

## ROTARY VIGNETTES

### RAY WHYTE — POET LAUREATE



The club was unique among many organizations, in the 1930's and 1940's, in that we had our own poet laureate, Ray Whyte, a man of vast wit and humor as well as poetic ability. He added luster to the club and to its meetings.

When Dr. O. C. Brown was president in 1936-37, he presented to Ray, from the club, a desk fountain pen set in appreciation of what he had done for the club and the community. He headed the Tarpon Lumber Co.

Ray, we firmly believed, was a lineal descendant of the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley and wrote in the same style. The pre-Christmas issue of the Rotary Tarpon in the early WWII days said:

"Our own inimitable Ray Whyte is going to give another of his memorable Christmas programs. Ray is a man of many talents and turns.

"The themes and the fame of his beautiful verses about *Tarpon Bend*, *The Old Rail Fence*, *Las Olas Beach at Sunset*, and other word-paintings have spread far beyond the confines of Fort Lauderdale and of Florida.

"He is also a first-class humorist as witness his highjinks with the turkey at the "Hungry Club" breakfast on Thanksgiving . . . An authority on the oak tree, his discussion of same stands out in Rotary annals.

Ray and his Jane (a tiny little lady who came here as a Red Cross Nurse after the '26 hurricane) brightened many a Rotary gathering.

## TREASURE TROVE



President Bill Burke receiving sheaf of old Tarpons from Mrs. D. D. Oliver as John Ullman and August Burghard look on.

# PERFECT

## 50 YEARS



**HARRY BRINDLE**

Harry Brindle doesn't see too well, anymore.

But what difference does it make? He knows every member of Club 1090 by name, by the sound of his voice, and by the number of his badge, and its place in the badge rack. He functions without difficulty in the Badge-and-Luncheon-Ticket department on meeting days.

He doesn't drive the family car anymore — but Rotaryann Annie is a deft and enthusiastic driver. Traffic congestion means nothing to her. So she and her Harry . . . our Harry . . . are on time and in good shape for all Rotary meetings and affairs.

**Harry — as who doesn't know — is entering fifty years of perfect Rotary attendance!**

That requires some health, some determination, some dedication, some agility and ability.

There is a legend that once in the late 30's or early 40's in Pennsylvania Harry was in the hospital with a broken leg. His club and all its members held a complete, official Rotary meeting in his hospital room. His attendance record remained intact.

Harry was once a mighty hunter. His favorite target was rattlesnakes. He could hit them in the eye. He was an outstanding marksman.

In Florida he won fame for his "green thumb." Things grew for him. He budded and raised the finest mangoes. Actually the Tommy Atkins Mango should bear the name The Harry Brindle. His South Fort Lauderdale gardens were well and widely known.

Rotary is proud of its Harry Brindle, and #1090 is delighted that his and the Club's Golden Anniversary coincide!

## HARRY BRINDLE DAY



President Bob Pfeifer, the entire Rotary Club and (particularly Walt Dunn and Pete Clements) join with Rotarian Brindle and members of his family from all

# ATTENDANCE



Jack Fannin



Warren Brown



Ed Browne



Otis Smith



Carl Lindholm



Mack Katz



John Ullman

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Marshall Ackerman	..... 1 year
Mitchel Alles	..... 7 years
Kenneth Bailey	..... 22 years
Ben Bollinger	..... 20 years
Warren Brown	..... 19 years
Ed Browne	..... 6 years
Charlie Carroll	..... 26 years
Bob Davis	..... 2 years
Bill Eastman	..... 5 years
George Ernst	..... 4 years
Jack Fannin	..... 43 years
J. C. Gilbert	..... 4 years
Clinton Hamilton	..... 2 years
Henry Hoover	..... 2 years
Mack Katz	..... 15 years
Carl Lindholm	..... 33 years
Bob McGranahan	..... 3 years
Bob Pendleton	..... 6 years
Otis Smith	..... 8 years
John Ullman	..... 9 years
Bob Wolfe	..... 3 years
Harry L. Brindle	..... 50 years

Ben Bollinger quotes Harry Brindle: "It's no problem. Just attend the meetings."

Ben made up in Europe eight times. If there was a chance of having a close call, he made up in advance.

In the mountains of North Carolina he drove 60 miles for his make-up, but missed the meeting. He got back to Fontana Dam and drove another 60 miles in an opposite direction.

Two hundred forty mountainous miles to make up a Rotary meeting.

Mack Katz, 15 years, almost. Missed a make-up when hospitalized, but managed to get released and "checked out" in time for the Rotary meeting.

His greatest trouble in making-up came, when he and Sadie were on a trip around the world, in finding club meetings that would coincide with his transportation schedules.

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## SELF ACCUSER

Dallas A. Swindle, former club president, long time secretary, played in a golf foursome with three other Rotarians.

His game was fundamentally sound, but being a left-hander, his long wood shots sometimes put him in deep rough.

Dallas was vocal, but he never blamed his partner, the weather, the government in Washington, the greens keeper, or the opposition when he fluffed one, as he tried to get back on the fairway.

