

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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The Rotary Club of Springfield

1919-1994

Young

*Never doubt that a small group
of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world. Indeed, it's
the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead
anthropologist

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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS
THE GENERATIONS OF SPRINGFIELD ROTARY

1919—1994

The following text is divided into three parts, reflecting three “generations” of our history: Generation I, Pioneer Years, 1919-1944; Generation II, Growth Years, 1944-1975; and Generation III, Mature Years, 1975-1994.

Generations I and II are represented by a series of brief “news items.” They are drawn from Fred DeArmond’s *A Short History of Springfield Rotary*, 1960, and its *Supplement*, 1960-1975. The *Supplement* was compiled by committees chaired by DeArmond and Bill Peck.

These news items, 1919-1975, follow three themes: the development of the Springfield Rotary Club as an organization, the initiation of service projects, and highlights of the growth of Springfield.

Generation III is different in content and style. It is about our generation, and offers the reflections of many Rotarians on the subject, “Making a Difference.”

GENERATION I

PIONEER YEARS, 1919-1944

*Springfield at the founding of the Rotary Club, 1919**

- 39,000 population (up from 35,000 in 1910).
- City limits: Kearney, Delaware, Kansas, Grand and Loren, comprising thirteen square miles.
- Olive Street offered a livery stable, harness and saddlery store, and horse and mule barn.
- McDaniel east of Jefferson sported "an unmentionable Red Light district that vied with Campbell and West Olive beyond Grant as the principle abodes of sin."
- College was "the favorite thoroughfare for gentlemen [to] quench their thirst." Largest saloon in town was Kelly and Kerr's, on College just west of the Square. • Shady East Walnut and East St. Louis Streets boasted "handsome mansions of the well-to-do," the Landers Theater, with The Convention and Hippodrome vaudeville houses just around the corner on South Campbell.
- Twelve banks in operation.
- Best restaurant: Fred Harvey's in the Frisco station.
- Site of a respectable Sunday afternoon ballgame: White City Park on Boonville, (present Assembly of God headquarters). Other outdoor venues: Doling and Sequiota Parks (by streetcar) and Phelps Grove, south of town in the woods.
- "\$15 - no more, no less" would buy a man's suit at the Glasgow Tailor Company on St. Louis.
- Springfield had two daily newspapers: *The Leader*, H.S. Jewell, editor and publisher; and *The Republican*, edited by E.E.E. ("Triple E") McJimsey, Rotary president in 1923.

Memorable quote:

"Debt was avoided as one would leprosy. For a merchant to advertise or talk-up his generous credit policy...would have been regarded as addlepatated. Personal bankruptcy...was unknown.... A stigma attached to unpaid debts."

1919—1924

- World War I is over.
- Influenza epidemic kills hundreds in Springfield.
- August, 1918, a Rotary District governor from St. Louis, Hiram C. Martin, comes to arouse interest in forming a Springfield Club.
- Martin, Ray Kelly, a coal dealer, Arthur Daily, Les Walton, George Olendorf, and Henry Heinrichs set up an Organization Committee.
- Over the succeeding six months, they recruit the required minimum 25 charter members. Names and classifications:
 1. Arthur C. Daily—Ice Making Machinery, Manufacturing
 2. Les E. Walton—Farm Land & Loan Appraisal
 3. Geo. F. Olendorf—Outdoor Advertising
 4. Henry C. Heinrichs—Auto, Retailing

* Drawn from the report of an address by Lucille Morris Upton to Springfield Rotary as part of the Golden Anniversary celebration of 1969.

5. Ray D. Kelly—Coal, Retailing
6. Ed V. Williams—Men's Clothing, Retailing
7. Walter C. Eisenmayer—Flour, Manufacturing
8. Alex W. Weaver—Shoes, Retailing
9. Jacob L. Hines—Banking
10. Walter G. Rathbone—Laundry
11. Sam M. Wear—Professional, General Law Practice
12. Wilbur Smith—Professional, Surgery
13. Paul R. Talbot—Minister, Protestant
14. Lee S. Kucker—Photography
15. Burke Holbrook—Furniture, Manufacturing
16. Charles G. Martin—Pianos, Distributing
17. Charles C. Mulikin—Bread Baking, Wholesale
18. Joel T. Duckworth—Drugs, Retailing
19. Ernest H. Scholten—Printing
20. James M. Quinn—Coffee Roasting
21. Fayette A. Laird—Groceries, Distributing
22. Everett T. Thayer—Hotels
23. Fred R. Patton—Creamery
24. J. Emmett Cavin—Household Furniture, Retailing
25. Ignace Glaser—Dry Goods, Retailing

- A total of 77 members are enrolled by the end of 1920.
- First Club project: organization and sponsorship of the Boy Scouts of America in Springfield. Club underwrites the salary of the first Scout executive for three years. By 1923, \$10,000 had been raised. Paul Harris came from Chicago to kick off the project. Springfield Rotary remained the principal service club support of the Boy Scouts.
- Shrine Mosque and Benton Avenue viaduct completed, 1922.
- Venerable Holland Bank closes its doors. A run on H.B. McDaniel's Union National Bank averted by an infusion of cash flown in from the Federal Reserve in St. Louis. A hundred leading citizens, including many Rotarians, pledge property as security for deposits.

1925—1929

- Club entertains first district conference, 1925. A sharp difference of opinion develops between the Kansas City District President and Springfield Rotary over the role of the host club in arranging the program, especially the entertainment at "Stunt Night." The matter was successfully adjudicated.
- Rotary-sponsored 75-piece Boy Scout Band, together with some 40 Rotarians, attends a district convention in Tulsa, 1926.
- General "Black Jack" Pershing and U.S. Secretary of War Dwight Davis attends a reunion in Springfield of the 35th Division, 1928.
- Club launches Crippled Children project, 1919
- Springfield celebrates centennial of "first white settlement," 1929.
- Special "Christmas Committee" raised \$200 at the December 21, 1929, "for useful gifts to people at County Poor Farm and the Welfare Home for aged and indigent women."

Memorable quote:

"A notable speaker was Sherwood Eddy, author and international Y.M.C.A. leader. Guy Gibbs praised this address highly in The Rotozark, but others didn't like its purport, probably because Eddy was a militant early exponent of the Social Gospel. Father Curtis Tiernan, a member, resigned because he thought the Eddy speech reflected on Tiernan's church. The resignation was not accepted by the Board of Directors and an effort was made to placate Father Tiernan, but without avail."

1930-1934

- Springfield population up to 57,727 in 1930.
- Strenuous efforts are made to increase attendance, which had dropped to 81%. Absentees' names were published in bold letters in the Rotozark.
- To reduce tardiness at meetings, the first late arrival was required to wear a dunce hat. It was passed on to later arrivals. The last arrival was required to wear it the remainder of the meeting.
- To provide aid to those affected by the Great Depression, Rotary put on a drive to sell coupon books. Suggestion was that each Rotarian purchase three, one to keep at home, one at his place of business, and one to carry with him at all times. Coupons are awarded to the needy, each coupon good for a meal or bed at Salvation Army headquarters in the old Ritz Theater on Boonville.
- Project emphasis was placed on "boys' work." Shoes, eyeglasses, school books, etc. were supplied to needy boys. A special committee investigated each case. The committee also sought paroles for juvenile delinquents deemed worthy of assistance, and awarded a scholarship to an honor graduate of Springfield High.
- Rotary signs were erected on the four national motor roads at the approach to Springfield.
- Club luncheon meetings are at the Colonial Hotel.
- Turnover in club membership was heavy. Of 200 hundred former members, many "represented A-1 Rotary material, except they could not discipline themselves to the demanding club requirements, including active participation and regular attendance."
- Six Springfield police and Greene County Sheriff's officers, including Sheriff Hendrix, killed in shootout west of the city by the Young gang.
- Two historic churches join to become First and Calvary Presbyterian Church.
- New church buildings are away from center of town, a new trend.
- KWTO goes on the air.
- Cornerstone laid for U.S. Medical Center. Land purchased through subscription of some 1,200 citizens.
- Gene Taylor hired as first Rotary secretary.

