

**GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY**



Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club

Club 1090

March 1, 1972

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History
of
Rotary Club #1090
(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

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By **AUGUST BURGHARD**

CLUB PRESIDENT, 1937-38

Chairman and Co-Chairman History Committee

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DEDICATION

This History is dedicated to those men of vision
and good will who organized the Club in 1922:

To the Ideals of Rotary as expressed in the Object
of Rotary and in the Four Way Test:

And also to the wives of Rotarians our Rotary Anns
who have been so understanding, so interested, so helpful
and inspirational to us down through the years.



ESTELLE PFEIFER
Rotary Club 1090's
First Lady



Paul P. Harris

Rotary's Inception

Paul P. Harris, who founded Rotary, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, April 19, 1868. Most of his youth was spent in Wallingford, Vermont. He attended the University of Vermont, Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

He opened his law office in Chicago in 1896. Harris' law clients were business, but not social friends. His early Chicago years were lonely. He dreamed of how business and professional people might become social friends through a club of representative men in both fields.

By 1905, this dream and philosophy of business relations materialized when he met (February 23, 1905) with three clients — a coal dealer, a mining engineer and a merchant tailor. The name Rotary was chosen because the members first met, in Rotation, in their various offices and places of business.

In 1910, with 16 clubs, Rotary became a national group. By 1912, Clubs were founded in Canada, Ireland and England and Rotary became an International Association.

Paul Harris devoted himself to the growth and advancement of Rotary in the firm belief that Rotarianism could become an important service movement throughout the world.

By January 27, 1947, the time of his death, Harris had seen his dream sweep across this nation, and into many foreign lands. Today Rotary has 707,500 members in 149 countries and geographical regions.

Club #1090, Fort Lauderdale, had come into being only seventeen years since the first four members met for the first time in Chicago in 1905.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

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

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

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



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Service Above Self - He Profits Most Who Serves Best
1600 RIDGE AVENUE - EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201 - U.S.A.

ERNST G. BREITHOLTZ
PRESIDENT

20 January, 1972

To All Members of
The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear fellow Rotarians:

Heartly greetings to all as your club celebrates its golden anniversary. A half century of "Service Above Self" is a very significant achievement.

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has reason to be proud of its splendid activities in Rotary throughout the past 50 years, and I extend congratulations to your entire club.

When your club was organized in 1922, there were 1,089 Rotary clubs in 26 countries. Today there are 15,053 clubs in 149 countries and geographical areas—tremendous growth in membership and a corresponding increase in accomplishments. Your club has provided significant leadership in worthwhile undertakings, and I trust that this 50th anniversary milestone will be a springboard toward even greater service in your club in the future.

"Good Will Begins with You" is the theme of this Rotary year, and I feel confident that with you and all other Rotarians giving emphasis to it, together we can foster understanding both at home and abroad and contribute toward world peace.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Ernst G. Breitholtz
President



ERNST O. BREITHOLTZ



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COLIN J. FRYER
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February: 15th 1972



COLIN J. FRYER

Rotarian Robert H. Pfeifer, MD
President
Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale
P.O. Box 678
Fort Lauderdale
Florida.

Dear Bob:

As the month of March nears I am reminded of your Club's 50th Anniversary and of its fine past history in Rotary. It is wonderful to know of the many Rotarians in your Club who have so generously contributed their time to 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' for the years gone by and those that are now actively participating in your Club's activities.

Please convey to all the members of your Club my sincere Congratulations upon the completion of Fifty great years in Rotary. May the next fifty be as successful as the past.

With every good wish,

Sincerely in Rotary,

Colin J. Fryer
District Governor.

CLUB 1090'S CHARTER

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



*This certifies that the Rotary Club of
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

*having been duly organized and having agreed,
through its officers and members, to be bound by the
Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International
which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of
this certificate, is now a duly admitted member of*

*Rotary International
Club No. 1090*

*and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of
such membership.*

*In witness whereof the seal of Rotary
International is hereto affixed and the signatures of
its officers, duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this
first day of March Anno Domini 1922.*

(This is a duplicate charter issued 15 April, 1945)

Wm. M. Kellogg
President, Rotary International

Secretary, Rotary International

HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST

Dated 1st Day of March, 1922

THE BEGINNINGS
OF CLUB 1090
MARCH 1, 1922

OFFICERS
AND
DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT *John D. Sherwin*
VICE-PRESIDENT *Clinton D. Kittredge*
SECRETARY-TREASURER *David D. Oliver*
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS *DeWitt T. Hart*

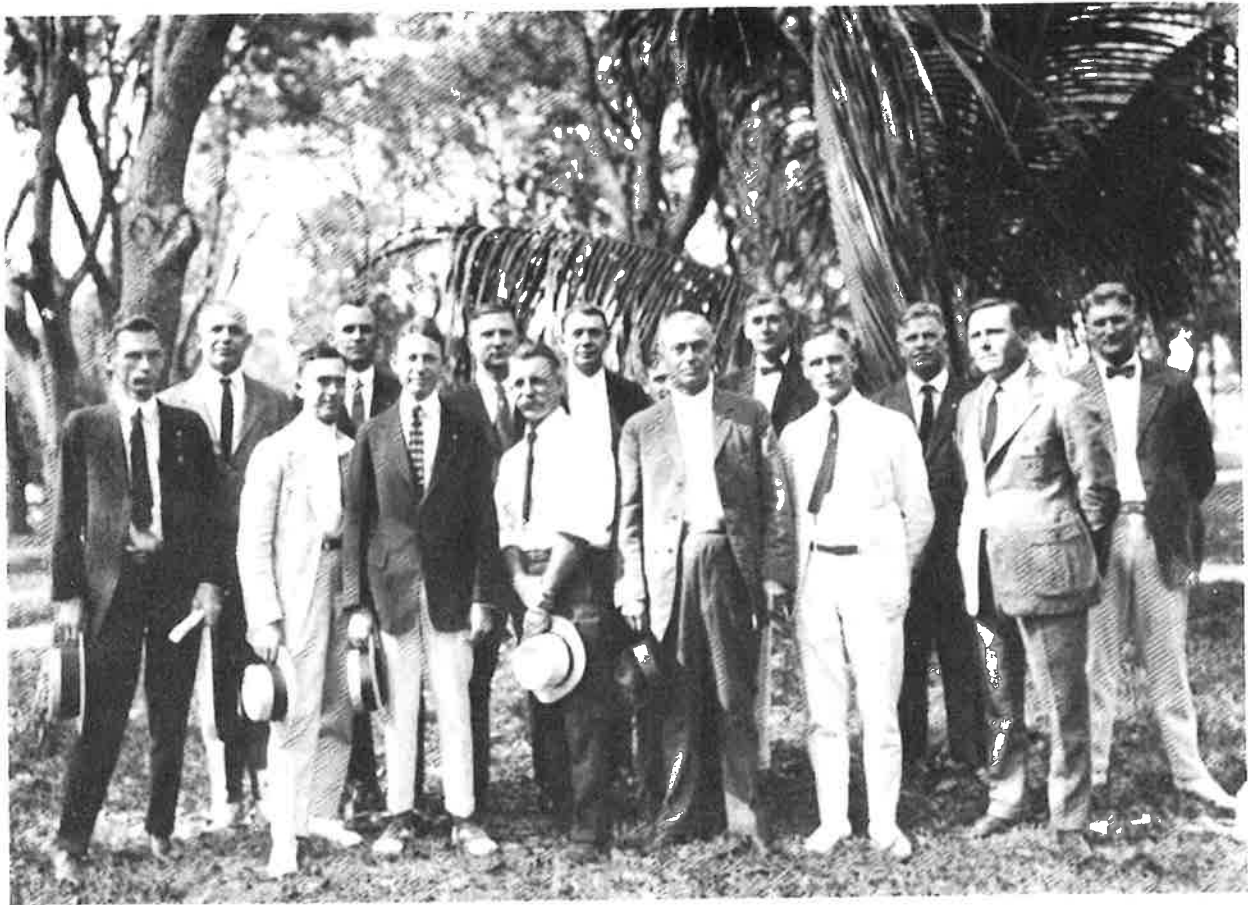
DIRECTORS

John D. Sherwin
Clinton D. Kittredge

David D. Oliver
Maxwell Baxter

John A. Stanford

CHARTER MEMBERS



Charter Members of Club 1090 — 1922

Front Row, left to right: D. D. Oliver, A. J. Beck, Maxwell Baxter, Commodore A. H. Brook, James S. Rickards, W. C. Kyle; Back Row, left to right: John D. Sherwin, M. A. Hortt, A. D. Marshall, John W. Needham (hidden back of Dr. Stanford), H. G. Wheeler, C. E. Rickard, Ed. H. Hortt.