Instead, oddly, he blamed himself.

Carl Lindholm and Harry Randle, from anywhere on the course, knew he was in trouble when they heard his agonized, penetrating, self-denunciating outcry: "*Dallas, you fool!*"



Fort Lauderdale, looking East toward Ocean. Light streaks at top of picture are Rotarian Victor Nurmi's "Nurmi Isles."

## Nurmi Isles

Fort Lauderdale in 1946.

This picture, loaned by Howard Jelks, is as interesting for what it doesn't show as for what it does. Many of today's landmarks were not yet constructed.

The four long north-south black and white stretches in the upper center are today's Nurmi Isles . . . one of the top residential areas. When Rotarian Victor Nurmi started them it was said that if they were stretched end to end they would reach to Dania.



Rev. Ed. Downey (elbow on chair), Bob Davis to his right; Preston Ross with white hair, Dallas Swindle to his right; U. J. Bennet. Back of Bennet is Seigfried Bechhold.

# VIGNETTES

## Some 20 Year Highlights

May 17, 1950: E. Thos. Wilburn, president. Col. Shearer reports on trip to Mexico.

Otto Seyferth, long-time winter visitor here from his home in Michigan, was elected President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Tarpon starts printing names of visitors and their home clubs.

March 5, 1956: President, Pete Clements. Major Vernon Bowes spoke of hunting with falcons — and brought live specimens of hawks with him.

About 500 visiting Rotarians were guests.

(Pete Clements thinks that on Dec. 12 or 19, 1954 — we had almost 600 visitors, our tops. Few local Rotarians had a chance to sit, much less eat, but they enjoyed the visitors greatly.)

August 8, 1951: Robt. V. Childers, President. Bob lost his appendix at Broward General.

August 26, 1957: Grant L. Clarke, Pres. Big Ev, (Everett Steinbuch) sometimes called "Tiny," but more aptly, "Mount Everett," had a pleasant time presenting Dick Struble, who reported on his 16 European voyages.

Jack Fannin is redoing his funeral home.

John Monahan is opening a branch in Jamaica.

Pres. Grant introduced members Ira Hirschfield, Roy Gunderson, Ed Green and Paul Ihle, also introduced was Walt Ketchin, new Southern Bell manager.

June 5, 1957: Mark Gibson, President. Carolyn Green, great swimmer, spoke.

Earl O. Shreve chairmans United Fund Campaign.

Bill Ketchin Sr. grows the biggest, most fragrant, most colorful, and sweetest mangoes.

February 13-14, 1952: Robt. A. Childers, Pres. Report of "Jothan Valley," Moral Rearmament musical play: the Bob Childers, the John Cooks, the Harlow Davocks, the Mark Gibsons, the Tom Hansens, the Lewis Moores, the E. O. Shreves, Robert Standarts, Karl Starks, Everett Steinbuchs, D. A. Swindles and the Richard W. Wards.

Dec. 14, 1960: Thos. A. Cook, President. Program: National Defense. Thanks to Chas. Davidson, a unique telephone hook-up with Defense Center in Colorado was made.

John Monahan appointed to the Turnpike Authority.

Fred Boyd is now a Lieutenant Colonel.

"Not Russia, Castro, shrinking dollar values, traffic, nor income and gasoline taxes, nor the government are the things to be concerned about. The really big problems are: Exploding Populations and Declining Resources."

May 18, 1960: W. B. "Bill" Hulett. Dave Riddle is program chairman.

Praised for International Committee work at Port Everglades: Warren Foster, Geo. Warmbold, Jack Van Nus.

May 31, 1961: Thomas A. Cook, President. Joint meeting with downtown Kiwanis Club.

Big Ev Steinbuch, 1090's sponsor and representative, received ovation from boys and club membership for work on Wheel Club.

Harry Randel has a lychee tree, a beauty, in full fruitage.

International recognition for Dick Coons in the June issue of Rotary Magazine featuring his celebrated "Operation Coconuts."

Art Stone, Buning the Florist, given huge task of decorating Convention Hall in Miami for R. I. annual meet.

April 5, 1961: Tom Cook, President. "Bill" Burke elected 61-62 president. His board, Swindle, secty.; Clem Bininger, Sam O'Bryan, George Warmbold.

Hugh Mueller, nephew of our own "Mitch" Alles and naturalist at Everglades National Park, spoke on tropical storm effects in the big park.

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## Some 20 Year Highlights



Cutlines on some newspaper headlines, (whose pictures we couldn't reproduce):

Dec. 31, 1939: *Rotary International Leader Honored. Entertained at Dinner Given Jointly By Clubs:* Broward Rotarians honored Walter D. Head, president of Rotary International, and Mrs. Head with a dinner at the Lauderdale Beach Hotel . . . Shown at the speaker's table are Mr. and Mrs. Holt McPherson, Ft. Lauderdale club president and toastmaster.

