

Past Presidents Continued



J. S. RICKARDS
1926-27 (1½ Years)

School man Rickards, a Charter Member, was President in the 1926 hurricane period. His career is treated in the Charter Member Section.



A. J. BECK
1927-28

Pioneer "Doc" Beck is also featured in the Charter Members Section. "Doc" used to have a horizontally striped bathing suit which, on the Fourth of every July, he would put on and wear in swimming on the beach. He considered the winter over, and the surf warm enough to enjoy by then. He was our leading druggist.

RUSSELL SNOW
1928-29

Russell G. Snow was a seed fertilizer and farm machinery dealer serving the lower east coast. He built one of the first homes in the island section north of East Las Olas Boulevard. He served as chairman of the Broward County school board. (1928-29)



WM. A. GLASS
1929-30

Bill Glass helped Flagler build the great Overseas Highway to Key West. He represented the Florida Light & Power Co. in Ft. Lauderdale as it was being organized, then went to Miami to head F.P.&L.'s Water Department. His speech was one of the highlights of the 40th Anniversary Program.



J. A. RAYMOND
1930-31

John A. Raymond headed the Raymond-Clopek Hardware Co. on Andrews Ave. He was active in developing cooperative planning, entertainments, and promotional events for and with retail merchants. He was a community sparkplug in the dark depression days. (1930-31)

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U. J. BENNETT, PRESIDENT 1931-32



ULRIC BENNETT
1931-32

Ulric J. Bennett, tenth anniversary president, was a deep-in-the-depression president. The national depression began in 1929; Florida's began after the 1926 hurricane and the bursting of the great land boom.

Ulric's Rotary year ran concurrently with his first year as Superintendent of Schools. He was responsible for the teachers' payrolls. The school system did not have the money in the bank.

Banker C. C. Freeman (Rotary president in 1933-34) turned him down. Russell G. Snow went with Ulric to the Florida National Bank in Miami. Pres. Osina agreed, and then had to recall his offer.

A few days later J. D. Camp, long-time #90 member, called Ulric with an offer to help, gotten from the Barnett Bank in Jacksonville . . . if Ulric would pay the cost of the phone call . . . Any time the school did not have the money he would not cash his \$300 monthly check until the money was available . . .

(Editor's Note: In 1932 the County School Board paid the Superintendent \$300 monthly. Today, the Superintendent is paid in excess of \$40,000 annually — and that for only part of his time.)



MAXWELL BAXTER
1932-33

Maxwell Baxter served as attorney for various public boards and bodies. His twenty-five year History of Club #1090 gives a picture of the club and the community at that time. (1932-33).

C. FREEMAN
1933-34

C. C. Freeman was president of the old Fort Lauderdale Bank after it reopened following the moratorium. (1933-34).

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J. B. FANNIN
1934-35

Today Jack is something of a world traveler — but he has a perfect attendance record of 43-44 years. He has gone about as high as a man can go in Boy Scouting. He is such a good golfer that he often has to look beyond Rotarians for real competition. He was Registrar for the old Selective Service Board here in WWII. Jack stands high as a Rotarian who always carries a little more than his share of the load.



W. J. EASTMAN
1935-36

Bill flew for the Royal Canadian Air Force at the beginning of WWII. He put Sinclair Oil Co. on the map in Fort Lauderdale. His home town services in WWII were unique. He headed the great Service Men's Center, managed War Memorial Auditorium — and even served a couple of terms as a City Commissioner. Bill Eastman painted in broad stripes in his WWII services — and he painted with his heart.



DR. O. C. BROWN
1936-37

Dr. O. C. Brown was head, for several years, of Rotary's underprivileged children's committee — and it was once reported, in fun, that Dr. O. C. had removed more than a gallon bucket of diseased tonsils — all free of cost. (1936-37).



AUGUST BURGHARD
1937-38

August Burghard, as program chairman, once completed a full year's weekly programs a year in advance. He was chairman of the Everglades National Park Commission and the Birch State Park Advisory Board, and was once city swimming champion. (1937-38).

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JACKSON McDONALD
1938-39

Jackson McDonald represented the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. He was interested in youth work. He suffered ill health in his term as president. (1938-39).



HOLT McPHERSON
1939-41

HOLT McPHERSON — PRESIDENT 1939-41

Holt McPherson, president of 1090 for a year and a half, was one of our more able, more active members and leaders.

He was an editor, an orator, a newspaper man, a world traveler. He received Rotarian Magazine Citation for club accomplishments in the 30's and 40's.

When he returned to North Carolina he was made a District Governor there, bought his own plane and flew it to the clubs of his District — till he got lost one day and wrecked. He owns radio station WOHS in Shelby.

He gave a Journalism Library to the University of North Carolina. He was a friend of Luther Hodges, R. I. President and U. S. Secretary of Commerce. He was a great friend of Rotarian Ray Whyte. (Luther visited Ed R. Johnson here) . . . Holt is one of the McDonald Hamburgers.

He was a fine tennis player. Now, with only one leg, he plays less tennis but otherwise is not slowed down in the slightest.