Other Early Rotarians

The following Rotarians came into the club in 1922, after the charter group was completed:

Edw. Heimburger, Ed H. Hart, Wm. Kohlhausen, C. J. Joiner, R. E. Dye, R. G. Snow, John Grant, J. T. Karnatz, C. L. Chancey, C. E. Fritz, R. D. Tracy, Keith Robertson, Earl Hendrickson, John T. Schroeder, Geo. W. Young.

BIOGRAPHIES OF CHARTER MEMBERS



JOHN SHERWIN

John Dewey Sherman was born Nov. 16, 1876 and came to Fort Lauderdale January, 1914. He was a newspaper editor and publisher.

He was a member of the Port Everglades Authority, a charter member of Rotary Club, active in everything he thought would be of benefit to Fort Lauderdale, including the splitting off of Broward County from Dade in 1915.

He remained in Lauderdale until his death. His wife was the former Maude Ransom. They had a son Vernon C. He is now living in Baltimore, Md., where he is News Editor of The Baltimore Evening Sun.

He died in April, 1932. Mrs. Sherwin died in November, 1930. Both are buried in Lauderdale cemetery.

John D. Sherwin was born in Elk Falls, Kansas, the son of John F., and Sarah Kearns Sherwin who migrated westward from Jamestown, N. Y., in the days of the Conestoga wagon. Published Moline (Kan.) Advance, a weekly, before moving to Lauderdale. Worked briefly for Col. George G. Mathews on the old Lauderdale Sentinel. Started the rival Fort Lauderdale Herald in partnership with John L. Mouring, a printer, and Henry V. Calder, pioneer Lauderdale resident. Sold Herald during boom of 20's to Galvin Brothers of Lima, Ohio, who also bought Sentinel and established Lauderdale Daily News. Devoted self to real estate and politics for remainder of life.

ALFRED J. BECK

Alfred J. (Doc) Beck was born in Alabama, 1892, and came to Fort Lauderdale from Ocala, Florida in 1916, shortly after he and his wife Annie were married.

He was the owner-operator of Beck's Drug Store on Andrews Avenue and then on Las Olas Blvd. until the time of his death on July 31, 1961.

When they arrived in Fort Lauderdale, they found a town of sand dunes and pine trees and several hundred people centered around the F. E. C. Railroad Station. "Doc" Beck was active in organizing the community's first Episcopal Church. He was made treasurer and served in that capacity for twenty-eight years. He was a member of the Junior and Senior Wardens of his church.

At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of the Rotary Club founders, and one of its past presidents.

His wife, "Annie" Beck is one of the outstanding gardeners of South Florida. The Annie Beck Library of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Clubs in the Garden Club Center in Birch State Park is said to be the most complete of its kind in Florida. The tababeau argenticia tree in her front yard on E. Las Olas Blvd., when covered with its yellow blossoms in the spring, makes one of the most vivid and spectacular displays to be seen anywhere.

"Doc" Beck was a fresh water fisherman and an ardent hunter. He was a gregarious individual, and the cool back of his store was a favorite gathering place for chess and checker players on hot and quiet summer afternoons.

One of the disappointments of the Historical Committee, (John Ulman and the writer) is that a tape recording of his memories and experiences in early-day Fort Lauderdale was borrowed from the Rotary Club, improperly used, and destroyed.

The Becks added much to Rotary, and to Fort Lauderdale.



MAXWELL BAXTER

Maxwell Baxter was born February 15, 1888. He was an Attorney-at-Law, and served as City Attorney of Ft. Lauderdale, 1919-1925. Acting City Atty., 1945-1946. Member, Broward Co. Port Authority, 1934-1936.

His wife was Floy Arren. Maxwell Baxter, Jr. was a son.

He died March 28, 1958. Survivors — wife, Floy Baxter, son, Maxwell Baxter, Jr.

Was a Past Commander of the William C. Morris Post, American Legion, in Ft. Lauderdale;

Was attorney for the Broward County Board of Public Instruction;

From 1935 to 1937 acted as Special Attorney for the U. S. Department of Justice. He was a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Service in World War I.



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A. H. BROOK

Commodore A. H. Brook, born 3/9/1886, came to Fort Lauderdale, November 1917. He was an Outdoor Advertising Executive and a Landscape Architect. He was Chairman, American Waterways Congress, President, Waterway League of America, Chairman, Florida Inland Navigation Dist. (from inception to 1945). Founder of Zoning and Planning Board, Fort Lauderdale, and co-founder Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

The Commodore was a bachelor.

He died 4/2/1946, leaving a sister, Clare A. Fursman, Nephews, Henry J. Brook, William P. Brook, Dania.

He won the title Commodore by heading several Yacht Clubs in the New York-New England area.

He was a dollar a year man in the First World War, serving the Dept. of Justice by fighting "Spy Activities," Un-American Activities.

He was a charter member and first Commodore, of the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club.



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M. A. HORTT

M. Allen Hortt was born June 24, 1880. He came to Fort Lauderdale on June 10, 1910 and engaged in the real estate business.

He was Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, member of Chamber of Commerce of Florida and Ft. Lauderdale. He was Commissioner of Finance of the city.

He was Pres. of Ft. Lauderdale Y. M. C. A., Honorary member of Boy's Town, Nebraska.

His wife is the former Lenora Goozee.

He died in 1958 and was survived by his wife and three sisters survive in Utah.

He was the first delegate to an International Rotary Convention (held in Los Angeles in 1922) from the new Fort Lauderdale Club.



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A. D. MARSHALL

A. D. Marshall (Arden DeBerry) was born Sept. 20, 1881. He came to Fort Lauderdale about 1900. He was a farmer, grocer, jailer for County Sheriff during terms of A. W. Turner and Walter Clark. He was a member Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; Masonic Lodge, Hahira, Ga., and the Elks Lodge of Fort Lauderdale.

His wife was Mattie Lawson from Hahira, Ga. Children, Robert Lee, Alene (Mrs. William Anglin of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea), Alice (Mrs. George Walters of Ft. Pierce, Fla.)

He died Feb. 21, 1953. Survived in Fort Lauderdale by son, Robert Lee Marshall and brother, Elias E. Marshall.



BIOGRAPHIES OF CHARTER MEMBERS

D. T. HART



D. T. Hart was born Sept. 18, 1883.

His business: Wholesale Grocery.

He came to Lauderdale in 1916. Then due to ill health, went to Hendersonville, N. C. in 1929, where he had maintained a summer home for several years, and went into the feed business.

His wife was Lula Lacke. They had two daughters.

He passed away Sept. 18, 1946 on his 63rd birthday. He left no surviving relatives in Fort Lauderdale.

He was a member of Presbyterian Church and Masonic Lodge. He was a lover of horses and dogs.

DAVID D. OLIVER

David Dickson Oliver was born Apr. 14, 1888 and came to Fort Lauderdale June, 1910, as bookkeeper for The Stranahan Company.

His business: President of Peninsular Supply Company.

He was director of Broward National Bank; Director of Fort Lauderdale National Bank; was City of Fort Lauderdale's first Treasurer; Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club; Lauderdale Yacht Club; Lodge 1516, Elks.