Others present were E. N. Powell, Pompano Beach president and Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow P. Davock, who entertained the Heads while they were in Fort Lauderdale; and James E. Fussell, president of the Miami Club.



Dist. Governor Samuel A. Knowles attended the Club 1090 meeting in October, 1963 to make the presentation of the Rotary Wheel designed and created by Charlie Carroll's daughter, Mrs. Loraine Schreiber.

She had spent eighty-five hours in creating the beautiful Mosaic plaque. It measures 24x24 inches and contains 5,000 individual pieces.

Loraine said that her father's interest and loyalty to the Rotary Club, with his 18 years of perfect attendance, was the reason for her endeavor.

# ROTARY FOUNDATION



## The Rotary Foundation *of* Rotary International

*certifies that*

## The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U. S. A. *is a* 600% Rotary Foundation Club

1966 - 67

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation

  
CHAIRMAN  
  
SECRETARY

A foundation, or fund for educational and charitable purposes was envisioned as early as 1917 . . . It would carry out "some great educational service to mankind." The Minneapolis Convention of 1928 gave full recognition to the suggestion of eleven years earlier.

The first Foundation Committee was named in 1932 . . . In 1938 approval was given to raise the Fund to \$2,000,000 . . . particularly to promote the Fourth Avenue of Rotary Service.

First Foundation Fellowship awards were made in 1947 . . . In 1965 R.I. directors recommended the "10 and 1" plan — \$10.00 for each new member admitted.

Special recognition is given by the Foundation to individuals who make special gifts. A Rotarian who gives \$1,000 or more is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

## ROTARY FELLOWS

Club 1090 is proud of the fact that it has two Rotary Fellows, Drs. Clinton Hanna and Ralph Dyer.



Clint Hanna is a graduate in electrical engineering, holds a Professional Electric, and an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Purdue University, Indiana.

He retired in 1960 from Westinghouse, Pittsburgh.

Clint has more than 100 patents on inventions. He developed a stabilizer for tank guns, and was honored with a presidential citation medal and special recognition from Franklin Institute. He also developed elevation controls and other items and valuable products for the benefit of mankind.

His Rotaryann is Dorothy.

President Abraham Lincoln appointed Clint's grandfather as District Attorney for the entire State of Indiana. Clint gave Lincoln's signature and the appointment certificate to his son.



Rotarian Ralph Dye, D.P.M., F.A.A.C., D.E., was born: Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. He is a Podiatrist, Industrialist, Financier, Philanthropist and World Traveler. He originated in 1927, The Dye Technique of Foot Rehabilitation.

He is Past President Fellow Pedic Research Society, and Past Member of the Council of Education of the National Podiatry Association, and has received the following awards:

Award of Honor from Temple University, Life Membership, Temple University School of Podiatry; The Winged Foot Award, Podiatry Society of Pennsylvania.

Life Membership in the American Podiatry Association, 1960; and Doctor of Education (Honorary Degree) from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, June 15, 1969. He is active in Boy Scouts, a Member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity; a Trustee of Allegheny College; Past Director of the First National Bank of Mercer, Pa.; Past Vice-President of Reznor Manufacturing Co.; an Elder of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale.



# INTERACT

## WILLIAM R. ROBBINS



William R. (Bill) Robbins. Born and raised in Miami, now lives in Broward.

Business interests: general construction, real estate, citrus growing and cattle.

Member, 1972 Council on Legislation; Member, Planning Committee, 1969-71 and Chairman 1969-70; and First Vice-President Rotary International 1959-60; Director Rotary International 1958-1960; Chairman Executive Committee 1959-1960; Past President Rotary Club of Miami; Past District Governor, District 699.

Past President Miami YMCA; Past V. P. and Director, National Council of YMCA's; Past Director Miami Chamber of Commerce.

He and his family traveled 6,000 miles inside Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia covering 14 major cities, with visits to farms, factories, universities, youth centers and other institutions.

Visits to the Far East have covered 18 countries, including Japan, Korea, India, Thailand, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Indonesia.

When Bill, 1960 Rotary International First Vice President, starts on a project, something gives. His committee recognized the need for a youth organization. In the spring of 1964 the first Wheel Club was organized at the Ponce de Leon High School, Dade County.

By 1962 there were 90 Wheel Clubs in the U. S. and Australia. In 1963, when R.I. became officially interested, the first Interact Club was organized at Melbourne, Fla. The two youth organizations merged and by 1966 there were 1,022 Interact Clubs in 47 countries with 25,000 members.

Speaking of the sowing of seeds, the development of an idea, the growth possibilities of a good and needed plan —

# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



In 1965 and 1966, Bob Six and John Miller were presidents, the papers were carrying pictures of Junior Achievement and the Rotarians and others who were helping make it a success.

Walter B. Dunn, a second year president in 1966, went over the books with Julius B. Richner, treasurer. Walt had been active in the club since 1960.

Earl B. Shreve, honorary chairman, was one of the founders; Charles Davidson was vice president . . . F. W. Murray, Jr., president, turned his duties over to Dunn June 15, 1965. Ed. W. Smith, V.P. the F. P. & L. Co., was shown congratulating some of the youthful business executives.

