 28.

1974-1975

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W. Curtis Hostetter, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer  
Walter Gibson, Sergeant-at-Arms

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Vernon K. Hitch  
Jacob G. Hockstra  
Vernon P. Putnam

### **International President**

William R. Robbins  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

### **International Convention**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Delegates: Lane, Holm, Reisner, Jr.

### **District Governor**

Oscar H. Lowery  
Plainfield, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

William Cook  
Jeffrey A. Cooke  
Joseph M. Drozda  
James Emerson  
Joseph R. Foster  
John Hancock  
Paul Hess  
Anthony Keeley  
Thomas McCaw  
Jerry Lynn Mason  
Wilbur Meier  
John Osmon  
Floyd G. Pfleeger  
H. G. Reisner III  
Ronald Thayer  
Robert W. Vest  
Ralph Van Handel (Senior Active)

When the outgoing president, Harold Michael, presented the incoming president, Larry Lane, with the gavel, at the first meeting in July, 1974, he thanked all concerned for their help during the year with especial thanks to Howard Porsch who was just completing 25 years service as treasurer of the Club. Later, the Board of Directors approved a resolution commending Porsch, had it framed, and presented it to Howie.

This year was a very active one so far as Exchange Students and Rotary Fellows was concerned. Aike Hasebe of Japan and Vivian Fallon of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rotary Fellows, gave the club an excellent program in February. Jurgen Grossman of West Germany, thanked Rotary for the help given him during his year at Purdue. Susan Christoffers from Germany arrived as an exchange student to attend West Lafayette High School. Fusaka Ishi of Japan was an exchange student from Germany at West Side High the past year, left for home. There was Bob Michael of Jeff High, leaving for Japan; Linda Henderson of Central Catholic, leaving for Brazil; Mary Alice Arthur was bound for Sweden; Janet Tobias for Austria; and Sharon Bray for Scandinavia. Steve Palfrey of West Side spent a year in Sweden and Mark Jackson was headed out. Jim DeMay was a graduate fellow in Denmark.

Rotary helped with a dinner at the Home Hospital Fair under the leadership of Ed McGuire and crew. The annual Stag Party was held at Rotary Park with Herm Andre and Y.B. Hall in charge and the dinner for new members and their wives was held at the Lafayette Country Club.

Oscar Lowery, District Governor from Plainfield, and a former member of the Lafayette Club, made his official visit and stressed the importance of each individual Rotarian in advancing the objects of Rotary.

Thanksgiving time saw the joint meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis. Ken Botkin chaired an excellent drive for Salvation Army funds that raised \$2,300 but for the first time in many years Rotary did not top the amount that Kiwanis raised. And at Christmas, the Jefferson High Acappella Choir treated us to excellent musical program.

In December, Rotary International President, William Robbins addressed the Indianapolis Club and 12 Lafayette Rotarians went down to meet with them.

The Fellowship-Dinner-Dance in February was held at the Hilton Inn and was a huge success. Larry Lane presided at the Holy Week Service held in the Mars Theatre with Bob Verplank leading singing and Rudy Mahara singing a solo. The Rev. John Parke had the sermon. After, lunch was served at the Y.M.C.A. Rotary hosted 55 adult 4-H leaders who were at Purdue for a training conference and at the Scholarship-Citizenship Awards dinner for the selected High School Seniors, Mrs. Arthur Hansen, wife of Purdue's president, gave a very interesting talk.

The annual Intercity Rotary Ladies night drew 315 people from 14 Rotary clubs to hear the Purdue Glee Club, but the usual Rotary-Glee Club Stag Party had to be cancelled because no available date could be found.

Dues to the club were raised from \$44 to \$54 annually. A new Lafayette Rotary Club banner was designed and adopted. Walt Gibson, a driving force in the Colt World Series Baseball Tourney, pushed the sale of tickets with gusto and had Tuesday, August 20th designated as Rotary Night at the tourney.

Other programs of note included a visit to the club by Floyd Fithian, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's 2nd District. He talked on the energy crisis. James Andrews, president of the Wabash Valley Trust and Historic Preservation, reported on the work of that organization since its founding in 1973. Three buildings at the Soldier's Home are now on the Federal Register and their destruction will be prevented. The Commissioner of the High School Athletic Association, Phil Askew, told us that 95% of the kids today are O.K. in spite of crazy parents. He said the kids want discipline. Edgar Whitcomb, former Indiana governor, speaking on possibilities of world trade, said that our state's share must come through free enterprise and not through government.

Richard Battaglia and Decia Funkhouser presented interesting information about horses -breeds, cost of maintaining, etc., climaxing with bringing a live horse valued at \$20,000 into the dining room. (He was very well behaved).

Bob Verplank of White Freight Line Sales, Inc., hosted the club at his place of business on Rd. 25 and Larry Oliphant, V.P. of White Motor Co., told of the importance of trucks in our transportation system.

Varro Tyler gave an excellent report on Purdue's Pharmacy School and Harold Michael gave an outstanding talk on the meaning of Vocational Service in Rotary. David Landgrebe gave a fine illustrated talk on LARS (Laboratory for Application of Remote Sensing). Data from this project obtained from a satellite circling the globe at 570 miles up aids in land use, location of minerals and other uses.

Joe Vargo, Public Relations Director of the Indianapolis Racers told about the new Indianapolis hockey team, explained the rules of the game and showed a film about ice hockey. The Mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar, when he addressed the club, expressed concern for the unemployed of the nation, stressing the need for \$650 billion of new capital. And Alex Carroll, V.P. of TMAK, talked about inflation. Deficit spending, over regulation and economic illiteracy were cited as being the chief causes of the inflation that threatens to ruin our free enterprise system.

The year 1974 marked the successful end to a campaign to raise funds for a new YWCA when pledges of \$938,000 were received. The site would be 6th and Cincinnati St. Al Stewart was named executive director of Heritage 75-76 to plan and carry out celebrations of the sesquicentennial of Lafayette in 1976 and the U.S. bicentennial in 1976. Wabash Valley Hospital Mental Center was opened with Dr. Richard Rahdert the director and the A.E. Staley Co. later announced plans to build a plant producing artificial sweeteners from corn on 94 acres southeast of Lafayette.

On August 9, 1974, Richard Nixon resigned as President of the United States after 18 months of denials and counter charges about his participation in the Watergate case. Resignation followed a bi-partisan recommendation of Impeachment by the House Judiciary committee. Vice President Ford was immediately sworn in as President. Less than a month later, Ford granted Nixon a pardon feeling that it was for the good of the nation.

Oil price increases and two digit inflation led to severe economic depression in the U.S. and a big drop in stock prices. Patricia Hearst was kidnapped.

In other parts of the world, Egypt, Syria and Israel signed disengagement agreements requiring a partial Israeli pullback along the Syrian border and in Sinai. International teams began the clearing of the Suez canal, blocked since 1967. Russian author, Alex Solzhenitsyn was exiled.

The Vietnam War came to a rapid conclusion in April and May 1975 as the pro-American government of South Vietnam, and Cambodia succumbed to communist forces and the U.S. personnel were evacuated. About 150,000 Vietnamese refugees fled to the U.S.

1975-1976

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Kenneth E. Botkin  
David P. DeWitt  
Charles M. Horner  
William J. Smith

### **International President**

Emeste I. de Mello  
Niteroi Reo de Janeiro

### **International Convention**

New Orleans, Louisiana  
Delegates: E. Holm, H. Taylor, Ev Wright

### **District Governor**

Harold B. Taylor  
West Lafayette, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Lafayette, Indiana

### **New Members**

Malcolm W. Applegate  
James S. Backoff  
Norman Eugene Beaver  
Gordon D. Chavers  
Maurice Ferriter  
Wilbur Lee Hancock  
Theodore Kowalski  
H. Kenneth McCullen  
Richard M. Michael  
Robert Neff  
Kenneth Rauch  
James D. Schrader  
Edwin C. Schwopps  
Francis Trimmer  
Ralph Dean Weller  
Max Westl  
David H. Williams, Jr.

This year for Lafayette Rotary began with Ed Hargitt and his partner, Dennis Dunn, hosting the club in their recently remodeled building at the corner of 2nd and South St. District Governor Oscar Lowery was there to pass the Governor's gavel to Harold Taylor and Larry Lane passed the reins of the Lafayette club to Eric Holm.

Eric, always an innovator, as one of his first actions as the new president, passed out blank "This Is Your Life" sheets for the club members to complete. With the information thus gathered, Eric recognized numerous members and passed on many previously unknown facts about them. Tom Miya was the first of many Rotarians thus recognized.

Eric was also a pusher to encourage more Lafayette Rotarians to become Paul Harris Fellows. At one meeting, he auctioned off an Alpaca Rug made by the Inca Indians, Machu Picchu, Peru. It was sold to Ken Botkin for \$75 to which Holm added \$25 and the \$100 was sent to R.I. Foundation to honor Lafayette Rotary's secretary, Curt Hostetter as a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow.

This year was an unusually active year so far as foreign Rotary Fellows and Exchange students were concerned. Visiting the club at various times were Rotary Fellows, Ricardo Anorae Faccio of Brazil, Catherine Grosbetty of France, Toshiro Abe of Japan and Alberto Guillermo of El Salvador. High School Exchange student, Susan Christoffers of Germany presented a club banner from the Delmenhorst Rotary Club of Germany. Her father is a Rotarian there. Fusaka Ishi of Japan, leaving for home, thanked Rotary for her interesting year and gave gifts to Larry Lane, Eric Holm, and Ed McGuire, her hosts while in this community. Rotary Fellows arrived from Africa, Brazil (Helio Macedo), and India (Chandron Paul). An Australian group was here for 5 days at the time of our intercity Ladies-night Dinner and were guests.

Twenty two Exchange students were recognized at the District Conference held in Lafayette, April 1-3, 1976.

This was the year when it was decided that something had to be done about our Rotary Park. Vandals were repeatedly causing considerable damage to the building. Five options were presented to the club by the Rotary Park committee and the majority vote favored selling, if possible. Wesley Shook was to handle an auction sale at the Shook Real Estate Agency on May 15, with a minimum price to be \$25,000. If the auction was not successful, Shook was to list the property.

"Porquoi pas", a musical presented by Heritage 75-76 and directed by Rotarian Al Stewart, was a great success.

There was the annual Purdue Kick-off luncheon that served as a regular Rotary meeting. Chris Schenkel was the toastmaster. He was formerly with W.B.A.A. At the Rotary Stag, Bob Hogue and Joe Sicer again prepared their excellent barbecued chicken. Harold Michael was the principle speaker at the new member dinner. Ken Botkin headed up a successful Salvation Army bell ringing and the Jefferson High School Acappella choir entertained us with their always-fine songs just before Christmas.

A Rotary Valentine dinner-dance was held at Henrici's with Harold Hudlow in charge and the 99 in attendance had a wonderful time.

This was the year when Lafayette was host to the District Conference April 1 to 3. The Inter-city Rotary-Glee Club dinner was held in connection with the conference. Both were huge successes.

We sent Susan Phillips and Claudi Lynch to represent us at Girls' State and Thomas Lannert to Boys' State. William Fischang, Purdue Vice President, was the speaker at the annual Rotary Scholarship-Citizenship Award program and he stressed the importance of higher education during the past 200 years and its continued importance in the future.

District Governor, Harold Taylor, speaking in his capacity as Dist. Gov., told what Rotary has meant to him - that it is so great because it is worldwide. He showed slides of the R.I. Assembly of 344 District Governors and reviewed events of the past three R.I. conventions - Canada, Minneapolis, and Australia.

There was a tour of the Cary Boy Scout Camp when Rotarians were guests there. The site has 116 acres. We saw the program in action.

Among other noteworthy programs were Charles Halleck, Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia who addressed the club and said "Crime is the No. 1 problem in the minds of many people. Citizen support is needed to solve crimes." Herb Thomas with Kaiser Engineering of Oakland, Calif., and now the project director of a preliminary engineering study for the Lafayette Railway Relocation Project, reviewed the develop of Kaiser Industries and stated that he felt the river front route was the proper one for the relocation in Lafayette.

Rotarian Sam Washburn of Fowler, one of twelve American farmers to receive the 1974 Ford Farm Efficiency Award, predicted that the family farm is here to stay and that agriculture has today the greatest opportunity in its history. Burt Levison gave an excellent report on the history and basic principles of the Jewish faith. Hank Trimmer, recently returned from two years in Bangkok told of his experiences there and James Laughlin of the Public Service Indiana stressed the need for more nuclear plants to meet the energy needs. "Anti-nuclear people have delayed the operation and the good about nuclear plants is seldom publicized." Dr. Thomas Hull, Purdue Industrial Eng. professor, who was in Iran for a year, stated that country is one of contrasts - modern and ancient. Many of the people are professional and prosperous, he stated, but many others are poverty stricken and illiterate. Stores are either modern or ancient. Pollution and traffic are terrific.

On the occasion of Rotary's 71st anniversary, Harold Michael gave an outstanding report on the history of Rotary International making especial reference to its founder, Paul Harris; the first secretary, Charles Perry; to Arthur Sheldon who suggested the motto, "He profits most who serves the best"; Frank Collins who suggested the motto, "Service Above Self"; and to Herbert Taylor who created the Four Way Test. A copy of Harold's talk was printed and made available to all clubs in our district.

The fall of 1975 saw the first teacher's strike in Lafayette's history. The strike lasted for seven school days and the final contract called for binding arbitration of contract grievances. A special grand jury probed into possible corruption in Tippecanoe County and the resulting court actions led to 19 sentencings.

In the nation, Patty Hearst was captured by the F.B.I. Defense attorneys claimed she was brainwashed but she was indicted for robbery, found guilty and sentenced to prison. New York City had a most serious financial crisis - \$12 billion in debt, almost certain to default. Pres. Ford rejected appeals for a federal loan demanding that city officials not escape responsibility for their past follies. Jimmy Hoffa disappeared.

World wide, Indira Gandhi of India declared a national emergency, ordered her opponents arrest and imposed press censorship after the court found her guilty of corrupt campaign practices and voided her election to parliament. Israel and Egypt moved closed to peace with the signing of a new agreement on the Sinai with the U.S. agreeing to maintain surveillance of the Sinai buffer zone.