Memorable quotes:

"...In a report written for the Rotozark by the Old Scribe, of the meeting on October 28, 1930, Dr. L.E. Meador of Drury College was the speaker and his subject was 'Justice in Taxation.' These paragraphs are extracted from the report of the meeting written by our early historian:

Any address by Prof. Meador is a real treat for any audience. He is a clear thinker, a concise speaker, never at a loss for the right word, has a pleasant personality, and never tells his audience just what he actually thinks of them. And yet, even with such a distinguished guest speaker, with a timely message of vital interest, we too often compel him to sit by while we listen to the most colorless, inane, and futile tommyrot ever held out as entertainment to busy businessmen. Then we wind up by allotting to a speaker of Professor Meador's ability 15 minutes to cover a subject such as his. Any available speaker of this type would be justified in refusing to appear at the tail end of a hodge-podge program hardly deep enough to interest the inmates of a school for feeble-minded children. When a first class speaker is not available, then it will be time to trot out an amateur mother's darling who sings, recites, plays, or what have you.

This outburst was denied space in the Rotozark by order of the Board of Directors for fear of giving offense. But it got results, anyway. Prof. Meador was brought back again the following week and given the time he needed to complete his speech."

"The practice of obtaining a short biography of each new member was inaugurated and carried on for some time thereafter. It was hoped that every man would find an inspiration in writing something about his favorite subject. That would have worked well in oral discourse, but it was found that about 90 percent would rather than take a beating than to write anything, even including letters. The only unfailing inducement that will cause a typical Rotarian to write would be to assign him the theme, 'How Smart My Children Are.'"

1935-1939

- Club membership dropped to 67, attendance to 64%, lowest in the district. "These were the darkest days of the Depression.... Something heroic needed to be done."
- \$25 initiation fee was dropped. Classification Committee compiled a list of open classifications and nominated first, second, and third choices to fill them. Membership subsequently increased to 105, second best gain in membership of the year of any club in the world.
- An attendance contest with the Joplin Rotary resulted in Springfield losing, and thus entertaining the Joplin club at a joint dinner.
- In 1936, Christmas baskets were packed by the members, in space provided by Charley Sansone at the Colonial, and delivered in person to:

County Home.....140
Boys Industrial Home.....15
Girls Welfare Home.....10
Mary E. Wilson Home.....1 large basket

Memorable quotes:

"A series of consecutive programs were planned. President Roosevelt's attempts to pack the Supreme Court raised an issue that aroused the nation, and so a series of programs was devoted to five great Chief Justices of the United States—Marshall, Taney, White, Taft, and Hughes. Lawyer members assumed responsibility for getting appropriate speakers."

"Attendance in March [1938] was back up to 88 percent. The year was marked by a wave of sit-down strikes and union violence encouraged by the Wagner Labor Act and its enforcer, the National Labor Relations Board."

"A point was made by the Board that a proposed club member was not qualified because he was neither an executive nor an owner of his firm. It was decided to approve the name, notwithstanding."

1940-1944

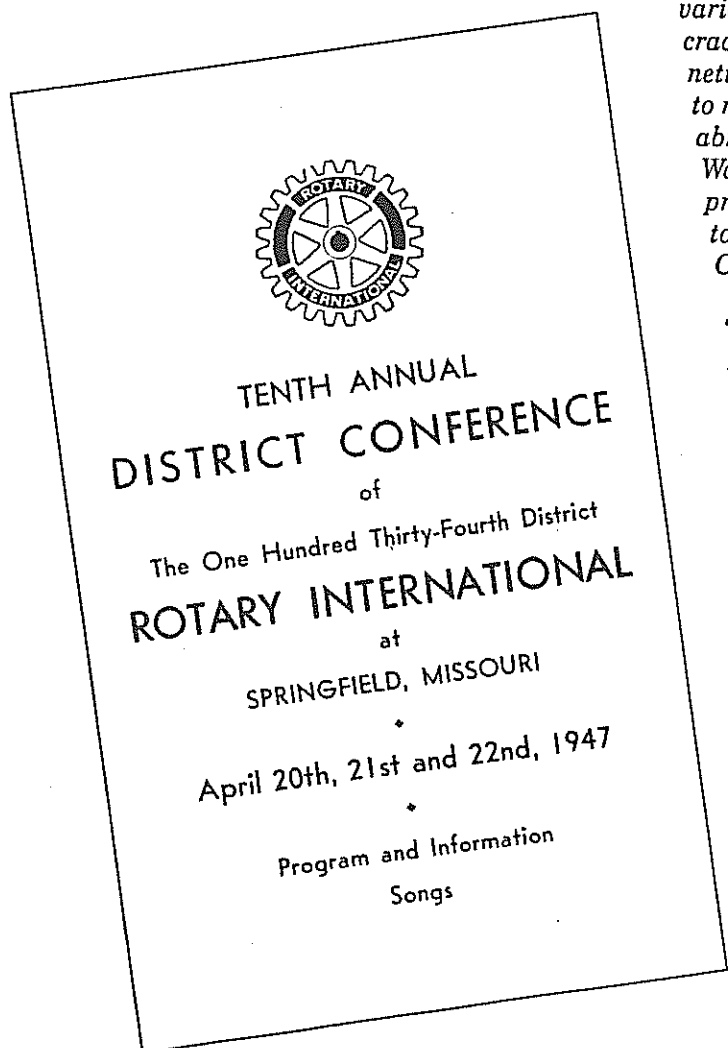
- Club inaugurated the Student Loan Fund in 1940, later named after the president of that year, Frank Lister, Frisco Superintendent of Motive Power. Another Lister project: the Rotary Vocational Book Shelf at the high school.
- As World War II began, many members enlisted; and the club began a series of war-related projects.
- Club dropped the classification of "liquor distribution".
- "Birthday Boys" began the practice of dropping pennies into the kitty, one for each year, minimum 50¢.
- Annual dues raised from \$24 to \$28 (1943).
- Total club sales of War Bonds: over \$1 million.
- Rotarians were included in a city-wide committee to investigate city purchase of the Springfield Gas and Electric Company.

Memorable quotes:

"Complaints increased as to 'signers and leavers,' later dubbed as the 'Eat and Run Boys' and by various other not too affectionate labels. Then as later, earnest Rotarians insisted that a member who was too busy to sit down and listed to the program was too busy period. But 'too busy' is the great American alibi."

"The club threw itself energetically into various patriotic drives. A milk and cracker luncheon at the regular price netted \$47.90 as a contribution to a fund to relieve distressed Americans stranded abroad.... For one of these causes Charley Wadlow conducted an auction of farm products, including a load of manure topped off by whipped cream, all from Clarence Gibson's dairy farm...."

"A public concert by violinist David Rubinoff was promoted by the Youth Committee to raise funds for the Girl Scouts, but it resulted in a deficit of \$70.62."