Holt was our featured 40th Anniversary Birthday celebration speaker.



W. M. KETCHIN
1941-42

Wm. M. Ketchin was a New Englander with unique talents. His thumb was not only green, it was magical. He developed the first mangoes, and the largest rabbits and the most avocados. He introduced tobacco growing in the Glades. Bill could sing — a real rare avis — and was a member of the Mahi Temple, Miami, chorus. (1941-42).



HOWARD PIERCE
1942-43

Howard O. Pierce came down from Michigan and made a name for himself. In Detroit he had been in the radio, entertainment and show business fields. He developed Lone Ranger and Green Hornet radio shows. He knew many of the old time stars and Detroit personalities. He was indefatigable during WWII in setting up the Military Affairs Committee, in helping create War Memorial Auditorium . . . and served actively on the Port Everglades Hospitality Group.

Past Presidents Continued



DALLAS SWINDLE
1943-44

Dallas was sent to Fort Lauderdale by Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. because the county was growing so fast a "top" man was needed. Dallas was born in North Florida near the Suwanee River. He was once featured by Ripley because of the connotations of his fine Scottish last name. He was on Red Cross, Community Chest, Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Chamber of Commerce Committees. He was a left-handed golf player. His Rotary Ann is "Jack" Swindle. They literally helped build Fort Lauderdale and Club 1090 in earlier, more difficult years.



CARLYLE SWEET
1944-45

Carlyle Sweet was with the Peoples Gas Co. and was well trained in civic leadership. An expert in the handling of canoes, he once tried to popularize their use of Fort Lauderdale waterways. He had the good fortune to be president when Ed. R. Johnson was active in the community and its Rotary club. (1944-45)



HARRY RANDEL
1945-46

Harry Randel (1945-46):

"A highlight was the visit of Tom Warren, the current International President, and his wife, Virginia. He spoke to 600 members of 13 Rotary clubs at the airport auditorium. Tom Warren was a great friend of Ed R. Johnson.



PAUL W. MEYERS, SR.
1946-47

PAUL MEYERS (1946-47):

D. A. Swindle was presented a plaque, by Paul W. Meyers, 1946-47 President, for distinguished service to Rotary and the community. Dallas was Club 1090's non-paid Secretary for 13 years. He was President in 1943-44.

Past Presidents Continued



J. B. PATTERSON
1947-48

J. B. Patterson is one of the county's better trial lawyers, and is an active bank director.



A. W. PUTNAM
1948-49

Dahlquist and Putnam was quite a name in the insurance field in the twenties and thirties when Alonzo came down from the Midwest. The fleet of grey Dahlquist & Putnam Ford coupes was known from one end of the county to the other. Alonzo gave leadership to early Rotary Girl Scout programs. In later years, he spends more and more time in North Carolina.



E. THOS. WILBURN
1949-50

Tom Wilburn is a South Carolinian. He heads the First Federal Savings and Loan of Broward, largest financial institution in the county, and one of the more important such organizations in the South. He has helped finance and build homes and business establishments in the vast growth of Fort Lauderdale. Tom worked with the Girl Scout program and ran a tight ship his Rotary President year.



C. L. PIERCE
1950-51

BAREFOOT MAILMAN

Charles L. "Chuck" Pierce (1950-51), whose father had been one of the "barefoot mailmen," treasured his memories of his year as Rotary president; and Robert A. "Bob" Childers, high school principal, said the highlight of his term was trying to fill the great big shoes left by "Chuck" Pierce. Bob Childers was one of the club's better singers.

Past Presidents Continued



ROBT. A. CHILDERS
1951-52

Bob Childers was another of our school men. Club 1090 leans toward school men. Bob is a former West Virginian. His was one of the few really good voices this club has had. He was an able member of a quartette, and participated in Regional and National barbershop quartette competitions.



ROBT. V. ROBERTS
1952-53

Robert V. Roberts 1952-53 had a good Las Olas furniture store. He dabbled in State politics and got to be a minor (King Maker). He served on the State Advertising Commission and was responsible for the State's first agricultural advertising to be produced in Fort Lauderdale, by a local agency. He was interested in merchants' problems and his Christmas-Time Decorations on Las Olas Boulevard were famous. Bob's major recreational outlet was fishing — at which he was an expert, both salt and fresh water. He had a pretty wife, two pretty daughters and a red-headed son.



RICHARD W. WARD
1953-54

BEACH CLUB

Richard W. "Dick" Ward, 1953-54, helped found the second club in Fort Lauderdale — the fine Beach Rotary Club. "As chairman of its organizing committee we had that great Rotarian, Ed R. Johnson, past president of Rotary International." "Herb" J. Taylor, author of the Four Way Test, was the first speaker at their organizational meeting. "And we indoctrinated "Bill" Burke," who was to become president and Fort Lauderdale's first district governor . . . Dick's C. of C. is an important factor in Ft. Lauderdale-Broward life.