## OUR OWN DISTRICT GOVERNOR Wm. J. BURKE



WILLIAM J. BURKE  
District Governor: District 699  
1966-67

Bill Burke joined Rotary in 1954. Dick Ward and Harlow Davock were president and president-elect. Bill became 1090's president in 1961-62 and gave leadership to the organizing and chartering of Plantation.

Forty four years were required for Club 1090 to produce its first District Governor.

He was, of course, William J. Burke. Bill Was Worth Waiting For

Bill was the step-son of Arthur Griffith, of Miami, who had been a Fort Lauderdale Rotarian earlier, for almost thirty years.

Arthur W. Saarinen was President, and Robt. H. Six was Club Secretary in late February 1965 when Fort Lauderdale adopted the resolution announcing Bill Burke as candidate for District Governor.

He was elected at the Conference in Boca Raton in 1966 and took office in July. He served with distinction in 1966-67. He announced as his major goals:

- I. The enjoyment of Rotary fellowship;
- II. Share Rotary by attending District Conferences;
- III. Share Rotary by adding new members;
- IV. Emphasize the Internationality of Rotary for understanding.

Bill's District Conference was on Miami Beach. John C. Miller was President of the Fort Lauderdale Host Club.

Robert H. Six was Conference Chairman; Julius Richner, Treasurer; Ray McNamara, Sergeant at Arms; John Monahan, Clem Bininger, Bill Hulett, Speakers Comm.; "Mitch" Alles and Clark Work, Program; Dick Neumann and Dick Leviton, Invocations.

Hosts for special guests; Howard and Inez Allen, Sam and Patricia O'Bryan; Rex and Laphane Waltz, and Doug and Lois Walter. Ben Bollinger was Secretary.

Registration: Mack Katz, Duke Allison, Ken Bailey, Martin Gunderson, and Charlie Carroll.

Don Van Nuss was on the Music Committee with Theofelos Aleapoulis; Jack Dalton and Arthur Stone handled decorations; Elsie Allison, "Mickey" Burke, Eleanor Miller and Betty Six were in charge of Rotaryann programs and arrangements; John Campbell, gifts.

Nine RSVP boys from the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Mexico and New Zealand attended. (See "Chick" Reynold's R.S.V.P. story in other columns of this report.)

Rotary is better because of Bill Burke. Our club, individual members, district and state are better because of Bill Burke.

Club 1090 is proud that Bill Burke is one of our own.

## UNITED FUND



Howard Jelks and Lester Faye present Chamber President Curtis Byrd with "Winning Team" check in Chamber of Commerce Fund Drive. Howard Jelks right, Curtis Byrd center and Lester Faye left.



Rotary was well represented at the first meeting (1946) held to organize the Community Chest . . . later to become United Fund.

Howard Jelks, seated far left, Jas. S. Knight, standing, Ray White, standing for right.

Also pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Loehr, Logan T. Brown and wife, Robert Hansen, Dan Fairchild, Ed Williams and the Y.M.C.A. secretary.

Rotary has supported the Fund over the years. Its chief executives were Rotarians — first Wardell (Ward) Jett and now Wm. M. Pozaro.

# ROTARY VIGNETTES

## EVERET STEINBUCH (1949-50)

Ev Steinbuch was a big man. A tremendous man. He stood between six and seven feet and must have weighed close to 300 pounds. He was as gentle and considerate as he was big.

A funny sight was big Everett, dressed in Boy Scout shorts, with a Cub beanie on his head, at a show in the school auditorium put on by Club 1090 to entertain and raise money for the Girl Scouts.

To the tune of the Volga Boatman, Ev strained across the stage pulling on a big rope. He exited right, a moment later he appeared left, straining against the rope he had just been seen pulling.

Ev liked to lean back in the chairs at the Governor's Club, and inevitably sprung the metal piece supporting the back. The Club offered to buy the dining room people an extra chair and have Ev's name on it.

The idea was vetoed.

Everett Steinbuch was one of the truly able and admired Rotary members of Club 1090.

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Jack Fannin holds the Boy Scout Silver Beaver. He was first chairman of the Broward County Council . . .

Dallas Swindle and J. Pitt Simpson, Rotarians, also were recognized for outstanding services with the Silver Beaver award.

Pete Clements, president 1955-56, had Gene Flack, Sunshine Biscuit publicist and humorist at one of the club's largest meetings. Flock almost filled the air with cigars as he tossed them out "to see if we were staying awake." The Tarpon reported between 400 and 500 visitors. Pete thinks the figure was nearer 600, as most local members surrendered their seats as a compliment to the visitors.

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## 100% MEETING

Harlow N. Davock, husband of our Ruth, whose father was International President of R.I., told of a 100% meeting in early April . . .

"One week at the Pioneer House we had 504 visiting Rotarians, and Fort Lauderdale was host to a District Conference, and I was a smart enough executive to get Pete Clements to run it!"