GENERATION II

GROWTH YEARS, 1945-1975

1945-1949

- Attendance requirements were enforced, and several members were dropped
- City purchased Springfield Gas and Electric for \$6,750,000.
- Price of the regular club luncheon raised to \$1.00, dues increased from \$28 to \$35.
- Meeting place moved to Kentwood Arms Hotel's Crystal Room. Club grew too large to fit the Colonial's 125 maximum capacity.
- Indoor Sports organized as club project.
- Junior Rotarian program expanded to include local colleges, high schools, and 4-H and FFA clubs.
- "Senior Active" classification becomes available; eligible members urged to apply.
- Rotary Foundation Fund achieves 100% participation.
- Practice of member fines begun, giving President Ray Kelly "a chance to publicize members' outside activities and...extract some cash more or less painlessly for the Student Loan Fund."

Memorable quotes:

"For the first time in 12 years a 100 percent meeting was held, and without special advance fanfare. Following the last meeting in January [1948] it was discovered that only George Bostian had been absent, owing to a trip to Texas. Plans were made for him to fly to Sedalia on Monday, the last day for a makeup. When the plane was grounded, Ray and George drove to Sedalia on a wild ride that brought them in under the wire."

"The tendency to balance informative and entertainment program features reached a high development.... Music, both popular and classical, dramatic skits and debates were supplied by the colleges and public schools in a variety to satisfy all tastes. An average attendance of around 90 percent attested to the success of this effort. In succeeding years the drop in attendance to well below that figure was in part chargeable to the growing number of new members admitted."

1950-1954

- Rotarian Willard Graff succeeded Rotarian Harry Study as Superintendent of Schools. Graff announced his policy would be "progressive education with a small 'p'."
- The annual Christmas Party for "Rotary Anns" became an established practice.
- Fines of members expanded to include \$1.00 per pound of newborn children and grandchildren. "An amazing fecundity was revealed, amid deep groans from the granddads."
- Average age of members is 53, and ranges from 26 to 90. Of 185 members, 84 are Missouri natives and 27 were born in Springfield.
- The Ozark Jubilee begins in Springfield.
- May Kennedy McCord, Missouri's "Mother of the Year," addressed the club.
- Discussion began of opening a second Rotary Club in the city.

Memorable quotes:

"Invocations were given by a different member each week, and the same practice was applied to welcoming visitors. Better participation resulted. Many members who hadn't been inside a church for years had to brush up on their devotionals."

"A meeting in February 1955 was designated as Competitor's Day. Every member was asked to bring a competitor guest and try to be reasonably decent to him. Johnny Johnson, Managing Editor of Springfield Newspapers, was in a dilemma; he had no competitor."

1955-1959

These were years of tremendous development for Springfield. Items:

- \$10 million sewer bond issue passed.
- Attempt to ditch Council-Manager government in a recall election defeated.
- Evangel College dedicated.
- Twin Oaks Country Club formed.
- Fellows Lake completed; \$3 million project of Springfield City Water Works.
- Rotarian Joe Benn Wann elected mayor.
- New Parkview High School opened, city's second high school.
- Lily Tulip plant opened.
- Springfield named one of eleven "All American cities".
- City purchased Water Works for \$22 million.
- Gospel Publishing House, Assemblies of God opened along with new Central Assembly Church.
- Number of hospital beds in city tripled since World War II.
- Dayton Rubber Company plant (Dayco) opened.
- Breech School of Business, Walker Library open on Drury campus.

Club Events:

- Special attention is directed to Internal Service Division, including letters of greeting to 34 selected clubs around the world on the occasion of the Springfield club's fortieth anniversary.
- First permanent home for a club office was obtained at the McDaniel Building. Equipment was purchased by a fund established five years before.
- Subscriptions to the Service Fund reached a new high of \$5900.
- Dues increased to \$45, including \$2 for the Paul Harris Foundation.
- Rural-Urban Committee conducted a series of panel discussion programs on the dairy industry of the Ozarks.
- Club membership grows to 225.

Memorable quotes:

"As the club's first minister-president, George [Myers, 1958-59] brought a fresh, breezy viewpoint and a highly articulate personality to the job. George used his best plate-passing talents in setting two financial records: Arthur Daily Service Fund, \$5,732; Lister Student Loan Fund, \$800, the latter from a relentless system of fining. Harry Brown was the biggest contributor, and voluntary, to discourage what to him were vocal music atrocities. For the first time, loans were granted to student nurses."

"Springfield Rotary had established itself [by 1960] as second to none in prestige among the clubs and voluntary organizations of the city. It had a proud record for civic achievement and for developing fraternity among men."

1960-1964

- \$1073.40 in fines added to Student Loan Fund (1960-61).
- Outstanding student loans totalled \$4753; and "are being repaid on schedule."
- Other funds accomplishments: \$450 awarded in scholarships; Youth Service Committee expends \$2800; Service Fund reaches new high of \$5983 (1061). Club surplus increased \$1700 to \$5300.
- Principal "field meeting" of the period: Security Terminals underground storage quarters of John Griesemer and Harry Brown.
- Board approves inviting wives of visiting Rotarians to sit in club meetings with their husbands.
- Rotary office moved to Wilhoit Building.
- Thirty-eight foreign students in Springfield schools and colleges invited to provide a Rotary program.
- Club membership reaches 245.
- The number of visiting Rotarians and guests grew as Springfield's reputation as a resort center increased. More than 100 guests heard Westbrook Pegler speak at a Rotary program.
- Admission fee advanced from \$35 to \$50.
- The club "took a chance" and sponsored the U.S. Marines Corps Band in concert at the Shrine Mosque. A profit of \$3203 was realized.
- A debate on the subject "Should Another Rotary Club be organized in Springfield" was followed by a vote of the members: 74 yeas, 113 nays.
- Fiscal year 1963-64 ended with some \$9000 in the Project Fund, "but with no big project in sight."

Springfield development notes:

- Wilson's Creek Battlefield dedicated at Centennial of the battle, August 10, 1961.
- City votes \$9,600,000 in bonds to expand City Utilities power generation facilities.
- Assemblies of God occupy new headquarters.
- New \$2 million Glendale High School opens.
- Litton Industries opens Springfield plant.
- Osteopathic hospital built.
- Southwestern Bell building built.
- Howard Johnson's opens \$600,000 motor hotel on North Glenstone.
- Ozark Airlines extends service to Tulsa.
- Royal McBee begins work on new binder plant.

Memorable quotes:

"The new 4-Way Test: 1. Is it the popular thing to do? 2. Will it pay? 3. Can't we increase the "take"? 4. Could we get caught?"

"The fifth lane of service: Self service."

"The charge for luncheon tickets at the Kentwood was boosted to \$1.75. This 75 percent increase over the cost not many years ago is but one more measure of the inflation that gripped the U.S.A. What is inflation? Why, it's \$14 for a motor tuneup, 60 cents for a dime's worth of whiskey and 20 cents worth of service, \$25 a day for a hospital room, \$11 for filling a prescription, \$15 worth of groceries in one bag, a waitress scowling at a 10-cent tip.

Basically, though, inflation is \$4 an hour wages for a machine tender whose job can be learned in four weeks; city employees who work in two shifts—one working while the other is sitting; coffee breaks twice a day; \$500 a month salary for a boy just out of college; \$20,000 homes sold with little or nothing down; more services by government 'for free'; taxes that make strong men groan."