His wife; Eugene Besset; Children; Pauline Elizabeth (deceased), David D. Oliver, Jr., who married Sarah Humphreys, Frances Bryan, wife of Alan S. Frank, and Martha Gene, wife of Hugh W. Thistlethwaite.

He died January 15, 1957. Relatives surviving who live in Ft. Lauderdale: Mrs. D. D. Oliver, Sr., D. D. Oliver, Jr., Mrs. Alan Frank (Frances).

During the time Mr. Oliver was a member of the Rotary Club he edited a paper for them. Mrs. Oliver presented copies of the paper (The Tarpon) to the club.

Dave was first Secretary of the Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club, A. B., University of N. C., a Phi Beta Kappa.

Dave's father served in the Confederate forces in the War Between the States. As a young Second Lieutenant in Co. E, the 20th North Carolina Regiment, he was captured at Gettysburg and held a prisoner on Johnston's Island, in Lake Erie until the war's end.



CLARENCE RICKARD

Clarence Rickard was born June 12, 1871, and came to Fort Lauderdale December 1910.

His business: Retail Lumber and Building Materials.

Civic and political activities, offices held, etc. include; Member Board of Directors Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 1915 to 1926; President of Chamber 1922-1926. Chairman Board of First Christian Church 1914-1922; Member Board Trustees, Dade County School Board 1913-1916.

Maiden name of wife, Cora I. Grimes; his children, Laurence S., Grace (Collins), Geneva, F. Laird.

He died February 1935. Surviving were, Laurence S., Grace Collins, Geneva; 6 Grandchildren, 8 Great-grandchildren.

He was a Director, Florida Lumber & Millwork Ass'n. 1925-1928.

He was the first City Manager, Fort Lauderdale, August-September 1925, and received a token salary, \$1.00 per year.



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JAMES S. RICKARDS

James S. Rickards was born July 26, 1883 at Terhune, Indiana. He came to Fort Lauderdale in 1913.

His occupation: Education. Principal, Supt. of Public Instruction in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

He was Secretary-Treasurer, Broward Drainage District; Supt. of Public Instruction of Broward County; Charter member and President of Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club.

He organized Ft. Lauderdale Library and remained on its Board as long as he resided in Ft. Lauderdale.

In 1929 he moved to Tallahassee, Florida, to become Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Education Association.

His wife: Grace Adelaide Havens. Their children: Becky Lou (now Mrs. Arvah Hopkins of Tallahassee), William Havens, Dorothy Jane, Beth (now Mrs. William Darrel Cavness), James S. Jr. He died in 1949. All survive him except the youngest son Jimmy, who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge, World War II.

Club 1090 has in its permanent records a copy of the address given by distinguished Florida Attorney J. Velma Keen on the occasion of the dedication of the James S. Rickards High School at Tallahassee on Sept. 30, 1960.



DR. STANFORD

John A. Stanford, M. D. was born Apr. 26, 1875, and came to Fort Lauderdale in 1913, remaining here until the time of his death. His wife was the former Essie Cora LeGrone. Their children: H. B. Stanford, K. L. Stanford, Alvarez L. Stanford and Vera E. Stanford. He died in 1951.

He was President and Director of Pioneer Dept. Store (now the Radio Center Bldg.), Vice-President & Director of the original First National Bank, which was located in the present Sweet Building, and said building was erected by the First National Bank. He was local physician for the U. S. Coast Guard and Florida East Coast Railway for a number of years. He was a charter member of the B. P. O. E. Order and belonged to the Masonic Order. Church affiliation: First Methodist Church. Charter member Broward Co. Medical Assoc., and third President in 1928 of this organization.



H. G. WHEELER

H. G. Wheeler was born June 28, 1860, and came to Fort Lauderdale in 1906.

His business: Farmer, Produce Agent, Merchant, Real Estate Agent, Inventor of bicycle arrangement for wheel chair at Palm Beach.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners; Stockholder and member Board of Directors of old First National Bank.

His wife: Katherine Lee Adams. He had two daughters by former marriage, Mildred and Blanche. He died in 1931. He was survived by Katharine Wheeler Hyatt, and adopted daughter, Katharine Wheeler Garvey.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite, a member of the Woodmen of the World.



W. C. KYLE

Bank president, "Boom" time community leader, big game fisherman, yachtsman and authority on Everglades hunting.



ROTARY VIGNETTES



A GALLERY OF ROTARY (#1090) PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES "I'LL DO IT FOR FORT LAUDERDALE"

This photograph, made in the 1920's, is unique because of its location and the personalities revealed. It was taken in front of the old City Hall, space now occupied by Burdine's Department Store.

These men were participating in a C. of C. member campaign. Many charter, and early day Rotarians, can be identified. In the front row, kneeling, third from left, "Doc" Alfred J. Beck, fifth down, William C. Kyle, eighth, the ubiquitous Commodore A. H. Brook.

In back and to Commodore's left is Russell G. Snow, (former county school superintendent); next to him is Ralph J. Blank. In back two rows, standing, (4th in back), Father R. D. Tracey, (Episcopal Church). Last man in big doorway, John D. Sherwin (first president); D. T. Hart; in shadow of smaller door, Roy McJunkin; and against lamppost, A. D. Marshall.

Also in picture are A. W. "Bert" Erkins, of Jackson Hole, Wyoming (who built first Theater and early apartment houses.) He has shown club movies of early airplane flights over city, storm damage, etc.; C. P. Weidling, pioneer attorney; Chris Chancey, Charles F. Fritz, Ralph A. Horton, (bond expert who helped city emerge from depression); and Lawrence Rickard, son and nephew of Charter Rotarians.

ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT



Robert H. Pfeifer, Ophthalmologist

President Bob said: "We set as our goal the need to share Rotary principles, and to activate the objectives which have made Rotary and this club such a dominant factor in our social and civic lives.

"The club has enlarged the base of its membership in both age and classification spread.

"We have a large membership-participation in the project of co-sponsoring the District Assembly at Freeport.

"The fiftieth Anniversary festivities are broad and comprehensive. The programs encompass the five weeks of March, plus a Banquet March 16. An historical booklet of our club is prepared.

"We are operating within our budget.

"We have active fellowship, club service and an increase in participation of our directors."

We have:

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| 1) "New members table" with personalized introductions. | tarian of the Year." |
| 2) Rotary Quiz — a "fun drawing" to help "know Rotary." | 5) Sale of "2-1" tickets for a fund raising. |
| 3) Membership speakers on "The Most Interesting Moment In My Life." | 6) Reorganization of visitor cards and visitor medallions. |
| 4) The appointment of "The Rotarian of the Month" to be followed by the "Ro- | 7) Organization of winter visitors into their own club. |
| | 8) A new indoctrination program for new members. |

PROJECTS

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| 1) Interact Club; | 5) Old suit sale; |
| 2) Scholarships; | 6) Car auction; |
| 3) Rotary raincoats for school policemen; | 7) Sponsored air show; |
| 4) Sponsored "The Broward Rotary Club's Golf Tournament." | 8) Plans for services meaningful to the community. |

Momentum is growing and we expect even greater activity to realize our International President's theme; "Good Will Begins With You."

Bob Pfeifer

50th ANNIVERSARY



Don Van Nus, Mack Katz, President Elect Birch Willey, President Dr. Robert J. Pfeifer, Secretary Treasurer Clinton D. Hamilton, Charles Creighton.

Dr. Robert H. Pfeifer heads the Anniversary Year Rotary Club 1090 Administration.

Working with him are:

President-Elect, E. Birch Willey;
Secretary-Treasurer, Clinton D. Hamilton;
Directors, Edward H. Heilbron, Don Van Nus,

Mack Katz, Charles Creighton, Al Adomat
and Dave Walker.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE JULY 1, 1971:

FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING BOYS AND SCHOOLS:

AUBURN UNIVERSITY — FRANK HOLLINGSWORTH — \$500; FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY — RICHARD KAPOUCH — \$500; UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA — DAVID POTTIEGER — \$500; and JOHN WARRINGTON — \$500.