Perfect Rotary attendance for the 1975-76 year (number indicates months of continuous attendance) went to Bachman 261, Botkin 18, John Bradshaw 20, Carmichael 18, Drozda 23, Foxworthy 42, Gibson 184, Hall 207, Hitch 69, Hoggatt 68, Holm 54, Hostetter 259, Hudlow 85, Kettelhut 115, Lane 176, Messing 138, Harold Michael 149, W. R. Miller 39, Plager 34, Deac Reisner 36, Sicer 12, WM. Smith 147, Taylor 138, Verplank 124, Webber 19, J. Williams 262, Wright 264, Yoran 52.

1976-1977

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Vernon E. Putnam, Vice. President  
J. Howard Porsch, Treas. Emeritus  
Vernon K. Hitch, Sergeant-at-arms

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Kenneth E. Botkin  
David P. DeWitt  
Charles M. Homer  
Wm. J. Smith  
John O. Bradshaw  
Harley J. Griffith, Jr.  
Lawrence F. Teder  
Walter R. Woods

### **International President**

Robert A. Manchester II  
Youngstown, Ohio

### **International Convention**

San Francisco, California  
Delegates: H. Taylor, V. Putnam, E. Holm, H. Messing, H. Michael.

### **District Governor**

Charles W. Laughlin  
Anderson, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

Cornell A. Bell  
James M. Carty  
Theo. Cleveland  
Brent E. Dickson  
Robert A. Feuer  
Alpha Gray  
Robert L. Griffiths  
James L. Hanks  
Burtis Horrall  
Hugh B. Lewis  
Terry L. Phillips  
Louie H. Rock  
LeRoy F. Silva  
Richard Smith  
Clifford J. Songerath  
Glenn H. Sullivan  
Terry R. West

Four more members became Paul Harris Fellows during the year: Vernon Hitch, Karl Kettelhut, Herm Messing, and Joe Sicer.

Eric Holm retired as president of the club and expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors, all committee chairmen and the entire club for the excellent support he had had during the year. Past District Governor, Harold Taylor praised Holm for his good Rotary year and the gavel was turned over to William J. Smith. Bill urged that during the coming year we wage a CRUSADE to keep Rotary as the top service club. "C" is for Concern and Commitment; "R" is for Resourcefulness and Responsibility; "U" is for YOU and your concern; "S" is for Sensitivity; "A" is for Ability; "D" is for Desire; and "E" is for Enthusiasm. He urged Increased Attendance, Increased Committee Involvement, Increased Community Projects, Increase Acquaintance within the Club and Increased Interest in the Lafayette and the International Rotary Foundations.

The Lafayette Rotary Club members have always been travelers both on business and for pleasure. It is of interest to note the wide variety of places at which they make up their Rotary attendance. The following list does not include makeups at Indiana Clubs nor make-ups at clubs in the immediately surrounding states and covers only those reported in this year of 1976-1977:

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Boston, Mass.; Kansas City, Mo.; Yuma, Calif.; Princeton, N.J.; Des Moines, Iowa; Vancouver British Columbia; Richmond, Calif.; Pleaston, Calif.; Kennebunk, Me.; Falmouth, Me.; Baltimore, Md.; New York City; San Francisco, Calif.; Jackson, Wy.; Scottsdale, Ar.; St. Boniface-St. Vital, Saskatchewan, Canada; Winnipeg, Canada; Seattle, Wash.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong; Miami Beach, Fla.; Birmingham, Al.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Coral Gables, Fla.; Coconut Grove, Fla.; Sun



City, Fla.; McMinnville, Ore.; Fort Myers, Fla.; Pharr, Texas; Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Panama City, Fla.; McAllen, Texas; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Bradenton, Fla.; Madras, India; Stuttgart, Germany; New Zealand; Marco Island, Fla.; Naples, Fla.; Venice, Fla.; Tucson, Ar.; Sarasota Keys, Fla.; Cartersville, Ga.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Mt. Dora, Fla.; Santa Anna, Calif.; Salina, Calif.; Monterey, Calif.; State College, Pa.; Cambridge, England; Durham, N.C.; Humble, Texas; and Corstorphine, Scotland.

Lafayette Rotary, partly because of the presence of Purdue University, has long had numerous contacts with Rotary Fellows, Exchange students and other people from foreign lands. Some attend the club as guests but frequently they contribute greatly to the club's programs. For instance, this year Athanasios Koralis, a Purdue student from Greece gave a most interesting talk on his native land. He told us that Greece is primarily an agricultural country but in recent years it is becoming more industrialized. Agriculture and tourism are the two greatest sources of income for the country. Then Magid Mazon, a graduate student from Egypt, addressed us telling that of their 40 million population, 8 million are in Cairo; that 55% of the population is Moslem and that 95% of the country is desert.

Susan Christoffers, an Exchange student from Germany, who had attended West Lafayette H.S. the past two years, left for home and was high in her praise of her Rotary Host Families: Larry and Jane Lane; Paul and Jane Hess; and Fritz and Leona Cohen. Then there was Mitsue Kitamura of Japan who was here for three months and was hosted by Jack and Jean Irvine during the Christmas holidays. She presented the club with a Rotary banner from the Tokyo club.

Rotary Fellows, Alberto Cabero, El Salvador, and Richardo Fasces, Brazil, were taken by Dave Dewitt to be guests of the Hartford City Club. When 32 Taiwanese in an Exchange group were here to present a program in the Slayter Center, Lafayette Rotarians provided housing and meals for many of them. Rotary Fellow, Toshiro Abe, Japan, a student at Purdue, showed slides of his homeland and told of trips he had made while here to Mexico and to Michigan where he had won honors as a skier. "The Rotary Foundation offers the best scholarship program there is", said he. Going in the other direction were Exchange student, Penny Morris and Graduate Fellow, David Jerrison of W. L.

Annual activities repeated again this year were a successful Rotary Booth at the Park-O-Rama, chaired by Trey Reisner; the Purdue Football Kick-off Luncheon with John Totten, formerly with WHAS but now a sports announcer with WRTV, as master of ceremonies; a very successful booth at the Home Hospital Fair with Bob Neff as chairman that made sales of \$2,000 and was assisted by 72 girls from Chi Omega.

The Rotary Stag was held in a barn on the Eric Holm farm. The New Member dinner was at the Lafayette Country Club and Harold Michael was again the very effective speaker outlining the history and principles of Rotary; Wayne Kirkham headed the Rotary bell ringing for the Salvation Army and Rotary topped Kiwanis by \$4,046 to \$3,025. Our own Rev. Ken McCullen spoke at the Thanksgiving joint Rotary-Kiwanis dinner on "The True Meaning of Thanksgiving". The Jefferson H.S. Acappella Choir again sang an excellent Christmas program for us, 40 girls and 40 boys strong and the following week, Al Stewart with 40 members of the Heritage 75-76 chorus entertained with an outstanding musical program concluding with the club joining in on Christmas carols.

The Fellowship Dinner-Dance at Howard Johnson's, chaired by Bob Neff was a great success. District Gov. Laughlin and his wife were guests. During Holy Week, the club attended the religious services at the Mars with Pres. Wm. Smith presiding and Bob Verplank leading the singing. "Pete" Putnam chaired the Intercity Rotary-Glee club dinner and saw to it that numerous ones of our Rotarian widows were present.

At the Scholarship-Citizenship Award program chaired by Harley Griffith, Beverly Stone, Dean of Students at Purdue, told the award winning Seniors from the five Tippecanoe County High Schools, "Use your ability to stand up and say "This is right or this is wrong!" and at the Rotary-Glee Club outing, held at the Conservation Club, all 60 present had plenty of fun, refreshments, food and games, thanks to the good work of Y. B. Hall.

The Club sent Steve Koppel to Boys' State and Susan Phillips, Marvin's daughter, to Girls' State. Each week, the club had as their guests, two outstanding students from one or the other of the counties High Schools.

The Constitution was amended to fit new Rotary International rules and to change the annual meeting date to not later than the first Tuesday in December.

The club visited the new Lyn Treese Youth Straight Arrow Day Camp southeast of town. This is operated by the YMCA. The 84 youth campers, age 8 to 11, entertained us with many songs.

The Umbilical Chords, a "five man quartette" made up of Purdue Ag. staff members kept the club on its toes with a wonderful musical program filled with typical Mauri Williamson humor.

There were many excellent talks during the year and, as usual, those by our own members were among the best. John Bradshaw gave a fine message on "The Mechanics of Liberty". "The Bible is the base and structure to work with our constitution," said John, "to insure freedom, to try, to buy, to sell and to fail." Harold Taylor presented an excellent word-picture report on his recent trip to China. Mauri Williamson gave an illustrated program on Two Hundred Years of Agricultural Progress. He pointed out that our nation has gone from 92% to 6% of the population engaged in farming because of innovation and efficiency.

Other noteworthy talks included that of the new Purdue Football coach, Jim Young, who said that to be successful, the coaching staff and all players must have a great deal of pride, poise and attitude.

In our community, the biggest news story of the year was the shake up in the Lafayette Police Department in the spring of 1977. After more than a year of controversy following the special grand jury investigation, Chief Paul Butler and Deputy Chief Robert Harrington requested retirements.

Nationally, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan battled to the wire for the Republican nomination for the Presidency with Ford coming out the victor. Jimmy Carter (Jimmy Who?) and Ford debated during the campaign and Carter won the November election. The Viking Landers I and II became the first man made objects to soft land successfully on Mars or any other planet. Despite sophisticated equipment, the presence of life on Mars was still unsettled. The U. S. pressured Rhodesia into accepting black majority rule by 1978. South Africa itself showed some signs of accommodation to black demands after the most violent rioting in the country's history.

1977-1978

**Officers**

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W. Jack Davis  
Hamilton, Bermuda

**International Convention**

Tokyo, Japan  
Delegates: Lawrence Teder, Harold Taylor, Eric  
Holm, Anthony Keeley, Vernon Putnam

**District Governor**

Robert J. Jones  
Hartford City

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**New Members**

David L. Alexander  
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Douglas P. Thurley  
Wm. H. Turner  
Wilbur Van Dokkenburg

When Vernon Putnam took over the reins the first week on July, he said it would be hard, indeed, to fill the shoes of Bill Smith. He urged that all members adopt the theme as set forth by Rotary International President, Jack Davis, "Service to Unite Mankind."

The following week, it was announced that Rotary Park had been sold after prolonged legal problems had held up the sale. The price received was \$25,000. In order to comply with the original grant of the land to Rotary by Edgar Goldsberry in 1921, a charitable trust was established with the provision that the earnings be used for camping scholarships (Goldsberry was Lafayette Rotary President at the time). Charles Horner and James Hoggatt would be the Trustees. The Rotary Directors approved the investment of the \$25,000 in a Certificate of Deposit.

Pres. Putnam recognized Ev Wright, Jim Williams and Curt Hostetter for having over 22 years each of perfect attendance at Lafayette Rotary.

The chairmen of various Rotary committees initiated a series of short talks. George McNelly started this series off with an explanation of the work of the budget committee. JOE WALING was next with a report on how the Classification and Membership committee operates.

Meal price at the Morris Bryant Inn was increased from \$3.00 to \$3.25.

District Governor Robert Jones made his official visit to the club and urged all Rotarians to help build Rotary with Attendance, Membership Development, Youth Service, and World Fellowship. "The Rotary pin signifies an important man in the community. Be a part of the team."

On Dec. 6, 1977, deep snow drifts and severe cold almost closed down both Rotary and the Morris Bryant Inn but 64 Rotarians braved the weather and made it to good food but handicapped service at the Inn. Twenty Purduettes, their director, W. E. Allen, two Glee Clubbers and Bill Luhman also made it and delighted the small audience with an outstanding and heart-warming program.

Glenn Sullivan ran the Rotary booth at the Home Hospital Fair in an excellent way and Joe Drozda chaired the annual Rotary Stag at the Conservation Club. James Emerson and his committee did a top-notch job with the International Student Reception at St. Thomas Aquinas. There were nearly a hundred present at the Rotary Valentine dinner-dance at Howard Johnson's and the usual good turnout from all over the district for the annual Intercity-Rotary Ladies night with the Varsity Glee Club furnishing an outstanding program.

The death of J. Holmes Martin on November 19, 1977 was a great loss to all who knew him. J. Holmes had been a dedicated Rotarian since 1940 and was Club President 1959-1960. The club suffered another big loss on March 26, 1978 when George Davis died. George was a loyal Rotarian in every respect. He was President of Lafayette Rotary in 1947-48 and was District Governor in 1953-54. He had been a Rotarian for 56 years, the last 40 in Lafayette Rotary. Widely known for his readings of the poems of James Whitcomb Riley, the club listened to the playing of one of his Riley recordings as they honored his memory.

At the Scholarship-Citizenship Awards dinner, Dean Stockton of the School of Veterinary Science, challenged the youth being honored to "Accept and seek leadership; develop and maintain a sense of humor, be optimistic, involved and serious. A few things done well will be better than many things done poorly."

There were many noteworthy programs and speakers but space permits mentioning only a few. There was August Vavrus, Prof. of Slavic and Linguistics at Purdue, who gave a most interesting talk on "C.B. Language." He said there were 20 million C.B.'s in use and with many users the vocabulary and speech pattern was a thing apart and of its own style.

Pres. Arthur Hansen of Purdue presented a word-picture report on the research program there.

Don Paarlberg, Purdue Economist, talked on "Farmers in a Changing World." He said agriculture was losing its uniqueness. The Experiment station and Extension Service, plus machinery and technology have made for larger farms, reduced the number of farm workers and made farming a business rather than just a way of life.

Alvin C. Ruxer, Jasper, Indiana, Industrialist businessman, Banker, Saddle Horse Farm owner and President of 18 various corporations urged Rotarians to Think about Profit in whatever they do. "I am always thinking about Profit. It makes me think differently and work a little harder. Cater to your customers. They deserve your best service."