"Arthur Mallory, who had been under fire from dissident faculty members and SMS students disgruntled over the Traywick-Board of Regents controversy, phrased with admirable lucidity his principles as they effect his administration of the college. Although a young man, Arthur holds fast to the old fashioned ideals of patriotism, religion, and the free market. He does not regard the moral code as outmoded by the wisdom of the moderns."

1965-1969

- In 1965-66 membership reached a high of 260, plus nine honoraries. Net gain was well above Rotary International average.
- Projects fund reached a high of \$13,600, of which \$6,000 went for renovation and addition at the Girls' Club, Division at Weller.
- Public Information Committee erected a "Welcome to Springfield" sign at Municipal Airport in English, French, and Spanish.
- World travel and world affairs were increasingly prominent in club programs and the activities of members. Program subjects included Africa, Vietnam, Tunisia, Russia, and Indonesia. "There was no reason for any Rotarian to be provincial or isolated in his outlook."
- Biggest event of 1966-67: sponsorship of the new Southeast Club, approved by a member vote of 151 to 46. Sam Hamra is elected first president, with 32 charter members, including five from the present club.
- Bill Cantrell begins annual New Year Swami program of predictions, 1967. One prediction: Lurline (Mrs. George) Wallace would divorce her husband, marry Adam Clayton Powell, and import him to straighten out Alabama.
- Membership turnover is high. Many large companies continue to move personnel around, bringing new members, but removing them as well.
- In 1969 the club celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Special events include: Lucille Morris Upton's program "Fifty Years Ago in Springfield;" Will James's "Unexpurgated Droolings of An Old Goat;" Ray Kelly, sole surviving charter member, "The Early Days of Rotary;" a Golden Anniversary dinner at the new SMSU Student Center, which drew a "massive attendance" from clubs across the region, including Kansas City; and publication of the historical volume *The Rotary Wheel Turns*.
- Seven Australian Rotarians visit Springfield on a continental tour, part of the "Matched Districts" exchange program of Rotary International. The visitors were housed in members' home.
- Service fund projects for 1968-69: \$4,000 toward construction of an administration building for the Ozarks Area Council, Boy Scouts; \$3,000 to McLaughlin Youth Center; and \$1,000 to purchase TV sets at Christmas for the Children's Home.
- Price of weekly luncheon tickets raised to \$2.00.
- Some members grumbled that addresses by candidates for the U.S. Senate seat of Ed Long (incumbent Long, aspirants Eagleton, Davis, and Curtis) were too "political." It was pointed out that the By-Laws permitted discussion of controversial questions, while forbidding the club to take a position on them.
- The Student Loan Fund is changed to the Scholarship Fund. "Needy students do not want loans; they expect gifts."
- Dues raised from \$45 to \$55; invitation fee from \$50 to \$75.

Springfield notes:

- David Burkhalter becomes City Manager, "a genial Tennessean with a flair for free speech and plain language combined with diplomacy."
- City voters authorized bond issue to subsidize establishment of new industries. Zenith (\$7 million), 3M, and Hoerner Box. Bonds also financed a new police headquarters and additional airport runways.
- Annexations brought the population to some 111,000.
- The Frisco dropped its daily passenger trains through Springfield from 12 to 4.

- Kindergarten was begun in the schools, 1966-67.
- Zenith plant constructed, Paul Mueller and Springday expand without benefit of city financing.
- A third district judge is authorized for Springfield.
- First grand jury in many years is empaneled, which urged a regular biennial grand jury.
- Burge Protestant Hospital renamed Lester E. Cox Medical Center, received \$511,000 Hill-Burton Act grant, to be matched locally.
- City bus fare increased to 15¢.
- Haircuts go up to \$2.00.
- SMS Board of Regents approve record budget of \$10,362,000 for year 1969-70.

Memorable quotes:

"Speakers were free to say their say and auditors to agree or disagree. The Rev. E. Stanley Jones, a missionary and author preached the Social Gospel deluxe. He called for cooperative industry, with a division of the profits between labor and owners. 'We are witnessing a groundswell of world revolution in America today, and I welcome it,' he said."

"Failure to meet the attendance rules was the big reason for [member] dropouts. New members in too many instances didn't attach importance to attendance; either they failed to become really interested, or were not the Rotary type."

"Leonard Hall, president of the Student Government Association at SMS, proved in his speech that the hirsute hippies and revolutionists of Students for a Democratic Society have not captured the citadel of higher education in America. His question to the banner-carrying rabble: 'What will you do when you're too old to carry your sign?'"

1970-1975

- Rotarian Arthur Mallory departed the SMSU presidency to become Missouri Commissioner of Education. Rotarians Duane Meyer and Bill Everhart moved into the presidencies of SMSU and Drury.
- Aud Alexander became the third Springfield Club member to be elected District President (1970-71). The others were Jim Shannon and Wally Walter. Springfield Rotary was the host club for Aud's district conference, held at Lodge of the Four Seasons.
- Programs included State Auditor Kit Bond, Prosecuting Attorney Dee Wampler, Congressman Durward Hall, and Superintendent of Schools Joe Kuklenski.
- Fireside Meeting was held at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. A brisket dinner was prepared by Earl Petersen and his cooks.
- Traditional Christmas Party moved in 1970 to the SMSU Madrigal Dinner.
- The Rotary project "Birds of Prey Free Flight Aviary" at Dickerson Park Zoo is dedicated. Thousands of visitors are enjoying the facility.
- The Service Fund contributes \$500 each year to the local science fair. Springfieldian Mike Fuller, local winner, placed third in the national contest—a very high honor.
- Lee Bouldin, club secretary for 31 years, retired in 1971. Earl Petersen is the new secretary.
- Rotarians over 65 who have 20 years of Rotary service can apply to the secretary to be excused from attendance requirements.
- Club dues raised from \$55 to \$70. Reason: inflation.
- Each new member is asked to volunteer for the Channel 21 Teleauction.
- Rotozark is redesigned into a self-enclosed mailing format to reduce postage.

Springfield notes:

- Battlefield Mall opens.
- "Park Central Square" dedicated as a pedestrian mall, December 1970.
- An explosives truck is detonated by a sniper on I-44 near Halltown.
- The Kansas Avenue viaduct over the Frisco yards is opened.
- The new SMSU Health Center opens, named for Rotarian Dr. Bill Taylor.
- Don Busch becomes Acting City Manager.
- City Utilities seeks, gets, new bond issue to finance another power plant, street and sewer improvement, and more fire protection.

Memorable quotes:


"Two debate teams from SMSU argued the merits and demerits of Federal Medical Care. Socialized medicine has had its head in the American tent for several years. Now it seems to have gotten its front feet inside."

"Visiting speaker with the longest pedigree of official titles and honors: Neville Kanakarathne, Minister of Ceylon to U.S., who spoke on 'The Poor World Challenges the Rich—the crisis of the '70s.' The Pooors have it."

"In August a speech was made before the club by a Dr. Henry Morris, subject 'Scientific Creationism.' He maintained, as a scientist, that the world was created in the year 4004 B.C."

"Jim Hedges, youngest president of Downtown Rotary [1973-74] brought refreshing good humor to the club. For the members, Tuesday noon became a welcome respite from thoughts of business, Watergate, inflation, gasoline shortages, decline of the dollar, and skidding Dow Jones averages."