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## RETARDED CHILDREN

The time: 1960. The occasion: an appeal to State Senator A. J. Ryan for legislative action in providing needed facilities for mentally retarded children.

The protagonist: President Tom Cook, Rotary Club #1090. Tom appealed to Rotarians the State of Florida over to join in the cause.

The result: Constructive moves were accomplished.

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## DECEASED ROTARIANS

The solemn ringing of the Rotary bell as names of former Rotary officers were read at the 40th Anniversary Meeting in 1961.

The Galvin Brothers, who owned the Fort Lauderdale Daily News before Stilwell and Governor Gore, seeing that President Bill Eastman (1935-36) was calling his meetings to order by banging with a spoon on a water glass, presented the club with a handsome brass gong, with Bill's name engraved on it.

Fort Lauderdale, in 1937-38, winning bronze plaques offered by the Rotarian Magazine for Community (first) and International Service (second). Dr. O. E. Brown and Burghard were Presidents.

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## FREEDOM AWARDS

In February, 1967, Rotary Club 1090 had the proud honor of formally presenting the Freedom Foundation awards for distinguished editorial writing.

Jack W. Gore, editor of the Fort Lauderdale News, won the coveted George Washington Honor Medal for his editorial "*What Does a Nation Profit In Gaining The World While Losing Its Soul?*"

Harvey A. Call, editorial writer and assistant to Gore, also won an honor medal. His editorial: *If the Flag is to Have Meaning and Be Accorded Respect, National Purpose Is Vital.*

William A. Mullen, editor of the Pompano Sun Sentinel, won the Foundation's Honor Certificate for "*Opportunity At Hand to Heed Mr. Lincoln.*" The Francis Broward Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution also received a Certificate for its community programs.

At the Foundation's headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Bob Hope was honored for entertaining service men around the world. Cartoonist Milton Canniff won the Leadership Medal which hailed him, "Beloved Citizen — Ardent Patriot."

John C. Miller was president.

## FRIESE (1965)

Rotarian Harry Friese was inducted in 1965 to his second term on the Fort Lauderdale

## ECONOMIC SURVEY (1966)

Banker Arthur W. Saarinen, senior member of the two Arthur W. Saarinens in Fort Lauderdale Rotary, mid-summer 1966, was one of the signers of a contract with a Chicago analyst for an economic survey looking toward the revitalization of the downtown.

Wallace Brennan, Bob Gore, Jr. and Fred Temple were the other signers.

## BOLLINGER-MILLER (1966-67)

In 1967 Bob Bubier, Fort Lauderdale City Manager, was one of two young men receiving an award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contributions to their community. Bob was described as:

"A fine representative of a young breed of professional city managers that has been replacing political hacks in the more progressive cities of the nation."

Ben Bollinger was installed as #1090 President, June 22, 1967; John Miller was Retiring President.

Dr. Kenneth Wells, Valley Forge, Pa., described us as "one of the nation's most vital and interesting communities." John Miller participated.

## "FIRST LADY" (1968)

In February 1968 "Stan" Drake, Drake College President, presented an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Mrs. Frank Stranahan, Fort Lauderdale's first school teacher, and one of the first voluntary teachers of Seminole Indian children.

Ben Bollinger was club president (1967-68).

## ROTARIANS IN ACTION



Skipper John H. Grant floated this Church down from Jupiter.



ANOTHER EFFORT AT SINGING

## ROTARIANS IN ACTION



Veteran Rotarian George English receiving Plaque of Gratitude from Nova University where he has served as a Trustee and where the Library is named in his honor. Presenting the Plaque is John E. Morris Jr., President of Nova's Gold Key Club.



### CREIGHTON AND THE NAVY LEAGUE

(1966)

Charles Creighton (1966) President of the Fort Lauderdale Council of the Navy League, received a plaque for outstanding service and hospitality to Navy ships calling at Port Everglades.... on right

The plaque was a handsome piece in the shape of a map of Florida.

Fred Millsapps was a 1971-72 Program Chairman

# ROTARIANS IN ACTION



President Pfeiffer presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Valentino, noted geologist, who was a speaker in 1972.



President Robert H. Pfeiffer receiving check from Ralph (Doc.) Dye making Doc. the club's second "Rotary Fellow."



Fred Millsaps thanking a Wednesday noontime speaker.



Ed McDonald presenting speaker Guy Botts a Certificate of Appreciation.



# ROTARY CAN'T SING!

A LAMENT, A CONFESSION — A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE  
Club #1090 has one weakness.

It can't sing.

It never could.

There is nothing quite like men's lusty voices giving forth in harmony.

Oh, at most District Conferences, the singing is wonderful.

At International Conventions, under the deft and inspired leadership of great men of music, the singing is thrilling, magnificent, deeply moving, even to the tone deaf . . . the highlight of any program.

At Ed R. Johnson's Convention at Atlantic City, at R. I.'s Golden Jubilee at Chicago, at *any* International gathering, the singing gave wings to even the most pedestrian of us.

