

Recollections

R. Powell Majors, 33rd president of our Club, 1946-1947, and still very much with us each Tuesday, 49 years later at the time of the publication of this volume, has known all presidents of our Club with the exception of Rogers W. Davis, our first president.

WITH THE exception of Rogers Davis (1916-1918), I have known on a first-name basis all of the presidents of the Charlotte Rotary Club. I was invited to join Rotary in 1938 during the administration of V. K. "Bill" Hart.

David Clark (1918-1919) was a stern, serious man and the first new member of the Charlotte Rotary Club. He took to Rotary like a duck to water and was instrumental in the formation of many Rotary clubs — North Charlotte being one of his last. Dave didn't seem to take kindly toward me or any of the other younger members. It was extremely difficult to call Dave by his first name and he didn't seem to encourage it. He was 61 and I was 32 at the time. At Little Rotary, a group that met at Thacker's on Thursdays for lunch, Everett Bierman and I unintentionally hurt Dave's feelings. We apologized then and later; even so, he didn't speak to either one of us for six months. He was a District Governor and one of only two directors of Rotary International in the history of our Club.

John W. Fox (1919-1920), although ten years older than Clark, was easy to know and extremely intelligent. It was interesting to hear him tell about introducing electricity to area mill owners who didn't think three wires could bring in enough power to operate a cotton mill. John was born in Australia and was brought to Charlotte to help what is now Duke Power Company get started in the early 1900s. John wore thick glasses, had an "Aussie" accent, and a very analytical mind. One of the few things that he was wrong on was nuclear power — he didn't expect it to become the factor it is today.

J. Perrin Quarles (1920-1921), the third president, was an agent for Equitable Life and a salesman from the word "go." He was very outgoing and fun-loving — easy to call by his first name at first introduction. It

was during his term as president that Club membership reached 100.

I really never knew Lewis Burwell (1921-1922) very well. I'm under the impression that he suffered considerable financial loss during the Depression. He was a small, wiry fellow. One of his sons was a championship tennis player. Lewis was 30 years older than I.

Norman Pease (1922-1923) was the resident manager for Lockwood-Greene, an engineering firm. When the office was closed during the Depression, he became a salesman for Thermoid Company in Trenton, New Jersey. Thermoid owned Southern Asbestos Company in Charlotte and he was eventually sent here to plan and oversee construction changes in the plant in 1937. When I was invited to join the Lion's Club in 1938, I asked Norman about it. He suggested that Rotary would be better and when I said fine, he called R. M. "Gus" Pound and gave him the necessary information which led to my becoming a member in April, 1938. Shortly thereafter, Norman started J. N. Pease Associates along with Jim Stenhouse. He was called into service in World War II and served as a colonel in the South Pacific. During World War I, he had managed the construction of the camp at Columbus, Georgia, the town of his birth, which became Ft. Benning.

Howard M. Wade (1923-1924) was likewise a native of Columbus, Georgia. He owned and operated a firm that made bank fixtures — Wade Mfg. Company. He owned a great number of shotgun houses on Graham Street. Howard Wade was several times a millionaire and made it easy for me to call him Howard. At a Rotary meeting in the 1920s, Norman Pease sketched on the table cloth a loft building which Howard later built on 6th Street. The idea of a loft building came from Dave Clark.

Bill Thomson (1924-1925) was a kind, gentle man who was associated with Perrin Quarles in operating a life insurance agency. He was from South Carolina and kept that drawl throughout his life. After he retired from business, he served Queens College for a period when the college was in trouble.

Hamilton C. Jones (1925-1926) was an attorney

and served the school board in that capacity, as well as being a juvenile court judge. Ham enjoyed a beer or so and was a lusty singer at club assemblies. He served several terms in Congress and was defeated by Charles Raper Jonas in 1952. A straw ballot taken at Rotary after the two men had spoken on successive Tuesdays indicated Jonas would win.

Hamilton W. McKay (1926–1927) was a urologist, the first of several doctors to be president of Charlotte Rotary. Ham gave the appearance of being gruff, but was not. He was a leader in the medical profession and an early supporter of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, now Carolinas Medical Center. It was not unusual for him to attend Rotary wearing a green scrub suit from the hospital. Two grandsons, Johnny and McKay Belk, are now members of Charlotte Rotary.

Henry McAden (1927–1928) was president of First National Bank when he headed the Club. Henry wore high celluloid collars and seemed distant to me. The bank failed during the early days of the Depression. The First National building has been known at various times as the Liberty Life, Baugh, Southeastern Savings, which is in the one hundred block of South Tryon Street. Rumor had it that Henry would not allow doctors to be tenants because of the various odors that would be created by their offices. He failed to rent to the telephone company because he feared that line-men would be in and out of the building. The Johnston building, later the United Carolina Bank building, added floors to accommodate Southern Bell.

Ralston M. "Gus" Pound (1928–1929), a charter member, was a partner in Pound and Moore, an office supply firm. He was a leader among the merchants of Charlotte and active in Rotary until his death at age 90 in 1966, our 50th Anniversary year. He introduced his son Ralston, Jr. into Rotary in 1947.

John Paul Lucas, Sr. (1929–1930) was a Duke Power man in charge of public relations. He was sophisticated and seemed to me to be aloof. He died after I had been in the Club a little over two years and I never felt that I got to know him.

Julian Miller (1930–1931) was the editor of *The Observer* — a brilliant man and gifted writer. Julian was not prompt in paying his dues and the Club directors had me become a collection agent during my two terms as secretary. Julian always paid when I'd call and we became good friends as a result of so many calls.

George Ivey, Sr. (1931–1932), along with his father and David Owens, ran Ivey's Department Store. He presided over the Club when membership dropped because of the Depression. Club lunches fell to 60 cents during his year and dues to \$25 per year. George

took a cruise each August to be away from the golden-rod which caused him to have hay fever. George thought and lived Rotary principles and was opposed to having another club in Charlotte when Dilworth was proposed.

E. A. "Turk" Terrell (1932–1933) founded and owned Terrell Machine Company. He was a Citadel graduate and the second president to have a son who was later to become president. The first was John Paul Lucas. Turk was a staunch Republican. He invented and patented several items of textile machinery which his firm manufactured.

Junius M. Smith (1933–1934) was an associate of David Clark in the publishing and printing business. He was with Gus Pound when they called on me in April 1938 to invite me to join Charlotte Rotary.

James H. Van Ness (1934–1935) was only 28 years old when he was elected president, at which time he was associated with the family business, W. I. Van Ness — photographic equipment and gift items — located on 5th Street across from Ivey's. Later he joined George Snyder at Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Rufus M. Johnston (1935–1936) held the classification of "Farming." He was land poor and lived on North Tryon Street in a large home just past the First Methodist Church. Rufus had trouble keeping his dues paid and I called on him regularly at the request of the directors. On one occasion, he took a great Mason jar full of coins to Miss Minnie Hamlet, the part-time executive secretary of the Club, in payment of some arrearages. Rufus had a reserve commission and was called up for service in World War II.

Art Mayo (1936–1937) appeared to be stern and gruff; actually, he was kind-hearted and very warm. He was completely bald. He operated a shortening refinery for Swift and Company. Lance, Inc. was a good customer and during rationing in World War II, Art arranged for Lance to get an emergency supply of shortening in one pound boxes; usually, it came in tank car lots.

V. K. "Bill" Hart (1937–1938) was an ear, nose, and throat doctor and president when I joined the Club in 1938. The Club met at a dining room operated by the Chamber of Commerce on the second floor above its office on West 4th Street. Club membership was about 125 and there was a strong emphasis on knowing all members and calling them by their first name or nickname. Bill had no children. He helped countless college students with loans and gifts through the Rotary Student Fund anonymously. Bill Hart was directly responsible for my son becoming an ear, nose, and throat specialist after finishing medical school. Bill

was a serious fellow and very dignified. At one meeting, his chair fell off the platform at the head table. Fortunately Bill was not hurt, only his feelings.

L. G. "Plug" Osborne (1938–1939) had a sharp wit and changed the atmosphere of the weekly meetings from serious to that of fun-loving. Plug had a combination of talents which Sadler Love, Tom Garrett, Haynes Baird, Bill Burton, and Leland Park would exhibit in later years. At a Ladies Night program held at Myers Park Country Club, Plug had Rufus Johnston at the podium for the purpose of some sort of phony recognition. When he presented a set of dishes, they were dropped — on purpose — and smashed to pieces.

Charlie Stone (1939–1940) was a precise and serious man and extremely intelligent. He was a leader in the chemical industry. Prior to World War I, America was dependent on Germany for chemicals. Stone and a few others developed an industry for America. Stone chaired the Parks and Recreation Commission, leading it to new heights. He chaired the Community Chest Campaign (pre-United Way). He ran for district governor twice and suffered a defeat before being elected. The Stones had no children and very few relatives. Their million-dollar-plus estate was left to area educational institutions, including UNC-Charlotte, CPCC, Queens College, and Randolph-Macon. In addition, a generous bequest was left in a trust, the income from which continues to this day to be distributed to the Charlotte Rotary Club and Rotary International.

Paul R. Sheahan (1940–1941) captured the attention of the Club by a great speech he gave; the topic I have long since forgotten. As a result of the speech given in the spring of 1940, he was elected president of the Club. Paul did not have roots in Charlotte and after he sold his business he moved to Roanoke, Virginia.

Amos Bumgardner (1941–1942) was one of the first orthodontists in Charlotte and was president during the 25th Anniversary of the Charlotte Club. He was an avid hunter and maintained several hunting dogs. Amos selected me as the secretary of the Club. Amos, his wife, Dot and I, along with Charlie Stone attended the International Convention in Denver in June 1941. At a stop in Colorado Springs, we were driven up a mountain to the Will Rogers Memorial. I wasn't feeling well and went to an isolated corner to vomit. I looked up to see that Amos had a movie camera aimed at me and I got well immediately. In Denver it took two cabs to take the five of us and our bags to the Harvard Hotel where we were assigned rooms by Rotary International. The Harvard was seedy — it looked flea-bitten and the bath was private after you went down the hall and locked the door. With one

accord, we said, "No way!" and went to the headquarters hotel with bags. No rooms available we were told and were advised to go back to the Harvard. We persisted. Charlie Stone was our spokesperson and we ended up with deluxe rooms at the Brown Palace Hotel headquarters.

Wiley Obenshain (1942–1943) asked me to continue as secretary and sit beside him at the head table at each meeting. He was ill at ease as the presiding officer. He never ate a meal or missed a meeting. When we missed a train connection in Washington, DC, en route to the Rotary Convention in Toronto, Wiley pressured the Southern Railway to provide Pullman cars in the Washington station for us to spend the night, as hotel rooms were not available in the city due to the war effort. Wiley was a regional manager for Southern Dairies.