"The year [1973] was a discouraging one in some respects. Many questioned our national leaders and the energy shortage was being felt as winter came on. The entire membership was saddened in November with the death of our much loved music man, Will James."


**THE SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
ROTARY CLUB**
Presents
The Will James Choir
An Appreciation Program
Honoring
Will James
Musician, Composer, R raconteur, Rotarian
KENTWOOD ARMS HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 27, 1955
TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON
Direction
MISS DOROTHY RATHBONE
Narration—Ed Boxter
Accompanist
MRS. GLENN DAVIS

GENERATION III:

MATURE YEARS, 1974-1994

Editor's note: At this point in "Making a Difference" the style and content change for two reasons: 1) The keeping of an historical record stopped in 1975, and 2) since "Generation III, Mature Years" is our generation, we look to present members for its meaning.

The Meaning of "Making a Difference"

75 years of heritage is bound to define the character and identity of any organization. The 75th anniversary theme, "Making a Difference," is a fair summary of what Springfield Rotary Club has always attempted to do. From one of the first projects of the Club (organizing and sponsoring the Boy Scouts of America in Springfield) to the last (a \$10,000 plus gift to the Discovery Center), Springfield Rotary has supported many community activities. Here are some of those in which we have been active in this generation.

We support annually:

- The Ozarks Science Fair
- Camperships for Boy Scouts and Campfire
- Junior Achievement
- Springfield Boys and Girls Clubs
- Summerscape
- The American Legion Boys State
- The 4-H and FFA youth livestock division at the Ozarks Empire Fair
- The Good Sports Program
- Scholarships for SMSU, Drury, Evangel, and OTC

Special Projects/Funds for:

- Billboard signs for "Operation Street Smarts" campaign
- Building project at Camp Arrowhead
- Canopy for Discover Center Building
- Technical Equipment at Wilsons Creek National Battlefield
- Bus for Girl's Club
- Shelving for History Museum for Springfield-Greene County
- Replacing porch at Springfield Girl's Shelter
- Computer for Boy Scouts
- Computer for Boys and Girls Club
- Children's department of Springfield-Greene County Library
- Camping and cooking gear, tents, and sleeping bags for Girl's Shelter
- Equipment for detoxification unit at Sigma House
- Educational book for Sierra Leone, South Africa
- Discovery Center, 75th anniversary special project-"Since You Were Born," an interactive exhibit that displays and prints up-to-the-minute facts selected at random for the database.

Two milestones have happened in this generation. Both are Rotary-wide in scope, but each has had a very favorable impact on the Springfield Rotary Club. The first of these is the world-wide PolioPlus Campaign, the second, the admission of women to Rotary membership. These two events illustrate very well our anniversary theme, "Making a Difference."

CONVERSATIONS WITH ROTARIANS

"The people who are in Rotary are positive people," says Dorsey Levell. "Whenever you hob-nob with people like that you become more like them. So I'm honored to be part of that group." As Dorsey speaks, I can't help but think that if there is a "positive virus" being spread around Rotary tables each week, Dorsey Levell has not only become infected but is actively spreading that infection to other Rotarians.

Dorsey is one of 20 members of the Springfield Rotary Club who are talking with me about the Club—about what being a member means to them and how their own personal and professional lives have been influenced by Rotary. I'm trying to find out if our 75th anniversary theme, "Making a Difference," has any application in the lives of active Rotarians.

"I say to young people," Dorsey continues, "Don't hang out with the wrong people. You'll wind up just like them." And the opposite is also true. If you hang out with the good crowd, you're going to wind up just like them."

Most Rotarians I talked with agreed with Dorsey that the associations of Rotary, the people they get to know, are highlights of their Rotary membership. Jan Horton appreciates what she calls "the rhythm of Rotary." She explains—"The meeting every week, the opportunity to see a variety of people I might not otherwise see. It's a terrific way to keep on top of and in touch with my community and the people who work so hard to make it a great place."

Jerry Sturhahn echoes Jan's ideas. Rotary, he says, "gives me the opportunity to associate with people that I have high regard and respect for. It adds considerable to the spice and feeling of well-being that I have as a resident of Springfield." Alan Casey sees the weekly meetings as "a delightful interlude." He likes "to be able to go to the luncheons and become a little bit better acquainted with the other people there." Ralph Hamilton, a member since 1958, sees Rotary fellowship as "a chance to share and at the same time to know more about the men and women of the various professions and businesses of the community." Gene Breuer believes that in Rotary the different levels of intellect, experience, and knowledge present in the members, creates a "provoking for improvement." Roseann Bentley feels more connected to the com-

munity "through the friendships and support I get from my fellow Rotarians."

The pattern of putting something into the community, of looking for those areas where you can make a difference and do some good was a model established for Curtis Graff by whose whom he calls "my mentors in the Rotary club." They set the example for all of us says Curtis, "It's not only what Rotary does as a club, but the fact that the leaders of many of the good things that are going on in this community turn up in the Rotary clubs."

Elise Crain is delighted with the fact that a number of professional women, members of Rotary, are continuing their friendships informally and have made several trips together. "We're all different professions and ages, but all good solid humans," Elise explains "We're Rotarians who have developed friendships outside Rotary."

Not too long ago, the term "woman Rotarian" would have been a contradiction in terms. In 1987, Rotary International rescinded its ban on admitting women to membership, and the first three women members of the Springfield club, Joyce Dana, Janet Kohl, and Kathleen O'Dell, entered the club in November, 1988; By April, 1994, there were 30 women members in the Springfield club. Have there been any problems? Has it been uncomfortable for the women Rotarians?" I found warmth and immediate acceptance," says Elise. Jan Horton and Roseann Bentley agree. Jan has been "very comfortable in Rotary as a woman," and Rosanne says she has been well accepted. Ann Drummond believes that by involving women in membership, "Rotary has given us a legal step, a leadership step,"

Ann goes on to explain further why she is pleased to be a Rotarian. "Part of the benefit of Rotary is that it gives me more doors to open." Then she hastens to add, "Not doors just for myself. At age 85 I'm beginning to be a little less active in the business world. But I am concerned about the young women who need an introduction, a recommendation, and some kind of encouragement to qualify their business education. I'm especially looking for breakthroughs for young women who are there, who are ready to go, but who can't get the door open. Most Rotary people have a door and most of us can open each other's doors."

"I grew up in Springfield, so I probably knew half of the membership prior to joining Rotary." Being in a minority role, therefore, has presented no problem to Leslie Peck. She and her father, Bill, are one of three father-daughter family membership combinations in the Springfield club. Bill, a self-styled conservative when it comes to Rotary philosophy, believes that the thing that makes Rotary different is the classification system and the attendance requirement. He hopes neither of these will be watered down. Bill considers one of Rotary's great strengths to be in its international programs. "The PolioPlus program (which has virtually wiped out polio world-wide) was a phenomenal success! It shows what an organization like this can do when it decides to do it. It transcends all nationalities."

"I'm thrilled with the wonderful international programs of Rotary," says Ann Drummond, "especially Polio-Plus." I'm old enough to remember the fear that we suffered each summer—the fear of polio taking our children."

The international programs of Rotary please Dorsey Levell. "I felt that the bang for my buck to become a Paul Harris Fellow was more than worth it as I see my personal responsibility to the problems of the world." Chris Nattinger sees in Rotary "an international involvement that we can all be very proud of. Rotary is a club that makes a difference, and an organization world wide that makes a difference."