Held Installation Banquet at the Schraffts Motor Inn; Contributed \$100 to Junior Achievement; Gave \$2,500 to Southwest Boys Club; Held Golf Tournament at Bonaventure Country Club; Gave trophies, etc. Inter-County Clubs Participated; Sold 14 Passes for Inverrary Golf Classic; Participated in Salvation Army Xmas Kettle Collection.

List of Members and Classification

ACCOUNTING SERVICE,
Andrew E. (Andy) Bryan
*William J. (Bill) Burke;
ACTUARY SERVICE,
Harry Lee Hamilton
ADVERTISING AGENCY
*August Burghard,
Don U. Stotter;
AIRPORT,
Robert (Bob) Rawls;
ALUMINUM DOORS MFG.,
A. J. (Andy) Musselman;
APARTMENT HOUSE MAN-
AGEMENT,
Festus (Stacy) Stacy;
APPRAISING SERVICE,
Charles W. (Bill) Wade;
AIR CONDITIONING,
Charles W. Daniels;
ART DIRECTOR,
George Bolge;
AUTOMOBILE — RETAIL,
Lester E. (Les) Moody;
AUTOMOBILE — TIRES
RETAIL,
John T. Hancock;
AWNINGS,
Henry H. Hoover;

BANKING — COMMERCIAL,
Fred R. Milsaps,
A. W. (Art) Saarinen, Sr.;
BANKING — TRUST,
Julius B. Richner,
Russell Downs;
BOATS — RETAILING,
Ben A. Bollinger;
BROADCASTING,
Walter B. (Walt) Dunn;
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Richard W. (Dick) Ward;
CITRUS FRUIT GROWING,
*William R. (Bill) Robbins;
CITY MANAGER,
Robert H. (Bob) Bubier;
CIVIL ENGINEERING,
Charles H. Bolton III,
*Arthur W. (Art) Saarinen;
CLOCK REPAIR,
Earle Kraft;
CONCRETE PRODUCTS,
Arthur N. (Art) Hughes;
CONTRACTOR, GENERAL,
D. Riley Richardson;
CONVALESCENT HOME,
Ralph Marrinson;
COST ANALYST,
John A. (Jack) Condon;

COUNTRY CLUB,
Paul J. Callahan;
CREDIT CARDS,
George Michaelov;
DENTISTRY,
Albert H. Buchholz D.D.S.,
*Joseph A. (Joe) Bullock;
DERMATOLOGY,
Tobias R. (Toby) Funt;
DRUGS RETAILING,
*Peter (Pete) Lawrence;
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
CONSULTANT,
*Walter Furst;
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,
Charles E. Bailey;
ELECTRICAL POWER &
LIGHT,
John C. Miller,
E. A. (Al) Adomat;
ELECTRICAL RESEARCH
CONSULTANTS,
Clinton R. (Clint) Hanna;
EYE, EAR NOSE & THROAT,
M. A. (Marion) Lovejoy,
*M. E. (Bill) Miller;
FINANCE,
*Arthur H. (Art) Ogle;

List of Members and Classification Continued

- FINANCE — SMALL LOANS,**
 H. R. (Hal) Saunders, Jr.;
FLOWERS & PLANTS
RETAILING,
 Arthur (Art) Stone;
FROZEN FOOD
DISTRIBUTION,
 William K. (Bill) Pettitt;
FUNERAL DIRECTING,
 Jack B. Famin,
 Raymond C. McNamara;
GASOLINE & OIL RETAIL,
 Mark J. Lucas;
GLASS DISTRIBUTING,
 Marshall C. (Marshall) Ackerman;
GLASS TEMPERING,
 Vernon E. (Vern) Coffman;
GLASS TINTING,
 Robert S. (Bob) Pendelton;
GYNECOLOGY-OBSTETRICS,
 J. C. Gilbert, Jr.;
HOSPITALS — PSYCHIATRIC,
 George F. Hardy, Jr.;
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES DIST.,
 *Russell C. (Russ) Duncan,
 Edward S. (Ed) de Brauwere;
INSURANCE — COMPANY
MANAGEMENT,
 *B. L. (B.L.) Carter;
INSURANCE — FIRE,
 George E. Atkinson;
INSURANCE GROUP HOSP.,
 Arthur B. Compton, Jr.;
INSURANCE — LIFE,
 William W. (Bill) House, Jr.;
INSURANCE — GENERAL,
 Benj. K. (Ben) Symmers;
INSURANCE — CASUALTY,
 Stanley C. (Stan) Wright;
INTERIOR DECORATOR-
DESIGNER,
 J. G. (Jack) Ulmann, Jr.;
INTERNAL MEDICINE,
 John R. Braunstein;
JEWELRY — RETAILING,
 Kenneth C. (Ken) Bailey;
LAND SURVEYING,
 J. W. (Jim) McLaughlin;
LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING,
 John H. Monahan;
LAW PRACTICE — GENERAL,
 *George W. English, Jr.,
 Samuel O. (Sam) O'Bryan;
LINEN SERVICE,
 Alvin S. (Al) Gross;
LOCKSMITH,
 Kenneth Ehrenreich;
LUMBER — DISTRIBUTING,
 Harold D. Haldeman, Jr.;
MATERIALS HANDLING
EQUIPMENT,
 Robert H. (Bob) Davis, Jr.;
MEATS — WHOLESALE,
 Harold Perrault;
MOTORCYCLES,
 F. Burke McCarthy;
MOTOR HAULAGE — CON-
TRACTING INTERSTATE,
 Edgar A. (Ed) Ahrens;
MORTGAGE BANKING,
 Harvey E. Ramsey, III;
- MUSIC — CHURCH,**
 Daniel G. (Dan) Nicely,
 George Wm. Volkell;
NEUROSURGEON,
 Joseph E. (Joe) Gelety;
OFFICE EQUIPMENT &
SUPPLIES,
 David R. Thompson;
OCEANOGRAPHIC
RESEARCH,
 Edwin D. (Ed) McDonald;
OPHTHALMOLOGY,
 Robert H. (Bob) Pfeifer;
OPTOMETRY,
 Robert J. (Bob) Shepard;
ORTHODONTIST,
 Douglas C. (Doug) Walter;
PAINTING — ARTIST,
 J. Clark Work;
PAINTING — DECORATING,
 Donald H. (Don) Van Nus;
PAINTS — RETAILING,
 William E. (Bill) Zachow;
PEST CONTROL SERVICE &
RETAIL,
 F. Peter (Pete) Clements,
 Robert F. (Bob) McGranahan;
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COMMERCIAL,
 Bennett Yell;
PHOTOGRAPHY — RETAIL,
 E. Birch Willey;
PLASTIC PRODUCTS MFG.,
 Harold Bauer;
PODIATRY — CHIROPODY,
 Myron (Mike) Rubin;
PRINTING,
 George J. Ernst;
PROTESTANT CHURCH,
 C. E. Bininger, Presbyterian,
 Richard E. (Dick) Neumann,
 Presbyterian,
 William S. (Bill) Brace,
 Episcopalian;
REAL ESTATE,
 Louis E. (Lou) Lambert,
 *Mack Katz;
REAL ESTATE — COMMER-
CIAL DEVELOPER,
 Stanford K. Smoker;
REAL ESTATE —
INVESTMENTS,
 Howard C. Jelks;
RECREATION — RACING,
 John M. Robsion, Jr.;
RESIDENTIAL & LIGHT
COMMERCIAL CONST.,
 Warren J. Hower;
RESTAURANT,
 Charles Creighton;
RUBBER STAMPS,
 Mitchel J. Alles;
SALVATION ARMY,
 Major Byrd Hudson;
SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOC.,
 E. Thomas (Tom) Wilburn;
SCHOOLS — FORT LAUDER-
DALE UNIVERSITY,
 Stanley J. "Stan" Drake;
SCHOOLS — JUNIOR
COLLEGE,
 Clinton D. (Clint) Hamilton;
- SCHOOLS — PUBLIC,**
 W. T. (Bill) McFatter, Jr.;
SCHOOLS — PRIVATE,
 Edward H. (Ed) Heilbron;
SEAFOOD — WHOLESALE,
 Samuel (Sam) Cooper;
SECURITY — BROKERAGE,
 William B. (Bill) Hulett;
SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICE,
 Arthur (Art) Fogelson;
SURGERY,
 Frederick W. (Fred) Fisher;
SURGERY — ORAL,
 Porter H. Gott, DDS;
SWIMMING POOLS,
 D. Allen Johnson;
TELEPHONE SERVICE,
 David S. (Dave) Walker;
TENNIS CLUB,
 William A. Tucker;
TITLE SERVICE,
 Bruce Crossman;
TRANSPORTATION — AIR,
 Robert H. (Bob) Six;
TRANSPORTATION — MOTOR,
 F. W. (Bill) Murray;
TRANSPORTATION — OCEAN,
 Paul Edgar Frisby;
TRAVEL AGENCY,
 *E. L. (Ed) Browne,
 M. F. (Bud) Maynard;
UNDERWATER EQUIPMENT,
 Martin J. (Marty) Conley;
UNITED FUND,
 William M. Pozaro;
UROLOGIST,
 Russell B. (Russ) Carson.
PAST SERVICE
 E. L. (E.L.) Allsworth;
 Charles H. (Charlie) Carroll;
 Edward E. (Ed) Green;
 Martin Gunderson;
 Raymond P. Lewis;
 Howard Pierce;
 Edward W. (Ed) Smith;
- SENIOR ACTIVE**
 Harry Brindle;
 Warren D. Brown;
 George (Bucky) Campbell;
 Claude M. Conger;
 Richard W. (Dick) Coons;
 J. E. (Jack) Dalton;
 Floyd W. Davis;
 Wayne J. Douth;
 Ralph W. (Doc) Dye;
 Herbert W. Funk;
 W. J. (Bill) Eastman;
 Carl Lindholm
 Victor Nurmi;
 Arthur B. (Art) Porter;
 A. W. (Alonzo) Putnam;
 H. Edwin (Ed) Ramsey;
 C. W. (Chick) Reynolds;
 W. Otis Smith;
 L. J. (Larry) Snyder;
 Sydney G. (Syd) Tilden;
 H. Frederick (Fred) Wieger;
 Robert L. (Bob) Wolfe.
 *Senior Active

