

# Haliburton Rotary



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HALIBURTON

"Twenty"! Not many years but a considerable span, as men come and go. Today, at the conclusion of that period, the Rotary Club of Haliburton presents an interesting, a challenging series of combinations. The old combines with the new, the large with the small, the complex.

The star that guides in it Service - personal and general - through it they have brought not only great tremendous credit to the Rotary ideal, but also to the Haliburton Club. Many have watched the new members gradually develop a much warmer understanding of the Club. These men have learned.

"If you walk as a friend to all, you will go far."

If you go with a friendly heart, you will go far.

For the

PAST PRESIDENTS





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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of the  
Club's founding President,

**Ronald J. Curry**

and to all of the members of the Rotary Club of  
Haliburton past and present, who, through their  
commitment to Rotary ideals, have helped make  
our community and the world a better place.

# A Brief History of Rotary International

The first Rotary Club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer who gathered together in a spirit of friendship and understanding a group of men, each of whom was engaged in a different form of service to the public. That basis for membership, one person from each business and profession in the community, existed for many years in Rotary. At first, the members of this new club met in rotation at their various places of business, and this suggested the name “Rotary”.

Since 1905, the idea of Paul Harris and his friends have become ideals which have been accepted by people of all nationalities, and of many political and religious beliefs. Today there are Rotary Clubs around the world in 200 countries. The universal acceptance of Rotary Principles has been so great that there are now more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs, which have membership of over 1.2 Million.

The general objectives of Rotary clubs in every country remain the same: The development of fellowship and understanding among business, professional and community leaders, the promotion of high ethical standards of business and professional practices, community betterment and the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace. Rotary Clubs everywhere have one basic ideal: the Ideal of Service, which is thoughtfulness and of helpfulness to others.

“This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it.  
The story of Rotary will have to be rewritten again and again.”

Paul Harris

# The Object of Rotary

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

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Rotarians have the opportunity to create relationships with many business, professional, and community leaders.

**SECOND -** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. Being a Rotarian authenticates the person and their business or profession.

**THIRD -** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life. Rotarians nurture this personal characteristic; the cornerstone of building and sustaining relationships.

**FOURTH -** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. Rotarians become better world citizens and often build lasting international relationships.

# The Four Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

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

# Paul Harris Fellowships

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The first Paul Harris Fellows included past RI Director Allison G. Brush, who served during the 1937-38 Rotary year, and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions actually made in that inaugural year. Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of former Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to buy a Paul Harris Fellow medallion. Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honouring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, Vann Taylor, who was serving as a district governor, made a donation in her name in honour of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow.

At the International Assembly in 1979, incoming RI President James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary Clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Many other notable figures have been named Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the 1 million mark in 2006.



## Fred Jones Memorial Award

The Rotary Club of Haliburton has an award for the Rotarian of the Year that is presented to a Rotarian who truly puts “Service Above Self”. The award is presented by the President at the Year-End Meeting at the end of June. The recipient is chosen by the President although recommendations by members regarding who is most deserving of the honour are welcome.

By 2019, the plaque had been presented 48 times. The award was initiated in 1960 by Mrs. Anna Jones, Fred’s wife. What follows is a brief biography of Fred Jones.

Fred Jones was a charter year member in 1944. His only child, Mariam Ouelette of Haliburton, fondly remembers Fred arranging his vacations around Rotary. Fred was a perfect attender for many years and loved Rotary.

Born in 1900, Fred Jones moved from Wiarton to take up residence in Haliburton. He did well in Haliburton. He became mill foreman and clerk for one of the local lumber companies and began to acquire land, eventually owning a major portion of Drag Lake. He is probably best remembered for building and operating Drag Lake Lodge at the south end of the lake.

Fred Jones loved hunting and fishing. The Drag Lake Hunt Club was formed by Fred and his associates. The fishing was so good at Drag Lake that his first cabins started to get rented out, and the lodge grew from that demand. When the Rotary Club held its summer carnival, Fred would bring his guests into town to help run the various booths.

At age 15, Fred signed up to join the army, hoping to be one of the troops fighting the First World War in France. His father got wind of Fred's scheme however, and soon put a stop to it. A few years later he met Anna Archer. They were married at the unusual hour of 5:00 a.m. so that they could catch the 6:00a.m. train out of town.

As well as playing an active role in Rotary, Fred was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He also served as Reeve of Dysart in 1934 and 1935. He left the club in 1953 and died at his home in 1957.

## Fred Jones Award Winners

1959-1960	Harold Black	1991-1992	Dale Robinson
1960-1961	W.R. Curry	1992-1993	Kim Emmerson
1961-1962	Jack Robertson	1993-1994	Art Ward
1962-1963	Ron Curry	1994-1995	David Gray
1963-1964	Harold Herlihey	1995-1996	Greg Bishop
1964-1965	Frank McIntyre	1996-1997	Allan Bagg
1965-1966	Rae Stinson	1997-1998	Hugh Nichol
1967-1968	Glen Austin	2000-2001	John Beachli
1968-1969	Lewis Roberts	2001-2002	Brian Menton
1969-1970	Stan Fisher	2002-2003	Ted Brandon
1970-1971	Don (Joe) Iles	2003-2004	Andy Salvatori
1971-1972	Cliff Dawson	2005-2006	Dorothy Menton
1972-1973	Mervyn Robertson	2006-2007	Steve Roberts
1973-1974	Wm. Emmerson	2007-2008	Kim Emmerson
1974-1975	Lloyd Coneybeare	2008-2009	Robert DenBoer
1975-1976	Robert Morrow	2009-2010	Richard van Nood
1981-1982	Ken Wilson	2010-2011	Diane Smith
1982-1983	Ken Langdon	2011-2012	Lance Edwards
1983-1984	Scott LaRue	2012-2013	Ted Brandon
1984-1985	Doug Devolin	2013-2014	George Kadoke
1985-1986	Art Dawson	2014-2015	Brian & Dorothy Menton
1986-1987	Brian Black	2015-2016	David Zilstra
1988-1989	Gerald Dawson	2016-2017	Mark Denny
1989-1990	Curry Bishop	2017-2018	Andrew Hodgson
1990-1991	Don Pople	2018-2019	Maureen O'Hara

# Rotary Club of Haliburton

## Past Presidents

1944-1945	Ron Curry	1982-1983	Doug Devolin
1945-1946	Rae Stinson	1983-1984	Brian Black
1946-1947	Archie Stouffer	1984-1985	Paul Wilson
1947-1948	Alvin Kaye	1985-1986	Jim Scheffee
1948-1949	Mervyn Robertson	1986-1987	Dale Robinson
1949-1950	Jack Robertson	1987-1988	Rick Elstone
1950-1951	Harold Herlihey	1988-1989	Don Popple
1951-1952	Harold Black	1989-1990	Rolly Letourneau
1952-1953	Carl Hussey	1990-1991	Kim Emmerson
1953-1954	Lester Walling	1991-1992	Greg Bishop
1954-1955	Glenn Austin	1992-1993	Mike Easton
1955-1956	Harold Proctor	1993-1994	Gary Brohman
1956-1957	Norm Sisco	1994-1995	Hugh Nichol
1957-1958	Bud Thayer	1995-1996	Amin Shivji
1958-1959	Cliff Dawson	1996-1997	Ray Selbie
1959-1960	Ben Weese	1997-1998	Dave Elstone
1960-1961	Frank Litt	1998-1999	Jerry Walker
1961-1962	Lloyd Coneybeare	1999-2000	Ted Brandon
1962-1963	Gerry Dawson	2000-2001	Lynda Shadbolt
1963-1964	Lew Roberts	2001-2002	Andy Salvatori
1964-1965	Don (Joe) Iles	2002-2003	Jim Richards
1965-1966	Wm. (Bill) Emmerson	2003-2004	Steve Roberts
1966-1967	Terry Hicks	2004-2005	Bob Nichol
1967-1968	Ken Wilson	2005-2006	Jim Henwood
1968-1969	Curry Bishop	2006-2007	Robert DenBoer
1969-1970	Lance Easton	2007-2008	Lon Duncombe
1970-1971	Harry Good	2008-2009	Jim Miners
1971-1972	Murray Fearrey	2009-2010	Maureen O'Hara
1972-1973	Gerald Barry	2010-2011	Richard van Nood
1973-1974	Allan Bagg	2011-2012	Brian Nash
1974-1975	Scott LaRue	2012-2013	Andrew Hodgson
1975-1976	Peter Curry	2013-2014	Lance Edwards
1976-1977	Art Ward	2014-2015	David Zilstra
1977-1978	David Gray	2015-2016	George Kadoke
1978-1979	Ken Langdon	2016-2017	Richard Van Nood
1979-1980	Vince Connaghan	2017-2018	Steve Roberts
1980-1981	Arthur Dawson	2018-2019	Ted Brandon
1981-1982	David Bishop		

# The Founding of Haliburton Rotary

by Ronald J. Curry

There are tens of thousands of men who have been caught in the spirit of service, and through it they have brought not only great happiness to themselves but tremendous credit to the Rotary ideal. These men became aware of the friendliness and the understanding between others in their own Rotary clubs. Many have watched the new comer, after his entrance into the club, gradually develop a warmer, friendlier and more likeable disposition. It was in that spirit that the Rotary Club of Haliburton was born. The charter members who had limited experience in Rotary provided the early suggestions for a founding club. This is a brief history of the club's first year. On March 3, 1944, sixteen charter members attended the organizational dinner of the Rotary Club of Haliburton at the Grand Central Hotel in Haliburton. Guests that evening included District Governor Harmon E. Rice of Hunstville, Past District Governor Dan McQuarrie of Lindsay; Bert Harton, Les Boucher and Joe Cherrier of the Hunstville Club, and Max Brandon of Fenelon Falls. The most important item of business that evening was the election of officers. They were: Ron Curry, President; Bert Braden, Vice-President; Tom Barry, Secretary; Charles Haggen, Treasurer; Directors Art Gilliam, W.O. Bailey, Clayton Hodgson, Jack Roberston and W.R. Curry. Charter members were: Rea Stinson, George Earle, Fred Jones, Ed Hunter, Merv Robertson, and Ray Archer. Within that year 19 additional members came into the club, making a total of 35. Some 128 Rotarians from many parts of Ontario attended the Haliburton Club's charter night on May 24, 1944 at Wig-A-Mog Inn. The club's fund raising efforts included monthly bingos and the raffle of a cottage on Lake Kashagawigamog. The cottage was constructed by members of the club. Raffle tickets were sold for 35 cents or 7 for \$2.00. The first carnival and street dance was held on August 16, with proceeds earmarked for Crippled Children and the War Services Fund. Several health-related projects were sponsored by the club in its first year. At a health clinic held at the Red Cross Hospital 30 children had their tonsils removed by Dr. Chant. He was assisted by Dr. Agnes Jamieson of Minden and Dr. White of Lindsay. Rotary members helped with the care of the children. An eye clinic provided testing for 55 children, 19 of whom required glasses, which were supplied by the Rotary club. The club also sponsored a mass Tuberculosis clinic where 2,600 people were x-rayed and later, \$700 was raised by the sale of T.B. Christmas Seals. A crippled and handicapped children's survey was carried out with the assistance of public school principals throughout the area. A donation of \$500 was made to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Donations of \$100 were made to the Haliburton and Wilberforce Skating Clubs to assist them in constructing rinks, and the club sponsored the Haliburton Citizens Band. Two wheelchairs were purchased and \$1500 was allocated to Victory Bonds. Rotarians paid 55 cents for their meals at the Wednesday night meetings at the Grand Central Hotel, but before the year was over the price was raised to 65 cents. There was some concern about the increase but in the end not a single member left the club. A very keen attendance contest was carried out with the club divided into two teams captained by Fred Jones and Ed Hunter. Only one member was absent in May for an attendance record of 98.5 percent, the best in the District. Some of the guest speakers in 1944 included Dunc Copus on the topic of a Victory Loan for Ontario; lawyer Cecil Frost on Post-War Planning, Ted Deyman from Trans Canada Airlines, Charles LaFerle, National Director of War Services, Miss Woodsmall of World Citizens headquartered in Geneva, Miss Ross on crippled children, Leslie Frost, Provincial Treasurer; and Squadron Leader Pat Morse of the RCAF, who saw service in the Battle of Britain, Dunkirk and Dieppe. Many of the men returning from overseas were guests at the club's meetings in its charter year.



**Ron Curry**  
**President 1944-45**

In the history of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, one man will always be remembered and revered as the embodiment of the principles of integrity, fairness, goodwill and above all, service, which are the foundation of the Rotary ideal. He had a dream of creating a service club in Haliburton, and on May 24, 1944 he brought it to fruition as the charter president. In the years that followed, he remained perhaps the community's most prominent Rotarian - respected not only for his acumen in the practical matters of business and local politics, but for his deep rooted and unwavering commitment to building a better community. When he died in May, 1984, only days after attending the 40th anniversary celebrations of the club he founded, Ronald J. Curry left a void in the life of the community that no one else will ever fill. Ron Curry was born in Irondale in 1904, the son of W.R. Curry and his wife Jessie Ellen Barr. In 1906 the family moved to Haliburton, where W.R. opened a livery stable business, using 30 horses for logging and road work. Ron attended public school in Haliburton, high school at Lindsay Collegiate, and later Canada Business College. By 1919, it had become apparent to W.R. that automobiles eventually would put an end to his livery business, so he opened a garage on main street and named it W.R. Curry and Son, involving Ron from the outset. At the time there were only 13 cars in the village, and no trucks, but change came quickly. The Ford Motor Company soon named W.R. Curry as their agent in Haliburton. Car sales began to pick up by 1922, and that same year saw the first truck arrive in Haliburton, a Ford, with Ron Curry behind the wheel. A milestone in W.R. and Ron's car business came in 1923, when they became associated with General Motors of Oshawa, distributing Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles. By 1929, the year of the great stock market crash, the business had grown enough to justify doubling the size of the garage. It had six employees by then, and sold 45 new cars and trucks that year. The business survived the Depression and grew steadily in the recovery. On March 12, 1949 the dealership building that dominated Haliburton's main intersection of Highland St. and Maple St. was opened. W. R. Curry set high standards for himself, and loved the community intensely. He passed those qualities on to Ron, who manifested them throughout his life. Besides devoting himself to building up Curry Motors Limited, Ron Curry served on Dysart Council for eight terms, and was County Warden in 1937. He was secretary treasurer of the Number 3 Dysart School Board, president for several years of the Haliburton Tourist Association, chairman of the Haliburton United Church

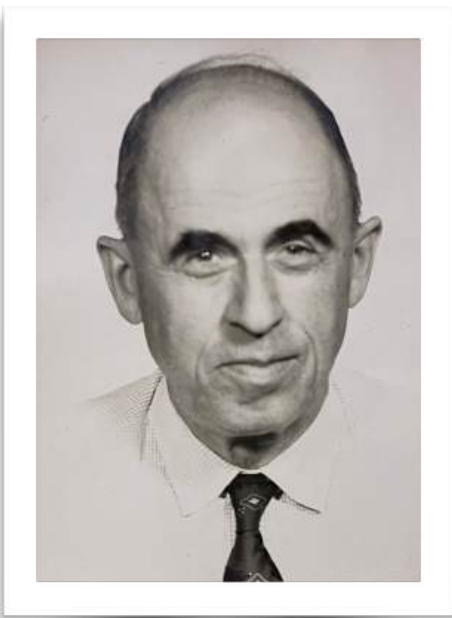
Board of Stewards, and vice chairman of the Haliburton County District High School Board. From 1968 to 1973 he sat on the Board of Governors of Sir Sandford Fleming College, and was Board Chairman in 1971-72. Along with fellow Rotarian Norm Sisco, he created Camp Timberlane on Two Island Lake, owning and operating it for many years. The founding of Rotary in Haliburton was a natural outgrowth of Ron Curry's dedication to the community's future. He recognized a need to get local business leaders working together in a spirit of generosity for community betterment. Rotary's principles were in harmony with that vision, and so the groundwork was laid to form a club in Haliburton. Ron Curry was elected President and devoted himself to building a strong and respected club. The accomplishments of that first year are documented in Ron Curry's own words on previous pages. They were substantial, setting a tone that carried the club forward to new challenges in subsequent years. Throughout his years in Rotary, Ron Curry remained a leader. Many of the club's most prominent accomplishments - creation of Sam Slick Park, acquiring the historic locomotive, developing Rotary Beach, purchasing the Reid House and founding the Haliburton Highlands Museum, were assisted by Ron Curry's skill and knowledge. Wearing the mantle of statesman for the community, he prevailed on others to embrace his desire to build and improve. In 1970, when he was deeply involved in the campaign to fund a new hospital in Haliburton, Ron wrote a letter to Col. Sam McLaughlin of General Motors, asking if he would help the effort. The Colonel responded with a cheque for \$10,000, a major boost to the project. Business and community concerns occupied prominent places in Ron Curry's life, but he also enjoyed family life, especially at his cottage on Drag Lake. His daughter, Sheila Popple, remembers that Sunday was always a family day. Hiking in the woods was a regular Sunday event, as were drives to Algonquin Park, or around the area to view whatever was new. Music was also very important to Ron. "He was not a performer himself" recalls Sheila, "although he did play in the bands that Haliburton had, but he loved it when Mom played the piano for a sing song, usually at the cottage." He had a deep love of the Haliburton woods, and enjoyed hunting, a tradition carried over from the days when deer were an important source of food for young families. He was also a dedicated amateur historian. Over the years he amassed an impressive collection of photographs and documents related to community development, and to Rotary. He compiled a local history book which was published by Haliburton Rotary in 1964 and updated for the County's centennial year in 1974. For many years the book was presented as a gift to people who spoke at the club's weekly meetings. Ron Curry received the Fred Jones Award in 1962-63, and became a Paul Harris fellow in 1979. He had more than 30 years of perfect attendance, and continued to be interested in Haliburton Rotary until his death in 1984. Ron and his wife Maxine had two children, Sheila and Peter. Mrs. Curry died in 1992.



## Rea Stinson President 1945-1946

No member of the Haliburton Rotary club knows more about its history and traditions than W. J. Rea Stinson. He was the only surviving member in attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration who was present on charter night in 1944, and as the club's second president, in 1945-46, he helped lay the ground work for the years of service and

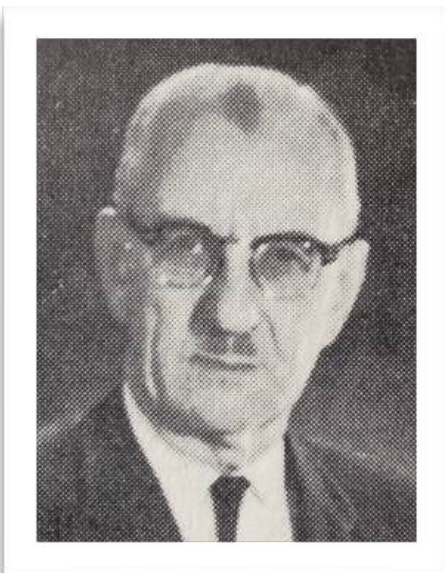
accomplishment that lay ahead. Rea's involvement with the Haliburton Rotary Club is actually older than the club itself. He recalls discussing the need for a service club in the community with Ron Curry and subsequently travelling with him to Lindsay, where they met with a gentleman named Dan McQuarrie, who was a Rotarian, to learn more about service clubs. The two Haliburton men had been thinking about forming a Kiwanis Club, but Mr. McQuarrie suggested they consider Rotary, since he was more familiar with it. It was arranged that Mr. McQuarrie would come to Haliburton to explain more about Rotary to interested local citizens. The organizational meeting was held on March 3, 1944, with sixteen men, including Rea Stinson, present. Two months later the club officially had its charter. Rea Stinson was born in 1909 in Peterborough, and spent his early years there. On April 5, 1940 he came to Haliburton to join Cliff Maunder in operating a service station on main street, later the location of Elstone Motors and most recently Sharpley's Sports. He married Lorna Blanche Johnston and they had two children, Richard Rea and Michael John. Later Rea became a distributor for McColl-Frontenac oil company, and subsequently, for Texaco Canada, the business from which he retired. As Haliburton Rotary's second president, Rea looks back on the challenges of getting the club organized and functioning, and attracting new members, as his major accomplishments in 1945-46. His commitment to Rotary was strong in those early years. He achieved 22 years of perfect attendance. In 1965-66 he was honoured with the Fred Jones Award as Rotarian of the Year, and in 1983, he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. As well as his Rotary involvement, Rea served the community in other ways. He was president of the Tuberculosis Association, was a founding member of the Haliburton Curling Club, and a member of the Haliburton North Entrance Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Eastern Star. Rea Stinson died on April 17, 2001.



## Archie Stouffer President 1946-1947

The Rotary Club of Haliburton had been in existence for only two years when Archie Stouffer assumed the club's chain of office, but interest in Rotary was growing in Haliburton County. With the Haliburton club firmly established and meeting its goal of community service, Minden area citizens saw a need for a club in their community. As

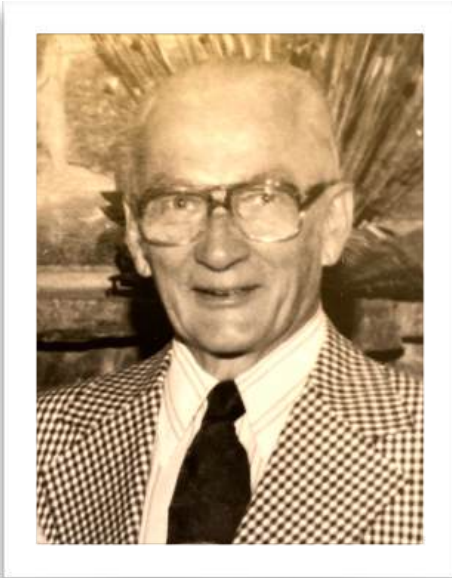
Haliburton Club President, Archie Stouffer led the Haliburton club's sponsorship of a new Rotary Club in the village of Minden. One of Haliburton County's best known educators, Archie Stouffer's name is memorialized on Minden's public school. He was born in 1895 in Stouffville, a town that was named after one of his ancestors. Setting his sights on a career in education, he obtained Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Pedagogy degrees and began teaching. In 1939 he moved from Weston to Minden to assume the position of School Inspector for Haliburton County as well as parts of Peterborough, Victoria, Hastings and Muskoka. He joined the Haliburton Rotary Club shortly after it was chartered and remained a member until 1947, when he joined the newly chartered Minden club. Two major projects were accomplished during Archie Stouffer's presidency. The community needed its own ambulance, and the Haliburton Rotary Club decided to provide it. The vehicle, a converted Packard, was purchased from the Red Cross Society for \$1000. It was stored in Chambers Garage, and served the community for four years, until it was destroyed in a fire that levelled the building. In 1947 the club also purchased property on Head Lake from the Canadian Land and Emigration Company with a long term view of developing a community park. The price was \$200, with an additional \$90.98 spent for a survey and plan. Over the next several years a programme of improvements funded by the club created Rotary Park and beach. When he wasn't busy with his educational responsibilities or his Rotary President's duties, Archie Stouffer enjoyed gardening, geology (he built up a substantial collection of minerals from across the county), and woodworking. He was a member of the United Church of Minden, the Red Cross Society, the Gideons, the Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. He and his wife Candace had four children: Katharine, Elgin, Mary and John. Following his retirement as Inspector of Public Schools, he served as Secretary Treasurer of the Haliburton School Board. In 1969 he left Haliburton and moved to Pembroke, where his daughter Mary lived. He died in 1981.