Rotary has made a big difference to Jim Anderson. "My first real experience with Rotary," Jim recounts, "was now about ten years ago when I was a Rotary Group Study Exchange student in Belgium for about six weeks. That event, with the Rotary Foundation, has certainly been one of the more significant experiences of my life. As a result, I've seen first hand what Rotary is doing to improve world understanding and peace."

Helping young people is one way Rotary makes a difference. "My greatest thrill," says Ralph Hamilton, "is working with students to obtain Rotary International scholarships." Jan Horton thinks "we've particularly made a difference in the lives of young people with the scholarship program and our student guests." Alan Casey was himself a student Rotarian while in high school. Being among the adult Rotarians "made quite an impression on me." Alan goes on, "My dad introduced me to Rotary at an early age. Occasionally there'd be a very special program that would be presented—an entertainer, or something else of special interest—and he'd take me as his guest."

Rotarians are pleased with the local projects supported by the Springfield club, and the difference they make to the community. Jerry Tourville believes it is important to support the Service Fund, which provides monies which go to help a lot of different causes. "It's important," says Jerry, "not just to help ourselves, but to help others as well." A good example, Jerry Sturhahn would add, is the science fair. Early support by Rotarians caused it to prosper and to be supported by the community. The Springfield club, Jerry points out, still is actively involved in this project. "The scouting program probably would have evolved here eventually," says Chris Nattinger, "but without the strong hand of the Rotary club, way back whenever, it might have been slow coming."

Many Rotary activities succeed because they "involve the whole rather than the small pieces that we could contribute as individuals, says Ted Smith. "These projects range from the construction of the aviary at the Zoo, to little known ones which tend to slide through, with little notice or publicity. For example, the work with the Outdoor Sports group, the support provided to the Boys Club and the Girls Club, scholarships to students in the local colleges, and other activities. All of these are things which we can be very proud of."

Heritage, in the sense of family ties, is evident in the Rotary involvement of several members. Perhaps the most significant of these is the three-generation Martin family—Gene, Don, and Charles—featured elsewhere in this publication. Leslie Peck says she knew many people in the club before she became a member, because they were her dad's friends and clients. "I'm honored to have my son in the club," says Dorsey Levell. "It's a good feeling." (Author's note: My talk with Dorsey is only a few days after he was hit by the Sergeant-at-Arms with a rather healthy fine, and he found himself \$10 short of having enough money. Rocky, sitting next to his father, advanced the money. That incident may have influenced Dorsey's response.)

"I have a real appreciation for the heritage of the club." Alan Casey is speaking. "I think that heritage is a very important part of this 75th anniversary. I'm blessed in the sense that I had a dad who shared a lot of that with me. I think the strength of the club stems from that heritage, and is dependent on that heritage to maintain the significance it has."

"Rotary has made a big difference," says Roseann Bentley, "not only in my life, but I watched as my sister [Jan Horton] became a member, and in my

younger days my dad [Lincoln Knauer] got so much out of the Rotary programs that it's been a big influence in our lives." The weekly programs at Rotary are mentioned by many Rotarians with enthusiasm. "I especially appreciate the speakers that keep us current on the life of our community," comments Jan Horton, and Ralph Hamilton says he profits from the excellent programs. "I'm amazed at some of the talent we've had over the years."

Pride in Rotary is a theme that occurs over and over again in these conversations. These Rotarians are proud of their club, comfortable in their associations, and eager to share. "I've had a happy time bringing members in," a smiling Ann Drummond says. Leslie Peck describes a time when she was in a Palm Beach hotel and saw a "Rotary Meets Here" sign. "It kind of felt like I ought to go in and say 'hi!'" Somewhat more formally, Ralph Hamilton speaks favorably of visiting other clubs. "There is much to share and much to learn from other club members."

Bob Spence has a global view of the fellowship of Rotary. "I've had a very special privilege," he says, "to do make-ups with Rotary clubs in various parts of the world. I've just recently returned from the Middle East and had the opportunity to do a make-up over there. That kind of involvement with other cultures has given a perspective that never would have been gained if I had been talking only to tour guides or to the people that normally come in contact with visitors."

Another characteristic of Rotarians is their willingness to take on whatever tasks need to be done. "The attitude of people in the Rotary club is, 'Yes, I can do it,'" explains Curtis Graff, "as opposed to trying to find a hundred reasons why they're not able to do something." Brownie Unsell agrees. Brownie has been working with the Good Sports program for several years. "Some time back I had the privilege of chairing a national convention [of Good Sports] here. That was quite an enlightening activity. It showed me what the membership of Rotary will do when you ask. There were only four or five of us who were really involved, but when we had the convention we needed a lot of help and Rotary turned out and gave it to us."

Windsor Warren has enjoyed Rotary for over 30 years, he says, the enjoyment being in the form of pleasant associations with other Rotarians in Springfield, as well as in distant locations. He continues, "The principles of Rotary are easy to explain and for a person to accept. For these reasons, I have been able to introduce a number of my

friends into Rotary membership. It is this sharing which makes the difference in my life—the friendships, ideas, goals, achievements, and good humor of my fellow Rotarians give me the desire to reflect those same qualities to my clients and friends."

We'll let Windsor have the last word, because his statement is a good summary of the ideas expressed by the other Rotarians with whom I talked. Rotary does make a difference. And it will continue to make a difference for one significant reason. Rotarians themselves.

"Conversations with Rotarians" were conducted by Bob Gilmore with Jim Anderson, Roseann Bentley, Gene Breuer, Allen Casey, Elise Crain, Ann Drummond, Curtis Graff, Ralph Hamilton, Jan Horton, Dorsey Levell, Gene Martin, Chris Nattinger, Bill Peck, Leslie Peck, Ted Smith, Bob Spence, Jerry Sturhahn, Jerry Tourville, Brownie Unsell, and Windsor Warren. I thank them very much for their courtesy, patience, and eloquence.
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A TALK WITH GENE MARTIN

Gene Martin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield longer than anyone else in the club—63 years. Gene, son Don, and grandson Charles make up the only three-generation membership family in the club. My conversation with Gene took place in his 19th floor office in the Plaza Towers.

—Bob Gilmore

GENE: Our family is a Rotary family. My introduction to Rotary was when I was in high school. I played in the band and the Rotary Club at Joplin took the band to Nowata, Oklahoma to a district conference. That was my first experience in Rotary. When I moved to Springfield in 1930, my father was a good friend with one of the founders of our club—Arthur Daily. They both worked together at the United Iron Works. When I moved here in 1930, it wasn't long until Arthur Daily was knocking on my door for me to become a member of the Rotary Club. It took me a year to decide I would join.

BOB: Would you cast your mind back to 1931, when you first joined Rotary. What was Rotary like then?

GENE: Well, it was very much like it is now. The programs, the weekly meetings, the fellowship, etc. When I joined Rotary in 1931, it was the beginning of the Great Depression. Our membership dwindled to less than 100 members during the Depression because so many members had to take care of their own affairs first and were unable to maintain their attendance. Luckily, I was able to continue. The Depression took its toll, but it didn't take any toll on the friendship and fellowship. It was a great group of men.

BOB: Let's take a leap ahead—you were president of the club in 1946-1947, at the end of the war. That was the beginning of another era. Had things changed very much?