FORT LAUDERDALE ROTARY

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

(Club 1090)

History of Rotary Club 1090 may be largely of regional interest, but of far more significance is the fact that the story of this Rotary Club, particularly in the beginning when both were small, is also the history of the community of Fort Lauderdale and of Broward County.

But for the hard work of a Historical Committee appointed in 1961 by President William J. Burke to handle the Club's fortieth birthday anniversary, many historical facts would have been lost. Floods and storms destroyed many early official records, but some members did save a few which reflect the true flavor of old Club 1090.

Many widows of, and descendants of, charter Rotarians and early-day members, have assisted, and to them we are most grateful.

The story of this club and that of the city of Fort Lauderdale are closely related. A proper telling of the Club's history and that of its members will inevitably reflect the larger history, growth and expansion of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

Fort Lauderdale enjoys its present eminence because its citizens and its leaders attempted and accomplished more than could possibly have been expected of them.

The quality of that citizenship and the caliber of its leadership are reflected all about us. A case in point was the organization in January, 1922, of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club. When its charter was presented in March that year it was noted that this was the smallest community in all Rotary to be so honored. The Club, like the city, survived depressions, hurricanes and other disasters until today in Broward County there are thirteen Rotary Clubs playing host to thousands of Rotary visitors each week.

(A complete history needs comments of Rotarians on Club operations, in war, Depression, boom, storms, and floods, government, Port Everglades and in agriculture.)

Activities of many clubs, men's and women's, have helped make this a better place to live. All are needed, but, Old 1090 was the first Service Club when the going was toughest and decisions were hardest.

The story of Club 1090, and of Rotary, may be read in brief form in the following article from FORT LAUDERDALE, special holiday issue of the official publication of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, printed in January 1967.

It is reprinted through the courtesy of Rotarian Dick Ward, Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce:

1967
DOWNTOWN ROTARY
FORT LAUDERDALE'S PIONEER
SERVICE CLUB
By August Burghard

"The first Rotarian was the first man to call John the Baptist 'Jack'."
That snide remark is attributed to Henry L. Mencken.
"Where is Rotary going? I'll tell you where Rotary is going. It's going to lunch."
That was George Bernard Shaw.

But Mencken, Shaw, Sinclair Lewis and other detractors, belittlers and pokers-of-fun-at lived to recant their words as service clubs, with Rotary in the forefront, pressed ahead with their really important programs.

Fort Lauderdale in 1922, with a scant 2,000-plus population, was the smallest city in the United States to receive a Rotary Club charter. As the city's first service club, and perhaps because the number of community leaders was so limited, it was only natural that community leadership and Rotary membership came to be considered as synonymous.

Rotarians were active in civic and community endeavor, and government. Today, 44 years later, Fort Lauderdale is a metropolis, with many more fine Rotary and other service clubs active, but old Downtown Club 1090 carries on magnificently and continues to render distinguished service in the grand tradition. It has a sound and serious purpose.

Names of earlier and present-day Rotarians are honored in such structures as the Commodore A. H. Brook Memorial Causeway — Seventeenth Street to the Ocean; George W. English Park off Sunrise; the Sherwin Building; Ulric J. Bennett School; M. A. Hortt School; James S. Rickards Schools in Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee; the "Big John" Monahan Bridge near Indiantown; the (Rotary Anne) Annie Beck Library in the Garden Center at Birch State Park; and in Forman Field, site of the vast, electronics assisted, Nova School complex.

Rotary trained men in civic responsibility and awareness.

The Club furnished Chamber of Commerce presidents, directors, managers, and mayors, city and county and port commissioners, judges, and state officials. It participated in the creation of the hospital, the Community Chest became the United Fund, waterway development, flood, and Everglades fire control, the aquatic forum, and outstanding leadership in youth work.

John Ullmann, Jr., of the Club's Historical Committee, and Florence Rifenburg, veteran secretary, are amassing a wealth of material on Rotary activities beneficial to this city and area.

M. A. Hortt was the first delegate to an International Rotary Convention, the 1922 Los Angeles meeting, was president of the Y. M. C. A. and author of *Gold Coast Pioneer*. George Anderson developed the hibiscus into a plant of much greater beauty. Under his hands its blooms flamed, and grew in many shapes and sizes. His Rotary "Hibiscus Presentations" each year were spectaculars. In his honor Fort Lauderdale could well be called "The Hibiscus City."

A. D. Marshall was county jailer under sheriffs A. W. Turner and Walter R. Clarke. D. T. Hart was a great lover of horses and dogs. Maxwell Baxter was a city attorney and American Legion Commander. Dr. J. A. Stanford was physician for old Coast Guard Base Six and the Florida East Coast Railroad, and a charter member of the Broward County Medical Society.

A Baltimore Sun editor, Vernon Sherwin, wrote the late Dr. L. F. Robinson of the Historical Committee: "I carry father's watch, inscribed "Presented to John D. Sherwin, first president of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club — 1922 — and it continues to keep perfect time!" W. C. Kyle, bank president, was a force in community development.

Commodore A. H. Brook, who headed the C. of C. and the Florida Inland Navigation District, inaugurated the first Big Game Fishing Contest on the lower East Coast, was president of the Angler's Club and first Commodore of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. This club's publication, the Rotary Tarpon, was started by D. D. Oliver, a Phi Beta Kappa, a bank director, the city's first treasurer, and later head of the Peninsular Supply Co. J. S. Rickards, when Superintendent of Education, brought the first Seminole Indian, Tony Tommy, into the public schools of Broward and established the first junior high school in Florida.