Everett Bierman (1943–1944) promoted a blood donor program by giving his own blood at a Club meeting. Even with World War II in progress, the Club grew and had a membership of 171 at the end of the year and a budget of just over \$12,000. Fourteen active Rotarians were in military service. Bierman was a big, affable fellow that played football for Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. He later was a District Governor of Rotary International.

Charlie Williams (1944–1945) was a wholesale merchant whose father was a charter member of Charlotte Rotary and probably the first Catholic to lead the Club. His son, Charles Williams III, is a member of the Club as this is written in 1992. As in the previous two years, Charlie's presidency was stifled because of the war.

John Pender (1945–1946) was program chairman for an entire year and originated "How I Got Where I Am" programs. John did not give notice as to who or when one would be called. Older members as well as new members were called on. John was a student of military strategy and often expounded his views at Little Rotary. John was an official of Pyramid Life Insurance Company and part-time real estate developer (Club Colony being one of his).

My year (1946–1947) saw the start of the Charlotte Rotary Boys Choir under the leadership of Jim McMillan, who continued in this role for the life of the choir. Our Club hosted the District Conference under the leadership of Everett Bierman. Dick Owenby, a Methodist minister, started a six-year reign as chairman of the Health and Happiness Committee and his reports were referred to as "the Methodist Hour." Club meetings were held at the Hotel Charlotte, corner of West Trade and Poplar streets.

Paul Lucas (1947–1948) was the 31st president of Charlotte Rotary. His father was the 13th — the first

father-son presidents. Paul used his public relations talents (he was vice president of public relations at Duke Power Company) to provide a good year publicity-wise for Charlotte Rotary. Paul had taught English at Clemson and was an excellent presiding officer. His "postscript" appears on the back page of our roster.

Dave Welton (1948-1949), a dermatologist, was president the year Everett Bierman was District Governor and together they attended the Rotary International Convention in Rio de Janeiro. Everett claimed that Dave took along enough pills to stock a small drug store. It was during Dave's term that the Dilworth Rotary Club was chartered. Prior to the Dilworth club, Belmont and Mt. Holly were the closest places to make-up attendance. Few members of Charlotte Rotary left

to help establish Dilworth. Dave's father was a Rotarian in Wisconsin and three of Dave's sons — Scott, Rex and Sandy — are members of our Club. During Dave's year, the Club raised funds to send the Boys Choir to New York to appear on the program at the Rotary International Convention and do a nationwide broadcast on NBC Radio.

Hoyt Galvin (1949-1950) came to Charlotte from Huntsville, Alabama, where he was a Rotarian, to direct the public library which had been closed for a year. Under his leadership, the Club promoted the establishment of the Better Business Bureau which continues to render a service to area residents and business firms.

Club Projects

THE ANNALS of the Rotary Club of Charlotte, which appear in another section of this book, are replete with projects, large and small, which have helped make Charlotte a better place to live and work for the past 75 years; and, in recent years, through support of the Rotary Foundation, have increased understanding, goodwill and peace among the peoples of the world.

The Club was organized, in 1916, just one year following the reorganization of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Many of the early projects — better schools, better libraries, better health, better roads — were an extension of the Chamber's program for the advancement of the city. The close alliance between Rotarians and the Chamber is evidenced by the elevation of three of our charter members to the presidency of the Chamber: Clarence O. Kuester, Charles C. Hook, and Charles A. Williams, Sr. "Booster" Kuester, as he would be known as the city's enthusiastic promoter, became the first full-time executive of the Chamber in 1919, a post he was to hold until his death in 1948. Over the past 75 years our Club has furnished a number of Chamber presidents.

From the beginning members took a definite responsibility for all worthwhile community projects and furnished leaders and workers for all such movements. While most projects were of short duration, directed at a specific need, many were continued for years, some are still in existence today.

Student Loan/Scholarship Fund (1921)

ESTABLISHED in 1921 during the presidency of J. Perin Quarles and continuing to the present day, 70 years later, this Fund has helped hundreds of students with their high school and college education.

However, by 1937, the Fund was in disarray; President V. K. (Dr. Bill) Hart reported he was shocked to find "a paper loss of nearly \$10,000." He felt that "to loan money to young people and not build character at the same time was futile and wholly inconsistent with Rotary." After study of other such funds, both Rotary and non-Rotary, a committee recommended the Fund be incorporated with specific rules. Long-time member Doug Aitken, a banker, took responsibility for

operation of the Fund. 63 loans were made between 1942 and 1953. By 1953, the Fund had a net worth of \$15,778, consisting of cash, a government bond, and outstanding loans backed by current, properly endorsed notes. During 1952-53 new loans amounted to \$1,900. It is interesting to note, that of the 29 outstanding loans on June 30, 1953, nine loans were to black students: included were a teacher with a PhD in psychology, a speech therapist, a school teacher, and a dentist. The others had not completed their education.

By 1979, administrative details and the complexities of reporting to the government led to the transfer of the day-to-day operation of the Fund to the Greater Charlotte Foundation, now The Foundation for the Carolinas. At that time there were 16 outstanding loans totalling \$11,388.81 with liquid assets of approximately \$25,000 to be loaned to worthy students.

As applications for loans decreased, the Board concurred with the recommendation of the Foundation that the Fund be made a scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students, chiefly from Central Piedmont Community College, desiring to complete their college education.

Juvenile Court (1922)

THE Boys and the Girls Work Committee cooperated with the Juvenile Court and Welfare Department commencing in 1922. Every Friday a committee of four or five Rotarians was present at court to act as "Big Brother" throughout the year, becoming aware of the causes of delinquency and establishing a tie of friendship. Some provided jobs for these youthful offenders. President Hamilton C. Jones (1925-26) served as judge of the Court. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Juvenile Court system for the state and with it the implementation of a probation system, which eliminated the need for our involvement.

Crippled Children's Clinic (1925)

A CLINIC for crippled children was created by the Board in October 1925 under the supervision of Dr. Alonzo H. Myers, a member of the Club. Dr. Myers gave un-

selfishly and unstintedly of his expertise for nearly 20 years. The Club provided the financial support for appliances and supplies without cost to the families. As other services became available and the number of orthopedic surgeons increased, the Clinic was phased out.

Boy Scout Merit Badge/Circus/Expo/Show (1946)

THE FIRST Rotary/Boy Scout Merit Badge Show was held at the Armory Auditorium in 1946 during the presidency of John R. Pender under the leadership of Everett Bierman. Individual Rotarians sponsored the various booths and the Club underwrote the expense up to \$500. A citation for community service was received from Rotary International in recognition of the program.

Over the years this Show has been known by other names: Circus and Exposition. Upwards of 25,000 people have attended the Show in many years.

The Club continues to make contributions of money and manpower to this facet of Boy Scout activity.

Charlotte Boys Choir (1946)

THE BOYS CHOIR made its first public appearance on December 24, 1946 at the Christmas program of the Club during the presidency of R. Powell Majors. The leadership of this very successful community project was assumed by Rotarian James P. McMillan. Jim gave of himself unselfishly, both in time and money. Under his direction the Choir appeared on the New York stage and coast-to-coast radio stations of CBS and NBC. It received national attention as guests of the mayor of New York City and the captain of the Queen Elizabeth.

Three boys from each of the city's elementary schools made up the first choir. Rehearsals were on Saturday mornings at Central High School (now a part of Central Piedmont Community College) and the boys were paid 25¢ to attend. The Choir developed a variety show which entertained audiences from New York to Florida for seventeen years. More than 1,000 boys were members of the Choir during its life.

The Choir reached its pinnacle in 1949 when it appeared before the International Convention of Rotary in Madison Square Garden. That same year it made its first of what became an annual trip to Florida to appear before Rotary clubs and other audiences.

From its program earnings the Choir provided scholarships for four foreign students to attend Davidson College.

Our Rotary Trees

IT HAS BEEN the custom for Rotary International presidents to plant a tree whenever they come to visit to symbolize the spirit of friendship and goodwill championed by Rotary around the world. There are four such trees in Charlotte and they are still standing in spite of Hurricane Hugo's best efforts.

The trees and their location and date of planting are as follows:

English walnut planted by the founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris, on April 22, 1939 on the grounds of the Mint Museum. L. G. "Plug" Osborne was our president. Two other trees at the Museum are the Carl Miller Hard Sugar Maple planted on February 24, 1964 during the presidency of Haynes Baird, and the Clem Renouf Red Maple planted on August 21, 1978 when Dean Colvard was our president.

The fourth and last ceremonial tree is on Elizabeth Avenue at Central Piedmont Community College (about 100 yards before reaching Independence Boulevard going toward Presbyterian Hospital). Lee Morris was serving as president, in 1983, when RI President Bill Skelton came to address the joint meeting of all local clubs. The tree is a red maple.

Our own tree planting effort began during the presidency of Al Bechtold in 1955-56 with the planting of cherry trees at the Mint Museum as a memorial to the past presidents of the Club. Glenn Park, who was secretary that year and president the following year, turned this effort into an ongoing project commencing in 1960 with a gift of 200 sugar maples and 200 flowering dogwoods to the Park and Recreation Commission. Over the next 18 years we provided a total of 5,350 trees for the beautification of Charlotte. With the hiring of a full-time arborist the effort was taken over by the City.

Since 1979, we have selected special areas for development each year, including University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Boy Scout Service Center; Marion Diehl Center on Tyvola Road; Salvation Army Boys Club; Central Piedmont Community College; Queens College; and Southside/Brookhill Community on Remount Road.

Although the exact cost over 30-plus years cannot be determined, a conservative estimate would be \$25,000. Taking over from Al Bechtold and Glenn Park have been Charlie Allison, Ed White and Bev Freeman.

The Rotary Foundation

It was at the 1917 Rotary convention in Atlanta, Georgia, that Rotary's sixth president, Arch Klumph, revealed his desire to create an endowment fund for Rotary. Its purpose: "For doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community progress." This embryonic endowment fund received its first contribution a few months later — \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri. Since then, contributions have grown substantially, totaling more than \$555 million by 1990.

But even more impressive is what The Rotary Foundation has achieved during its 75-year history. The some 21,000 scholars who have promoted world understanding, the estimated 278 million children who have thus far been immunized against polio, and the countless numbers of people who are enjoying clean drinking water, accessible health care and schools, and improved nutrition, thanks to Foundation grants — all of these are the true measure of the Foundation's value.

Our Rotary District 7680 with 4120 members contributed \$221,106 to The Rotary Foundation in the Rotary year ending June 30, 1991. Included in the total was \$53,954 for PolioPlus.

