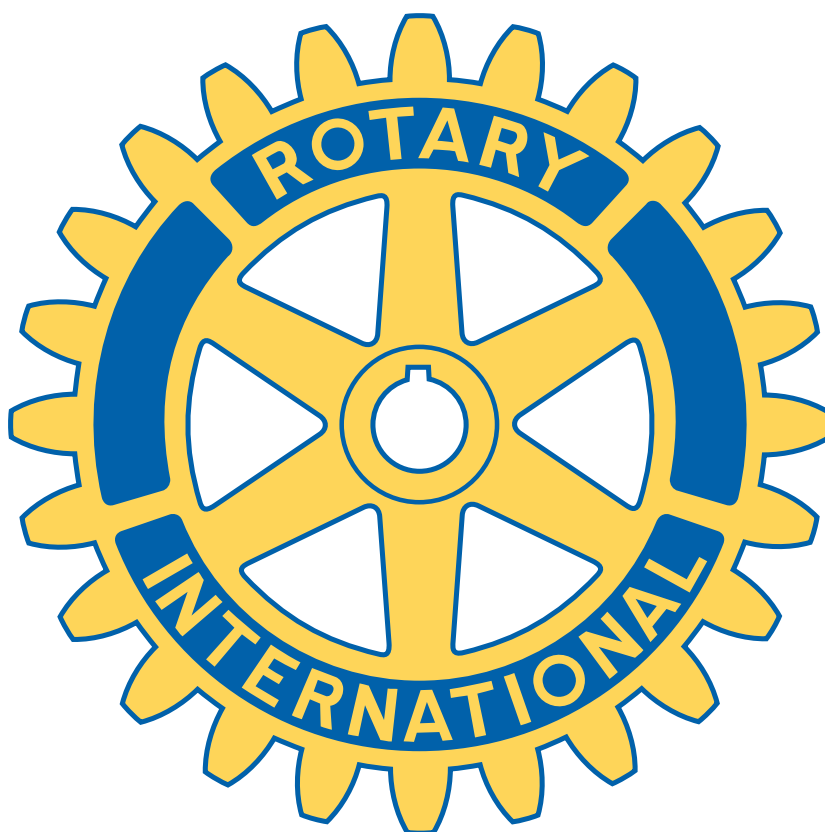
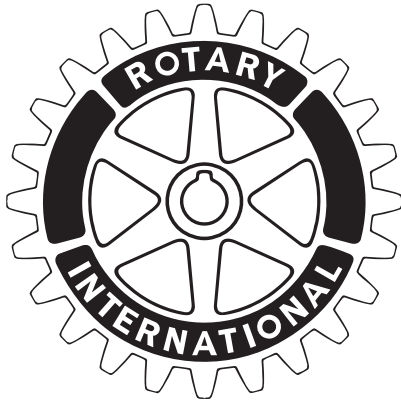


# **HISTORY**



**South Hill Rotary Club**  
**1928 - 2011**





## History of the South Hill Rotary Club 1928 - 2011

The following is a compilation of the history of the South Hill Rotary Club, initially researched and written by Rotarian Frank L. Nanney, Jr. It is not an “all inclusive” history but, rather, a representation of some of the events and programs through the club’s many years of existence.

This South Hill Rotary Club History was started in Rotary year 1999 – 2000 under Club President Warren Matthews and continued through 2000 – 2001 under Club President David Frazer. The project, covering the South Hill Clubs History from 1928- 2001, was considered complete at that time.

In Rotary Year 2010 – 2011 Club President Randy Cash approached Frank Nanney, the author of the original History, and asked if he would complete the History through July 2011 and the change of leadership to the incoming Club President Judy Jacquelin. Rotarian Frank agreed and began to work on the project.

Upon completion the pages were presented to the club and Rotarian Frank indicated that it was almost more work to complete these 10 years than it was to complete the original History to the 73 year mark due to the drastically increased activity by the club.

Club President Randy Cash awarded Rotarian Frank the “Above And Beyond Award” for this undertaking. Copies of the finished History were printed by Dogwood Graphics of South Hill and given to the active members of the Club.





## **George D. Radcliffe**

- **CHARTER PRESIDENT — 1928** •  
**South Hill Rotary Club**

Mr. Radcliffe, a native of England, owned Radcliffe Motor Co. and Radcliffe Fuel Co. After giving up the Ford dealership, Mr. Radcliffe was secretary/treasurer of South Hill Production Credit Association (flow Farm Credit). He retired to Lakeland, Florida, and visited the club from time to time before his death on December 25, 1966 at age 83.

# South Hill Rotary Club

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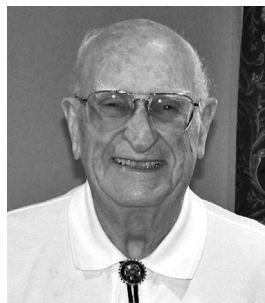
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# A Look at the History Of the South Hill Rotary Club 1928 - 2001

Although not organized until later in the year, several South Hill men were entertained on January 12, 1928, by the Petersburg Rotary Club. Hiram Wall and George Radcliffe gave a response for the South Hill men. Dr. H. M. Snead, who had lived in South Hill for 15 years prior to moving to Petersburg in 1927, was one of the men instrumental in getting a Rotary Club started in South Hill.

On May 4, 1928, five Petersburg Rotarians came to South Hill, went around town, and in a short time had more applications than needed to charter a club in South Hill.

On May 10, the group gathered and elected its officers for 1928-29 as follows: George Radcliffe, president; C. C. Patterson, vice-president; and S. P. Anderson, secretary/treasurer. Directors were H. L. Fowlkes, Hiram Wall, A. W. Jeffreys, W. E. Jolly, and J. S. Dortch.

The twenty-two charter members were:

S. P. Anderson	V. M. Mason
M. M. Carver	H. S. Montgomery, Sr.
J. C. Clement	F. L. Nanny, Sr.
B. W. Copley	I. T. Nanny
Dr. J. N. Davis	C. G. Patterson
J. S. Dortch	H. T. Perkinson
H. L. Fowlkes	George Radcliffe
Y. M. Hodges	J. S. Saunders
William Hunter	C. E. Vassar
A. W. Jeffreys	C. W. Vick
W. E. Jolly	Hiram Wall

The first committees consisted of:

- Classification - Mason, Perkinson, Fowlkes.
- Fellowship - Hodges, Carver, Hunter, Vassar.
- Program - Montgomery, Jeffreys, Jolly, and F. Nanny.
- Attendance - Copley, Clement, Saunders.

Following its formation, the South Hill Rotary Club held its first meeting on Friday, June 8, with supper at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Hotel Restaurant.

On June 15, William H. Surber, of Charlottesville, Governor of the 56th Rotary District, spoke to the club. The meeting time and location were set for 7 p.m. each Friday at the Lincoln Hotel Restaurant.

For its first few meetings, the club had visiting Rotarians come in to help conduct the meetings. On June 22, the Henderson, N.C. Rotarians were present. On June 29, the Oxford, N. C. Rotarians were present.

Thus, the South Hill Rotary Club became an integral part of the Town of South Hill.

Jack Weymuth, of Hampton, Rotary District Governor, visited on November 9.

## A Pop Quiz...

There were several interesting things that took place, or happened, which you will read more about later. But, first, let's see how many you can remember?

- ☛ The club lost one president through death before he could fulfill his term of office. He died just three months before his term was up. Can you name him and what year?
- ☛ The club sponsored a Buy a War Bond month and used a special reason to buy bonds on April 28, 1943. Do you know what that "special reason" was? You can find out more about that in the 1943 information.
- ☛ Name the four presidents who resigned from office - two due to moving away and the other two to join the military.

☞ In 1991, the club elected its first female president. Surely you remember her. If not, just keep reading.

☞ The club has had a number of meeting places during its existence. Can't begin to name all of them or in the correct order, but some were Lincoln Hotel Restaurant, Hotel Nordan Restaurant, Blue Bird Tea Room, South Hill High School Cafeteria, La Crosse High School Cafeteria, West End Restaurant, Holiday Inn, Brian's Steak House, Seclusival Restaurant, and Best Western. Where was the club meeting when you became a member? And, which one burned down one Thursday afternoon less than two hours before the club's meeting? Also, can you remember what year?

☞ Which member was elected vice president, resigned, and four months later rejoined the club, took over as vice-president again, and then was elected president for the new year?

☞ Which two members were the "bride and groom" in a womanless wedding sponsored by Rotary? ... And the year?

☞ What year did the Rotary Club elect two vice-presidents?

☞ What year did the club vote to meet bi-weekly, and what year did they go back to meeting weekly?

☞ When the club organized, they met on Friday evenings. What year did they move the meetings to Thursday evenings?

☞ Which current member is the only Rotarian to serve three different years as president?

Well, read this booklet and you will find the answers plus much more!

Like, for instance, there have been other changes, too. The club has met at six o'clock, six-thirty, and at seven p.m.

Finally, (and this one we'll give you the answers) there have been five members of the club

who have served as Governor's Representative or Assistant Governor to the District Governor. They are: Thomas W. Leggett, 1991-1993; Thomas L. Smith, three 2-year terms, 1993-1999; Jimmie K. Crowder, 1999-2001; Bruce Settle 2007-2010; and Randy Cash 2010-2013.

## **Receives Charter**

### **• 1928 •**

(Continued) On August 10, the South Hill Rotary Club officially received its charter as a member of Rotary International. On hand to make the presentation at the Ladies Night observance was Jack Weymuth of Hampton, Governor of Rotary District 56.

In October, 1928, the club changed its meeting time to 6 p.m. for the winter months.

In November, the Rotary Club was entertained by a 7-member Colored Glee Club from Mecklenburg County Training School.

### **• 1929 •**

H. C. Porter and Frank Mayes of the Virginia Public Service Co., spoke January 25 on the likelihood of South Hill having industries locate here over other areas in the Southside.

In February, the meeting was changed to 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night was held April 5 at the Hotel Nordan.

Three leaders of the Robert E. Lee Council of Boy Scouts of America, Petersburg, urged the club on April 12 to back and sponsor the Scout movement in South Hill. A committee was appointed to make a recommendation to the club.

The South Hill Rotary Club was represented at the District 56 Convention in Lynchburg May 2 and 3 by C. G. Paterson, vice-president; C. W. Vick, I. T. Nanny, A. W. Jeffreys, and Dr. W. L. Varn.

Officers for 1929-30: Y. M. Hodges, president; C. E. Vassar, vice-president; S. P. Anderson, secretary/treasurer.



Y. M. Hodges and I. T. Nanny attended the Rotary District Conference in Staunton on July 18.

The club was invited to the home of R. E. Daniel on August 16 to feast on watermelons. Y. M. Hodges was said to be the watermelon champion.

Dr. Julian Burruss, of Blacksburg, Governor of Rotary District 56 and also President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, visited the club on October 28.

The club held Ladies Night on December 13 at the Hotel Nordan Restaurant.

### • 1930 •

In March, the South Hill Rotary Club sponsored what is believed to be the first Minstrel Show in town with proceeds to benefit playground equipment for the South Hill school.

Miss Alice Fowlkes (piano), of South Hill, and Captain Reton Edgerton (saxophone), of Fork Union Military Academy, entertained the club on June 20.

Miss Mary Butts, pianist, and H. S. Culbreth, violinist, entertained the club on June 27.

C. O. Patterson, incoming president, attended the silver anniversary events of Rotary International in Chicago, June 30 - July 5.

Officers for 1930-31: C. O. Patterson, president; C. E. Vassar, vice-president; S. P. Anderson, secretary/treasurer.

Two young boys, Harvey Jr. and James Northington, of La Crosse, furnished entertainment on September 12 with harmonicas, accompanied at the piano by their mother.

The club applauded the services of Miss Alice Fowlkes, daughter of Rotarian H. L. Fowlkes, for her services as club pianist. Miss Fowlkes was moving to Lawrenceville.

Jeter Jones, of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited October 2. There was one hundred percent attendance at the meeting.

The club voted on November 11 to cancel its planned and popular Ladies Night and to donate the cost of the banquet, along with donations from members, to the Mecklenburg County Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. At the meeting, E.

Y. Noblin, agriculture instructor at South Hill High School, discussed 'Trends in Education.' He also thanked the club for furnishing the new playground equipment.

### • 1931 •

The club made history in February. First, the club had 100% attendance on February 7 for a visit of Jeter Jones, District Governor, and then completed the month of February with 100% attendance for each meeting of the month.

Mrs. E. O. Allen of the high school faculty and little Nora Fowlkes entertained February 20. Mrs. Allen spoke on Italy and Nora gave a humorous reading.

R. W. Garris, Commander of American Legion Post 79, spoke May 29 and asked for a closer alliance between Post 79 and Rotary. The two organizations had worked together in December 1930 in bringing Christmas cheer to many homes in the area. In addition, Mr. Garris paid tribute to the war dead in honor of Memorial Day.

Officers for 1931-32: C. E. Vassar, president; I. T. Nanny, vice-president; S. R. Anderson, secretary/treasurer.

Ed Vassar assumed the presidency on July 1 and held a memory contest in which a prize was offered to the member who could correctly give the name and occupational classification of each member. No winner was listed.

C. E. Vassar and S. P. Anderson attended the Rotary State Conference in Charlottesville on August 6.

In September 1931, the Rotarians of South Hill and the Lions of Lawrenceville played two baseball games in answer to a challenge by the Lions Club. President Ed Vassar delegated Frank Nanny to deploy the Rotarians at strategic points on the field and at bat.

The first game, at Lawrenceville, was won by the Lawrenceville Lions. The score was not given as the only report said that South Hill Rotary was overwhelmed. However, South Hill Rotary won the second game, played at South Hill, again the score was not reported, but South Hill won handily.

Receipts from the game at Lawrenceville was for the benefit of the Lions Club's Crippled Children's Fund, while the game at South Hill was for the benefit of the Rotary Club boys' work fund.

A Stag Picnic was held October 16 at the bungalow of Rotarian Pat Snead in Lunenburg County.

Ladies Night was held Friday, November 13, at the Lincoln Hotel Restaurant.

### • 1932 •

Rotarian Y. M. Hodges, a member of the House of Representatives, spoke February 19 on the General Assembly. The members were also entertained by a special music program.

E. Y. Noblin and Roger Grant made talks on March 18 on the origin, growth, and objectives of Rotary.

April 1, President Vassar announced the club would vie for first place prize for the largest percentage increase of membership in the state.

On April 28, members went to Petersburg for an inter-city meeting of Rotary Clubs.

C. B. Vassar, I. T. Nanny, and F. E. Bobbitt left May 12 to attend the State Conference in Danville.

On June 24, the club visited with the Blackstone Rotary Club and took a tour of the silk mill.

Officers for 1932-33: I. T. Nanny, president; Dr. W. L. Yarn, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

The club was entertained on July 22 by Mrs. William Walker, who sang several solos, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. H. Moseley.

The club held a barbecue and Brunswick Stew picnic at Lake Warren on September 2.

Ed R. Johnson, of Roanoke, Rotary District Governor, visited on October 27.

In November 1932, the club installed a program of inviting two high school students to attend a Rotary Club meeting. Different students were invited monthly.

### • 1933 •

Ladies Night was held March 17 at the South Hill High School Cafeteria with approximately 100 in attendance. Three ladies - Mrs. C. S. Callis, Mrs. R. M. Epes, and Mrs. J. I. Phillips - sang as well as a young people's mixed quartet performed consisting of Mary Jeffreys, Cora Lou Butts, Glasgow Butts, and J. S. Gordon Jr. In addition, there was a male quartet composed of A. W. Jeffreys, R. H. Potts, C. H. Crowder, and Harry Matthews.

Nine Rotarians attended the District Conference in Newport News on May 19.

Dr. W. L. Yarn was elected by the club to attend the Rotary International Convention held in Boston in June. Also attending were R. H. Potts, I. T. Nanny, and J. S. Dortch.

Miss Sadie Green of Wilson, NC., entertained the club June 16 with several readings.

Officers for 1933-34: Dr. W. L. Yarn, president, R. K. Potts, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

John E. Martin, of Suffolk, Rotary District Governor, visited August 4.

Local Rotarians attended a Rotary InterCity meeting in Petersburg on September 29.

The club staged a Minstrel Show on December 14.

### • 1934 •

Dr. Yarn was the only president of South Hill Rotary to die in office, succumbing on March 21, 1934 at age 43. Dr. Yarn was ill for ten days after having developed an infection in his left hand. The club paid tribute to Dr. Yarn at its April 30 meeting with Y. M. Hodges delivering the Eulogy.

R. K. Potts took over as president to fill out the remaining term through June.

Officers for 1934-35: R. K. Potts, president; E.Y. Noblin, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

Rev. Paul Bowden, of Warrenton, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on September 14.

The club sponsored an educational program in the auditorium of South Hill High School on October 12. R. G. Connelly, Extension Dairy Specialist, of Blacksburg, discussed the food value of milk. The program included a selection of music under the direction of Miss Inda Miller, Home Demonstration Agent.

Joseph H. Harrison and Clyde N. Allen, members of the Richmond Rotary Club, attended the meeting on October 26 and encouraged the club to have one hundred percent attendance at the Inter-City Rotary meeting in Richmond on December 11.

### • 1935 •

The club sponsored a Minstrel Show, performed by the Petersburg Rotary Club, on March 8 at the South Hill High School Auditorium.

Dr. S. S. Obenshain, of the Virginia Experiment Station, spoke April 12 on the value of the soil survey which was underway in the county.

Twenty-seven Rotarians and 15 Rotary Annes attended the district conference in Richmond, May 8 and 9.

Ladies Night was held June 28 at the South Hill High School Cafeteria, followed by a dance at Big Exchange Warehouse with music by the Paul Jones Orchestra.

Officers for 1935-36: E. Y. Noblin, president; R. K. Potts, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

South Hill Rotary was host to an InterCity meeting of Rotary Clubs on October 18. Entertainment was by the La Crosse Quartet, accompanied by Miss Annie Lou Thomas son at the piano.

### • 1936 •

Lt. Col. Seymour Bullock spoke January 24 on "What Makes Rotary Rotate." He was formerly with the Rotary International Staff and has spoken to many Rotary Clubs in the United States and England.

C. G. Patterson, of Henderson, N.C., spoke February 6 on "Fellowship." Mr. Patterson was a charter member of the South Hill Rotary Club.

T. E. Warriner and Al T. Lewis, of Southside Virginia, Inc., spoke to the club April 3 on the goals of their organization to have a cohesive action between the counties and communities.

Ladies Night was held June 12 at Hotel Nordan with a dance following at Big Exchange Warehouse with Johnnie Phills and his Vagabond Orchestra performing.

Rotarians Dr. C. M. Heartwell and C. W. Geoghegan attended the Rotary International Convention in Atlantic City, N.J. the week of June 22.

Officers for 1936-37: Dr. C. M. Heartwell, president; A. W. Jeffreys, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

Fred W. Gray, prominent English Rotarian, spoke on July 3. He was a director of Rotary International.

On July 23-24, 1936, the 56th Rotary District held a two-day Assembly in South Hill. Delegates from 57 clubs were in attendance. Luncheons were held at the Nordan and Lincoln Hotels with a banquet at the Lincoln and a "Theatre Party" hosted by the South Hill Rotarians held at the Colonial Theatre following the banquet. District Governor William A. Luke Jr., of Covington, presided. Representing the South Hill Rotary Club were Dr. C. M. Heartwell and Fletcher E. Bobbitt.

Grover Crutchfield and Royal Crutchfield entertained the club on November 6 with string music - guitar and banjo.

William A. Luke Jr., of Covington, Rotary District Governor, visited November 16.

Rotary Anne Night was observed for the first time on December 11 at the Hotel Nordan. The four highest ranking juniors at South Hill High School - Edith Warren, Marie Thompson, Bill Taylor and Bobby Tucker, were special guests. Entertainment was performed by Grover and Royal Crutchfield with string music. Also, Mrs. Gladys Bracey performed at the piano.

### • 1937 •

Club members attended an InterCity meeting in Blackstone April 9. Guest speaker

was Rev. P. Roland Wagner, of Norfolk.

Members saw a film on the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on May 28, shown by Rotarian C. W. Geoghegan.

Officers for 1937-38: F. L. Nanny, Sr., president; H. M. Pettus, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

Ladies Night was celebrated July 23 with a barbecue and stew dinner at the grove of C. R. Smith's Greenwood Motel building.