John W. Needham managed the city's first tourist hotel, the Broward, where Rotary met for years. A. J. Beck, one of the organizers of the First Episcopal Church and its treasurer for 28 years, staged championship chess and checker games in his drugstore, and was a great woodsman, hunter and fisherman. H. G. Wheeler invented the famed Afromobile, the bicycle arrangement for wheel chairs so popular in early-day Palm Beach. He was a bank director, chairman of the County Commission, and producer of a prized, much sought-after, avocado. Dallas A. Swindle, William A. Ketchin and Edward Smith served both Boy and Girl Scout organizations.

In later days Alonzo Putnam headed the Rotary group which constructed the overnight Girl Scout Camp at the old Naval Air Station. He was aided by Martin Gundersen, William Ketchin and 75 other Rotarians. Wyatt B. Hodges built the big swimming pool. Peter Clements, vice mayor, and Dr. Fred Boyd were active in the acquisition of the Girl Scout camping acreage west of Lake Okeechobee.

J. B. Fraser headed the building fund committee for War Memorial Auditorium in Holiday Park, and also the committee to build the U. S. One tunnel under New River — two major civic accomplishments.

Hunley Abbott prepared the city's Post World War II Report and Recommendations. Ray Whyte, club poet laureate, a relative of James Whitcomb Riley, helped found the Young Men's Christian Association.

Earl O. Shreve, former National Chamber of Commerce President, Junior Achievement head, and member of the National Boy Scout Council, sparked the start of Junior Achievement locally. Walter Dunn and Ralph Marshall and many other leaders in Junior Achievement followed. Colorful Charles L. Pierce, banker, first white child born in Boynton Beach, had a father who acted as a "Barefoot Mailman." William J. Eastman ran the great WW Two Service Men's Center, and later, War Memorial Auditorium.

It has been said that the biggest civic job in Fort Lauderdale, second only to the Chamber of Commerce presidency, is to be president of Downtown Rotary. These men have filled the post:

John D. Sherwin — 1922-23; Charles E. Fritz — 1923-24; Rev. R. D. Tracy — 1924-25; C. J. Joiner — 1925-26; ($\frac{1}{2}$ year); J. S. Rickards — 1926-27 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ years); A. J. Beck — 1927-28; Russell G. Snow — 1928-29; William A. Glass — 1929-30; John A. Raymond — 1930-31; Ulric J. Bennett — 1931-32; Maxwell Baxter — 1932-33; C. C. Freeman — 1933-34; J. B. Fannin — 1934-35; W. J. Eastman — 1935-36; Dr. O. C. Brown — 1936-37; August Burghard — 1937-38;

Jackson McDonald — 1938-39; Hold McPherson — 1939-40; W. M. Ketchin — 1941-42; Howard O. Pierce — 1942-43; D. A. Swindle — 1943-44; Carlyle Sweet — 1944-45; Harry L. Randel — 1945-46; Paul W. Meyers — 1946-47; J. B. Patterson — 1947-48; A. W. Putnam — 1948-49; E. Thomas Wilburn — 1949-50; Charles L. Pierce — 1950-51; Robert L. Childers — 1951-52; Robert V. Roberts — 1952-53; Richard Ward — 1953-54;

Harlow P. Davock — 1954-55; F. P. Clements — 1955-56; Mark S. Gibson — 1956-57; Grant L. Clarke — 1957-58; Ernest N. Orr — 1958-59; William B. Hulett 1959-60; Thomas A. Cook — 1960-61; William J. Burke — 1961-62; Thord M. Marshall — 1962-63; Samuel O. O'Bryan, Jr. — 1963-64; Arthur W. Saarinen, Jr. — 1964-65; Robert H. "Bob" Six — 1965-66; and John C. Miller — 1966-

Under 1966 President John Miller activities cover many fronts. In William J. Burke the club has its first District Governor, and played host in November to the District's 51 clubs at the Conference at Miami Beach.

Rotarians raise sizable funds for the Rotary Foundation which enable talented students to continue their studies in foreign universities.

The club has always been interested in the young. Two J. B. Fannin scholarships operate through Rotary. Other examples: C. W. Reynolds plays host in his home this year to a young student from Stockholm, Sweden here as part of RSVP — the Rotary Student Visitor Program. Dr. Robert Shepard, recent "Outstanding-Young-Man" selection of the Jay-Cees, is in his third year as Rotary's sponsor of the Interact Club of Fort Lauderdale High School.

Forty students comprise its membership and they are tremendously busy in school activities and improvements. Downtown Rotary first sponsored Interact in 1948, when it was known as the Wheel Club. The late Everett Steinbuch was the original Rotary representative.

Rotary, beginning in Pete Clement's administration in 1950, was the first service club to help man the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettles, and Otis Smith was one of the pioneers in this bellringing job which enjoys 100% community acceptance. Smith says almost \$9,000 was collected in the big pots between 1955 and 1965.

Better Business Bureaus and practice, and Merchants' Associates are fields of Emerson L. Allsworth. Reverend E. Clem Binger and Ernie Orr were co-chairmen of the committee to handle Easter invasions of the beach by thousands of college students.

Peter T. Lawrence and Tom Cook helped place hundreds of copies of the Four Way Test, Rotary's restatement of the Golden Rule, in school class rooms or other key places. The test asks:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary's most spectacular service, international in character, is rendered by Downtown Club 1090's Port Everglades Greeters' Committee. First organized and chairmaned by George Warmbold and now headed by Howard O. Pierce, the club has welcomed literally thousands upon thousands of foreigners to Florida's friendly shores.

Among the Rotary Greeters are linguists who speak Spanish, French, German, Italian, Danish, Portuguese, and who can make themselves understood in still other languages. This group which often assembles at the Port before daylight to meet early arriving ships, is composed of Warmbold, Pierce, Col. W. M. Allison, Martin Gundersen, Sam Hollopeter, Robert Six (the club's immediate past president), Charles Carroll, Mack Katz, Dan Riccio, Jack Lamping, Bob Wolfe and Courtney Johnson, who was assistant Secretary of War under President Eisenhower.

Rotary's unique classification system, over the years, has produced surprising results. It permits only one member from a given business, industry, or profession. Rotary stresses and insists on attendance at meetings since a man's absence denies the club its contact with the profession or industry he represents. Attendance is the best means of acquaintanceship, friendship and fellowship.

So members do attend, or "make-up," if they miss their own meetings, at another club, usually accessible — almost anywhere in the world. An amazing example is Harry Brindle, ex-Pennsylvanian and fourteen year member of Club 1090, who has the fantastic perfect attendance record of having attended a Rotary meeting for 43 years — a meeting every single week since 1923.

Following World War II visiting northern Rotarians, "making up," swamped Club 1090. As many as 500 a week came and there was no place to seat or feed them. The club went on twice-a-week shifts. And new clubs were organized on the Beach, and at Wilton Manors and Plantation.

Entertainment of hundreds of out-of-state visitors became a major service to the city. Many a future citizen first decided on permanent settlement here because of contacts and friendships made at Rotary. Richard C. "Dick" Coons headed a committee which gave coconuts encased in their heavy outer shells, properly cleaned and stencilled, as souvenirs to first-time visiting Rotarians.

There is good natured rivalry and by-play among the various service clubs. The writer, about to address a Kiwanis meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once presented by a humorist who concluded his introduction with this definition: "A Kiwanian *is* what a Rotarian *thinks* he is!"

Not bad. And it could be true, if he is a fellow who takes his club seriously, but not himself. For, to paraphrase Oscar Wilde, people, even Rotarians, are never so trivial as when they take themselves very seriously. "Angels can fly because they take themselves so lightly," 'tis said.