HARLOW DAVOCK
1954-55

HOWARD DAVOCK (1954-55)

Fort Lauderdale was host to Rotary's Golden Anniversary District Conference November 7-8-9, 1954. The District then was 243. "Herb" J. Taylor, author of the Four-Way Test, was International President.

Harlow P. Davock, Club 1090 and Wm. M. O'Bryan, Beach Club, were Presidents. F. Peter Clements was Conference Chairman; Dallas Swindle, Conference Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Presidents Continued



F. PETER CLEMENTS
1955-56

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

F. Peter Clements (1955-56):

"I was President during Rotary International's Golden (50th) Anniversary and had the privilege of going to Chicago, a tremendous experience . . . We started ringing the bell for the Salvation Army; and bringing wives to the Christmas luncheon."



MARK S. GIBSON
1956-57

Mark S. Gibson was one of those rarities like Ray Whyte. He was a natural wit, of the Will Rogers type. He was fun to have presiding. His humor was like honey in the comb — unstrained. Also, he was an authority on Jesse James and the other James boys. (1956-57)



GRANT L. CLARKE
1957-58

COMMITTEE WORK

Grant L. Clarke (1957-58):

"I increased the number of standing committees from 30 to 45 — for greater member participation. These included the Historical, Invocation, Extension, Supplies and Materials, Past Presidents' Committees, Air-Shore Recovery Scout Program, Constitution Day (headed by Samuel O'Bryan, who is here today) and a number of others who are active today."



ERNEST N. ORR
1958-59

HUMOR

Ernest N. Orr (1958-59):

"Thank you very much. I never felt so sorry for a Rotary club in my life as when I became President. It reminded me of my luck — If I bought a suit with two pairs of pants I'd burn a hole in the coat. I thank my boss, Rotarian J. D. Camp, for letting me be in Rotary, and for my high honor of the Presidency, I thank all of you."

(The late Ernie Orr was one of the outstanding officers this club has had: A real wit, a PR executive, and a does.)

Past Presidents Continued



WM. B. HULETT
1959-60

BASS-VOICED BILL — WILLIAM B. HULETT (1959-60):

“I started the year building attendance. For the first time we completed a quarter with attendance over 906 . . .

“You remember ‘Richard Coconut’ (Dick Coons) — a coconut with the Fort Lauderdale Rotary emblem on it. For our tourist visitors we sent 1,049 coconuts all over the world . . .



THOS. A. COOK
1960-61

PLANTATION

THOMAS A. COOK (1961-62)

“We laid the keel for the Plantation Club . . . we presented the community with a film “Operation Abolition,” and contacted all Rotary clubs in Cuba during the catastrophe going on there.”



WM. J. BURKE
1961-62

Bill Burke is 1090's most distinguished Rotarian — that is, as a man who has been a member of this club from the beginnings of his Rotary experience. He was our first and only District Governor. Bill has filled many jobs at the club level, Tarpon editor, and on up to 61-62 President. Head of an accounting firm, he strove for fiscal stability. His leadership qualities are reflected in Rotary improvements in Club 1090, and in District 699.

THORD M. MARSHALL
1962-63

Thord Marshall was another of the distinguished school men and educators who have graced 1090's membership rolls. (1962-63).



S. O. O'BRYAN, JR.
1963-64

MERRY CHRISTMAS SAMUEL O'BRYAN (1963-64):

“You are a wonderful Rotary Club, and your efforts have made my duty as President so easy and so pleasant. Pat and I extend to each and every one of you and your families, a Most Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.”

Past Presidents Continued



A. W. SAARINEN, JR.
1964-65

Art Saarinen was born long after Harry Brindle started his string of perfect attendances. He grew up in Atlanta, came here in 1945. He is a civil engineer, 1950, from the University of Florida. His WWII duty was in Yokohama, Japan. He and Mary Jane were married in 1950.

He joined J. H. Philpott, dean of local engineers. In 1954 the partnership of Philpott, Ross & Saarinen was formed. Art today is a leading hydraulic engineer. His firm does business in Florida, the South, and in the Bahamas. He and Mary Jane have two daughters. He combined engineering exactness with enthusiasm in his year of Rotary President.



ROBERT H. SIX
1965-66

ROBERT B. SIX, PRESIDENT 1965-1966, includes among the accomplishments of his administration: The welding of the Club into a more closely knit unit; Publishing the Club Bulletin, **THE TARPON**, in a brand new format; The formation of a Scholarship Committee for Broward Community College; And making Phil Browning the second Honorary Member of the Club. Governor Burns was one of the outstanding speakers who addressed the Club.



JOHN C. MILLER
1966-67

John C. Miller was a particularly active Rotary President. He aided Rotary in club assemblies and group meetings up and down the East Coast. Harlow P. Davock, 54-55 President, died in John's administration. Jim Pownall, program chairman, showed a Dolphin football film. John's Ladies Night was held at the Venetian Room at Pier 66. The Paul Harris Award was presented to Mrs. Ralph Marshall. (He was high in Girl Scout work.) Dick Leviton's wife, Lenora, died. John brought the entire Rotary Club Roster up to date and had it reprinted.