The real impetus for the Foundation came in 1947 following the death of Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, when the Paul Harris Fellow Program was inaugurated to serve as a memorial. The Fund has grown to almost \$600 million, including more than \$200 million for the PolioPlus program to eliminate this deadly disease from the face of the earth. The grand total of Paul Harris Fellows internationally has grown to 341,300.

The objectives of the Foundation — to further understanding and friendly relations among peoples of different nations and to relieve human misery — are carried out through six programs:

- Grants for Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H). (PolioPlus is an example.)
- Scholarships (Graduate, Undergraduate, Vocational, Teacher of the Handicapped, Journalism and Agriculture).
- Group Study Exchange (mainly business and professional men and women).
- Grants for University Teachers.
- Special Grants.
- Rotary Forum for World Peace.

The Foundation's work is supported mainly by contributions from individual Rotarians. Every cent of

contributions is used for the work of the Foundation — none goes to fund-raising or administration.

Our Club's contributions to the Foundation total \$391,079.10 as of the publication of this volume.

The first listing of Paul Harris Fellows for our Club was in the Roster for the 1971–1972 Rotary year. There were five Fellows: C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist, Luther Hodges, Jr., Milo Kirkpatrick, Charles H. Stone, and James B. Watt. The Rotary Foundation Committee was chaired by Bob Bryant that year. The number of our Paul Harris Fellows has grown from five to 186 over the past 20 years and the number of Sustainers from 1 to 150. The PolioPlus Program, launched in 1986, attracted a large number of members over the past five years. The tabulation of the increases by year is shown below:

	<i>Fellows</i>		<i>Sustainers</i>	
	<i>New</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Total</i>
1970–71	5	5	1	1
1971–72		5	1	2
1972–73		5	3	5
1973–74	3	8	1	6
1974–75	1	9	2	8
1975–76	4	13	2	10
1976–77	2	15		10
1977–78	4	19		9
1978–79	2	21		8
1979–80	6	27		8
1980–81	6	33	1	9
1981–82	8	41	1	10
1982–83	6	47	4	14
1983–84	8	55	1	15
1984–85	13	68		14
1985–86	6	74	32	46
1986–87	24	98	45	91
1987–88	29	127	20	111
1988–89	11	138	28	139
1989–90	22	160	3	142
1990–91	21	181	8	150
1991–92 (5 Months)	5	186		

Although the first listing of Fellows didn't appear until the 1971–72 Roster, there is a record of the chairmen of our Rotary Foundation Committee commencing with the 1959–1960 Rotary year. There have been twelve chairmen in the 33 years of the committee's existence. The longest tenure belongs to Frank Timberlake with nine of those years, followed by John Barnhardt with five, and George Harris with four. The complete record follows:

1959–61	David Welton
1961–62	Ed Thomas
1962–63	Beau Whitton

1963-64	Dave Williamson
1964-67	George Harris
1967-69	Pat Gilchrist
1969-72	Bob Bryant
1972-73	Frank Timberlake
1973-74	Ralston Pound
1974-75	George Harris
1975-79	Frank Timberlake
1979-81	Randall Groves
1981-85	Frank Timberlake
1985-90	John Barnhardt
1990-92	Darrell Holland

POLIO-PLUS

CHARLOTTE ROTARY joined the battle to lick polio during the 1986-87 year after President Bill Loftin brought the news of Rotary's ambitious program from the RI Convention. Over the next three years our members contributed approximately \$70,000 — the greatest humanitarian effort in our history: enough funds to provide vaccine for more than a quarter-million children.

Historically, Rotary's effort against polio began when a 3-H request was received for polio vaccine to immunize children of the Philippines. The first vaccine was shipped there in September 1979. Seven years later, a PolioPlus grant of \$1,245,000 launched a mass immunization campaign in Mexico.

Between 1979 and 1986, the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation approved grants totaling \$12,330,900 in the 26 project countries.

Because of its international membership, Rotary is uniquely able to add personal dimensions to its participation. That was demonstrated dramatically during the month of September 1985 when some five million children in three countries — Turkey, Paraguay and Sudan — were immunized against polio and other diseases. Rotary — and Rotarians — were involved in all three.

Each year more than 100 million children are born in developing countries, including many where the polio battle barely has started. To carry the fight to a successful conclusion, Rotary International organized a worldwide fund-raising campaign among its own members and enlisted public support.

POLIOPLUS-AT-A-GLANCE
(November 1991)

Countries with approved grants	97
Grants and commitments made	\$177,264,318
Children to be immunized	600,521,000
Estimated number already immunized	278,219,039
Cash received through committees	\$230,104,342
Received from government grants	\$7,781,698

"This shooting war uses vaccines instead of bullets," said UNICEF Executive James P. Grant. "We will not let up for an instant. We will push even harder now that the adversary (polio) is on the run."

YMCA for Arequipa, Peru

AS PART of our 50th Anniversary observance in 1966, we pledged \$5,000 toward the restoration of a colonial house in Arequipa, Peru, for use as a YMCA. Sometime earlier Rotary International had assigned the Rotary Club in Arequipa as our sister club. We still enjoy a relationship with this Club. In the 1986-1987 year Mike Greeson, chairman of our World Service Committee, was responsible for our providing 25 binocular microscopes for diagnosis of tuberculosis. For his service, Mike was made an honorary citizen of Arequipa.

Other Projects

THE CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB has a rich history of support for special projects which have affected the quality of life in our community in positive ways. We have heard the dreams of various people—and of our own committees—concerning many needs. Through initial financial support, we have been able to see many of these dreams come to fruition. At this time our projects budget is \$10,000 per year. For more examples of projects over our 75-year history see the year-by-year histories commencing on page 57.

It is our intent to fund new ideas or projects with initial start-up cost or seed money and, from time to time, to provide gifts to unique, one-time needs. Priority is given to new projects which meet community needs and have the potential of becoming self-sustaining. Priority is given, also, to projects under consideration by our own Club's committees.

Our Rotary Office

In celebration of our executive secretary's 80th birthday, Tom Warren was toasted at our meeting on November 8, 1994. Henry H. Bostic, Jr. delivered a tribute. Following is an edited version of these remarks.

TOM WARREN has had his finger on the pulse of Charlotte Rotary since he retired in 1976 as the scout executive in Charlotte. During that time he has been the Club's mainstay — its continuity, its memory and, on more than a few occasions, its savior.

Tom is not afraid of a challenge or of trying something new. So in the past few years he has led Charlotte Rotary into the computer age. He even bought a machine for his home so he could do Rotary work there.

More than one club president and club secretary/treasurer can say without reservation that it is absolutely wonderful — and essential — that a club the size of Charlotte Rotary has someone like Tom to handle day-to-day activities.

The Rotary bureaucracy in Evanston, Illinois, is second only to the federal bureaucracy in churning out paper — as any former or current president or district governor in our club can attest. Tom's tenacity and attention to detail have served Charlotte Rotary well.

He's also a bit of a thorn in the side of local postal officials. Tom can't understand why the post office can't deliver 300 or so Rotary Reporters to club members between Friday lunch and Tuesday lunch — even when they are mailed first class. On more than one occasion he's discussed that inability with any postal official who'll listen. "They don't like me," is all Tom will say.

Tom became executive secretary during the 1976-77 Rotary year when Pete deWitt was president and Maloy Rash was secretary.

Tom recalled it this way: "I had just retired from the Boy Scouts and Beth Small, who had been serving as our office secretary since the forties, was leaving. The secretary asked me to find someone. He said to me, 'You're not doing anything, get us a secretary.'

"I asked what the job was. There was no job description. The secretary said, 'I don't know. Go find



THOMAS R. WARREN, JR.
Executive Secretary

out,' " Tom said. "So I did and thirty days later I came back with a notebook full."

And I guess we could say he's been learning on the job since then.

For those of you who don't know, Tom was the scout executive in Charlotte before he took on the responsibilities with Rotary. He served Scouting for 33 years, beginning his work in Charleston during World War II. Tom was 4-F because of his severe asthma.

Born November 4, 1914 in Durham, he's a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an electrical engineering degree. Tom said he graduated during the Great Depression when jobs were hard to come by. He sold advertising and sporting goods and worked in a men's store. He was even a certified Lionel train repairman.

Someone told him to apply for a Scouting job, in 1942, but he didn't because the starting salary was too low and he didn't have a car. Later he got a car when American Tobacco went on strike in Durham, and someone needed to sell a 1938 Chevy.

After joining the Scouts, he was able to get gas

during the war even though it was rationed. Tom's career with the Scouts began in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1948, he moved to Greensboro as scout executive, and that's where he first joined Rotary in 1949. He came to Charlotte as scout executive in 1959.

Friends and associates describe Tom as a detail-oriented person. Nothing exemplifies that any more than the last project of his scouting career — the development of Camp Grimes in Dysertsville. Tom spent most of his waking hours at the camp for the two years it was under construction, spending weekends in Charlotte and the work week in Dysertsville. He oversaw construction from beginning to end. As a consequence, the camp turned out exactly the way it was designed.

Accountants in our Club say Tom always looks at financial records through an engineer's eye. He doesn't miss a trick.

Wayne Brendell, his through-the-back-yard neighbor, says Tom has a real passion for horse trading and love of cars. He trades cars at least every three years to

keep the car in warranty so he doesn't have to pay for any repairs.

You may have heard Tom brag about fixing his 1940 Ford one day when it wouldn't start. He hit it in the right place with a 2 by 4 and it ran fine after that. Just had to get it's attention, I guess.

Tom was devoted to his late wife, Carolyn, but that didn't mean he wouldn't let his horse trading embarrass her a little. The story goes that Tom and Carolyn went to Folger Buick to get a new car. During the negotiations, Carolyn got embarrassed at Tom's tenacity.

Evidently, it was apparent to the salesman as well because once Tom bought the car, Folger sent Carolyn a bouquet of flowers several days later congratulating her on being able to put up with Tom.

But all of us at Charlotte Rotary love "putting up with him." We just wonder how long he will "put up with us."

Earlier Club Secretaries

IN THE EARLY DECADES our Club's office existed in the office of various members. The earliest known secretary was Miss Minnie Hamlett, a secretary to Clarence Kuester, a charter member and head of the Chamber of Commerce staff. The Club met for many years in the second floor dining room of the Chamber in the first block of West Fourth Street.

In the 1950s Mrs. Rothrock, a secretary at Kings Business College, which was operated by Rotarian Milo Kirkpatrick, filled this role.

In 1958 our own office was opened at 117 East

Third Street with Mrs. W. H. (Betty) Knowlton as office secretary.