## Alvin Kaye President 1947-1948

The camping movement was at the heart of the business and personal interests of Haliburton Rotary's third president, and his legacy lives on as Camp Wanakita on Koshlong Lake. W. Alvin Kaye was born in Port Carling, Muskoka, in 1898.

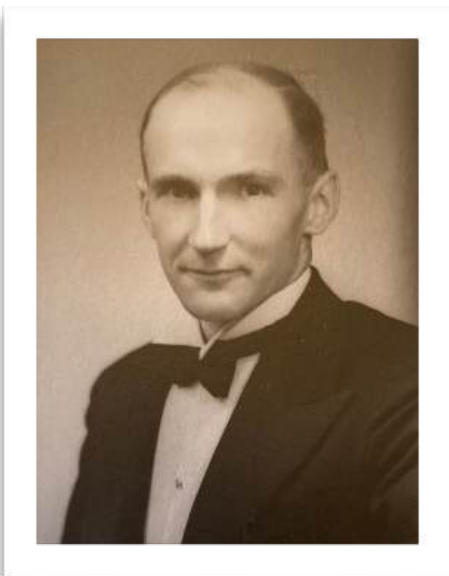
Following his primary and secondary education in Bracebridge he attended the University of Toronto to become a school teacher. For several years he taught in Porquois Junction and then moved to Scarborough Township where he was appointed Principal of Birchcliffe Heights School. In 1937 he purchased property in Haliburton on Koshlong Lake, and a year later, he opened Camp Lagakelo, a summer camp for children. By 1942 he was ready to pursue the camping business full time. He left teaching and moved to Haliburton to operate his camp year round. Eleven years later, in 1953, Mr. Kaye sold the camp property to the Hamilton YMCA, who renamed it Camp Wanakita. It has since expanded and continues to operate year round today. Seeking a new challenge, Mr. Kaye purchased the old Standard Chemical property in Donald, where he opened a prefabricated plank-wall cottage factory. He operated a business on this site until his retirement. His unique designs can still be seen on many properties in Haliburton and Muskoka. Mr. Kaye was married to Lillian Richards, and they had three children: Garth Kaye, Kelvin Kaye and Lois Anderson. In his leisure time he was an avid collector of antiques, especially Canadiana. Part of his collection can still be seen at the Bird House Museum in Bracebridge. He also rode and showed horses, collected coins, enjoyed leather work, and liked to travel. Work on Rotary Park and Beach was the club's main project during Alvin Kaye's presidency. The club also sponsored a trophy at the Haliburton County Music Festival. From 1950-52, Mr. Kaye served as Secretary of the Haliburton Club. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, and an active supporter of the Ontario Camping Association. Alvin Kaye died in 1981.



## Mervyn Robertson President 1948-1949

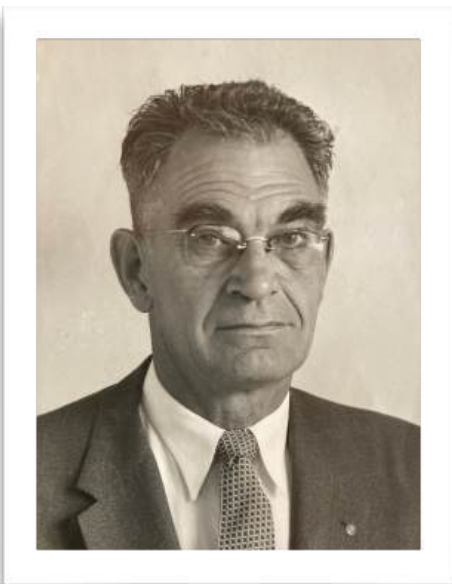
Like many of the men who have served as president of the Haliburton Rotary Club, Mervyn Victor Robertson played an active role in many aspects of community life, both as a businessman and as a volunteer. Born on a farm in Allsaw in 1905, he had to board in Minden to complete his high school education, since it was impossible to

travel the nine mile distance from the farm to Minden High School every day. In the summer of 1923 he took teacher training in Bracebridge, and that fall, he accepted a teaching post at a public school near Twelve Mile Lake, at an annual salary of \$750. He continued to upgrade his education and training, holding various teaching positions in Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Mount Albert and Jarvis, until 1935, when he sold insurance briefly in Timmins. In 1937 he and his brother Holly purchased Wigamog Inn, which even then was a widely known and flourishing resort. He bought his brother's share in 1946 and became sole owner of the resort, operating it until he sold it to Art and Joan Ward in 1968 and retired. Mervyn Robertson was married in 1940 to Alice Murray Mowat, whom he had met three years earlier in Timmins. They had two children, Lynda and Keith, and as a family they all shared in the tasks of operating the resort. During his years in business, and in retirement, Mr Robertson was involved in many community organizations. He was a charter member of the Haliburton Rotary Club and its fourth president. From 1963 to 1970 he chaired Rotary's Crippled Children's Committee, a record of service that helped earn him the Fred Jones Award as Rotarian of the year in 1972-73. He was also treasurer of Tourist Resorts of Ontario for 14 years, and a member of the Dysart School Board for 17 years, serving as chairman for some of that time. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Haliburton County Tourist Association and its successor, the Chamber of Commerce. The Haliburton Curling Club also benefitted from his involvement from its inception, and as a keen skip he took rinks to bonspiels at many other clubs. Following his retirement in 1968, he built a home on Head Lake in Haliburton. He and his wife Alice spent many winters in Florida, where they enjoyed the social life and recreational opportunities they found there, particularly bridge, cribbage and other card games. Mervyn Robertson died on September 14, 1978, aged 73.



## Jack Robertson President 1949-1950

The man who served as Haliburton Rotary president in 1949-50 is today remembered not only as an active Rotarian but as one of the community's most avid curlers. In fact, Haliburton Rotary's annual bonspiel is named after him. The Jack Robertson Memorial spiel brings many local service clubs and organizations together for a day of competition and fellowship each February. Jack Robertson was born September 15, 1902 on a farm at Allsaw. Like many other people of his generation, he was educated in a one room school house. In 1928 he opened a grocery and meat store in Haliburton, an occupation he pursued for the next 30 years. He was proud of the fact that in 1955, he joined the IGA group, bringing city prices to main street and fulfilling a long-time ambition to operate a self-serve store. He sold the business in 1958 and used his free time to rebuild an old home. In 1965 he began what turned out to be a three year project to build another home. Haliburton Rotary's major project under Jack Robertson's presidency was the purchase of X-ray equipment for Haliburton's Red Cross Hospital at a cost of \$2,400. His Rotary involvement continued for 34 years. A charter member in 1944, he served as secretary of the club from 1952 to 1964 and treasurer from 1968 to 1978. He was honoured with the Fred Jones Award for 1961-62 and was made a Paul Harris fellow posthumously in 1978. Jack Robertson's wife Aileen shared his involvement in Rotary. She has fond memories of Charter Night in 1944 at Wigamog Inn and the 40th anniversary celebration held there in 1984. Together they attended nine Rotary International conventions over the years, and every district conference. She headed up the ladies committee for the two which were held at Chateau Woodland when Harold Black and Harold Herlihey were District Governors. Mrs. Robertson recalls that the ladies of the United Church first served Rotary dinner in 1959, and have been involved ever since. "Ladies nights were always something we enjoyed, and where we made many friends", she says. Jack Robertson was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a charter member of the Haliburton Curling Club. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, snowmobiling, photography, travelling, carpentry, gardening, genealogy ( he helped put together a family history of his grandmother Robertson and his grandfather McPhaden's family), and card playing. Jack and Aileen Robertson had one daughter, Jacqueline. Jack Robertson died in 1978.



## Harold Herlihey President 1950-1951

Rotary has played an important role in the lives of countless local people over the past 50 years, but few have taken a more active role, or found more satisfaction in Rotary ideals, than Harold Herlihey. One of only two Haliburton Rotarians to serve as Governor of District 701 (now 7010), he and his wife Bea travelled the world to attend Rotary International conventions,

often with their fellow Haliburton Rotarian and good friend Chester Schwandt, making and renewing friendships with Rotarians from many countries. Harold Herlihey was born in Kinmount in 1908. In 1919 the family moved to Tory Hill, where Harold became involved in his father's general store and lumber business. He attended Technical High School in Toronto, then returned to Tory Hill, marrying Beatrice Schickler, a school teacher from Harcourt, in 1933. In 1937 they moved to Wilberforce, where Harold was involved in building a sawmill for the Oakville Basket Company that became the Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Company. He served as general manager of the mill, acquiring an interest in it and becoming vice-president. Wilberforce Veneer was sold to Curvply in 1968. He remained as a consultant and general manager for a further two years, and then retired. Harold Herlihey was inducted into Haliburton Rotary on September 27, 1945. The club held its first car draw during his presidency in 1950-51. In 1959, he organized the District Conference on behalf of Harold Black, who was serving as Haliburton Rotary's first District Governor. In 1970-71 Mr. Herlihey had the honour of serving as Governor of District 701. His District Convention was organized by Joe Iles and held at Chateau Woodland. When Harold and Bea journeyed to Sydney, Australia for the 1971 International Convention he had already attended nine previous world gatherings, including the historic 1961 convention in Tokyo, Japan, where emperor Hiro Hito made his first-ever address to a public meeting. International service has always been a particular focus of Mr. Herlihey's Rotary involvement. He also worked closely with W.R. Curry for many years on Rotary's service to crippled children. In 1963-64 he received the Fred Jones Memorial award, and in 1979, became a Paul Harris Fellow. Despite his substantial commitment to Rotary, he has found time over the years to serve the community in many ways. He has been a dedicated worker for the United Church, Reeve of Monmouth Township, a member of the school board for 18 years and chairman in 1957, a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also was actively involved in building the first arena in Wilberforce. Harold and Bea have two children, Carol Jean Marcus and Gloria Jane Stepanek. Boats were the focus of the family's summer recreation. He owned many over the years, including the hydroplane Miss Supertest, which was the fastest boat in Canada in 1943. Photography was also a major hobby. He built a darkroom in his Wilberforce home and assembled a large collection of older and current cameras. Mr. Herlihey died in 1986.



## Harold Black President 1951-1952

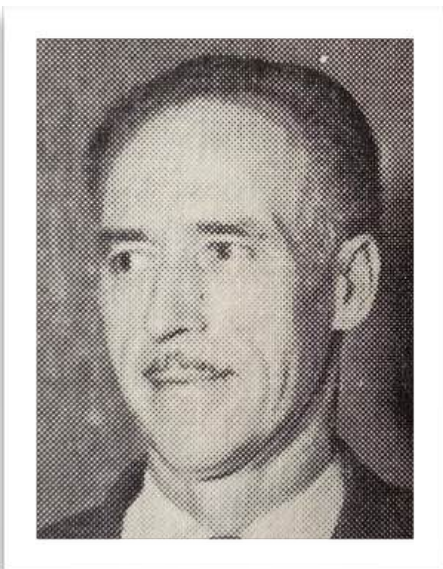
The man who served as Haliburton Rotary's eighth president also had the distinction of being the first club member to serve as Governor of District 701. Harold Black was born on May 22, 1916 in Chatsworth, Ontario. He attended Stratford Normal School to become a teacher, and in 1938, moved to

Eagle Lake to teach in that community's school. In 1941 he purchased Eagle Lake General Store from his wife Olga's father, and began a career in retailing. On April 8, 1946 he bought Mr. Earle's share of the Earle and Dart General Store in Haliburton and the name was changed to 'Darlack - the Highland General Store'. The partnership was dissolved in 1954, and in March, 1956, Harold Black renamed the store 'Black's Hardware and Home Furnishings'. Mr. Black joined Haliburton Rotary on February 13, 1947 and served as Club President in 1951-52. Projects which were underway or completed at that time included the purchase of a resuscitator at a cost \$660, with 10 members being trained to use it; contributions to various recreation projects, a fish derby at Haliburton Lake, and the raffling of two cars. Tickets for one of the cars went for a mere one dollar each, while tickets for the other cost \$10 and were limited to 450. In 1959-60, Harold Black was chosen to serve as District Governor, and the Haliburton Club and community hosted the District Conference. The club honoured his commitment to Rotary ideals by presenting him with the Fred Jones Memorial Award in that year. Later he became a Paul Harris Fellow. As well as taking a leadership role in Haliburton Rotary, Harold Black served as Chairman of the High School Board of Education in 1948-49. While on the board he was involved in the decision to build a new high school in Haliburton to serve the entire county. He also helped lay the framework for a teachers' salary schedule that was used as a model by other boards. Mr. Black's community service also extended to municipal politics. He served as Reeve of Dysart et al from 1950 to 1953, and was County Warden in 1952. Harold and Olga Black had two children, Brian, a former president of Haliburton Rotary, and Marlene. Along with Rotary, Mr. Black's interests included education matters, hunting, fishing, curling and hockey. Harold Black died on April 30, 1963, aged 46.



## Carl Hussey President 1952-1953

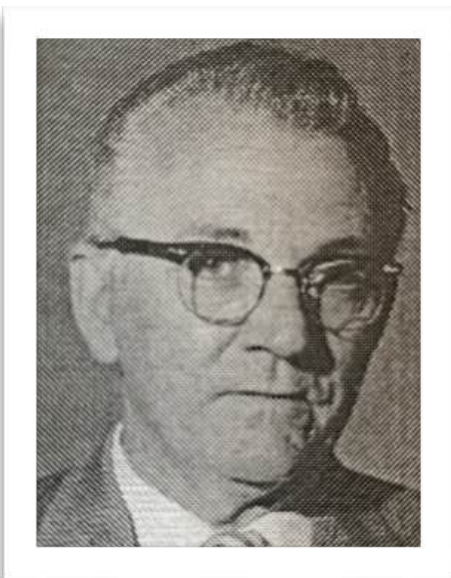
Haliburton Rotary's ninth president, Carl Hussey, spent eight years as a member of the club through the late '40's and early '50's before moving on to pursue business opportunities in eastern Ontario. Carl Hussey was born in Lindsay in 1916. He completed high school and went on to study at business college. In 1941 he moved his wife Bernice and family to Haliburton and joined the Army, continuing to serve until his discharge in 1946. Upon his return to civilian life in Haliburton he became the owner/operator of C.V. Hussey Hardware and a part-time real estate salesman. Interested in local affairs, he was elected Reeve of Dysart and served as Warden of the Provisional County of Haliburton, as it was then known. Mr. Hussey became a member of Haliburton Rotary on August 28, 1947, and remained in the club until December 31, 1955. While serving as club president in 1952-53, he was involved in the ongoing project to create Rotary Beach Park on Head Lake. In 1956 the Husseys and their sons, Wayne and Larry, left Haliburton for Cornwall. There he built up a successful electrical distribution business, Hussey Electric Supply Ltd., and became one of the founding directors of Copel Inc., a national buying group in the electrical industry. Mr. Hussey also enjoyed notable success in curling circles in eastern Ontario and western Quebec, winning many awards including the Governor General's Jubilee, and Quebec Challenge. He also advanced to the Ontario finals of the Legion Curling Competition on three occasions. His other interests included golf and music. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Carl Hussey died in December, 1969.



## Lester Walling President 1953-1954

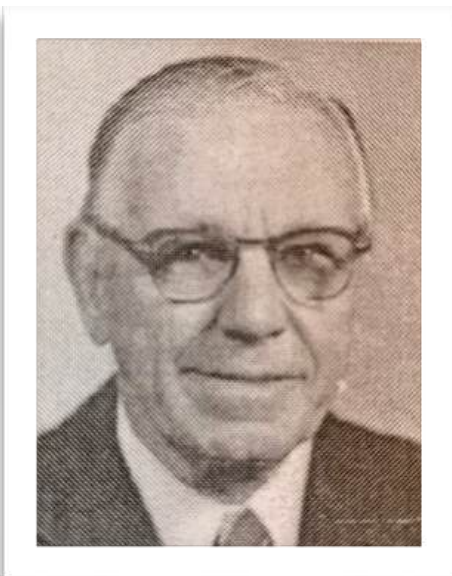
Among Haliburton area businesses, few were better known than the one operated for several decades by Haliburton Rotary's tenth president, Lester Walling. In fact, the last vestiges of it remained until November, 1993, when fire gutted the building that once housed the thriving enterprise known as Walling's Dairy. Lester Walling was born in

Haliburton in 1907 and spent his entire life in the community. His father, Samuel, began a dairy business in the 1920's on the north shore of Head Lake. Les and his brother Stephen later took over the farm and dairy, supplying milk to the village and area resorts. In 1946, to meet growing demand, the brothers moved their operation to a new brick building. Lester Walling's wife Mary remembers the dairy as a thriving business that employed many local students in the summer, and during World War II, ran double shifts to meet the demand for dairy products. As the tourist industry grew and demand was greater than the Walling's herd of holsteins could supply, milk was shipped in by truck from Victoria County for pasteurizing. At its peak in the 1950's, the dairy was producing 5,000 to 6,000 quarts of milk a day. In 1966 the dairy was sold to Silverwoods and the Wallings operated it as a franchised distribution centre, providing home delivery until 1974, when they sold the business to Nancy and Mike Stinson. Lester Walling joined the Haliburton Rotary Club on November 27, 1947, and remained an active member until June, 1969, when he resigned for health reasons. As president in 1953-54, he arranged to have the club sponsor movies at the Molou Theatre on Hallowe'en night and provide costume prizes for youngsters, a tradition that continued for several years. He also assisted in a student exchange programme involving youngsters from LaSarre, Quebec. Mary Walling remembers attending the 50th annual Rotary International Convention held in New York in 1959, where her husband was a guest speaker at a luncheon for Rotarians world-wide whose classifications spanned the dairy industry. He served as the first president of a Bantam, Midget and Juvenile hockey organization under Rotary's sponsorship. He was chairman of the Dysart et al School Board from 1950 to 1956, and president of the Haliburton Curling Club in its early years. He later took an active part in seniors curling, both on committees and on the ice. He was past master of North Entrance Masonic Lodge and a member of the Ramses Shrine Temple. His hobbies included gardening, particularly the cultivation of roses, hunting and fishing. Lester and Mary Walling had five children: Janet, Faye, Judy, Peggy and Gregory. Mr. Walling died in 1989.



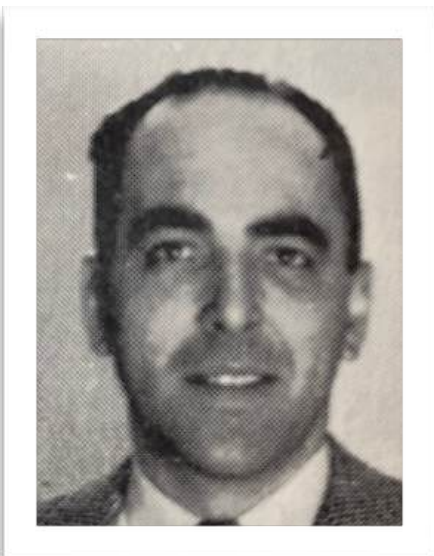
## Glenn Austin President 1954-1955

For Glenn Austin, serving as president of Haliburton Rotary in 1954-55 was a particular honour, because 1955 marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary by Paul Harris in 1905. The celebrations engendered a sense of pride in local Rotarians, who by then were marking a decade of serving the community in numerous ways. Glenn Austin was born in Haliburton in 1908. As a youngster he spent any spare time he had at the CNR station, where agent Walter Burkholder taught him railway record keeping and Morse code telegraphy. Following studies at the Wireless and Telegraphy School in Lindsay, Mr. Austin moved to Detroit, where he spent six years in cabinet making until the Depression dried up work. He returned to Haliburton in 1932 and kept busy with odd jobs, including sign painting and playing music at dances. Like many other local men, he eventually found work at \$5 a month, (10 hours a day, six days a week, and all you could eat), building Highways 35 and 121. Other jobs in the Depression years included relief officer for Dysart, where along with Edgar Rantham he helped establish a card system for assessing property owners, and a stint at the Canada Radium Mine at Cheddar, near Wilberforce. In 1936 Mr. Austin married Vivian Wood of Penetanguishene and in that same year, he was offered a job at Curry Motors, doing accounting and other duties. He spent 23 years at Curry's, eventually becoming assistant manager. In 1958 he decided to go into business for himself. He purchased the IGA store from Jack Robertson, selling it in 1963 to Danny O'Neil. In 1965 he purchased the Texaco distribution business from Rae Stinson, operating it until 1971, when he sold to Ed Youngdale and retired. During these years he kept busy with many community organizations. Besides serving as President of Haliburton Rotary in 1954-55, he was manager of the Haliburton Senior Huskies hockey team, President of the Haliburton Curling Club for two years, President of the Victoria Scottish Rite, and Master of North Entrance Masonic Lodge. His Rotary involvement included 20 years as Chairman of Haliburton Rotary's summer carnival parade. He received the Fred Jones Memorial Award as Rotarian of the Year for 1967-68. Glenn Austin left the club in August, 1975 and died October 9, 1999.



## Harold Proctor President 1955-1956

With more than 42 years of Rotary behind him, first in Haliburton and later in Barrie, Harold Proctor spent almost half his lifetime enjoying the opportunities for fellow-ship and service that membership affords. Harold Edward Proctor was born in Great Crosby, Liverpool, England in 1906. He attended school in Toronto, began to work at age 14, and later took night courses at the University of Toronto. He and his wife, Leo Vivian, moved to Haliburton in October, 1945, buying with a partner the Sir Sam Hughes property at Eagle Lake to start a summer tourist resort. The new owners moved into the main building and began work to convert the property into a business, Glen Eagle Lodge. The first step was to clear bush for a power line from Eagle Lake. The road to the property was improved and buildings were renovated. Mr. Proctor remembers getting to know the people of Eagle Lake and Haliburton, many of whom, he discovered, had connections with Rotarians. With their help, the new resort opened for business in the summer of 1946. Mr. Proctor spent the next two winters working on special projects in the aircraft industry. He was then enticed to accept a full time job with the deHavilland Aircraft Company for the next two years. When the assignment was completed he bought out his partner in the resort and returned to Haliburton to become a full time resident. He joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton on June 5, 1951 and served as Club President in 1955-56. The club's annual budget at the time was \$1500, an amount which Mr. Proctor says "left little room for new programs, but did allow us to continue ongoing projects, particularly with needy children, providing transportation to and from Toronto for special medical and hospital treatment." As well as serving in Rotary, Mr. Proctor was active in a number of local organizations during his years in the community. An interest in photography led him to spearhead the formation of a photography club. As president of the Haliburton Tourist Association, he promoted its involvement with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce organization, and when a Haliburton Chamber of Commerce was formed, he served for two years as its first president. He was a member of the Haliburton Curling Club, Patron of the Highland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1954 and 1957, Past Master of Toronto Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Scottish Rite in Peterborough. "My special memories of Rotary centre on makeups" Mr. Proctor says "where the first object of Rotary, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, really does exist." "It has been my good fortune to visit many clubs in the U.S.A, Canada, Hawaii, Great Britain and elsewhere, and everywhere the welcome mat has been out. These clubs follow the same high Rotary principles that I learned and remember from Haliburton, a top club that believed in service above self." The Proctors sold their interest in the Eagle Lake resort in 1965, with plans to retire in Barrie to be closer to family. Mr. Proctor left the Haliburton club in June, 1970, donating the club banner on his departure. He joined the Barrie Rotary Club that same year.