George N. Matthews, of Washington, D.C., Rotary District Governor, visited September 10.

The club met October 1 with an attendance of only one member being absent.

The Rev. F. T. Bentley, pastor of South Hill Methodist Church, spoke November 26 on 'Loyalty.' Also speaking was Mr. Wrench of the Association of Blind Workers.

### • 1938 •

Sixteen club members attended an inter-city meeting in Hopewell on April 4.

The club reached 100% attendance at the May 27 meeting with all 31 members present.

Milton Cutliff of Raleigh, N.C., spoke June 10 on his duties with the North Carolina State Department of Public Welfare.

The club agreed June 17 to sponsor the Boy Scout Troop that will organize shortly. Dr. C. M. Heartwell and C. H. Morgan were designated as Scoutmasters.

The club planned to celebrate its 10th anniversary on June 13, but the meeting was postponed due to too many members being out of town and was reset for June 30. Auburn Cavaliers, one of the South's finest orchestras, was booked for the banquet and ball. F. L. Nanny, president, presided. Guest speaker was Willis W. Bohannon of the Petersburg Rotary Club. A dance was held at Big Exchange Warehouse with approximately 150 in attendance. The banquet was at the high school cafeteria.

Officers for 1938-39: Dr. L. H. Bracey, president; S. E. Watkins, Sr., vice-president; F. B. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

The Charter for the recently organized Boy

Scout Troop was presented to the club on July 8.

Frank Chase, of Suffolk, Rotary District Governor, visited September 23. The meeting was held at the Hotel Nordan Restaurant.

The club entertained the South Hill High School FFA Chapter on November 4 at Hotel Nordan Restaurant. The best FFA Chapter was named America's #1 FFA Chapter.

Two Boy Scouts - Burnley McTyre and Thomas Archer Saunders - received Rotary Medals on December 15. McTyre received the Gold Medal for Achievement for outstanding ability as a Scout, and Saunders received the Bronze Medal for Recognition of his interest and activity in Scouting.

### • 1939 •

Dr. R. S. Montgomery spoke January 13 on his trip to California to see the Rose Bowl football game.

On January 27, the club welcomed two new members, bringing the membership count to 39.

Charles H. Morgan, principal of South Hill High School, spoke February 24 on educational needs and trends. Mr. Morgan joined the club the following month.

Dr. L. H. Bracey was elected March 24 as a delegate from the club to attend the Rotary International Convention in Cleveland to be held in June.

Six members attended the District Conference in Roanoke, May 4-5. They included S. F. Watkins, Sr., Dr. R. S. Montgomery, Y. M. Hodges, Dr. C. M. Heartwell, Meredith Dortch, and Floyd Garland.

Officers for 1939-40: S. E. Watkins, Sr., president; Dr. R. S. Montgomery, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary-treasurer. The club voted to meet twice a month.

In September 1939, Rotary moved its meeting place from Nordan Hotel to South Hill High School Cafeteria.

Dr. W. W. Wilkinson, of La Crosse, showed moving pictures in October of the Virginia Bankers Association convention trip to Bermuda.

Members met November 16 as guests of the



CCC Camp. Officials with the Camp explained their duties and the work of the CCC Camp.

James B. Mallonee, of Hopewell, Rotary District Governor, visited December 8.

### • 1940 •

C. W. Vick told of his trip through the southern states and into Mexico at the March 15 meeting. The guest speaker for the meeting was Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Ladies Night was held June 14 with a dinner at the South Hill Masonic Lodge, followed with entertainment by a mixed quartet consisting of Mary Tucker, Peggy Robertson, Alvis Jeffreys, and Walter Gray Pearson.

Officers for 1940-41: Dr. R. S. Montgomery, president; R. W. Garriss, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

S. E. Watkins, Sr. was appointed to be sergeant-at-arms for the District Convention to be held at Old Point Comfort.

Members toured the local ribbon weaving mill on November 8.

Clyde Allen, of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited on November 11.

Members attended an inter-city meeting at Blackstone on November 18.

Jack Ritchie, whose "Texas Rhythm Rangers" were appearing on the stage of the Colonial Theatre, sung a number of popular songs on December 20, accompanying himself with a guitar. Following the program, C. W. Geoghegan showed a film on the Rotary National Convention.

### • 1941 •

President Dr. R. S. Montgomery resigned April 11 because of his call to active duty with the U. S. Army Medical Corp. Vice-president R. W. Garriss finished out his term.

On June 20, 1941, the South Hill Rotary Club and the South Hill Lions Club held a joint meeting at the South Hill High Cafeteria. Speaker was Oscar H. West, managing director of Retail Merchants Association of Virginia.

Officers for 1941-42: Meredith C. Dortch, president; Floyd Garland, vice-president; F. B.

Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

The club passed a resolution in July requesting the State Highway Department to maintain a ferry service across the Staunton River, near Clarksville, to connect with the Staunton River State Park.

### • 1942 •

Nine members of the club attended the Rotary District meeting in Richmond, held April 23-24.

George Lett Jones played the piano and Charles H. Crowder, Jr. read a poem to entertain the club on May 29.

The club was entertained June 30 with a program of music by Ann Montgomery, Cora Lou Butts, and Glasgow Butts.

Officers for 1942-43: Floyd Garland, president; Howard D. Warren, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

In July 1942, twenty members of South Hill Rotary were guests at Camp Pickett, Blackstone, of Company A, 314th Infantry. The Rotarians had initiated a fund raising project to build a recreation room for Company A and in addition, donated furniture and a piano. Company A had Rotary members as their guests to say thank you. Y. M. Hodges, speaking for the club, said the Rotary Club had adopted Company A as its own.

Mrs. Floyd Garland, president of the South Hill Junior Woman's Club, spoke October 16 on the objectives of the JWC and the Cancer Control Drive which was its main project.

Mrs. F. E. Bobbitt and Miss Lillie Stanback sang a number of duets on October 30, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. L. Hines.

Mrs. H. H. McAden, a native of England, spoke December 18 on the customs and habits of the people of South Africa.

### • 1943 •

Ammon G. Dunston, Rotary District Governor, visited the club January 15.

Mrs. Norma Gordon, who's husband, Don, was a Commander in the U. S. Navy, spoke January 22 on Pearl Harbor and Hawaii where

she lived for awhile when her husband was stationed there.

At the February 9 meeting, Mrs. C. H. Moseley and Mrs. R. L. Hines sang a number of solos and duets, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. L. H. Bracey.

Meredith C. Dortch resigned from the club in February to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

Club member James Rothrock spoke March 5 on the history and militaristic trends of the German people.

Club President Floyd Garland resigned March 1 to enter the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School of Northwestern University for training leading to an Ensign's commission.

The club dedicated its program on March 19 to Floyd H. Garland and Meredith C. Dortch, two members who were on active duty in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Eleanor Pleasants Wilson gave a talk April 2 on the airplane spotting course she recently completed in Richmond. She was teaching a course for local volunteers who were spotters for enemy aircraft.

The Rotary Club sponsored War Bonds Month for April and each member was asked to buy a bond on April 28 - Hitler's birthday.

Four members attended the District Conference of Rotary International, held in Fredericksburg on April 28-29.

H. S. Mobley and E. C. Bressell, GMAC representatives, showed a film in May on Patriotism - depicting the American way of life in a free society.

The club agreed June 11 to sponsor the Boy Scout Troop for another year. Special guest was Scoutmaster J. R. Yeaman.

Officers for 1943-44: Howard D. Warren, president; Robert Lee Hines, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

The club agreed in July to join with the Lions Club in cooking a barbecue and stew for all members and their families. The event was held August 13 at the town park.

Robert Lee Hines resigned as vice-president in October 1943 as he moved to Emporia.

However, he returned to South Hill in February of 1944 and rejoined Rotary and moved into his old office of vice-president.

J. J. Lowe, an official of South Hill Industries, spoke September 24 at the Blue Bird Tea Room on the development of artificial silk.

W. Winfree Fore, of Culpeper, Governor of Rotary District 187, visited November 19.

Major William Kudei; of Port Pickett, spoke December 17 at the Blue Bird Tea Room.

The club had a musical program on December 31, given by Jean Guthrie, Jacqueline Bobbitt, Kathleen Dance, Inez Cleaton, and Jean Thomasson. They were accompanied at the piano by George Lett Jones.

## • 1944 •

Mrs. Gilberta Hubbard spoke January 14 at the Blue Bird Tea Room on American Citizenship.

Rev. Ralph Yow, a club member, gave a review of Walter Van Kirk's "The World of Tomorrow."

Carey Jefferson, county agent, spoke March 10 at the Blue Bird Tea Room on the farming situation in Mecklenburg County.

Fourteen members attended the Annual Rotary District Conference in Richmond on April 21.

Members met May 5 at Shine Taylor's barbecue place and ten Rotarians agreed to go to Richmond together in order to give blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank.

H. E. Cotey, of Lynchburg, Scout Executive of the Piedmont District, spoke May 19 at the Blue Bird Tea Room.

General E. E. Godwyn, of Emporia, organizer of the State Guard and Commanding Officer, spoke June 2 at the Blue Bird Tea Room on the organization and its duties.

Officers for 1944-45: Robert Lee Hines, president; Christopher W. Geoghegan, vice-president; F. B. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

E. Y. Noblin, former member and past president, spoke August 18 on his duties with the Vocational Education Department of the State Board of Education.

J. J. Lowe, an official with South Hill



Industries, spoke September 24 at the Blue Bird Tea Room on the development of artificial silk.

At its October 1 meeting, the club authorized extensive improvements to the playground equipment at South Hill Elementary School. Speaker for the evening was S. E. Watkins Sr., who spoke of Virginia's new automobile liability law.

Club member George Radcliffe showed a film that explained the operations of Production Credit Associations.

Rev. D. M. Nelson, of Richmond, spoke October 23 about what kind of community would servicemen find when they return home from the war. Miss Doris Atkins and George Lett Jones provided the entertainment.

Raymond Woodall, of Newport News, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on November 3 and commented that despite the war that Rotary was gaining in membership.

Former mayor and Rotary member Lee Bean, attorney for the Rural Electrification Administration, spoke November 17 on his duties with the REA.

Ladies Night was held December 15, at the South Hill High School. It was the first one in several years due to the war. Speaker was Frank G. Sayers, of Petersburg, who talked about "Three Germans and You."

## • 1945 •

In January, Mrs. Willa Allen of Boydton, superintendent of Public Welfare in Mecklenburg County, spoke to Rotary on the activities of her department.

In February, the Rotary Club sponsored the Fork Union Military Academy Glee Club in a performance at the South Hill High School Auditorium.

On February 16, Rotary observed the 40th Anniversary of Rotary International. Y.M. Hodges told of Rotary's founding in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris, and spoke on Rotary's ideals and principals.

In March, the club heard talks from Rev. C. H. Watts, pastor of the South Hill Presbyterian

Church; and also from past president Howard D. Warren on embalming.

In April, Rev. Oscar Northern, pastor of South Hill Baptist Church, spoke to the club, emphasizing doing the important, worthwhile things to make a better community and a better world.

Officers for 1945-46: Christopher W. Geoghegan, president; Ralph J. Yow, vice-president; F. B. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

The club met July 6 at C. N. Taylor's barbecue place, and club president C. W. Geoghegan spoke about the District conference which he and R. C. Crowder attended.

In July, Rotary was entertained with a musical program. Miss Kathleen Dance sang two solos and George Lett Jones played several piano selections. Miss Jean Thomasson gave a humorous recitation.

H. F. Cotey, scout executive, spoke July 20 on Boy Scouting.

The club was host on August 3 for a bingo party at Camp Pickett Hospital for convalescent patients. Approximately 150 soldiers attended.

Mrs. Virginia Jeffreys, executive secretary of the Mecklenburg County Red Cross, spoke August 17 on activities of Red Cross and the wonderful support of the South Hill community.

Holding its first new peacetime meeting on August 31, members heard an inspiring talk by club member Rev. Ralph J. Yow.

On September 7, South Hill Rotary Club was invited to be supper guests of Post Headquarters at Camp Pickett, followed by entertainment that lasted until 10 p.m.

The "G.I. Bill of Rights" was explained by member C. H. Morgan at the September 21 meeting. With the change to Eastern Standard Time, the club voted to meet at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

Claude W. Woodward, of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited November 2.

Ladies Night was held December 7 at South Hill High School with approximately 100 in attendance. A trio from Richmond provided the entertainment.

## • 1946 •

In March, Harry Kimball, agent-in-charge of the Richmond FBI office, spoke on crime prevention.

In April, the Rotary Club installed play ground equipment at South Hill School.

A group attended the District Conference in Richmond on May 7 and 8.

Chris W. Geoghegan and Dr. R. S. Montgomery attended the Rotary International Convention in June in Atlantic City. Dr. Montgomery gave a program on the convention at the June 21 meeting.

Officers for 1946-47: Rev. Ralph J. Yow, president; Charles H. Morgan, vice-president; F. E. Bobbitt, secretary/treasurer.

A softball game between Rotary and the Lion's Club was held August 28. No score was given, only a report that Rotary scored early but that the Lions rallied late to win the game.

C. H. Morgan spoke September 20 on a trip through the northern United States, enhancing his talk with maps and pictures.

On October 4, a quartet of Rotarians - W.C. Oakley, Y.M. Hodges, H.D. Warren, and R.W. Garris - entertained the club, along with the Bloom Quartet - four Holmes brothers.

Club member F. L. Edens, vice-president of the Richard Coglin Co., spoke October 18 on the proper curing and processing of meat.

Ladies Night was held November 15 at the South Hill High School. Entertainment included quartets and a humorous talk by Edmund H. Harding of Washington, N.C.

R. Stevens Gibbs, of Norfolk, Rotary District Governor, visited November 29.

## • 1947 •

In January, the Rotary Club sponsored a Men's Beauty Contest that may have been the largest crowd ever to attend an event at the High School Auditorium. Approximately 700 people attended and a large number had to be turned away for lack of room.

Winners were:

- \* Sam Hubbard - sportswear.
- \* Charles H. Crowder - street dress.
- \* Paul Jeffreys - evening dress.

Senator Y. M. Hodges, a club member, spoke January 31 on happenings at the General Assembly.

On February 14, the Rotary Club voted to meet weekly instead of bi-weekly.

Herbert McAden spoke June 6 on life in India.

The club honored F E. Bobbitt, who served as secretary/treasurer for 15 years, with several pieces of luggage.

Officers for 1947-48: Charles H. Morgan, president; C. V. Montgomery, Jr., vice-president; Stephen E. Watkins Sr., secretary/treasurer. Mr. Montgomery resigned as vice president in September with W. C. Averett elected to that post.

S. A. Ozlin, of Lunenburg County, spoke in July about great discoveries and inventions that have led to advancement around the world.

The club was taken on a tour of the new frozen food locker plant on July 25 by E. R. Minnich, manager.

Ralph H. Bogle, of Alexandria, Rotary District Governor, visited September 12.

In November, the club sponsored a womanless wedding. The bride was Dr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald and the groom was Dr. Burnley McTyre.

Preston Turner, editor of the Virginia Journal of Education, spoke November 14 on the "Crisis in Public Education," citing the alarming number of emergency teachers, 2,816, an increase of 168 that year. He pointed out that there were only three emergency teachers in 1939-40.

## • 1948 •

Robert N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, spoke to the club on January 9.

The Virginia Entertainers, from La Crosse and Bracey, who broadcast weekly over the Crewe Radio Station, entertained the club on January 30. Included in the group were R. B. George, Eugene Evans, Julian Bowers, and

Stanton Clary.

The club met jointly with the Chamber of Commerce on February 12 at the South Hill High School.

Arthur Robertson, of Chase City, showed on March 5 his collection of Indian Artifacts.

Club member L. E. Kent showed a film on "Patriotism" on March 26.

Club member Dr. T. J. Fitzgerald discussed on June 4 the use of sodium fluoride in preventing children's dental decay.

Officers for 1948-49: W. C. Averett, president; James A. Armistead, vice-president; S. E. Watkins Sr., secretary/treasurer. However, Mr. Averett resigned on July 16 as he was moving to Drakes Branch to open a new Oakley and Averett store there. Burnley W. McTyre was elected to serve as president.

Dr. D. S. Lancaster, president of State Teachers College, Farmville, spoke August 6, saying elementary education was most important and the shortage of qualified teachers was tragic.

Durton J. Fatherly, of Eastville, Rotary District Governor, visited September 24.

A program was presented October 15 on a "Community Chest Fund" for South Hill. The program was given by Bob Crawford and Allen Fore of Farmville.

Member M. C. Dortch spoke October 29 on "Citizenship."

Grover Crutchfield and his Dixie Ramblers gave a musical program on December 10. Other members of the band included Davis Crutchfield, Earl Ezell, Roy Thompson, and Ben McClintock.

### • 1949 •

Bob Maynard, news commentator with the Crewe Radio Station, spoke March 11 on the "Cold War" and life behind the "Iron Curtin."

E. R. Barrow, member of the State Highway Commission, spoke April 8 and told of approximately \$42 million allocated for work on roads in Virginia.

Five Rotarians, from Emporia, visited May 27 with club president B. F. Tiller, spokesperson. He talked of "Sure-Fire Ways to Kill Your Club."

The club held a banquet June 24 to honor charter president George Radcliffe who was leaving South Hill July 1 after 27 years of being in business here. Speaking on behalf of the club were F. E. Bobbitt and Y. M. Hodges.

Officers for 1949-50: James A. Armistead, president; Linwood B. Kent, vice-president; Stephen E. Watkins, Sr., secretary/treasurer.

Trooper Rufus Rainey spoke to the club on August 5 on highway safety and accident prevention.

Judge Emerson Baugh spoke August 12, calling juvenile delinquency a misnomer, saying it was adult delinquency reflected in youth.

District Governor William H. Sykes Jr., of Smithfield, stressed service to the community in his visit on September 16.

The club hosted the South Hill High School faculty in September, along with school superintendent A. B. Haga. Mr. Haga spoke on the importance of providing an education for all children.

### • 1950 •

Fred Geis, chairman of the Mecklenburg Boy Scout Council, spoke January 20 concerning Rotary getting involved in helping to build an Adirondack shack at the Boy Scout Camp near Lynchburg. The club voted at its February 24th meeting to help build the shack.

Rev. H. F. Justis of the South Hill Methodist Church spoke July 14, saying Americans are all too prone to judge people by their worldly possessions and accomplishments. He added that success is something from within.

The club, still meeting on Fridays, agreed on February 25 to provide a shack for Boy Scouts at the Piedmont Area Camp near Lynchburg.

Delegate C. W. Cleaton spoke to the club on March 17 concerning his work at the General Assembly.

On April 7, J. J. Shomon, editor of the Virginia Wildlife Magazine, and Ralph S. Rainey, former Sports Editor of Charlotte, N.C., Observer, spoke on how to catch fish in Lake Gordon, which was to open in June. There was no report, however, as

to whether or not any Rotarians were successful in catching fish once the lake opened.

On May 12, the club voted to donate \$1,000 to the fund-raising construction campaign of Community Memorial Hospital.

Officers for 1950-51: Linwood E. Kent, president; Dr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, vice-president; Gordon B. Eubank, secretary/treasurer.

Bill Cook and J. L. Crowder, Jr., two local Boy Scouts, gave the club on August 4 an insight into their adventures at Camp Monocan, near Lynchburg.

The club sponsored a Womanless Fashion Show on Friday, October 27. Winners were:

Harold Bennett - street attire.

Dr. Burnley McTyre - sweater girl.

Paul Jeffress - evening gown.

## • 1951 •

Paul Steintolf, retired American Consul, spoke to the club on Thursday, March 28, saying what impressed him most about Rotary was the prestige Rotary Clubs have around the world.

In 1950, the club was still meeting on Friday nights. This mention of the meeting on March 28, 1951 was the first Thursday night meeting found.

The club was host to a group meeting on March 22 at the John H. Kerr Power House at which time members from South Hill, Blackstone, Victoria, and Farmville toured the power house and later had a banquet at the Castle Heights Grocery.

The club held Ladies Night on April 12.

The club sponsored Wallace the Magician at a show held May 10 at the South Hill High School Auditorium.

Officers for 1951-52: Dr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, president; Samuel T. Ozlin, vice-president; Gordon B. Eubank, secretary/treasurer.

The club sponsored a Dale Carnegie Course that began in July.

Frank W. Kellam, of Princess Anne, Governor of Rotary District No. 277, visited the club on November 8.