Mrs. Robert (Toi) Glasgow, wife of fellow Rotarian Bob Glasgow, succeeded Mrs. Knowlton sometime in the 1960s. Mrs. Glasgow was followed by Mrs. John H. (Beth) Small in 1969. The office was at 330 S. Tryon Street in the Mutual Savings and Loan building. Mrs. Small retired in 1976 and was succeeded by Thomas R. Warren, Jr. The office was moved to its present location, Suite 200, 201 South McDowell Street, in August 1993.

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What Rotary Means to Me

A program feature during our 70th Anniversary observance, 1986-1987.

DAVID G. WELTON
President 1948-1949

Like President Bill, I became acquainted with Rotary through my father, a charter member of the Madison, Wisconsin club, organized in 1914. That club's annual Family Picnic was one of the highlights of my childhood. Then, while attending the University of Wisconsin I served as accompanist for that club. The song-leader was a Professor of Music at the University and Director of a large church choir. He taught the members of that club four-part singing.

As soon as I joined the Charlotte Club (in 1943), I was told that my place was at the piano, and I've been "holding down that classification," so to speak, ever since, with pleasure.

As president-elect in 1948 I was sent to the Rotary International Convention in Rio de Janeiro, along with Everett Bierman, another member of this club who was our District Governor that year. This trip was a milestone in my life: it was my first trip abroad and my first R.I. Convention. In many respects it was an edu-

cational experience which left indelible impressions on my mind . . . one of these being the importance of International Understanding, the 4th Object of Rotary.

While visiting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, three of us were entertained by the president of the Ford Motor Co. of Brazil, a Danish gentleman named Orberg whose sons were being educated in the U.S., one at M.I.T. and one at the University of Michigan. The Michigan student later visited us in Charlotte. His father believed that the Rotary Foundation Fellowships awarded to outstanding students were making a very significant contribution to international understanding. He had great faith in the potential of this program.

During the past 30 years or so I have attended Rotary meetings in ten countries and have had, as many of you have, some very interesting experiences thereby. In Musashino, a Tokyo suburb, I was the guest of the club president who, halfway through lunch, informed me that I was the program for that day! At first I thought he was joking, but he was serious. When I asked what he'd like me to speak about, he immediately replied: "Your impressions of Japan and the Japanese people." He had thoughtfully seated an English speaking member on my right, a man with a PhD from the University of Chicago who taught English at one of the Tokyo universities. This turned out to be the easiest impromptu talk I ever gave. After speaking for several paragraphs,

I stopped and the man on my right translated those remarks into Japanese. This gave me time to think of what to say next!

One could fill many pages describing ROTARY's assets. My purpose is to list briefly those which have meant the most to me.

First and foremost are — in the words of Paul Lucas — “The pleasant wine of Rotary acquaintance . . . and the warmth of Rotary fellowship.” For the true Rotarian, imbibing of this wine is irresistible; and regardless of the quantity ingested, there is no “hang-over”!

As a physician, I welcome this weekly opportunity to meet with men of all vocations. Its effect is broadening and rewarding . . . both in personal relationships and in keeping my information spectrum broad.

As a member, I welcome the opportunity to participate in the work and functions of our Club. There is no better way to enrich your Rotary experience.

Perhaps the greatest asset is the “*Spirit of Rotary.*” Difficult to define, this spirit permeates the Rotary experience so completely that once inoculated by it the member neither seeks nor desires a cure!

Now, a physician seldom leaves a patient without writing at least one prescription, and I have one for you: To live a long and healthy life, be an ACTIVE ROTARIAN!!

F. SADLER LOVE
President 1961–1962

One feature of our 70th Anniversary observance this year is spotlighting our past presidents, particularly those who served 15 or more years back. In this issue we salute Sadler Love, who served as president 25 years ago. Sadler spoke without manuscript at our meeting on August 19, 1986. His summary of those remarks appears below.

President Bill has asked me to tell you what Rotary has meant to me over the past 35 years and what it continues to mean to me. To further complicate matters, he has asked me to do this in two and a half minutes. Being keenly aware of the time problem facing the president of Rotary, I shall stay within that limit.

First, with Rotary operating world-wide in some 160 countries, with now over 1,000,000 members, I am a part of a far-reaching effort to bring men and nations closer together in the hope that we may advance toward the elusive goal of peace while at the same time helping in considerable measure in the battle to lessen world suffering. Rotary's effort to eliminate polio in the world population would of itself make my membership worthwhile.

Second, I have been and continue to be a part of an organization of nearly 300 men in the Charlotte Rotary Club who are striving day by day and year by year to make this community and this state better places in which to live, not just for ourselves but for our children and our children's children, for people in all walks of life.

Thirdly and finally, I have shared for 35 years —

and continue to share — the fellowship, the friendship and the humor of much of the leadership of Charlotte and Mecklenburg, men of good will moving forward to light a million candles in a world so desperately in need of light.

You asked me, Mr. President, what Rotary has meant to me. I say in reply that my only regret is that I have not been able to serve Rotary in the same measure Rotary has served me.

JOHN PAUL LUCAS, JR.
President 1947–1948

John Paul Lucas, Jr. was unquestionably one of our most literate members, having served as a newspaperman and coauthor of a book. He had few peers as a writer and spokesman for Rotary. Our roster contains a postscript authored by Paul which will continue to inspire us. A beautiful example of his gift of expression appeared in the April 28, 1964 Reporter under the heading “Rotary's Assets.” He wrote:

“As a freshman member of the Charlotte Rotary Club in the Fall of 1941, full of enthusiasm and ignorance, I was caught embarrassingly off-guard by a non-Rotarian visitor who asked me a simple question.

“What is the real reason for Rotary?”

“And sure enough, when you look at it that way, how do busy men justify the time and energy and, in most cases, the personal expense requisite to membership? We live in a fairly busy society with a good many demands that must be faced, and the question may well be asked of any time-consuming organization, Rotary included, ‘What is its justification?’

“I couldn't answer then. I'm still looking for the best answer. But after twenty-odd years of Rotary I'm sure Rotary's justification is not in its weekly get-together over the clatter of knives and forks. Not in its annual Ladies Night. Not in its emergence in 1905 out of the companionable heart of young Paul Harris, lonely in a big city. Not in the long series of luncheon programs designed to raise the level of our civic intelligence and broaden our sense of social obligation. Not even in a club's many worthwhile projects of benefit to the community.

“*You yourself are the justification of Rotary.* And the measure of that justification is precisely the measure by which the individual member actually does use his Rotary acquaintance as an opportunity for service through his vocation and his community. Technology has made the world smaller, but Rotary is making men larger — in understanding and in vision.

“If I had any single thing to say to a new member, I think it would be this: Why not define Rotary to your own satisfaction? Then, just for fun, try it out on someone!”

On another occasion, Paul summed it up in these words, “. . . after all, the end product of Rotary is Rotarians.” Certainly, this man was an adornment to the name we bear.

—Charlotte Reporter, May 15, 1979

CHARLES A. HUNTER
President 1959–1960

Virtually for all of my adult working life I have had the loan of a Rotary classification. I was 22 years old in May of 1940. In June, I graduated from college. In October 1940, I was in Rotary.

As I recall, it was Socrates who said that the unexamined life was not worth living.

In my work out on the dairy farm, on many occasions I had the opportunity to ponder the question, "Why Rotary?" Why disrupt harvesting or other pressing duties, shower, slip into Sunday clothes, and head towards Rotary meetings at the old Chamber of Commerce dining room, the Hotel Charlotte, the Elks Club, or Honey's, often adding another couple hours to the working day.

It may have been the better use of time to sit down with the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker and to listen to 52 thoughtful topics each year . . . my horizons kept expanding. When day was over, my world was a little larger.

In the midst of this I continued to ponder the question, "Why Rotary?"

Fortunately, the answer presented itself. I was exposed to the thinking of Abraham Maslow and his theory on the hierarchy of needs of people. Many of you, I am sure, are acquainted with the five levels of human needs as outlined by Maslow.

First is the physiological need of food, clothing, shelter and rest. These are the first basic needs.

Second is the need for safety or security. When physiological needs are satisfied, man wants to keep and protect what he has. He starts to try to stabilize his environment for the future.

Third level is that of social needs. As his environment becomes more stable, he seeks to be part of something larger than himself. He has social needs for belonging, for sharing and association, for giving and receiving friendship. This is the point at which Rotary begins to interplay. . . . We refer to it as fellowship and acquaintance.

Fourth is the ego need. These are the needs that relate to one's self-esteem and self worth coupled with the human building blocks of self-confidence, independence, achievement and competence. It nudges us on to earn status, recognition, and respect of our peers. At this point Rotary begins to accommodate even more of the needs.

Fifth and highest needs are that of self-fulfillment . . . the need for growth, self-development, self-actualization. As the capstone of all his other needs, man wants to realize the full range of his individual potential as a human being.

Yes, Rotary identifies with the higher needs of mankind. Stand on a railroad track and peer down the rails on a straight track; they appear to merge in the distance. But stand on the avenue of service in Rotary and look down its length and it gets wider and wider. To me, that is the miracle called Rotary.

Memorable Rotarians

DAVID CLARK
President 1918–1919

By Charlie Hunter

The Rotary Club of Spruce Pine, North Carolina, recently celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary . . . having been organized in September, 1928. In representing the sponsor club I did some research.

Dave Clark of the Charlotte Club was the Rotarian who was chairman of the committee in organizing the new club of Spruce Pine. This was one of the thirty Rotary clubs that he started. He was the second president of the Charlotte Club (1918–1919). He went on to be District Governor, and a director of Rotary International.

In the early days of Rotary, Dave had a running battle with the leadership of Rotary. There was a strong position for organizing Rotary Clubs only in the large metropolitan cities. This was the stance of a majority of the leadership of Rotary International.

Dave took the position that Rotary was something that was needed in every community that could muster sufficient classifications to organize a club. His tenacity was unmatched . . . he could become a majority of one.

In time, Dave Clark's thinking prevailed, and Rotary was welcomed around the world—from small communities of 500 population to the great cities of millions. Today, we find 17,874 Rotary Clubs in 154 countries and geographical regions, with a new club coming on stream every day. Dave Clark made a good-sized contribution.

—Charlotte Reporter, October 24, 1978

C. W. "PAT" GILCHRIST

President 1950–1951

District Governor 1959–1960

Director Rotary International 1962–1964

Finance Committee R. I. 1964–1966

Chairman 1965–1966

Chairman Agenda Committee International Institute 1967

Chairman R. I. Convention 1969

Past District Governor Charlie A. Hunter delivered the following eulogy for Rotarian Gilchrist at our meeting on January 6, 1987.