BEN A. BOLLINGER
1967-68

BEN A. BOLLINGER (1966-67)

My year 1967-68 as president of Club 1090:

Highlights included: Sending our club made-up Christmas Card to 155 Rotarians around the world — good response. Trying to get our Club Foundation fund in operation. Revising the Election Procedure, which John Miller did so well. Establish our Law & Order program with the Police.

We raised the luncheon fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00 and used the extra 50c for our Youth Scholarship Fund.

We increased our benefits to the youth of Ft. Lauderdale High School, and instead of the usual watch we gave two scholarships, one of \$1,000, and one of \$500. The practice has been continued.

We established the "Jr.-20" club within our club, the 20 most recent new members who were spearheaded by Tom Jones, to be greeters and new project pushers.

We took an active part in the community support of hiring during the summer. We donated as a club, and got many members to hire also.

We proposed the Freeport club into our district.

We entertained eight young Swedish businessmen and housed them in local Rotary homes while they investigated our local businesses.

Past Presidents Continued

CLEM BININGER (Pres. 1968-69)

1. To get the Club . . . to have major projects like the athletic field for the Boys' Clubs; for years there existed the feeling that, as the top leaders of the community, we needed only to give time and money to good causes . . . is individuals. My idea was that we should not become forever bound to any project, but should pioneer in helping to get new projects on their feet . . . and then move on to "spark" some other area of need.

2. To share Rotary with more new members we emphasized the need to get holders of major classifications to join the Board in finding good men to fill the minor classifications under their particular major.

For example, I was delighted when the Religion-Protestant major classification was opened by RI to allow us to have following with ministers of different Protestant denominations and helped recruit Bill Brace of All Saints Episcopal Church. Having come from the Downtown Club in Kansas City, Missouri, which is Club 13 in RI and which has about 550 members, I had their philosophy that "classification" is not primarily for selfish exclusiveness but to give us all a chance to know men in diverse professions and businesses.

If "Service Above Self" means anything, it means that we do not regard our Rotary Club as our "exclusive" group of potential "buyers."

3. To further widen the fellowship by urging all those eligible after 15 years in Rotary to take Senior Active for the two-fold advantage:

a. Enable a man's Additional Active to take the classification and then make eligible a third man from the particular business or profession.

b. Give the Rotarian taking Additional Active the guaranteed chance to affiliate with the Club in any area to which he might later move.

Thank the good Lord for our present President Bob Pfeifer and his Board for their zeal for projects and for a wider fellowship with new blood and new friends in service.



CLEM E. BININGER
1968-69



WALTER B. DUNN
1969-70

WALTER B. DUNN, PRES. 1969-70

Accomplishments:

Gave Boys Club Recreation Field; Increased scholarship funds; Contributed to the community of leadership by electing president-elect a year in advance.



ROBERT E. SHEPARD
1970-71

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Donated playground equipment to Southwest Boys Club — \$2,500; Awarded \$2,500 in scholarships;

Continued to sponsor Interact and also Annual Soft Ball Game. Attended Rotary International Convention.

Active in Youth Work of Ft. Lauderdale High School; Sponsored Interact; Annual Scholarships; and several years ago, conducted careers program with 20 Rotarians. (Two a week for ten weeks.)

ROTARY AND THE WAR EFFORT



By Howard Pierce (1942-43)

We were called to City Hall and advised that shortly we would have several thousand men here, and the Navy expected us to take care of these boys.

Bill Eastman, Jack Fannin and other Rotarians helped found the Service Men's Center. Better than three million service men and women were to pass through its doors. It received national recognition. We did it on our own — no federal or U. S. finance help. We had a large and efficient organization. We started out in the Rotary Club to form this organization, and we received the cooperation of other service clubs and of women's groups. We started without a nickel, and built what was one of the outstanding service clubs of the United States.

I might say, too, that it was an individual effort, with Rotary as a base. It was not a USO, but an individual local effort, which it was through the war years.

We had thousands of Navy, Coast Guard, Coast Artillery men, Air Force, all of the branches of the Armed Forces. We had dances three times weekly. It was a major operation and I am glad, thankful and pleased to have been president at that time.

Governor R. H. Gore renovated the first floor of the Pioneer store building and turned it over to the Citizens' Committee . . . At the Naval Air Station here pilots for AT (Attack-Torpedo) planes were trained. These were powerful, single engine planes capable of delivering torpedoes. They were fast and maneuverable and carrier-based on ships.

Many pilots who were trained here fought in the Battle of Midway, which broke the back of the Japanese fleet. It is said by some historians to have turned the tide of war in the Pacific.

The cost, in planes and pilots was tragic in the extreme. Few survived.

All of southeast Florida was an armed camp. Uniforms were common. Women became ambulance drivers, airplane jockeys, taxi cab drivers. Workers in other services if not as WACs or WAVES were uniformed. Men long retired took on war work.

Fort Lauderdale was building its future more than far-seeing pioneers ever dream.

Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of service men were entertained here, and trained. These men were to go to the far reaches of the earth. Many pined for a home in Fort Lauderdale or southeast Florida. They had fallen in love with it. Many returned here to live at war's end.