## Norman Sisco President 1956-1957

Education and the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands were the focal points of life for Haliburton Rotary's 13th president. In the past, the name of Norman A. Sisco was prominent on the building that housed the northern campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Norm Sisco was born in 1918 in Quebec, the son of a United

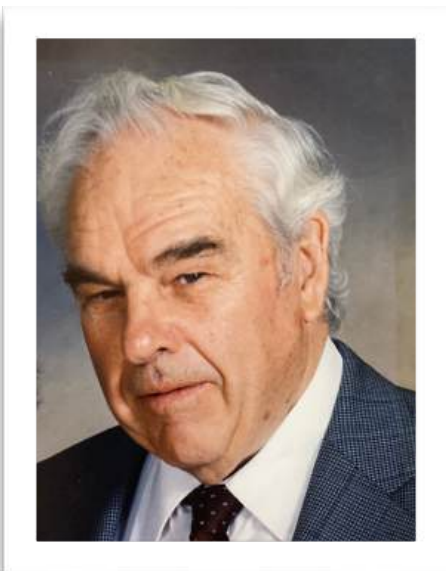
Church minister who went on to become General Secretary of the United Church of Canada. Mr. Sisco attended school in Renfrew and Sarnia, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. He joined the armed forces during World War II, attended officers' school, and served for a time in British Columbia. In 1953 he moved to Haliburton to become the first principal of the newly built Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The first teacher he hired was J. Douglas Hodgson, who himself went on to a distinguished career in education. Mr. Hodgson remembers Norm Sisco as a man uniquely suited to the challenges that awaited him in Haliburton, where divisiveness between Minden and Haliburton over the location of the new high school influenced students' attitudes. Mr. Sisco quickly brought them together, and became a popular man in both communities. He directed the first drama production in the school, and set up a students' council with Betty Hodgson as its first president. "He was a very fair, good man to work for" Doug Hodgson recalls. "He had a philosophical bent of mind... he was a very interesting person to be around." Mr. Sisco joined Haliburton Rotary on November 5, 1953 and remained a member until 1958, when he moved to Oshawa to become the first principal of Dr. Donovan Collegiate. As Club President in 1956-57, Mr. Sisco was involved in placing an initial offer on land that later became Sam Slick Park, and obtaining the Skyline Park lookout property. Along with Ron Curry, Mr. Sisco established Camp Timberlane on Two Island Lake. He owned property on Drag Lake and spent much of his spare time there, enjoying the outdoor life, especially hunting and fishing. After serving as principal in Oshawa, Norm Sisco became a school inspector in southern Ontario. He joined the provincial Department of Education when William Davis was minister, and was given the task of establishing the Ontario Science Centre. When the province decided to create a community college system, Norm Sisco served on the founding committee and later chaired the The Council of Regents for Ontario Colleges and Universities. Norm Sisco and his wife Patricia had four children: Alan, David (deceased), Gordon and Peter. Mr. Sisco died in 1987.



## Bud Thayer President 1957-1958

For many years he was a familiar sight on Head Lake in Haliburton, paddling his canoe in the early morning calm, sharing the water with loons who gave him quiet pleasure. But outdoor life was not Bud Thayer's only interest. He also read early

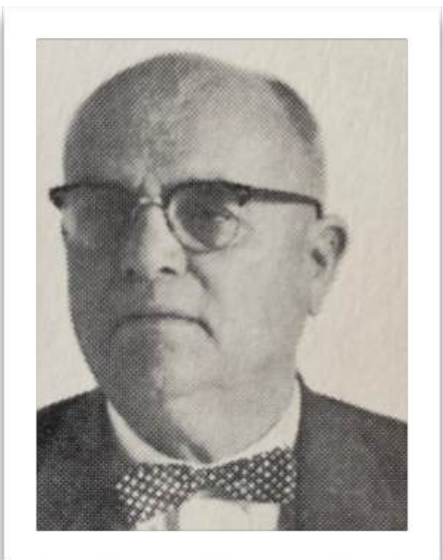
Canadian history and collected material about Haliburton's past, enjoyed fishing, steam engines and railroads, gardening and family life. Bud Thayer was born in Haliburton in 1911 of pioneer parents. He was educated in Haliburton and completed Grade 13 in Lindsay, then obtained a teaching certificate from North Bay Normal School. Later he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens University. From 1932 to 1944 he taught school in Dwight, Port Cunnington and Hillside. Following the death of his father in 1945 he returned to Haliburton, where he spent the rest of his life. Bud Thayer was inducted into the Haliburton Rotary Club March 11, 1948 and remained a member until December 19, 1963. As president of the club he worked on the project that eventually brought the CN locomotive to its present location adjacent to Haliburton High School, the Skyline Park project, and on the development of the Head Lake waterfront beach. Mr. Thayer's wife Dorothy remembers his dedication to Rotary projects. He stayed in Haliburton until the day before their wedding in Hamilton so he could work in a booth at the club's two day summer carnival. The Thayers had five children: George, John, Marilyn, Mark and Kirk. Bud Thayer retired from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in 1972, after a 40 year career in education. He died in 1993.



## Cliff Dawson President 1958-1959

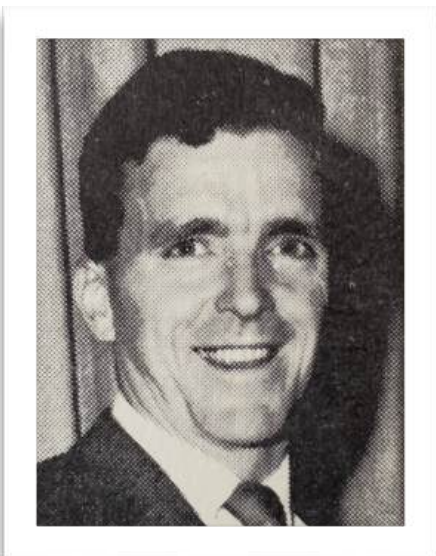
In 39 years of commitment to Rotary, Cliff Dawson took quiet pride in the club's contributions to community life. But he has left his mark on community life outside of Rotary as well, as a hard-working and highly respected member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, and as a successful businessman. Cliff Dawson was born on

a farm at Maple Lake in 1920, the second oldest of eight children. He joined the army in June, 1941 and transferred to the Royal Canadian Airforce in August of that year. After a winter of training in Saskatchewan, he was sent to England, arriving in June, 1942. In May of 1943 he was posted to North Africa. After a six month tour of duty he returned to England, serving there and in Northern Ireland until January, 1946, when he at last returned to Canada. He was discharged to civilian life in March, 1946. Pursuing a career in the insurance business, he founded his own company in Minden in 1952, and a year later, relocated it to Haliburton, where it continues to thrive under new ownership. Cliff Dawson joined Haliburton Rotary on September 2, 1955. It was a time of unrest for the club. With the prospect of having to return its charter facing the club in 1957, Bud Thayer agreed to move up to the presidency. At the end of his term, Cliff Dawson volunteered to take over the reigns, if he had the full support of the club's 29 members. They responded with 21, 100 percent attendance meetings, a record that still stands today. It was also the year in which the club supported Harold Black in his successful bid to become District Governor. For his efforts on behalf of Rotary, Cliff Dawson received the Fred Jones Memorial Award in 1971-72. He became a Paul Harris fellow in 1987. The Legion also benefited greatly from Cliff Dawson's volunteer spirit. He joined Branch 129 right after returning from overseas, and served as president in 1955. When the Legion hall was destroyed by fire in 1963, Cliff Dawson served on the committee that replaced it with the present building, and later chaired the committee when a major addition was constructed. He was presented with a life membership in 1978. When a need for more seniors housing in the community was identified, Cliff Dawson was asked to chair a committee to get the project underway. After four years of effort, approval was granted for a 50 unit building. The Parklane Apartments were completed in 1987 with substantial financial help from the Legion and Rotary. Pressing on, the committee succeeded in getting funding for another 40 unit building, Echo Hills, which was completed in March 1992. For his outstanding dedication to the aims and objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion, Cliff Dawson was awarded the organization's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal, in 1991. Cliff and his wife Betty have three children, Arthur, Paul and Kathryn. "I have always enjoyed Rotary" he said, "the good fellowship, the work and results in helping crippled children, and the many improvements to our community. I am most grateful to my wife and family for their support and patience these many years." Cliff Dawson died December 12, 1997.



## Ben Weese President 1959-1960

Ben Weese was born on a farm at Bath, Ontario around the turn of the century to parents who declared proudly that they were descents of United Empire Loyalists. He was educated at Bath Public School and Kingston Business College and at the age of 17, struck out for Western Canada, where he worked on railway construction and farming in Saskatchewan. Returning to Ontario in December, 1919 he got involved in highway construction, working for contractors and later for the Ontario Department of Highways. Ben Weese joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton on July 26, 1956, and served as president in 1959-60. It was the year that Harold Black was District Governor, and the club was called upon to host what turned out to be a highly successful District Conference at Chateau Woodland. While the men got down to the serious business of plenary sessions on Rotary service and projects, interspersed with group singing, a separate women's programme was underway. It included a boat trip to Wig-a-Mog Inn, a luncheon and a guest speaker on antique glass. Boat trips were available to delegates for \$2, or they could take an airplane ride to view the fall colours for \$3. Those who preferred to keep their feet on the ground were offered taxi rides to photogenic Skyline Park and Loon Lake for \$1.25 a person, minimum four per car. Golf was also available at the Haliburton Highlands course, with green fees of \$1.50. Attracting new people to Rotary was a high priority in Ben Weese's year, and 14 new members were inducted. Another significant occurrence in 1959 was the decision to move the weekly meetings to the United Church, where they continued for 35 years. Meals in 1959 were \$1.50. A Haliburton Rotary tradition got its start in Ben Weese's year as President. The Fred Jones award for Haliburton's Rotarian of the Year was donated to the club in 1960 by Anna Jones in honour of her husband, who had died in 1957. Club records indicate that Ben Weese left Haliburton Rotary in February, 1961. He died on December 2, 1966.



## Frank Litt President 1960-1961

Many educators have played a prominent role in Haliburton Rotary over the years, including the club's president in 1960-61, Frank Litt. Frank Litt was born in Hanover, Ontario in 1926. He completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Toronto in 1949 and began a career in teaching. Haliburton became his home in 1958 when he accepted the job of Principal of the Haliburton County District High School. He joined Haliburton Rotary almost immediately, being inducted on September 25 of that year. Less than two years after attending his first meeting, Frank Litt assumed the mantle of the presidency from Ben Weese. It was an important year for the club in two highly visible ways. On Saturday, October 1, 1960, the Haliburton Legion Band, and the Colborne Recreation Trumpet and Baton Corps led a parade from the community park, down main street and on to the High School, for the official dedication of the historic locomotive. The engine was donated by the C.N.R. and placed next to the high school playing field at a cost of \$1,952, which included \$827.57 for bringing it from Belleville to Haliburton. Haliburton Rotary agreed to assume ongoing maintenance costs, an obligation the club still meets today. A.R. Wilson, CN's Belleville Superintendent, spoke on behalf of the railway. "Here she stands", he told the crowd assembled for the occasion, " a proud symbol of an era in which steam was queen of the rails. We hope the things she represents will stand as a constant reminder to ourselves and our children of the forces that turned Canada from an adolescent nation into an agricultural and industrial giant." The other major project completed in Frank Litt's year as president was the purchase, for \$4,000, of the land which was subsequently developed into Sam Slick Park, with much of the work being completed by 1964. Frank Litt left Haliburton Rotary at the end of December, 1962 ,after accepting the post of principal of a secondary school in Kenora. He subsequently joined the Kenora Rotary Club, serving as its president in 1967-68. He was appointed to the District 555 Committee for International Student Exchange in 1976 and continued to serve until 1983. His daughter Allison was the first Kenora outbound Rotary Exchange student. Through contacts made on the committee, he visited Australia and in turn hosted visiting Australians. Frank Litt's other community activities included work on behalf of the C.N.I.B., local recreation committee, the Association for the Mentally Retarded, and the Headmasters' Association. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and bridge. His wife Evelyn died in 1985 and he went on to marry Arlene. He has five children: Janice, Larry, Keith, Blair and Allison. Mr. Litt and his wife moved to Kenora. Frank Litt Died in 1998.



## Lloyd Coneybeare President 1961-1962

Children with Disabilities have been a major focus of Rotary's fund raising efforts over the years, and few club members have dedicated more time or been more committed to that cause than Haliburton Rotary's 17th president. Lloyd Coneybeare was born in Haliburton in 1919 and chose to make it his home throughout his life. When Britain declared war against Germany in 1939

and Canada followed suit, he joined the Royal Canadian Airforce, serving until the war's end as a sergeant based in Yorkshire. Upon his discharge he returned to Haliburton and began construction of a garage and service station, opening for business in April, 1946. He obtained a vehicle dealership in 1950 and acquired the franchise for a different marque in 1962. His involvement in Haliburton Rotary began with his induction into the club on April 29, 1954. He assumed the president's chain of office for the club year 1961-62. From 1970 to 1976 he served as both a member and Chairman of the Crippled Children Committee, and was very active in the creation of the Five Counties Children's Centre in Peterborough, which Haliburton Rotary helps support. When the Centre was completed he became a member of its Board of Management in 1975, and the following year he took on the responsibilities of second vice president of the Board of Directors. For his work on behalf of crippled children, Haliburton Rotary honoured him with the Fred Jones award for 1974-75. Lloyd Coneybeare's involvement in the community was both wide-ranging and demanding, not only of time but of wisdom and responsibility. He served on municipal council in 1946 and `47, and from 1965 to `74. That was followed by two years as Deputy Reeve. He chaired County Council's Finance Committee and the Hyland Crest Board of Management, and was a member of the Planning Board from 1971 to 1984. His involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion began as soon as he returned from overseas. He served as First Vice President in 1946 and `47, and was president twice; in 1948 and `49, and in 1952 and `53. He was also president of the Haliburton Curling Club in 1964-65. Lloyd Coneybeare's interests included the North Entrance Masonic Lodge, which he joined in 1969 and served as Master of Ceremony between 1975 and 1977, the Order of the Eastern Star, Ramses Temple in Toronto and the Kawartha Shrine Club. In 1981, he sold his business, Coneybeare Motors Limited, and retired, stepping down from Rotary in the same year. Lloyd Coneybeare and his wife Rosamond (Rose) had three children, Beverly, Linda and John. He died in 1985, his wife Rose in 1993.



## Gerry Dawson President 1962-1963

While Rotary has been an important avenue of community service for all of the men who have held its presidency, an impressive number of them have filled other important offices and contributed to community life in varied and creative ways. Gerry Dawson is an exemplar of the kind of quiet, competent, principled leadership to which Rotarians aspire. In 35 years of

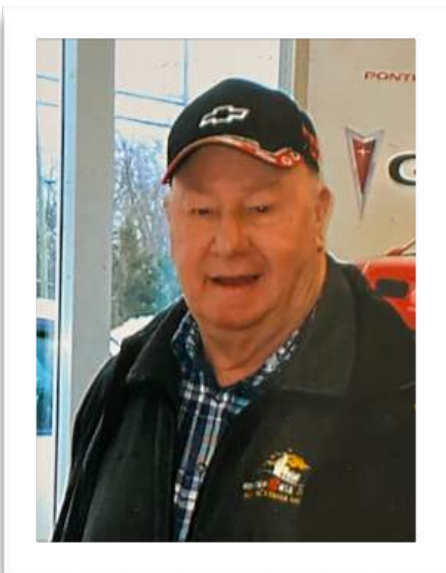
membership in Haliburton Rotary, he accomplished much to make Haliburton a better community, and the club a respected organization within it. Gerry Dawson was born in Stanhope Township in 1933. He became a chartered accountant in 1956, and in 1959, returned to Haliburton from Toronto to start his own accounting practice, today known as Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants. He joined Haliburton Rotary on September 24, 1959, and assumed the presidency of the club in 1962-63. During his year in office, the club finalized development plans for Sam Slick Park across from the high school. A highlight of the year was the unveiling, on September 30, 1962 by Premier Leslie Frost, of a plaque erected by the Ontario Archeological and Historic Sites Board to commemorate the founding of Haliburton. In subsequent years, Gerry Dawson took on many important responsibilities. He was chairman of the Haliburton Pioneer Museum Building Committee, a group which successfully planned and built a new museum at Glebe Park to house the community's trove of historical artifacts. Rotary was a major contributor to the building, which was officially opened on June 29, 1980 by the Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. In 1984, Gerry Dawson chaired the committee which organized the club's 40th anniversary celebrations, and took on that responsibility once again for the Club's 50th anniversary festivities. For many years he took a leading role in organizing the summer carnival parade, one of the highlights of the community's summer. His other contributions to the community have been no less noteworthy. He was a founding member and treasurer of the Haliburton County Association for Community Living, the first rural association in Ontario to assist mentally handicapped people. He was secretary of the Haliburton Curling Club for many years, served as Warden of St. George's Anglican Church for five years, and for six years was a member of the discipline committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. Gerry Dawson received the Fred Jones Award as Rotarian of the Year for 1988-89, and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1989. Gerry and his wife Barbara have two sons, Stephen and Jeffrey. Gerry Dawson Died October 18, 2013.



## Lew Roberts President 1963-1964

Lew Roberts was another of the many men acknowledged on these pages whose life-long attachment to Haliburton included a strong commitment to community service through Rotary.

He was born in Haliburton in 1909 and spent all of the 80 years of his life here. He completed his high school education in the community, and then moved to Eagle Lake, a distance too far to commute in those days, where he began work in the Austin and Roberts Saw Mill. When the mill ceased operation he was hired by International Cooperage, which owned a mill at Eagle Lake. The lumber business kept him occupied until 1948, when he embarked on a very different career as Assessment Commissioner for the Municipality of Dysart et al, a job he held for the next 25 years, until his retirement. Lew Roberts joined Haliburton Rotary on May 29, 1959 and remained a member until June 30, 1970. As president of the club in 1963-64, he presided over the founding of the Rotary tradition of 'Millionaire's Nights', an annual event which raised funds for international service through the Rotary Foundation. Along with the then provincial Department of Lands and Forests, the club co-sponsored the first 200 copy press run of Haliburton Lake resident Harley Cummings' local history book, *Early Days in Haliburton*. A copy of the book was presented to speakers at club meetings for a time afterwards. Club records also indicate that \$2,000 was donated towards the community centre in Lew Roberts' year. A 20 year history of the club also was produced in 1964. Lorraine (Rene) Roberts, Lew's wife, recalls that "he was always very interested in Rotary, not only for the fellowship but for the work Rotarians accomplished in the community, both for young people and for older people." Along with Rotary, Lew Roberts was active in the Masonic Lodge, the Orange Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Haliburton's Red Cross Hospital. In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, curling and golf. The Roberts had three children: Brenda and Sandra, both deceased, and Jack. Lew Roberts died in 1988.



## Joe Iles President 1964-1965

Few Haliburton Rotary presidents have met or had business relationships with more people than D.B. (Joe) Iles. He got his first job with Curry Motors Limited in 1941 as a gas pump attendant, and began working for the company full time in 1945. He moved into the sales side of the business in 1949, and went on to become vice president and sales manager. In more than 45 years with the company, Joe "wheeled and dealt" with

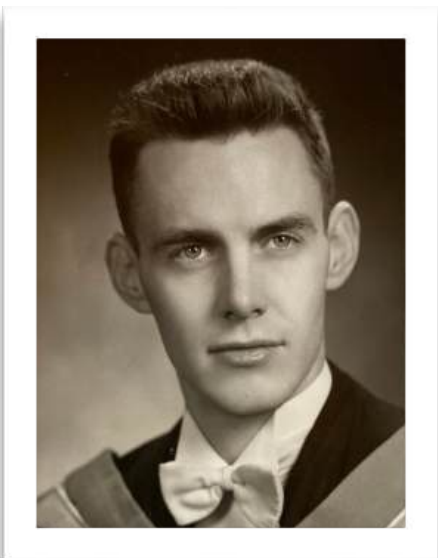
thousands of people. Local legend has it that if you wanted a white car, he'd try to talk you out of it. But his suggestions were always good natured, and formed part of the lore of Joe and his customers. His powerful voice was a familiar sound at Curry Motors as he talked on the speaker phone or greeted the steady stream of customers who dropped by to talk business or pass the time of day. In retirement, he enjoyed his favourite outdoor pursuits. His involvement with the community over the years has been deep. Born in Haliburton in 1927, he has spent a lifetime participating in the village's growth and improvement. He was inducted into Haliburton Rotary on January 15, 1959, and remained a member until 1986. During his year as president in 1964-65, the club made a donation toward x-ray equipment for a hospital in India, and got involved in the project to build a new arena in Haliburton, providing \$2,500 for the concrete floor. Over the years Joe Iles attended many district conferences with Jack Robertson and others, but he has special memories of the conference he attended as president in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec. Some 22 Haliburton Rotarians accompanied him, hosting an 'Irish Breakfast', resplendent in Haliburton tartan pyjamas and night caps. In 1971, when Haliburton Rotarian Harold Herlihey held the office of District Governor, Joe served as his representative, organizing the District conference. It was held at Chateau Woodland, and was a great success. For his work in Rotary, Joe was named Rotarian of the Year in 1971, receiving the Fred Jones Award. In addition to Rotary, Joe Iles was active in other community organizations. He was president of Haliburton Minor Hockey, President of the Haliburton Curling Club, a founding member of the Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament, and Chairman of the Board of Stewards of Haliburton United Church. His most prominent public service, though, was as a 40 year member of the Dysart volunteer fire department, and for many years its chief. He helped to establish the county-wide mutual aid system among municipal fire departments. For his service to the community he was presented with the 125th anniversary medal of the Confederation of Canada. An avid hockey player in his younger days, Joe also enjoyed curling, golf, fishing, snowmobiling and travelling, pursuits that happily occupied him in retirement. Joe and his wife Jean have three children: Joe Jr., Mike and Pam. Joe Iles died August 25, 2011.