Just before Christmas, the Rev. Ken Carmichael, Central Presbyterian Church, told of his visits to Bethlehem and then presented High School students from Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Switzerland who told how they observed Christmas in their homelands. The following week there was an all-Rotary talent Christmas program. Those taking part were: Bob Lett, at the organ, Rex Kepler at the piano; Bob Griffiths, piano solo and vocal number, a quartette—Rudy Mahara, John Osmun, Sam Keller, and Jack Young; a duet of Marv and Dick Smith; Rotaryans Marly Hayt, Barbara Kampen, Charlotte Stewart, Mary Smith, Jean Irvine and Carolyn Risk. George Davis read Riley's Bear Story and Mauri Williamson played Santa. Al Stewart directed the whole affair and led the club in carol singing.

In April, five members of the Group Exchange team from India presented a most interesting program about their country—its religions, languages, development, technology, capital, courts, etc. Earlier, three local High School exchange students, recently returned from a year in a foreign country, told of their experiences abroad: Barbara Leidle, New Zealand; Penny Morris, Mexico; Queta Smith, Bolivia. All adored their adopted foreign parents and hoped to return some day. In all, Rotary had 45 contacts during the year with foreign students or exchange group members.

During the year, the Lafayette Club had 140 visiting Rotarians attend its meetings including men from Finland, Sweden, England, and New Zealand, and all over the U.S. This is typical of most years.

In January 1978, the Lafayette area was hit by a blizzard that paralyzed the entire community. Six inches of snow had fallen on January 9 and within a week the temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero.

On January 27, a massive arctic storm ripped over the state forcing schools, including Purdue University, to close. Businesses closed. For three days there was scarcely any movement outside. Stranded motorists were housed in the National Guard armory, churches, and homes. The temperature did not climb above 26 degrees for 37 days. On February 3, the freeze ended with a high of 34. February 1978 was the coldest February on record since 1885 and the second coldest month in the past decade, 14.9 degrees below normal. A record breaking 60 inches of snow fell during December 1977 through February 1978.

Nationally, Bert Lance, President Carter's close friend and Director of the U.S. Office of Management, resigned in face of a barrage of criticism about the ethics of his financial dealings while a banker in Georgia. The United States was importing 40% of its oil and Pres. Carter called for "a moral equivalent of war" on energy waste. The T.V. serial, *Roots*, captured the imagination of the largest T.V. audience in history—over 36 million viewers and thousands were stimulated to look up their own ancestral heritage.

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**International President**

Clem Renouf  
Nambur, Queensland, Australia

**International Convention**

Rome, Italy  
Delegates: John Bradshaw, E. Holm, Lawrence  
Teder, Dan Teder, H. Taylor

**District Governor**

Wendall N. Calkins  
Crawfordsville, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**New Members**

The Rev. Benjamin Antle  
Leonard K. Berkovitz  
Wm. Walter Bigler  
Allen H. Clark  
Dennis E. Courtenay  
David M. Eads  
Gilbert Gutwein  
James A. Hankins  
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Richard L. Harner  
Wm. N. Hatfield  
Maurice D. Hawbaker  
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Robert J. Kennedy  
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Gerald L. Leidl  
Robert L. Mieher  
Richard F. Rahdert  
Reed Lewis Stone  
David B. Swezey

Incoming President, Lawrence Teder, praised Vernon Putnam for his very fine leadership during the past year, presented him with the customary bound volume of the past year's Rotary Ripples and a Past Presidents' pin and then challenged the Rotarians to "Reach out and stretch a little farther to make Lafayette Rotary the very best."

Eric Holm was appointed District chairman for Rotary International's 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) Program which is to be a key project for R. I. in its 75th Anniversary year celebration. This program calls for gifts amounting to \$1,500 for Lafayette Rotary. Eric was also named chairman of the Lafayette Club's 3-H and of its plans for the 75th celebration in February 1980.

A change in Rotary International's procedures calls for the Board of Directors of each club to name a President Elect and a Vice President instead of just a Vice President as has been done in the past.

Annual dues were raised by vote of the club from \$54 to \$60. The luncheon price was raised by Morris Bryant Inn to \$3.50 from \$3.25.

There was the traditional parade of club activities during the year beginning with the Stag party at the Conservation Club. Then came the Rotary Information New Member Dinner at the Country Club with Harold Michael again doing the honors and presenting his usual fine talk on Rotary history and principles. Paul Million led the Salvation Army bell ringing crew to success. The Jefferson H.S. Acappella Choir again sang an excellent Christmas program for us and at the Valentine Ladies Night Dinner-Dance. James Hanks and his committee treated us to a night with a Hawaiian Atmosphere. Harley Griffith chaired the

63rd Annual Intercity Ladies Night in the Purdue Union Building and the Purdue Glee Club again performed outstandingly. The Glee Club Stag in May was shifted to Frankfort Country Club and Wilbur Hancock and Gary Pfleeger get credit for a fine fun time. At the Scholarship-Citizenship Awards Dinner for the winning High School seniors, Fred Andrews, Purdue Vice Pres. for Research, told the youngsters, "You have made a good start, now create new knowledge."

Stephen Thompson represented our club in the bike race that is sponsored by the Jefferson High School Student Council and he won and has a trophy to prove it! The club again sponsored a booth at the St. E Hospital's Park-O-Rama.

Curt Hostetter was named "The Rotarian of the Month" by District Gov. Calkins and received a standing ovation from the club.

When the Dist. Governor made his official visit to the club in October, he praised Lafayette Rotary for their community leadership, their High School guest program, The Lafayette Rotary Foundation and for the high quality of the weekly programs.

And, indeed, the weekly programs have been excellent and varied. Here are just a few examples:

Solomon Gartenhaus, Purdue Physicist who was a distinguished professor the previous year at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, showed pictures and gave a fine talk on the activities of the Academy. There was a series of three programs where each week two students from local high schools, first Jefferson, followed by Harrison and Central Catholic, gave outstanding and thought provoking talks.

Purdue's President, Arthur Hansen, reported on his recent trip to China where he found the "people friendly, needing our goods." He said 80% of the people were on farms and that their oil reserves were as great as those in the Mid-East.

There were community oriented programs such as when Jerry Coffins the Program Director for WASK and star of the radio program, Public Opinion, entertained us with tales of happenings on that program and what he felt it meant to our area. Then O. U. Sullivan, President of the Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, spoke on plans to buy and remodel the old Monon R.R. Depot on 5th Street into a playhouse for their organization. And Bob Kreibel, Managing Editor of Lafayette's Journal-Courier, gave a most interesting report on a survey the paper had conducted on the likes and attitudes of citizens in Lafayette and West Lafayette. They had found that the Bible was the leading book sold followed by Baby and Child Care and Better Homes and Garden's Cook Book. Top magazines read were Readers Digest and T.V. Guide. Lafayette families were middle of the road oriented while West Side families were younger, well educated, mobile and critical.

There were health oriented program such as the one by Larry Peregrine, the Home Hospital Heart Program Director, who gave a fine illustrated talk on coronary heart disease, its causes and actions that can be taken to help prevent attacks. Tim Rollings, Y.M.C.A. Physical Director and one of the 8000 who ran in the Boston Marathon (he finished 46th), told of the strain of the race and emphasized that in every day life physical fitness was just as important as mental fitness for success.

There were talks by our own members such as the excellent report that Herm Andre made on the origin, and growth of the Great Lakes Chemical Corp. of which he is Vice Pres. and Secretary. Herm said their basic chemical was bromine, that they have 800 employees in plants in 11 states and 3 foreign countries, and that 140 are employed in the Lafayette headquarters.

In May of 1979, a big banner reading "Rotary Goals for 1980: Improve Health, Alleviate Hunger—Advance Humanity" greeted the members. Eric Holm, chairman of the 75th Anniversary committee and the 3-H program, explained the national program, played a short, taped address by R. I. Pres., Clem Renouf, and then with the help of Ev Wright and Tony Keeley answered questions about the program. By the end of June, the members had contributed \$1,570 and the fund was still growing.

This was the year when Purdue's football team under the 2nd year of coaching by Jim Young, went to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta and on Christmas Day beat Georgia Tech. 41-21. The winter turned out to be almost as cold as the one had been the previous year. The Purdue basketball team went to the National Invitational Tournament but lost the final game to I.U. by a last second shot. Later, the city officials of Lafayette were set on edge when tons of chemicals, many of them unknown, were found in an abandoned laboratory in an old garage just off of Ferry St. downtown.

Nationally, in Oct. the Senate extended to June 30, 1982 the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment. It had earlier approved the Panama Canal Treaty that will turn the canal over to Panama by the year 2000. In Sept, the historic "Framework for Peace" in the Mid-East was signed by Sadat and Begin after 13 days of conference at Camp David.

In Rotary, the following members had perfect attendance for the year ending June 30, 1979 and for as many months as indicated by the number: Bachman 62, Botkin 12, John Bradshaw 56, Carmichael 54, Foxworthy 78, Gibson 220, Gray 100, Hall 243, Hitch 105, Hoggatt 103, Holm 90, Hostetter 296, Keeley 25, Kettelhut 151, Lane 212, Messing 174, H. L. Michael 85, W. R. Miller 75, Park 25, Paul 21, Plager 70, Porsch 14, Putnam 44, Trey Reisner 17, Sicer 49, WM. Smith 183, Steele 40, Taylor 174, L. Teder 46, Verplank 150, Webber 56, Williams 298, Wright 300, Yegerlehner 24.



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James L Bomar  
Shelbyville, Tennessee

### **International Convention**

Chicago, Illinois

### **District Governor**

Harold Michael  
Lafayette, Indiana

### **New Members**

Thomas W. Eggleston  
Robert A. Ford  
Richard H. Hunneke  
Kenneth J. Koger  
Arthur F. Lefebvre  
David E. Ling  
Harry Liu  
Thomas F. Moran  
James S. Remick  
Thomas A. Smith  
Hugh H. Steele, Jr.

Theme for the year: "Let Service Light the Way."

I feel that it is only proper to begin this, the year of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary, by quoting a statement made by the Rotary International President, James L. Bomar, Jr. Pres. Bomar has adopted as the theme for this year, "Let Service Light the Way" and his statement sets forth in concise form the basic principles of Rotary:

"Let Service Light the Way, IN YOUR CLUB by becoming more involved in club programs and activities. Light the way for new members. Help Rotary to grow in numbers and strength through sharing fellowship and concern for others. IN YOUR BUSINESS AND PROFESSION promote increased awareness and concern for ethical practices. Bring greater respect for the dignity of all useful occupations and for the importance of every individual in the world through his work. Guide young people to worthwhile careers. IN YOUR COMMUNITY spotlight the problems that divide our communities so that solutions may be found, so that strangers become neighbors and neighbors, friends. Help the young and the old, the handicapped and the poor realize the potential for a good and productive life. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD banish misunderstanding and suffering—in the search for greater goodwill, understanding and peace—through the Health, Hunger and Humanity Program, world community service, the Rotary Foundation, the matched districts and club program, and exchange of people."

When incoming President, Harley Griffith, took over the reins at the first meeting in July 1979, it was evident that he intended to enthusiastically carry out the precepts set forth by Rotary International President, James Bomar. He congratulated retiring Pres. Larry Teder for a great year in which he had led the club to "Stretch a Little Further" and then outlined the Goals and Objectives he would be pushing. A great celebration of the 75th Anniversary was high in his plans.

One of the first programs that President Griff put into effect was The Twenty for Two Program. Under this plan 20 members signed up to contribute \$10 per month for 10 months. Each month there would be a drawing. The two lucky members drawn would have \$100 sent in to Rotary Foundation for each of them

to apply toward a Paul Harris Sustaining Membership. Under this plan, at the end of the 10 months, all 20 would be sustaining Members.

This may also be a good time to call attention to some programs and services that Lafayette Rotary carries on in a continuing fashion.

Each week throughout the school year, Rotary has as its guests two outstanding students selected by the schools, from one of the five High Schools in the county on a rotating basis. This not only honors the students but enables them to have a better understanding of what Rotary is all about.

The first week of every month there is a Birthday Table complete with a cake for those Rotarians having birthdays during the month. Each member is encouraged to contribute at least 10¢ for each year of his age, the contribution to be designated to go either to Lafayette Rotary Foundation or to Rotary International Foundation.

Whenever there is a child or grandchild born to a Rotarian, he is encouraged (and expected) to contribute at least \$10 to one or the other of the Foundations. This is a practice started years ago by a former member and President of Lafayette Rotary when he gave the first \$10 at the time of the birth of his first grandchild in lieu of passing out cigars. Clyde Nichols, the originator, still likes his plan for in July 1979 he sent in another \$10 in recognition of his third Great-Grandchild. Clyde is now in Texas.

For many years, the club has been sending a pot of golden chrysanthemums whenever one of its members or their spouses are confined to the hospital. Each week the chairman of the Family News Committee reports on the state of health of any ailing members and also calls attention to any outstanding achievement or recognition attained by a member of the club.

Each year, Rotary helps the St. Elizabeth Hospital by manning a booth at their Park-o-Rama and helps the Home Hospital at a booth at their Fair.

Annually, there is a friendly competition between Rotary and Kiwanis to see who can raise the most money for the Salvation Army through ringing the bells at various locations in the two cities and through direct contributions. Rotary takes pride in having won most of the years.

Rotary has regularly supported delegates to Boys State and to Girls State. They have cooperated closely in the support of Training Schools for 4-H Club Leaders.

Since 1974, Rotary of Lafayette has cooperated both financially and through service, with the Purdue International Center. A reception is held for foreign students at Purdue each fall.

A great interest is taken in Rotary Fellows who are studying at Purdue. Such students are invited to give programs at regular club meetings and are often hosted by Rotary Club members. The same treatment is accorded foreign Exchange students and any area students who become outgoing Rotary Fellows or Exchange students.

Each year there is the Rotary Scholarship-Citizenship Program to honor outstanding High School Seniors from each of the county High Schools. Each student receives a plaque and his school is presented with a book of his selection to go into the school library. Parents of the winning students, the High School principals and superintendents are also honored guests.