(The Service Center, which received national recognition, took up the entire building which we received through the cooperation of Governor R. H. Gore, its owner, and publisher of the News).

Among the important happening locally was the death of the aged recluse and philanthropist Hugh T. Birch.

Birch left the bulk of his holdings locally to Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, Ohio.

The state got the ocean-front Park and his home, but the college got the large tract south of Sunrise Boulevard known as Birch Oceanfront Estates and the huge area south of the newly-built Sunrise (then called Tenth Street) Causeway where Sunrise Shopping Center and homes area are now located.

ROTARY AND THE WAR EFFORT



JACK DALTON PROUDLY DISPLAYS HONOR ROLL OF ROTARIANS IN SERVICE.

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



Rotarians

First from left, Howard O. Pierce; third from left, August Burghard; right hand end, Wm. J. Eastman, who headed the huge Service Men's Center operation.
Julian E. Ross, center, a Kiwanian, and City Attorney, was Chairman of the M. A. C.

ROTARY AND THE WAR EFFORT

FORT LAUDERDALE SERVICE CENTER

By Howard Pierce (1942-43)

World War II began in December 1941.

Early in the Spring of 1942, a selected group of civic-minded men were told to meet in the old City Hall (where Burdine's now stands.) No further information was furnished. It had to do with the war effort!

When all were assembled, into the room strode a fully-uniformed Commander of the United States Navy from Naval Headquarters at Jacksonville.

The officer went directly into the purpose of his call. The Navy was to establish a large naval training station in the southern section of the City (where is now the International Airport.) There would be between 4,500 and 5,000 naval personnel. In addition, the Coast Guard and the Army would be active shortly in near proximity.

The Commander stated that the services would not expect these boys, when off duty and in town, to hang around street corners and "hold up lamp posts." This was the purpose of the meeting — to impress upon the citizenry that it was expected to do something about it!

Something was done. Within a week a Citizens Military Affairs Committee was formed to act as go-between for the military and the civilian. On this Committee headed by Julian Ross as President, were Rotarians August Burghard, Howard Pierce, and William J. Eastman, and a liberal representation from other Service Clubs.

Through generous contributions and the cooperation of the newspaper, a sum was raised to start the project. Through the generous action of newspaper publisher, R. H. Gore, the Service Center was given the four-story building on the southeast corner of First Avenue and Las Olas across from the Governors Club Hotel.

Furnishings were provided. The Building Trades contributed their services. Rotary and the other clubs took over the furnishing. Rotary's project was the Library with its well-stocked book shelves, while other clubs took on the responsibilities of the completion of other necessary rooms. A spacious lunch counter was equipped and staffed by townswomen. A huge dance floor and band stand was located on the second floor, and so on.

Rotarian William J. Eastman gave his full time as Center Manager; Howard Pierce was executive secretary.

The Service Center became one of the largest and finest of its kind in the United States for the four or more years of its existence, and through its portals passed hundreds of thousands of service men and women.



Bill Eastman and Carlyle Sweet, Presidents 1935-36 and 1944-45, third and fourth standing, honoring women who helped run Service Center.

ROTARY AND WORLD WAR TWO



James D. Camp and Bob Davis auction off most of their clothes in a fun filled Rotary session in which many \$\$\$\$ were raised for the World War Two effort.



Rotary entertained many war heroes. Here President Harry Randell, right, and Alex Nininger, pose with Lieutenant Eagen and his father. The emotion and pride displayed by the club when it learned that "Sandy" Nininger, son of Alex, had been awarded, posthumously, the first Congressional Medal of Honor for World War II for heroism on Bataan . . .

VIGNETTES

Development of Individual Rotarians continued



ULRIC J. BENNETT: (1931-1932)

"The first luncheon that I remember attending was the first meeting after the 1926 hurricane. It was held in a restaurant located facing New River between Beck's Drug Store (now S.A.L. office) and Swaggerty's garage.

"Few attended, but James S. Rickards, president, did not want to miss a meeting. I think the Club had been meeting in the Doric Temple which was used during the 1926 storm as a service center for storm victims. The Club went into the Presbyterian Church social hall on Las Olas Boulevard. Meetings were held there during my term of office.

Ralph Blank Sr. of West Palm Beach, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Fort Lauderdale in 1926, was active in Rotary. His son, Ralph Blank, Jr., is now State Senator from West Palm Beach.

Before I went to Fort Lauderdale the Club attended a conference in Savannah, 100% and took with them a Seminole Indian, Tony Tommie.

The 1926 Conference was held in Augusta, and it was on that trip that I first met James S. Rickards, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Broward County, and Russell G. Snow, Chairman of School Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale District, who were on their way to New York to interview several applicants for the Fort Lauderdale position.

Mrs. Floyd Miller was on the Presbyterian Church ladies committee which had charge of the social hall when the Club met there.

There were 50 or 60 members in the Club when I joined in 1926.