## Wm. (Bill) Emmerson President 1965-1966

Sometimes Haliburton Rotarians are remembered in club lore not only for the positions they held and the work they did but for the quirkier and more amusing aspects of their personality. William 'Big Bill' Emmerson, for example, was once fined by the sergeant -at- arms for wearing an unmatched pair of shoes. And despite his business success, he was

notorious for having to borrow money to pay for Rotary meals because he seldom carried cash. Bill Emmerson was born in Donald in 1928, and remained in the Haliburton area all his life. One of his first jobs was as postmaster for Donald, a task he took on in 1952. In 1958 he founded Emmerson Lumber Ltd. on the former site of the W.O. Bailey and Sons sawmill in Haliburton. In subsequent years he developed the business and branched out into other ventures. He was a partner in Halcan Holdings and RedKenn Developments, which created subdivisions in the Kennisis and Redstone Lake areas. He was also a partner in Halbiem Investments and initiated the development of the Haliburton By The Lake subdivision on the former Walling farm on Head Lake. He was also a director of the Lumber Building Association, Dynasty Building Materials, and Bold Lumber Ltd. Bill Emmerson joined Haliburton Rotary on February 4, 1960 and served as club president in 1965-66. Several projects were initiated or completed during his term, including a \$500 donation toward furnishings for the public library, planning for the Highlands Museum project and purchase of the Reid House as a location to display artifacts, conveyance of Sam Slick Park to the municipality, and an exchange trip between local children and youngsters in LaSarre, Quebec. His efforts on behalf of Rotary causes were acknowledged with the Fred Jones award in 1973-74. His other community activities included serving as Reeve of Dysart in 1958 and 1959. When he wasn't tending to his lumber business and development projects, he liked to fish, snowmobile and travel, always enjoying the opportunity to attend other Rotary club's meetings. Bill and his wife Lois have four children: Cheryl, Kim (a past club president), Laureen and Janice. Bill Emmerson died suddenly and unexpectedly in 1986. Lois continues to reside in Haliburton.



## Terry Hicks President 1966-1967

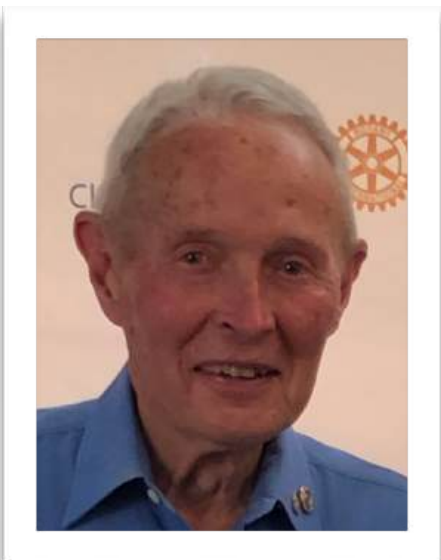
A career in dentistry brought Terry Hicks to Haliburton, and a desire for more knowledge in the field led him back to university and on to a distinguished career in the field of public health dentistry. Terry Hicks was born in Carnarvon in 1935.

He attended the University of Toronto, where he earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. In 1960 he established a dental practice in Haliburton. He joined Haliburton Rotary in September of that year, and in 1966, was elected president of the club. A highlight of his year in office was the purchase of the Reid House to house a community museum. The house was built about 1885 by John R. Reid, an English immigrant to the Highlands. He was the village's policeman for many years and operated a wood working and cabinet-making shop until his death in 1920, at the age of 67. The Rotary Club paid \$5000 for the house and property, completing the purchase in March, 1967. When the club later spearheaded construction of a new and bigger museum at Glebe Park, the Reid house was relocated to the site and reopened with period furnishings. Dr. Hicks remembers his time in Haliburton Rotary as an opportunity to develop his public speaking skills and enjoy the friendship of other Rotarians. He left the club in June, 1968 and the community in 1970 to pursue certification in public health dentistry at the University of Toronto. He went on to become Senior Dental Consultant for the Province of British Columbia, Ontario Dental Director, President of the Ontario Society of Public Health Dentists and President of the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation, and chairman of two ministry of health committees on dental issues. He is married to Wendy Lee Mary and they have four children: Janet, Terrance, Amy- Jo, and Jason.



## Ken Wilson President 1967-1968

Although quiet and self-effacing, Ken Wilson has always been held in high regard in the community as a businessman, as a citizen, and as a dedicated Rotarian. He was born in Dundalk in 1928 and began his working career in banking. He came to Haliburton in 1962 to manage the Bank of Montreal branch after the former manager, Eric McConnel, was fatally shot in his office. He joined Rotary on December 6, 1962. He was elected president in 1967-68, and served as club treasurer for 15 years. He received the Fred Jones Award in 1981-82 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1989. In 1969 he resigned from the Bank of Montreal to create Haliburton Lumber and Enterprises Ltd, building the business, along with partners, until his retirement in 1992. Over the years he was active in many aspects of community life. He was President of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Treasurer of the Haliburton County Board of Education Scholarship Fund, a charter member of the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, and Past President of the Haliburton Curling Club. Along with Len Salvatori, he was instrumental in getting Haliburton to enter teams in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, and he coached a Haliburton Bantam team to their first all-Ontario championship. His hobbies include golfing, fishing, curling, and investing in the stock market. Ken and Dorothy, have four children: Paul, John, Deborah and Tracey. Ken Wilson died March 20, 2020.

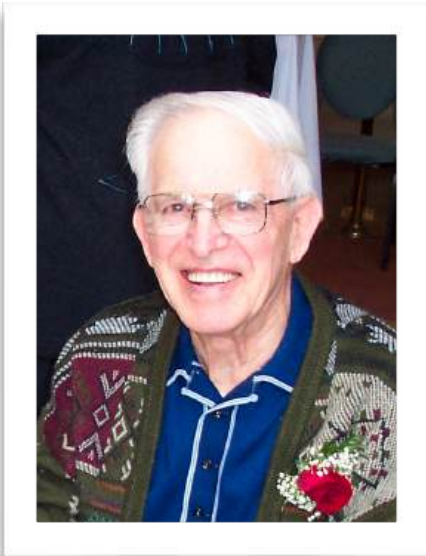


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## Curry Bishop President 1968-1969

The Rotary Club of Haliburton has always held the view that attendance is an important obligation of membership. And over the years, few members have supported that view more vigorously than Curry Bishop. In 1993 he achieved the milestone of 30 years perfect attendance, with the prospect of many more years of never missing a meeting ahead of

him. Curry Bishop was born in Niagara on the Lake in 1931, the son of Harry (Doc) Bishop and Viola Curry, daughter of W.R. Curry. When Harry Bishop went into the army in 1940, the family returned to Haliburton. Harry joined them after his war service and established a dental practice in the community. Curry obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Toronto, became an Ontario Land Surveyor, a Canadian Land Surveyor, and did post graduate work in planning. He brought his skills back to Haliburton and remained in the surveying and development business for many years. He joined Haliburton Rotary on September 26, 1963, and served as president in 1968-69. It was the first year that Haliburton staged a winter carnival, and the Rotary Club got involved, helping to organize and stage events. As president, Curry was called on to organize the club's summer carnival when chairman Terry Hicks left Haliburton to return to university. One of his fondest memories of Rotary, he says, was attending the District Convention in Rouyn-Noranda in 1965. For his contribution to Rotary over the years, Curry received the Fred Jones award for 1989-90. He has been active in many other aspects of community life, as well as in his profession. He is Past President of the Kawartha-Haliburton region of Ontario Land Surveyors, has been a school board trustee, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, is founding President of the Haliburton County Forest Owners Association, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129. He was elected Deputy Reeve of Dysart et al in 1992 for a three year term, and in 1994, took over the job of Reeve when Chris Hodgson, who had held the position since 1992, was elected MPP for Victoria-Haliburton. Curry is retired and an honorary member of the club. In 2019 Curry was awarded the Haliburton Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award. In his spare time Curry enjoys hunting and outdoor recreation, particularly on his land at North Lake. Curry was married to Aldyth who died in 2016. They have three children: Deborah, Shirley, and Greg, a honorary member and past club president.



## Lance Easton President 1969-1970

There are hundreds of local men who remember Lance Easton not as a successful grocery store owner, or a long-standing Rotarian and past president of the Haliburton club, but as a Boy Scout leader in Minden. He spent 35 years involved with the scouting movement, a record of community service matched by only a small number of similarly dedicated volunteers. Lance Easton was born in Haliburton in 1926. In 1930 he moved with his family to Minden, where his father started a grocery store. Lance grew up with the business, so it was a natural evolution for him to start his own grocery outlet in Haliburton in 1959. It grew and prospered over the years to become Easton's Red & White, and later Valumart. Eventually Lance sold the business to his son, Mike, but he continued to help out for many years. Lance joined Haliburton Rotary on July 11, 1963, and remained active in the club until 1990. He served as president in 1969-70. Haliburton Rotary's major project at the time was fund raising toward building a new Red Cross Hospital on the outskirts of Haliburton to replace the old facility across from the Dysart Arena. The club pledged \$10,000 on May 28, 1970, and met the commitment on September 10 of that year. There was plenty of enthusiasm for Rotary in Lance Easton's year, as evidenced by the fact that the club inducted 15 new members in 1969, growth that has not been equalled since. When he was not busy with the demands of his business or his volunteer work with Boy Scouts, Lance enjoyed fishing, model trains and woodworking, pastimes that kept him active in retirement. Lance and his wife Marguerite have three children: Mike, Nancy Stinson and Eleanor Shepro. Mr. Easton died March 1, 2015 in his 89<sup>th</sup> year.



## Harry Good President 1970-1971

Many things distinguish Dr. Harry Good as a Rotarian and a citizen. He was unfailingly generous to worthy projects and causes in the 40 years since he has lived in Haliburton. He was respected for his dedication to his profession and admired by his patients. He took great pride in the challenges and accomplishments of his year as president of the Haliburton Rotary Club, and continued

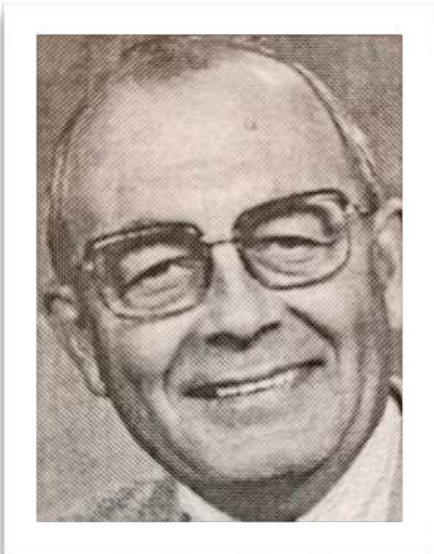
to hold Rotary ideals in high regard throughout his Rotary career. His attendance record was unmatched by any other Haliburton Rotarian for many years until Curry Bishop passed him ultimately amassing 56 years of perfect attendance. Harry Good was born on April 19, 1918 in Parham, Ontario, near Kingston and attended high school in Sydenham, Ontario. He joined the RCAF in 1941, serving as a pilot officer until 1945. Back in civvies, he headed for the University of Toronto, graduating in 1952 as a medical doctor. For a year he practiced in Bobcaygeon, and on July 3, 1953, he brought his skills to Haliburton. He joined Haliburton Rotary on October 3, 1957, and remained an active member until his death. He became president of the the club in 1970, the same year that his good friend and fellow Haliburton Rotarian Harold Herlihey served as District Governor. "My year as president of Haliburton Rotary was the pinnacle of my life" Dr. Good recalls. "From June 25th, 1970 when I was handed the gavel by Lance Easton after an unforgettable speech, until I handed the gavel to Murray Fearrey on June 24, 1971 at Deer Lodge, I lived by the Rotary pledge 'Service Above Self' in spite of professional and business commitments." Among the highlights of Dr. Good's year was the clubs' \$10,000 donation to the new hospital project. He matched the donation with \$10,000 of his own money, and many other Rotarians also made personal contributions to the hospital. The club hosted the District 701 Conference in June, 1971 at Chateau Woodland under the chairmanship of Joe Iles. Dr. Good gave the President's address to the assembly, highlighting the Haliburton club's close connection with community projects. Arrangements were made with CN rail to obtain a surplus caboose to complement the historic locomotive. A special project brought French speaking students from LaSarre, Quebec to Haliburton for two weeks and sent local students back to LaSarre for another two weeks. Many friendships were established and much goodwill resulted from the exchange. It was the last year that a special colour tour train arrived in Haliburton for Rotary's Festicolour weekend, and the club pitched in to provide visitors with a pancake breakfast. In addition to his involvement in Rotary, Dr. Good was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, a 40 year member of the Haliburton Legion, served on the Board of the Red Cross Society, and was a member of the Lung Association for Victoria/Haliburton. His personal interests included hunting ( he is a charter member of the Buck Lake Hunt Club), travelling, especially to Rotary International conferences with Rotary friends, and art collecting. He was named a Paul Harris fellow in 1986. Dr. Good and his wife Ruth have four children: Brian, Dennis, Michael and Norah. Dr. Good died December 29, 1997 in his 80<sup>th</sup> year.



## Murray Fearrey President 1971-1972

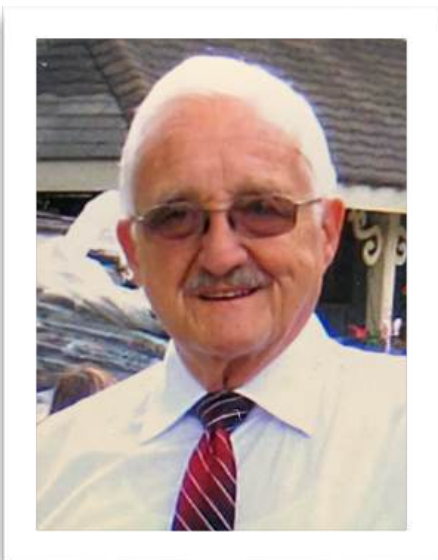
Some people enter politics hoping to be prime minister. Others are motivated by a humbler but no less worthy desire to make things better. Murray Fearrey falls squarely in that category. While he once ran unsuccessfully against incumbent John

Eakins for provincial parliament under the Conservative banner, he has expended most of his energy, countless hours of his time and made an intensely personal commitment to serving the community through municipal politics. Born in Haliburton in 1941, Murray Fearrey began his working life at General Motors. In 1967 he became an assessor for the Municipality of Dysart. Two years later he joined Ken Wilson as a partner in Haliburton Lumber. Murray was first elected to Dysart council in 1971. He was elected reeve in 1975, and led the municipality continuously until 1990, when he stepped down to become a councillor. He did not run in the 1991 election, but was reappointed to council in March, 1994 to fill a vacancy created when Chris Hodgson won a provincial by-election and left the Reeve's chair for Queen's Park. Over the years Murray Fearrey has gained widespread respect for his negotiating skills, for his political acumen, for his persistent championing of Haliburton County ahead of more parochial and narrow concerns, and for his diplomacy. He has led the municipality through a period of strong growth and rapid change, always with a view to making the community a better place to live and work. Many of the improvements that are seen as important community assets - Head Lake Park, the lakefront walkway, the new curling club, expanded parking facilities, among others - were initiated and brought to fruition by councils under Murray's leadership. He fought long and hard for a continuing care addition to the Haliburton Hospital, and for the sewage expansion project, improvements that are part of his political legacy. He also brought his considerable skills to county politics, serving as county warden in 1974, 1981 and 1987. Murray Fearrey joined Haliburton Rotary on June 15, 1967, stepping down in April, 1974. He served as president of the club in 1971-72, a year in which ongoing club projects were continued. Murray is now retired from municipal and business life and enjoys golf, fishing and the outdoors in Haliburton.



## Gerald Barry President 1972-1973

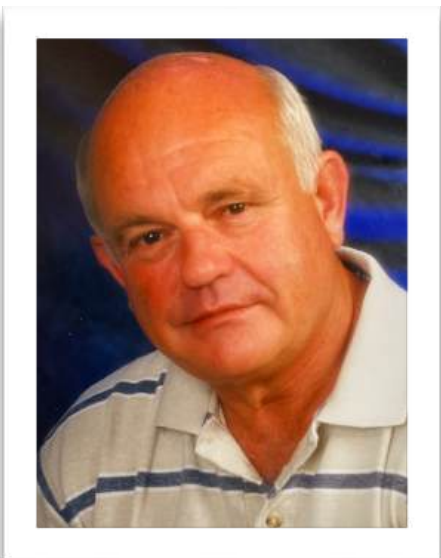
Rotary's positive influence and generosity is felt worldwide, but it is the projects funded or assisted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in local communities that give the club a high profile. In the year that Gerald Barry was president, 1972-73, the club supplied and installed lighting for the Haliburton ball diamond and added a scoreboard, at a cost of \$4000, improvements that opened up new recreational opportunities for local residents. Gerald Barry was born in West Guilford in 1930. He joined Haliburton Rotary on March 17, 1966, the same year he purchased Newbatt Plumbing and Heating and joined the community of local business owners. He assumed the club presidential duties in June, 1972. As well as the ball park improvement project, the club formed a committee to work toward building the Five Counties Children's Centre in Peterborough. Club members also got involved in hosting a Group Study Exchange team from India in April, 1973. A dinner meeting was held at the Haliburton Legion to welcome the visiting GSE team, and the Minden Rotary Club was invited to share in the evening. Gerald Barry resigned from Haliburton Rotary in 1975 and left the community in 1977 to pursue his career. In 1985 and 1986 he was one of the top 100 sales people in Canada with the Ford Motor Company. He is an honorary Kinsman and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife Myrle have three children: Anne, Lynn and Janet. Mr. Barry died January 31, 2005.



## Allan Bagg President 1973-1974

If one were to search for an exemplar of the values of hard work and community spirit that are the essence of Rotary ideals, Rotary's 30th president would fit the profile perfectly. Allan Bagg has been as dedicated to Rotary over the years as he has been to his small business, and the community has benefited on both counts. Al was born in Woodbridge, Ont. in 1933, and

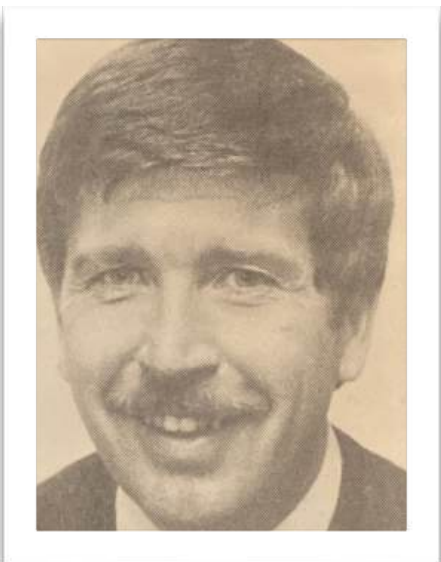
attended Weston Collegiate. In 1968 he and his wife Ellenor began searching for a small business outside the Toronto area. They loved Haliburton's scenery, and decided a grocery store in Eagle Lake would fit the bill nicely. In the years since, Al and his family have worked hard to build the business, and they're proud of the fact that today, it employs five people full time and many others part time. Al joined Haliburton Rotary on July 1, 1969 and never missed a single meeting during his tenure with the club. Looking back on his year as president in 1973-74, he says no major projects were undertaken, but it was a busy and productive time for the club. The groundwork and planning were undertaken for tennis courts at Rotary beach, and they opened for play in 1975. On October 22, 1973 the club held an appreciation night for Frank MacIntyre. It was organized by Jack Robertson, and many old friends of Frank were guests that night. Two other special nights also were held in Al's year. One was a trappers dinner with Ministry of Natural Resources officials and local trappers as guests. The second was a father, son and daughter dinner with Ron Stackhouse and Garnet Graham as speaker and entertainer. The club celebrated its 30th anniversary at a special meeting on May 21, 1974. All past Rotarians were invited to attend. Five charter members were present that night: Ron Curry, Rae Stinson, Jack and Merv Roberston, and Ray Archer. The club also sponsored Doug Devolin as a Group Study Exchange representative to India. He spoke to the club before his departure on December 18, and again on his return. Community work is one of Al Bagg's major interests. His other hobbies include old cars - he owns several - especially Model T Fords; collecting antiques, boating, sports events, and travelling. He is a member of the Eagle Lake Community Church, the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge, and the county choir. His happiest memories of Rotary are the good times that were had when contingents of club members attended District Conferences. (" We don't do that anymore", he laments). Al and Ellenor have four children: Rick, Larry, Nancy and Kirby. Alan is now retired and daughter Nancy continues to manage the family business - Eagle Lake Foodtown.



**Scott LaRue**  
**President 1974-1975**

If you had to associate only one word with Scott LaRue, that word would be 'hockey'. He excelled as a player in his younger days, but he also promoted hockey as a coach, manager, team owner and corporate sponsor. The same athletic abilities that made him effective on the ice served him well as a keen fastball player, and as a scratch golfer who still holds the course record of 30 for

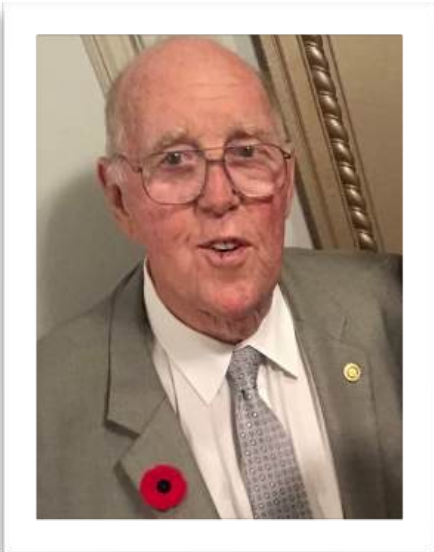
nine holes at Blairhampton. Scott LaRue was born in Toronto in 1944, where his parents had moved to work in a small arms factory. When the war ended they returned to their hometown of Haliburton. Hockey had a major impact on Scott's early life. He left Haliburton after Grade 7 to play hockey in Kitchener, since there was no local artificial ice. He played Junior hockey in Peterborough, Seaforth, Woodbridge and Weston; Junior A in Whitby, and at age 20 he spent one season in St. Gervais Les Bains in the French Alps. Returning to Haliburton, he married Emily and was hired to manage the new arena for its first year. He then bought into his father's school bus business, LaRue Bus Lines Ltd. Later he acquired a Ford/Mercury dealership, LaRue Motor Sales Ltd. Subsequently he returned to managing the bus line, later selling his interest and working in automotive sales. It was a time of high enthusiasm in the Haliburton club. Scotty recalls involvement in many successful fundraising events, including Festacolour, the summer carnival, the Rotary auction, Millionaires Night, Snowarama, Christmas tree sales, and the winter carnival. The club sponsored children's Hallowe'en and Christmas parties, Christmas food baskets, and a local tennis club. The 400 per-cent plateau was reached for the Rotary Foundation, and the club won the District Attendance Trophy in Scotty's year. A total of \$15,000 was pledged to the Five Counties Children's Centre and also funded publication of an updated and enlarged edition of Ron Curry's book Haliburton County 1874-1974 to mark the county's centennial. For all his work on behalf of Rotary, Scotty received the Fred Jones Rotarian of the Year award in 1983-84. Scott LaRue left Haliburton Rotary in 1991, but he says he looks back with pride on all the projects that benefited the community. He has many fond memories of Rotarians Ron Curry, Jack Robertson and Frank MacIntyre; the early steak and lobster nights, the weight loss lottery between Joe Iles (26.5 lbs) and Art Ward (24.5 lbs), the President's Spring Picnic, and attending the Rotary International Convention in Montreal. His involvement in other aspects of community life has been lengthy and varied. Scotty and his father Albert (Ab) owned and operated the Haliburton Huskies Jr. D hockey club from 1965-72. The team won the Ontario championship in 1970-71. He managed the OHA Junior C Huskies, and managed and coached many other minor hockey and baseball teams. He was a member of the Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department for five years, and was a school board trustee for a time until he purchased the school bus company in 1978. He has also been chairman of the Dysart Community Centres Board. In his spare time he enjoys curling, snowmobiling, fishing, and cottage life at Kennisis Lake. Scott and his wife Emily reside in Haliburton and have four children: Chantal, Tran, Noelle and Danielle.