Then, of course, there is the fun side. For many years there was both a stag party in the fall and a Rotary Glee Club party in the late spring. This year, they have been combined into one affair. The Glee Club party aims at repaying in some small way, that wonderful musical organization that for so very many years has performed so nobly at the Annual Intercity Ladies Night Dinner, which usually draws around 400 in attendance and usually draws Rotarians and spouses from all over District 656.

There is annually a New Member Dinner at which new members of Lafayette Rotary and their spouses are guests and a speaker explains Rotary history, its founding and its principles. Harold Michael, former President of Lafayette Rotary and this year the District Governor of District 656 has done such an excellent job on this talk that it has become almost legendary.

A Ladies Night Party around Valentines Day has also been popular for a number of years and in 1980 this event will mark Lafayette Rotary's Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary by Paul Harris.

Since Lafayette Kiwanis has Thursday as its regular meeting day, at Thanksgiving they are invited to join with Rotary in a joint meeting on our regular day, which is Tuesday.

During Holy Week, on Tuesday, the club attends the joint religious service sponsored by the Lafayette Ministerial Association for the entire week. The Pres. of Rotary MC's the service and a member leads the singing and another member leads the group in prayer. The service has usually been held in the old Mars Theatre with Rotary members then adjourning to some other location, usually the Y.M.C.A., for their lunch.

The Jefferson High School Acappella Choir has become an established tradition for a wonderful musical program near Christmas.

Each year, the club is visited officially by the then District Governor. This year, our own Harold Michael performed that duty. In his official address, Harold said, "Rotarians Light the Way—not Rotary Clubs—in the avenues of Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service." He stressed that Vocational Service is the real reason for membership and it touches every person by being of service to others. Rotary is truly international. It is a Philosophy and a Way of Life.

In the first half of this year, Lafayette Rotary has continued to carry on its annual programs and activities. It exceeded by more than \$500, its goal in the 4-H program. It raised \$4,868 for the Salvation Army compared to \$4,248 from Kiwanis. The continued push on the Paul Harris Fellow program and R. I. Foundation in general has resulted in the club now being a 1500% club. To date, it has contributed a total of \$36,926.25.

There have been the expected fine weekly programs. Just a few can be mentioned here: Phil Eskew, Indianapolis, pleased the club with his customary enthusiasm and wit as he talked on "A Poor Man's Philosophy of Life." Dr. Lindley Wagner, M.D., Director of Medical Education Program of I.U. at Purdue, reported on the now 10 year old program. Purdue is one of 10 centers with 305 students enrolled in the entire program. The payoff is in getting more doctors in Indiana communities.

There was a series of programs featuring local businesses. Dan Gaudiano, Manager-Personnel and Public Relations, Alcoa, presented a most interesting illustrated report on Alcoa, its origin in Oberlin, Ohio in 1886, its 46,000 employees at 53 worldwide locations. The Lafayette Plant is the largest of three tube divisions with 1770 employees. Thomas Henderson, Pres. of Schwab Safe Co., told of the growth of that 107 year old company and John Clifford with John Honan of the Staley Co., related how that company came to Lafayette 2½ years ago to process corn for a High Corn Syrup for soft drinks and employs 220 workers. Ronald Kingston, general manager of GTE's southwest division, completed the series and intrigued his audience as he told of the new technology by which greatly increased numbers of messages can be sent over fiber glass cables.

At the Rotary-Kiwanis Thanksgiving week meeting, Carroll Bottom, Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics, talking on "The Price of Inflation and Unemployment," said, "It takes a long time for a democracy to get the job done but it usually gets it done right."

The last meeting before Christmas, 1979 was filled with Christmas Spirit as Al Stewart directed Rotarians and Rotaryans in singing many Christmas songs, featuring two solos by Sandra Bennett with Rotaryann Rosemary Funk at the piano. About 20 visiting Rotaryans enjoyed the program with us. Mauri Williamson capped it off when he came in dressed as Santa and read some outrageous letters he had received from various Rotarians stating their desires for Christmas.

As the first half of this 1979-1980 year ends, there are 18,222 Rotary Clubs, 843,500 Rotarians in 152 countries.

Purdue's football team went to the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston's Astrodome and defeated the U. of Tenn. in a thriller. At the end of January 1980, Purdue's basketball team was leading the Big Ten Conference with half the season gone.

The presence of Soviet troops in Cuba was uncovered. Carter signed the SALT II treaty but the Senate balked and debated. In November 1979, Iranian students seized the U. S. Embassy in Iran and 50 hostages were still being held on Feb. 1, 1980. Russia invaded Afghanistan; debate on SALT II was halted; U.S. threatens to boycott the Olympics to be held in Russia in the summer and pledges to defend the Persian Gulf. Gold went to over \$600 per ounce. Inflation in U. S. for 1979 was 13.2%.

75th Anniversary Celebration

The Lafayette Rotary Club celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding by Paul Harris of what is now known as Rotary International with a banquet at Howard Johnson's East on February 23, 1980.

It was a delightful evening of fun, fellowship, entertainment, enlightenment and dancing. Eric Holm chaired the planning of the event.

Twelve speakers gave brief reports on the status of various activities and programs carried on by the club.

A significant part of the program was the presentation of the first annual Rotary Scholarship Award in honor of Curt Hostetter, our secretary for 25 years. The award went to Kathy Matz, sophomore in McCutcheon High School. Curt is recognized as one of the best Rotary secretaries in the nation. The \$175 scholarship is provided from the Rotary Park Funds. These funds will be used for many camp scholarships.

An historic presentation was made to a grandson of the first president of the Lafayette Rotary Club. Thomas Francis Moran III, now a member of the club, was presented a special plaque in memory of his grandfather who was a founder of the Lafayette Rotary Club May 1, 1916.

District Governor Harold Michael, past president of Lafayette Rotary, capped the evening off with his excellent talk on "Paul Harris, the Founder."

About 180 Rotarians and Rotaryans attended the celebration.

1980 District Conference

An outstanding district conference under the leadership of District Governor, Harold Michael, was held in West Lafayette April 10, 11 and 12, 1980.

Charles "Dutch" Austin, Past District Governor and personal representative of Rotary International President, James L Bomar, Jr., was the key speaker of the conference.

Included as part of the conference was the annual Lafayette Rotary Intercity dinner with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club entertaining.

At the closing session Saturday noon, Earl Butz, former Secretary of Agriculture, addressed the group on "Food Power vs. Petro Power."

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Helsinki, Finland

### **District Governor**

William H. Pritchett  
Marion, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Marion, Indiana

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Harold L. Crecelius  
Ronald E. Denhart  
Forest W. Howell  
Charles J. Hunckler  
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L. O. Nelson  
Robert J. Ralston  
Thomas E. Reckerd  
Winfred M. Phillips  
Thomas E. Rice  
James A. Wagner  
John H. Wilms

Membership: July 1, 1980: 247 active members and 4 honorary; June 30, 1981: 256 active members and 3 honorary (P. Alexander, Hansen and Erston Marshall)

The first meeting of the 1980-81 Rotary year took place at Columbian Park, Lafayette, with the meal and tour of the facilities provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Retiring president Harley Griffith handed over the gavel to incoming president John Bradshaw. John presented Harley his new badge, diamond-set lapel pin and bound volume of Rotary Ripples.

This was also Curt Hostetter Recognition Day. Larry Lane announced the establishment of the W. Curtis Hostetter Campership/Scholarship to be awarded each year to an individual from one of the high schools in Tippecanoe County who has an interest in journalism. The Board of Directors also named Curt as Secretary Emeritus of the Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotary contributed to several local organizations during the year:

- \$2,500 to the Lafayette Parks Department to paint and letter the new Mobile Recreation Unit
- \$3,497 to the Boys Club of Tippecanoe County for a lounge, health facilities and an exercise room
- \$1,650 to Home Hospital earned by a sandwich booth staffed by Rotarians at the Home Hospital Fair
- \$9,000 to the Boys' Club of Tippecanoe County over a period of three years to equip their gymnasium
- \$4,000 to Civic Theatre over a four-year period for renovation and restoration of the Monon Depot Theatre

Annual dues were increased this year from \$60 to \$70 in order to meet the estimated expenses of the approved 1980-81 budget.

The Board of Directors approved the development of a Rotary Profile Notebook to provide information about members to new members.

The International Service committee gave a reception for a delegation of adult educators from the People's Republic of China in October.

The Board of Directors clarified the membership requirement of "a leading representative" of a company to mean: "Not the 'top' man but the 'right' man, the one or ones who are leaders in their vocation or have potential for leadership, and who are available for membership and who will serve."

Rotarian bell-ringers raised \$1,917 for the Salvation Army in the kettles in December. 95 Rotarians also donated \$3,300, for a total of \$5,217.

In December, John Carpenter and John McQueen were elected Town directors. Richard Grace and Marvin Phillips were elected Gown directors.

In May, the Purdue baseball team made the Big Ten playoffs and recorded the best ever record for a Purdue baseball team.

Paul Harris Fellows for the year included Curtis Hostetter.

1981-1982

### **Officers**

Maurice L. Williamson, President  
H. Greeley Reisner III, President-Elect  
David Landgrebe, Vice President  
Terry Phillips, Treasurer  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
W. Curtis Hostetter, Secretary Emeritus  
Ralph Van Handel, Sergeant-At-Arms

### **Directors**

James J. Emerson  
William R. Miller  
Wilbur L. Hancock  
Terry L. Phillips  
John R. Carpenter  
John E. McQueen  
David A. Landgrebe  
Ralph A. Van Handel  
James L. Hanks  
Joseph L. Waling  
Richard E. Grace  
Marvin W. Phillips

### **International President**

Stanley E. McCaffrey  
Stockton, California

### **District Governor**

Steven K. Vrooman  
Frankfort, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Turkey Run State Park

### **New Members**

James L. Biggs  
Ted R. Brewer  
James W. Carney  
Mason C. Carter  
James D. Compton  
Lee R. Cord Jr.  
John A. Dubberley  
Donald R. Edwards  
Richard S. Gates  
Michael D. Granger  
Richard T. Gripe  
James E. Grise  
Larry F. Huggins  
Max D. Judge  
Alan I. Karner  
Sean P. Keating  
Tim M. Lane  
Gary F. Lee  
Charles W. McClure  
Dale R. McHenry  
Thomas E. Pearson  
Edward A. Ragsdale  
William W. Reed  
Thomas W. Smith  
James M. Turley  
H. Leon Thacker

At the July 7 meeting, retiring president John Bradshaw reviewed the highlights of the year. He also presented a memorial to G. Walter Bergren, who died on June 29, 1981. Walter was Administrative Dean of Regional Campuses of Purdue University. He became a Rotarian in 1967 and was 63 years old.

Incoming president Maurice "Mauri" Williamson was introduced by a proclamation read by Richard Smith and entered to the sound of trumpets, proceeding through a standing ovation to receive the gavel.

Mauri presented John with his new badge, diamond-set lapel button and bound copy of last year's Rotary Ripples. He then outlined his goals and objectives as president for the coming year:

- To take 15 leaders of the Greater Lafayette community into Rotary
- A five percent improvement in attendance
- The reduction of the mass exodus to zero
- The presentation of a broad spectrum of programs
- Increased sensitivity to the needs of the community and the energy to do something about them
- Good music and fellowship
- Personal dedication on the part of every Rotarian to be an active part of the purpose of Rotary
- Particular emphasis on good old down home friendliness every Tuesday

“The very singular objective I had in mind for my reign as president was to inject ‘life’ into the weekly meetings,” Mauri recalls. “It always bothered me that the overriding pressures of tailored dark suits, overpowering executive pressures and the general consensus of the individuals that they would pay for almost anything, but didn’t want to do anything, set the mood for our club and for the way it did its work. “Serving as president of the Lafayette Rotary was a banner year for me. Never have I led a group that was made up of the level of community leadership as this one. I’ve belonged to dozens of organizations, but none even approach Rotary.”

The Board of Directors approved these items:

- Two Merit Scholarships for \$500 each
- A new Club Constitution
- \$1,000 for the Kidney House
- In December, the directors of the Rotary Club and Foundation also approved a plan whereby the Foundation became the philanthropic arm of the club

Certain items/portions of the budget can now be considered “scheduled contributions” to the foundation. This allows Rotarians to deduct part of their dues for tax purposes.

Rotarians collected \$5,636 for the Salvation Army (\$4,339 in club contributions and \$1,297 in the kettles).

New directors elected in December were: Town: Byron Anderson and James Hanks; Gown: John Day and Leroy Silva.

In March, dues were increased from \$70 to \$80 to meet increased budget expenses.

Scholarship/Citizenship winners from the local high schools honored in April included: Central Catholic: Daniel LaReau and James Parr, Harrison: Katherine Frazer and Mark Malven; Jefferson: Kern Ann Klinker and Douglas Witter, McCutcheon: Bud Runner and Wendy Leavitt; West Lafayette: Amanda Schrader and Brian Woerner.

Nelson Parkhurst became the newest Paul Harris Fellow.



1982-1983

### **Officers**

H. Greeley Reisner III, President  
David A. Landgrebe, President-Elect  
John R. Carpenter, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
W. Curtis Hostetter, Secretary Emeritus  
Terry L. Phillips, Treasurer  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Ralph A. VanHandel, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Wilbur L. Hancock  
Terry L. Phillips  
John R. Carpenter  
John E. McQueen  
Byron L. Anderson  
James E. Hankins  
James L. Hanks  
Joseph L. Waling  
Richard E. Grace  
Marvin W. Phillips  
John S. Day  
LeRoy F. Silva

### **International President**

Hiroji Mukasa Nakatsu  
Oita, Japan

### **International Convention**

#### **District Governor**

Vern Vanderbilt  
Hagerstown, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Turkey Run State Park

### **New Members**

William E. Allen  
Virgil L. Anderson  
Steven C. Beering  
Thomas L. Brooks  
F. Erle Cavette  
Junior L. Darby  
J. Richard Dunscomb  
Michael J. Ferin  
Charles D. Greenen Jr.  
Bruce A. Harding  
Joseph N. Heath Jr.  
Ned D. Helmuth  
James E. Irvin  
Adelbert M. Knevel  
John A. Knotte  
Gerald H. Landis  
Richard W. Long  
David W. Luhman  
John L. McCreight  
Jack D. Mellon  
James W. Moir  
Gary L. Prah  
Steven P. Stucky  
G. Lyn Treece  
Donald N. Ward  
Dennis J. Weidenaar

President Mauri Williamson turned the gavel over to incoming president Trey Reisner with as much fanfare as when he received it.