In the design of Divine Providence we are sent individuals of unique capacity and nature. One is described as "A Man of All Seasons." In the expression of William H. Danforth the unique are referred to as individuals who:

Stand Tall
Think Tall
Act Tall, and
Live Tall

C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist was such an individual. He walked, he lived, and he gave generously of his tall self. We have been blessed by his sojourn in our midst.

It has been observed that great individuals are the result of the right combinations of some six (6) of the

200 positive attributes. Pat got his act together in a beautiful way. He endeared and inspired his host of friends at home and in the wide world of Rotary.

Pat joined the Charlotte Rotary Club in 1943. Seven years later he was president of the Club. Nine years later he was district governor, and two years later he was a director of Rotary International. We often said if we could have turned the clock back a few years on Pat we could have seen him proceed to the ultimate position of leadership in Rotary. He would have been a great president of Rotary International.

Sunday it fell my lot to call his close friends in Rotary. Four of them were past presidents of R. I. (Roy Hickman, Bill Robbins, Jim Bomar, and Bill Skelton). The others were past directors of R. I. Just as he touched the lives of those at home he established affinity with the other tall men of Rotary.

If I may lift a line from the "Sound of Music" . . . after a moment of despair "We cry a little, and then wait for the sun to shine." We grieve with the passing of Pat Gilchrist, but we bask in the glow of his life of service, his cosmos vision, his sensitive human touch as a friend, and for the love with which he encompassed his family.

I join with his host of friends in turning heavenward a simple, but complete prayer, "Dear God, send our way more fine men like C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist." You see, he was one of God's Gentlemen.

Rotary Legacies from Pat Gilchrist

Lectern for Head Table
50th Anniversary History of
Charlotte Rotary
Brass Bell for New Clubs in District
Annual Pat Gilchrist Award
for Best Club in District

In the name of Rotary [Charlotte Rotarians] have written their histories indelibly into the affections of a grateful community. Perhaps these individuals were totally unaware of the yeoman service they were rendering. The stepping stones they trod on the way to accomplishments were often marked by absence from family, tiresome meetings, negative opinions, monetary sacrifice, and so many other drab inconsequential. This is the history we cannot write. Yet, what they worked for is now called blessed.

A Half Century of Rotary, 1916-1966
Foreword by C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist
Chairman, 50th Anniversary Committee

JOHN PAUL LUCAS, JR.
President 1947-1948

Death has removed from the ranks of Charlotte Rotary one of its most beloved members and Charlotte has lost a sterling citizen in the passing of John Paul Lucas, Jr. on May 8, 1979. In 38 years as a member, Paul served on virtually every committee, was a director numerous times, secretary (1944-45), president (1947-48) and district governor (1952-53). He was a frequent program guest at Rotary clubs in this and neighboring

districts and had a wide acquaintance in Rotary everywhere he went.

Paul personified the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." His contributions to the civic, educational, and religious life of Charlotte and North Carolina would fill all four pages of this publication. On the national level, he was the first Charlottean to be made a director of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

With earned degrees from Duke, North Carolina State, and Princeton, he taught briefly at State and at Clemson. His service to Charlotte College and UNCC as a trustee was recognized when a classroom building at UNCC was named in his honor. He was also a trustee of Johnson C. Smith University and vice chairman of the N. C. Board of Higher Education.

Paul followed in the footsteps of his distinguished father who came to Charlotte as editor of the *Charlotte Observer* and went on to become vice president of Duke Power Company. Paul, Sr., preceded his son as president of our club (1929-30) — the two being the only father-son holders of this distinction in our 73-year history.

The Methodist Church was a beneficiary of Paul's talents, too, in his role of chairman of the Board of Stewards and District Lay Leader.

Paul was unquestionably one of our most literate members, having served as a newspaperman and co-author of a book. He had few peers as a writer and spokesman for Rotary. Our roster contains a postscript authored by Paul which will continue to inspire us.

—Charlotte Reporter, May 15, 1979

Meeting Places

The first meetings, in 1916, were at the Selwyn Hotel at the northeast corner of Trade and Church streets, then in its heyday. In 1918 members enjoyed a fine luncheon for 75¢ at the prestigious Southern Manufacturers Club, a couple of blocks farther west on Trade Street. During 1921 there was an experiment in "rotating" the meeting place at the YMCA, Alexander Graham School, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the YWCA and Second Presbyterian Church; also, some picnics at country churches: Steele Creek, Sardis and Sugar Creek Presbyterian churches. By 1923 the Club was eating in the second floor dining room of the Chamber of Commerce in the first block of West Fourth Street. In 1931 the price of meals dropped from 90¢ to 75¢ and finally to 60¢.

During the 1940s we met at the Hotel Charlotte on West Trade (now the site of Carillon building) . . . the Elk's Club in the 1950s and 1960s, at the northeast corner of South Tryon and Stonewall streets . . . Honey's and Issie Pittle's in the 1960s and 1970s at the southwest corner of South Tryon and Morehead streets. By 1976 we were meeting at the Top of the Tower dining room on the 30th floor of the new First Union National Bank building on South Tryon and Third streets. In 1970 we moved to the Quality Inn Downtown at 220 South McDowell. The name was changed to Howard Johnson City Center in 1989 and to Government House in 1990.

OTHER MEMORABLE ROTARIANS

*Excerpt from Health and Happiness Report
by Zach Thomas on December 28, 1982.*

Each of us, and all of Charlotte will be thankful for years to come that Glenn Park was a Rotarian, and a 37-year perfect attender at that, prior to his recent death. Glenn caused there to be some seven or eight thousand living monuments to Rotary to exist in our community in the form of beautiful dogwood and sugar maple trees, an annual project that is still active. We cannot think of Rotary's relationship to trees without the fond memory that Rotarian George Ivey, Sr., plus other Club members accompanied our founder, Paul Harris, to the campus of the Mint Museum where he personally planted a small English Walnut tree honoring this Club. Today one sees a sturdy and beautiful tree towering over the bronze Rotary marker.

None who were so fortunate to be on hand could ever forget the beautiful luncheon music often provided for us by members Roy Palmer on the cornet, Ernie Hicks on the clarinet and Dave Welton on the piano.

Your Club took the bit in its teeth and opened its heart and its membership in the year 1970 to Dr. Lonnie Newsome, then president of Johnson C. Smith University, who became the first black to be taken into membership by a local civic club.

I am sure there are those here who remember one of the warmest and kindest men of all times, Red Whisnant, who, as our president, could murder the king's English in more different ways than anyone.

The humor and the timing and the material used by Dr. Dick Owenby as our permanent in-residence Health and Happiness performer quickly gained for him a time slot before lunch known as the "Methodist Hour."

Our Club is fortunate to have Tom Warren as our executive secretary, the first club in the state to enjoy the services of one of its own members in such a position.

I wish time would permit to do more than to mention the names of the people who have meant so much to this Club and to me, such as Dave Clark, "Mr. Rotary" of his day; Gordon Christian, a man totally dedicated to his club; the sage and humorous John Fox; the genuine Dr. Ham McKay; John Paul Lucas' articulate leadership; Bob Woodson's alliterative blessings; Henry Swanzey's continual search for the high notes while leading our music; Ken Goodson's sharp wit and deep wisdom; Jim Watt's eternal vigilance as sergeant-at-arms now so ably continued by Cecil Lawrence; Clarence Kuester's enthusiasm; Jim McMillan's and Powell Major's never ending patience in the direction of the Rotary Boys Choir, including their performance in Madison Square Garden; Charles Stone's love of Rotary; and Pat Gilchrist's international involvement which never interfered with his loyalty and support of his own club; Dr. V. K. "Bill" Hart's sincerity and loyalty; and the capacity to lead which belonged to Everett Bierman.

Memorable Events

By G. Douglas Aitken, Sr.

Your editors thought that many of the newer members would enjoy being brought up to date on some of our members with the longest Rotary membership and hearing about some of their impressions of Rotary and some of the highlights and humorous happenings from the past.

The first to respond to our questionnaire was Doug Aitken, who joined Rotary on June 23, 1936. Doug was on the board of directors at various times from 1949 through 1968, and served on the budget and finance committees from 1971 to 1976. Doug tells us of many things that come to mind as he looks back over the past forty years. He remembers:

(1) The first-aid emergency supply station headed by George Ivey, Sr. during World War II.

(2) Furnishing school equipment to the YMCA in Arequipa, Peru, one of our sister cities — a project of Pat Gilchrist which had great response.

(3) A request for funds to start an annual Boy Scout Merit Badge Show — a project of Fred Vantrease.

(4) A beauty contest won by Ben Hood's "legs."

(5) The time when one of the members paid an organ grinder with his music box and a bear to bring the bear to the meeting room surreptitiously and have the bear stand and put his paws on the shoulder of a seated member. The member went under the table and all nearby gave the bear plenty of room.

Doug has lived in Dilworth since early childhood. His family consists of Nita, his wife, and two sons, Douglas and Alan. He was educated in the local schools and holds certificates from the American Institute of Banking, UNC and Northwestern Schools of Banking. He was with the Bank of Commerce for 52 years and was president for 12 years. He served on city council as mayor pro-tem, on the local board of education for six years and the state board of education for 16 years. He served on the Chamber of Commerce board for three terms. Doug has been interested in YMCA work since 1914 and continues to the present, having served on various committees and board and trustee membership from 1936. He is an elder in the Avondale Presbyterian Church and has served as clerk of the session and on many other committees in the presbytery and synod and as a commissioner to General Assembly three times.

Doug feels that the Club, in addition to its regular sustaining projects, should develop singular projects each year or so — supporting one good project, as for example, "The Festival in the Park."

In addition to Doug's other activities, he served as secretary and treasurer of the Club, as treasurer of the Rotary Student Loan Fund for 30 years, as treasurer of the Boy Scout Merit Badge Show for several years and as treasurer of the District Conference and other committees.

Thanks for the memories, Doug — and thanks for your fine service to the Club and your community.

—Charlotte Reporter, October 4, 1977

ner were J. S. Sitrine, Harry R. Wilkins, Charles H. Newton, Jr., G. M. MacNider, John A. Singleton, Milton G. Smith, Bob Bowe of Greenville; Isaac Andrews, G. F. Wilson, E. H. Everett, Elwood F. Bell, A. W. Horton, Charles E. Band, R. H. F. Chapman, H. Frank McGee, J. W. Alexander of Spartanburg; William E. Morton of Richmond.