## Peter Curry President 1975-1976

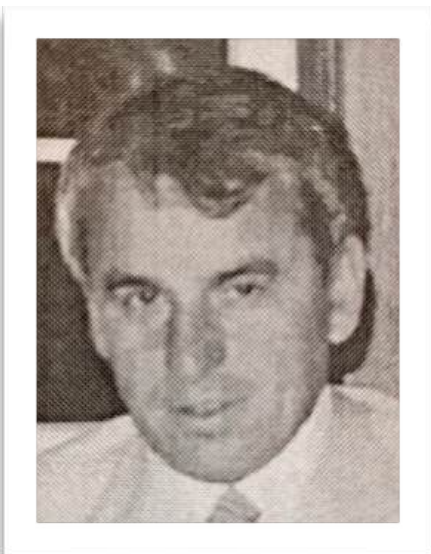
When Peter Curry was asked to list his achievements outside of Rotary, he demurred. But the empty lines on the form that was used to help gather information for this publication do not mean Peter has absented himself from community life. He

has offered his time and talents for the benefit of many community projects and organizations over the years. It seems he'd simply rather not be measured by or praised for past accomplishments. Peter Curry was born in Haliburton in 1945, the son of Ron and Maxine Curry. He grew up immersed in the Haliburton way of life, learning to love the landscape and the myriad of recreational opportunities it offers. Following high school he enrolled in Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, studying business. He was in his third year of the programme when his father Ron called to offer him the chance to take over the day to day operations of Curry Motors Limited, the General Motors dealership that had been founded by his grandfather, W.R Curry, in 1924. Peter accepted the challenge and returned to Haliburton. He managed Curry Motors until the early 1980's when he decided it was time for a complete change. He spent a year logging, and then began to sell real estate. Today he concentrates on the development business and management of his commercial real estate holdings in the community. Peter joined Haliburton Rotary on February 1, 1968, and remained a member until 1983. He assumed the presidency in 1975-76. The new tennis courts at Rotary Beach were funded by Rotary and officially opened in 1975. Work continued on the club's involvement with the Five Counties Centre, but no additional major projects were underway at the time. In his spare time, Peter enjoys the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and downhill skiing, as well as squash and camping. He is married to Jody and has two children: Kim and Kendra. He resides at East Bay on Drag Lake.



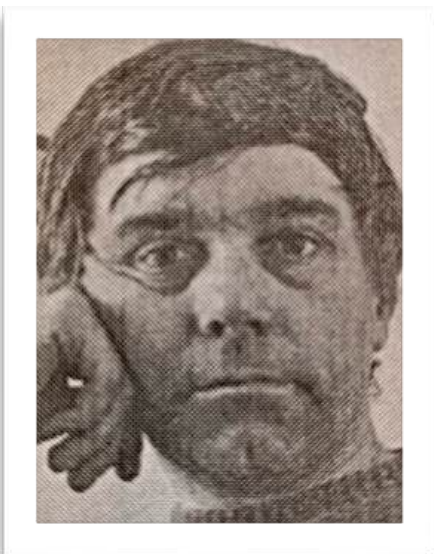
## Art Ward President 1976-1977

There are many ways to describe Art Ward, the Rotarian. He is the club's chief auctioneer, best-ever beef barbeque chef, and one of its readiest wits. He is also about as true blue in the political sense as anyone could be, an affiliation that makes him a ready target of the sergeant-at-arms around election time. In his professional life he was also a gracious and enthusiastic host of club functions and an effective champion of Haliburton's tourist industry. Art Ward was born in Arnprior, Ontario in 1937. He completed high school there before moving on to post secondary studies at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, from which he graduated with a diploma in Hotel Administration in 1959. A talented football player, he is the only Haliburton Rotarian ever to be on the roster of the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL, although an injury quickly brought his gridiron career to a close. He moved to Haliburton in June, 1967 to purchase and operate Wigamog Inn. Over the years the resort expanded and improved, until it was one of the county's top tourist facilities. Art joined Haliburton Rotary on November 7, 1968. As president of the club in 1976-77 he spearheaded the community's first-ever winter carnival, starting a tradition that survived under club sponsorship through the late 1980's, when other events took its place. Art also created the famous beef barbeque at the summer carnival, and in the Haliburton Rotary tradition, the chef duties are his for life! The idea of a fund raising auction came to fruition under Art's leadership. It, too, became an annual tradition, and his organizational and auctioneering skills combine to make it a success for many years. Projects completed under Art's presidency included a \$5,000 donation to the Five Counties Centre, and a \$5,000 contribution to the Dysart Arena Renovation Fund. Outside of his Rotary commitments, Art has been an active supporter and worker on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party, a director of Ontario's Hostelry Institute, and of Resorts Ontario, and a member of the Albany Club. His other interests include tennis and golf. Art and his wife Joan now live in Muskoka and Art is involved with the Bracebridge Rotary Club. They have three children: Kimberly, Christopher and Lisa. In 2019 Art received the Haliburton Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award.



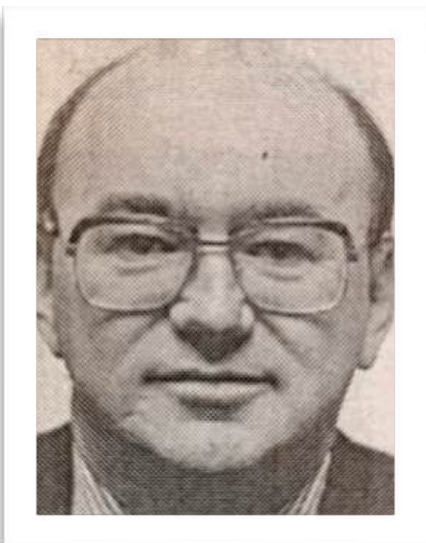
**David Gray**  
**President 1977-1978**

Asked why he moved to Haliburton in 1969 at age 25, David Gray jokes that he was seeking life in the fast lane. It's doubtful he found it - an abundance of peace and quiet seems more likely - but when it comes to Rotary, he's certainly had his share of adventures, some of which only those who were there will understand. Dave was born in Hamilton in 1944. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto in 1966, and achieved his Chartered Accountant designation in 1969. In July of that year he moved north to join Gerry Dawson in an accounting practice, and on September 4, he was inducted into Haliburton Rotary. Dave served as President of the club in 1977-78. The club became officially incorporated that year. Major projects begun or completed during Dave's term in office included a \$25,000 commitment to a new museum, payable by September 1, 1980; an \$1800 contribution to the Five Counties Centre in Peterborough; \$1300 to install lights at the Rotary Beach tennis courts; sponsorship of a Young Canada Works projects; and the purchase, for \$500, of a portable food trailer for use at the summer carnival and other community events. A sad event during Dave's presidency was the death of Jack Robertson, long time treasurer of the Haliburton Rotary Club, shortly after the new curling club opened. Because Jack was an enthusiastic curler the club decided to hold a one day bonspiel for local service clubs in his memory, and the tradition has continued ever since. Dave skipped the team that won the spiel in its first year. Asked if he has any special memories of Rotary, Dave recalls attending two District conferences in one year - at Rouyn-Noranda, where Art Ward is reported to have gone swimming in a waterless pool - and at Sudbury, "flowers, the toga party, and Linda Beachli's 'wake'" Festacolour in the early 70's, the last time that a passenger train came to Haliburton, is also a special Rotary memory. And then there was the time, in 1978, when a fellow Rotarian forced Dave's wife Julie off the road and she crashed in the van which was the summer carnival draw prize. When not involved in these and other 'fast lane' adventures that only Haliburton can provide, Dave enjoys family life with his wife Julie, daughter Larissa, and sons Rhys and Bryn, as well as church, sports and travel. He was chairman of the fundraising committee for a major church addition, and is also an avid curler.



## Ken Langdon President 1978-1979

Sometimes there are things about a fellow that you just can't ignore, especially if you're the sergeant-at-arms for Haliburton Rotary. In the case of Ken Langdon, it's his hair - and not a lack of it. Over the years Ken has probably paid more money in fines for maintaining a studied look of unkemptness than Preston Manning paid for his infamous clip. It's all in good fun, of course, but there's also a serious side to Ken Langdon the Rotarian. Along with his wife Marion he was a dedicated supporter of the youth exchange programme, giving huge amounts of time at both the club and district level. The Langdon's welcomed 11 of 15 exchange students into their home, a remarkably generous involvement with international service. Ken Langdon was born in Stratford, Ontario in 1934. He began his working career in a family sand and gravel business. In 1964 he came to Haliburton to purchase Black's Home Hardware, and he has remained in the hardware business. He joined Haliburton Rotary in 1964, serving as president in 1978-79. His year was the first in which the club focussed strongly on international service. In that regard, a donation of \$2000 was made to the Salvation Army to provide library facilities for a complex in Singapore. Other donations that year included \$3000 to the Five Counties Treatment Centre in Peterborough, and \$1000 to the Guild of Fine Arts to purchase furniture. As well as hosting visiting students, Ken Langdon's commitment to the international student exchange programme also included serving on the district exchange committee. He continued to be actively involved in that important aspect of the Haliburton club's service. Ken received the Fred Jones award in 1982-83, and by June 30, 1993, he had accumulated 22 years of perfect attendance. Ken and his wife Marian have three children: Raymond, Caroline and Elizabeth. Ken Langdon died September 29, 2015 at the age of 81.



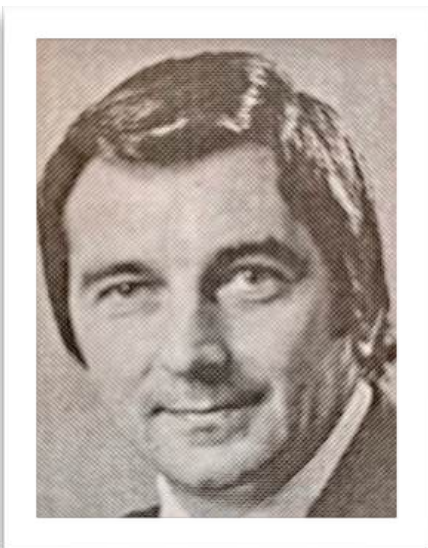
## Vince Connaughan President 1979-1980

While the main contribution of Haliburton Rotary over the years has been to spearhead, fund and help support projects that directly benefit citizens and organizations in the Haliburton area, the club has also been willing to get behind important international projects, both large and small. That aspect of Rotary was evident in Vince Connaughan's year as president. Vince was born in 1943 in Eganville, Ontario. He moved to Haliburton in 1970 to open a Stedmans Department Store franchise. Over the years he has expanded his business to include a multi store mall on Haliburton's main street and a Stedmans store in downtown Minden. Vince joined Haliburton Rotary on October 17, 1974. He took on the job of president for the 1979-80 year. Improvements to Rotary Park were an ongoing effort at that time in its history, but other projects also benefitted from the club's largesse. A donation of \$3000 was allocated to purchase a special van lift, \$1000 was donated to buy a wheelchair for the Five Counties Centre, \$720 was donated to the 3-H programme of Rotary International, and the club paid for a part time occupational therapist to assist local children. The District Governor in Vince's year was Aubrey Oldham. He was an enthusiastic supporter of a hospital project in the Dominican Republic, and the Haliburton club responded to his entreaty to get involved, pitching in to help fund it over the next several years. By June 30, 1993, Vince had achieved 12 years of perfect attendance. In his spare time, Vince enjoyed municipal affairs, community life, and reading. He and his wife Rose have two boys, Dan and Darcy. Vince Connaughan died in 2009.



## Arthur Dawson President 1980-1981

Seven times in the history of the Haliburton Rotary Club the son of a club president has also worn a chain of office. Peter Curry was the first, following in the footsteps of his father Ron. The second was Arthur Dawson, who served as president in 1980-81, 22 years after his father, Cliff, headed up the club. Art was born in Haliburton in 1952. After graduating from Grade 13 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he moved to Toronto to work for the Economical Mutual Insurance Company from 1971 to '73. He then returned to Haliburton to become a partner in his father Cliff's general insurance business. Art continued to be involved in the industry until he sold Dawson Insurance Brokers Ltd in 2015. Art became a member of Haliburton Rotary in 1974 and was active in many aspects of the club until his retirement. During his year as president the club donated \$25,000 to the municipality to help complete the development of Head Lake Park, a major community improvement from which Haliburton continues to benefit. Camp Illahee Northwoods on Drag Lake, which provided camping opportunities for children with serious medical problems, also attracted Rotary's support, receiving a \$700 donation. Art has been involved in many community activities outside of Rotary. He is a past president of the Victoria Haliburton Provincial Progressive Conservative Association, past president and long time executive member of the Haliburton Curling Club, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. In his spare time he enjoys curling, baseball, boating, golfing and skiing. Art has attended many district conventions over the years, and says he has always enjoyed the fellowship that Rotary has to offer. For his efforts on behalf of Rotary, Art received the Fred Jones award for 1985-86. He had achieved 13 years of perfect attendance by June 30, 1993. Art is married to Anne and has three children: Kelly, Terry and Andrew.



## David Bishop President 1981-1982

When your profession is sometimes on the receiving end of some rather biting jokes, it helps to have a certain skill at repartee, and a healthy sense of humour. Lawyer David Bishop has proved himself on both counts, though that hasn't stopped successive

sergeants-at-arms from coming back for more. David Bishop was born in Niagara Falls in 1940. His family first came to Haliburton in 1941, but it was not until 1953 that they returned to stay. After graduating from Haliburton High School, David attended Waterloo Lutheran University, completing his B.A. degree in 1962. He went on to attend Osgoode Hall Law School, from which he received his LLB degree in 1965. He was called to the Bar in 1967. David joined Haliburton Rotary on January 4, 1973, and served as president in 1981-82. Highlights of the club's year included funding repairs and refurbishing of the historic locomotive, donating \$1000 for carpeting at the United Church, contributing an additional \$1000 to the Haliburton High School Scholarship Committee to augment its loan fund, and donating \$2,500 to Haliburton's ARC industries for mentally handicapped people. Some of David's fondest memories of Rotary stem from trips to North Bay and Sudbury for conferences, steak and lobster nights of years ago when club members rolled up their sleeves to do the cooking, and competing in the winter carnival bed race. David was a club treasurer, and achieved multiple years of perfect attendance. A devoted family man, David and his wife Phyllis share a passion for fishing and out-door life in the Highlands when they can find time away from his law practice. Hunting, history, minor hockey, and community development are among his other interests. Along with his family he was involved in starting Sir Sams Ski Area at Eagle Lake, as well as cable television systems in Haliburton and Minden, and local real estate development. David and Phyllis reside in Haliburton but also enjoy property at Percy Lake. They have three children: David Jr., Andrew, and Jonathan.



## Doug Devolin President 1982-1983

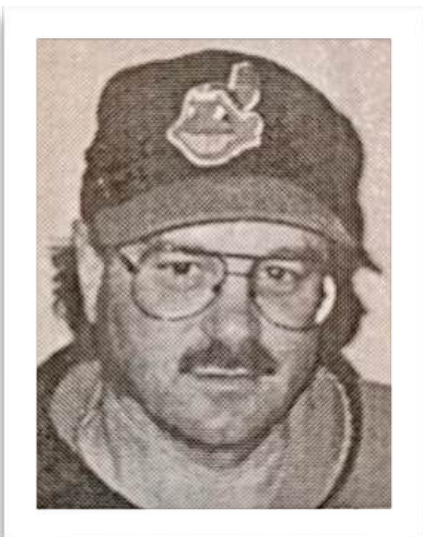
Doug Devolin's involvement with Rotary began at an international level before he became a member of the Haliburton club. From late January to mid March, 1974, Doug travelled to India as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange team, the first person to do so under the sponsorship of the Haliburton Club. On October 3, 1974, only a few months after his return, Doug became a member of Haliburton Rotary. Doug Devolin was born in Marmora, Ontario in 1939. Following high school he attended Peterborough Teachers College, graduating in 1960. He went on to earn a B.A. degree from Queen's University in 1968, and a B.Ed. degree from the University of Toronto in 1972. Doug came to Haliburton in 1969 when he was hired by the new County Board of Education as Principal of Victoria Street School. In 1972 he became Principal of Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary School, (later renamed J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in honour of the county's first Director of Education), and he continued in that position for 21 years, until his retirement in 1993. Doug Devolin was president of the Haliburton Rotary Club in 1982-83, a year in which no major projects were underway, but many smaller contributions were made to community life, including improvements to the West Guilford ball field. Doug has been an active supporter of Haliburton Rotary's efforts on behalf of children with disabilities. He served as a director of the Five Counties treatment centre from 1980 to 1987. He has also been chairman of Haliburton Rotary's Snowarama for several years, a major responsibility he approaches with irrepressible enthusiasm. For his many contributions to Rotary, Doug received the Fred Jones award for 1984-85. Doug's Rotary involvement has extended to his family. His son Barry was a youth exchange student in Holland, and Doug visited him there along with his host club and families. Barry later became a member of the Haliburton club, but stepped down when he accepted an executive position with the Reform Party of Canada in Ottawa. Doug lists his personal interests as snowmobiling and yard sales. He is a member of West Guilford Baptist Church. Doug is married to June, and they have two children: Brent and Barry.



**Brian Black**  
**President 1983-1984**

In 1974, Brian Black had the honour and responsibility of wearing the president's chain of office when the Haliburton Rotary Club gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its charter night. It was a memorable evening, poignant in retrospect since it was the last Rotary function enjoyed by the

club's founding president, Ron Curry, who died only days later. No doubt it was warmly recalled by Brian and other long-standing Rotarians on May 24, 1994, when the club marked half a century of service. The strength of Rotary has always been the commitment of its members to the local and wider community, and Brian Black demonstrated that commitment in many ways over his years as a member. Brian was born in Haliburton on January 30, 1948, the son of former Rotary president Harold Black, and has lived here all his life. He began his working career in automotive retailing, but in 1986, he embarked on a new challenge as owner of Sid Stamp Fuels Ltd., a Minden based petroleum distributor. Although the 40th anniversary festivities were the highlight of Brian's year as president, the club was involved in many other worthwhile community projects throughout his term in office. Among them were contributions of \$1200 to purchase three canoes for Camp Illahee Northwoods, \$1150 for improvements to the Rails End Gallery, purchase of an organ for the Mountain Street senior citizens apartments, \$500 for Christmas baskets, \$350 for a children's table at the Monmouth library, \$1800 for trash containers on main street, the purchase of a portable heart monitor for Haliburton Hospital, a donation of \$500 to help vision impaired runner Norah Good compete in the Special Olympics, and \$1600 for improvements to Sam Slick Park. Outside Rotary, Brian has had a long-standing involvement with local recreation. He served on the executive of minor hockey and coached from 1968 to 1992. He was also on the executive of the Haliburton Huskies Jr. D team from 1972 to 1982, and coached the team from 1972 through 1975. He served on the Dysart recreation committee from 1978 through 1985, and chaired it from 1981 through 1983. Playing, coaching and helping to organize local hockey occupied much of Brian's free time, but he also enjoys golf and hunting. Another dimension of Brian's community service was his commitment to the international youth exchange programme. He and his wife Dorothy welcomed several past exchange students into their home to share family life with their son Jeff and daughter Andrea. Brian served as secretary of the Haliburton Rotary club from 1988 to 1993, and had achieved 17 years of perfect attendance by June 30, 1993. For his exemplary dedication to Rotary, Brian received the Fred Jones award for 1986-87.



## Paul Wilson President 1984-1985

The adage that if you want to get something done, ask a busy person to do it could certainly be applied to Paul Wilson. In the year that he served as president of the Haliburton Rotary Club he was also chairman of the Haliburton County Board of Education and Secretary of the Dysart Fire Department. And those responsibilities were in addition to the heavy workload of his surveying and development business. Needless to say Paul is an exceptionally organized and disciplined person, qualities that enabled him to lead the Haliburton Rotary Club through a successful year despite all of the other pressures on his time and energy in 1984-85. Paul Wilson was born on February 20, 1951 in Meaford, Ontario. He moved to Haliburton in the fall of 1962 when his father, Ken, was transferred by the Bank of Montreal to manage the local branch. A top student at Haliburton High School, Paul attended the University of Toronto, graduating with a B.A. Sc. in engineering in 1974 and a Master of Engineering in 1975. He also holds the designation of Ontario Land Surveyor. On his return to Haliburton he joined Curry Bishop in a surveying, engineering and development business, forming Bishop and Wilson Ltd. Paul was the fourth of six fathers and sons who have been president of Haliburton Rotary. During his year as president the club was active in a number of major community improvement projects. The largest was the sale, for \$25,000, of a block of land on which the Legion sponsored Parklane apartments were subsequently built. The club also donated \$5000 toward the purchase of a CAT Scan machine for St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough. A grant of \$3000 was made to the African Relief section of the Mennonite Central Committee. Other donations included \$2,000 to the Red Cross, \$2000 to the Five Counties Centre, \$800 for a new refrigerator at the United Church, and \$500 toward the Health Unit's dental assistance project. Paul spent 13 years as a member of the Haliburton Rotary Club before stepping down to devote as much time as possible to family life. He was keenly active in minor hockey, serving on the organization's executive, organizing tournaments, and coaching. He also coached a minor ball team in the summer. Paul is an avid Blue Jays fan who also enjoys fishing, snowmobiling, golf and curling. He is married to Kim, and they have four children: Lauren, Adam, Jeffrey and Hilary.