Trey asked members for club service - service above self - in two ways:

- Physical, by becoming involved in club functions.
- Monetary, by buying tickets to functions and making contributions to programs.

In July, club secretary and treasurer were accorded voting status on the board.

Also in July, the new international president announced his theme for the year: "Mankind is one—build bridges of friendship throughout the world."

In September, the International Foundation Trustees changed rules for Paul Harris Sustaining Members designated after July 1, 1982 to: A minimum gift of one-tenth of required contribution for a Paul Harris Fellow, made with stated intention of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow within 10 years by donating the balance of the required contribution.

Also in September, the club started a new program of inviting exchange students and Rotary scholars to be guests on the second week of each month and host families to be guests one of these months.

Average attendance for August was 71.76 percent—21st in the district.

Alpha Gray became the club's 21st Paul Harris Fellow, John Dubberley became the 22nd, and Virgil Drake became the 23rd. A record number of Paul Harris Fellows, 13,333, helped Rotary International Foundation achieve its highest income in history last year -17,636,952. There were also 12,071 Paul Harris Sustaining Members, also a record number. Bill Heath became the eighth and George de Long became the ninth Rotarian to move into the Golden Service Contributions category, those having given \$1,000 or more to the Lafayette Rotary Foundation.

Six Rotary highway signs were posted this year on Highway 25 North, Highway 52 North and South, Highway 26 East, Highways 43 and 25 South and Highway 43 North.

The Board of Directors funded these projects:

- In September, the Board recommended giving 50% of the cost (\$425) of a new typewriter to the International Center at Purdue.
- The club also purchased 24 mattresses for hospital beds owned by the American Cancer Society and a Record-a-Call (Vox 70) for the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Lafayette.
- The club supported Lafayesta with a \$200 donation toward a permanent stage for community use at the Indiana Veterans' Home and sponsored one athlete in the Tippecanoe County Special Olympics.

In November, District Governor Vern Vanderbilt made an official visit to the club.

Directors elected in December were: Town: Ken Koger and Jack Mollenkopf; Gown: Gene Courtney and Win Phillips.

Rotarian kettles collected \$1,638 for the Salvation Army on December 10. There was an additional \$5,679 collected from envelopes.

In February, the cost of lunch went up to \$4.50.

The Scholarship/Citizenship awards were presented in April to outstanding high school students. They were: Central Catholic - Kathryn Lux and Jerome LaReau; Harrison - Amy Smith and Jonathan Fish; Jefferson - Elizabeth LeDonne and Robert Harlan; McCutcheon - Julie Wolf and David Horn; West Lafayette - Diane Tsao and Daniel Fuchs. Rotarian Eldon Ortman organized the presentation. Amy Smith and Daniel Fuchs were awarded the two \$500 Rotary Scholarships.

At the annual Glee Club Party at the Frankfort Country Club on Wednesday, May 11, a number of Glee Club awards were given to Rotarians. These included Dick Gripe, the Albert Stewart Gleetarian Award; Jim Hanks, the Golden Award; Trey Reisner, the Vociferous Award.

1983-1984

### **Officers**

David A. Landgrebe, President  
John R. Carpenter, President-Elect  
LeRoy F. Silva, Vice President  
W. Curtis Hostetter, Secretary Emeritus  
Harley J. Griffith, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Terry L. Phillips, Treasurer  
John E. McQueen, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Directors**

Byron L. Anderson  
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Jack P. Mollenkopf  
Marvin W. Phillips  
Winfred M. Phillips  
LeRoy F. Silva  
John R. Carpenter  
Dennis E. Courtney  
John S. Day  
Richard E. Grace  
James E. Hankins  
Kenneth J. Koger

### **International President**

William E. Skelton  
Christiansburg-Blackburg, Virginia

### **International Convention**

#### **District Governor**

John F. Tidgewell, Jr.  
Anderson, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Anderson, Indiana

### **New Members**

James A. Andrew  
Floyd F. Branson, Jr.  
George W. Cain  
James A. Cattin  
W. Michael Dell  
William D. Dobson  
Richard Ellsworth  
Steven K. Ford  
William R. Fuller  
Tom W. Graham  
John Craig Irvine  
Nichol C. Ivey  
Leo F. Klemme  
J. Philip Klinger  
Frank J. Mallen  
Bruce H. Owens  
Millard P. Plumlee Jr  
William M. Sheets  
Rondal L. Shumate  
David M. Toepp  
John W. VanEtten  
Richard O. Walker Jr.  
Kenneth J. Yost  
Norbert M. Welch  
Dennis S. Williamson  
Paul L. Ziemer

The administrative change of the club on July 5, 1983 included Trey Reisner passing the gavel to Dave Landgrebe.

Dave presented Trey with the past president diamond pin and badge, recognized board members (leaving, current and new), new committee chairmen, and distributed copies of the new stationary. In conclusion, he stressed that International president William Skelton, through his motto "Share Rotary-Serve People" was shifting the intensity of his year from world to local club activities: therefore, he asked club members to make a greater commitment toward the various points of the program.

Rotary Clubs of District 656 have contributed \$509,685 since the beginning of the Scholars Program. From July 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983, the district contributed \$35,869, or a per capita contribution of \$13.29.

In August, the club participated in "Good Neighbor Days" with Eisner/Osco stores whereby the Rotary foundation received five percent donation on all purchases made by Rotarians and friends.

In September, the International Center and World Community Service Committee presented the club a special certificate in recognition of the club's assistance over the past several years.

Also in September, interested members formed a Battle of Tippecanoe Outdoor Drama Project Committee. Members were Jim Hankins, Ned Helmuth, Gene Courtney, Harley Griffith, John Dubberley,

Terry Phillips, Scott Lyons and Butch Hancock. The first project was to raise \$40,000 for the box office structure, which was accomplished in a fund drive that lasted from December until April.

The club chose and ordered Rotary wheels for gifts to speakers.

This is the tenth year of the Lafayette Rotary Foundation. The foundation has about \$64,000 invested which earns about \$7,000 in interest to be used for funding new club projects. In the ten years, more than \$60,000 has been provided for local community projects.

Fellowship in Rotary is not merely the joining of hands and singing and talking. The fellowship of Rotary is the joining of hands and working together, not for glory, but for a common cause and the common good. Fellowship is for every day in the week, not just Rotary meeting days.

Citing significant 1983-84 budget expense increases in certain categories including secretary's office, Rotary International and District 656 assessments, International Convention, Ladies Night and flowers, the Board of Directors voted to increase annual dues \$20, from \$80 to \$100. One third of club dues, or \$27, may be claimed as being tax exempt.

New directors elected in December included: Town: Bob Ford and Rick Hunneke; Gown: Dave Alexander and Duke Scaglia.

Club attendance in November was 76 percent or 19th out of 32 clubs. In December it was 74 percent - 18th in the district.

Jim Backoff was named treasurer of the Lafayette Rotary Foundation to replace Howard Porsch, who was named treasurer emeritus.

The directors approved these requests for funds:

- \$800 to the Rotary International Foundation to make Howdy Porsch a Paul Harris Fellow as recognition of his many years of service to the Lafayette club and foundation.
- \$50 to the Chemical People to assist with the project to combat alcohol and drug abuse at a grass roots level.
- \$4,000 over two fiscal years to Boy Scout Camp Cary for repair of the swimming pool.
- \$50 to assist with shipping books to the "Books for Nigeria" project.
- \$500 scholarship for Lafayette Leadership Academy.
- \$30 to help start a club in Castleton.
- \$465 to Opera de Lafayette for a backdrop at the Long Center for the Performing Arts.
- \$100 to send Nathan Harlow as the first International Farm Youth Exchange Ambassador from Tippecanoe County for six weeks in Australia.
- \$4,000 for camperships to Lafayette Urban Ministry, YMCA, YWCA, Salvation Army, Camp Tecumseh, Cooperative Extension, Sagamore Council Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts.

The directors sold three lots in Florida, which had been donated by Walter Gibson, for \$2,500.

Contributions to the Salvation Army through the efforts of 83 bell ringers and checks were \$7,376. This was below the goal of \$9,500, but more than last year's total of \$7,093. The Army did reach their goal of \$95,000.

Students recognized at the annual Scholarship/Citizenship program in May included: Central Catholic - Paul Hunckler and Paula Schmidlin; Harrison - R. Scott Sorensen and Maryanne Tigchelaar; Jefferson - Todd Jackson and Patricia Lane; McCutcheon - Victor Herr and Dawn Ritchie; West Lafayette - Elisabeth Keller and Geoffrey Klinger.

This year, cost of lunch went from \$4.50 to \$5.

The Lafayette Club received a Presidential Citation from William Skelton at the district conference in May.

Paul Harris fellows for the year included Terry Phillips, Howdy Porsch, Bill Ferguson, Jim Risk, Harley Griffith, Al Karner and Bob Verplank.



1984-1985

**Officers**

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Harley Griffith, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Terry L. Phillips, Treasurer  
Adolph B. Scaglia, Jr. Sergeant-at-Arms  
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James A. Hakins  
LeRoy F. Silva  
Dennis E. Courtney  
Kenneth J. Koger  
Jack P. Mollenkopf  
Winfred M. Phillips  
David L. Alexander  
Robert A. Ford  
Richard H. Hunneke  
Adolph B. Scaglia

**International President**

Carlos Canseco  
Monterey, Mexico

**International Convention**

**District Governor**

Henry W. Schwaiger  
Marion, Indiana

**District Convention**

Marion, Indiana

**New Members**

Joseph L. Bennett  
Allan C. Bir  
Bobby G. Bryant  
Robert L. Disinger  
Jon M. Duff  
Ronald E. Frank  
C. Alan Funk  
Don K. Gentry  
Gregory J. Griffith  
Gilbert Gutwein  
Donn E. Hancher  
Kerry P. McClanahan  
William J. Murray  
Don M. Ogilvie  
J. Robert Ross  
Lewis J. Runnels  
Dale A. Samuels  
James D. Schrader  
Donald L. Shanley  
Gerald H. Sherrill  
Michael A. Snyder  
George R. Spratto  
Robert B. Truitt  
Robert L. Van Wieren  
Vern C. Vanderbilt III  
Thomas R. Walter

Outgoing president Dave Landgrebe expressed his thanks to the club members for their cooperation. He cited numerous accomplishments during the year: increases in International Convention attendance, membership, donations to International and Paul Harris Fellows as well as the Outdoor Drama Project and the reactivation of the Youth Exchange Program.

New president John Carpenter thanked Dave for his year of service. He indicated that his goals included carrying on the work of the club, developing social functions for Paul Harris Fellows and for new members to get them into the flow of Rotary, increasing membership and working toward the chartering of a new club in the area. He also noted that we should assist the new international president, Carlos Canseco, with his program, "Discover a New World of Service."

In March 1984 the 100,000th Paul Harris Fellow was named. Paul Harris contributions make possible scholarships which advance the work of the Rotary Foundation. Anyone who furthers these efforts by contributing, or has given in his or her honor or memory, \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, is named a Paul Harris Fellow. A Rotarian may become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member by donating \$100 the first year and voluntarily continuing to pledge an additional annual contribution until \$1,000 is given. This must be completed within ten years. Paul Harris Fellows for 1984-85 included Jim Hanks, Lou Weil, John

Carpenter, Y. B. Hall, Bob Feuer and Lawrence Teder. In a humorous vein, Keith Smith's mother attended a meeting where she presented Keith with his Paul Harris award. Keith had seen her at the meeting and thought she resembled his mother, but since she lives in Ohio, he dismissed the thought. When she came up to give the award, he was very surprised. Ruth Lefler became a Paul Harris Fellow in memory of J. Robert Eaton and Mary Smith in memory of Bill Smith. Carolyn Risk became a fellow courtesy of Kirby. Golden Service members were Parkie Parkhurst and Herman Messing (through his estate). A Golden Service member has contributed \$1,000 or more to the Lafayette Foundation. Lou Weil also contributed \$500 on his 50-year Rotary anniversary. He joined the Grand Rapids, Michigan Rotary in February, 1935.

New directors elected in December were: Town-Mike Frampton and Tom Moran Gown-Hal Amrine and John Kadlec.

The fundraising drive for the Salvation Army netted \$3,307 from the kettles and \$5,604 in member donations, for a total of \$8,911, exceeding the club's goal of \$8,800. This was the most money raised by any of the 14 civic organizations that helped raised money for the Salvation Army this year.

As a matter of interest, the secretary noted the age ranges within the Lafayette club:

- 0-25 years: 0 members
- 26-30 years: 4
- 31-40 years: 38
- 41-50 years: 66
- 51-60 years: 65
- over 61 years: 107

The Board of Directors made the following funding decisions during the year:

- \$5,000 over the next three years for the new YWCA addition.
- \$30 to new club in Noblesville.
- \$100 to YMCA in memory of Bill Smith. Over \$1,685 was given by members to the Bill Smith Memorial Fund. The board voted to donate the excess over the \$1,000 needed for Bill's Paul Harris Award to the YMCA in Bill's name.
- \$550 to the International Center for a heavy duty vacuum cleaner (\$250) and a new sign (\$300).
- \$2,500 to the Battle Ground Historical Corporation to assist with purchase of mechanical equipment for the orientation film theater and a life-size diorama of the Battle of Tippecanoe and its effects on American history.

This year is the 80th birthday of Rotary International. At a meeting in February, Lafayette Rotarian Harold Michael presented a history of the club. The actual birthday of the club is February 23, 1905 in Chicago. There are now 20,857 clubs with membership of 962,500 in 159 countries and geographical regions.

The annual Scholarship/Citizenship Award program honored the following high school students: Central Catholic-Stacey M. Dienhart and Peter W. Kingma; Harrison-Melissa K. Fox and Richard L. Kinney; Jefferson-Amy L. Rawe and Karl M. Maki; McCutcheon-Julia M. Hollis and Mathew M. Slagel; West Lafayette-Susan J. Sorkin and Allan S. Bracker.