A Brief History of "Little Rotary"

By AL BECHTOLD

(Assisted by Hoyt Galvin and Powell Majors)

Never heard of it some will say — "Little Rotary?"; let's ask, "What was it?" In the next few paragraphs we shall endeavor to give a brief description of the who, what, when, where and why.

About 30 years ago many Rotarians were eating lunch downtown at Thacker's Restaurant, 221 S. Tryon Street. This was the year of John Pender's presidency. A group of 8 to 10 Rotarians would gather each Thursday for lunch in a private dining room. It so happened President John had asked Wesley Bouterse to organize a plan to indoctrinate new members. Since Wesley was chairman of the fellowship and acquaintance committee, he conceived the idea of bringing prospective new members to Thacker's to talk with and listen to some of the "old-in-point-of-service" Rotarians about the Club's functions, ideas, etc. It worked well and gave new members a knowledge of Rotary. This plan of acquainting new members with Rotary is still carried on by various chairmen in different ways.

The group of Thursday gatherings kept on and grew until some days as many as 25 to 30 men came to discuss — sometimes serious things, sometimes just stuff and stuff. It was dubbed "Little Rotary." How it actually got its name could not be determined or who first mentioned "Little Rotary" but it stuck with the group until Thacker's Restaurant went out of business. As time went on, more and more Rotarians would come on Thursdays to enjoy the fellowship and lunch (only 50¢) and hear expounded much wisdom, ideals, and some "bunk." As this group gathered informally, John W. Fox, one of the best read and keenest minds in the entire City of Charlotte, would act as moderator. When John was unable to attend, others took the chair and presided — remembering at all times that it was informal and was in no way an official part of the Charlotte Rotary Club. These highly informed and informal gatherings quickly became a challenging forum on civic affairs, world events, the state of the economy, politics and Rotary itself. The members present had a comfortable feeling of being among friends for "off the record" discussions. Regardless of the problem or idea, it was attacked with enthusiasm, eloquence sometimes banteringly, sometimes dead seriously, and almost always in good-natured, thought-provoking discussions.

With Louis Rogers as Republican protagonist, with Everett Bierman as chief heckler, with Paul Lucas's academic point of view, with Jim McMillan's promotional dreams for greater Charlotte, with Woody Ken-

nedy's thoughts for a great university and engineering school, with Pat Gilchrist's true loyalty and philosophy of Paul Harris's meaning of Rotary, with Ernest Hicks' thoughts about politicians and politics, with Francis Beatty's urbanity, with John W. Fox's wisdom and overall knowledge in any field, with Chan Richards, Bill Crichton and Powell Majors cross-examining each thought expressed, there really was never a dull moment or lack of discussion material at any session.

It has been said by some of Charlotte's leaders that the "seed was sown" at Little Rotary for many worthwhile projects — not only for the Rotary Club but also for the city — which benefitted and furnished enjoyment to many thousands of people.

Here is a partial list of the "seeds" — discovered and planted — which have grown and produced valuable fruit:

- Better Business Bureau
- Charlotte Coliseum and Auditorium
- Charlotte Boys Choir
- Charlotte College (now CPCC) and UNCC
- Rotary Scout Circus Show
- Expansion of Rotary in Dilworth
- "Hoorah America" Show put on by Rotary for Medical Supplies in World War II
- Ceiling reading machine for the Library
- Children's Nature Museum

Here is a partial list of Rotarians attending "Little Rotary" at times:

Doug Aitken	Tebee Hawkins
Ben Ashcraft	Ernest Hicks
Francis Beatty	Floyd Hurt
Al Bechtold	Lenoir Keesler
Everett Bierman	Woody Kennedy
Wesley Bouterse	Sadler Love
Hugh Boyer	Charles Lucas
Cecil Brodt	Paul Lucas
Jim Cates	Powell Majors
Doc Coles	Shorty Martin
Dave Clark	Harry McKenna
Bill Crichton	Jim McMillan
Bob Flack	Roy Palmer
John E. Fox	John Pender
John W. Fox	Gus Pound
Hoyt Galvin	Louis Ratcliffe
Pat Gilchrist	Chan Richards
Givie Givens	Louis Rogers
Harry Hardy	Martin Waters
Gerry Harney	Beau Whitton

—Charlotte Reporter, March 15, 1977

Glad to Be Alive Club

Our "Glad to Be Alive" Club originated during the presidency of Charlie Hunter, 1959–1960. Members of the Club commit to making a donation to the Rotary Foundation on their birthday each year. Some members contribute one dollar for each year of their life. The late Jody Kellermann took particular pleasure in doing this on his birthday.

Golden "50" Club

The following have been members of our Club for 50 or more years. Six were active members at the time of our 75th Anniversary in 1991.

- Gus Pound, charter member, 1916–1966
- Turk Terrell, 1919–1973
- Rufe Johnston, 1920–1976
- Wiley Obenshain, 1922–1972
- Mack Hatch, 1922–1974
- Ben Hood, 1926–1983
- Jim Van Ness, 1928–1982
- Francis Beatty, 1933–1983
- Doug Aitken, 1936–1990
- Powell Majors, 1938–
- Jim M. Alexander, 1938–
- Hunter Jones, 1938–
- Hoyt Galvin, 1938–
- Jim Barnhardt, Sr., 1939–
- Charlie Hunter, 1940–

Bicentennial Programs Presented to Local Schools

At the invitation of Grant Whitney, Charlotte Bicentennial Celebration Chairman, the Rotary clubs of Charlotte volunteered to present Bicentennial programs on the subject of local history to the public and private schools in the area. Under the chairmanship of Bill Tennent of East Charlotte Rotary, a Committee was organized to prepare a talk and obtain volunteer speakers. Dal Shefte was the representative from our Club on this Committee. With the help of Professor Chalmers Davidson of Davidson College, a talk was prepared on local history, and volunteer speakers were recruited from all of the Rotary Clubs.

During the month of January, talks were presented to an estimated 13,000 students by these volunteer speakers.

Volunteers from our Club presented approximately 26 programs at 11 local schools. These volunteers and the schools at which they spoke are:

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| Bill Morris | West Charlotte High School |
| Bill Poe | West Charlotte High School |
| Charlie Hunter | Northside Christian School
and Wilmore Elementary School |
| Tom Lane | Cochrane Junior High |
| Bill Burton | Cochrane Junior High |
| Beau Whitton | Hawthorne Junior High |
| Jack Smylie | Northwest Junior High |
| Tom Warren | Sedgefield Junior High |
| Bob Sailstad | Huntersville Elementary School |
| Ed Moline | Berryhill Elementary School |
| Bill Meanor | University Park Elementary School |
| Charlie Trexler | Tuckaseegee Elementary School |

The willingness of these Rotarians to volunteer to spend their time and talents on this project is appreciated by Rotary and the community.

—Charlotte Reporter, March 9, 1976

A Most Unusual Day

On Tuesday, March 30, 1976 the Rotary Club of Charlotte named the late Dave Clark, the late George Ivey, and Charlie Hunter as Paul Harris Fellows. In doing so it has honored itself as well as these outstanding Rotarians.

DAVE CLARK first "new member of Charlotte Rotary Club . . . second president (1918) . . . District Governor (1927) . . . During his years in Rotary organized 30 new Rotary Clubs including 15 during his year as DG — a world's record for any individual . . . Vice-Chairman, International Rotary Extension (1928–29) . . . elected to International Board of Directors (1929) . . . elected to honorary membership in 1953 . . . truly an example of Rotary dedication — finding fellowship, being a friend, and giving that highest grade of "Service above Self" . . . all Rotarians mourned his death in 1955.

GEORGE M. IVEY past president . . . past district governor . . . actively involved in the movement of Rotary International . . . member of Charlotte Rotary for over 40 years . . . a vital force in the development of community, civic and church welfare . . . Chairman of the Board, J. B. Ivey Company . . . a man of deep religious convictions . . . trustee of Providence Methodist Church . . . trustee of the Methodist Home for the Aged . . . active in the work of the national and local activities of the National Council of Christians and Jews . . . Rotary noted his passing in 1968 with regret — a farewell to a wonderful man and a great Rotarian.

CHARLIE HUNTER member since 1940 . . . sponsored by Dave Clark . . . one of the youngest men ever taken into the Club (at 22 years of age) . . . served on most every committee in Rotary, and as chairman of many . . . president of our Club in 1959–60 . . . inaugurated two new features in Charlotte Rotary: the "Glad to Be Alive Club" and the "25'ers Club" . . . district governor in 1968–69 . . . active scout leader, holder of Silver Beaver Award, three terms as president of Mecklenburg Council . . . Presbyterian elder and Sunday School superintendent, teacher for 25 years . . . active on boards of United Appeal agencies and Chamber of Commerce . . . leading dairyman, leader in state and national associations . . . N. C. Small Businessman of the Year 1973.

—Charlotte Reporter, April 13, 1976

Leaders All

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce sponsored "A Salute to Charlotte's National Leaders Luncheon" on June 11th. Each of the 46 honorees has served as chief executive of national or international organizations.

Included in this group of generous and talented persons are the following members of Charlotte Rotary:

- Francis J. Beatty, National Cotton Council of America
- David A. Burkhalter, International City Management Association
- Frank H. Caldwell, Moderator, Presbyterian Church, US
- John R. Cunningham, Presbyterian Church, US; Association of American Colleges

Elmer H. Garinger, American Association of School Superintendents of Cities of 100,000 to 200,000
 Charles A. Hunter, National All-Jersey, Inc.
 R. Zach Thomas, Jr., Public General Hospital Section of the American Hospital Association
 George Wrenn, Materials Handling Equipment Distributors Association
 —*Charlotte Reporter*, June 17, 1975

Our members serve on many community groups rendering a service to us all.

Among those working with the Boy Scouts at the Council level are the following members of boards and committees: Bill Barnhardt—Vice President for Camp Development; with him on the Executive Board are: David Burkhalter, S. R. deWitt, Charles A. Hunter, Clifton Johnson, J. Lee Morris, B. B. Parker, Dalbert Shefte, Marion H. Ward, Ray Wheeling, Beaumert Whitton.

Council members on the Advisory Committee are: Fred Alexander, Thomas Belk, Bob Bryant, T. P. Hawkins, McDaniel Jackson, Barry G. Miller, and William Poe.

Council Members At-Large include: Francis J. Beatty, Dean W. Colvard, Stanhope Lineberry, Samuel R. Spencer, R. Z. Thomas, Jr., and I. Grier Wallace, Jr.

The community owes a debt of gratitude to all of you who serve the youth of our city. . . . Thanks, Rotarians!

—*Charlotte Reporter*, May 11, 1976

Rotarian Dr. Dean Wallace Colvard has been selected *Charlotte News* Man of the Year for 1977.