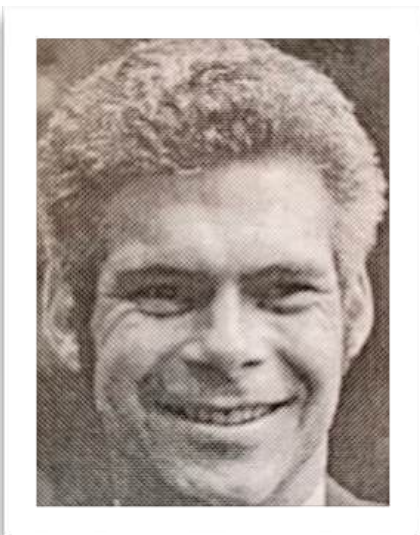
## Jim Scheffee President 1985-1986

The evidence of Rotary's contribution to the community is abundant but seldom recognized, except by those who are directly involved with a project when it was conceived or completed. One example is the paved walkway along the shore of Head Lake. Every day scores of people walk or bicycle along it, enjoying the experience without realizing that the Rotary club paid to pave it. Rotary's 41st president remembers, because the project was the club's major one in his year. Jim Scheffee was born in Haliburton in 1945, and has been a lifetime community resident. After completing high school he entered the retail lumber business, later becoming a partner in Haliburton Lumber and Enterprises Ltd. Jim was inducted into the Rotary Club of Haliburton on June 12, 1969, and he remained a member for the next 20 years, stepping down in June, 1989. He cherishes good memories of the fellowship and community accomplishments of Rotary over the years. Hockey has been one of Jim's major interests. In his youth he played for the Haliburton Huskies and Lindsay Lions Junior C teams. In the '60's and 70's he coached various minor hockey teams, and was president of Haliburton minor hockey in 1969-70. He also served the community for 24 years as a member of the Dysart volunteer fire department. Other interests Jim enjoys in his leisure time include curling, baseball, most sports, hunting, boating and snowmobiling. Jim is married to Arlene and they have three children: Greg, Lianne and Teresa.



## Dale Robinson President 1986-1987

Many Rotary presidents have been keenly interested in particular aspects of Rotary service, and have made them the focus of their year in office. Dale Robinson focussed the club's attention on Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canadian- based charity that sponsors sight-restoration medical clinics in the Indian sub continent and other Third World countries. Through Dale's efforts and club support, scores of people had cataracts removed and regained their sight. The project was an intensely satisfying and uplifting example of how local people can reach out through Rotary and better the lives of people half way around the world. Dale Robinson was born in Ottawa in 1944. A career educator, he obtained a B.A and an M.Ed. from Queens University, and came to Haliburton in 1969 to teach History, English and Physical Education at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He went on to become Vice Principal and later Principal of HHSS. Subsequently he was appointed Curriculum Co-ordinator for the Haliburton County Board of Education and also held the position of Superintendent. Dale was a member of Haliburton Rotary for 25 years. He has also coached minor hockey, served as chairman of the scholarship and awards committee at HHSS, and has been an elder and chairman of the Board of Stewards at Haliburton United Church. In his leisure time he enjoys sports, especially hockey, golf, curling, baseball and football; photography, and reading, especially biographies, autobiographies, history and current affairs. His special memories of Rotary include trips to North Bay to attend District Conferences, and being presented with a special pin by Mat Caparas, president of Rotary International. Dale received the Fred Jones Award as Rotarian of the Year in 1991-92, and by June 30, 1993, had 16 years of perfect attendance. Dale has retired to Ingoldsby with his partner Sue Kirkpatrick. Dale has two sons: Paul and Mark.



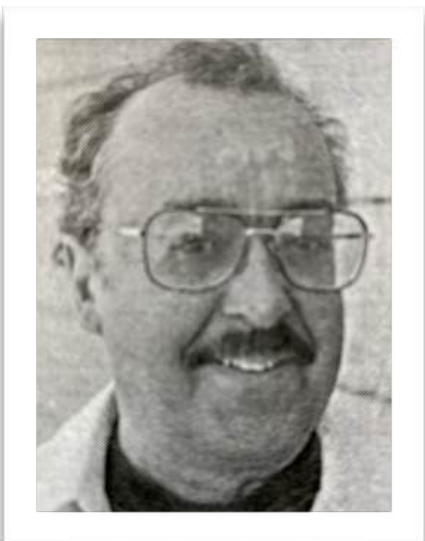
## Rick Elstone President 1987-1988

No project undertaken under the banner of Rotary International has had more impact on the world than the eradication of Polio. The ambitious goal is to immunize every person in the world and thus eradicate the crippling and frequently fatal disease that still plagues the populations of many Third World countries. To accomplish that noble end, Rotary International called on clubs throughout the world to earmark funds for the Polio Plus Campaign. During Rick Elstone's year as President the Haliburton Club responded generously to that request, exploring yet another avenue of international service. Rick Elstone was born in Haliburton in 1942, and was a lifetime resident of the community. He spent most of his working life in the construction industry as a general contractor, but later embarked on a new venture, a consumer beer brewing and wine making business. Rick was a member of Haliburton Rotary for 19 years, and by June 30, 1993, had 10 years of perfect attendance. Rick cites the Polio Plus campaign as a highlight of his involvement in Rotary, but he also enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Mexico's Baja Peninsula on a fact-finding mission for world community service. In addition to his efforts on behalf of Rotary, Rick was a member of the Haliburton Cross Country Ski Organization, the Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association, and the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association. He is married to Rhonda and they have two children: Karen and Reid. Rick Elstone died January 2, 2001.



## Don Popple President 1988-1989

His heart may be in the Highlands, but Don Popple is still known in Haliburton Rotary as an enthusiastic defender of his hometown of Penetanguishene. Don was also a keen participant in the traditional weekly sing-songs, punctuating the pause between choruses with a distinctive grace note that no one else can equal. But most importantly, he has always been highly respected for his positive outlook, his business acumen, and his dedication to the community. Don Popple was born in Pentanguishene in 1944. He earned a B.A. in economics from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1965. In 1975 he left a teaching position at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough to become involved in Curry Motors Limited, the General Motors dealership of which he became president. Major projects during his year as president included an expenditure of \$10,000 to refurbish and repaint the historic locomotive, a \$10,000 donation for a wheelchair van for the community, and a \$3000 grant to the Five Counties Children's Centre. In international service, contributions also were made to Operation Eyesight Universal and to a well drilling project in Malawi. Asked if he has any special memories of Rotary, Don says: "One of my fondest memories of Rotary is from when Frank McIntyre was involved with the club, and still was sing-song chairman. It was always a great delight to watch and hear Frank sing the tunes. Our song time has never been the same since Frank passed on." While the demands of running Curry Motors consumed much of Don's time and energy, he was involved in many organizations over the years. He was a member of the GM Dealers Council, a group that liaised with General Motors' management. He is also a past President of the Haliburton Curling Club, has served on the Haliburton and District Association for the Mentally Retarded, was Chairman of the Board of Stewards of Haliburton United Church for five years, and Treasurer of Haliburton Minor Hockey for four years. In his free time Don enjoys curling, golf (during weak moments, he says), downhill skiing, and family activities with his wife Sheila, daughter Tracy and son Jeff, particularly boating and snowmobiling at Drag Lake. For his outstanding commitment and valuable contribution to Haliburton Rotary, Don was honoured with the Fred Jones Award in 1990-91.



## Rolly Letourneau President 1989-1990

One of the small but important pleasures of Rotary is the repartee, and healthy laughter, that can ensue when the club's sergeant-at-arms reveals some real or imagined misdemeanour and levies a fine. And at Haliburton Rotary there are no more accomplished practitioners of this subtle and difficult art than Rolly Letourneau. Whether as exactor or exactee, his wit never failed to amuse and amaze. Rolly was born in Timmins, Ontario in 1936. In 1975 he moved to Haliburton to establish Skyline Automotive, a wholesale auto parts business that, along with his wife Dorothy, he continued to operate until the Sale to Jim Richards, another Rotary President. Although he did not join Haliburton Rotary until 1977, Rolly said he had fond memories of the kindness shown to him and Dorothy as new business people by one of the community's most respected Rotarians, Ron Curry, and his wife Maxine. During his year as President the club continued to honour its multitude of commitments to numerous local individuals and organizations, a vital but not always publicly visible service of Rotary to the community. These donations included payment of the \$10,000 earmarked for a wheelchair van. Rolly became a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow on December 4, 1991, and by June 30, 1993, had achieved 12 years of perfect attendance. In his leisure hours Rolly enjoyed motorcycling - for a long time he was the proud owner of a big Harley Davidson - old cars (an immaculate 1960's convertible was a long time hobby), boating and hunting. Rolly and Dot have two daughters, Laura and Linda. Rolly Letourneau died December 18, 2016.



## Kim Emmerson President 1990-1991

Kim Emmerson has had a life-long connection with Haliburton Rotary. His father, Bill, was President of the club 25 years before Kim assumed the office, and both of his grandfathers, W. O. Bailey and Jack Emmerson, were members of the club in its charter year, 1944. It was fitting then, that when the 50th anniversary

committee proposed the first edition of this publication as one of its projects, Kim took on the challenging job of researching it. "The club has great strength in its history and that became even more evident to me when I was digging through old documents", Kim says. Born in Haliburton in 1957, Kim attended Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, making the Dean's List for academic achievement in all three years and graduating with a diploma in Business Administration. He joined his father's business, Emmerson Lumber Ltd., taking full responsibility for the company when Bill Emmerson died suddenly in 1986. Kim joined Haliburton Rotary in 1978 and has contributed to the club in many ways in the years since. During his term as President, the club made a major contribution of \$10,000 to YMCA Camp Wanakita to help fund a new kitchen and dining room. A fund raising dance resulted in a \$1000 contribution to Operation Eyesight Universal and the restoration of sight to 40 people in India. At Kim's initiative the club hosted a first Past Rotarians Night to appreciate and reminisce with former members. The annual Tri-County meeting involving the Fenelon and Minden clubs was held in Haliburton in Kim's year. As chairman, he was instrumental in moving the 1992 Summer Carnival to Head Lake Park, a change that has enhanced the success of the carnival, and been widely praised. Another project that bore Kim's stamp was the idea of distributing 1500 composters at a low price to area residents - a project that was successfully chaired by Amin Shivji. Kim also hosted exchange student Alex Kundoch from Germany. He has twice been chairman of the club's Snowarama Ride for Easter Seals, and helped mark the route every year since its inception. While Rotary was a major commitment, Kim has also served on other organizations. He is a former chairman of the Haliburton Community Industrial Training Committee, a former executive member of the Haliburton Squash Club, a former executive of the Men's Industrial Hockey League, a minor baseball coach, and is involved with the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association. His leisure activities include playing hockey, golf, baseball, snowmobiling, fishing and travelling. Kim was twice awarded the Fred Jones Award in 1992-93 and 2007-08. As of June, 1993 Kim had 14 years of perfect attendance at Haliburton Rotary. Kim retired from active club duty in 2014 and was immediately named an honorary member. Kim is married to Linda and has two children: Ryan and Haley.



## Greg Bishop President 1991-1992

When Greg Bishop accepted the chain of office and gavel from Kim Emmerson in June, 1991, he became the sixth son of a Rotary president to follow in his father's footsteps as the club's

President. And like the five others who proceeded him, he proved more than worthy of the honour and the responsibility. Greg was born in Haliburton in 1958, the son of Curry and Aldyth Bishop. He attended the University of New Brunswick, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Returning to Haliburton, he joined Bishop & Wilson Ltd., later obtaining his Ontario Land Surveyor designation and becoming a principal in the company. He joined Haliburton Rotary in 1981 and was a dedicated Rotarian from the start, maintaining a record of perfect attendance from his induction to his retirement from the club. Under his leadership as President, the club donated \$5000 to the West Guilford Recreation Board to pay for lights at the community's ball diamond, and \$5000 to upgrade and expand play equipment at Head Lake Park. A donation of \$2,500 also was made to the Five Counties Children's Centre Foundation to help fund the centre's ongoing operations. Subsequently the foundation presented the club with a picture of the Tree of Life in the centre's lobby, a leaf of which bears the club's name. Greg also successfully urged the club to adopt a no smoking rule at meetings, a timely change that was widely appreciated. Throughout his years in Rotary, Greg has found particular enjoyment in social events such as steak and lobster nights and Christmas parties, as well as in attending district conferences. Greg enjoys family life with his wife Sandra, son Christopher and daughter Mallory, as well as community service work (he was president of the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation), hunting, fishing, baseball and hockey.



## Mike Easton President 1992-1993

Every one of the 50 men who have served as president of the Haliburton Rotary Club has assumed that responsibility with dreams of doing something worthwhile, and every one of them has been able to look back with pride at the end of their term on something good and lasting. For Mike Easton, a glance back reveals a Peace Park at Head Lake Park to mark Canada's 125th anniversary. It also brings to mind the satisfaction and pleasure of hosting a Group Study Exchange team from Australia, placing Lynda Shadbolt of Bark Lake Leadership Camp on a District G.S.E. team that travelled to Australia; the importance of building bridges over parochialism by donating to the Hyland Crest Home tub fund; and most of all, to the satisfaction of reaching out to assist war-torn Bosnia and Croatia by gathering and transporting more than 400 bags of clothing for a Rotary co-ordinated relief project. Mike Easton was born in Haliburton in 1948. After graduating from Grade 13 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he entered the grocery business full time, joining his father, Lance. In 1970 Mike moved to Norland to own and operate Norland Red & White. He returned to Haliburton in 1977. Over the years he has devoted himself to expanding and improving his grocery businesses in Haliburton and Minden, now known as Easton's Valu-mart. When he became President in 1992, Mike shared with Peter Curry, Art Dawson, Brian Black, Paul Wilson, Kim Emmerson and Greg Bishop, the distinction of making club history by holding the office that was also held by his father. As well as his Rotary involvement, Mike is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton, and the King George V Lodge in Coboconk. Mike's interests outside of business include sports, travelling and computers. He has one daughter, Tanya, who is a realtor in Toronto.



## Gary Brohman President 1993-1994

When Haliburton Rotarians and their guests gathered on May 24, 1994 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club's charter night, Gary Brohman, more than anyone else, savoured the moment. After the last speech was made and the last goodbye was said, the major challenge of his year as president was met. Serving as President in the club's 50th year was an honour for Gary, but it was also filled with challenges. Happily, few men are better equipped to handle them than he. A skilled administrator gifted with a serious but positive approach to life and a ready sense of humour, he has a strong belief in Rotary ideals, a deep commitment to youth, and the determination to put them into practice. Gary Brohman was born in 1945 in Kitchener, Ontario and grew up on a farm. He attended the University of Guelph, receiving a diploma in agriculture in 1966. In 1968 he enrolled in Waterloo Lutheran University, completing a B.A. in 1971. He graduated from Althouse College at the University of Western Ontario with a teaching certificate in 1972, and was hired that year to teach physical education, health and business at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He became Vice Principal of HHSS in 1981, and in 1993 was named Principal of the school. "My work at the high school and in the community is for the betterment of youth" Gary says. "If we all believe that kids are the future, then I have, and will continue to work hard to prepare them academically, mentally and socially for the present and the future." For Gary, this involved teaching, counselling and coaching. His dedication to a football programme at HHSS has produced a succession of winning teams, and several of the young men he has coached have gone on to play university football with distinction. He has also been involved with minor hockey teams over the years. Sports also play a big part in Gary's personal fulfillment. He plays hockey, squash, golf and tennis, enjoys being a spectator of all sports, and also relaxes through snowmobiling and boating. After retiring from HHSS Gary successfully ran for School Board Trustee for TLDSB, a position he still holds. Gary is married to Dawn, and they have two children: Greg and Peter



## Hugh Nichol President 1994-1995

Every successful Rotary club president shares qualities of leadership, empathy, compassion and a desire to improve the community, and the world. Each brings a unique perspective to the task. Hugh Nichol's aligns closely with his profession as a

chartered accountant. His success comes from helping small business owners and families to prosper. As a Rotarian, he applies that view to the wider community. And as a citizen, he has made a lasting impact in many volunteer roles. A life-long Haliburton resident, Hugh earned his CA degree through Wilfrid Laurier University. He then joined Dawson Gray LLP, the firm in which he is now a partner. Hugh joined Haliburton Rotary in 1982, served as president in 1994-1995, and left the club in 2006. Looking back on his term leading the club, he recalls with pride that he introduced the club's first female member, Lynda Shadbolt, who herself eventually took on the presidential role. A major initiative in Hugh's term was planning for a rodeo that came to town the following summer. It was a novel event that proved popular with the community but in the end was deemed not a sustainable initiative. Outside of Rotary, Hugh has offered his time and expertise to many organizations. He served as Chairman of the Haliburton Hospital Board when it was involved in its largest ever project, financing and overseeing the construction of the new emergency and active treatment facility that has brought major benefits to the community. He also volunteered on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the fundraising arm that has raised millions of dollars to support hospital construction and upgrades to local health care infrastructure. His many other volunteer contributions include local minor hockey, the Haliburton squash club, youth curling and the Ontario Winter Games. Along with the gratitude of the community for his leadership of the hospital project, Hugh has received Haliburton Rotary's Fred Jones Award, a Paul Harris Fellowship, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Outside his professional life, Hugh and his wife Stephanie enjoy the camaraderie of close friends, golf, and travel. They have two sons, Curtis and Tom. Tom is the currently the youngest member of our club.



## Amin Shivji President 1995-1996

Amin Shivji brought two distinctions to Haliburton Rotary that no other president in the club's 75 year history can claim. Having been born in Uganda and educated in Scotland, he had a truly international perspective. And he was the first president to hold a PhD; in his case, from the University of Aberdeen in Pharmacology. Amin and his wife Rosemary, whom he met in Scotland, moved to Haliburton from North Bay in 1988. As the owner and chief pharmacist of a full service drug store that operated under the banners of major buying groups, he interacted daily with people from all walks of life, and learned of the community's many needs. Already a Rotarian when he moved to Haliburton, he joined the local club, embracing its mission to assist people in need and fund a wide range of local projects. Amin assumed the role of Club President for 1995-1996. The community was becoming aware of the need to recycle, so under Amin's leadership, the club partnered with the Municipality of Dysart et al to subsidize the blue boxes that helped encourage and facilitate household recycling. During Amin's year the club also hosted a rodeo in Glebe Park that featured a concert by The Good Brothers. Outside of Rotary, Amin took pride in his children, Nadia and Rafiq, and pursued an interest in photography. Amin left the club in 2000. Many years later he sold the pharmacy to the Shoppers Drug Mart chain and retired. He and Rosemary continue to live in the Highlands. They enjoy travel, especially to Scotland, and he keeps busy with photography, hiking and developing his skills as a hobby woodworker.



## Ray Selbie President 1996-1997

As a lawyer with a wide-ranging practice, including matters of family law, Ray Selbie, perhaps more than most, knew the importance of positive actions that contribute to a strong community. For him, being an active member of Haliburton Rotary and serving as its president in 1996-97 was one way of fulfilling what he describes as "the selfless desire to be of value and live a life of

purpose." Born in Toronto, Ray earned a Bachelor of Laws degree from the The University of Western Ontario and came to Haliburton in 1977 to join the law firm of Gardner Cork. He then began an independent practice that was the focus of his working life for the next 42 years, until his retirement in 2018. His professional accomplishments include being named a Deputy Judge of the Superior Court of Justice, Small Claims Division in 1992, a position he can hold until age 75, "the time the system considers us to be of no further use" he notes, wryly. Ray joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1980. What drew him to the club was "fellowship and the ability to give back to the community and the international efforts of Rotary. "Almost every positive accomplishment in our community has had a Rotarian in its numbers" he points out. In 1996-97 he assumed the role of Club President, a responsibility that enabled him to experience the satisfaction of "giving back to my community for the privileges it has afforded me". One of Rotary's major projects in the years surrounding Ray's presidency was the annual Snowarama snowmobile fund-raising ride that was held on the trails at Haliburton Forest. Club members raised funds through individual sponsorships, manned trail checkpoints, and pumped free gasoline, donated by Rotarian Brian Black through his company Sid Stamp Fuels, into riders' machines. Founded by former professional wrestler Whipper Billy Watson, the event (no longer held) raised substantial sums in support of the Easter Seals Foundation for children with disabilities. A portion of the funds was directed to help children in the local community. The event not only raised money for a good cause but also engendered a hands-on camaraderie among members that was an important aspect of the club's success under Ray's presidential leadership, as well as for many who held the office before and after him. With Ray at the helm the club also facilitated a series of monthly newspaper articles highlighting Rotary's involvement in the community. They drew attention to the numerous otherwise unrecognized ways in which club members assisted needy people in the community. Looking back on his years as a Haliburton Rotarian, Ray is humble about his participation. "I will always be grateful for the value received in Rotary which far surpasses any contribution I have made." Outside of Rotary, Ray enjoyed the challenges and rewards of raising two sons, Daniel and Matthew, and the professional satisfaction of providing legal assistance to a wide range of clients. In his retirement he enjoys carpentry, reading and spending time with friends who, like him "value honesty and the search for truth".



## Dave Elstone President 1997-1998

As a native of Haliburton, Dave Elstone grew up surrounded by the values of small town life that have always made the community a place people cherish. In his high school years he forged close connections with peers who went on to build careers and families locally, strengthening the community's foundations. And through the Chrysler dealership that his family owned, and which he later helped manage, he also learned the challenges that all local business people face. Dave joined Haliburton Rotary with a desire to improve the community through the projects, initiatives and values the club supported. His commitment to the club led him to assume the presidency in 1997-1998. During his year the club provided financial support to a wide range of worthy causes and projects. They included \$2,500 to the Five Counties Centre in Peterborough, \$2,500 to the West Guilford Community Centre to assist with surfacing the skating rink so it could be used for basketball in the summer, and \$5,000 to Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Capital Campaign. As well, \$30,000 was paid towards the club's \$250,000 commitment to Haliburton Highlands Health Services. The annual Rotary Auction also was a major success in Dave's year as President, raising \$6,800. Along with fulfilling its large financial commitments, the club also provided financial assistance to Chace Place, the Haliburton Figure Skating Club, and Haliburton Minor Hockey. Looking back on his year of leading the club, Dave also cites the success of Snowarama, the summer carnival, the rodeo held in Glebe Park, and the camaraderie among club members as highlights. Although Dave is no longer a member of Haliburton Rotary, he continues to reside in the community and remains active in business. He owns and operates Haliburton Septic Pumping, and his wife Nancy owns and manages Eagle Lake Foodtown. They have two children, Jake and Shelby. In his spare time Dave enjoys motorcycle trips with his daughter, snowmobile trips with friends, and travelling with Nancy.