Winners of the two \$500 Rotary scholarships were Amy Rawe and Peter Kingma. Purdue President and Rotarian Steven Beering told the students that the secret word for success is "work".

Should the club expand? "During my term as president we really tried to get a second club started," John said. "We had several speakers give very convincing reasons why a second club was necessary. Finally, we had a meeting that was open to all for their opinions. "The feelings pro and con were strongly expressed. After a vote of 161 members, 84 for and 77 against, we decided at the next board meeting that with such a slim majority we would not go ahead. "I received several letters from disappointed members and several resignations because of a noon conflict," he said.

Rotarians named to Glee Club awards at the annual party were: Mauri Williamson -Albert Stewart Gleetarian Award; John Carpenter - Golden Award; Dave Pfendler -Vociferous Award; Greg Daniel won the "Service Above Self" award.

Wendell N. Calkins, Chairman of the district Rotary Foundation Subcommittee on Annual Giving, reports that the Lafayette Club has reached the 2800% plateau in giving to the Rotary Foundation. As of March 1985 the club has been credited with an all-time, cumulative donation of \$71,889. This is \$284 per member. The club now needs \$1,568, or \$5.60 per member, to attain the next plateau.

"The member who contributed the most for the good of the club during my year as president was Harley Griffith," John says in conclusion. "Without him, I would have been lost the entire year."



1985-1986

### **Officers**

LeRoy F. Silva, President  
Kenneth J. Koger, President-Elect  
Winfred M. Phillips, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Terry L. Phillips, Treasurer  
Adolph B. Scaglia Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms  
James S. Backoff, Ex Officio

### **Directors**

Dennis E. Courtaney  
Jack P. Mollenkopf  
David L. Alexander  
Richard H. Hunneke  
Harold T. Amrine  
John E. Kadlec  
Kenneth J. Koger  
Winfred M. Phillips  
Robert A. Ford  
Adolph B. Scaglia Jr.  
Michael F. Frampton  
Thomas F. Moran

### **International President**

Edward F. Cadman  
East Wenatchee, Washington

### **International Convention**

### **District Governor**

Richard H. Kendall  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Union Station, Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

Roger K. Bauer  
  
Joseph A. Carroll  
Charles S. Elliott  
Gary L. Forbes  
James R. Foster  
Dean A. Hudson  
Michael O. Hunt  
Robert T. Jeffares  
Maurice S. Kramer  
Hugh B. Lewis  
Geoffrey T. Lum  
Terry L. Mason  
John F. McKee  
Alastair M. Morrison  
John J. Morrison  
Brett M. Mouron  
David R. Norcross  
Samuel D. Parsons  
Robert E. Poynter  
Robert L. Ringel  
W. Scott Rumble  
Richard R. Schwarz  
John M. Sorensen  
Michael D. Wolff

President John Carpenter closed out his term by thanking the Board of Directors and other Rotarians for their support during the year. He passed the gavel to Leroy Silva, who gave John his past-president badge, diamond lapel pin and bound copy of Rotary Ripples.

Leroy listed six goals he wants to accomplish in the coming year:

- Increase attendance by three percent.
- Identify a major fund project to replace the Battle of Tippecanoe Outdoor Drama that will end this year.
- Appoint new committee chairmen to get more involvement.
- Acquire five new Paul Harris Fellows.
- Encourage committee chairmen to motivate their committees.
- Pursue, at district governor's encouragement, club expansion in greater Lafayette area.

Paul Harris Fellows for the year included Pete Putnam, Herb Hunsaker and Leroy Silva. Jim Emerson became a Paul Harris Sustaining Fellow. Golden Service members included Sam Keller, Rudy Mahara and Virgil Drake.

Leroy Silva also presented plaques to John Jamison, Jim Williams and Joe Sicer recognizing their 50 years of service to Rotary.

Winners of the high school Scholarship/Citizenship awards this year included: Central Catholic: Laura A. Hunckler and Casey L. Pickerill; Harrison: Shannon M. Muller and Charles E. Schrader; Jefferson: Patrick D. Elmore and Lisa K. Petit; McCutcheon: Rick A. Lindecker and Kimberly A. Kochert; West Lafayette: Dana M. Hartel and Howard S. Weingram. Winners of the two \$500 Rotary scholarships were Dana Hartel and Patrick Elmore. Central Catholic student Bob Hausladen won the Curtis Hostetter Journalism award.

Bob Verplank donated an organ that belonged to Elizabeth V. Liste, Bob 's mother, to the Rotary Club for its members to use and enjoy. Jim Andrew, the lumber and wheels for a rolling platform.

New directors elected during the year were: Town: Craig Irvine and Bill Pape; Gown: Dale McHenry and Mark Tomes.

The Salvation Army fundraising project netted \$9,724. Of this, \$6,133 was cash/checks from Rotarians and \$3,591 from the kettles.

The Board of Directors voted to fund the following projects:

- \$3,000 to the YMCA to assist with purchase of a micro computer system
- \$250 to Leadership Lafayette to sponsor a position
- \$4,200 to Battle Ground Historical Association to assist with equipment for and work on a new orientation theater
- \$2,000 to Sagamore Boy Scout Council to assist in fibreglassing bottom of swimming pool at Cary Camp
- \$450 toward District's Grace Children's Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
- \$30 for a new Rotary Club in Zionsville
- \$1,600 more to the hospital project in Haiti
- \$857 for Lyn Treece Boys Club to purchase computer tables and library shelving

At the annual Glee Club party, Mark Erwin won the "Service Above Self" award. Other winners included: Rex Kepler: Albert Stewart Gleetarian Award; Jim Backoff: Golden Award; Leroy Silva: Vociferous Award.

Once again, the Board of Directors polled members regarding formation of a second Rotary Club in the Lafayette area. Ninety-nine (99) of those voting were in favor. This was 55 percent. Another 81 of those voting were against—or 45 percent. The directors then voted two in favor and seven against starting the process that would form a new club.

1986-1987

### **Officers**

Kenneth J. Koger, President  
Winfred M. Phillips, President Elect  
Michael F. Frampton, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
J. Howard Porsch, Treasurer Emeritus  
Richard O. Walker Jr., Treasurer  
James S. Backoff, Ex Officio

### **Directors**

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Richard H. Hunneke  
Harold T. Amrine  
John E. Kadlec  
J. Craig Irvine  
William I. Pape  
Robert A. Ford  
Adolph B. Scaglia, Jr.  
Michael F. Frampton  
Thomas F. Moran  
Dale R. McHenry  
Mark L. Tomes

### **International President**

M.A.T. Caparas  
Manila, Philippines

### **International Convention**

District Governor

William A. Barnes  
Muncie, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

Evan L. Ardley  
David M. Bough  
Roger D. Branigin Jr.  
Louis M. Brubaker  
Kenneth P. Bums  
L. Kirk Clark  
Harley H. Frey Jr.  
Bud G. Harmon  
Winfield F. Hentschel  
George Horwich  
James G. Kirk  
Wade A. Lange  
Robert M. Langford  
Gregory M. Legan  
William G. Martin  
Peter Neisel  
Stephen R. Pennell  
Michael V. Riley  
Robert J. Ross  
Jay G. Smith  
Phillip H. Swain  
Dale K. McMillin  
William F. Vendley  
Edward M. Wasmuth  
Burke A. West

The club needs a new member every two weeks to maintain the status quo. There are currently 374 unfilled classifications.

There are over 22,000 Rotary Clubs in the world and the Lafayette Club is the 56th largest.

This was an historic year with regard to Rotary membership: clubs may now admit women. A letter from M.A.T. Caparas, president of Rotary International, says, "Clubs should consider all candidates for membership without regard to sex, but they should not relax the other requirements..." "There will be some members of the club who will be reluctant to admit women as Rotarians, but others will be delighted with this move. "We must all accept this development, which we cannot change. It will be to the club's collective and individual credit if this is done with grace."

President LeRoy Silva closed out his year by expressing gratitude to all Rotarians for their support and assistance this year. He especially noted the fine job done by Terry Phillips as club treasurer and the special effort by Rex Kepler to play the piano most Tuesdays. LeRoy cited some goals—improved attendance, increased membership, increased Paul Harris Fellows—and noted some accomplishments and some disappointments. He stressed his satisfaction at the smooth funding process that was accomplished by the Funds Request Committee headed by Jack Mollenkopf. He also promised, as immediate past president, to continue working toward club extension and to get the Rotary bell repaired. LeRoy then passed the ball and the gavel to Ken Koger, who presented LeRoy with his past president badge, diamond lapel pin and bound copy of Rotary Ripples. Paul Hams Fellows for the year included Martin L. Busche (deceased), Larry Lane, Jim Emerson, Frank Burrin and Dave Pfendler.

The Board of Directors provided funding for these projects:

- \$1,000 for Loeb Stadium renovation.
- \$1,700 for Boy Scouts of America.
- \$250 to Leadership Lafayette.
- \$35 to Trinity United Methodist Church memorial fund in memory of Vernon K. Hitch.
- \$2,000 to the International Center for a computer.

The Rotary contribution to the Salvation Army this year totaled \$11,184. \$3,689 of this was from the kettles and the rest from cash and check individual contributions.

New directors elected in December were: Town - Nick Ivey and Steve Ford; Gown - Bill Baumgardt and Bill Fuller.

The price for lunch went up to \$5.50 per person. The last raise was in February 1984.

Winners of this year's high school scholarship/citizenship awards included: Central Catholic - Marcee Johnson and Robert Gloyeske; Harrison - Christinia Long and Matthew Moore; Jefferson - Victoria Deets and Philip Hession; McCutcheon - Lynnae Bishop and Steven Miller, West Lafayette - Janice Lin and Jordan Samuels. Victoria Deets and Matthew Moore won the two \$500 Rotary scholarships.

About 70 Rotarians attended the annual Glee Club party at the Frankfort Country Club. Brian Holstine won the "Service Above Self" award. Rotarians named to Glee Club awards were Bob Ford, the Albert Stewart Gleetarian Award; Bob Griffiths, the Golden Award; Ken Koger, the Vociferous Award. "This was a particularly popular activity," says President Koger, "because of the chance to socialize with the Glee Club members and to enjoy the recreation. The wives also thoroughly enjoyed the Glee Club and the personal attention which the boys gave them during the evening."

A new country has joined the Rotary Fellowship. Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Island makes 161 countries and geographical regions in Rotary. There are 22,839 clubs with a membership of 1,031,297.

President Ken Koger remembers that there were two major topics of debate during his year as president. The first was the possibility of forming a second Rotary club in Lafayette. "There were some very heated feelings on this issue," he said. The second concerned the decision on an international level to admit women to club membership. "Some did not like this decision, but mostly it was accepted as inevitable," he noted.

"My memory of the year is appreciation for the way everyone worked on special projects and the willingness of everyone to do a task when they were asked," he said.

1987-1988

### **Officers**

Winfred M. Phillips, President  
Michael E. Frampton, President Elect  
Dale R. McHenry, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
Richard O. Walker Jr., Treasurer  
James S. Backoff, Ex Officio

### **Directors**

Harold T. Amrine  
John E. Kadlec  
J. Craig Irvine  
William I. Pape  
Bill R. Baumgardt  
William R. Fuller  
Michael E. Frampton  
Thomas F. Moran  
Dale R. McHenry  
Mark L. Tomes  
Stephen K. Ford  
Nichol C. Ivey

### **International President**

Charles C. Keller  
Evanston, Illinois

### **International Convention**

#### **District Governor**

D. Douglas Marsh  
Carmel, Indiana

### **District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

Jess C. Andrew III  
Charles A. Beard  
George B. Burrell  
Ronald C. Coolbaugh  
Hanjoerg H. Enderlin  
Gary L. Erskine  
James P. Fenn  
Robert E. Galbraith  
Edgar H. Hemmer  
David O. Jarmon  
Gordon J. Kingma  
James E. Klusman  
Sonya Margerum  
Kent R. Mills  
Kae F. Moore  
Betty M. Nelson  
Richard T. Oliver  
Stephen P. Russell  
Charles O. Rutledge  
David J. Schrader  
Wayne E. Schreckengast  
Judith K. Shook  
Susan M. Smith  
S. James Smyth  
C. Virgil St. John  
Thomas J. Templin

At the July 7, 1987 meeting, outgoing president Ken Koger closed out his year by saying it was a privilege to lead the club and that he was extremely pleased by the cooperation of the club members.

Mike Frampton, president elect, thanked Ken for his leadership and noted just a few of Ken's accomplishments: special Christmas and Valentines meetings for Rotaryans, Rotary Moments, introduction of new Rotarians for three meetings, planning of the PolioPlus project.

Win Phillips formally accepted presidency of the club on July 14, and noted that his goals are greater participation of members, increased fellowship, review of membership, being responsible to membership, start and end meetings on time, and try not to compete with club joke tellers.

Members becoming Paul Hams Fellows this year included Dick Grace, John Knotte, Norman Beaver, Bill Heath, Jim Backoff, Dave Alexander, and John T. Taylor by Harold Taylor. Also, Brett Mouron, John Dubberley (second time), Ken Botkin, Fae Spurlock, Dave Landgrebe and Carl E. Funk (deceased).

During this year, Roy Bronson became the 21st Rotarian to reach the Golden Service level of giving in the Lafayette Rotary Foundation. This level is for those having given \$1,000 or more.

New members of the board of directors include: Town - Ron Needham and Bruce Owens; Gown - Bill Hatfield and Dale Samuels.

The Salvation Army fund drive netted over \$10,000 this year. This included \$2,300 from the kettles plus a \$1,000 challenge from an anonymous member, making \$10,180.

The President's Council and Rotary Club Board of Directors pledged \$50,000 over a five year period to the PolioPlus project. This is a \$160,000 project by Rotary International to eliminate polio worldwide by the year 2000. Contributions counted toward a Paul Harris Fellow or Sustaining Member. During this year, 96 Rotarians pledged/contributed \$42,657 (including foundation gift of \$15,000) to the project.