GENE: We lost membership during the war, of course. I had a commission in ROTC, having gone to a military school. But I resigned my commission after that, before the war. I offered to be reinstated, but they said our company was worth more to the war effort because we were rebuilding tractors in Springfield and Joplin to go into combat for the Army Corps of Engineers. I was deferred in order to accomplish that. So I was able to maintain my membership. It was hard to make up at-

tendance because there were no clubs and there wasn't any gasoline to go anywhere. [Chuckle] That's when we decided to start having "Friday Roundtable." We had it at Davidsons' Cafeteria. If you couldn't attend the Tuesday meeting, you went to the Roundtable on Friday. But right after the war, the District Governor came down to Springfield. He had heard about our Roundtable and he put an end to it right there. That was against Rotary principles, he said. But, all during the war we had two Rotary meetings a week!

BOB: Can we step back just a little to the early days? Tell me about some of the special people who were in Rotary then.

GENE: I think the one personality that stands out to me was a charter member—Ray Kelly. His classification in Rotary was as a coal dealer. He had a coal place down on North Jefferson. During my administration as president in 1946-'47, we had the district conference here in Springfield. I set up a committee which consisted of Frank Mann, who was the general chairman, Ray Kelly, Clyde Brayman, and myself. Those three people that were on that committee are the outstanding ones that I can remember.

Don't misunderstand me, there were many, many others. But those stand out. Ray was a charter member of this club along with some twenty-three or twenty-four others. I think, without a doubt, those are the personalities that stand out in my mind.

BOB: How has Rotary changed over the years?

GENE: The format doesn't change. What changes is the personality of the administration in charge in any given year. They are just as different as daylight and dark. I think the tone of Rotary changes every twelve months with new administrations. They are all different.

BOB: But the focus of Rotary. . .

GENE: The focus has remained the same—service to your community, service to your nation, and service to the world. I was very happy after World War II that Rotary was the only organization that was invited to San Francisco for a league charter for the United Nations.

More recently, of course, Rotary International has carried out the Polio Plus program to bring polio under control everywhere. I can remember when polio was a problem here in Springfield, Missouri. We've been able to eliminate it here, but that same thing didn't happen all over the world. So, Rotary took the initiative, and the Paul Harris Fellows were behind it. And of course we've done a number of real worthwhile projects in the community.

BOB: For example?

GENE: One major project was to build the aviary out at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Another project I can remember was during Willard Graff's administration when we put an addition on the Girl's Club on Division Street. Then there was a gentleman out at Mercy Villa that had a heart program where electricity was necessary. Electricity back in those days was not as dependable as it is now. The club bought a generator and sent it out to Mercy Villa to take care of this individual and any other people that might need it.

And we've had many projects within the Council of Churches. The one that I was most connected with was the Sigma House. We were able to get from the project fund a donation to buy the detox machine for Sigma House. Then, I'm sure you remember, the Safety Program we put on with the Springfield Police Department. Those are some of the projects I remember just off the top of my head.

BOB: What do you consider the highlight of your presidency?

GENE: It was very simple. The Branson Rotary Club was responsible for us having the district conference. We didn't intend to have it, but they forced it on us.

BOB: How did that happen?

GENE: At the preceding district conference the Branson people said, "Let's have the next conference at Springfield." We said "foul," but the district decided they wanted to come to Springfield. So, we set up the committee and had a very successful district conference. We had the plenary sessions at the Gillioz theater, and the conference was headquartered at the Colonial Hotel. Frank Mann was the general chairman, and Clyde Brayman and Ray Kelly were the finance and program chairmen. We had a tremendous conference. Everybody was happy with it. We had about 700 in attendance—I know because my hand was numb was when I got through shaking hands with all of them.

BOB: Anything else you remember from your administration?

GENE: Yes, there was one very disturbing incident. We invited the head of the Urban League of St. Louis to come down and speak to the Rotary Club. He was a black man. We were meeting at the Colonial Hotel. To my consternation, when this gentleman got to town, the hotel refused to serve him at the Rotary meeting. I went down and ate with him in the kitchen! Then I took him upstairs so he could make his talk.

BOB: Times have changed since 1946.

GENE: In many ways. When I came to Springfield there were two towns—there was the north side and the south side, and you had to choose. Well, I lived on the south side and worked on the north side, so I was carrying water on both shoulders. When we would have our meetings in the homes of different Rotarians, there was always an undertow. From time to time, the formation of a second club in Springfield would come up. Every time it came up for a vote, it would get voted down. Well, we always thought there might be a place for a club on the north side, but we could never get it established. When the southeast club was established in the '70s that gave Rotary a boost. They have a tremendously fine club, as we do also. The influence of Rotary is felt by more people because of that club. Then the Sunrise Club took in another group. I've always felt that there should be a club on the north side, but there hasn't been.

We've seen the growth of Rotary in Springfield and it is available to more people now by having more clubs. The clubs that we have are all outstanding clubs.

BOB: Did you anticipate that women would become members of Rotary?

GENE: No, I didn't. I had read in some of the Rotary magazines that they were moving that direction, although I didn't think it would happen. But it's a great thing for Rotary. I think the ladies bring a new point of view to Rotary that we didn't have just as a man's club.

BOB: Gene, a final question. What's Rotary going to be like in the year 2053 when your grandson Charles will have been in Rotary as long as you've been?

GENE: [Long, thoughtful pause] I have seen, in my lifetime, the world shrink. That world will con-

tinue to shrink and people will become even closer. There will be more Rotary clubs in the world and Rotary will be a greater organization in 2053 than it is now. If it isn't, then I miss my guess totally.

Rotary clubs all over the world are all working on the same thing, Service Above Self, although they may take different approaches to it in their meetings and in their deliberations. I think Rotary in

2053 will continue to grow and there will be more visitation among Rotarians in the world than there has been in my time. As the world shrinks, we're getting closer together and we've got to learn more about each other and our problems.

I think that's what Charles will have to look forward to when he's been in Rotary as long as I have been.

THE POLIOPLUS PROGRAM

Polio is retreating rapidly in the face of a global coalition for child immunization. It is estimated that there are two million to three million children playing and waking normally today who would have been crippled by polio were it not for the extraordinary immunization efforts of the last ten years.

This great progress is due to the cooperative efforts of intergovernmental agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF), national governments, and the private sector, led by Rotary International. The world's Rotary Clubs have raised a quarter of a billion dollars since 1985, when Rotary International announced its PolioPlus program.

Curtis Graff was asked to head the PolioPlus campaign in the mid-1980's for the Springfield Rotary Club. "The appeal of the project was obvious," Curtis says, "but it took some selling because of the enormity of the challenge. The idea that we have, within our grasp, the means of eliminating completely this horrible disease from the world was something that people stumbled over a little bit." But not for long. The excellent print materials and films that Rotary International provided soon convinced Springfield

Rotarians to support wholeheartedly this ambitious program.

The vehicle used for fundraising was the Paul Harris Fellowship Program. RI made it possible for members to designate their thousand dollar Paul Harris Fellow donation to the PolioPlus program. "We killed two birds with one stone," Curtis continued. "We did a really good job for PolioPlus and raised some 50 or 60 thousand dollars. Up to that time, however, we had had only limited success with the Paul Harris program. But with PolioPlus there were several of us who said, 'Look, this is a worthy program. We want to help. We'll become Paul Harris Fellows.'"

Bill Peck was in charge of the club's Paul Harris program. "I had a good job," he laughed. "It was easy to recruit new members during the PolioPlus campaign." In this 75th anniversary year, Springfield Rotary has 76 names on its Paul Harris Fellows list.