## Jerry Walker President 1998-1999

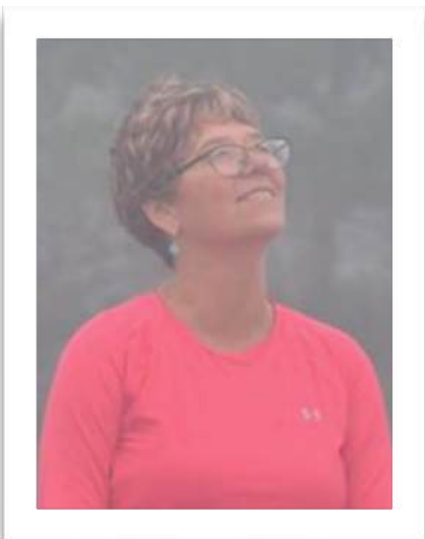
If there's one thing about Jerry Walker that even a casual acquaintance would recognize, it's his passion for business. At an age when most people would be thinking of retiring, and after running his heating and cooling company for 30 years, Jerry and his wife Dale began a new adventure, purchasing Haliburton Home Hardware. And it wasn't long before they moved it to a new and much larger building at the entrance to Haliburton, which opened its doors in the spring of 2019. Born in Hagersville, Jerry married Dale in April, 1977. A month later they quit their jobs and moved to Haliburton. Jerry's great uncle had sold the small cottage resort he owned in Ingoldsby to Jerry's parents. They were not ready to relocate to the area, so the newlyweds took on the challenge. Dale found a job at CIBC in Minden and Jerry operated the resort that summer. Needing winter work, he was hired in the fall by John Francis Fuels in Minden. It was his initiation to the HVAC trade, which later led him to start his own business, Walkers Heating and Cooling. Jerry joined the Haliburton Rotary Club in 1983 and served as President in 1998-1999. Under his leadership the club moved its meetings from the United Church basement to Pinestone Inn. Morning meetings were initiated for the summer months to make it easier for Rotarians to attend during the peak of the local business season. The biggest community need at that time was funding the local portion of the construction of a new hospital in Haliburton, under the leadership of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board. During Jerry's term the club made the most ambitious pledge in its history, vowing to donate \$250,000 to the project in several yearly instalments. The first of those, \$20,000, was paid in 1998/99. Coincidentally, Dale later served for many years as Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars for capital projects and expansion of the hospital. Upon her retirement from that position she joined him in managing their Home Hardware outlet. Other initiatives in Jerry's presidential term were a decision to raise the price of the annual car draw tickets to \$20 from \$10, and a donation of \$2,700 to the Drag River cleanup project. Outside of Rotary, Jerry served two terms on Dysart et al council, and was National Director of Ducks Unlimited for 11 years. When he can find some leisure time away from business, Jerry enjoys hunting, fishing and riding his Harley.



## Ted Brandon President 1999-2000

When Ted Brandon joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1992 he was, in a sense, fulfilling his destiny. Rotary had always been part of his life. His father Charles was a Rotarian before Ted was born, and served as president of Minden Rotary. His older brother Stuart also was a Rotarian and a Minden Past President. A lifelong resident of the County, Ted was born in Minden. After earning a diploma in Marketing at Seneca College, he became a sales representative for Pitney Bowes, based in Toronto. In 1991 he moved to Haliburton when his family's retail business opened a Haliburton location, Northland Clothing and Footwear. Five years later, in 1996, he became special assistant to MPP the Hon. Chris Hodgson. In 2000 he was hired as Training Officer at Fleming College's Haliburton campus, a position he held until retiring in 2017. When he was asked to serve as President of the Haliburton club for the first of two terms, it was a propitious choice. Ted brought a number of notable personal assets to the task: experience and knowledge gained from four working careers, strong organizational skills, an easy sense of humour and a ready wit, and above all, a deep commitment to Rotary ideals, both in the community and beyond. Ted's year as President was the second of five during which the club's major focus was raising funds to fulfill its \$250,000 commitment to Haliburton Highlands Health Services to help fund construction of a new active treatment hospital in Haliburton. Under his presidency \$40,000 was raised and donated towards that goal. Another highlight of his 1999-2000 presidency was arranging to have the Stanley Cup brought to town for the first time ever in conjunction with a doctors' hockey tournament. Its presence drew hundreds of people to the arena auditorium to have their photo taken with it. In the years before and after he served as President, Ted distinguished himself as a dedicated Rotarian in many ways. From 1993 through 2000 he chaired the Easter Seal Committee, and also chaired the Children's Committee. From 1995 through 1998 he was chairman of the club's popular Snowarama snowmobile event for Easter Seals. Serving Rotary beyond the boundaries of Haliburton County, Ted was named Assistant District Governor for District 7010 from 2002 through 2004. In 2008-2009 he took on the role of District Secretary. Embracing an opportunity to travel he was named team leader for a Group Study Exchange to Brazil in 2006. As well, Ted and his wife Lorry, along with their son Connor, hosted three Rotary Exchange students from France, Taiwan and Brazil.

*For more on Ted's Rotary service, see details of his presidency in 2018-2019*



## Lynda Shadbolt President 2000-2001

Many things distinguish Lynda Shadbolt as a citizen of Haliburton...her infectious enthusiasm and generous spirit, her unfailingly positive approach to life, her passion for teaching yoga, her wide circle of friends. But there are three that no Rotarian before or since can match. She was the first woman to join the club after Rotary International ended its original male-only policy. She was the club's first female president. And she was the first member to give birth while holding that office. Lynda and her husband Jim Hopkins came to Haliburton in 1985, where she had a four month job at YMCA Camp Wanakita. This short term opportunity lasted twelve years, until 1997, a period when she also worked at the then provincially owned Bark Lake Leadership Camp. In 1995 her interest in yoga led her to open Blue Sky Yoga studio, a business she continues to operate. Lynda was invited to participate in a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Australia in 1992, and in 1994 she joined the Haliburton club as its first female member. She soon made her mark. Along with Jim and her daughter Madeline, Lynda hosted five international Rotary exchange students over the course of several years, a huge contribution to a reciprocal program that allowed many local young people to live and learn in countries around the world. She also served on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee which sent local students to learning events hosted at the District level. Lynda's dedication to the community's youth and her enthusiasm for the club's initiatives made her a logical choice to serve as President in 2000-2001. The biggest community project at that time was fundraising for the new Haliburton Hospital. The club had an ongoing commitment to donate \$250,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Under Lynda's presidency, \$50,000 was donated to the Foundation, bringing the club's total contribution to that date to \$110,000. A more unusual project was helping the Kamloops Heritage Railway restore a historic steam locomotive to working order. It needed a critical control valve, a Hancock Inspirator. The locomotive Rotary maintains adjacent to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School still had the part in its cab. The club agreed to send it to Kamloops, where it helped the Kamloops group get their locomotive back on the rails. After eight years of dedicated support for numerous Haliburton Rotary Club projects, Lynda decided to step back. She is passionate about matters of the spirit in a secular sense: health and well-being, community building, friendships, family, and living a simple, happy life. She shares the long-standing dream of many people in the community to build a swimming pool complex to benefit young people, families and the growing number of retired people living in the area. Above all, she has proven herself to be an exemplar of the qualities of compassion, positivity, generosity and warm friendship upon which the best aspects of small town life are built.



## Andy Salvatori President 2001-2002

It's not surprising that Andy Salvatori can look back with pride to his year as President of Haliburton Rotary, and to his more than 25 years of club membership. It might be said that community service is in his genes. His father Lennie, one of Haliburton's most prominent and most respected citizens, showed him the way. Lennie was deeply involved in many aspects of community service, including founding and leading the local Boy Scouts organization for a quarter of a century, serving on the Board of Education, supporting minor hockey, and giving his time and wisdom to many other local organization and causes. Born in Haliburton, Andy earned a degree in business from Wilfrid Laurier University and then began what became a lifelong career in the car business, working first for General Motors in Sudbury. In 1990 he moved back to Haliburton to work at Curry Motors, where Lennie was a partner. (Andy later became sales manager and a partner in the business as well). Andy joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1994, and immediately immersed himself in club projects. He has fond memories of meetings, carnivals, district conferences and district training meetings in which he participated over the years. In 2001-2002, Andy stepped up to the role of president. Two things about his year as president stand out for him. The first was working with Ryan Hreljac who created the Ryan's Well Foundation in 2001, a registered Canadian charity that builds wells and sanitation projects in Africa and educates children about sanitation and safe water. Hreljac was just 12 years old when he visited local schools and made a community presentation highlighting the need for safe drinking water around the world. Inspired by Hreljac's message, the club donated funds to assist the Foundation's work. The second memorable event for Andy was meeting Nigerian/Canadian wrestler Daniel Igali, a gold medalist at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Overcoming extreme poverty and hardship to reach the pinnacle of his sport, he created the Igali Foundation and began work on building a school in his Eniwari village. It opened its doors in 2006, in part with the assistance of a donation from the Haliburton Club. A keen runner, Andy initiated the Rotary Mile race, which for several years preceded the parade at Rotary Summer Carnivals. It attracted elite runners from across southern Ontario, as well as recreational runners who wanted to test themselves. For his service to Rotary, Andy has received Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellowship as well as the club's Fred Jones Award. Outside of Rotary, Andy was active in many other aspects of community life. He was a minor hockey coach, trainer and manager, President of the minor softball league, President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of Community Futures and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Andy retired from Curry Motors in 2017 and left the club in 2019. Today, along with his wife Cathy, he keeps busy playing music (trumpet) with the Haliburton Chamber Orchestra, the Highlands Swing Band, the Highlands Wind Symphony and other local bands. And he also continues to enjoy running.



**Jim Richards**  
**President 2002-2003**

When Jim Richards joined Haliburton Rotary in 1998, he was representative of the changes and renewal that have kept the club, and the community, dynamic and forward-thinking. Jim moved to Haliburton from Mississauga in 1995 to take over the Napa Auto Parts store from Rolly Letourneau, himself a long-time Rotarian. Jim had called on the Haliburton store for five years as a Napa sales rep, and when he learned that Rolly and his wife Dot were ready to sell, he seized the opportunity. Although Jim's main focus was on his business and his family (wife Jackie and children Ryan and Karlee), he soon met many local Rotarians and developed an interest in the club's activities and community projects. He joined the club in 1998, becoming a keen supporter of the organization. Soon after joining he took on the chairmanship of the annual Snowarama Easter Seal fundraising snowmobile ride, heading it from 1998 through 2004. His enthusiasm and dedication led him to assume the role of Club President in 2002-2003. Under his leadership, the club made a \$75,000 commitment to the Fleming College Capital Campaign to build a new campus for the Haliburton School of the Arts. It would be paid in five instalments of \$15,000 over five years. When he wasn't striving to grow his business, Jim enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and working on old cars. Jim died suddenly of a heart attack while doing a course to earn his motorcycle license. He was 49.



## Steve Roberts President 2003-2004

In the 75 year history of The Rotary Club of Haliburton, many presidents have had lengthy connections to the community's history. None, however, has ever held claim to a longer one than Steve Roberts. History records show that his great great grandfather, James Roberts, was the first settler to take up permanent residence in the area, building a log cabin in Harburn north of Drag Lake in the 1860's. He had trekked across the Peterson Trail from Renfrew with his wife to embark on a new adventure, though they may not have seen it as one in those harsh and hardscrabble days. James and his wife founded what was to become something of a local dynasty, with many Roberts children soon populating Harburn and later generations spreading across the county. A fifth generation Roberts, Steve was born in Haliburton and like many other members of his extended family, he has lived here all his life. After graduating from Haliburton High Secondary School he worked for Imperial Oil as well as local builders and contractors. In 1986 he partnered with Murray Austin to found Roberts-Austin Fuels, delivering home heating fuel and other petroleum products. In 1996 Steve bought Murray's interest in the company and continued to run it until 2011, when he sold it to Ultramar. Steve joined Haliburton Rotary in 1999, and assumed the first of two presidencies in 2003-2004. Two projects were the club's primary focus at that time. A commitment to donate \$250,000 over five years to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to help fund a new hospital in the community, and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. The hospital project commitment of \$50,000 was met through a summer golf tournament the club organized, and the annual car draw, which that year saw sales that set a new record. (The tournament continues to be an annual event, under the aegis of local NHL star Matt Duchene and the Health Services Foundation). The Rotary Youth Exchange Program offered local high school students a chance to live and attend school for a year outside of Canada, in Europe, Asia and South America. In return, local families would welcome a foreign student into their home and family. Steve and his wife Andrea were exceptional supporters of the program, hosting eight students over the years. For his exemplary support of the club and its initiatives Steve was honoured with the Fred Jones Award in 2006-2007.

*For more on Steve's Rotary service, see details of his presidency in 2017-2018*



## Bob Nichol President 2004-2005

Many presidents of the Rotary Club of Haliburton have had a deep connection with the community and a passion for improving it, but few have manifested those characteristics in as many ways as Bob Nichol. Born in

Haliburton to parents who owned and operated the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, Bob and his brother Hugh, also a Rotarian, grew up knowing how hard it can be to run a successful business in Haliburton's seasonal economy. Bob's interaction with a wide spectrum of local people who enjoyed the golf course engendered his life-long interest in community affairs. Bob joined Rotary in 1995 and remained in the club until 2005, at the end of his 2004-2005 presidency. Among the projects he championed as head of the club was support for the Timbits Provincial Curling Tournament, which he organized, as well as donations to water well projects in Central America, the 4C's community support organization, and the initiation of the town dock timberframe shelter. Bob's involvement in the community reached far beyond those that Rotary supported. He served as a councillor for Dysart et al, and twice put his name on the ballot, unsuccessfully, for the position of Deputy Reeve. It was Bob's idea to sell advertising on the boards at the Dysart arena, a concept that local businesses quickly embraced. He helped to organize fundraising golf tournaments for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, an event now known as the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic Tournament. He also helped to bring the 55+ Senior Games to the area, and was involved with Ducks Unlimited. As manager of the LCBO in Haliburton, Bob had a high profile, and he was always keen to chat with anyone who shared his interest in the local economy and ways the community could move forward. Bob also had a passion for golf and played it well, often travelling in his spare time with other local enthusiasts to challenging courses in the region. Bob's commitment to the community never wavered. It played a major role in his life, and his retirement, even after the untimely loss of his wife Anna. Bob died in January, 2017, of a heart attack, aged 64. An article by Darren Lum in the Haliburton County Echo soon after Bob's death quoted his brother Hugh: "Whenever there were events going he would go out and sell tickets, raise money. He did an awful lot for the community and one of the things I said at his funeral – it's something I think is important – if every community had more people like my brother when it came to volunteering his time, wouldn't that community be a lot better off?"



## Jim Henwood President 2005-2006

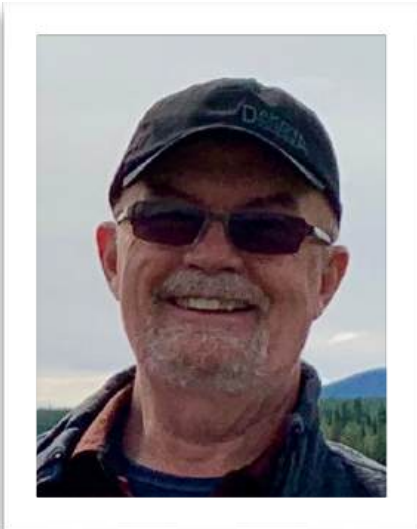
When Jim Henwood moved to Haliburton from Burlington in 1994, along with his wife Cathy and children Scott, Ali and Jenny, he was immediately immersed in the day to day challenges and rewards of small town life. Seeking a new opportunity, he had purchased a main street convenience store named Mike's Milk. During long days behind the counter of what became Henwood's Variety, he got to know the community from the perspective of a businessman who understood that the success of any local business was determined not only by individual effort but by the strength of the community as a whole. From the outset of his time in Haliburton, he took a keen interest in enhancing the local economy. He played a key role in the Haliburton Business Improvement Area Association, serving as the organization's president for 10 years. He was the driving force behind moving Haliburton's Santa Claus parade from its traditional Sunday afternoon to Friday evening, linking it more closely with the BIA's shop locally campaign. He also served as President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce for two years, and chaired the Parent Teacher Council for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for four years. Jim's community interests aligned closely with Haliburton Rotary's dedication to community service, and so he joined the club in 1997. As a keen member, he was always on hand whenever there was physical work to be done. In 2005, when the previous president stepped down before the end of his mandate, Jim took on the president's mantle. The club's annual Summer Carnival was a particular interest for Jim. He oversaw its expansion into a two day event, the only club president before or since who made that happen. To this day, many years after his ambitions led him to sell his variety store and take on management responsibilities with the Bargain Shop, first in Bancroft, then in Gananoque and now in the Waterloo area, where he lives, Jim makes an annual trip back to work in Rotary's food tent on carnival night. Looking back on his presidency, Jim expresses the pride that local Rotarians share in striving to make the community a better place in obvious ways, such as the refurbishment of the town docks pavilion that took place during his time in office, and the many smaller ways in which funds raised by the club are distributed. For his service to the community through Rotary, Jim was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008-2009. He left the club in 2010, but was given the distinction of an Honourary Membership in 2015-16. Looking back on the 21 years during which Haliburton was his home town, Jim says it was "a great place to raise our kids". He considers their success as young adults a measure of his own. Family remains the focus of his life, along with helping people and interacting with them on a daily basis.



## Robert DenBoer President 2006-2007

There are many benefits to joining Rotary: helping to build a better community, supporting international aid projects, enjoying the camaraderie of fellow club members and making new friends. For Robert

DenBoer, belonging to Rotary was "among the most worthwhile things I've done." Born in the Netherlands, Robert was first introduced to the area through a job with Browndale, an international organization that operated camps and residential schools for emotionally disturbed children. Subsequently he landed a job with a sign company in Toronto, launching a 46 year career in the business. He and his wife Sherry and their three children vacationed in the Highlands, then bought a cottage on Haliburton Lake in 1996. By 1999 they had decided to make it their home. In 2000 he and Sherry opened their own sign business, Den Signs, running it for the next 12 years. Robert joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 2003 and served as Club President in 2006-2007. He recalls many highlights from that year. Among them were taking the club account from deficit to surplus by having the meal minimum reduced at Pinestone and introducing the Card Game. He also saw the introduction of the concept of refurbishing the caboose and installing a Rotary history exhibit in it. The Rotary Student Exchange Program held particular appeal for Robert. "Although we could not host, Sherry and I really enjoyed spending time with the students, Stephie Ramos from Ecuador in particular." Hands-on projects also were a highlight. "I enjoyed the fellowship and satisfaction of frying onions at carnival, road cleanup, working on the caboose and locomotive and other projects that involved working together. Chairing the auction committee was a favourite." He also enjoyed Rotary's fellowship and friendship. "Some of the best friends I have had were members of the club. Five of the six people in Haliburton who helped and supported Sherry and me through a difficult last year in Haliburton were Rotarians." Robert is a Past President of The Sign Association of Canada, and was a member of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha 2012-2015. He also is a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2020 he was still working, "harder than ever thanks to technology. Contrary to predictions, it has increased workload and expectations."



## Lon Duncombe President 2007-2008

Born in Simcoe, Ontario Lon Duncombe moved to Haliburton at age 10, when his mother Grace married Rex Boice, a well known local citizen and businessman. It was 1958, and Haliburton was much less developed and more isolated place than it is now. But that didn't mean Lon's aspirations or views were parochial. He went on to earn an MA from the University of Manitoba and returned to Haliburton to immerse himself in a number of businesses which included real estate development, retail electronics (Radio Shack), and financial planning, enjoying the challenge of moving in new directions. Rotary's dedication to community service led Lon to join the club in 2003. Four years later he agreed to assume the responsibility of club presidency. In his year at the helm, the club put some of its focus on international projects, as well as on assisting local young people. Twenty wheelchairs, costing \$2,200, went to El Salvador. A grant of \$5,000 supported children with learning disabilities. The club also obtained a District matching grant to fund eye clinics in India which restored sight through cataract removal surgery. Locally, club funds sent Haliburton students to Adventure in Citizenship, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camps, and the Capital Experience program involving student visits to parliament in Ottawa. The club also paid \$10,000 of its \$75,000 commitment to the Haliburton School of the Arts (now Haliburton School of Art and Design). Outside of Rotary, Lon's community involvement included Point in Time (Family Services of Haliburton County), the Haliburton Land Trust, and Haliburton Community Co-op, an umbrella organization that supports entrepreneurial initiatives that contribute to the community's culture, environmental and economic well-being. Lon left Rotary in 2012. His current interests include his Baha'i faith, music, photography and travel, particularly in Canada.



## Jim Miners President 2008-2009

Any organization, whether a service club such as Rotary, a volunteer group, or indeed a small business, must embrace change and accept new perspectives if it is to grow and succeed. It's that approach that Jim Miners tried to bring to his year as President of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Jim was seeking a change of pace when he moved to Haliburton from Newmarket in 2000 and joined the Haliburton Club. In 2008 the club selected him to

serve as President. He fulfilled the role even though a full-time work opportunity sent him to the GTA, an accomplishment unique in the club's history. Reflecting on that period of his Rotary service, Jim takes pride in the success of the Clubs of Four initiative, in which groups of four members were given a budget to undertake small projects of their choosing. He also sought to bring new energy to the membership. "I tried to challenge my fellow Rotarians to think outside the box in their decision making. The strength and weakness of any organization with a long history is the inertia that sometimes drives its actions." Jim says. Rotary's role in the community continues to evolve in the face of inevitable change. Along with other local volunteer groups, Jim says, the club "can assist those in the community whose needs are not being met by government at all levels, and families. I think of those who are at the beginning and the end of their life experience and those who face barriers in daily living." Jim received a number of perfect attendance awards during his years as a member of club, from 2000 to 2014. These days he enjoys travelling and gardening, hiking on his property, and reading a good mystery.