## • 1952 •

Henry Connelly, of Lawrenceville, spoke on February 27 on what is being done in Virginia for the blind. Mr. Connelly, a lawyer, was blind.

Mayor C. G. Butts spoke on April 24, reporting that an adequate water supply and sewage disposal remains the town's number one problem.

Members of the club attended a Group Meeting in Farmville on May 9, canceling their meeting of May 8.

South Hill High School burned in May, resulting in the club changing its meeting place to the La Crosse High School Cafeteria.

Officers for 1952-53: Samuel T. Ozlin, president; Palmer L. Yale, vice-president; Gordon B. Eubank, secretary/treasurer.

Shelton H. Short Jr., of Chase City, who attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, spoke on August 7, giving his impressions of the convention.

Ridgeway Edens spoke on August 14 about his experiences at Boys' State that was held in Blacksburg.

Dan J. Friedman, of Richmond, Governor of the 277th District of Rotary International, visited the club September 11.

A unique program was presented October 23 in which the club members played the part of the jury in a re-trial of one of the state's most famous murder cases. It involved two brothers in Cumberland County who were charged with the murder of a minister in 1922. The program was presented by Butch Blanton, of Victoria, who resided in Cumberland at the time of the murder. The outcome - the Rotary members got caught in a hung jury, although a majority voted for acquittal. How did the real case end - well, the first two trials ended with a hung jury, however, the third case convicted the brothers for murder, one receiving five years and the other two years.

Dr. Dorothea Klaje, a German educator, spoke on October 30 on the problems of a divided Germany - East Germany versus West Germany. She described what life was like in the Eastern Zone.



## • 1953 •

The club observed Ladies Night on March 19 at the La Crosse High School Cafeteria. Favors were presented and after dinner, the group was entertained by Wallace the Magician.

Rotary Group Leader Henry L. Newbill Jr., of Farmville, attended the April 23 meeting and announced a group meeting of clubs on May 18.

Officers for 1953-54: Palmer L. Yale, president; Edwin T. Williams, vice-president; Linwood E. Kent, secretary/treasurer.

The club hosted the Boy Scout Troop on August 13. At that time the club sponsored the Boy Scout Troop in South Hill.

On September 24, the club returned "home" to the South Hill High School Cafeteria with 100% attendance. Since the fire that destroyed the high school in May 1952 the club had met at La Crosse High School Cafeteria.

P. A. Fulcher, vice-president of the South Hill Jr. Chamber of Commerce, spoke on October 1 on the aims and objectives of the newly formed Jr. Chamber.

Thomas D. McGinnes, of Irvington, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on October 29. He told of activities of Rotary International.

## • 1954 •

Norman Ball and the Shenandoah Valley Boys gave a half-hour program of hillbilly music on January 21.

Dr. Ernest Renn, of the South Hill Methodist Church, was guest speaker on February 11.

Rev. P. E. Brewer, of La Crosse Baptist Church, spoke March 11.

Delegate C. W. Cleaton spoke March 18 on the recent activities of the General Assembly.

Rev. R. W. Grant, of South Hill Baptist Church, spoke April 1.

Emory Minnich, of South Hill, spoke April 15 on alcohol and the problems it causes.

W. H. Cheadle, a Richmond businessman, spoke April 29 in an open meeting sponsored by the club at South Hill High School Auditorium. Mr. Cheadle spoke on alcoholism and the

successful work of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The club held Ladies Night on May 13 at the American Legion Hall. Following dinner, members of the South Hill Music Club provided the entertainment.

Members of the club toured the Burlington Mills Plant on May 20.

Mrs. Gilberta Hubbard spoke on June 10 on preserving the American democratic way of life. The club met at the home of club president Palmer Yale.

Officers for 1954-55: Rev. Edwin T. Williams, president; Charles A. Santore, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Club member Charles H. Morgan, principal of South Hill High School, spoke August 26 on school segregation problems.

Jim E. Warren and T. M. Dean spoke October 18 on the importance of soil conservation.

The club was host to a Group H meeting on November 29 at the South Hill High School Cafeteria. Henry D. Greene, a Norfolk flag manufacturer, was guest speaker.

Ramone Eaton, of Herndon, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on December 16.

## • 1955 •

The club held Ladies Night on February 24 at the South Hill High School Cafeteria.

President Williams attended the International Convention of Rotary International in Chicago, May 29 - June 2.

Officers for 1955-56: Charles A. Santore, president; Dr. Robert D. Keeling, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Mayor-elect Frank D. Harris spoke August 4, discussing present-day social problems.

Charles Ballard presented a program on September 8 of color photographs he took while in service in Japan. He is the son of Rotarian and Mrs. Lee Ballard.

J. Walker Copley Jr., plant engineer of Burlington Mills here, spoke October 13, discussing production routines.

The club sponsored a Dale Carnegie Course in South Hill that began in November.

Mark J. Stockton, of Newport News, Rotary District Governor, visited on December 15.

### • 1956 •

B. F. Walton, superintendent of Brunswick County Public Schools, spoke January 12 on the problems schools face following the Supreme Court decision on integration.

Mayor Frank D. Harris spoke January 26 on the problems arising with the town having no zoning ordinance. He announced a zoning ordinance was being prepared for a public hearing on March 6.

Delegate C. W. Cleaton spoke March 15 on the recent happenings of the Virginia General Assembly.

Lt. Col. Emory R. Minnich spoke April 5 on the importance of having an Army Reserve Unit in South Hill.

Highway Resident Engineer C. L. Ellington spoke April 12 on the organization and makeup of the Virginia Department of Highways. He was questioned and answered that as far as he knew there were no plans for U.S. 1 to bypass South Hill.

Ladies Night was held April 19 at the South Hill Elementary School Cafeteria. Guest speaker was Rev. Ernest K. Emurian, pastor of the Elm Street Methodist Church in Portsmouth.

The South Hill Club sponsored the Lawrenceville Rotary Club which received its charter on June 28.

Officers for 1956-57: Dr. Robert D. Keeling, president; Dr. Wilkins J. Ozlin, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Ben L. Sowell, a career diplomat with the U. S. Department of State, spoke July 5. He explained the duties of the U. S. Consul and was to leave in July to become U. S. Consul at San Paulo, Brazil.

Walter N. Chinn Jr., of Fredericksburg, Governor of Rotary District 277, visited the club on September 27.

### • 1957 •

Judge Emerson D. Baugh, of Lawrenceville, spoke February 13 on the increasing incidence of

juveniles coming within the purview of the law.

Delegate C. W. Cleaton spoke March 13 on proposed legislation to come before the next General Assembly.

Rev. A. R. Knotts Jr., of La Crosse Methodist Church, spoke April 3 on the importance of giving guidance to youth as well as providing proper recreation and entertainment.

Ladies Night was held April 25 at the South Hill Elementary School Cafeteria. Guest speaker was Win Pendleton, Washington newspaper columnist and radio commentator. Entertainment consisted of Miss Jean Evans singing two songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Annie Lou Williams.

Col. Samuel E. Hubbard spoke May 29 on various phases of the Selective Service and the Army Reserve training program.

Paul Anderson, a Ranger at the John H. Kerr Reservoir, spoke June 5, telling of the rapid development taking place in the reservoir area.

Officers for 1957-58: Dr. Wilkins J. Ozlin, president; John T. Riel, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Rev. A. Woodrow Laine, of South Hill Methodist Church, spoke July 17 on knowing our moral ability to know what is right.

The nine South Hill Boy Scouts who attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, PA, gave a report July 24 on their experiences. The Scouts were Leland Kirkland, Bobby Northington, Joe Taylor, Sammy Land, Tommy Leggett, Chuck Watson, Tommy Stanley, Howard Moss, and R. B. Cage. Also attending were Scout Master Cab Jones and Assistant Scout Master Thomas W. Leggett.

Charles H. Morgan spoke August 1 on his impressions of a two-week trip to England. Mr. George Radcliffe, a native of England and charter president of the club who resides in Florida, was a guest at the meeting.

Miss Patricia Fisher, of South Hill, entertained the club August 15 with an exhibition of tap and acrobatic dancing, in costume.

Gordon B. Eubanks, area director, Division of War Veterans Claims, spoke August 26,



explaining his duties and responsibilities.

Mrs. Leonard Smith spoke October 3 on her recent music-study trip to Europe.

William R. Maul, of Norfolk, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club November 14.

The club voted December 5 to contribute \$300 to the Community Memorial Hospital Fund-Raising Campaign to expand CMH from 44 to 82 beds.

## • 1958 •

John Banister, an exchange student from England attending college in Pennsylvania, spoke January 2, comparing the educational system of the two countries.

Rev. Forrest J. Bergeron, of All Saints' Episcopal Church, spoke January 9, discussing American National Security.

J. Walker Copley spoke January 16 on some of the oddities of Ecuador in South America. Mr. Copley had been in Ecuador for quite some time and was visiting in South Hill to attend a funeral.

Frank Hassell, principal of La Crosse Elementary School, spoke March 20 on a father's role in guiding his son to a well-rounded maturity.

Ladies Night and 30th Anniversary celebration was held May 21 at the South Hill Elementary School Cafeteria. Guest speaker was Archer B. Gay of Richmond.

Mrs. Edith Nanney exhibited her extensive collection of Rotary International stamps on June 19. She had stamps from 26 countries that issued commemorative stamps in honor of Rotary's 50th Anniversary.

Officers for 1958-59: John T. Riel, president; J. Leslie Leonard, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

W. W. White, of Manson, N.C., spoke July 17, telling of his trip to Russia and showed a film of the trip.

George Radcliffe, of Florida, charter president of the club, was a guest at the August 27th meeting.

Roger B. Sprigg, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club September 1.

## • 1959 •

The South Hill Rotary Club defeated the South Hill Lions Club, 14-10, on February 18 in a benefit basketball game to help pay for lights at the Park View Athletic Field. Les Leonard and Lennie Slack led the Rotary team with 4 points each.

Rotarian S. E. Watkins, Sr. told of his experiences February 19 of a Caribbean Cruise that included stops at Cuba and Panama.

A demonstration of a lie detector machine was demonstrated May 7 by two agents with the Burns Detective Agency. Rotarian T. J. Fitzgerald volunteered to take the test and got a lot of ribbing from the members when the machine indicated he had "lied" in response to one of the questions. Police Chief F. W. McSwain was a special guest.

Ladies Night was held May 14 at the elementary school cafeteria. Sam D. Bundy, a noted speaker from Farmville, N.C., was guest speaker.

Starting on June 4th, the club began holding its meetings at the private dining room of West End Restaurant. G. L. Smith presented a program on the history of South Hill.

Dr. M. L. Lacy II, a surgeon at CMH, spoke June 11 on the procedures that go on in the operating room.

Rotarian Jack Crazier spoke June 25 and told of a giant industrial development expected for the Southeast United States during the next ten years.

Officers for 1959-60: J. Leslie Leonard, president; H. Lee Ballard, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

A report on Boys' State by Walton Bell and Randy Jones was given August 6.

Eagle Scouts Tommy Leggett and Howard Moss gave a report August 13 of a Navy Cruise aboard the USS Amphion.

Winston K. Pendleton, of Arlington, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club September 3.

Club Secretary T. W. Leggett spoke August 27 on what he called "behind the scenes" work that is so important in the smooth functioning of

a hospital.

Ten members were allotted two minutes each on September 17 to give their views on the wisdom of Khrushchev and Eisenhower meeting in the U. S. to discuss world affairs. They, overall, were dubious of any worthwhile good, but agreed that the talks should take place and could lead to a more peaceful world.

### • 1960 •

W. E. Bell Jr. spoke February 25, giving helpful hints on income tax returns.

The club, which had sponsored the Boy Scout Troop for the past 20 years, was presented the Troop's 20-year charter at the March 10 meeting. In making the presentation Rotarian J. D. Jones Jr., Troop Scoutmaster, said that scouting had meant a lot to the boys who had passed through the scout troop.

The club was host to a Group H meeting on April 14 at the West End Restaurant.

Two Rotarians - B. P. Lumpkin and Lennie Slack - spoke May 5 on the U. S. Spy plane's flight over Russia.

Ladies Night was observed May 19 at the West End Restaurant. There was group singing with Mrs. R. D. Keeling at the piano. Rev. Fred A. Duckett, of First Baptist Church, was guest speaker.

Frank Bedinger Jr., of Boydton, spoke June 16 on the work of the FBI. Now a lawyer, he was a former FBI Agent.

Officers for 1960-61: H. Lee Ballard, president; Bryant P. Lumpkin, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

John Field, of Honolulu, spoke July 28 on Hawaii's expanding economy, illustrated with color slides.

Two students from Park View High School spoke in September on their experiences at Boys' and Girls' State. Kay Malone and Sammy Land told of their crowded schedule and how easy it was to learn about the functions of government by actually participating in its operations.

Harold B. Kellam, of Virginia Beach, Rotary District Governor, visited the club September 29.

### • 1961 •

The club gave an undisclosed monetary contribution to the Mecklenburg Scholarship Association on February 9. Rotarian Dr. Burnley McTyre was the program speaker.

Harry Thompson, office manager of Burlington Mills, slowed slides in March of Korea and Japan that he took while serving a tour of duty in Korea.

C. W. Cleaton, president of the South Hill Industrial Corporation, spoke in March and told of the importance of having more capital funds available to purchase sites for industrial prospects.

The club held its first Farmer's Night Banquet on March 23 at West End Restaurant. Guest speaker was E. R. Minnich, of South Hill, Soil Conservationist for Brunswick County. A quartet of Alfred Butts, Jimmie Keith Crowder, M. M. Crawford, and Dr. R. D. Keeling entertained the group.

Members of the Boy Scout Troop were guests on March 30.

Rotarian W. W. Fanning spoke in April on the accomplishments of the recently held Dale Carnegie course sponsored by the club. Fanning served as class president.

Ladies Night was held May 4 at West End Restaurant.

'Officers for 1961-62: Bryant R Lumpkin, president; J. D. "Cab" Jones, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Fred W. Troy, of Sandston, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on July 13.

Ed Hamilton, Piedmont District Scout official, spoke October 5.

The club heard an informal talk by Bryant Lumpkin on October 12 on local Indian history and were shown a display of Indian artifacts found in Mecklenburg County on the Roanoke River Basin. Charter President George Radcliffe was a guest from Clearwater, Florida.

Rotarian J. Walker Copley gave a slide presentation with dialogue on South America on November 2. He presented a different slide presentation for each Thursday of the month.

## • 1962 •

The club observed the 57th Anniversary of Rotary International on February 15 with club president Bryant Lumpkin telling of the many worthwhile projects and goals of Rotary.

Annual Farmer's Night Banquet was held March 15 at West End Restaurant. Rotarian J. Walker Copley spoke on political and economic conditions in Latin American countries.

Don Greene, of WJWS Radio, spoke March 29 on what to expect in the news during the coming year.

J. Barrye Wall, editor and publisher of *The Farmville Herald*, spoke April 4 on the Prince Edward County school situation.

G. L. Smith spoke April 18 on the history of South Hill.

W. W. Fanning spoke May 3 on the history of the military rifle in America from the Revolutionary War through World War II.

Officers for 1962-63: J. D. "Cab" Jones, president; Dr. C. C. Nuckols, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Outgoing president Bryant Lumpkin gave a brief summary on July 5 of the club's activities for the year.

Rev. Fred A. Duckett, of First Baptist Church, showed slides on July 19 of the World's Fair in Seattle and of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco.

The club was entertained August 2 at the Woodfield Club by a demonstration of the hoola dance by 6-year-old Cathy Field, daughter of John and Jacqueline Bobbitt Field of Hawaii. Cathy was assisted by her father who gave a brief summary on the meaning of each of the five dances.

Rotarian Sam E. Hubbard spoke August 30, telling of the effect the trucking industry has on the American economy.

Frank L. Nanney, Jr. was elected September 6 to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of M. M. Crawford, who resigned after being transferred to North Carolina.

The club entertained on September 13 the Park View students who attended Boys' and

Girls' State. They included Teddy O'Toole, who was elected Boys' State Governor, Joyce Ann Duckett, Edna Earle Matthews, Joyce Nance, Patricia Nolen, Ben Brown, Benny Evans, William Jackson, Danny Keeling, Tommy Leggett, Billy Mountcastle, and Vernon Oakley.

Virginia State Trooper J. S. Atkins spoke September 20, saying "We will be raising a generation of heathens if we don't get our children to come in before 4 a.m." He said children were being allowed to stay out until the wee hours of the morning and drinking was going on in age groups as young as 14.

Members saw a film on the conservation of Quail on September 27, shown by Ralph Austin, Virginia Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries.

B. B. Ferguson, of Portsmouth, Rotary District Governor, spoke October 25 on the happenings of the International Convention.

## • 1963 •

Maury A. Hubbard, executive secretary of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke at the Farmer's Night Banquet on March 14, giving a look at life behind the Iron Curtain, enhanced by a slide presentation.

Cullen Johnson, safety director of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke March 28 on statistics involved in deaths and injuries on the nation's highways in 1962.

The club observed its 35th Anniversary on June 13 with G. L. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce and local historian, as guest speaker. Honored at the meeting were the club's three remaining charter members - S. P. Anderson, Y. M. Hodges, and C. B. Vassar.

Officers for 1963-64: Dr. C. C. Nuckols, president; S. T. Moore, Jr., vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Rotarian Falcon Hodges spoke August 8 on the importance of making a will.

Asa Meadows, personnel manager of Burlington Ribbon Mills, and a new Rotarian, spoke August 29 giving a brief review of the South Hill plant's operations.

Otis W. Nuckols, brother of Rotary President

C. C. Nuckols, explained the Uninsured Motorist Law. Nuckols, claims investigator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke October 3.

Miss Wilhelmina Bos, of Kampen, Holland, presented a program October 10 on life in her homeland. She was a nurse at CMH. She said she called her home Holland instead of the Netherlands because Holland was the old name which meant low country by the sea.

George B. Colonna, of Hampton, Rotary District Governor, spoke October 31 on the goals of Rotary.

### • 1964 •

Roy B. Davis Jr., Tobacco Marketing Agent with the Virginia Department of Agriculture, spoke February 27 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet. He said quality and price of tobacco were the top two problems in the area.

Miss Hilary Williams, a Rotary Foundation Fellow from North Wales, spoke April 16, saying we all have the same goals - world peace, security, and happiness.

Officers for 1964-65: S. T. Moore, Jr., president; L. J. Slack, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Henry S. Holland III, of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited on July 23.

The club was host to the Lawrenceville Rotary Club in August with a steak dinner at Woodfield Club.

Robert Delano, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke September 10, saying he was concerned over further government intervention in agriculture.

Robert P. Nelson, assistant director of the Virginia Travel Council, spoke November 12 on the growth of tourism in Virginia.

L. F. Morris, new principal at Park View High School, spoke to the club November 19, explaining his duties.

A. H. Williams Jr., executive vice-president of the Virginia Highway Users Association, spoke December 17, telling how trucks are a big aid to the state's economy.

### • 1965 •

Lt. Robert Pickering of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), stationed at Fort Lee, spoke January 21, telling of NORAD's responsibility to detect and identify aircraft and to destroy, if necessary. He also showed slides of equipment and of missiles.

James B. Warren, of South Hill, spoke February 18 about the acreage-poundage program for flue-cured tobacco before Congress. Warren was chairman of the State Committee, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Emporia Mayor George Lee spoke April 8 and told the club that 1-85 could be a real blessing. "You have to be an optimist and be ready to meet the challenge of the times," Lee said.

Officers for 1965-66: L. J. Slack, president; Peyton Smith, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Pete Wallenborn, of Charlottesville, Rotary District Governor, visited July 15.

The club was host to the Lawrenceville Rotary Club at the Woodfield Club on September 9.

Cuban-born Carlos Lepez spoke November 17, telling the club that the situation in Cuba was a sad story.

Mecklenburg County Game Warden Jerrold Frye was scheduled to speak December 16 on hunting safety, but never got time to deliver his remarks. Frye opened by asking if there were any questions and Rotarians let loose with a barrage of queries. The question and answer session lasted 15 minutes past the meeting time. "I like it that way," Frye said, following the meeting. "At least I know someone was interested in what I had to say."

### • 1966 •

Game Warden Frye was given a second chance to deliver his intended remarks on hunting safety. He did so at the January 13 meeting.

Alden Aaroe, director of special services for WRVA, Richmond, spoke March 24 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at Woodfield Club.