Rotarians are a gregarious lot. "Perhaps only the bison and the elephant have stronger herd instincts than Rotarians, who manifestly enjoy one another's company and flock together in a variety of local, district and regional conclaves." John Bird wrote that for the Saturday Evening Post in "The Wonderful, Wide, Backslapping World of Rotary."

Downtown Club 1090 has a fine old custom: allowing a different layman member to pronounce the invocation before each weekly meal. This brief prayer, borrowed from Pompano Beach's Dr. Blair Sutphin, is a good one with which to close an article on service clubs:

*"Dear Lord,
Here in this age of the goof-off and the coffee-break,
Make us ashamed of unearned leisure, and
Help us to make Work a sacred word again.
Help us to do the best we can,
Right where we are,
With what we have,
Secure in the knowledge that angels
Could do no more."*

SISTER CLUBS of BROWARD COUNTY

Today there are thirteen Rotary Clubs in Broward County.

Pompano Beach, sponsored by Club #1090, chartered April 29, 1930, at the Hillsboro Club. District Governor Howard Selby made the presentation. We also sponsored Plantation, chartered March, 1962.

Plantation will be ten years old in '72. Its president: Ralph Merritt.

Dania (President: Harry L. Loury) celebrated an Anniversary October 23, 1971. It and Hallandale (1957) were sponsored by Hollywood.

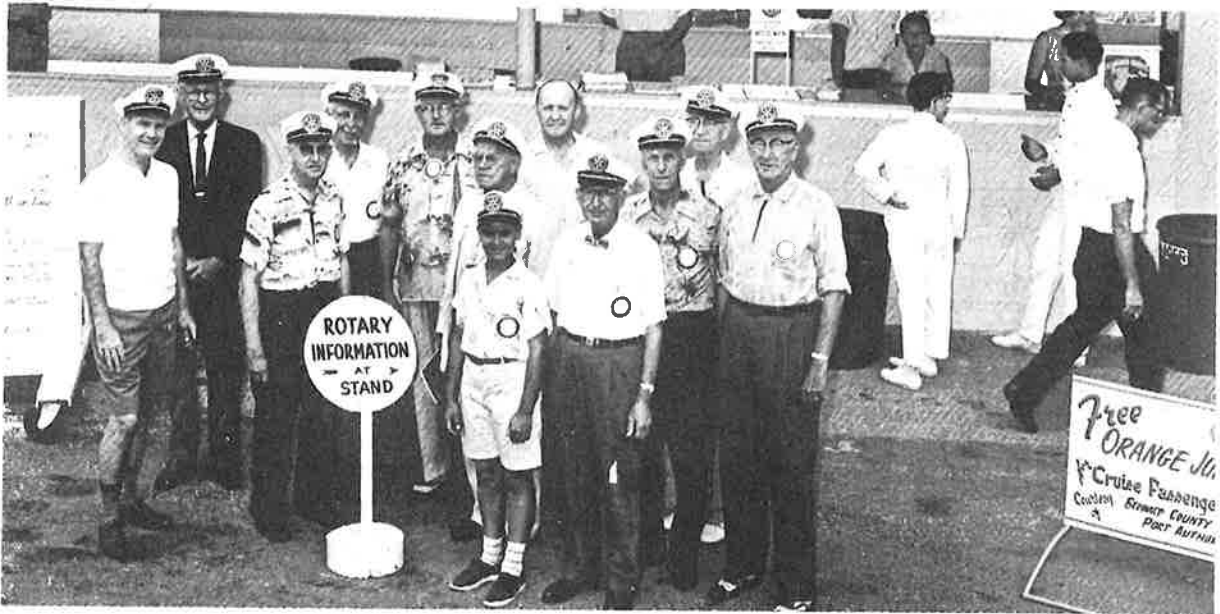
Northwest Broward (Margate) was sponsored by Pompano Beach in 1969. This made Club #1090 a "Grandfather" and Fort Lauderdale North (1959), sponsored by the Beach Club, also demonstrates the proliferating ways of this wonderful organization.

Hollywood, chartered 1926, sponsored by Miami, 100; Deerfield, 1956, co-sponsored by Pompano and Boca Raton; Fort Lauderdale Beach, 1954, sponsored by Fort Lauderdale; Fort Lauderdale South, sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Beach, 1968.

Club Presidents, 1971-72:

Dania, Harry L. Loury; Hollywood, David Aucamp, Jr.; W. Hollywood, Gerald Schoomer; Davie, Billy Gill; Hallandale, Robert Lewis; Plantation, Ralph Merritt; Deerfield, Edward Broyle; N.W. Broward, John Smith; Ft. Lauderdale, North, George Foster, D.D.S.; Ft. Lauderdale, South, Welcom Watson; Ft. Lauderdale Beach, Hamilton Jones; Fort Lauderdale Club #1090, Robert H. Pfeifer, M.D.

PORT EVERGLADES



Our Rotarians On Duty at Port Everglades.



Rotarian Bob Wolfe



Howard Pierce and George Warmbold Receiving Plaque for Rotarians' Work at Port Everglades.



Earl G. Thatcher

How Fort Lauderdale fits into its Rotary District is told by Earl G. Thatcher, Vero Beach, former District Governor who was made District Historian in 1937. He produced *Historical Review of Rotary in Florida*, 167th District, Rotary International. It appeared in about 1947.

Earl went to the Secretariat in Chicago and spent several days in research. Chesley R. Perry, the secretary, helped.

Rotary was born in Chicago in 1905 under the leadership of Paul P. Harris, a lawyer. San Francisco was the second club. The first convention was in Chicago in 1910. Sixty delegates represented the then 16 clubs. Rotary became International when Winnipeg, Canada was chartered. Dublin, Ireland was next.

Jacksonville became Club 40 in 1912, New Orleans 41. Only those two clubs existed in 1912 in the ten southeastern states. The Southern Division, 1912-1915, included these ten states and only five clubs.

When Fort Lauderdale received its charter in 1922 it was in District Eight. Florida had eight clubs. The district included Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Florida Clubs ahead of Fort Lauderdale include Jacksonville, 1913; Tampa, 1914; Pensacola, 1915; Key West, 1916; Miami, 1917; Lakeland, 1918; Gainesville, 1918; West Palm Beach, 1919; St. Petersburg, 1920; Palatka, 1920; Orlando, 1920; Sanford, 1921; Daytona Beach, 1921; and Live Oak, 1921.

Our charter was presented in January, 1922. Florida became one district in 1937 with 68 clubs.

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Edward B. Tait, Miami Shores, became District Governor in 1957-58. He prepared a splendid hardback *History of District 699* which brings the Rotary story up through 1964-1965. Florida was divided into three districts in 1947. Fort Lauderdale was in District 243 in South-eastern Florida.

Serving with Tait on the District 699 History Committee were John E. Johns, Deland, and William R. Robbins (then of Miami and now of Fort Lauderdale.)

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The Four-Way Test:
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendship?