But Downtown Fort Lauderdale?

No!

Over the years we have had a few good booming basses and bass baritones like Big Bill Hulett, Tom Cook, Arthur Griffith, or Bill Ketchin; and a few trilly tenors who would love to harmonize. Bob Tigert's wife used to help us a lot. Bob Childers was a singer.

But even Maxwell Baxter, writing of our earliest days, commented on how silly the efforts of our original fifteen sounded.

All of the foregoing brings up the powerful, but sweet-voiced, Dan Nicely, who sounds so good back of the microphone each week. (He directs Church Music for Clem Bininger and Dick Newmann. He even teaches children to make music with bells.)

So, maybe in the future, he could organize a Rotary Quartette, or an Octette, or even a small glee club — for Rotary's own entertainment, and for the eventual stimulation of the whole club to start singing out.

We sincerely hope!



This team of genial ruffians is *NOT* made up of singers.  
Au contraire.

Back in one of the times when a strenuous effort was made to make 1090 a singing club, sergeant-at-arms would be on the lookout for men not singing.

These would be brought forward and made to sing by themselves, while the rest of the club leered and jeered.

(P.S.: Harry Randel could actually sing. He was just lending encouragement to the culprits.)

# THE TARPON

The Rotary Tarpon, club bulletin, has served since the club's inception. Appearing weekly, it keeps members advised on programs, activities, and each other. It instructs on Rotary goals, growth and purposes, lists meeting places and times of other clubs in the area. It gives names and phone numbers of members. It is terse, accurate, prompt, and for the most part, read.

Among its several editors have been D. D. Oliver, Wm. M. Ketchin, D. A. Swindle and Florence Rifenburg, August Burghard (20 years), Holt McPherson, Harold Bache, Dick Coons, "Mitch" Alles, and prize-winning Dr. Clinton D. Hamilton, current editor.



*"Each year District 699 presents a "Club Bulletin Award" to that bulletin in the District which best measures up to the established criteria.*

*The 1971 award was made to the ROTARY TARPON, of which I am Editor, at the District Conference in Cocoa Beach in 1971. There is a huge bronze plaque on which is inscribed the Club's name and the name of the bulletin Editor. The current plaque has been awarded since 1967.*

*Clinton D. Hamilton*

It has long been the hope of Tarpon editors that it could be improved mechanically — printed with real type, on slick paper, with a photograph or two — and even the occasional use of color!

Something to look forward to early in the upcoming 50 years.

## VIGNETTES From Old Tarpons

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.

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.

From the Tarpon, June 25, 1962:

Drs. Al Cronkite and Thomas McGee will give the club their report on the R. I. Convention in Mexico City.

Tom Wilburn represented the Quarterback Club and the City Commission re acquiring a site for a football field.

Chas. Carroll is back from Pittsburgh . . . Carl Lindholm reached home safely at Pittsfield, Mass.

# NEWSY DOTS FROM OLD TARPONS

June birthdays: E. L. Browne, H. P. Davock, H. M. Forman, J. B. Fraser, W. M. Ketchin, Paul Meyers, Fred Roath, Dr. L. F. Robinson, Harry Willson.

A handsome oil painting of himself, Rev. Tom Hansen, was unveiled at the Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

Victor Nurmi let contracts for more apartments on his great island development, Nurmi Isles.

Ev. Steinbuch 21 visitors from nine states.

Pres. Bob Childers reports that Jerry Hyde is back on his feet.

The club was told that Jim Topping was a nephew of John Dewey, one of the most famous educators of this century . . . Jim's distinguished sister writes for the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and for radio serials.

Ben Bollinger is in charge of program Wednesday. His speaker, Rotarian W. T. Piper, will talk on airplanes and flying.

April 23, 1952:

Bob Roberts, Bob Childers and Dallas Swindle will attend the Lake Worth District Conference.

Past President Alonzo Putnam will again head Red Cross.

Hunley and Margaret will spend the summer in New England . . . She will attend the reunion of the Cambridge Latin School . . . She is one of the talented musicians among wives of downtown Rotary.

Dr. "Russ" Carson is secretary-treasurer of the southeastern section of the American Urological Association.

Tarpon, June 26, 1967:

The Annual Installation dinner was held in the Venetian Room, Pier 66. Rotarian John Allen, manager, arranged for delicious steak dinner. John Miller, president, presided.

Birch Willey made awards for perfect attendance. Harry Brindle, 45; Jack Fannin, 39; and all others with perfect attendance of five or more years . . . the total was in excess of 250 years.

Directors included: Walter Dunn, John Gilstrap, Rex Perry Waltz, Howard Allen, Russ Duncan and Robt. J. "Bob" Shepard . . . "Stan" Drake reported on Drake College progress.

Tarpon, June 24, 1964:

Sam O'Bryan brought a new measure of dignity, honor, humor and warmth to the presidency (1963-64). He built the club to its highest level of membership; and fellowship and friendship along with the growth. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Art Saarinen is just the man with talent enough to fill those shoes.