Dean was honored for leading the development of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte from a small school with an enrollment of 1800 to a university of 8500 students in the brief space of 11 years.

The chancellor presides over a campus of 1,000 acres with a physical plant valued at \$54.5 million. The annual budget is now more than \$17 million.

Despite the rapid growth, the chancellor has emphasized quality and a number of programs are ranked near the top in the state.

After 43 years in education, Dean has announced his intention to retire on or before Dec. 31, 1978. He has gained a reputation for being an institution builder as a dean at N.C. State University, as president of Mississippi State University and as the first chancellor of UNCC.

Dean is the ninth number of our club to be accorded this recognition. Inaugurated by the *Charlotte News* in 1944, the first Man of the Year was Charlotte Rotarian Coleman W. Roberts, now deceased. Other winners were:

- 1945 C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist
- 1947 George M. Ivey (deceased)
- 1948 Col. J. Norman Pease
- 1953 James P. McMillan (deceased)
- 1962 Thomas M. Belk
- 1970 William E. Poe
- 1973 Richard H. Hagemeyer

—*Charlotte Reporter*, January 17, 1978

All in the Family

Fellowship is at the heart of the Rotary experience. The Object of Rotary — the official statement of purpose — includes these words: "The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service." Fellowship is shared with a continuing stream of new members over the years. It is especially pleasurable whenever the opportunity comes about to introduce a family member to the warmth of our fellowship. Listed below is a "family tree" of our active members at present:

Father/Son

James M. and James F. Alexander
 Charles W., Jr. and Charles W., III, Allison
 James H., Sr. and James H., Jr., Barnhardt
 James H., Sr. and Sadler H. Barnhardt
 William M. and Richard Alan Barnhardt
 E. Raymond, Jr. and Robert J., Sr., Brietz
 Tebee P. and George B. Hawkins
 William E. and Kenneth W. Poe
 Charles B., Sr. and C. Brent Trexler, Jr.
 David G. and C. Rex Welton

Father/Daughter

Thomas L. Burgess and Kathryn B. Tyler

Brothers

Henry J., Jr. and Rufus K. Allison
 R. Z., Jr. and J. Robert Thomas
 John and Tom Belk

Father/Son-in-law

C. Dean Couch, Jr. and Hubert L. Shuler, III
 Joseph D. Moore and Fred T. Lowrance

Going back in time, we find these relationships:

J. Robert Allison, Jr.—son of former member, James, Sr.
 Thomas M. Barnhardt, III—son of Thomas, Jr. (deceased)
 James C. Evans—son of Robert E. (deceased)
 Ira L. Griffin, Jr.—son of Ira L., Sr. (deceased)
 Charles M. Lineberry—son of Stanhope (deceased)
 Ralston M. Pound, Jr.—son of Ralston M., Sr., charter member and our first 50-year Rotarian (deceased)
 Louis G. Ratcliffe, Jr.—son of Louis G., Sr. (deceased)
 Louis L. Rose, Jr.—son of Louis L., Sr. (deceased)
 K. Martin Waters, Jr.—son of K. Martin, Sr. (deceased)
 Frank E. Watson, III—son of former member, Frank, Jr.
 Charles A. Williams, III—son of Charles A., Jr. and grandson of Charles A., Sr., charter member of our Club (both deceased)

By action of the District Conference in Shelby in 1952, the District Scholarship was named the Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship in memory of Chan Gordon of Asheville who was stricken with a fatal illness in 1951 while serving as District Governor. Chan was known and beloved by a large number of Rotarians, and his youthful and exuberant spirit is perpetuated in the scholarship which now bears his name.

The clubs of the District have voted to support the Chan Gordon Scholarship with a voluntary contribution of \$2 per member each year. From the fund created a \$2500 grant is awarded each year for a student living in our District to study abroad. A health and accident policy is also provided. In addition, the scholarships for students coming to this District for study are provided from this fund.

Miss Shelley Welton, Chan Gordon Scholar for 1972-73 (and daughter of our own Dave Welton), recently gave us a fascinating and informative report on her year of study in England. Grier Wallace's son, Jack, was a Chan Gordon Scholar, also.

—Charlotte Reporter, April 23, 1974

The Four-Way Test

It was 1932, one of the dark moments of the Great Depression, and the Club Aluminum Company, owing \$400,000 more than its total assets, was about to go under. The creditors employed Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, hoping he could save the cookware company from bankruptcy. With a \$6,100 loan from a Chicago bank, the company did make a comeback.

But not without effort. Taylor and his associates recognized that "while we had a good product, our competitors also had fine cookware with well-established brand names." So they looked for "something which our competitors would not have in equal amount." If everyone connected with the business could be persuaded to govern his or her conduct by higher standards, the resulting improvement in efficiency and reputation might enable the firm to improve its position. It was not a matter of developing detailed rules, he decided. Rather it was the need for some way of reminding the individual, faced with a decision, of what he already knew was right. To provide this reminder he evolved a simple Four-Way Test and used it for a period in his own daily decisions. Then he suggested that his department heads try it out. They did — and found it helpful. Then he asked all the people he employed to learn it and use it.

The Four-Way Test by which Club Aluminum would be guided was so successful that in 1942 Rotary International adopted the same test for its members. Simple and brief, the Four-Way Test is equally suited for a family, individual, church, or nation.

1. Is it the *TRUTH*?
2. Is it *FAIR* to all concerned?
3. Will it build *GOODWILL* and *BETTER FRIENDSHIPS*?
4. Will it be *BENEFICIAL* to all concerned?

The four simple questions have been publicized in more than 80 countries by Rotary International. They proved acceptable and applicable to people of all religions and in every kind of situation. They have been translated into many languages. Four-Way Test posters are displayed prominently on the streets of Bombay, in Japanese railway stations, and in the offices and plants of countless business and professional men throughout the world.

—Charlotte Reporter, November 20, 1990

Perfect Attendance Leaders

	<i>Years</i>
Hoyt Galvin	47
Sy Piligian	40
Ralston Pound	40
Martin Waters	40
Joe Moore	38
Charlie Hunter	37
Mac Jackson	37
Paul Buck	33
Paul Smith	33
Barry Miller	31
Guy Keller	29
Les Berry	28
Dean Couch	28
Jeff Jeffries	28
Reagin Warren	28
Tom Warren	25
Jim Barnhardt, Jr.	20
Speck Wilson	20
Chuck Lineberry	17
Dwight Thomas	17
John Vaughan	16
Bill Barnhardt	15
Leland Park	15
Tom Burgess	14
Sam Elliott	14
Vernon Anderson	12
Don Fryar	11
Glenn Clinefelter	8
Ronnie Pruett	7
John Phillips	6
Bert Voswinkel	6
Tom Lane	5
Bart Warren	5
Alan Barnhardt	3
Ken Harris	3
Peter Relic	3
Dick Bevier	1
Bruce Darden	1
Jim Kiser	1
Lamar Thomas	1

—Charlotte Reporter, July 16, 1991

Although not a complete listing, some known family relationships involving current members with other local Rotary clubs include:

Bobby Lee Cockerham's father is a past president of Charlotte North Rotary.

George Page's son is a past president of Dilworth Rotary.

Phil Van Hoy's father is a past president of Dilworth Rotary.

—Charlotte Reporter, March 5, 1991

Senior, Senior, Charlotte Rotarians

Twenty-four of our members have shared the Rotary spirit for 40 or more years—four for fifty-two years! That says a great deal about Rotary and about these men. The fellowship, the opportunity for service, the programs, and even the food has kept them loyal to our Club and to Rotary International for more than 2,000 roll calls.

	Joined Rotary	Years in Rotary
Powell Majors	3-1-38	52
James M. Alexander	4-19-38	52
Hunter Jones	4-19-38	52
Hoyt Galvin	12-20-38	52
Jim Barnhardt, Sr.	5-9-39	51
Charlie Hunter	11-2-40	50
Dave Welton	12-14-43	47
Dean Colvard	1945	45
Bob Kizer	12-28-45	45
Zach Thomas	1-21-47	43
Ed Pickard	1-27-47	43
Ray Brietz	6-7-47	43
Ralston Pound	2-3-48	42
Tom Warren	2-49	41
Haynes Baird	5-2-49	41
Dave McConnell	7-1-49	41
Bill Burton	10-49	41
Sy Piligian	1-50	40
George Wrenn	4-50	40
George Page	5-30-50	40
Louis Ratcliffe	6-6-50	40
Speck Wilson	6-6-50	40
Sadler Love	6-27-50	40
Martin Waters	8-22-50	40
Tebee Hawkins	1-5-51	40

—Charlotte Reporter, September 25, 1990

Bequests

The Club is the beneficiary of four bequests:

Charles H. Stone (1877–1963) for the Rotary Foundation.

C. W. "Pat" Gilchrist (1900–1987) for the Rotary Foundation.

Harry Hardy (1895–1973) for charities selected by the Projects Committee.

Anonymous, in honor of Charlie Hunter, to be used for community projects.

Excellence in Management Award

A. F. "Pete" Sloan, Chairman of Lance, Inc., is the recipient of the first "Excellence in Management" award, sponsored by the Charlotte Rotary Club, The Business Journal and the Charlotte Chamber.

Older members will remember Pete as a fellow Rotarian from 1968–77.

The "Excellence in Management" program was launched by the sponsoring groups as an approach to measuring management excellence in the Charlotte-area business community. With many highly successful managers and businesses operating in the area, the Charlotte Chamber was in pursuit of excellence recognition. Paralleling this was an emerging effort of the Charlotte Rotary Club's Trade and Professional Relations Committee to recognize good business practices, high ethical standards and professionalism (one of the four Objects of Rotary).

Sloan was chosen from a field of 36 management candidates who were nominated by business community members. The selection was made by a committee of Chamber/Rotary officers who evaluated nominations with particular focus on the following areas: fairness, consistency, flexibility, knowledge, perceptiveness, sharing, fostering of relationships, communication goals and commitment.

Other recipients:

1989 Leroy Robinson

1990 Bill Lee

1991 Byron Bullard

1992 Ken Iverson

1993 Ed Crutchfield

1994 Johnie Jones

—Charlotte Reporter, October 25, 1988

The Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship

The Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship had its beginning at the 39th Annual Convention of Rotary International in Rio de Janeiro in 1948. On the final day of the Convention President Frank Spain introduced a young man from Rio de Janeiro who had spent one year as a guest of District 147 at Northwestern University. This young man spoke so convincingly of his experiences in the United States that a group of Rotarians from this district who heard him resolved to launch a similar program.