More work and more money is needed before the goal of a completely polio-free world can be realized by the year 2000. Eradication requires sustained commitment, says Rotary International, and Rotary's role as advocate is fast becoming more important than its role as donor.

THE FIRST WOMEN

by Kathleen O'Dell

Being "First" was never the point.

"First" obscured the honor of becoming a Rotarian.

"First" gave the wrong impression about why women were there, and how we wanted to be known.

So it seemed a fair compromise when three women—including me—were inducted at the same meeting into the formerly all-male Springfield Rotary Club in 1988.

I had been warned that not all Rotarians agreed with the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling that opened many all-male organizations to women. I also had been warned that some members would walk out in protest on the day women were inducted.

But no one did. Rotarians welcomed us warmly—and now I know they wouldn't have done anything less than that.

If there was a "trial" period, it might have come in those first two years as we three—and gradually more women inductees—were brought into service projects and leadership roles. I sensed a sort of feverish "catch-up" mode on the part of Rotary leaders who called on women to get involved quickly, at every level.

I can't know how Rotary fulfilled or strengthened members when it was an all-male club. But I can't help but think Rotary

is better for admitting women—and not necessarily because women bring any unique "perspective" to the table.

It's because when men and women work together, as equals, the focus of their efforts shifts to a higher plane.

The most stunning contributions to humanity—in deeds and thought—have come from some pretty ordinary men and women who succeeded because they had a vision bigger than themselves. It was vision based on possibilities and potential of all human beings—for all human beings.

To me, Rotary is about nurturing a vision bigger than ourselves. We begin with the Four Way Test, but go on to magnify its ideals to include working for health and human rights across the globe.

We need each other's talents and diverse backgrounds as men and women to develop that vision.

Sure, I benefit personally: I have close friendships with a network of professionals, and I'm constantly gaining insight into other people's roles in our community.

But beyond that is the opportunity Rotary offers me—not as a woman but as a human being—to be a part of something bigger and better than myself.

Being "First" was never the point.

Being a Rotarian was.

Past Presidents, 1919-1994 Springfield Rotary Club

Arthur Daily	1919-20	Clyde Raymond	1944-45	Don Roper	1969-70
Ed V. Williams	1920-21	James F. Findlay	1945-46	George Avant	1970-71
Burke Holbrook	1921-22	E. A. Martin, Jr.	1946-47	William Magers	1971-72
Clyde M. Hill	1922-23	Ray D. Kelly	1947-48	Bob Ashcroft	1972-73
J. Emmett Cavin	1923-24	David LeBolt	1948-49	James S. Hedges	1973-74
Walter Eisenmayer	1924-25	James W. Kent	1949-50	Donald G. Martin	1974-75
Albert E. Reynolds	1925-26	George Hunter	1950-51	Glenn A. Burkart	1975-76
James S. Carpenter	1926-27	Joe B. Wann	1951-52	Wm. E. Everheart	1976-77
Ed C. Rice	1927-28	C. Wallace Walter	1952-53	Clarence E. Atkins	1976-77
Dr. Wilbur Smith	1928-29	J. B. (Cap) Kidd	1953-54	W. Curtis Graff	1977-78
Ignace Glaser	1929-30	Durward G. Hall	1954-55	N. E. Breuer	1978-79
James M. Quinn	1930-31	James A. Jefferies	1955-56	Robert K. Gilmore	1979-80
Frank C. Mann	1931-32	Will James	1956-57	Allen R. Casey	1980-81
Walter G. Rathbone	1932-33	C. E. Baxter, Jr.	1957-58	Chris W. Nattinger	1981-82
Fred Schweitzer	1933-34	George Myers	1958-59	Robert H. Spence	1982-83
Marion Mann	1934-35	Willard Graff	1959-60	Ted A. Smith	1983-84
Jim Shannon	1935-36	Bill Cantrell	1960-61	Tom T. Crabtree	1984-85
Ted Lippman	1936-37	Dr. Joseph L. Johnston	1961-62	G. Windsor Warren	1985-86
Dr. Wallis Smith	1937-38	Bryan Van Hook	1962-63	Fred M. McQueary	1986-87
Jim Wells	1938-39	George I. Perryman	1963-64	James B. Porter, Jr.	1987-88
Herman Lohmeyer	1939-40	George Luna	1964-65	John E. Moore, Jr.	1988-89
Harry Lily	1940-41	Audrey Alexander	1965-66	James L. Mitchell	1989-90
Frank Lister	1941-42	Leslie Kennon	1966-67	Saul Nuccitelli	1990-91
Lon Haymes	1942-43	Bill Peck	1967-68	Jerome Sturhahn	1991-92
James Williver	1943-44	Randy Wilson	1968-69	Gene Wallace	1992-93
				W. Curt Strube	1993-94

OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace of mind through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jim Anderson
Robert M. Baird
Charles Banta
Gene Breuer
Doris Breuer
Glenn A. Burkart
Allen Casey
Michael S. Clarke
Cephas M. Close
H. C. Compton
Tom T. Crabtree
Albert I. Decker
Max DeForest
William E. DeWitt, Jr.
John D. Dickinson
Ronald F. Elkins
Robert B. Flanders
Larry Folkins
Robert K. Gilmore
W. Curtis Graff
James E. Haseltine
James S. Hedges
Robert C. Kramer
Herbert Leonard
Dorsey E. Levell
Mary Ann Levell
Rocky Levell
William A Magers

E. A. Martin
Fred M. McQueary
Ramona McQueary
DeWayne Melton
Duane G. Meyer
John Moore
Chris W. Nattinger
Saul A. Nuccitelli
Jim Patton
Clay A. Payne
William N. Peck
Barbara Peck
Stanley Peterson
Milton S. Phillips
James B. Porter
Kay Porter
William K. Powell
Paul S. Quinn
Dennis Resz
F. Gordon Robertson
Phillip L. Roper
Virgil N. Sapp
W. Fred Schaeffer
W. Curtis Strube
Melvin M. Thompson
V. B. Unsell
Philip Wannemacher
G. Windson Warren
Charles Yates

Sustaining Members

Shara Cash
Carol Williamson
Steve Shanholtzer
David Yancey

Benefactors

Eric Atkinson

Paul Harris Fellows Deceased

Harold A. Casey
William E. Everheart
O.T. Gillenwaters
Willard J. Graff
Kent M. Gray
Joseph L. Johnston
Earl L. Petersen
Donald E. Roper
C. Wallace Walter
Joe Ben Wann
James C. Ward
James Woody
Louis Wyrsh
Daniel L. Yancey

THE FOUR WAY TEST
of the things we think, say, and do

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

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

By decade of joining

THE 1930s

Gene Martin - 1931
Gordon Robertson - 1936
Durward Hall - 1937

THE 1940s

Stan Peterson - 1947

THE 1950s

Gene Breuer - 1951
Fred Schaeffer - 1952
Harold Gurley - 1952
Thomas Ashley - 1952
Rex Witherspoon - 1953
Charles Banta - 1954
Bill Peck - 1954
Robert Kramer - 1954
Frank Horn - 1955
Bill Cantrell - 1955
Cephas Close - 1956
Dorsey Love - 1956
Clay Payne - 1956
Bill Powell - 1956
Don Martin - 1956
Ralph Hamilton - 1958
Bill DeWitt - 1958
Jim Hedges - 1959
George Hall - 1959

THE 1960s

Bill Magers - 1960
Phil Roper - 1960
Curtis Graff - 1961
Fred McQueary - 1961
Charles Tillman - 1961
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