H. J. "Jack" Peavy, now of Lake Placid, in central Florida, has an old Rotary card signed by Secty. Bill Ketchin, dated 1930. He was active with Leigh Robinson in getting proper medical facilities for Fort Lauderdale. He built Fort Lauderdale's first medical clinic, was a tennis player, on the Southside Courts, and was a Parks Committeeman.

He was a First Lieutenant in WWI. He was an assistant to two of the best surgeons in the United States. They perfected reconstructive surgery never before accomplished. WWII found him Chief of Medicine in several hospitals and then as Commander of a hospital in Iceland.

"Doc" Peavy has been a cowboy, lion hunter, gold panner and has the pictures to prove it . . . He's a top bass fisherman, and an authority on citrus today.

WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

By H. O. Pierce

It was late summer, 1946.

Men and women who had so proudly worn Uncle Sam's uniform were still returning.

The Fort Lauderdale Service Center, recreational headquarters for thousands of service men, was closing, having earned a national reputation as one of the largest, finest and most successful in the United States.

To a group of civic minded men, in which were a number of Rotarians, and through whose efforts the Service Center had become such a highly successful operation, came an idea — the creation of a permanent and lasting memorial to those boys and girls who had served so long, and so faithfully.

But what sort of memorial?

It was decided that no consideration should be given to the usual idea of a monument in a park or street, with carved figures of soldiers and sailors guarding its four corners with drawn guns, flag, and out-moded cannon.

Nothing like that! No, it must be something that could be of use day in and year out, that everyone could use, and enjoy.

It would be a civic auditorium!

The War Memorial Association was formed and incorporated. Among the incorporators were active members of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club: J. D. Camp, George W. English, Jr., J. B. Fraser, Sr., August Burghard, Howard O. Pierce, William J. Eastman and E. Berkey Jones.

A fund campaign was organized. Some \$104,000.00 was raised. Not a penny was spent for solicitation, salaries or promotion.

Through the cooperation of the City Commission of which Rotarian Joel M. Taul was Vice-Mayor, and Rotarian Fred Rankin was City Manager, a site was donated in new Holiday Park, and the erection of the building was started. Union labor contributed, supply concerns contributed, building contractors supervised, architects worked free, and men and women gave their services. It was the effort of concerted community to provide a fitting memorial to those who had served and lived; to those who served — and died.

And then, when the effort had gone as far as it possibly could from a money standpoint from citizen participation, the City took over its completion. Today Fort Lauderdale possesses a Memorial of which it may well be proud.

The War Memorial opened its doors on the evening of January 14, 1950, with Rotarians Howard O. Pierce as Managing Director, and William J. Eastman as Associate.

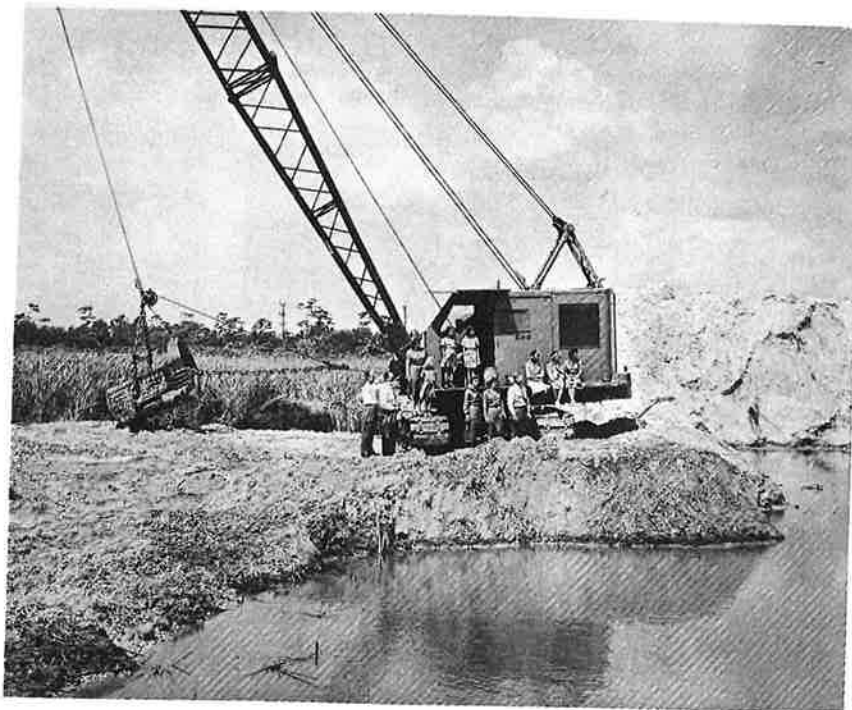
GIRL SCOUTING



IN 1965-66 F. PETER CLEMENTS BECAME A "CARD-CARRYING GIRL SCOUT."



CAMP ROTARY
At Old Naval Air Station



Wyatt Hodges points out site of swimming pool, Camp Rotary, Pres. Putnam, 3rd Right, standing in front of digging equipment. old Naval Air Station.