As the construction of the Battle of Tippecanoe Outdoor Drama progressed, so did a fund drive among Rotarians to raise \$40,000 to build the box office. The project was funded by offering Rotarians two choices for giving:

- Prophet - \$1,000 contributor to have two names and a \$500 contributor to have one name inscribed on a plaque permanently displayed at the ticket complex
- Pioneer - \$300 contributor to receive an engraved brass Rotary wheel and a brass plate on the back of an amphitheater seat.

This year the club began hosting two high school students at each Tuesday meeting so they can better understand the goals and objectives of Rotary.

District Governor Douglas Marsh visited the club in September. He stressed participation (all avenues of service with a special emphasis on club service), membership (look for a person who will make a good Rotarian), attendance, PolioPlus project, and the district conference.

The Board unanimously approved the creation of the Frank K. Burrin Memorial Scholarship. Frank died October 10, 1987. He had been a Rotarian since July 12, 1960, had been president during the 1969-70 year, and had been the primary pioneering/driving force behind the creation of the Lafayette Rotary Foundation, Inc. The scholarship will be a \$1,000 award.

The Board also approved the publication of a Lafayette Rotary Club Pictorial Directory.

The Board of Directors voted to fund the following projects:

- \$2,000 to the International Center for a computer
- \$1,000 to Leadership Lafayette for four sponsored positions
- \$1,100 to the Tippecanoe Arts Federation to pay half the cost of a Tandon PCX computer
- \$1,500 to West Lafayette Pony Baseball for two dugouts
- \$1,000 to Boy Scouts of America, Sagamore Council, to build ten tent platforms. with the restoration of George Winter's oil painting of William Digby
- \$2,000 to the Community Health Clinic to purchase equipment.

The Scholarship/Citizenship high school winners this year included: Central Catholic - Karen Hickner and Vincent Lockard; Harrison - Kirsten Solberg and Kevin Nickels; Jefferson - Rebecca Morrison and Terry Ellington; McCutcheon - Kathy Byers and Scott Gordy; West Lafayette - Carolyn Yackel and Don Boyle. Kirsten Solberg and Carolyn Yackel were the winners of the \$500 Rotary Scholarships and Kevin Nickels was the winner of the \$1,000 Frank K. Burrin Memorial Scholarship.

1988-1989

**Officers**

Mike Frampton, President  
Dale McHenry, President Elect  
Tom Moran, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
Dick Walker, Treasurer  
Nick Ivey, Youth Fund Trustee  
Jim Backoff, Foundation Director

**Directors**

**International President**

Royce Abbey  
Australia

**International Convention**

**District Governor**

James H. Bradford  
Carmel, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**New Members**

Gary J. Ash  
John R. Barrett  
Ralph L. Burkhart  
William C. Burns

Gordon L. Coppoc  
Marshall R. Crawford  
Harold L. Crecelius  
Gayle M. Crowe  
John C. Davis  
Howard O. Diesslin  
Donald R. Ewing  
Albert D. Gammage  
Donald I. George  
William S. Hendrick  
Margery J. Ismail  
Carolyn T. Jones  
Allan I. Karner  
Michael King  
John H. Meyers  
Dale E. Miller  
Cynthia A. Motz  
Donna L. Perkins  
Lawrence S. Preo  
J. M. Rhodes  
David R. Sattler  
James R. Schrader  
Jerry D. Snyder  
Betty M. Suddarth  
John O. Trout  
Joanne L. Wade  
John R. Walling

Retiring president Win Phillips thanked everyone for a job well done and read a poem he composed entitled "Ode to Mike Frampton" reprinted here for posterity.

"Rotarians are a hearty crew to see  
But Kiwanians they will never be.  
You'll receive phone calls day and night  
All the mail that Griff can write.  
There'll be hot issues not a few  
Such as the cost of lunch and clubs too few.  
But if you're clever you'll be out  
When the public starts to pout.  
A few simple rules do help a bit  
I tried to copy Bradshaw's wit.  
Ken Koger's image is a goal  
Put Mauri Williamson permanently on hold.  
But more than this we have a group  
Large in number a willing troupe.  
To carry the ball by day

If you'll be cooperate and stay out of the way."

At this, Mike presented Win with his past president' badge, diamond lapel pin and bound copy of Rotary Ripples.

Then incoming president Mike Frampton presented his own hopes/goals for the club. He challenged members to continue the great tradition of Rotary and noted that the club is great because of service. He

reviewed the areas of service—club, community, international, vocational and youth. He listed some of his major goals as completion of the club/foundation's pledge of \$50,000 to the PolioPlus project, speakers bureau for high schools, additional Paul Harris Fellows, recruitment of good/active Rotarians, and the encouraging and support of each other. MIKE challenged each Rotarian to get involved in committee work and noted international president Royce Abbey's theme: "Put Life Into Rotary—Your Life."

The major fundraising project this year was the PolioPlus Project. 128 Lafayette Rotarians contributed \$33,957 in addition to a foundation contribution of \$15,000.

The Salvation Army fundraising project netted the \$14,000 goal. Of this amount, \$10,224 came from cash/checks from individual Rotarians and \$2,776 was collected in the kettles.

Paul Harris Fellows for the year included: Lynne Phillips (spouse of Terry), Ron King, Byron Anderson, Maraietta Kettelhut (spouse of Karl) and Esther Carpenter (spouse of John). Golden Service contributors included Hanly Hammel and Jim Risk. They join 21 other Rotarians in giving \$1,000 or more.

The new directors elected were: Town: Bob Griffiths and Dan Heman; Gown: Max Judge and Lew Runnels.

The high school students honored at the Scholarship/Citizenship awards program included: Central Catholic: Kathleen McDonald and Steven Rausch; Harrison: Lila Ibrahim and Travis Richardson; Jefferson: Erin Douglas and Jason Schnepf; McCutcheon: Emily Yates and Ryan Lewis; West Lafayette: Jean Landolt and John Steven. Lila Ibrahim was awarded the \$1,000 Frank K. Burren Memorial Scholarship. Travis Richardson and John Stevens were each awarded a \$1,000 Rotary scholarship.

Linley E. Pearson, Attorney General for the State of Indiana, spoke to the students and told them his three-part formula for success:

- To do anything right, you must have dedication.
- Do not be afraid of failure.
- Try for excellence.

Steven Schriver was the winner of the "Service Above Sell" award at this year's 50th anniversary Glee Club party. Other winners included: Rick Hunneke, the Albert Stewart Gleetarian; Bill Hatfield, the Golden Award; Mike Frampton, the Vociferous Award.

Projects funded by the Board of Directors this year included:

- \$3,000 to the Lafayette Symphony for 12 risers and two carts
- \$3,000 to Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County for a microcomputer system
- \$1,000 to the club's Scholarship/Citizenship committee to increase two \$500 scholarships to \$1,000 each, making a total of three \$1,000 scholarships
- \$1,800 to Leadership Lafayette for four scholarships
- \$1,100 to International Center toward purchase of copier
- \$1,000 to YMCA toward purchase of playground equipment
- \$1,000 to YWCA toward purchase of gym mats
- \$600 to Civic Theatre toward their latchkey program



1989-1990

### **Officers**

Dale McHenry, President  
Thomas F. Moran, President-Elect  
William R. Fuller, Vice President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
Richard O. Walker Jr., Treasurer  
James S. Backoff, Foundation Treasurer (ex officio)

### **Directors**

Bill R. Baumgardt  
William R. Fuller  
William N. Hatfield  
G. Ronald Needham  
Robert L. Griffiths  
Max D. Judge  
Stephen K. Ford  
J. Philip Klinger  
Bruce H. Owens  
Dale A. Samuels  
Daniel L. Heman  
Lewis J. Runnels

### **International President**

Hugh M. Archer  
Dearborn, Michigan

### **International Convention**

#### **District Governor**

E. Eugene Lacy  
New Castle, Indiana

#### **District Convention**

Muncie, Indiana

### **New Members**

Robert E. Adams  
Robert D. Bickel  
Mary T. Caccavo  
J. Alfred Chiscon  
T. Samuel Deiwert  
Robert L. Disinger  
Rebecca T. Draves  
Lee E. Eichenseer  
Steven F. Fields  
Thomas J. Fihe  
Richard O. Forsythe  
Carolyn S. Gery  
Annette C. Goben  
Jane A. Hamblin  
C. Lynn Holland  
Oscar Hopkins  
John M. Huie  
Christian J. Johannsen  
Kirk J. Kirlin  
Jane R. Long  
Timothy D. Milligan  
Corrine J. Mitchell  
Lorna O. Myers  
Betsy L. Kirby  
John D. Sanderson  
Thomas K. Schmidt  
Christena C. Smith  
Randy A. Vernon  
Sarah J. Watlington  
Richard D. Wood

“This was a good year for membership, with 32 outstanding people brought into the club,” Dale says. “It is particularly noteworthy that 13 of the new members were women, thanks in no small part to the leadership example of Jay Wiley, chairperson of the classifications committee.” In his first speech as president, Dale McHenry asked the group to suppose Rotary were limited to 150 members. “Would you be one?” he asked. “If membership was limited to one year and members were only reelected on the basis of service, could you justify keeping your name on the roll?”

President Mike Frampton closed out his year by noting that he felt his goals for the 1988-1989 year had been met and surpassed and thanked everyone for their involvement and assistance. Incoming president Dale McHenry took the gavel and awarded Mike his diamond Rotary lapel pin, President’s wall plaque, and bound copy of the year’s “Rotary Ripples.”

Dale noted that Rotary’s agenda for 1989-1990 is a team effort—“We Will Do Our Best.” He said he hoped members would go beyond the “comfort zone” and become active in Rotary functions beyond attendance at weekly lunches. He would like club improvement to come from better attendance, increased participation in district activities, recruitment of a past president as candidate for district governor and increased attendance at international conventions. “In fact, the personal highlight for me during my year as president was attending the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea,” Dale

said. He was so convinced about the value of the experience that he recommended the club also send the vice president each year. The board approved this, and Tom Moran and Bill Fuller attended the 1990 convention in Portland, Oregon.

In September, John McKee received his 50-year plaque. In October, the club was honored by a visit from District 656 Governor Eugene Lacy, who challenged us to "Enjoy Rotary" by being involved, attending district and international meetings and inviting other qualified people to become Rotarians. In May, the Group Study Exchange Team from Rotary District 311 in India visited Lafayette. "This group of young professionals was most impressive," Dale McHenry says. "My wife and I hosted mechanical engineer Ishraq Thomsen one night. The description of his recent marriage with "only" 800 guests and his employment with Lipton Corp. were interesting topics," Dale remembers.

In November, town and gown directors were elected, including: Town—Dave Luhman and Jim Smyth; Gown—Scott Rumble and Jim Turley.

The annual joint Thanksgiving meeting with Kiwanis was held at Purdue's North Ballrooms, where the speaker was Joe Andrew from the Secretary of State office.

In December, Rotarians were responsible for donations of \$13,151 for the Salvation Army. \$2,911 of this was from the bell ringing campaign, the rest was direct donations.

This year the Vocational Project Committee developed an award for vocational service. In March, chairman Craig Irvine presented the first Lafayette Rotary Club Vocational Service Award to Stella LeBrun, who is owner of The Fifth Season, a dress shop in downtown Lafayette. Ms. LeBrun is an innovative activist who assists women victims of domestic crisis. She has converted the second floor of her shop into "The Clothes Closet," where women victims of various forms of abuse or personal crisis come from shelter or other temporary housing to "shop" for outfits to wear to court appearance, job interviews, or first jobs. Ms. LeBrun thanked the club for the recognition and plaque and challenged members to become involved.

The Scholarship-Citizenship award winners for this year were: Central Catholic—Christopher Berninger and Jennifer Buntin; Harrison—Elizabeth Caputo and Christopher Handy; Jefferson—Wenda Sharp and David Gulbransen; McCutcheon--Brandon Hollis and Shonda Meyer; West Lafayette—Holly Gossard and Victor Lasic.

Elizabeth Caputo won the \$1,000 Frank Burrin Memorial Scholarship and Christopher Berninger and Christopher Handy won the \$1,000 Rotary merit scholarships. "This event best exemplifies Rotary's commitment to community service and youth recognition," President McHenry says. "The 1990 program chaired and presented by Bill J. Miller and Betty Nelson was extremely well organized and first class in every respect," he says.

For the second year in a row, the club won the District 656 Bob Shoemaker Traveling Award for exemplary service in the international youth exchange area. Kirk Clark, Chairman of the committee, accepted the award.

The board of directors approved these items:

- \$500 to St. Elizabeth Hospital for nursing scholarship funds for first year incoming students
- \$1,175 to Lafayette Reading Academy to assist with the purchase of a Macintosh SE computer
- \$500 to Downtown Business Center to assist with purchase of new decorations
- Approved funding for two representatives from the club to attend Rotary International conventions
- \$500 to Murdock Elementary School Playground Committee for playground equipment
- \$450 to Leadership Lafayette for scholarship support
- \$850 to Sagamore Council Boy Scouts for "Exploring Career Awareness" series
- \$700 to Civic Theatre of Lafayette for latchkey program
- \$1,000 to Klondike Middle School to assist with providing concession and restroom facilities on the Klondike grounds for recreational use
- \$1,000 to Family Services Inc. for equipment for child care program for homeless

- \$1,000 to Tippecanoe County Childcare for television, VCR and video library from National Geographic
- \$1,550 for camperships and Curtis Hostetter journalism scholarships
- \$800 for camperships to Indiana 4H Foundation and Boy Scouts of America
- \$500 to Lafayette YMCA for new popcorn machine
- \$1068 to Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau for new copier
- \$1,000 to Lafayette School Corp. to provide "math manipulatives" for children in grades 1 to 5

In other action, the board decided:

- To increase dues from \$100 to \$120 effective with the dues payment period of May 1990 to October 1990

"Thanks to the persistence of Rotarian Leo Klemme and the resilience of foundation treasurer Jim Backoff, club treasurer Dick Walker and secretary Harley Griffith, the tax status relationship of the Lafayette Rotary Club and the Lafayette Rotary Foundation was clarified and brought into compliance with the Internal Revenue code," President McHenry says. "The resulting changes in the budgetary process and semi-annual dues statements could, however, lead to reduced contributions to the Foundation and thus reduce its ability to support worthy community projects," he says. "This is a concern that merits ongoing review by the board of directors."