He spoke on the "Challenge of Farming Today."

Members of the club met with the Lawrenceville Rotary Club on June 9 at Elm Acres in Lawrenceville.

Officers for 1966-67: Peyton Smith, president; W. W. Fanning, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

George W. Burton, of Chesapeake, Rotary District Governor, visited September 22.

Roy B. Davis Jr., Tobacco Marketing Agent with the Virginia Department of Agriculture, spoke September 29 on agriculture's rapid change.

On November 17, the club presented Past President Pins to 13 Rotarians who were still members of the club: Y. M. Hodges, C. E. Vassar, C. H. Morgan, J. L. Leonard, Dr. W. J. Ozlin, J. D. Jones Jr., Dr. C. C. Nuckols, B. P., Lumpkin, Dr. B. M. McTyre, Dr. T. J. Fitzgerald, Dr. R. D. Keeling, L. J. Slack, and S. T. Moore Jr.

George Radcliffe, charter president of the South Hill Rotary Club, died Sunday, December 25, 1966, at Clearwater, Florida. He was 83 years old.

## • 1967 •

John D. Palmer, President of Tobacco Associates, Inc., spoke February 10 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet at the Woodfield Club. He told the group that the future may bring one hundred percent loose leaf tobacco sales.

Officers for 1967-68: W. W. Fanning, president; S. E. Hubbard, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Rev. Torgeir Havgar, of Quito, Ecuador, spoke August 24 on the tremendous advantages of traveling - in the places you see and the people you meet.

Brian Avery-Jones, of England, spoke to the club September 14, telling the Rotarians he hoped "socialism doesn't spread too rapidly in the United States."

Roy Grubbs, of Virginia Beach, Rotary District Governor, visited October 12.

## • 1968 •

The club sent a telegram to President Lyndon B. Johnson expressing its concern over the capture of the U. S. Intelligence Ship Pueblo and its crew by North Korea and support all necessary action to obtain release of the ship and its crew.

Dr. Kenneth R. Keller, assistant director of North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Research, spoke at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet on April 11, telling the group, "Agriculture has to be great if this country is to be great."

The club was presented a plaque for going over its goal in the Boy Scout Fund Drive. Walter Hylton served as chairman of this Rotary project. The goal was \$600 and Rotary raised \$763.

Ladies Night was observed June 20 with a Dinner-Theatre trip to Raleigh. The group saw the play "Stop The World, I Want To Get Off"

W. B. "Buddy" Malone spoke June 13 on a bear-hunting trip to Canada he and four other men took. Rotarian Sam E. Hubbard was one of the men on the hunting trip.

W. C. "Dan" Daniel, candidate for the 5th District Congressional Seat, spoke June 20 on domestic and foreign matters.

Officers for 1968-69: S. E. Hubbard, president; Frank D. Harris, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Congressman Dan Daniel spoke July 18 and said the Federal Aid Program should be phased out.

Juvenile Judge Fletcher B. Watson spoke July 25 on the court's problems and cases. He said one of the biggest problems was what to do with teenagers who had to be held over since there was no where to house them and they were not allowed to put them in jail because of their age.

Don Greene, secretary of the South Hill Rifle and Pistol Club, spoke on September 26 on gun laws and background of the National Rifle Association.

E. Carl Hellinger, Governor of Rotary District

760, visited the club October 31. He urged the Rotarians to "Participate," the one word theme of Rotary International President Kiyoshi Togasaki, a US citizens since 1926 who was born and raised in Germany.

The club paid tribute to law enforcement agencies - state police, sheriffs department, and town police - on December 12.

The club held a breakfast meeting on December 24 at West End Restaurant.

### • 1969 •

The club established a scholarship fund on February 26 for students in practical nurse education in the School of Practical Nursing taught at CMH in South Hill. The scholarship fund was a spontaneous action of the club following a talk by Mrs. Carol Love, Director of the School of Practical Nursing.

Club members took a tour March 13 of the local office of Virginia Telephone & Telegraph where they were given an inside view of operations by L. F. Cumbey, office manager.

E. T. Blackwell, director of Member Services for Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, presented a slide program of scenes behind the Iron Curtin at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet held April 3 at the Woodfield Club.

The club held a Sports Appreciation Banquet May 15 for athletes at Park View High School at the school cafeteria. Guest speaker was Maury Bident, defensive backfield coach at the University of Virginia.

Cadet Donald Johnson, a sophomore at the USMA at West Point, N.Y., spoke May 28 of his experiences at the Academy. He is the son of Mrs. Valerie Johnson of South Hill.

Officers for 1969-70: Frank D. Harris, president; J. Walker Copley, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer,

Juvenile Judge Fletcher B. Watson spoke July 25 on some of the problems facing the court, such as a lack of facilities to place juveniles awaiting a court appearance. He also told the group to know where their children are and who they are with.

Dr. Kenneth Dawson, president of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke September 11 at a joint meeting of the South Hill and Lawrenceville Rotary clubs. The event was held at the Woodfield Club.

Don Greene, secretary of the South Hill Rifle and Pistol Club, spoke September 25, talking of gun laws before Congress.

Easley S. Smith, extension specialist, Virginia Tech, spoke October 23 and showed slides on mechanization of farm equipment.

Col. George A. Chester, of Fredericksburg, Rotary District Governor, visited December 4.

The club paid tribute to law enforcement officers in the town and county with a dinner on December 12. The guests included State Police, Mecklenburg County Sheriffs Office, and South Hill Police Department.

### • 1970 •

George D. Griffith, of Crowder & Holloway Insurance, spoke to the club February 12 of insurance legislation before the General Assembly.

Charles Robertson spoke May 14, after which the club kicked off its annual Boy Scout Fund Drive. Roger A. Lutz, District Scout Executive, presented the chapter with the Charter for the local Boy Scout Troop.

The club initiated an "Appreciation Banquet" on June 4 with the Southside Rescue Squad members as guests for a steak dinner at the Woodfield Club. The banquet will be alternated between the Southside Rescue Squad and the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

The club honored two of its members with plaques on June 11 for long and faithful service - Thomas W. Leggett for 15 years as secretary/treasurer, and C. B. Vassar for 25 continuous years as sergeant-at-arms.

Officers for 1970-71: J. Walker Copley, president; Stephen E. Watkins, Jr., vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Cloyd S. Steinmetz, of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited July 23.

Dr. Kenneth Dawson, president of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke



on December 19.

W. C. Becker, National Marketing Director for the Packaging Division, Reynolds Metal Co., spoke December 17 at the West End Restaurant.

### • 1971 •

Dr. Milan B. Dady, Dean of Instruction at Southside Virginia Community College, spoke January 21 on education and teacher aides.

The club passed a resolution of respect and support on March 4 for the work of Director J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Four Rotarians attended the Rotary District Conference in Williamsburg March 26-27 and heard astronaut Donn F Bisele. Attending were Walker Copley, Thomas Leggett, Steve Watkins and C. H. Morgan.

Roie M. Godsey, vice-president of Virginia National Bank, spoke April 22 at the Farmer's Night Banquet, saying farming is a good life and will become more profitable.

Officers for 1971-72: Stephen E. Watkins, Jr., president; W. Kindred Powell, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

The club entertained members of the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department to a steak dinner on July 1 at the Woodfield Club.

Ira B. Price, of Portsmouth, Rotary District Governor, visited August 26.

Rotary member C. H. Morgan showed slides in August of his trip to the South Pacific that was under the auspices of Rotary International. The trip included a visit to Pearl Harbor, Australia, New Zealand, and the Island of Fiji. Also on the trip were Rotarians Bill Taylor and Walker Copley.

The club held a breakfast meeting on December 23 and 30 at West End Restaurant instead of their usual dinner meeting.

### • 1972 •

George D. Griffith, of South Hill, spoke March 23 about insurance bills in the recent General Assembly.

Roger L. Mazingo, vice-president of Tobacco Associates, was guest speaker at the annual

Farmer's Night Banquet held in April at the Woodfield Club.

The club donated \$621 to the Town of South Hill on May 22 to be used to build a second tennis court at the town park.

The club treated Southside Rescue Squad members to a steak dinner on June 1 at the Woodfield Club.

State Senator James T. Edmunds, of Kenbridge, spoke June 15 on the recent General Assembly session and the recent Democratic State Convention.

Officers for 1972-73: W. Kindred Powell, president; Frank L. Nanney, Jr., vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Bill Cole, vo-ag teacher at Park View Junior High, spoke July 27 on farms in Texas, his home state.

S. Waverly Putney Jr., of Farmville, Rotary District Governor, visited November 30.

### • 1973 •

Dr. Hugh C. Kiger, Director of the Tobacco Division of the Foreign Agriculture Service for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was guest speaker in May for the annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at the Woodfield Club.

Officers for 1973-74: Frank L. Nanney, Jr., president; Falcon Hodges, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Bill Nelson, Rotary District Governor, visited October 18.

Members of the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department were treated to a steak dinner on December 6 at the Woodfield Club.

### • 1974 •

Bob Kay, of Davenport & Co., of Richmond, spoke February 21 at the West End Restaurant, telling the members he was confident the stock market would overcome the crisis it had experienced over the past 12 months.

Dr. James Jones, an extension tobacco specialist, was the guest speaker April 4 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet at West End Restaurant, speaking on the operation of the

new Multi-Purpose Research Station located in Blackstone.

Officers for 1974-75: Falcon Hodges, president; W. E. "Mickey" Moore, Jr., vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Ray Edwards, of Norfolk, Rotary District Governor, visited October 10.

Dr. Max Wingett, president of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke to the club in November of new off-campus programs. "We are now taking courses out to the people where they are."

### • 1975 •

The club entertained the South Hill Boy Scout Troop in March with a hot dog and hamburger supper at Woodfield Club. Guest speaker was Mi Kahn, who showed slides on India.

Robert B. Delano, president of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke April 4 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at Woodfield Club. Delano called the agriculture farm bill recently passed by Congress a "political issue."

Officers for 1975-76: W. E. "Mickey" Moore, Jr., president; Vernon B. Oakley, Sr., vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

The club approved in July a project to renovate a house near Woodfield Club to be used for a Boy Scout meeting location.

On July 24, 1975, two exchange students from Belgium visited the club. They were official guests of the Lawrenceville Rotary Club.

Peter G. Petro, of Falls Church, Rotary District Governor, visited October 9 and addressed the club on "The Importance of Rotary."

The club began a project in November to clean up old, junk automobiles on a county-wide basis as part of the Bicentennial Clean-Up Campaign.

### • 1976 •

A. B. Haga, superintendent of Mecklenburg County Public Schools, spoke January 29, saying the county must prepare for the future education of young people.

Dr. James H. Tramel, Director of the Southern Piedmont Center in Nottoway County, spoke April 29 at the Farmer's Night Banquet held at the Woodfield Club. Dr. Tramel spoke of some of the programs carried on at the research center, which is a part of Virginia Tech.

Officers for 1976-77: Vernon B. Oakley, Sr., president; E. Warren Matthews, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

The club entertained members of the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department at the Woodfield Club on September 9.

Roger Beane, of Petersburg, Rotary District Governor, visited October 7.

### • 1977 •

Alden Flory, chief executive officer of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, spoke to Rotary on March 10 on how the public can keep health costs down.

Gene M. Johnson, superintendent of the new Mecklenburg Correctional Center, spoke March 24 to Rotary on security at the new maximum security prison.

Parke Brinkley, former Commissioner of Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, spoke to the Rotary Club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet on April 28. He talked on the bond between Farmer's and businessmen - what helps one helps the other and what hurts one hurts the other.

The club sponsored a Radiothon on May 1 on WJWS to benefit the American Cancer Society. Approximately \$2,500 was raised. Randy Crocker was project chairman.

Officers for 1977-78: E. Warren Matthews, president; W. Horace Clarke, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Members of the club toured the new district office of Virginia Electric & Power Co., located on East Ferrell Street, on August 25.

Sgt. S. H. Raines of the Virginia State Police spoke September 22 on facing our responsibilities and supporting police.

Charles S. Ylonen, Rotary District Governor, visited November 3.

Members of the Southside Rescue Squad

were treated to a steak dinner at the Woodfield Club on November 17.

### • 1978 •

Bill Warren, who headed On the Job Training for 15 Southside Virginia counties, spoke January 12. He said, "It is the best way to teach someone something."

John Parker, director of commodities for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, gave a slide-talk presentation on March 28 of his trip to Israel on a trade mission.

The second annual Rotary-sponsored Radiothon for the American Cancer Society, was held April 29 with Randy Crocker as chairman. The event raised approximately \$2,600.

Officers for 1978-79: W. Horace Clarke, president; John S. Evans, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Two French teenagers were guests of the club in August 1978, as part of the Rotary International Exchange Program. They were Sophie Boissinot, 16 1/2, of Toulouse in the southern part of France, and Thiebaut Zeller, 18, of Moulhouse, in the eastern part of France.

Dr. Robert Snead, Provost of Christanna Campus of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke August 3 on SVCC Academics. He said that approximately 52% of the 197 graduates of 1977 had entered the work force.

Evan J. "Bus" Male, of Charlottesville, Rotary District Governor, visited October 26, 1978.

The club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 22, 1978, with a Ladies Night Banquet at the Holiday Inn. Here, members are entertained by a Barber Shop Quartet from Richmond. President Warren Matthews presided. Special guest was Charles S. Ylonen, of Highland Springs, Rotary District Governor. Gov. Ylonen presented 50-year pins to the club's two remaining charter members - C. E. Vassar and S. P. Anderson. Also a guest was George Gilbertson, of South Boston, Area X Group Leader.

### • 1979 •

Horace Kornegay, President of Tobacco Institute, spoke March 15 at the Farmer's Night Banquet. He defended the leaf industry, telling the Farmer's "You've got an industry you can be proud of"

The third annual Rotary-sponsored Radiothon for American Cancer Society, was held May 11, with Randy Crocker as chairman.

Approximately 50 Rotarians from six Rotary Clubs met in South Hill on June 14 for the Area 10 Group Meeting. The Rotarians heard an address by Evan J. "Bus" Male, of Charlottesville, Governor of Rotary District 760.

Officers for 1979-80: John S. Evans, president; James Gillispie, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

In August, Rotary sponsored two local students - Rebecca Weaver and Roberta Crowder - to a 3-week trip to France where the students lived in the homes of French Rotarians.

Jim Parks, of Springfield, Rotary District Governor, visited October 25 and held an "idea" session with the membership.

Members of the Southside Rescue Squad were entertained with a steak dinner on November 18 at the Woodfield Club. Special guest was John Scott from the Rotary International Headquarters in Chicago. South Hill was one of three Rotary Clubs visited in Virginia by Scott.

### • 1980 •

Thomas W. Leggett was honored on February 14 as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. Making the presentation was Jim Parks, of Springfield, Governor of Rotary District 760.

On February 21, the club's two charter members - S.P. Anderson and C.E. Vassar were honored during International Rotary Week. Club member Charles H. Morgan presented the program on the principles of Rotary International.

Clarence Kelley, Artmobile Curator for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, was guest speaker at the March 6th meeting.

Kirk Wayne, President of Tobacco

Associates, spoke at the Farmer's Night Banquet on March 27 at the Woodfield Club. He talked about the importance of foreign markets to U. S. flue-cured tobacco.

Officers for 1980-81: James Gillispie, president; Kenneth D. Mecham, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Charles Modlin, of Smithfield, Rotary District Governor, visited on July 24 and spoke on "Take Time to Serve."

President Gillispie resigned from office effective July 31 due to moving out of town. Vice-president Mecham filled out the term of president.

The club entertained members of the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department with a steak dinner at the Woodfield Club on November 13.

### • 1981 •

Rotary member S. T. Moore, Jr., president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 12 at the Woodfield Club. Mr. Moore encouraged everyone to get involved in the political arena.

Officers for 1981-82: Kenneth D. Mecham, president; G. Randolph "Randy" Crocker, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

The club entertained members of the Southside Rescue Squad with a steak dinner at the Woodfield Club. Squad Captain Richard Moody gave the Rotarians an overview of the squad's operation.

Hugh Heishman, of Arlington, Rotary District Governor, visited September 24 and helped the club honor Thomas W. Leggett as the club's first Paul Harris Fellow.

### • 1982 •

Vincent Aquilino, of New York, spoke April 29 on his experiences while on a 1,350-mile bike-athon from Florida to New York. He was promoting Gift of Life, Inc., and was sponsored by New York's Rotary District 725. He explained that Gift of Life supports open-heart surgery for children.

Officers for 1982-83: G. Randolph "Randy" Crocker, president; Russell H. Lawrimore, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

In July, the Rotary Club agreed to undertake a fund-raising drive locally to assist the Robert B. Lee Capital Campaign of \$1,750,000. Rotarian Bob Ware was chairman of the local drive.

Gerald L. Stephens, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on July 15.

Jean Luc Marquille, a 17-year-old from France, was spending three weeks in South Hill through the Rotary International Exchange Student Foundation. He presented the club with a Rotary banner from the Moulins, France, Rotary Club.

The club honored members of the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department on November 4 with a steak dinner at Woodfield Club. Fire Chief Jimmie Crowder spoke of the Department's operations.

### • 1983 •

February 10, Johan Borglin of Helsingborg, Sweden, visited the club as guest of Rotarian Charles H. Morgan. Borglin was staying with Mr. Morgan's daughter, Margaret Johnson of Greensboro, N.C., under the Rotary International Student Exchange program. He presented a slide program and presented the club with a Rotary banner from Helsingborg.

S. Mason Carbaugh, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, spoke March 10, at Rotary's annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at Woodfield Club. He called Farmer's, "Unappreciated Heroes".

In June, the club received a plaque for having the largest percentage increase in membership in Rotary District 760 for 1982-83. District 760 has 65 clubs.

Officers for 1983-84: Russell H. Lawrimore, president; Robert A. Ware, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Del. Lewis W. Parker, Jr., spoke July 14, warning club members of soaring phone bills after deregulation of the telephone system by the federal government.

John Bowlen, Governor of District 760, visited the club on August 11.

Sophie Boissinot, of Toulouse, France, visited the club on September 1. She was here



in the summer of 1978 as a Rotary International Exchange Student and had returned to the states and wanted to revisit South Hill and tell the Rotarians how much she enjoyed her stay five years earlier.

### • 1984 •

In March, Larry M. Sykes of Philip Morris was the club's speaker for the annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at Woodfield Club. Sykes spoke on the importance of tobacco to the nation's economy.

Officers for 1984-85: Robert A. Ware, president; William M. "Bunky" Warren, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Dr. Bernard H. Zeavin, Governor of District 760, visited the club on July 19.

On October 11, Marie Zurstrassen of Belgium, a Rotary Exchange Student, presented the club with a banner from the Verviers Rotary Club and presented a slide program. A guest of the Greensboro, N.C. Rotary Club, Marie was visiting Rotarian Charles H. Morgan.

The club honored Charles H. Morgan on November 11 with a Paul Harris Fellow. On hand to present the award was Dr. Bern Zeavin, Governor of Rotary District 760.

### • 1985 •

In March, Kirk Wayne, president of Tobacco Associates, spoke at the club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet held at Woodfield Club, speaking on some of the political problems leaf Farmer's face.

Officers for 1985-86: William M. "Bunky" Warren, president; Dr. K. Wilson Thompson, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Ann Morgan Johnson, of Greensboro, N.C., granddaughter of Rotarian Charles H. Morgan, spoke to the club on July 10. She had just returned from a three-week stay in France as a Rotary Exchange Student.

John Nelson, Governor of District 760, visited the club on August 1.

### • 1986 •

Dr. Oscar Gulmatico, a native of the Philippines, told the club on February 27 that he had new hope for the Philippines because if it was not for the U.S. Media, Dictator Ferdinand Marcos would still be in power. He said Marcos agreed to an election to show the U. S. Media he was still in control. But Marcos lost after 22 years in power.

Dr. Joseph Coffey, chief economist and director of planning for Southern States Cooperative, addressed the club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 13, at the Woodfield Club. He told the group he sees exports as a saving grace for American agriculture.

Wade Crutchfield, new football coach at Park View High School, spoke to the club on June 19, telling the club members, "This is the dream of my life, to come back here and coach in my hometown."

Officers for 1986-87: Dr. K. Wilson Thompson, president; Earl O. Home, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Robert A. Fleming, Governor of District 760, visited the club on July 24.

Congressman W. C. "Dan" Daniel spoke to the club on Aug. 27, saying he was optimistic about the country's economy and said the eradication of illegal drugs was perhaps "the most serious challenge facing the American people today, especially legislators."