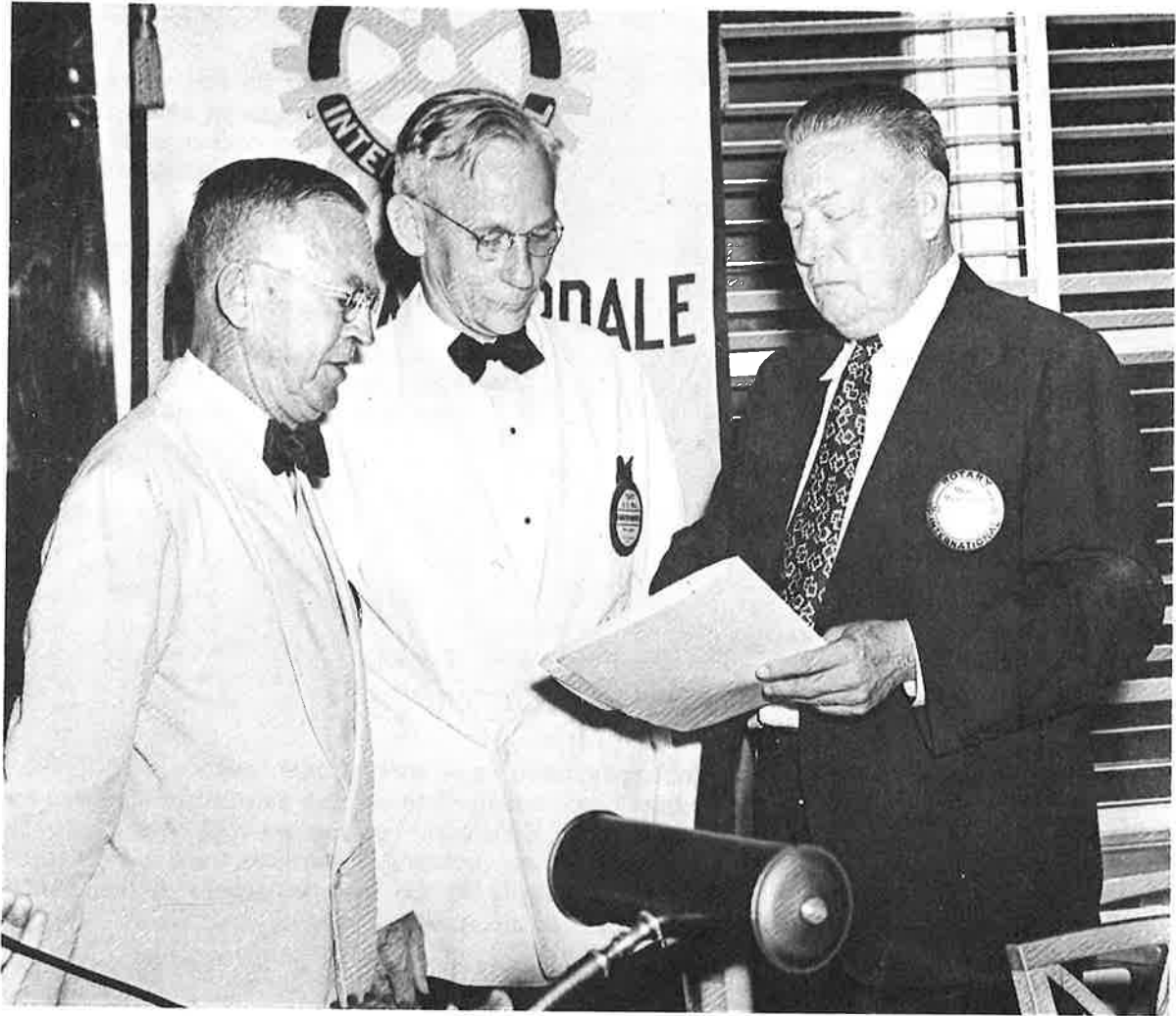
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Actually, a measuring stick for all human relations, the text was originated by Herbert J. Taylor in Club No. One, Chicago, in 1933.

“Herb” wintered in Fort Lauderdale and talked to a number of clubs.

Fort Lauderdale was active in making the Four Way Test known. (There will be more on this in the individual presidents' reports.) Paul Harris looked on the Test as an agency for the effective promotion of the Fourth Avenue of Rotary service.

In International Rotary the Foundation is its own agency for promoting educational, charitable and other purposes. All 51 clubs in District 69 qualified as 100 percent or more as of 1965. Club 1090, with \$8,035 in the fund (Rotary Foundation Fellowship), occupies a percentage of 500. Miami, with \$10,651.95, is on a plateau of 300. These two clubs, based on percentage of funds, were highest in the District.

CLUB HISTORY AT 25 YEARS



Dr. A. J. Beck, Dave Oliver and Maxwell Baxter

By Maxwell Baxter (1932-33)

Fort Lauderdale Rotary is twenty five years old. No doubt this period is the greatest era in the history of the world.

Fort Lauderdale Rotary was organized during December 1921 and January 1922, with fifteen charter members. The charter was issued in Chicago March 1, 1922. It is written into the charter that it is granted to the smallest city or community of Rotary International at that time.

For some time before we received the charter and officially functioned as a Rotary Club, we held weekly meetings. Our sponsors were the late Judge Frank Stoneman, editor of the Miami Herald, a dignified gentleman who inspired confidence, and affable John Turner of Tampa and Miami. John Turner was a natural Rotarian. He was engaged in the piano business in Tampa and Miami and I had known him when I lived in Tampa before the First World War. I often passed his place of business and would generally see him out front smiling and talking with people. He was always smiling and always had a good word for everyone.

Judge Stoneman and John Turner attended our weekly meetings before and for quite awhile after we received our charter instructing us in the principles of Rotary. We really learned Rotary in the hard way, when we consider the advantage to a new member in being inducted into the well ordered club of today.

Singing Silly?

To me it seemed silly for fifteen businessmen in the little town of Fort Lauderdale to meet once a week at noon, and join in singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."

CLUB HISTORY AT 25 YEARS

Having been told that Rotary was not a money organization, that its fundamentals consisted principally of service above self, that the Chamber of Commerce was an outlet for influence in the material problems of the community, and that political and controversial matters were not to be engaged in, I was glad of the opportunity to discontinue donations to other worthy projects, and let Rotary perform its real function.

I, therefore, reduced the dues from \$12.00 to \$8.00 quarterly and we got along just as well as we had before, or perhaps as we have since and we retained our full membership. Two of the members who expressed the desire to resign have since served as presidents.

I think Rotary was more impressive twenty-five years ago than today, perhaps because it was young, and the few of us who knew about it were much impressed with the rule that Rotary selected its membership from the leaders of business and the professions of each community.

Sort of Religion

We charter members looked upon Rotary more as a sort of new religion. The Rotary motto of "He profits most who serves best" was explained to us, and naturally we thought we had been living by this motto before we became Rotarians, because we had been giving full weight and warranty to the goods we sold, and our professional services were not criticized; but, later we learned that service did not just apply to the material things of life, but included service to our fellow man in general in the every day affairs of life.

Rotary Peace Medium

We organized in the aftermath of the First World War, at a time when the future peace of the world was an intensive subject of discussion as it is today. Rotary at that time was rapidly expanding throughout the nations of the world. Our statesmen had not been able to accomplish anything in the way of a united peace. We knew that nations of the world had failed in the past, and religion, as old as it is, had not eliminated the hatreds and jealousies of the peoples throughout the world.

Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, which were based primarily upon the fundamental principles of Rotary, had been scrapped because of the desire of our allies, particularly France, for revenge and the opposition of one man in this country.

To us it seemed reasonable that Rotary, which afforded the opportunity of acquaintanceship and friendship without suspicion or selfish motive was the medium by which an enduring peace among all nations could be brought about. Our faith by reason of the Second World War has not been shaken, because we realize time is necessary in disseminating the motto of "Service above self" to the men of all nations.

Today our foreign policy is opposed by one of our allies and by a citizen of this country as was done at the first war.

I am not as hopeful for peace in our time as Mohandas K. Gandhi, who at the age of 77 years, in an address recently delivered at the Inter-Asian Relations Conference in India said: "I would not want to live in this world if it was not going to be one world. I would like to see this ideal realized, not in this generation, but in my lifetime."

CLUB 1090'S PAST PRESIDENTS



JOHN D. SHERWIN
1922-23



CHARLES E. FRITZ
1923-24

Charles A. Fritz, a prominent citizen of Fort Lauderdale when Rotary came to Broward, was named 1090's second president. (1923-24).



REV. R. D. TRACY
1924-25

Father R. D. Tracey headed the Episcopal Church family of Fort Lauderdale. He was a scholarly man, and much interested in literature. (1924-25).

C. J. JOINER
1925-26 (½ Year)

C. J. Joiner was a banker, active in the old Fort Lauderdale State Bank (1925-26 — a half-year).