Paul Harris Fellows for the year included Dick Rahdert, Eudora McKee, Dick Walker, Bob Hogue, Virgil St. John, Roy Bronson, Ralph Morris, and Marion Steele.

Paul Harris Sustaining members included Marshall Crawford, Carolyn Jones and Ron Needham.

Golden Service members included Jim Backoff, Ken Botkin, Dave Alexander, Hanly Hammel, Jim Risk and Bill R. Miller.

1991-1992

**Officers**

William R. Fuller, President  
J. Craig Irvine, President Elect  
William N. Hatfield, Vice President  
Thomas F. Moran, Immediate Past President  
Harley Griffith, Secretary  
Richard O. Walker, Jr., Treasurer  
David A. Landgrebe, Foundation Treasurer (ex officio)

**Directors**

Robert L. Griffiths  
Daniel L. Heman  
Max D. Judge  
Lewis J. Runnels  
David W. Luhman  
W. Scott Rumble  
S. James Smyth  
James M. Turley  
Robert A. Feuer  
Bruce A. Harding  
William J. Miller  
Jay W. Wiley

**International President**

Rajendra K. Saboo  
India

**International Convention**

Mexico City

**District Governor**

Frank Bove  
Marion, Indiana

**District Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**New Members**

Judith M. Gappa  
E. Dana Smith  
Joel M. Robinson  
David E. Smith  
Marilyn J. Haring  
Elbert R. Strain  
Larry L. Vanderwielen  
Douglas J. Gutridge  
Keith E. McMillin  
Michael A. Cunningham  
Don R. England  
Elizabeth J. Doversberger  
Eugene G. Hills  
Thomas L. Brown  
Jon A. Huston  
Ronald A. Erlich  
Donald W. Amsden  
James R. Tsareff  
Janet A. Griffin Koehler  
Sam Keller  
Mark Tomes  
Herb Miller  
J.R. Mitchell  
Lou Weil  
Richard Thornton  
Harold Amrine  
Paul Harris Fellows  
Harley Frey  
John Carpenter  
Harold Michael  
Terry Phillips  
Hugh Steele  
John Kadlec  
Terry West  
Charles Hunkler  
Roland Bixby  
Jim Crane

Many traditional Club activities were continued with enthusiasm. Each week that schools were in session, two high school seniors, selected by their counselors as outstanding, were brought to have lunch and visit with Club members. Their spirited reports of high school activities made most of us wonder how we spent our teen years. Their plans for the future always showed real thought and planning. Jim Schrader organized a willing set of Rotarians to carry out the duties of the Student Guests Committee, "Butch" Hancock organized the monthly Birthday Table at which honored members typically contribute \$1.00 for each year of their life to the Lafayette Rotary Foundation or to the Rotary International Foundation. This remains our principal fund-raiser. It is much more gentle than the often mean spirited "fine" technique used by many clubs.

Greg Legan and Leon Thacker recruited the necessary members to operate the Club's "hot-dog" stand at the Lafayette Home Hospital Fair. Proceeds from this activity help the hospital auxiliary provide necessary equipment to the hospital.

"Ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army was continued. My pleasure in announcing that our Club had raised almost \$14,000 was diminished by Bill Hatfield's report that the Kiwanians raised more than \$19,000. This friendly competition pushes both groups to do their best for this worthy cause. The Rotarian Bell Ringers were organized by Kae Moore and Donna Cartwright.

The Annual Scholarship and Citizenship Program was chaired by Betty Nelson and Sarah Watlington. This program recognizes high school seniors who have consistently exercised principals of good citizenship while achieving exceptional academic records. Ten students, two from each local high school, were honored. They and their parents were guests of the Club on April 21.

The annual Guest Night party, chaired by Bill Hatfield as Vice President featured Donya Lester as speaker. As always we enjoyed excellent music by Brian Breed's Purdue Varsity Glee Club, who also joined us at dinner. The Glee Club party and golf outing organized by Trey Reisner rounded out our social year. We golfed on Purdue's North Course, arranged by Jim Backoff and followed with fun and dinner at the Trails.

Having Purdue for a neighbor brings us many international visitors and especially students. Reena Sargunar, from Coimbatore, India, Mayuresh Karanjkar from New Delhi, India, and Miguel Reichert from Porto Alegre, Brazil were our Rotary Scholars and Emel Ercengiz from Turkey and Mia Niemi from Uskela, Finland, were our Rotary Youth Exchange students. In other international activities, it was our pleasure to have the GSE Team from a district that encompasses parts of both Poland and Sweden visiting us in May.

Since fellowship is a cornerstone of Rotary, attendance is deemed of great importance. During the year we unfortunately had to drop a few members for lack of attendance. To create interest in this aspect of Rotary Life, Griff reports membership in the 100% club each month. The list is too long to list in its entirety, but as the year ends (i.e., as of May) the leaders are YB Hall, Harold, Taylor, Bob Verplank, and Ev Wright, all with more than 300 months of perfect attendance. To emphasize attendance, the practice of distributing "Perfect Attendance" tabs to be worn with the Rotary pin, was changed from annual to monthly. This will keep attendance before us more often.

On September 17 District Governor Frank Bove met with officers and committee chairs and addressed the Club showing, as part of his presentation, an eight minute video tape prepared by RI President Rejandra Saboo. He urged the Club to improve attendance and look toward extension. Past District Governor and RI Director Richard H. Kendall addressed the Club on November 19 on the subject "Rotary International." Both of these dignitary's visits occasioned the visit of several other District Rotarians.

Under a recently instituted policy, the Club provided Craig Irvine and me trips to the International Convention in Mexico City. This was an inspirational experience. The plenary sessions were held in a grand new meeting hall built to resemble one of the pyramids which lie near the city. Mexico City, on the other hand, leaves much to be desired from the stand point of breathing. Persistent settling of the foundations of buildings gave a constant air of impending doom.

Many Lafayette Rotarians are recognized for their contributions to society every year. It is impossible to list all of these. I note that Eric Holm received the first "Hoosier Hero" award presented by Senator Dan Coats.

For me, the highlight of the year was gaining approval from the Board to study the need for an extension club, that is, a new Rotary Club in Tippecanoe county.

The Rotary Club of Lafayette, Indiana, USA was formed in 1915 as RI's 222nd club. It was founded with 14 members and had grown to almost 300 members by 1992. Older members state that it was never the intent to grow to this size. They claimed that the intent was to sponsor a new club when the existing one reached a membership of 100. Apparently, this did not occur. Several votes on the question of forming a new club during the years 1984 to 1990 failed to gain a majority. Several concerns were voiced as reasons for maintaining the status quo. Most prominent concerns were that there would polarization between the clubs based on age, on town/gown, on geography and, especially, that the Rotary Club of Lafayette would no longer be THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAFAYETTE.

In 1991, the idea of having a "breakfast division" of our club arose. Under this plan, we would not form a new club, but those who wished an alternate opportunity would meet at a time and place approved by the Board and that attendance at such meeting would fulfill RI's attendance requirements. This idea came to the attention of District Governor Frank Bove (Marion Club), who asked Kenneth Keene (District Governor

1993-94, Lebanon Club), Chair of the District Club Extension Committee to advise us. After Consultation, he advised us that such a procedure would not be possible within the rules of RI.

In June, 1992, following continuing discussions about club extension, the Board of Directors voted to authorize the President, William R. Fuller, to appoint a committee to study the question. In the past, no committee had fully investigated the ramifications of second club in Lafayette. There had merely been discussion and votes at regular meetings of the club. The Board established several ground rules: If a new club were formed, it should meet at different time, preferably AM; it should have the same dues; be involved in our Foundation, but without controlling interest; maintain a 50/50 ratio of town/gown; restrict transfers to the new club. Shrinkage of our club and age and town/gown polarization were of great concern.

With this authority, Fuller appointed himself as chair of The Committee to Study Club Extension. Others on the committee were W.N. Hatfield, D.L. Heman, E.A. Holm, J.C. Irvine, D.A. Landgrebe, H.L. Michael and T.F. Moran. This committee reported favorably on the need and prospects for a new club in September, 1992, during the tenure as club President of J. Craig Irvine. Subsequent actions, leading to the chartering of the Rotary Club of Lafayette, Daybreak, in June, 1993, are properly part of President Craig Irvine's history.

1997-1998

### **Officers**

Betty M. Nelson, President  
Robert Griffiths, President Elect  
Dennis Eugene Courtaney, Vice President  
David A. Landgrebe, Foundation Treasurer (ex officio)  
Harley Griffith, Executive Secretary  
Dale McHenry, Treasurer  
Keith V. Smith, Assistant Treasurer

### **Directors**

Jane A. Turner  
Susan M. Smith  
Christian Johansen  
Kae F. Moore  
Oscar Hopkins  
Betty M. Suddarth  
David M. Bough  
J. Steven Mott  
Roberts F. Brock  
Fritz G. Cohen  
Susan R. Hychka  
Thomas K. Schmidt

### **International President**

Glen W. Kinross  
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

### **International Convention**

Indianapolis, Indiana

### **District Governor**

William G. Batt  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### **New Members**

Michael Berendt  
Kim A. Corey  
Christopher Funk  
Robert E. Garrison  
Mary C. Haley  
Judith Hamman  
Sydney L. Harry  
Steve W. Heidenson  
Steve Hickman  
Shawn Kelly  
C. William Lovell  
Murray N. Marshall  
Vicki Mayes  
Gretchen Mehring  
Eric Murphy  
Lina Reeves-Kerner  
Brian L. Turner  
Leo Weitzman

Lafayette Rotary Club Recipient of the Rotary International Presidential Citation Highlights of 1997-98  
International Theme: "Show Rotary Cares"

#### **Club Avenue of Service**

- First Avenue to complete the requirements for the Presidential Citation
- Initiated a reception for new members, their spouses or significant other, and the officers and directors of the club
- Initiated the New Members Table at lunch the second Tuesday each month as a time for new Rotarians to meet and socialize with each other
- Began the small group dinners at local restaurants or members' homes to encourage social interaction among interested members

#### **Community Avenue of Service**

- Staffed Shots Not Spots twice for the Tippecanoe County Health Department
- Hosted a picnic at Columbian Park for clients with disabilities from Wabash Center
- Covered boxes with holiday paper for alumnae of the Women's Shelter; filled boxes with food items for presentation at the holiday party
- Volunteered to provide furniture pickup from donors to the Women's Shelter
- For the first time staffed euchre and served lunch during the Area IV Senior Games
- Continued Salvation Army bell ringing tradition on a Saturday in December

- Organized a work day at the Sycamore Council Girl Scout Camp that included members of the Varsity Glee Club and Club members; ended the day with dinner in the camp dining hall, songs by the Glee Club members, and gift mugs from the Club to the seniors
- \$6,000 in scholarships awarded to ten area high school students

#### International Avenue of Service

- Participated for the first time in Global Fest at Morton Community Center
- Jointly with Daybreak Club hosted a GSE Team from Norway (Halle Skjervheim, Linda Holmedal, Ade Gryte, Karl Farland Lauvsnes, and Alf Hoimaas)
- Worked jointly with the Daybreak Rotary Club to nominate two successful local applicants for the GSE Team that went to Norway (Melinda Gilbert sponsored by Lafayette Rotary Club)
- Throughout the year hosted Ambassadorial Scholars from Turkey, Tugkan Tugular, and two from Korea, Jieun Lee and Jin Kwak
- Generated \$20,000 to fund a Village Bank for Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Bacolod City, Philippines (club funds matched by District funds and total matched by RIF)
- Sponsored the successful Ambassadorial Scholar candidate, Matthew Williams, to study in Hong Kong beginning Fall 1999
- After several years with no participation in the International Youth Exchange, the groundwork was laid to jointly sponsor with the Daybreak Rotary Club an IYE student from France (Camille Bencteux) in 1998-99
- Fourteen members of the Club became Paul Harris Fellows

#### Vocational Avenue of Service

- Two scholarships of \$500 each were presented to a student from Ivy Tech State College and one from Indiana Business College
- Vocational Service Award was presented to Judge Margaret J. Hand
- Committee surveyed the membership to determine their professional associations and community leadership commitments
- Youth Committee sponsored an intergenerational end-of-year lunch program that featured local clowns
- Junior Achievement of Greater Lafayette and the Club partnered to support the Elementary School Program (K-6 curriculum) which exposes students to business concepts
- Continued camperships to youth in the community (Club contributed approximately \$2,000 from interest earned on Club funds that the Foundation invests and approximately \$2,000 from interest on funds generated from the sale of Rotary Park)

#### Recommendations of Funds Request Committee to the Club (to be forwarded to the Lafayette Rotary Foundation)

- \$2,000 Lafayette Reading Academy for supplies
- \$1,400 Family Services, Inc. for LAN software project
- \$1,500 Judge Gregory Donat for special training related to drug offenders \$600 Jefferson High School Marching Band for uniforms
- Special actions generated through the Board of Directors—reinstated the Long Range Planning Committee
- Approved initial work on creation of a Lafayette Rotary Club web site
- Approved creation and electronic distribution of e-mail directory for the membership



- Researched and approved the purchase of Directors and Officers Insurance with shared cost and coverage with the Lafayette Rotary Foundation
- New computer-generated billing form for dues collection developed and distributed by the treasurer
- With enthusiastic participation by the membership, the treasurer collected funds for a substantial monetary gift for Harley Griffith in recognition of his "service beyond the call of duty"

#### Special Events During the Year

- Rotary International Convention
- Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN June 14-17, 1998
- To encourage the participation of the membership in the Rotary International Convention, the Club sponsored a shuttle bus to make a round-trip to Indianapolis each day
- Club members hosted international visitors for dinner during Home Hospitality Night; guests arrived at Riehle Plaza in two buses then departed to homes in the community
- Acknowledged the tenth year anniversary of the first woman who accepted membership in this club—Judith Shook Rovin
- Installation of Bill Hatfield as District Governor for 1998-99