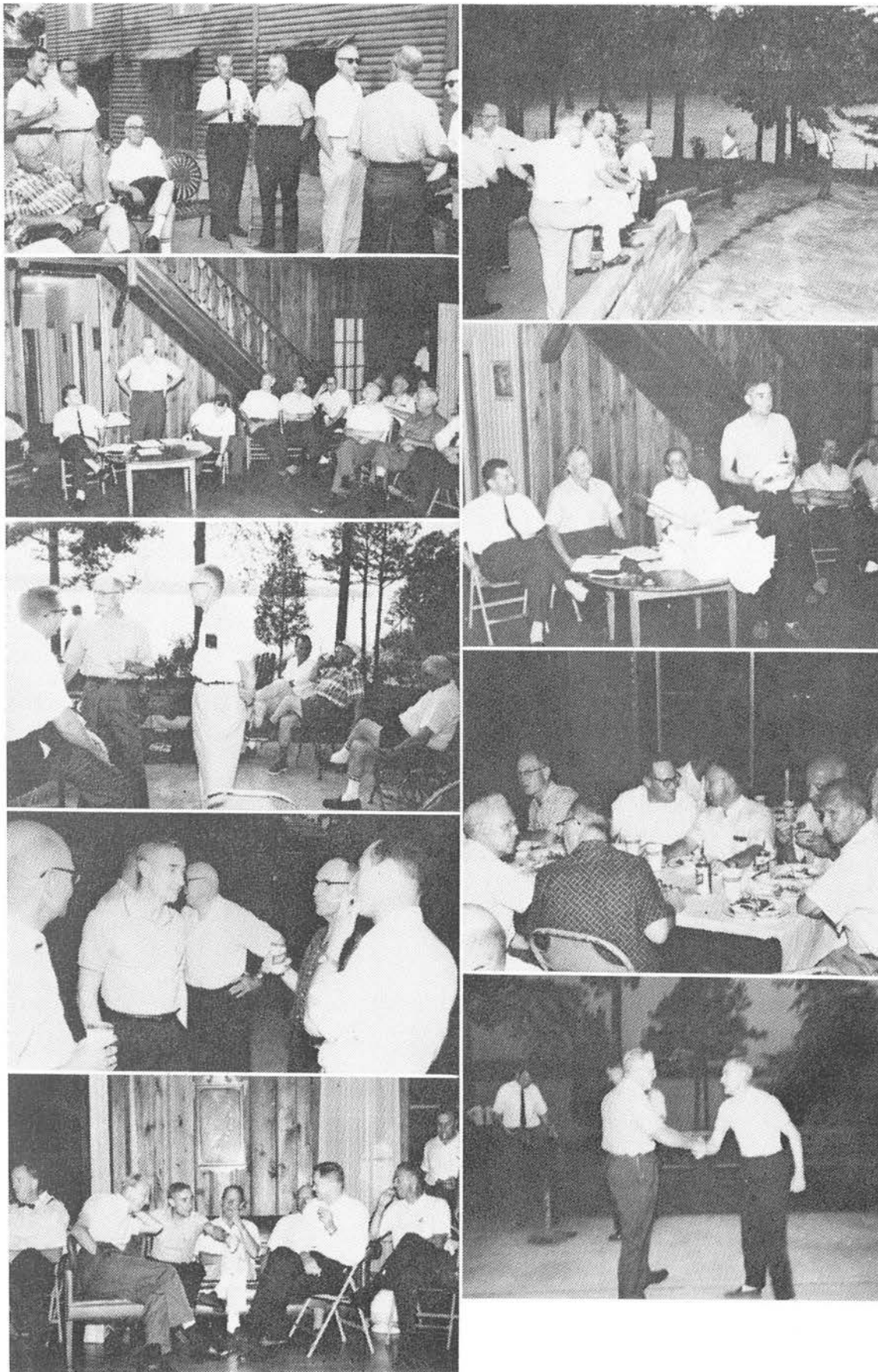
Following the Rio Convention, our District Assembly, meeting in Hickory, instructed Governor Everett Bierman of Charlotte to appoint a committee to study the matter. This was done, and at the District Conference of 1948 in Hendersonville, the Hickory Rotary Club offered a plan which was adopted to initiate a scholarship program and invite young men and women from other countries for a year of undergraduate study at one of the senior colleges in the District: Appalachian, Davidson, Lenoir Rhyne, and Western Carolina. The Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship Committee reserve the right to select the student and the college he will attend.



But there is a serious side to Rotary!!



All work and no play makes a dull boy . . . they say.



1961-1962 Club Assembly on Lake Wylie.



An appreciative audience on a typical Tuesday.



President Doug Booth congratulates Jim Van Ness on completing 50 years of membership in the Club. Jim joined in 1928, was president in 1934–1935 when only 28 years old. He collected Rotary commemorative stamps from the world over and donated them to the Club.



President E. K. Fretwell presents our executive secretary Tom Warren with a Paul Harris pin in celebration of Tom's 80th birthday and his service to the Club.



Four new members of the Golden "50" Club: Powell Majors, Hunter Jones, Hoyt Galvin and Jim M. Alexander. Hunter and Jim joined on the same day, April 19, 1938.



Past presidents Bill Loftin, Sr. (1986–1987); Jim Barnhardt, Jr. (1991–1992); and Price Gwynn (1981–1982) at the head table.



RI President Bill Skelton, assisted by Ed White of our Trees Committee, continues a gesture of friendship first extended by Paul Harris in 1939 when he planted a walnut tree at the Mint Museum of Art. This tree, a sugar maple, was planted on September 13, 1983, on Elizabeth Avenue at Central Piedmont Community College.



Pat Gilchrist presents a check to the officers of our sister club in Arequipa, Peru, representing part of our Club's pledge of \$5,000 to help establish a YMCA. This was a feature of our 50th Anniversary observance in 1966.



Some of the 200 dogwood and sugar maple trees received from Tennessee in 1976 for donation to the Parks and Recreation Department.



Warner Hall presents a \$3,000 check to fellow Rotarian and city manager Dave Burkhalter for recreational facilities in the West Boulevard area.



Mrs. Rufus Johnston with her daughters, Mrs. Frank Timberlake and Mrs. Carl Horn presented a bequest provided in the will of Rufus Johnston to Charlie Allison of our Trees Committee and President Doug Booth. At the time of his death in 1976 Rufus held the Club record for membership: 56 years.



Ladies' Night, now Spring Gala



Bill Morris made this camera record of Ladies' Night 1977. Pictured are Carswell and Ina Hughs, President Pete deWitt, President-elect Dean and Martha Colvard, Jim Barnhardt, Jr., Bill and Grace Burton, and Haynes Baird. Jim was master of ceremonies and Haynes, the Squire of Madison County, served up the humor.



Bob and Toi Glasgow, Paul Harris Fellows. Toi was our office secretary in the 1960s.



Abel Girault, master of ceremonies, 1974 Ladies' Night, and President Warner Hall congratulate President-elect Tom Garrett.



Senior actives Glenn Park, Francis Beatty and Bob Woodson.



District Governor Joe Moore and Virgilia are feted at the district conference in Asheville, May, 1987.



Ben Hood, a member since he was 47, was honored on his 100th birthday by President Hoke Nash and the Club, December 1979.



President Dean Colvard introduces President-elect Hoke Nash at Club Assembly, 1979.



Directors at work. Left to right, front row: Jim Fogartie, President-elect Marvin Lymberis, Bill Poe, Jody Kellermann and President Warner Hall. Back row: Don Davidson, Tom Garrett, Fred McPhail, Charlie Trexler, Bob Glasgow, Louis Ratcliffe, John Temple and Bill Barnhardt.



Rotarians from North Scranton (Penna.) Rotary Club brought hay for drought-stricken cattlemen in Mecklenburg County, September 1986.



Don Steger, our man from ???

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C. W. "PAT" GILCHRIST
Chairman

50th Anniversary Committee

In picture above is the gavel, made of over 60 different woods, given to Pat at the Dixie Dinner in St. Louis, 1963. The oil portrait on the wall was presented to Pat at the Dixie Dinner in Toronto, Canada, 1964.

The Initial Buzz

President Gus Pound returned from Minneapolis with several Rotary Bees in his bonnet, so to speak. One of these bees evolved into the Rotary Hornet, which with this issue wings its first flight to the homes of Charlotte Rotarians.

The Rotary Hornet will be published Fridays and will replace the weekly attendance letters. It will feature news, announcements, facts and comments concerning the local club, and in addition will carry items of timely interest pertaining to Rotary in general—its objects, growth and activities.

And now the club editors hasten to emphasize the fact that this is YOUR publication, not theirs. Criticisms, suggestions, and contributions will be welcomed at all times. Personal items of a "Health and Happiness" nature concerning Charlotte Rotarians and their families are particularly requested.

Forms will close at noon on Thursdays, and all contributions must be in the hands of the editors by Wednesday night to insure publication in that week's issue.

It is sincerely hoped that everyone will throw his shoulder to the wheel and help make the Rotary Hornet a really important and helpful factor in the life of the local club.

Perhaps there will be a visiting Rotarian at your table next Tuesday. Introduce yourself and the rest of the bunch to him. He will appreciate this far more than the formal word of welcome.

Unfiled Classifications

July 1, 1924, the membership of the Charlotte Rotary Club was 145. July 1, 1928, the membership totalled only 140.

On the backpage will be found a partial list of open classifications. The majority sentiment of the club seems to favor the filling of classifications in every case where there is a man available who fully meets Rotary requirements.

To quote from a recent article in the Rotarian: "If there remains in our club an unfiled classification and outside a man equipped to fill it, that club of ours is not fully functioning. We are holding off from Rotary a strength that might be utilized; we are denying a fellow-man a help that we might offer him."

Look over this list of open classifications. Perhaps you know a man with the character and qualifications to worthily fill one of them. Secure a blank from the secretary or president and propose his name.

Probably none of us, even including Joe Garibaldi, ever before fully appreciated the real worth of a watch and chain, until we heard that "jewel" of a presentation made by Bishop Ed Penick to retiring President Henry McAden.

With an attendance percentage of 92.48 the Charlotte Rotary Club in April made the "high ten" in Division B, Rotary International. This division is composed of 138 clubs having between 100 and 200 members. It is said that this is the first time that Charlotte has ever won this distinction. It was the only southern city in the group.



Happiness is . . . Jim McMillan was loved by thousands of young men because he touched their lives through the Charlotte Boys Choir, which was sponsored by our Club.



Past presidents all. *Front row, left to right:* Jim McMillan, Pat Gilchrist, Glenn Park, Hoyt Galvin. *Back row:* Rufus Johnston, Gus Pound, Marshall Lake, Roy Palmer, Charlie Williams and Francis Betty.