GIRL SCOUTING



Civic group meet at City Hall includes standing, Governor R. H. Gore, fourth from left and Rotarians Porter Reynolds (Mayor), James S. Knight, Oscar Morales, Cuban Representative at the Port. Seated, Mrs. "Buster" Condon, Girl Scout camping leader, Lois Burghard, second Broward Girl Scout Commissioner and on far right is A. J. Beck.



Dr. Carson With Gun

Everglade Camp
Owned By
Ed. Smith and Dr. Carson



RUSS & ELEANOR CARSON

Eleanor and Russ Carson enjoyed owning a camp with the Ed Smiths, out in the Everglades before the building of Alligator Alley. Eleanor's camping experiences stood her in good stead in her work with Girl Scouts at all levels — local, state and national.



A. W. PUTNAM (1948-49):

"Lauderdale was a friendly little community and could, and did, do things not possible now.

"It was during that time we took over Girl Scout work, and we established for them Camp Rotary at the old Naval Air Station.

"Alonzo gave thanks anew to Wyatt Hodges, to many Rotarians with hammer, saws and paint brushes, and to the Markowitz Plumbing Co."



A. W. Putnam, 1948-49 President, standing Middle, Rear

GIRL SCOUTS FROM 1949 ON

On November 2, 1949 a handsome "card of thanks" came to the Club for its interest and support of Girl Scouting. It was signed by Mrs. Ed Kovacs, Commissioner, and Mrs. George F. Young, Secretary.

Between 1949-1961 the Club spent \$5,800.62. Contributions by Rotary members in services and actual expenditures far exceeded that amount.

Highlights of meals away from home (that is, other than our regular eating place) were those prepared and served at Camp Rotary and other Girl Scout headquarters.

Lois (Mrs. August) Burghard, was the second Broward Girl Scout Commissioner. John E. Morris, Sr. was the first.

Eleanor (Mrs. Russell B.) Carson was Program Plans Chairman in 1959, the year Wm. B. Hulett was Rotary President. Eleanor went on to become a National Girl Scout official.

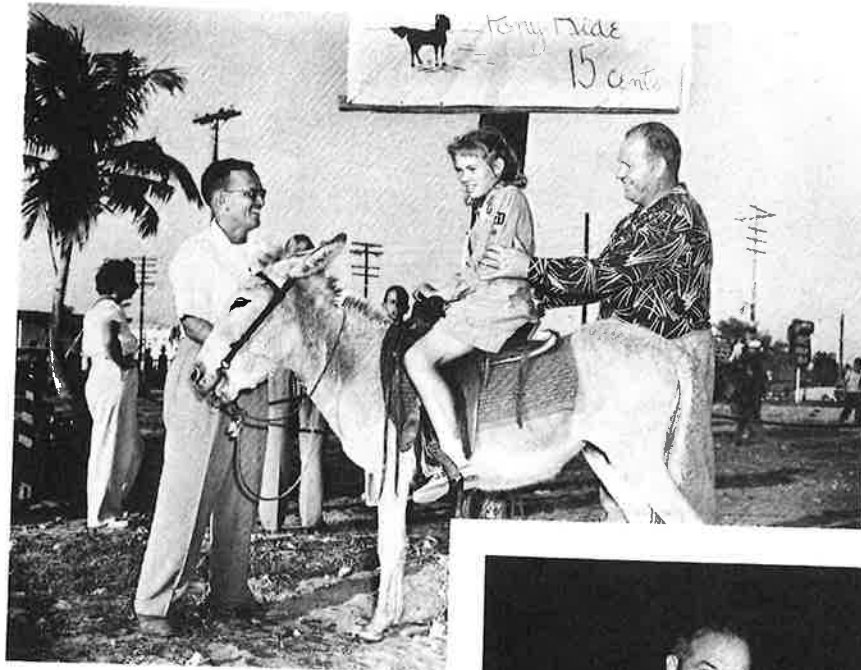
In 1965-66 F. Peter (Pete) Clements became a "card-carrying Girl Scout."

Pete was most active in Scout work, locating and acquiring camp sites in other counties of Florida.

Wyatt Hodges used his draglines and other heavy equipment to put a swim pool for the Scouts at Camp Rotary (Old Navy Air Station.) Phil M. Brown was Rotary Committee Chairman on the Girl Scout Camp near Clewiston.

GIRL SCOUTING

Club #1090's activities in connection with Girl Scouting is shown in



Felix Francois and two friends.



at Girl Scout Rotary fund raising jamboree
on old high school grounds: Rotarians???

40th ANNIVERSARY

July 15, 1960

Mr. John Ullmann, Jr.
234 S. E. 10th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Re: Historical Committee

Dear John:

The birthday of the Club will be March 1, 1961. The Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club was formed March 1, 1922 just 39 years before. Fortunately, our birthday falls on a Wednesday. Could your committee go to work and plan a program for that day?

Would you please confirm to me in writing your acceptance of this assignment? When you have developed a program, would you let me know how long it will take, and if you will need any props or photographic equipment.