## Maureen O'Hara President 2009-2010

If a single word could define Maureen O'Hara's most salient characteristic, it would be empathy. Both in her professional life and her volunteer contributions to the community, she has manifested a desire to make a difference in the lives of deserving people, especially those who are marginalized through no fault of their

own. Maureen came to Haliburton in 1982 to work at Community Living, which supports adults who have an intellectual disability. She began as a support worker, became Vocational Services manager, and subsequently served as Executive Director from 2001 until she retired in 2012. In that role, she took great satisfaction in helping the organization's clients become recognized and respected members of the community, and develop rewarding relationships. "Individuals are people first and foremost, and are not defined by adjectives, especially negative ones." she believes. Maureen was inducted into Haliburton Rotary and January 1, 2002, and remains a member today. Along with enjoying fellowship and the opportunity to make new friends and acquaintances, she takes "pride in being a member of such a well-respected organization that accomplishes so much here and around the world." She believes Rotary's spirit of volunteerism serves as an inspiration in the community. In 2009 Maureen was chosen to serve as President of the club for 2009 -2010. Among the highlights of here year in office, were attending the District Conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and working with the Rotary Club of Minden to co-sponsor an Interact Club at Haliburton High School. The youth exchange program continued to be active in her year, welcoming Joachim Ribera from Brazil to the community and sponsoring local student Michael Callaghan for his year in Belgium. The club's local initiatives under Maureen's leadership included a \$15,000 donation to the Haliburton library, with \$10,000 designated for furniture and \$5,000 for books. As well, \$2,000 was donated to the Highlands East Fire Department to purchase auto extraction equipment. Maureen is a five time Paul Harris Fellow, recipient of the Fred Jones Award, and completed Rotary Learning Academy in 2009. Along with her service to Rotary, Maureen has been active in several other community organizations. She is a past member of Highlands Little Theatre, a volunteer member of inaugural board of Family Services Haliburton County (now Point in Time) responsible for the amalgamation of government-funded childrens' services in County and subsequently a Board member (including serving a term as president) from 1994-2000. She also was a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for Trillium Lakelands District School Board from 2003 to 2012, and a Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary volunteer from 2012 through 2014. In her retirement Maureen enjoys being a mom and a 'nana', as well as camping, woodworking, sewing and knitting.



## Richard van Nood President 2010-2011

Though quiet and unassuming, Richard van Nood's strong leadership skills and commitment to Rotary values have led him to serve two terms as president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Born in Toronto to parents who moved to Haliburton in 1974, Richard and his wife Shelley (Hicks), a Haliburton native, were newly married and living in Mississauga when they decided that if they were going to have children, Haliburton would be a good place to raise them. Shortly after, in April 1988, they made the move north. Since then they have carved out a productive and satisfying life, raising two children and embarking on careers they continue to enjoy. Richard spent three years as a radio operator in the Canadian Armed Forces and then in 1983, began working as a driving instructor with Young Drivers of Canada. Following his move to Haliburton he got a job at County Commercial Printers as a press operator and also worked in the art department, designing ads and publications. In 1990 he began teaching driver training part time for the Board of Education. When the board opted to end the program, he founded his own company, 'The Driver's Edge Driver Training', which he continues to operate. In 2004, Richard joined Haliburton Rotary. His involvement quickly took on major importance in his life. By 2010 he was ready to assume the role of president. Under his leadership the club supported a number of important initiatives in the community. The Dysart Fire Department benefitted from a \$6,000 donation to purchase a snowmobile/four wheeler rescue trailer. Health Services was given \$15,000 toward its palliative care centre. The Community Kitchen programme received \$3,500 in Rotary support. The club also assisted the launch of a free dental clinic in the community with the purchase of more than \$5,000 worth of dental instruments, and helped launch the Haliburton Business Incubator with a \$4,500 donation. International projects also received support from the Haliburton Club in 2010-2011. An investment of \$2,450, along with \$800 from the Minden Rotary Club and \$100 from the Rotary Club of Belur, India, along with matching grants and funds from the Rotary Foundation, resulted in \$25,000 being made available to help more than 1,400 people in India receive life-changing eye surgery. Under Richard's leadership the Haliburton Club exceeded the District goal of \$125 per member donated to the Rotary Foundation, raising an average of \$190 per member.

*For more on Richard, see details of his 2016-2017 term as president*



## Brian Nash President 2011-2012

As a serial entrepreneur with a passion for self-reliance, Brian Nash knows that successful local businesses, and business people, play an important role in community development. As a Rotarian, he believes in offering a helping hand to those less fortunate and "working with others to create more certainty in their lives," advocating for "living wages, affordable housing, transportation, health and well-being." A graduate of Guelph University with a degree in horticulture, Brian began his business career by starting a landscaping company. Subsequently, in the 1990's, he developed a national signage management company, and in 2002, another company named Get Signage Components. A decision to semi retire brought him to Haliburton in 2008 with his daughters Thalia and Elli, where they designed and built a home that functions entirely off grid. By 2013 he was ready to found another business aligned with his philosophy: Haliburton Solar and Wind. In 2017 he opened Canada's only off grid demonstration centre. In 2019, his growing success was recognized with several awards from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Brian was inducted into Haliburton Rotary in 2008, and served as President in 2011-2012. Under his initiative the club undertook a number of internal changes and community projects. They included naming three honorary members annually, realigning meals and dues to make membership more affordable, attracting new members, launching the annual Community Christmas Party, securing the club's support for the Community Business Incubator, launching quarterly family and friends meetings, and initiating the Head Lake Park Project, focussing on bandshell improvements and the creation of an outdoor skating rink. Brian also presided over a successful summer carnival that was distinguished by the largest summer parade in recent history, with 68 floats. Along with these initiatives, Brian also launched a campaign to raise awareness of the good things that Rotary does in the community. Brian has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. Outside of Rotary, Brian takes pleasure "in making other people's lives better". He has been a Director of the Haliburton Development Corporation and co-ordinator of the Good Food Box program. In his spare hours away from Rotary commitments and business projects, he enjoys gardening, hiking, nurturing his self-reliant lifestyle, and spending time alone.



## Andrew Hodgson President 2012-2013

When Andrew Hodgson was chosen to head Haliburton Rotary in 2012, he added another chapter to a long story of community service his family has written. His grandfather C.W. Hodgson was Reeve of Dysart et al in 1944 and served as the area's Federal Member of Parliament from 1945 to 1962. In 1963, Andrew's uncle Glen Hodgson was elected MPP, a position he held until 1975. His father J.Douglas Hodgson, for whom Haliburton's senior elementary school is named, was for many years the Director of Education for the Haliburton County Board. And his brother Chris was MPP from 1994 to 2003, serving in Mike Harris's cabinet as Minister of Natural Resources. Andrew was born in Haliburton, attended Sir Sandford Fleming College, and later moved to Toronto. In 2007, his links to the community and a desire for change brought him and his wife Anne back to Haliburton, where they are now the owners of a Century 21 Real Estate franchise. Andrew joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 2008 and served as President in 2012-2013. The highlight of his term, he says, was initiating reconstruction of the bandshell that had been built in Head Lake Park decades earlier and badly needed replacement with a larger and more attractive structure. It has since become a focal point for a wide range of musical performances and other summer activities. Andrew describes his terms as president as "a wonderful year, with a wonderful group of people" He continues to be passionate about the community and the club's role in it. "I joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton because of its legacy. Growing up in our village, everything that was positive, Rotary was part of, from the beach (he enjoyed) as a kid, tennis courts, summer and winter carnivals, park space, school scholarships, charity drives, celebrating our history, and the list goes on and on. I stay (a member) because of the growth and the continued good work we do." In Rotary and outside of it, he values honest, decency, helping others and being a good citizen. He also enjoys "the simple pleasures that friendships give: fun, laughter, shared experiences and good advice." His other community commitments have included economic development initiatives, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and professional development and policies provincially. Andrew has been honoured with the club's Fred Jones Award, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



## Lance Edwards President 2013-2014

Only a couple of decades ago, almost every president of Haliburton Rotary had a long history in the community. Many had roots stretching back generations. More recently, as the community has evolved, so too has the club's membership base. New businesses are created, existing ones are sold, and new ideas and energy are shared. Like several other recent presidents, Lance Edwards is an exemplar of that new kind of Rotarian. An optician by profession, Lance and his wife Janice moved to Haliburton from Barrie because he said he "got a good vibe" from the community... "Really". Together, they opened a business selling lenses and frames, and soon had a growing base of customers. Wanting to become more connected to the community and its needs, he became a Haliburton Rotarian in 2010, and in 2013-2014, stepped up to the role of president. His easy-going demeanour and ready sense of humour served him well in his year of leading the club's initiatives. Among the projects that the club began or completed during Lance's term were construction of a much-needed new bandshell in Head Lake Park. A grand opening concert was staged on June 15, 2014, and planning commenced for a Music in the Park series that has become a summer tradition. The year also included a donation of \$1,500 to purchase new books for the Wilberforce Library, a \$1,000 contribution to the 'Fill the Truck' food drive, a \$2,500 donation to assist the Volunteer Dental Clinic, and the creation of a 15 foot dragon sand sculpture in Head Lake Park as part of the annual club-sponsored summer carnival. His involvement in the Rotary Community Christmas party was also a personal highlight. Outside of his year as president, Lance chaired the club's Youth Exchange Program and attended the Rotary International Convention in Portugal. He also claims the distinction of being "the winningest card game player." For his service to Rotary and community, he was honoured with the club's Fred Jones Award and was named a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2018, Lance sold his business to begin a new career in business development with the oldest medical practice brokerage in Canada, working towards a real estate license with a focus on the acquisition of Optometric practices.



## David Zilstra President 2014-2015

It would be fair to say that few people are as peripatetic as David Zilstra is as publisher of the Haliburton County Echo, the Minden Times and two other community newspapers in Bancroft. The constant face-to-face engagement with local business and the wider community that are a key aspect of his job has made him acutely aware of the area's complex needs. A commitment to Rotary is one way in which he has helped meet them. Born in Oshawa, David grew up in Whitby and attended Centennial College, studying business administration and marketing. His newspaper career began in sales in Napanee, where he went on to become ad director in 1993 and General Manager in 1998. He came to Haliburton in December 2005, after owner/publisher Len Pizzey sold the Echo and the Times to Osprey Media and subsequently retired. In 2009 David moved to Barrie to become Publisher of the daily Barrie Examiner and Simcoe County weekly newspapers. He returned to Haliburton and The Echo/Times as Publisher and a member of the ownership group in February, 2014. These career moves brought membership in three Rotary Clubs. He joined Napanee in 1998, Haliburton Rotary in 2005, the Barrie-Huron Rotary Club in 2009, and rejoined Haliburton Rotary in December 2012. At all three clubs he served on the board. David took on the role of President of Haliburton Rotary in 2014-2015. Highlights of his year included initiating the annual Rotary Club of Haliburton LobsterFest which took place in June, 2015. He also began highlighting the many achievements of Haliburton Rotary by sharing archived issues of the Haliburton County Echo at meetings. "The older members appreciated the memories and newer members were astonished with all that the club has achieved since 1944." His year as president also was graced with the presence of Alix Vedris, an exchange student from Croatia who proved to be an asset to the community and highly engaged with the club. David and his wife Marie Zahab were generous supporters of the Student Exchange Program (which the club no longer offers.) They hosted four exchange students and made a particularly rewarding connection with one of them, Steffy Ramos. They visited her in Portoviejo, Ecuador, attended the local Rotary Club and distributed school supplies purchased with Haliburton Rotary funds, to a local school. Along with his dedication to Haliburton Rotary and his willingness to pitch in at every event and project the club organizes and undertakes, David has offered his knowledge and skills to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the Haliburton BIA and the Highlands Summer Festival. As a Rotarian, he has been honoured with a Presidential Citation and the Fred Jones Award. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow. In his leisure time David enjoys biking, golfing, curling, working out in his home gym, walking and outside work around his home.



## George Kadoke President 2015-2016

Every Haliburton Rotarian has an interest in meeting important needs in the local community. It is the club's primary focus. But for a generous and passionate few, the opportunity that Rotary provides to help people in some of the world's poorest countries, is particularly motivating. George Kadoke has made international service through Rotary a rewarding aspect of his life. "After I visited a good friend (and Rotarian) in Cape Town, South Africa, and he introduced me to some of the local humanitarian projects that his club was involved in, the Rotary "bug" bit me, and I have found an outlet to my calling." Born in Berlin, Germany, George was living in Toronto by 1954, when he was first introduced to cottaging in the Highlands. At age 20 he founded his own company, Kadoke Display, managing it successfully for 43 years. His proudest career accomplishment was designing and building the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 2000 in Hannover, Germany. George moved permanently to the Haliburton area in 2000 and joined the Haliburton Club in 2006. Elected President for 2015-16, he brought his international focus to the forefront, travelling to India to visit Sarbik Gram Unnayan Sangha, the organization the club partners with in Bengal. Local Rotarians have supported their rural eye clinic as well as their rural school. Other highlights of his year as President were the inaugural Lobsterfest fund-raising dinner, a \$3,000 grant to Food for Kids, a District Matching Grant of \$4,000 to the local Heat Bank for wood and building a wood shelter, and a \$5,000 donation to St George's Refugee Fund to assist with home renovations for a Syrian family who received a warm welcome, and have remained in the community. George's interest in Rotary's international projects also led him to travel to India on another occasion, and to Cambodia in support of Wheels for Learning, a project started by the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst. He joined a group of Rotarians from District 7010 who travel to Cambodia each year to distribute bicycles to kids so they can make the long trek to school each day. A Fred Jones Award recipient, George left Haliburton Rotary in 2019, to move to Burlington, where he intends to bring his enthusiasm to the club in that area in 2020. In his spare time George enjoys woodworking, international travel, spending time with his family, and helping others.



## Richard van Nood President 2016-2017

After a successful year as president in 2010-2011, Richard van Nood accepted the challenge for a second term in 2016-2017. Motivated by Rotary's commitment to make a difference in the community and the world, Richard inspired the club to support several local initiatives, as well as the Rotary Foundation and an international project with local roots. Major donations included \$15,000 to build a timber frame entrance portico at the A.J. LaRue recreation centre, and \$25,000 toward the construction of a skateboard park at the arena complex. The club also committed to take over the Good Food Box programme from the Haliburton Lions Club. This once-a-month project replaces a monthly meeting and has been a substantial success. On the international front, the Club partnered with Help a Village Effort (HAVE), which was founded by former local resident Gerry Feltham and other local volunteers, donating \$3,300 to provide water filters for schools in India. During Richard's second term more than \$8,000 also was donated by the club to the Rotary Foundation. Outside his presidential years, Richard spearheaded an initiative to have a Rotary clock installed on Highland Street in Haliburton. More than half of the \$20,000 purchase price was raised through sponsorships. It was installed in April 2013 and has become a popular background for visitors' photos. Reflecting on his two terms as President Richard said "Having a club of like-minded individuals who do not see roadblocks but rather opportunities, makes being President very enjoyable." Looking ahead, Richard imagines Haliburton Rotary not only continuing its history of substantial donations to community projects, but also assisting "with the development of skills, both personally and professionally, to lift local people out of the cycle of poverty." Richard's Rotary distinctions include the Fred Jones Award in 2009-2010, becoming a four time Paul Harris Fellow, and achieving perfect attendance for 13 years. When he isn't teaching people to drive safely and working on Rotary projects, Richard likes to play hockey, cycle, play cards and spend time in his workshop. He also has a passion for road safety, cars, and the Toronto Maple Leafs.



## Steve Roberts President 2017-2018

When Steve Roberts assumed his second term as president of Haliburton Rotary, he headed a club that had evolved in many ways in the 13 years since his 2003-2004 term. Its membership was a little smaller, many more of them were women, and the projects it

took on were more diverse than they had been when funding the new hospital was the club's major focus. Haliburton Rotarians were, however, no less committed to community service. And they were, perhaps, more willing to champion hands-on projects than in earlier times. All of this brought energy, camaraderie, and the satisfaction of knowing that the club was making the community a better place in ways that were obvious and lasting. Steve's contribution to Rotary's community efforts in his presidential year, as well as before and afterwards, are exemplary. He was the lead person on the town dock project, which saw the club partner with Fleming College to install a new shelter at the Head Lake waterfront. The timber frame structure was funded by the club and built by students of a timber frame course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. He also co-ordinated construction and installation of the club-funded timber frame portico at the A.J. Larue Community Centre, and the creation of a small outdoor hockey rink at the former skate board park adjacent to Head Lake. As well, he was part of the original and still successful Music in the Park committee. In 2014, Steve and his wife Andrea travelled to Cambodia with Rotary Wheels for Learning and helped distribute more than 1,300 bicycles to help children and youths commute to school. He also has attended many District Conferences and one International Convention. As well, he served as Club Secretary for one year and continues to be attendance keeper and a member of the board. Steve views his presidential terms as an honour, one that challenged him to develop public speaking skills, organizational abilities and a facility with computers. As a Rotarian he continues to be motivated by creating friendships within the club and serving and supporting the community and the Rotary Foundation. On a personal note, he expresses pride in starting a business with few means but a desire to work hard, building two family homes, and being a good husband and father. And he also has developed a reputation as a skilled barbecuer and top chef at Rotary's Summer Carnival Food booth and Midnight Madness. In the community, he has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 45 years, and a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. In his leisure time Steve enjoys hockey, road biking, building and renovating, camping, reading, hiking, cooking and travel. In addition to his Fred Jones Award, Steve is a three time Paul Harris Fellow.



## Ted Brandon President 2018-2019

It was an historic year for the Haliburton Rotary Club when Ted Brandon accepted a second term as club president. His election coincided with the 75th anniversary of the club's founding on March 27, 1944, and he set about to honour the occasion by chairing and hosting a gala dinner for present and past Rotarians in March of 2019. History records that 128 Rotarians from twelve cities attended the club's charter night on May 24th, 1944, under the leadership of president Ron Curry. A similar number of Rotarians and guests were on hand for the anniversary celebration at Pinestone Inn, which Ted MC'd with humour and grace. It was a high point of his second presidency but by no means the only activity the club pursued in 2018-2019. As well as providing its usual support for local needs, a project to build new public washrooms at Head Lake Park was conceived and launched. Ted also set a personal goal of attracting new members to the club. By the end of his term, seven new Rotarians were on the roster. Internationally, Ted attended his 7th Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany in 2019. Asked what motivates him to share so much of his time and personal qualities with Rotary projects Ted cited the value of bringing members together to work toward important goals. "I believe that the impact of Rotary in a community demonstrates the adage that the whole is larger than the sum of its parts. Rotary allows us to have an impact on the world and our community in a way much larger than we could ever hope to as individuals. Reflecting on what he achieved in his presidencies, Ted said "Obviously, all the service and contributions to our community and the world give me great satisfaction, but that happens every year in Rotary. It's a given. I'd like to think that in my two terms as president I brought improved administrative and organizational structure to our organization, making our club stronger and better able to meet the needs of the community." The awards Ted has received for his Rotary work are numerous. They include the club's Fred Jones Award in 2002-2003 and 2012-2013, the Rotary Foundation District Service Award in 2000-2001, his first Paul Harris Fellowship in 2003, and his sixth presented at the Gala dinner in 2019. Outside of Rotary Ted has been involved in a wide range of activities and organizations. Since 1992 he has been a trombonist with the Highlands Wind Symphony, and also plays in three other groups including the Haliburton Chamber Orchestra, the Highlands Swing Band. He was a Director of the Easter Seals Society of Ontario from 1995 to 1999, a member of the Glebe Park Advisory Committee 2000 to 2017, and during the same period he chaired the Faculty Art Auction at Fleming College's Haliburton campus. In his free time he enjoys travel and lakeside living with his his wife Lorry and son Connor. Connor is a charter member of the recently established Haliburton Highlands Rotaract Club.



## Brian Menton District Governor 2011-2012 & 2014-2015

If there is such a thing as model Rotarians, people who exemplify the organization's ideals and support its projects with unbridled generosity and enthusiasm, Brian and Dorothy Menton meet the criteria. Though neither served as president in the 17 years they were members of the Haliburton Club, they distinguished themselves with a long list of accomplishments at the District and International level. Pursuing careers in education, Brian and Dorothy were introduced to Rotary while living in the Canadian High Arctic. Brian joined the club in Iqaluit on Baffin Island, while Dorothy became a member of the Yellowknife Club. The Mentons spent 27 years working in the Arctic as educators, where Brian rose to the position of Deputy Minister of Education in the territorial government. Retiring from their careers, they moved south to the Gooderham area, where they opened a bed and breakfast on property they owned on Glamor Lake Road. Their passion for Rotary still burning brightly, they immediately became members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. The move south gave them time and opportunity to contribute to Rotary in many important ways. With the support of Dorothy, Brian was District Governor of District 7010 twice, first in 2011-12 and again in 2014-15. Both times he took the position due to the incumbents having health issues. Brian was an Assistant Zone Coordinator for Zone 24 East and represented District 7010 at the Council on Legislation in 2016 and 2019. They also represented the RI President at District conferences in Ohio and North Dakota. Brian & Dorothy were the Sargents At Arms for Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin and his wife Esther's extended family at the Toronto and Hamburg International Conventions. They have participated in District International projects in St. Lucia, Ecuador, and twice in Cambodia. They also have participated in a National Immunization Day (NID) in Nigeria and in November 2018 they were part of a team of five Rotarians who were part of an NID in Pakistan. Returning from Pakistan Brian and Dorothy attended the first Rotary Day at the United Nations held in Africa, a two day event held in Nairobi, Kenya. Together they have attended numerous Rotary International Conventions and have visited Rotary clubs in more than 15 countries. In 2016 they moved to Peterborough, Ontario and joined the Rotary Club of Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield (B.E.L. Club), a small club just outside the city limits. In their spare time, Brian and Dorothy enjoy visiting with their three sons, daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. They enjoy walking, snowshoeing and are volunteer amateur beekeepers. Both Brian and Dorothy are Paul Harris Fellows, and are Rotary Foundation Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

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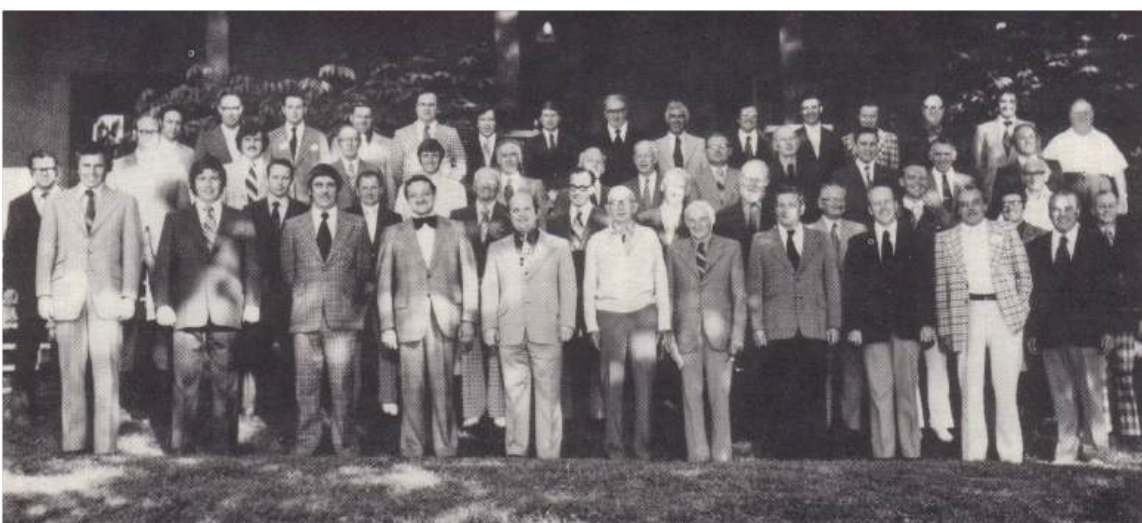
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