April, 1968: April birthdays: W. J. Burke, J. B. Fannin, Paul Frisby, Tobias Funt, J. W. Gilstrap, S. L. Hollopeter, R. B. Leonard, M. E. Willer, Bob Shepard, Ed Schell, Bob Six, C. W. Wade.

Tarpon, September 18, 1963:

Matching Districts and Matching Clubs: Huyssenalles, Essen, Germany; and Louisa, Kentucky.

Jack Van Nus is home ill. Carl Abel is looking better.

Tarpon, May 22, 1963:

Ed Smith, manager, F. P. & L. Co., has been appointed Vice President.

Three Rotarians, Pete Clements, Bob Six and August Burghard are in the group going to our sister city, Medellin, Colombia, S. A.

April 17, 1963:

Club #1090, with a record of 88.83 percent, is in sixth place in the Attendance Report.

January 2, 1963:

Dr. Robert J. "Bob" Shepard was principal speaker at Plantation Rotary.

Otis Smith, chairman of Salvation Army Christmas Kettles, collected \$876.19. Sixty four Rotarians participated . . . \$38.44 more than was collected in 1962.

# NEWSY DOTS FROM OLD TARPONS

## Ray Whyte Vignettes

"... *If Yesterday Were Today.*" — WHYTE

For any who want the real feeling of a club and a community, we recommend casual perusing of the neatly bound and filed copies of the Tarpon . . . Here are just a few excerpts and observations:

"(1938) 'Doc' Beck's phone number was No. Four . . . 'Jim' Camp at the Broward Bank & Trust Co., No. Forty; Harlow Davock had eighty seven; A. W. Putnam, No. Sixty Two; and Earl R. Saunders, the Northern Electric Co., had No. One!

"Dresbach, Lovejoy and Nininger had their chests out with those fine looking sons last week . . . the lads didn't look unhappy, either. (In just a few short years 'Sandy' Nininger, a recent graduate of West Point, was slain at Bataan, and received posthumously, the Congressional Medal.

"Eugene Hyde has completed a new 'Hyde-Out.'

November 23, 1938:

"Orchids to you all for another 100% meeting, our third in four weeks. Anyone want to do the honors? . . . We're open to a proposition, liquid or otherwise . . . Your Attendance Chairman will be ever so thankful for another 100% meeting Wednesday . . . at the Coral Club.

We attend an Inter-City Club Rally at the Hollywood Beach Hotel to hear Charles Francis Coe.

June 1, 1939: Lyman Dresbach left by boat from Miami for New York en route to the International Convention at Cleveland.

He is invited to sit on the Rostrum at Cleveland where Fort Lauderdale will be further honored as winner of the *Club-of-the-Year* contest.

Ray Whyte has produced a new book: *Friendly Faces and Beautiful Places.*

Charlie John, Will Coates, Norman Parks, Jack McDonald, Ulric Bennett, Harlow Davock, Jack Fannin, Howard Jelks, Howard Pierce, Alonzo Putnam, Preston Ross, Dallas Swindle, Walker White, Harry Thomas, Joel Taul, A. & P. Henson were named a Transportation Committee to get club members to the Hollywood Beach Hotel Inter-City Club Rally.

The Claude Lovejoys left for their summer home in Presque Isle, Mich. . . . Roy Hope is at Camp Cloudmont.

Dec. 29, 1943: Dr. Henry J. Pearson, most literate and scholarly Rotarian, (former head of the Horace Mann School of Columbia University) will address the club on "*Breakers Ahead.*"

Carlyle Sweet, Program Chairman, advised that Dr. Pearson will be introduced by U. J. Bennett, one of the club's several Phi Beta Kappas.

Saw this sign posted on the wall in Commodore Brook's office: "Oh Lord, help me to keep my big mouth shut until I know what I am talking about."

. . . Ray Whyte's tender, nostalgic, and purple passages of his annual Christmas message carried many a tough tycoon back to the carefree and happier days of his own callow youth.

. . . For thirty of forty minutes Ray brought us relief from the present war-torn world and carried us to a more peaceful and more beautiful existence of many years ago in a typical American small town.

Nov. 28, 1955: Emerson Allsworth, County Solicitor, will speak and will be introduced by his father, Rotarian A. L. Allsworth . . . Ev Steinbuch, program chairman.

J. Clarke Work, whose painting *The Old Sailboat*, won the Hyrtle Taylor Bradford gold medal for the best Florida entry in the Miami Beach exhibition.

Big John Monahan was a featured speaker at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, at the American Institute of Laundry.

Clint Gamble was reelected President of the Florida Architects . . . His firm is one of Florida's largest.

Pete Clement's Rotaryann Virginia added luster to the family in an hilarious skit at the Junior Service League's Follies at Bill Eastman's War Memorial Auditorium.

## R. S. V. P. STUDENT PROGRAM

C. W. "Chick" Reynolds and his Julia perform as he writes — from the heart: Here, in "Chick's" own style of writing, is the story of a real Rotarian's experience while participating in Club #1090's contribution to Rotary International's R.S.V.P. program.