State Senator Richard Holland spoke to the club on October 9 on the recent two week session of the General Assembly and called it "bad" news because three tax bills were passed, including raising the sales tax one-half cent.

### • 1987 •

J. Peter Dunston, vice-president of the Martin Marietta Corp., spoke to the club on January 29, calling sanctions and disinvestments in South Africa as a "counter productive policy" for the United States.

Dr. Herbert H. Stoevener, professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at

Virginia Tech, spoke at the club's Farmer's Night Banquet on March 12, saying agriculture is very important to economic development.

Three Rotarians - C. Edward Vassar, J. Walker Copley, Sterling P. Anderson - were honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

Bobby Wrenn, of Emporia, Governor of District 760, visited the club on June 25.

Officers for 1987-88: Earl O. Home, president; Thomas L. Smith, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Robert Cornelius of South Hill spoke to the club on July 9 on his experiences at the Rotary International World Affairs Conference held at George Mason University. Cornelius was sponsored by the South Hill Rotary Club.

Trooper B. A. Bowen spoke to the club on July 23 on illegal drugs and ways to keep your children off drugs.

Morris Wells, South Hill Town Manager, spoke July 30 to the club on the town's industrial development efforts.

Dr. Jerry Austin, Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Public Schools, spoke to the club on September 24 about the importance of parents getting involved in their child's education.

Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder spoke to the club on October 8 on taxes and the Virginia Lottery.

Mrs. Faye Bass, Wellness Coordinator at Community Memorial Hospital, spoke to the club on November 5 and then conducted cholesterol tests for members afterwards.

## • 1988 •

Former Governor Albertis S. Harrison Jr. spoke to the club on January 14 saying the day of reckoning is coming. He questioned whether a nation of drunks, junkies, child abusers, street killers, Wall Street sharpies, and spouse cheaters could govern itself.

Sen. Onico Barker, of Danville, spoke to the club on March 17 on his campaign tour through Southside Virginia. Sen. Barker was seeking the Republican nomination for the 5th Congressional District. The seat became vacant after the death

of W. C. "Dan" Daniel, 73, on January 23, 1988.

U.S. Senator John W. Warner spoke to the club on April 27.

Mary Sue Terry, Virginia Attorney General, spoke to the club on May 12, on a new Drug Abuse Program - CADRE (Commonwealth Alliance for Drug Rehabilitation and Education).

L. F. Payne, Democratic candidate for the 5th District Congressional seat, spoke to the club on May 19.

Rotary sponsored a black tie dinner / dance and were entertained at intermission by an impersonation of the Blues Brothers by member Bryant Brooks and President Earl Horne.

State Sen. Richard J. Holland spoke to the club on May 26, announcing his opposition to the Virginia Beach plan to withdraw up to 60 million gallons of water daily from Lake Gaston.

The South Hill Rotary Club initiated its first female member - Myra Quicke - on June 9. Also, the club took on an international look as Mrugesha Thanawala, a native of India, was also initiated into the club.

Officers for 1988-89: Thomas L. Smith, president; Roger Higgins, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Earl Hale, of Hopewell, Governor of District 760, visited the club July 21.

Leigh Nanney, a rising senior at Brunswick Academy, spoke to the club on July 28 on her experiences at the recent Rotary World Affairs Conference held at Marymount University in Arlington. "It was a lot of fun and educational. I am glad I was able to attend, and I thank the club for sponsoring me."

Del. Charles Hawkins, of Chatham, candidate for the 5th District Congressional seat, spoke to the club on September 1.

South Hill Police Sergeant John L. "Rock" Thomas spoke to the club on September 15, on his 32 months as a prisoner of war during the Korean Conflict. He commented he lost 80 pounds over those 32 months and felt he was lucky to keep his sanity. "They called it war, but it was hell," said Sgt. Thomas.

Michael Raisig, executive director of Big



Brothers/Big Sisters program, spoke to the club on September 22.

### • 1989 •

Courtney Pernell, of South Hill, spoke to the club on January 12 on his experiences while attending the University of Lund in Sweden for four months.

Alex Hamilton, executive director of Legislative Affairs for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke on March 30 at Rotary's annual Farmer's Night Banquet. He told Farmer's to be aware of the issues and bills in the General Assembly and not hesitate to relate their concerns to their representatives.

Dr. Robert D. Keeling was inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow on April 6. Present for the ceremony was Earl H. Hale Jr., Governor of Rotary District 760. Miss Beth Ford, of Brunswick Academy, presented the entertainment for the Ladies Night Banquet, singing three selections.

Virginia Governor Gerald L. Baliles spoke May 25 to the Area 5 Rotary Club meeting at the Holiday Inn, hosted by the South Hill club. Gov. Baliles spoke on education, calling it essential and that international education is critical. Also present was Earl Hale, Governor of Rotary District 760.

Robert Quicke, of Blackstone, a member of the Virginia Transportation Board, spoke to the club on June 8, saying Virginia roads are the envy of the entire nation.

Prabhulal Thanawala spoke to the club on June 29 on life in India and about his Rotary Club in Thanne, India, of which he is a charter member and past president. Mr. Thanawala is the father of Rotary member Mrugesh Thanawala.

Officers for 1989-90: Roger Higgins, president; Thomas L. Smith, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Yuri Vetokhin, 61, who escaped the Soviet Union, spoke to the club on July 12 on the hardships he endured during his escape and also in serving ten years in Soviet prisons.

Kenneth F. Palmer of Virginia Beach, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club

on August 3, challenging the members to have vision and long-range directions for the 21st century.

Del. Lewis W. Parker, Jr. spoke to the club on September 28, telling the members that redistricting is very political and that rural areas are going to suffer losses because of it.

Kenneth W. Thorson, director of the Virginia Lottery, spoke to the club on November 30.

### • 1990 •

Mike Monroney and James Lamb, officials with the Virginia Citizens for a Sound Economy, spoke to the club February 22 on details of a new grassroots mobilization plan of volunteer citizens who are willing to become active in writing and calling their state representatives. "We're working for a sound fiscal policy," said Monroney.

Richard T. Crowder, Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, spoke March 29 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet. Crowder, a native of North View, called the trade agreement with the Soviet Union a good one for U.S. agriculture. He said the biggest differences between the U.S.A. and USSR are management and technology.

Brian Scott, a senior at Park View High School, was the first recipient of a \$1,000 Scholarship presented by the club. Scott is the son of State Trooper and Mrs. Melvin Scott.

Five Rotarians - Thomas L. Smith, W. Horace Clarke, Leland R. Nicholson, Roger Higgins, John T. Riel - were honored with Paul Harris Fellows.

Officers for 1990-91: Thomas L. Smith, president; Myra H. Quicke, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Jannon Higgins and Kris Fleshood spoke July 12 of their experiences at the Rotary World Affairs Conference at Marymount University, Arlington.

Dr. Sven Swanson, a pathologist with Durham (NC) Hospital and who makes visits to CMH, spoke to the club on September 20 in the W.S. Hundley Annex dining room. He spoke of how they work with doctors in the overall health

care of patients and are not restricted to just doing autopsies.

Robert M. Stallworth, Jr., of Midlothian, Governor of District 760, visited the club on October 4.

Rev. Michael Holder, a native of Barbados and priest of Trinity Episcopal Church, spoke to the club December 12, suggesting that in giving of ourselves we will be celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

### • 1991 •

In January, the club sponsored the comedy play, "Opal's Baby" by the Clarksville Community Players for two nights. The Sunday night showing was for Rotary members and guests only, with Monday night open to the public. It was held at Captain Joe's Restaurant.

Skip Rawls, manager of M&B Metal Products, spoke to the club January 31 on the operation of the town's newest industry that opened in 1990 in a shell building on Locust Street.

C.E. Vassar, one of two remaining charter members of South Hill Rotary, died February 9, 1991 at the age of 99.

Christa Gruber, of Graz, Australia, spoke to the club on February 21 and presented the club with a Rotary banner from Australia. She was a Rotary International Exchange Student.

David B. Fishel, of R.J. Reynolds Company, spoke at the club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 21. He spoke on Smokers' Rights - saying smokers are being discriminated against.

Charles D. Rudd, of Bracey, gave members of Rotary an insight into the American space program on April 11. He called space "Our new frontier and our new window of opportunity." Rudd had recently retired from NASA after 34 years in the Flight Simulator Division, in Texas, where he was an Astronaut Training Officer.

Jack Berry, president of the Lake Gaston Association, told Rotary on April 18 about his organization and its activities. He said they take a keen interest in anything that could affect the quality of the lake area.

Town Manager Morris Wells spoke to the club on June 13 and said he looked to the future of the town with great optimism.

Officers for 1991-92: Myra H. Quieke, president; H. Steven Flowers, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Edwin M. Betts, Jr., Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club on July 25.

Clint Clary, vice-president of Lake Gaston Weed Control Council, told Rotary on August 1 of possible plans to use chemicals on the lake to help control the spread of hydrilla.

Delegate Lewis W. Parker, Jr. told the Rotary Club on August 15 that the economic recovery would be a bit slower for Southside Virginia.

Stephen Hannah, vice-president of sales promotion for Peebles Inc., spoke to the club on September 5 on the first 100 years of Peebles.

### • 1992 •

Guy Yeatts, Interim Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Schools, spoke to the club on February 6, telling the group that upkeep of county schools had not kept pace with the needs.

Dr. Jim Johnson, Director of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, spoke at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 26. He emphasized that agriculture was very, very important to Virginia's economy.

Gerald Mitchell, Vice-president of Manufacturing, BGF Industries, spoke to the club on April 16, saying that American workers had gotten complacent, but they were not lazy. He said that over the next few years a new emphasis would be put on quality products by American factories.

Zell Rowland, professional BASS fisherman, spoke to the club on May 7. Rowland, of Montgomery, Texas, was here for a BASS Tournament and praised Buggs Island Lake.

Mrs. Ursula Butts, Director of Home Health and Hospice at Community Memorial Healthcenter, spoke to the club on June 4 concerning the Self-Determination Act, which gives all persons the opportunity to make decisions about their life if they become

terminally ill.

Five Rotarians were honored June 6 with Paul Harris Fellows. They were: William R. Becker, William E. Moore, Jr., Myra H. Quieke, William M. Warren, and G. Randolph "Randy" Crocker.

Officers for 1992-93: H. Steven Flowers, president; Tommy Zincone, first vice-president; Lynn Mills, second vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

This was the first year that the club elected two vice-presidents and as it turned out, it was also the last as the very next year the club went to a president-elect.

Paul Sykes, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club on August 20.

Dr. William Dorrill, President of Longwood College, spoke to the club September 17 on the importance of the higher education general obligation bond referendum on the November ballot.

Leigh Nanney spoke to the club on November 12 on her experiences for the past 10 months while working with the U.S. Olympic Committee at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## • 1993 •

Judge Jane B. Delbridge of Fairfax County spoke to the club on February 4 concerning children of single parent homes. With no role model, she said too many children were learning of their "rights", but not of their "responsibilities". Judge Delbridge was the daughter of Rotarian Bill Becker and wife, Martha.

Wayne Ashworth, President of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, spoke at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 18, speaking of farm challenges.

Officers for 1993-94: Tommy Zincone, president; Lynn Mills, president-elect; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Allan P. Geddis, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club on July 29.

South Hill Chamber of Commerce President Morris Wells spoke to the club November 18 on activities of the chamber.

## • 1994 •

Larry Rubino, Manager of Brunswick Container Corporation (South Hill's newest industry), explained his company's operation to the club on March 17, saying their target was to have their first plastic bottles off the assembly line by mid April.

Mike Moreland, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited the club on June 30.

Officers for 1993-94: Lynn Mills, president; John Bigley, president-elect; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Holly Nicholson, a Financial Planner, of Raleigh, N.C., spoke to the club on September 15 about the importance of planning for retirement and developing a successful estate plan. Holly is the daughter of Rotarian Lee and Ginny Nicholson.

Megumi Yodomura of Maizu, Japan, spoke to the club in October. She was working at Meherrin-Powellton Elementary School in Brunswick County where Rotarian Thomas Smith was principal.

Richard M. Moody, Jr., Assistant Resident Engineer for the South Hill Office of VDOT, spoke to the club on November 17 and explained plans for the Rt. 58 bypass of South Hill.

Rev. Cleon Ross spoke to the club on December 8, explaining the purpose of The Bread Box in South Hill.

## • 1995 •

Joyce French, Executive Director of the Southside Planning District Commission, spoke to the club on January 12 giving an overview of the operations of the SPDC.

John M. Whitehurst, Mecklenburg County Commonwealth's Attorney, spoke to the club on January 19, saying taxpayers are spending too much money on prisons. He said, "I'm not talking about mistreating prisoners, but there is nothing wrong with making them work."

Dr. Elton Brown, President of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council, spoke to the club February 16 on the effects of hydrilla on the lake.

J. Carlton Courter III, Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, spoke to the club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet on March 23, praising Rotary for honoring Farmer's. He said, "People in Virginia need to know agriculture is a multi-billion dollar business."

S. P. Anderson, the club's last remaining charter member, died Sunday, April 19, at the age of 100. He was the charter secretary/treasurer.

The club was host to five visitors from Norway in May as part of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program.

Officers for 1995-96: John Bigley, president; Thomas L. Smith, president-elect; Jimmie K. Crowder, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Jerry Suyes, Governor of Rotary District 760, visited on July 6 and installed officers for the new fiscal year.

Dr. William Chapman, Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Schools, spoke to the club on July 13, saying "discipline is getting better."

Russell Lundy, Vice-President of Human Resources for Peebles, spoke to the club on July 20, explaining Peebles' support of NASCAR race driver Hermie Sadler.

John Hinthorne, Plant Manager of American Buildings Company, told the club on September 21 that his company made a good decision when they chose South Hill for their newest plant.

The club was host in October to four visitors from Japan who were on a Rotary International Group Study Exchange.

## • 1996 •

Susan Jones, Head of School at Kenston Forest, spoke to the club February 8 and explained the operations of the Model General Assembly.

Thomas Burke, Director of Community Relations for the Virginia Wildlife Federation Inc., spoke to the club on February 15 concerning a 7-day trip down the James River Watershed by 19 high school students the summer before.

South Hill Rotary member E. Warren Matthews spoke to the club on March 14 and praised the work of the South Hill Industrial

Development Authority, calling it a very worthwhile program. He said that from its formation in 1967 the IDA had issued approximately \$25 million worth of tax free revenue bonds for the community.

Officers for 1996-97: Thomas L. Smith, president; Jimmie K. Crowder, president elect; Karolyn Hawthorne, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Bill Collier, District Governor, visited the club on July 11 and installed new officers.

Emir Prcic', a lieutenant in the Bosnia Army, spoke to the club August 1, saying he was an interpreter for the U.S. Troops in Bosnia. The 19-year-old, the youngest officer in the Bosnian Army, was a visitor of Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder.

Three Rotarians - Marvin H. Thomas, Jr., Jimmie K. Crowder, and Thomas J. Fitzgerald - were honored as Paul Harris Fellows in October;

## • 1997 •

Terry Rutledge, Tobacco Import Supervisor, and Andy Shephard, District Director for the Tobacco Stabilization Board, spoke to the club on February 20. The two men, both natives of Lunenburg Co., spoke of the importance and of the economic impact of the tobacco industry not only on Southside Virginia, but the nation as a whole.

Bill Collier, Governor of Rotary District 7600 and resident of the Eastern Shore, visited the club on March 6.

John Clark, District Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), was guest speaker on March 27 at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet. Clark said there is no discrimination in Virginia in regards to the controversial Ag Credit Program.

Stephen E. Watkins, Jr. and W. James Ridout were honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

Brad Fuller of the Wood Products Division of J.M. Huber Corp., spoke to the club May 22 about a structural wood panel that is engineered for specific performance characteristics.

Officers for 1997-98: Jimmie K. Crowder, president; Karolyn Hawthorne, president-elect; E. Warren Matthews, vice-president; Thomas W.



Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Rotarian Frank Nanney and Dottie Hohl, of Community Memorial Healthcenter, spoke to the club on July 10 concerning the rising cases of Prostate Cancer diagnosed at CMH. Nanney was president of the Mecklenburg County Unit of the American Cancer Society and Mrs. Hohl was Cancer Program Coordinator with the CMH Oncology Department.

Jay H. Lowden, Jr., of Richmond, Rotary District Governor, visited the club on September 4.

R. Hart Hudson, local farmer/warehouseman, spoke to the club October 1 on the changing tobacco industry.

Maria Pimkine of St. Petersburg, Russia, spoke to the club December 18 on the difference in Christmas celebrations in the Soviet Union and the United States.

### • 1998 •

Richard Walker explained the operation of the Mecklenburg County Business-Education Partnership to club members on January 15. Walker, chairman, said "What I am after is to get better candidates to come out of the schools and into our factories to work."

Linda Leak, Prevention Coordinator for the Mecklenburg County Social Services, spoke to the club on February 5, explaining their programs to help county youth.

Mrs. Judy Jacquelin, Director of Physician Services at Community Memorial Healthcenter, spoke to the club February 12, explaining physician recruitment by the Healthcenter.

Sheri Sparkman, Paula Mitchell, and Suzy Thomas, members of the board for the Friends of the Library, spoke to the club on March 12 to inform the members of the upcoming Taste 'n Tell Luncheon sponsored by the Friends. Rotary agreed to furnish 23 cooks for this year's luncheon.

A Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil was guests of the club in June. The team consisted of three men and two women.

Officers for 1998-99: Karolyn Hawthorne, president; E. Warren Matthews, president-elect; David Frazer, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett,

secretary/treasurer.

Kendria Thompson, 19, of Guyana, Georgetown, South America, spoke to the club on July 2, telling of life in Guyana and of her plans to enter law school. She was spending the summer with Rotarian Jimmie Keith Crowder and wife, Becky.

Rebecca Sutherland, new superintendent of Mecklenburg County Public Schools, spoke to the club on July 9, outlining some of her goals.

E. Warren Matthews and Jack D. Ogilvie were honored as Paul Harris Fellows on September 10. District Governor John Fahey was on hand to make the presentations.

Richard Walker, plant manager of BGF, spoke to the club on December 10 on the new Advanced Glassfiber Yarns Company of which BGF owned 51 percent.

### • 1999 •

Randolph F. Harrison, Vice President of Leaf for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, spoke March 18 at the club's annual Agriculture Banquet.

Dr. John Cavan, President of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke to the club March 18 on building a tradition of education in the community.

Officers for 1999-2000: E. Warren Matthews, president; David Frazer, president elect; Mary Jane Elkins, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Katie Bordsen, a rising senior at Kenston Forest School, spoke to the club July 22 on her experiences at the Model General Assembly in Richmond. She is the daughter of Rotarian David Bordsen and wife, Pam.

South Hill Patrolman Ronnie Edmonds spoke on August 5 on the town's Citizens Police Academy.

Wella Llamas, a journalist from the Phillipines, spoke August 12. She was spending six weeks in the U.S. as guest of Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder and wife, Becky.

Scott Burnette, new president and CEO of Community Memorial Healthcenter, spoke on



September 2.

Dean Angell, of Petersburg, Rotary District Governor, spoke to the club on September 9.

Randolph Jones, of South Hill, spoke on September 23 about the new Regional Airport Terminal and of the Open House to be held October 17.

Sky Lungston, a motorcycle stunt driver from Florida visited the club on September 30 with his 110-pound, 16-foot Burmese python snake, Link. In addition to his stunts, Lungston performs anti-drug talks at schools with Link.

Steve Hannah gave a brief history of Peebles, Inc. to the club on October 14.

The Rev. A. D. Goodson, Chaplain for American Legion Post 79, gave a Veterans Day program on November 11, discussing the high price paid by veterans for our freedom.

The Boys and Girls Choir of the Patrick Henry Home entertained the members and spouses with a program of Christmas Carols on December 16.

## • 2000 •

Carthan F. Currin, III, executive director of the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification & Community Revitalization Commission, spoke February 17 at the annual Agriculture Night Banquet at Best Western Hotel.

Greg Franklin, chairman of the Mecklenburg County Business Education Partnership, spoke March 2 on the history of the partnership as well as its goals.

Scott Ainslie, visiting artist at Southside Virginia Community College, entertained the club March 23 and gave members a history of East Coast Blues and the influence of Ragtime and African music.