Most sincerely,



W. J. Burke

WJB/hm

cc: Messrs. Thomas Cook
Dallas Swindle

The Members of the 1961 Historical Committee included John Ullmann and the author, co-chairmen, and Dr. Leigh F. Robinson, public health, hospitals and charter members; Dave Riddle — club expansion and the help Club 1090 gave; George W. English — Banking and Finance; Jack B. Fannin — Rotary in sports and recreation; baseball, Aquatic Forum, big game fishing. (Commodore Brooks' and "Ham" Forman's records loom large here;) International relations — Pete Clements and George Wambold, Ernie Orr and Andy Musselman.

J. W. Dickey — Communications from editors and broadcasters and outdoorsmen — Vernon Sherwin, Bob Tigert, Walter Dunn, Dickey and the author, Jack Dalton, George Pugh, and Charles Davidson; Howard Allen and William O. Shreve, Junior Achievement; Thord Marshall, U. J. Bennett, J. S. Rickard and Leo Goulding.

Dick Ward, Ralph J. Blank and the author, the Chamber of Commerce; War Services and War Memorial Auditorium — Bill Eastman, Howard O. Pierce, Alexander Nininger; Mack Katz — Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, and John A. Raymond and the Community Chest; Reverend Tom Hansen — religion and moral fabric of Community; municipal, heavy industry and Depression Relief; J. B. Fraser, George English, C. D. Kittridge, and Joel M. Taul.

MEMBERSHIP OF C



CLUB SERVICE

Al Adomat

Dave Walker

Mack Katz

Clinton Hamilton

Fellowship
Sergeant at Arms
Medallion

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Club Bulletin
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Introductions

Public Relations

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Membership
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Rotary Information
Historical
Membership

Chuck Bolton
Bill Eastman
Donald McSweyn
Harvey Ramsey, III

Al Adomat
Clint Hamilton
Ed Heilbron
Dan Nicely
Bill Brace and
Dick Newman, Co-Chr.
Ray McNamara and
Bob Bubier, Co-Chr.

Dave Walker

George Ernst
Ed deBrauwere and
John Monahan, Co-Chr

Bill Robbins
J. C. Gilbert
Fred Fisher

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Birch Willey

Don Van Nus

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Youth Work
Scholarship
Community Projects

Bob McGranahan
Malcolm Miller
John Miller

Charles Creighton

Salvation Army
Americanism
Vocational Service

Ralph Dye
Bob Pendleton
Lester Moody

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Robert Shepard

Ed Heilbron

Club Banners
Everglades
International Table
International
Student Project
Rotary Foundation
International Contact
or Sister City

Jack Dalton
Howard Pierce
Ed Browne

George Bolge
Joe Gelety
Bud Maynard and
Pete Clements, Co-Chr.

40th ANNIVERSARY

John Ullmann, Jr.
Co-Chairman 40th Anniv. Committee

Dear John:

Earl Shreve has turned over to me information he has obtained from Leigh Robinson and Bill Eastman. I talked to Howard Jelks and he gave me the same information. I also enclose copies of letters from U. J. Bennett and Alonzo Putnam.

Florence Rifenburg handed me a history written by Maxwell Baxter, president of the club 1932-1933.

It might be well to compile the information in chronological order, giving the names of the president and the year that he served, as well as the meeting places.

I hope this will help compile the history.

David L. Riddle

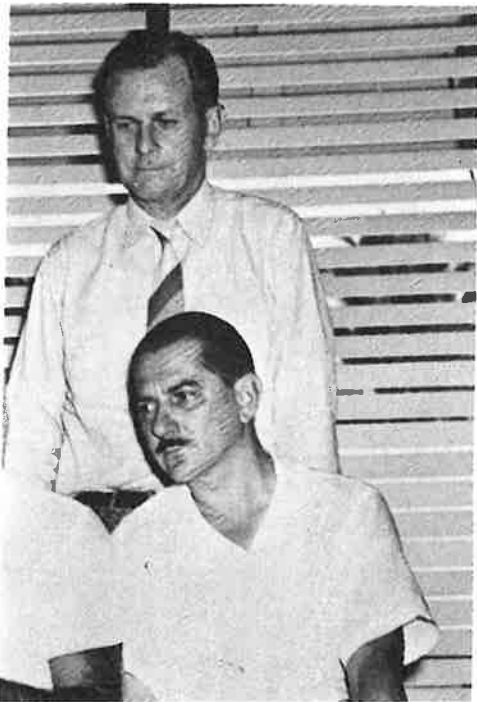


President Wm. L. Burke blowing out candles on 40th Anniversary cake held by Past President Jack Fannin.

ROTARY VIGNETTES



Detroit's Eddie Guest wrote a poem about Fort Lauderdale and this Club. Here he is pictured with Ken Guernsey, Past International President from Jacksonville. (Eddie was a friend of Howard Pierce, President 1942-43).



Alonzo Putnam (Rotary President 1948-49) joined group planning Fire Prevention Campaign. Alonzo at top of picture, Bob Ange at bottom.

U. S. Senator Spessard Holland, distinguished Rotary Speaker and Rotarian, played an important part in the acquisition of Birch State Park on Fort Lauderdale Beach and Everglades National Park.