"In the Spring of 1966, our club elected to sponsor an R.S.V.P. student and the area committee assigned to us a lad from Sweden. Julia, my Rotary Ann, and I volunteered our home as his headquarters for his senior high school term.

"Having had an earlier delightful experience with a Rotary Scholarship exchange student from Pakistan, who came here for his advanced degree, we once again felt the "prospective parents" instincts this time for Kjell Ericson Mejhert, Carl Larssons vag 17, Bromma, Stockholm, Sweden. Kjell (pronounced "Shell") was 17, a tall, handsome, blue eyed blond. Julia spotted him way back in the line coming through customs inspection at the Miami airport. All of a sudden, we were parents again.

"Julia kissed him and we hugged the daylights out of that boy. We had learned much about him through an exchange of correspondence and now he was real. He arrived during the last week in August so we had a few days to get acquainted before school started. Right away, Kjell and our dog, Moses, became fast friends. He registered and was assigned to the Senior Class of the Northeast High School.

"Kjell spoke excellent English as well as French and German. His English was text book quality when he arrived, but heavens, what a month's exposure to our teenagers did to that.

"Both Julia and I were astounded at the "built-in" discipline of this young man. His studies took top priority over everything, including girls, and this characteristic began to show quickly as the "A's" began to appear on his report cards. His school buddies had him on the phone night after night asking him for help with their home work assignments, particularly in math, physics and related subjects. He was elected to the National Honor Society and graduated No. 11 in his class of 401.

"However, Kjell was not the "book-worm" type but was a very versatile chap, writing regularly to his parents, enjoying social events and taking part in our own family activities and routines, including daily Bible reading. He volunteered to attend church regularly and served as Crucifer several times in the church service.

"This young man will go to the top of any profession that motivates him. Since returning home, he has repeated his senior high school term (their school system does not accept our school credits.) His final exams covered 15 subjects. He scored 14 A's and 1 AB. He completed his two years of compulsory military training; then entered a University and has two years of architect training behind him. He and another student just recently won a much sought after prize in architectural design.

"His returning to Sweden left a real void in our lives. Kjell, Julia and I looked at each other through tears when we gave that wonderful lad the last hug.

"Rotary surely knows how to pick them!"

Julia and Chick Reynolds



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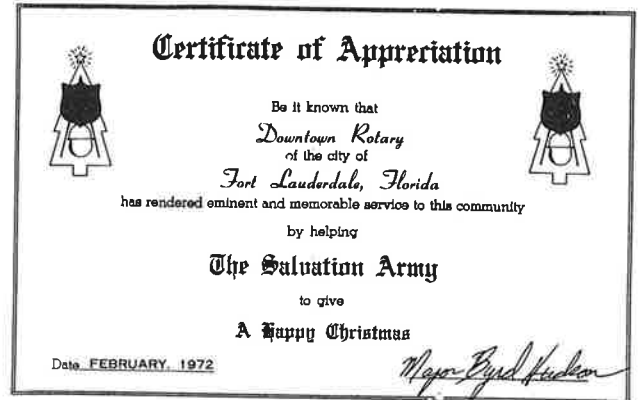


Kjell Ericson Mejhert

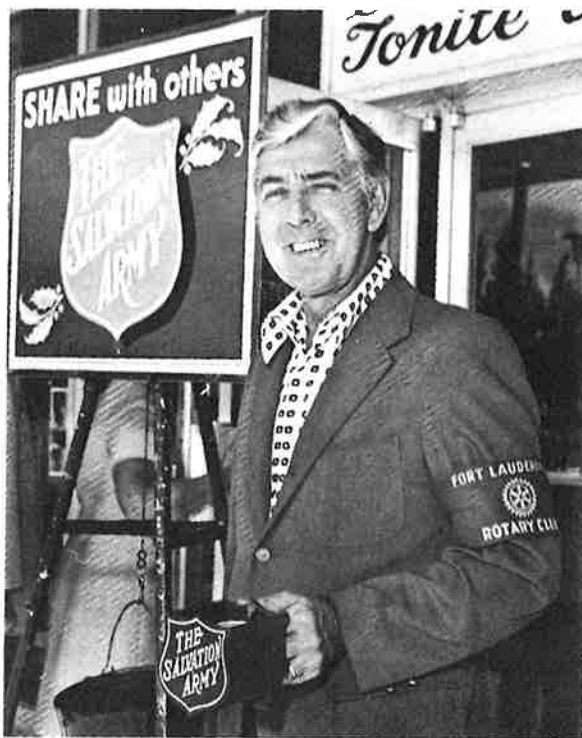
# CHRISTMAS BELL RINGERS For the Salvation Army



Reverend Clem Binger  
President 1968-69 and Friends



Major Byrd Hudson



Rotarian Stan Smoker  
Has Green Stuff in His Cup



Past Presidents  
Sam O'Bryan 1963-64  
Dr. Bob Sheppard 1970-71

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