George Conner, area representative with the Southeast High Speed Rail, attended the club meeting April 13 and answered questions concerning the proposed high speed railroad. Alan Tobias, Rail Transportation Engineer with the Commonwealth of Virginia, spoke of the overall picture and the affect it would have on areas it passes through.

Club member Jimmie K. Crowder spoke in June of his working with railroads to improve awareness at railroad crossings and his dream came true when he was able to ride in the engine of a CSX train.

Herbert L. Farrar was honored June 15 as a Paul Harris Fellow by the club for his dedication and work with the Rotary's annual Auction Sale that helps support the club's Scholarship Fund.

Officers for 2000-2001: David Frazer, president; Mary Jane Elkins, president-elect; Steven C. Stanley, vice-president; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Joe Mulkerrin, of Chesapeake, Rotary District Governor, visited July 13.

Betsy Sjurseth, executive director of Mecklenburg County United Way, and John Bigley, county United Way president, spoke July 20 concerning support of the New York to Houston bike ride fund-raiser sponsored by the Williams Gas Pipeline Company.

The club donated four new computers to the new R. T. Arnold Library through a grant program of Rotary International.

Sgt. Jimmy Robinson and Patrolman Nelson Watson presented a program on September 14 on "How Safe Is Your Home?"

Mayor Earl O. Home spoke September 28 and told of projects underway by the town.

Mrs. Rebecca Perry, Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Public Schools, spoke October 5 on progress made in the school system since her last talk to Rotary in 1998.

President Dave Frazer signed a contract October 26 with South Hill Primary School for the club to be a second grade sponsor of the Accelerated Reading Program.

Steve Correll, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Submarine Force, spoke November 23 on the history of U. S. Submarines. Mr. Correll is the son-in-law of Rotarian Dr. Robert D. Keeling.

Special Agent David Hulser, of the Richmond office of the FBI, spoke November 30 on the increasing incidents of ID fraud.

Mrs. Barbara G. Nanney, chairman of the South Hill Centennial Celebration, spoke



*Pictured from left to right: Club President Dave Frazer, Leggett, and Leggett's son, Tommy Leggett, of Danville.*

## **Thomas W. Leggett Is Honored By Rotary Club**

The club honored secretary/treasurer Thomas W. Leggett on serving at that post for 47 years on March 22, 2001.

Speakers were Rotarian Frank Nanney, Jr. and Dr. Charles H. Crowder, Jr., former Chief of Staff at Community Memorial Healthcenter.

December 9 on the activities and events coming up in 2001 as the town celebrates its 100th birthday.

The Christmas Program consisted of group singing by tables with a prize for the table receiving the most applause.

## • 2001 •

Rotarian Lee Nicholson spoke January 4 on the energy crunch and how the "status quo and failure to accept change" was the cause of recent problems in the energy field.

Rotarian Mickey Moore, chairman of the South Hill Planning Commission, spoke January 11 on planning and zoning for the town.

Dr. John Cavan, president of Southside Virginia Community College, spoke on January 25 on the importance of thinking of ourselves as a region and working together with other communities.

Nick Gesell, of Edward Jones Investments and a member of Rotary, spoke on the stock market and recommended members look at long-term investing.

John Bowman of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, spoke February 15 at the Agriculture Night Banquet.

The club honored secretary/treasurer Thomas W. Leggett on serving at that post for 47 years on March 22. Speakers were Rotarian Frank Nanney, Jr. and Dr. Charles H. Crowder, Jr., former Chief of Staff at CMH.

Rotarian Jake Lasley, director of the South Hill YMCA, spoke May 30 and gave members an update of services and programs offered by the "Y" and of its growth and plans for the future.

Club member Jerry Klingenberg spoke June 7 to the South Hill Rotary Club on some of his experiences of bird watching. Klingenberg spoke mainly of his bird watching in New Jersey and southern Texas. He commented the best states to find some of the approximately 800 bird species in North America are Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California.

The club scholarship winners were announced: Jason Dawson, Holly Price, Stephanie

Howell, Michael Weston, and Alicia Tanner.

Pam Tripp, guest of Herbert Lee Farrar, spoke about Lifeline Screening. She reminded that a screening was scheduled on July 12 at the American Legion Hall.

Officers for 2001-2002: Mary Jane Elkins, president; Steven C. Stanley, president-elect; R. Bruce Settle, vice-president; Nick Gesell, vice-president-elect; Thomas W. Leggett, secretary/treasurer.

Rotarian Frank Nanney, Jr. presented each club member with a 70-page booklet on The history of the South Hill Rotary Club - 1928-2001.

President Mary Jane Elkins held a Rotary Retreat on July 17 to discuss plans for the new Rotary year. Topics included the results of a Rotary Survey she had handed out earlier. Also ways to improve club attendance and projects for the year.

Beginning August 2, Rotary meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Rotary Auction Sale was held Saturday, August 4, at Virginia Warehouse.

Randy Lickey, of Richmond, District Governor, made his official visit on September 6.

Sherry Storm and Rick Carroll spoke on September 13 on the history of the John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir.

President Mary Jane Elkins hosted the Family Picnic at the Chicken Coop at her home.

Due to lack of interest by members, it was decided the club would not participate in the Group Study Exchange Program that featured guests from Turkey.

The club participated in the Arts and Crafts Show held November 17-18.

The club participated in an Accelerated Reading Party on December 6 for South Hill Elementary School.

The club also participated in Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army at Wal-Mart.

Judy Jacquelin and Dave Frazer hosted the club Christmas Party on December 13.

The club held an Auction Sale on Saturday, December 15.

Club member Frank Nanney had for his

program a selection of music provided by Father Shawn Griffin and members of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

## • 2002 •

Club member Lee Nicholson presented a program, "You and I Finance Our Enemy."

The club received letters of resignations from former president Karolyn Hawthorne (1998-99) and Neil Burke.

The club heard an update on the Colonial Theatre Project from Mayor Earl Horne. Program chairman was Allen Parrish.

Program chairman Jerry Reynolds presented a health program presented by Dr. Bethany L. Denlinger, a local cardiologist.

Program chairman Steve Watkins presented a program on the origins of Valentines Day.

President Mary Jane Elkins appointed Warren Matthews to chair the Rotary Scholarship Chairmanship after the resignation from the club of Karolyn Hawthorne.

John Stockton and Judy Jacquelin put together a visual presentation on the Town of South Hill's Revitalization Project.

Troy Thomas, plant manager of Carlisle Motion Control Industries, Inc., gave the club an overview of his company which makes brakes for large buses and tractor-trailers.

The annual Fire-Rescue & Police recognition night was held March 28. Door prize donations were obtained by Steven Stanley.

The South Hill Club voted "No" at the Annual District Conference on a motion to assess each club \$10.00 per member to help defray the cost of putting on the Annual Conference.

The club held its 6th Annual Rotary Auction on April 6 with a net profit of \$2,050.00.

Club members joined hands to clean up its Highway Project on U.S. 1 North.

On May 2, Tom Leggett, secretary/treasurer, announced he will be stepping down from that position on June 30 after 49 years of service, since 1953.

Rotarians learned about the Hospice Program at CMH from Joyce Lindenmuth. Jerry

Klingenberg was program chairman.

Rotarian Tom Waters presented a program focusing on his remarks and power-point presentation of the "Before" and "Now" methods of administering anesthesia.

Bruce Settle announced that the club's Spring Fest Booth netted a profit of \$222.80.

South Hill resident Bill Wall presented a program on May 30 on "Winners" an insight into how the greatest players and coaches in football and basketball history became winners.

Ten \$1,000 Scholarships for high school seniors were announced, thanks to a large donation by Rotarian Tom Fitzgerald and wife, Ann.

Recipients were Daniel T. Bordsen, Elizabeth K. Bower, Michelle A. Creamer, Matthew L. Elam, Tiffany N. Jones, Natasha M. Joyner, B. Ashley Moody, Benjamin D. Ringo, and Lindsey P. Thomasson.

Program chairman Michael Pugh presented a program by Dr. Michael Tozzi, a general and vascular surgeon.

Officers for 2002-2003 were installed July 11 as July 4 meeting date was a holiday. The new officers are Steven Stanley, president; Bruce Settle, president-elect; Nick Gesell, vice-president; John Stockton, vice-president elect; Tom Smith, secretary/treasurer.

The District Conference confirmed the \$10.00 assessment per member, despite the club's "No" vote. The club's treasurer announced the fee had already been paid.

Claudia Rawlings, District Governor, visited the club on August 18, highlighting some of the District Goals.

Bruce Settle, program chairman, had Frank Malone, Executive Director of the South Hill Chamber of Commerce speak to the club on its activities and downtown revitalization.

It was announced that ten Rotarians had perfect attendance during the past Rotary year: Scott Burnette, Jimmie K. Crowder, Mary Jane Elkins, Herbert Farrar, Jerry Klingenberg, Tom Leggett, Lee Nicholson, Bruce Settle, Steve Stanley, and John Stockton.

Two new members - John M. Coker,



Vice-President for Human Resources at CMH, and Arvin "Vin" B. Montgomery with Citizens Community Bank - were welcomed into the club on August 22.

Randy Cash, owner of Southside Appraisal Services was welcomed as the third new member of the new Rotary year.

The club welcomed its fourth new member in Larry DiRe, Town Manager of the Town of La Crosse. The four new members were inducted on September 19.

The Annual Rotary Picnic was held September 26 in the "Chicken House," at the home of Mary Jane Elkins.

Steve McMillian of First Virginia Bank became the newest member of the South Hill Rotary Club.

Rotarian Jake Lasley's resignation was accepted by the board.

Fellow Rotarian Tom Fitzgerald was announced as the Grand Marshal at South Hill's Annual Christmas Parade.

Jerry Klingenberg and his committee of Judy Jacquelin and Mary Jane Elkins were in charge of the Annual Christmas Party that featured the Christmas Singers from All Saints' Episcopal Church.

## • 2003 •

Ex-President Dave Frazer (2000-2001) submitted a letter of resignation due to his moving to Hilton Head Island, SC.

Tommy Zincone, a former member who had to resign when he was transferred by VEPCO, was accepted as the newest member of the club

Accepted for membership into the club was Ma-Mylene Montes, a nurse at CMH, and formerly of the Philippines.

The club accepted the resignations of Allen Parrish and Dr. Larry Thompson, both of whom cited family and business reasons.

The club held its annual Agri-Business Night with Dr. T. David Reed, Extension Agronomist, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Blackstone Research Station, as guest speaker.

The Annual Rotary Auction was held April

19 with a net profit of \$2,370.98. However, with only half of the auction floor covered, the sale was continued on May 10.

Program Chairman John Stockton had as his speaker, Captain Jessica Stockton Bowen, who spoke on her experiences in Afghanistan.

Following the second week of the Auction Sale, a third session was set for May 31.

Member John Evans was in charge of the annual Highway Clean-Up Project.

Four graduates were presented with a \$1,000 Scholarship from the club - Morgan Manning, Megan French, Queonna Edmonds, and Shannon Edwards.

The club observed its 75th Anniversary Celebration on June 13.

The club was saddened with the deaths of two former president of the club - Bill Fanning, president during the 1967-68 year; and Sam Hubbard, president in 1968-69.

Officers for 2003-2004 were: Bruce Settle, president; Nick Gesell, president-elect; John Stockton, vice-president; Jerry Klingenberg, vice-president-elect; Tom Smith, secretary/treasurer.

President Bruce Settle appointed Tom Smith as the Club Educator.

District Governor Bill Dorrill visited the club on July 10. Gov. Bill is a member of the Farmville Rotary Club.

J. Leslie Leonard, former club president (1959-60) died at his home in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The final report of the recent Auction Sales ended with a profit of \$4,517.16.

Michael C. Peters, retired from the Virginia State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigation, was welcomed as our newest member on Aug. 21.

Member Mylene Montes, a charter member of a Rotaract Club in the Philippines, presented a program on her experiences.

On September 11, Garland Baird presented The Honorable Tommy Wright, Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly.

There were 23 Rotarians and 24 guests present at the Family Picnic on September 25 at the "Chicken House" at the home of Mary Jane Elkins.



Rotary's Farmer's Day Booth had a profit of \$800.00.

The Rotary Booth at the Holiday Bazaar netted a profit of \$1,446.00.

Member Jimmie Keith Crowder was appointed to an International Committee of Rotary International.

The club had a booth at the "Wrap Up The Holidays" event that was successful.

On December 4, program chairman Frank Nanney presented his wife, Barbara, who with Millie Bracey had taken trip on a Danube River Cruise with ports in Austria, Germany, and Hungary.

The club held its Christmas Party on December 18. There were a lot of fun-filled events along with a reading by local poet Jonathan Walton. There were 21 Rotarians and 14 visitors.

## **• 2004 •**

On January 22, Rotarian Michael Bucci presented Jo Saville and Bill McKinnon who represented the Virginia Cattlemen's Association. They presented a program on beef, the cattle market and Mad Cow Disease.

Rotarian Steve Watkins had Billy Nick Bracey, Mecklenburg County's Commissioner of Revenue as speaker.

Linda Beaulieu, editor of The South Hill Enterprise, was welcomed March 4 as the club's newest member.

On March 11, Buck Kallam was guest speaker on his tour of duty in Iraq.

There were 25 Rotarians and 25 guests present for the Fire, Police and Rescue Squad banquet.

The Annual Rotary Auction was held Saturday, March 27. The auction had a net profit of \$1,934.99. A follow-up auction will be held April 24. The two auctions netted \$3,505.08.

Michael Hawthorne, son of former president and member Karolyn Hawthorne, spoke to the club on his Eagle Scout project of constructing a handicap ramp at a home on Smith St. He said the cost would be \$700+. The club made a donation of \$50.00.

On April 22, Rotarian Frank Nanney presented a slide/talk program on his recent 3-week trip to Thailand with his wife, Barbara. They had as their guests, Sukri and Chumnean Vanichkachorn to help answer questions.

A Rotary Food Booth at the Third Annual Spring Fest netted a profit of \$163.70.

The board accepted a resignation from Mike Bucci and then voted to make him an Honorary Member of the club for his past and future contributions to the club.

Assistant District Governor Jack Davenport was a guest of the club on May 6.

The club participated, on May 14, in the Accelerated Reading Program at South Hill Elementary School.

Member Linda Beaulieu had as her guest, Sandra Tanner, who spoke on June 17 of the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown

Michael Sims was approved as the newest member of Rotary.

The club presented five \$1,000 Scholarships to Joshua Hatchel, Taryn Wolfenbarger, Jonathan Walton, Jordan Bailey, and Michael Watson.

Officers for 2004-05: Nick Gesell, president; John Stockton, president-elect; Jerry Klingenberg, vice-president; Tommy Zincone, vice-president-elect; Tom Smith, secretary/treasurer.

Carol Crough was welcomed on July 1 as the club's newest member.

President Bruce Settle presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to Herbert Lee Farrar.

District Governor Jerry Fields and wife, Mary Ann, paid his official visit to the club on July 8.

Program Chairman Mickey Moore had as his program, Bobby Lester, a Paramedic and EMS Coordinator with the Southside Rescue Squad, who presented some facts and statistics about the rescue squad.

The Club had five new Paul Harris Fellows inducted by Past Assistant Governor Jimmie K. Crowder. The inductees were Bruce Settle, Nick Gesell, Charles Wright, Tommy Zincone, and Steven Stanley.

New members Lisa Cary and Mickey Sims were inducted.

On August 5, Program Chairman Warren Matthews presented Carol Corker and Sandra Tanner who spoke on the Roanoke River Rails to Trails Project.

Program Chairman Mylene Montes presented Michelle Edmonds, who presented a program on Emergency Preparedness by Community Memorial Healthcenter.

Preston Mitchell, Town Manager of the Town of La Crosse, became the club's newest member.

Program Chairman Garland Baird presented Sheriff Danny Fox and Special Agent Doug Hatchell. The duo presented a program on "Project Life Saver."

Steve McMillian, program Chairman, had Charles Clary, who gave a program on the United Tiger Martial Arts School in South Hill.

On August 9, Program Chairman Mickey Moore, had State Senator Frank Ruff who discussed some of the highlights of Senate actions and community partnerships.

Linda Beaulieu submitted her resignation to the club as she is moving back to her home town, Troy, N.C.

The club's Family Picnic was held September 30 at the "Chicken House" at Mary Jane Elkins' home.

John Lenkey III, a former member of the West Richmond Rotary Club, and Brad Johnson, new editor of The South Hill Enterprise were welcomed as new members of the club. They were inducted on October 14.

It was announced that the Farmer's Day Booth netted a profit of \$1,025.00.

Member Tom Fitzgerald presented a program on Heifer International, which is a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and saving the earth.

Jimmie K. Crowder, program chairman, presented a program on the Shriners' Children's Hospitals, of which there are 22 across the nation.

President Nick Gesell announced that the South Hill Rotary Club had been awarded a Rotary District grant in the amount of \$5,000.

The program on November 4 was presented by Dr. Wallace Home, vice-president of Medical

Affairs at Community Memorial Healthcenter, who spoke on "What is a Hospitalist?" Bruce Settle was program chairman.

Club members manned the Rotary Booth at the Holiday Bazaar that had a profit of \$1,226.75.

Rotarian Mickey Sims presented a program on the telephone industry, giving a brief history and also the future of the telephone industry. Program chairman was John Stockton.

On December 2, Lee Nicholson presented Roger Atkinson who spoke on the Marine Corps League and their Toys for Tots campaign.

The club had a booth at the Wrap Up The Holidays on December 7, realizing a profit of \$234.26.

Program Chairman Preston Mitchell presented La Crosse Police Chief Bob Hankey, who spoke on bank fraud.

The club's Centennial Project recommended the installation in the Town Square of a Pedestal Clock that will stand 15'7" tall.

## • 2005 •

The first meeting of the new year featured Steve Crowder, son of Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder, who spoke of his work as a Recording Engineer in Nashville, Tennessee.

New member Brad Johnson gave a humorous program as he focused on some little known facts about his native state of West Virginia.

Steve Watkins, program chairman, presented Randolph Jones, who was soon to retire as Economic Development Director in Mecklenburg County. He spoke on some of the accomplishments and programs still going on.

A Centennial Fund update was given by President Nick Gesell saying that the \$10,000 fund drive had been met. Besides the \$5,000 District Grant, the club has raised an additional \$5,832.50 through club projects and donations from Rotarians.

Rotarian John Lenkey III gave a slide presentation on February 10 with appropriate and sometimes comical narration of his ice climbing adventure to the top of Mt. Fuji, the largest mountain in Japan.

It was announced that the Centennial Fund had increased to \$11,057.50 and that the Centennial Clock Ceremony would be held on March 10th.

On February 17, we had 27 Rotarians and 22 visitors for the annual Agri-Business night.

On March 3, Ronnie Jackson and Randy Whitlow, of Sun Promotions, presented a program on the upcoming Lake Country Fest.

Twenty Rotarians turned out for the Centennial Clock Ceremony. President Nick Gesell and Mayor Earl Horne made remarks.

On March 30 (Wednesday instead of Thursday) the club held its annual Fire, Police and Rescue Squad Dinner. There were 24 Rotarians and 50 visitors present.

Rotarian Jerry Klingenberg had Judge Charles H. Warren as the guest speaker on April 14.

The April Auction Sale is continuing, continuing and continuing. The third rendition was scheduled for May 14.

On May 5, program chairman Steven Stanley presented Frank Malone, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, who updated members on all of the upcoming events scheduled for South Hill, focusing on the 11th Relay For Life to be held May 20-21.

The club participated in the annual Spring Fest with its booth. Net profit was \$229.47.

A preliminary report on the three auctions showed a net profit of \$3,386. The club was participating in the picnic and games at Centennial Park on June 2 for the Accelerated Reader Program for students at South Hill Primary School.

Assistant District Governor Bill Curry visited the club on June 2. Tom Leggett, program chairman, presented Steve Rose, who gave an update on Rosemont Winery.

The six scholarship winners were present on June 9. They were Whitney Smiley, Katherine Conner, Mariana Z. Salgado, Andrew Dugger, Henry Ponton, and Brittany Reese.

Program chairman Randy Cash presented Commissioner of Revenue Billy Nick Bracey for the program.

The club's first Service Above Self Award was presented to Mrs. Robin Allen for her dedicated volunteer service to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the South Hill area.

Jerry Klingenberg was presented the Rotarian of the Year Award.

Officers for 2005-06 consisted of John W. Stockton, president; Jerry L. Klingenberg, president-elect; Tommy G. Zincone, vice-president; Herbert L. Farrar, vice-president-elect; Thomas L. Smith, secretary/treasurer.

A surprise Paul Harris Fellowship was presented to 50-year Rotarian, Dr. Thomas A. Saunders.

The net profit of the club's Auction Sales was amended to show a profit of \$3,269.71.

District Governor Robert E. Preston of Richmond made his official visit to the club on July 28. There were 28 Rotarians present, along with John Field, visiting Rotarian from Honolulu, Hawaii, who often visits during the summer.

It was announced that South Hill Rotary golf shirts were available with the Rotary emblem and wording.

Rotarian Randy Cash presented the club with newly framed and matted "4-WAY TEST" and "OBJECT OF ROTARY" prints.

The club received a letter of resignation from Steve McMillian, who was being transferred by BB&T.

Program chairman Mylene Montes presented for her program on August 11, fellow Rotarian Scott Burnett, who is President and CEO of CMH. Mr. Burnett gave the members an update on the CMF Fund Drive and the areas of the hospital campus it would enhance.

On August 18, Garland Baird presented Sandra Tanner and Carol Corker, who presented an update on the progress of the "Rails for Trails."

On September 1, John Lenkey presented Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation for Virginia. There were 26 Rotarians and seven guests present.

The results of the meeting time survey showed 2 votes for breakfast, 3 for lunch, and an overwhelming 24 to continue having

dinner meetings.

The club had its food booth in the Farmer's Day event and showed a net profit of \$393.38.

There were 25 Rotarians and 19 guests present for the family picnic on September 29 at the "Chicken House" at the home of member Mary Jane Elkins.

The Group Study Exchange Team from Australia were on hand for the October 13 meeting. There were 27 Rotarians present and three guests, as well as the six Australians.

Program chairman Bruce Settle presented Marcus Hargrave, executive director of the South Hill YMCA, who presented the Y's goals.

Program chairman Frank Nanney had his guest speaker called out of town at the last minute so he substituted and showed a professionally produced video that was made for the Town of South Hill's Centennial Celebration in 2001.

The club's Board of Directors voted to increase the quarterly dues to \$90.00.

The Rotary Auction was held on November 5 a special one-day sale that resulted in a net profit of \$943.20.

The club participated in the R.T. Arnold Library's Holiday Bazaar with a booth that netted \$1,508.75.

The club had its food booth at the Chamber's "Wrap Up The Holidays" and realized a profit of \$145.80.

The club was participating with the Salvation Army by "ringing" the bells at Wal-Mart. A total of \$611.50 was collected on a very cold Christmas Eve day.

There were 27 Rotarians and 22 visitors present for the club's Christmas Party on December 15.

## • 2006 •

For the first meeting of the new year, Rotarian Tom Watters had as his guest Matt Enos, a Park View graduate who is a jet pilot for the U.S. Navy.

Rotarian John Lenkey was assisting in the formation of a Rotary Club for Western Mecklenburg County. The club was named Lake

Country Rotary Club.

Rotarian Jerry Reynolds had as his guest speaker, Vincent Brown, a professor at Southside Virginia Community college. Professor Brown's topic was on dual Enrollment and how it works.

Rotarian Lisa Clary presented her brother, Eric Clary, a professional wrestler, who presented the program on the "ins and outs" of professional wrestling.

The club held its annual Agri-Business Night Banquet with 29 Rotarians present as well as 29 guests.

The club voted to purchase a 10x10-foot tent with Rotary logo and club named to be used for its events.

The club voted to purchase a set of new International Flags to replace the old dilapidated ones that once graced the head table. To help cover the cost, Rotarians were invited to purchase a flag at \$2.00 each.

The club held a "Bring-A-Guest Night" with Cindy Pecht of Lawrenceville, former Assistant Governor as the guest speaker.

On May 25, three new members were inducted into the South Hill Rotary Club by Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder. Inducted were Bill Wilson, Beth Smith and Fred "Mickey" Smith.

Several items were approved at the business meeting on May 25. The club voted to support the CMH Foundation Capital Campaign by pledging \$1,000 a year for a 5-year period; the club also voted to send a donation of \$300 to the PolioPlus Program of The Rotary Foundation and \$1,100 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotarian Jerry Klingenberg had as his guest, Mrs. Lee Warren who presented a program on "Stop Hunger Now."

At the annual Awards Night held on June 29, Randy Cash was selected as Rotarian of the Year. Also, Mrs. Sandra Kinker received the "Service Above Self" award.

Four South Hill Rotarians were recognized and honored at the 50th Anniversary of the Lawrenceville Rotary Club. The four were members of the South Hill Club 50 years ago

when the club sponsored the Lawrenceville Club.

Lee Warren was welcomed as the newest member of the club.

Five tables were purchased by four Rotarians and donated to the club to be used at its functions. The Rotarians were Mickey Smith (2), Judy Jacquelin, Tom Smith, and Randy Cash.

On August 3, Martha Hall became the newest member of the club.

Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder has as his guest, Ed Taylor who spoke on the Lake Country Area Agency on Aging.

Rotarian Tommy Zincone had as his guest South Hill Mayor Earl Horne, who presented a program in which he updated for the members the progress of the Colonial Theatre project.

District Governor Jim Probsdorfer inducted five new members into the club on Sept. 14 -Lee Warren, Martha Hall, Michael Brooks, Emily Brooks, and Denny Hardee.

Tommy Zincone donated a table to the club to make six tables donated to the club.

Jim Probsdorfer, District Governor, presented the club with the Presidential Citation, which was earned during 2005-06, John Stockton's year.

Rotarian Carol Crough's guest was Tim Boyle, who gave a program on the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The club's Family Picnic was held Nov. 2 at the Chicken Coop of member Mary Jane Elkins. There were 28 Rotarians and 26 guests present.

A South Hill Rotary Club Web Site was established.

Frank Nanney was a "lucky" Rotarian when he won a \$130 raffle a Queen's Pot worth \$1,641 for a grand total of \$1,771.

Rotarian Lisa Clary was named the South Hill Ruritan of the Year and also the Appomattox District Ruritan of the Year.

On Dec. 21, Mrs. Faye Matthews was announced as the club's newest member.

## **• 2007 •**

Guest speaker for the Jan. 18 meeting was Billie Hughes Locke, author and motivational

speaker, who was presented by Rotarian Jerry Klingenberg. There were 35 Rotarians present.

The club presented checks of \$150 each to Stop Hunger Now and The Bread Box.

Rotarian Bruce Settle was named the new Assistant Governor for Area 9.

Rotarian Lisa Clary entertained the club with some of her poetry, including "A POEM FOR ROTARY."

Rotarian Steven Stanley had C. W. Bing as the guest speaker. Mr. Bing was President of Water For The Oppressed, a faith-based organization focused on meeting the needs of the oppressed by providing clean drinking water.

Rotarian and former president John Stockton submitted his resignation on Feb. 15 from the club due to his moving to Kitty Hawk, N.C.

A revised Constitution and By-laws was passed Feb. 22 by the club members.

There were 26 Rotarians and 27 guests at the Annual Agri-Business program on March 1. Speaker was Dickie Crowder, Chief Agricultural Negotiator for the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

On March 8, Mrs. Robin Allen was guest speaker and informed the club members on the revitalization efforts and some of the projects going on in preparation to the Jamestown 2007 celebration.

Tommy Zincone won the Queen's Pot worth \$314.00.

Bob Day of BB&T Bank was welcomed as the newest member of the club.

Rotarian Steven Stanley's proposed for the club to be involved in the Jamestown 2007 project. He proposed that the club coordinate with the Town to construct a curb planter in the Police Department parking lot along West Atlantic Street with 19 Crepe Myrtle trees. The club had 46 Rotarians make a donation toward the cost with \$407.00 being donated, more than enough to plant the Crepe Myrtles. The trees were planted on March 31.

Four members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows -- Randy Cash, Lisa Clary, Martha Hall, and Jerry Klingenberg.



Nineteen Rotarians participated in the highway clean-up project.

The South Hill Rotary Club was host to the 5-member Group Study Exchange team from the United Kingdom.

Program chairman for May 10 was Frank Nanney who gave a history lesson on President Woodrow Wilson.

The Rotary Club Scholarship winners were recognized: Karissa G. Thomas, Brittany P. Thomas, Justin J. Hall, Katherine L. Moody, Pinar J. Smith, Amber N. Sheffield, Kimball L. Jones, Sean P. Bugg, and Emily R. Smith.

The club welcomed Bob Day as the newest Rotarian.

The club received its new South Hill Rotary Banners.

Tom Smith was the winner of the Queen's Pot that amounted to \$294.

President Jerry Klingenberg presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to Lisa Clary.

Service Above Self chairman Frank Nanney introduced the recipient for 2006-2007, Frank Malone.

Officers for 2007-2008 were installed July 5, as follows: Thomas G. Zincone, president; Herbert L. Farrar, President - Elect; Charles C. Wright, 1st vice-president; Jerry D. Reynolds, 2nd vice-president; Thomas L. Smith, secretary/treasurer. President Tommy's theme for the year: "Have Fun."

The club had two new members join and were introduced on July 12, to the membership - Desmond Carter and Herman Rinkel.

On July 19, Rotarian Bruce Settle introduced Joe Mulkerrin, who is a member of the Rotary District's Rotary Foundation Committee. Mulkerrin explained how the Rotary Foundation works, the projects it undertakes, and where the money goes.

Rotarians made donations for a new Banner and Banner Stand that had totaled \$474.

On July 28, the club had its Food Booth at the Car Show at the Southside Virginia Community College in Alberta. A net profit of \$337.12 was announced.

On Aug. 2, the club voted to host the GSE Team from the Philippines, Oct. 9-12.

Rotarian Emily Brooks arranged a unique, interesting, and enjoyable program in which members learned about the Community Memorial Healthcenter and the work of its volunteers.

Sue Springer was welcomed on Aug. 23 as the club's newest member.

District Governor Jim Pierce visited the club on Sept. 6.

The club's newest member Dan Poteralski - was welcomed into the club on Sept. 6.

The club had its Food Booth at the Dakkota Concert at the Affair on the Square on Sept. 13. The club netted a profit of \$629.00.

The club's Food Booth participated in Farmer's Day on Sept. 29. Excellent turnout of members with a profit of \$702.26.

The club was host to the Group Study Exchange Team from the Philippines in October. Club members Mary Jane Elkins, Lee Warren, and Beth and Mickey Smith served as host for GSE members staying in their homes.

At the business meeting on Sept. 27, the club voted to raise \$500 for PolioPlus and the initial plea to members raised \$225.00.

On Oct. 11, Jennifer Nelson of the Virginia Chapter of the American Cancer Society, spoke to the club

The South Hill Rotary Club won two awards at the District 7600 Conference -- The Community Service Award for outstanding work in the community and the Best Web Site Award.

The annual family picnic was held Nov. 1 at the Chicken Coop at the home of Mary Jane Elkins.

It was announced Nov. 15 that the club had raised \$633 to be sent to Rotary International for its pledge to PolioPlus.

Club members donated 75 Teddy Bears for Rotary's support of Gleaning Around the World.

The club welcomed its newest member, Dwayne Gwaltney.

The club had 32 Rotarians and 19 spouses/friends present for the Spouses Night/Christmas Party.

It was announced that club members had donated 75 Teddy Bears to be donated to Gleaning Around The World. Tom Leggett was chairman.

## • 2008 •

Bud Chaney and wife, Heather, presented a program Jan. 3 on their farming of Truffles.

Two members of the South Hill club attended all three Leadership Institutes meetings sponsored by Rotary International's Zone 33 - Randy Cash and Mickey Sims.

Program chairman David Yocum had Sgt. Ronnie Edmonds of the South Hill Police Department, who spoke about his own personal career path.

Program chairman Tommy Zincone's speaker on Jan. 24 was Nancy Beasley, a journalist and author. She discussed the 7-year process of writing her first book, "Izzy's Fire. Finding Humanity In The Holocaust."

Bud Chaney was welcomed into the club as its newest member.

Rotarian Mylene Powell and husband Darrell became the proud parents of a seven pound, five ounce baby girl on Feb. 16.

David Manley was welcomed on Feb. 21 as the club's newest member.

Feb. 21 was Membership Night with Thomas Silvestri, guest of John Lenkey, as speaker.

After months of hard work, South Hill Rotary Club became a 501(c)3 organization.

Survey results on whether to continue to meet for dinner as opposed to breakfast or lunch, the results were: dinner - 73%; luncheon - 14%; breakfast - 11%; and doesn't matter 2%.

J. Woodrow "Woody" Kidd became the newest member of the club on March 13..

There were 31 Rotarians and 25 guests for the annual Agri-Business Night. Rotarian Herbert L. Farrar had Chris Teutsch of the Southern Piedmont Research Station as guest speaker.

The Reverend Susie F. Brack became the clubs newest member.

President Tommy Zincone appointed a Water Project Committee consisting of Lee Warren, chairperson; Dan Poteralski, Randy

Cash, Lee Nicholson, and Tommy Zincone.

On March 27, the club voted to purchase a new commercial-style grill at a cost of \$449.00.

Pete Chalifoux became the newest member of the South Hill Rotary Club.

There were 32 Rotarians present at the Affair at the Square, the first event of the year. Then there were 38 Rotarians and 29 guests present for the Emergency Services Appreciation Dinner held at the fire department.

Twenty-five club members participated in the annual highway cleanup project and then attended their regular meeting. John S. Evans was project chairman.

Alyx Powers, Jackie Johnson, and Steven Swank were winners from Park View Middle School of the Rotary "4-Way Test Essay Contest." Rotarian Lisa Clary submitted the best Public Relations Award Submission from District 7600, topping 59 other entrees.

Due to an increase in meal prices, the club voted to move its meeting location to Brian's Steak House. The first meeting was held May 28 with 37 Rotarians present.

On June 12, Ryan Bartholomew was welcomed as the club's newest member.

On June 26, there were 13 Rotarians who were presented Years of Service Pins for 20 years or more. They were: Dr. T.J. Fitzgerald, 62 years; Thomas Leggett, 55; John Riel, 53; Dr. Thomas Saunders, 52; Frank L. Nanney, 47; Steve Watkins, 45; Mickey Moore, 41; John Evans, 37; Warren Matthews, 35; Bunky Warren, 30; Thomas L. Smith, 24; Dr. John Strunk, 21; Lee Nicholson, 20.

At the June Awards meeting, Rotarian Judy Jacquelin introduced Douglas L. Hinman as the winner of the Service Above Self Award. President Tommy Zincone presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to Thomas L. Smith.

The new officers for 2008-09 were installed July 10, as follows: Herbert L. Farrar, president; Charles C. Wright, president-elect; Randy Cash, 1st vice-president; Judith A. Jacquelin, 2nd vice-president; and Thomas L. Smith, secretary/treasurer.

The club had a net profit of \$8,210.57 from its annual auction sale.

Mickey Sims won the Queen's Pot, which was the largest on record. He won \$2,241.00 from the Queen's Pot, plus \$167.00 from the raffle for a grand total of \$2,408.00.

On July 24th, the club voted to participate in a Dictionary Project with South Hill Elementary School. In which a dictionary will be given each student in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The dictionaries were delivered on Sept. 30.

On Aug. 7, District Governor Bill Pollard visited our club. There were 34 Rotarians present to greet the new District Governor.

DG Pollard presented the Paul Harris Fellow membership to Mickey L. Sims, who became the club's 47th Paul Harris Fellow.

Brandon Baird became the newest member of South Hill Rotary.

Ten members attended the District Conference in Portsmouth. They were Herbert L. Farrar, Lisa Clary, Mickey Sims, Charles Wright, Tom Smith, Tommy Zincone, Lee Nicholson, Randy Cash, Lee Warren, and Bruce Settle.

The board of directors approved a Rotary Notebook Project, chaired by Randy Cash. The notebook, placed in each of the hotels/motels in South Hill, included information on the civic clubs, organizations, churches, etc. in the South Hill area.

Anthony M. Sledge was welcomed as the newest member of South Hill Rotary.

On Oct. 2", the club held it "family picnic" at the Chicken House at the home of Mary Jane Elkins. There was an attendance of 54 for the eat-out.

The South Hill Rotary Club stole the show at the District Conference on the first weekend in October. SH Rotarian Lee Warren was a speaker and led the District Rotarians in a food packaging event in which 10,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now were packaged in one hour.

The SH Rotary Club won the following awards:

Tommy Zincone - Outstanding President Award in the district.

Best Website Award.

Best Publications Award.

Best Club Education Award.

Best Community Service Award.

Best Club Service Award.

Governor's Circle Award (second for the Governor's Cup).

Presidential Citation Award from Rotary International.

Past District Governor Jim Pierce was present on Oct. 30 to present the prestigious Rotary International Public Relations Award for 2007-08 to Lisa Clary and Tommy Zincone. Present District Governor Bill Pollard was also on hand.

On Nov. 6, Dr. T.J. Fitzgerald won the Queen's Pot of \$372.00 plus \$29.00 from the raffle for a total of \$401.00.

In Dec., Dave Yocum won the Queen's Pot of \$99.00.

The club held its annual Spouses' Night Christmas Banquet with 31 Rotarians and 23 visitors.

Denise Williams with Creedle, Jones & Alga was recognized for her help with the 501(c)3 applications.

## • 2009 •

Dr. Thomas A. Saunders, a member of the South Hill Rotary Club for 53 years, submitted his resignation on Jan. 8 from the club due to declining health problems.

Due to a bleak financial report, the club voted not to have its Agri-Business Night, but to continue having the Fire-Rescue - Police Appreciation Dinner as in the past.

Steve Watkins, a long-time member of the club submitted his resignation, effective immediately.

On Jan. 22, the club welcomed its newest member, Duane R. Harper.

Rotarian Jerry Reynolds had former Rotarian Scott Burnett, CEO of CMH, as guest speaker. Burnett brought the Rotarians up to date on what was happening in the health care system and how they might affect CMH.

Rotarian Dr. T.J. Fitzgerald had his son, David, speak. He presented a program on how he feels the federal government has just about ruined the small, independent farmer. There were 35 Rotarians and six guests present.

The club undertook a project of feeding 20 soldiers who had volunteered to do repair work at the camp grounds on the John H. Kerr Reservoir. It costs the club \$117.00 and the club received \$168.00 in donations with the \$51.00 balance sent to the International Water Project in Haiti.

On Feb. 12, Rotarian Lee Warren had as her guest speaker Virginia State Trooper Kevin George. He presented a program on his experiences while working the Presidential Inauguration in January.

On March 19, Rotarian Mickey Smith had John Zubrod, of Bracey, as guest speaker. He spoke on the activities at the Brunswick-Mecklenburg Regional Airport.

The club's annual Emergency Services Dinner was held April 23 with 35 Rotarians and 27 guest on hand.

Nineteen Rotarians participated in the Highway Clean-Up project, chaired by John Evans.

On May 14, Heather Chaney was welcomed as the newest member of the South Hill club.

Dan Poteralski, chairman of the 4-Way Test for Park View Middle School, introduced the winners who attended the dinner with their parents. First Place - Matthew Jenkins; Second Place - Chelsey Tanner; and Third Place - Alyssa Drohan.

On May 28th Dr. Paul M. Hamilton was welcomed as the newest member of the South Hill club.

Jerry Reynolds submitted his resignation to the club.

The recipients of the 2009 Rotary Club Scholarships were introduced to the club. Winners were: Sarah A.H. Gullivan, Brunswick Academy; Rachel L. Cabellero, Kenston Forest School; and from Park View - Anthony M. Clifford, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Candace M. Games, and Brittany A. Lambeth.

On June 18th Mrugesh P. Thanawala was welcomed as the newest member of the South Hill club.

Two members were installed as Paul Harris Fellows - Lee Warren and Bud Chaney.

At the June Awards meeting, Rotarian Frank Nanney introduced Lou Saunders as the winner of the Service Above Self Award. President Charles Wright presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to David Yocum.

Officers for 2009-2010 were installed as follows: Charles Wright, president; Randy Cash, president-elect; Judy Jacquelin first vice-president; Mickey Smith, second vice-president; Dan Poteraski, secretary; and Carol Crough, treasurer.

President Charles Wright presented six goals for the club for 2009-2010 as follows: 1. To have a net gain of three new members; 2. To have three additional Benefactors, three additional Paul Harris Fellows; and to donate \$10 per member for Polio Plus; 3. To partner with Haiti to conduct a water filter project; 4. To have a minimum of six members attend the District Conference; 5. To recite the 4-Way Test at each meeting and provide new members a copy suitable for framing. 6. To encourage members to visit club and district websites; to continue the monthly newsletter, and to continue the club educator program each week.

On July 9, Nick Elmes became the newest member of the club.

It was announced that the profit for the Food Booth at the Picnic-in-the-Park was \$911.00. David Yocum was project chairman.

Program Chairman Pete Chalifoux had as the program, Steven Rose from Rosemont Vineyards as the guest speaker. He gave an update on the vineyard and afterwards provided the members with a wine tasting.

On July 23, Thomas C. "Tom" Manson was welcomed as the club's newest member.

On July 30, the members were encouraged to check out the new South Hill Rotary Club Web Site which was launched recently. It has already won first place as the Best Web Site in

Rotary District 7600. Thanks were extended to Randy Cash and Eric Clary, brother of member Lisa Clary, for their efforts. The club welcomed Joseph E. Taylor as its newest member.

On August 6, District Governor Karlis Graubics visited the club and encouraged the club to become a Triple Crown Club, which entails being a Sustaining Member, as well as a Rotary Benefactor, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

On Aug. 20, Charles M. Taylor, better known as "Charlie Mort" was welcomed as the club's newest member.

Program chairman Lisa Clary introduced Leigh Lambert, Executive Director of the Southside Regional Library, who presented a very entertaining program as a prized "Story Teller."

Project chairman Lisa Clary reminded members to bring school supplies to the next few meetings to be delivered to the South Hill Elementary School, the club's adopted school.

Project chairman Dwayne Gwaltney extended thanks to the Rotarians who made a donation to the "Feed The Dragons" project, in which Park View football players were treated to a dinner prior to their Friday night football game.

The Food Booth at the La Crosse Fest was a huge success as 22 Rotarians worked the booth that had a profit of \$970.

Rotarian Paul Hamilton was the program speaker on Sept. 10 and gave a humorous account of his life and how he became a member of the club.

The Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil were visitors of the club on Oct. 1 and presented a very entertaining as well as informative program.

Tommy Zincone won the Queen's Pot valued at \$1,046, plus the \$42 from the raffle.

The club had \$261 for the Haiti Clean Water Project and voted to donate an additional \$239 to enable the club to purchase ten Water Filter Wells.

On Oct. 8, C. J. Adcock, a sophomore at Park View High School, was guest speaker and told of his experiences on a summer trip to Europe as a member of the People to People

Student Ambassador program.

On Oct. 15, Charlie Mort Taylor won the Queen's Pot and then donated the \$64 to the Student Dictionary Education Fund plus his \$23 winnings from the raffle.

Cindy Thomas was welcomed as the newest member of the club.

Rotary's Family Picnic was held Nov. 5 at the Chicken Coop at the home of Rotarian Mary Jane Elkins. Thirty-four members were present with their guests.

On Nov. 12, Rotarian Beth Smith had Scott Burnette, CEO and President of Community Memorial Healthcenter and a former Rotarian, as guest speaker. He spoke on health care reform and other critical health service issues. Thirty-five members were present.

On Dec. 1, a large turnout of Rotarians were on hand to help the Chamber's "Tell it to Santa," project. They handed out popcorn and candy as well as helping to direct the long line of children and parents/grandchildren.

The club's Spouses Night was held Dec. 17. There were 31 Rotarians and 16 guests.

## • 2010 •

Four members - Bruce Settle, Charles Wright, Lee Warren, and Dave Yocum -- were inducted on Jan. 7 as Rotary Benefactors. Conducting the ceremony was Bob Preston, former District Governor and current Rotary Foundation Chairman.

Also at the meeting Cindy Thomas was inducted into the club as a new member.

Club Secretary Dan Poteralski announced that there were 23 members who currently have 100% attendance for the year.

Rotarian Lee Nicholson, on Jan. 14, introduced Noel Stallard, who is an Exercise Physiologist at CMH's Rehabilitation Center. She stressed the importance of a balanced program of exercise for everyone.

Also at this meeting, Peter Janson, President of the Lake Country Rotary Club in Clarksville, made a presentation of \$200 to the club's Haiti Water Filter Project.



On Jan. 21, the club held its Emergency Services Dinner with 48 members of the Fire Department, Police Department, and Rescue Squad present. Rotarian Dwayne Gwaltney was chairman of the project.

At the Board meeting on Jan. 28, it was voted to approve giving six scholarships to graduating seniors. Also, the Reverse Raffle fund-raiser was set for Sept. 18.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, a good number of Rotarians were on hand as Mayor Earl Horne signed a "Rotary Day" proclamation.

Rotarian Jerry Klingenberg and his committee assisted on Feb. 8 in the Accelerated Reading party at South Hill Elementary School.

Rotarian Frank Nanney on Feb. 11, presented former Miss South Hill, Mrs. Christen Nichols Newsome, a physical therapist at Freedom Life Fitness Center in South Hill. Mrs. Newsome spoke of the importance to take some kind of exercise each week and then had the club members go through a few exercises.

Program Chairman Randy Cash had Glenn Barbour as his guest on Feb. 18. Barbour, who is chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, spoke on the "State of the County."

The club completed its donation to PolioPlus with \$10.00 per member raising \$583, another \$400 from the Monster Mash, and the board voted to make up the difference from the Activities Account.

Rotarian Sue Springer, on March 4, had her son, Chad Springer, as guest speaker. Chad is a firefighter, paramedic, and RN working with Med Flight. He presented a power-point program in explaining the team's duties.

The club's International Project Committee, headed by Lee Warren, was seeking assistance from other Rotary Clubs to raise \$5,000 to apply for a Matching Grant International Project -Water Filters for Haiti.

Rotarian Lee Warren and husband, Charles issued a challenge to the members that as of March 18, they will match funds donated by our club that are Earmarked for the Haiti Water Filter project.

Rotarians Bud and Heather Chaney donated \$500 to the Haiti Water Filter Project.

Rotarian Jean Clary Bagley had as her guest on March 18, Clyde Wilson, president of the Lake Gaston Association. He spoke of the soccer program in South Hill and of the outstanding new field, Bunny's Park, that had been built off Plank Road.

The Board voted on March 24 to award six scholarships this year with the option of adding one more if the Scholarship Committee feels that they have an additional candidate.

It was announced at the same meeting that the Belhaven Rotary Club had donated \$1,000 to South Hill Rotary's Haiti Water Project.

State Senator Frank Ruff, of Clarksville, gave an update on April 8 on activities of the Senate. Sen. Ruff said an opinion poll showed 91% of the people were against the Health Care legislation. Rotarian Cindy Thomas was program chairman.

Rotarian Tom Manson has as his guest speaker, Brent Ellenburg, a Reverse Mortgage Manager with Genworth Financial.

The Rotary Auction was held April 17 at Dixie Warehouse. Net proceeds were announced at around \$3,000 and the food booth brought in \$150.

Judy Jacquelin had as her program on Aug. 22, Kim Callis, South Hill Town Manager, who presented a program on the Colonial Theatre and who, prior to the meeting, conducted a tour of the theatre's new renovations.

Rotarian Warren Matthews had on May 6, Dr. John Bergland, who gave an interesting program on St. Tammany's in the Bracey area.

Rotarian Susie Brack was chairperson of Teacher Appreciation Week and had help distributing donuts from Tom Leggett, Clyde Wilson, Tommy Zincone, Mickey Moore, Mary Jane Elkins, Ryan Bartholomew, Joseph Taylor, Beth Smith, and Mickey Smith.

The Rotary Club held its annual Highway Clean Up on May 13, and then had dinner at Kahill's. Program chairman John Evans thanked all who participated in the clean-up.

The three Essay Contest winners from Park View Middle School were on hand and read their winning entries to the club members and guests. They were: Timothy Shearin, first place; Diane Kimondo, second, and Destiny Jant, third. Rotarian Dan Poteralski was project chairman.

On May 26, a number of Rotarians assisted with the Accelerated Reading Party at South Hill Elementary School. Rotarian Jerry Klingenberg was project chairman.

On May 27, Rotarians assisted in the end-of-the year Accelerated Reading Party of South Hill Elementary School, held in Centennial Park. A group of 42 students were present from 9 to 11 a.m. and then 53 students from 12:30 until 2:30.

The Rotary Picnic was held at the farm of Rotarians Bud and Heather Chaney on May 27 with Mickey Smith as chairman and chef. A highlight was the presentation of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowships to Bud and Heather.

On June 10, John Davis became the club's newest member.

On June 27, the winners of the club's scholarships were introduced to the club. Winners were: from Brunswick Academy - Emily Hightower, Virginia Tech. From Kenston Forest School - Harriett Xianhao Cao, University of Virginia, and Kelsey Thomas, Virginia Tech. From Park View- Leslie Clark, Mary Washington College; Erin Michelle Timberlake, Radford University; and Meredith Christine Reamey, Appalachian State University. Faye Matthews was committee chairman. Thirty-five members were present.

On June 29, Committee Chairman Frank Nanney announced and presented the coveted "Service Above Self" Award to Rob Crisman of Bracey for his generous assistance to the Rotary Club as well as helping a number of people in his neighborhood who had faced adversity. Member Dave Yocum received the "Rotarian of the Year" Award, presented by President Charles Wright. Forty-one Rotarians were present.

Officers for 2010-2011 were installed on June 29 as follows: Randy Cash, president; Judith A. Jacquelin, president-elect; Fred A.

"Mickey" Smith, first vice-president; Joseph A. Taylor, 2nd vice-president; Daniel C. Poteralski, secretary; Duane R. Harper, assistant secretary; Carol J. Crough, treasurer; and Ryan Bartholomew, assistant treasurer.

There was a large crowd present for the Picnic in the Park celebration. The club's profit was \$443.

The club agreed to have its speakers select a book (from a selection provided by the club) for donation to the public library. A 4-Way Test label is to be placed in each book with the speaker's signature as the donor.

On July 15, South Hill Fire Chief Rosser Wells presented an update on the capabilities of the Fire Department, as well as some of the department's 75-year history.

On July 22, Joyce Lindenmuth, president of The Bread Box, described the workings of The Bread Box in providing emergency meals to needy area families. They average 120 families every Thursday, plus assisting 476 families for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

On July 29, Assistant District Governor Bruce Settle, and also a local Rotarian, conducted a Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony presentation for Bud and Heather Chaney as the club met at the Chaney farm near Chase City.

Tom Smith was presented a special Service Award by the club on Aug. 5 for his long-time dedication and service.

John Davis was welcomed as the newest member of the club.

District Governor Jayne Sullivan was guest of the club and inducted four recent new members into the club -- Alli Brooks, Susie Lucy, Rachel Wright, and Alan Wright.

Also at the meeting a surprise guest was President Randy's nephew, Capt. Kyle Strang, along with his parents, and his sister and her husband. Capt. Strang thanked the club for his "care packages" sent to him while he was in Afghanistan.

Rotarian Susie Brack entertained the club on Aug. 12 with a humorous accounting of her life as a pastor.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, Past President Charles Wright received a District Presidential Citation Award for the club's major accomplishments in 2008-2009, his year as president.

Lisa Clary's guest, Dwight Moody, gave a delightful performance on Aug. 26 with his fiddle and also his speaking of his colorful past in the country music business.

Program chairman Paul Hamilton presented Frances Clark as his guest speaker on Sept. 2. Mrs. Clark spoke on her many years of searching and preserving Virginia history and her work with the Genealogy Society.

Lee Nicholson had as his guest speaker on Sept. 17, Scott Burnette, chief operating officer of CMH and a former member of the club, who described the basics of the new national health plan.

The club's annual Family Picnic was held Oct. 7 at the home of members Mickey and Beth Smith on Lake Gaston. Special guests of the club were members of the GSE Team from Germany.

Oct. 21, Dr. Desiderio Rimon, a surgeon at CMH, presented a program on truths and myths about Breast Cancer. He recommended to limit alcohol, stop smoking, regular exercise and weight reduction. Rotarian Mylene Powell was program chairman.

#### **NINE AWARDS**

On Oct. 28, President Randy Cash and Past President Charles Wright reviewed the District Conference held in Norfolk. They announced that the South Hill Rotary Club won an unprecedented nine awards, including the coveted District Rotary Governor's Cup.

Other awards were for Outstanding President (Charles); Presidential Citation (Charles); Governor's Circle; Net Club Membership Growth; Community Service; Best Club Bulletin; Best Club Website; and International Service.

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Spouses Night, which was canceled in December due to inclement weather was held Jan. 6. In addition to the dinner, an auction

was held to benefit the Rotary Foundation. Also, Rotarian Lisa Clary was recognized for ongoing contributions with a gift of an original oil painting done by Mary Lillian White of Norlina, N.C. A special highlight was songs performed by Rotarian Alli Brooks and her son, "TJ" Wallace.

On Jan. 13, Sherwood Creedle, CPA, spoke to the club on the three volumes of tax changes impacting a wide range of areas. Program chairman was Joseph Taylor.

On Jan. 20, Sandra Tanner, president of the Roanoke River Rails to Trails, described the Tobacco Heritage Trail that, when completed, will present to the public a 160-mile trail through five Southside Virginia counties.

On Jan. 27, Clint Brame was inducted as the newest member of the club.

Members were encouraged at the same meeting to consider donating \$100 (EREY) per year to the Rotary Foundation.

The club was honored to have the reigning Mrs. Virginia, Tonya Ratcliff, and the reigning Miss South Hill, Vanessa Smith, speak to the club. They were here for the Mrs. Virginia contest that was being held two nights later at the Colonial Center Auditorium.

Several members were on hand Feb. 15 to help with the Accelerated Reading Party at South Hill Elementary School.

On Feb. 17, the Annual Emergency Services Dinner was held at the Southside Rescue Squad building. Rotarian Dwayne Gwaltney and committee arranged a great steak dinner. Rotarian Steven Stanley had enough prizes donated from area businesses that each member present from the Rescue Squad, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department and South Hill Police Department received one or more gifts.

Two new members were inducted into the club on Feb. 24 — Sherwood Baskerville and Ken Libby. Rotarian Jimmie K. Crowder conducted the ceremony.

On March 2, a new event for Rotary took place with up to 11 members serving as waiters/waitresses at Brian's Steak House as a money raiser for the club.

Rotarian Bill Wilson presented Steve Jones and Ike Bingham on April 3 who presented the grueling process they followed to restore the Whittle's Mill hydroelectric power generator to working condition. The two men began operating in October 2010 and have the ability to generate maximum power of 65KW

Karlis Graubics, immediate past district governor, spoke March 17 on his 9-day climb to the base camp of Mt. Everest. He was the guest of Rotary President Randy Cash.

On March 24, Rotarian Lee Warren was installed as South Hill Rotary's first member of the Paul Harris Society.

Also that night, Rotarian Frank Nanney gave a humorist talk on stories and anecdotes by Joe Garogiola in his book, "Just Play Ball." He also related some amusing incidents that happened in his lifetime.

The club held its annual Auction Sale on Saturday, March 26, at Ex-change Warehouse. It was a good project for the club with the sale lasting just one day.

Rotarian Tom Manson's guest speaker was Betty DeOrnellas, RN and Administrator of Meadow View Trace in Clarksville.

On April 14, Rotarian Lee Warren introduced Otis Garrison who discussed the Mission of Hope Haiti organization.

Rotarians Alan and Rachel Wright presented an interesting power-point summery of their life stories.

The Buckhorn Elementary Choir entertained the club with a variety of songs, including a tribute to veterans in the club.

Program Chairman Nick Elmes had on May 5, Glenn Barbour, Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, who gave a breakdown of the proposed county budget.

The club was host on May 12 to the three winners of the 4-Way Test Contest at Park View Middle School. Rhianna Rainey won first place; Hunter Derrenbacker, second; and KaDajah Wilkins, third.

Tom Leggett, Jr., a Danville Rotarian and son of the late Tom Leggett of the South Hill

club, won the Queen's Pot of \$151 plus the raffle and donated it all to the Rotary youth fund.

The club had a very busy Spring as they had its food booth at Market Square on Thursday, May 19, then had to clean up the equipment on Friday to be used again on Saturday, May 21, for the annual Spring Fest, an all-day affair in downtown South Hill.

Then they were at it again at Market Square with the food booth on June 2.

And, on top of that, the Accelerated Reading Committee assisted South Hill Elementary School with a party at Centennial Park on May 31 and another party at the school on June 1.

Other committees were busy, too, as the 4-Way Test Committee read 75 essays and then selected the top three for awards that were announced at a meeting and then awards were presented at the school June 7. Winners are listed above.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee met to interview applicants and then announced the winners on June 3. The seven \$1,000 scholarship winners announced at the June 16th meeting with four present that night and the other three to attend the July 7 meeting. The winners were: from Park View High, Sarah Bailey, Radereka Russell, Jason Wilborn, Jr. (Jack Ogilvie Scholarship), Mary Cookson (Gini Nicholson Scholarship), and Brittany Dawn Farrar (Web Ad Scholarship); and from Kenston Forest School: Gallion Taylor and Cynthia Cheyenne Facchina.

On June 11, club members participated at the Rosemont Winery Art Show by selling water and soft drinks. This was a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. project. Member Rachel Wright was project chairman.

On June 16, the club members participated in highway cleanup project, with dinner following at Kahill's. John Evans was project chairman.

The club voted to hold its First Rotary Wine Festival in Centennial Park, South Hill, on Oct. 1st. The Club will be assisted by the South Hill Chamber of Commerce and Rosemont Winery.

Rotarian Bruce Settle inducted the club's two newest members: Chris Hardee and Jeff Childers.



**WE DID IT — AGAIN!**  
**Club wins 10 District Awards**

Last year the South Hill Rotary Club received nine awards at the District Awards Ceremony. This year they topped that as the club received 10 awards. President Randy Cash proudly announced to the club the winning categories:

*Public Relations*  
*Community Service*  
*Club Service*  
*International Service*  
*Best Club Education*  
*Best Web Site*  
*Outstanding President (Randy)*  
*Presidential Citation with Distinction*  
*Net Membership Growth*  
*Top Ten Clubs in Governor's Circle*

On June 30, the club held its annual awards ceremony with many awards given out. They included:

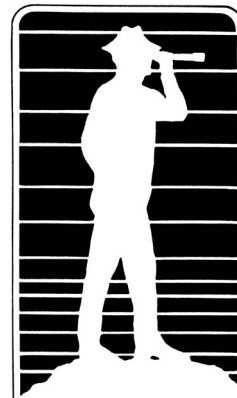
- Service Above Self – Business. Volunteers for Christ, Steve Carroll
- Service Above Self – Individual: Mrs. Carolyn Jones
- Rotarian of the Year – Mickey Smith was presented an Eagle Trophy
- Tom Leggett Spirit of Rotary Award – Mrs. Lee Warren
- Above and Beyond Award – Frank Nanney
- Stepping Up & Hanging In Award - Dwayne Gwaltney
- Public Relations Star – Lisa Clary

In addition, four members were recognized as new Paul Harris Fellows: Judy Jacquelin, Alli Brooks, Susie Lucy, and Charlie M. Taylor.

Three members were recognized as new Rotary Benefactors: Lisa Clary, Judy Jacquelin, and Randy Cash.

Lee Warren was recognized as the club's first Paul Harris Society Member.

Also, membership pins were given out with a 50-Year Pin presented to Frank Nanney.

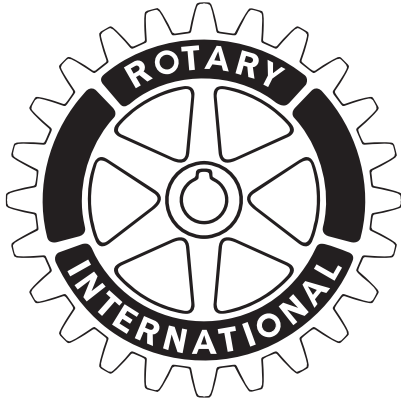


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## **South Hill Rotary Club Honors Two Lost Members**

*During Rotary Year 2010-2011 the South Hill Rotary Club  
lost two long term and distinguished members.*



**THOMAS W. LEGGETT**

Tom was a Rotarian for 58 years. He served as the Club Secretary and Treasurer for 49 of those years and was very active in the youth activities of the club.



**WILLIAM M. (BUNKY) WARREN**

"Bunky" was a Rotarian for 33 years. He was Club President for Rotary year 1985-1986 and was very active in the clubs community activities.

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