



100 Years of Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Victoria

November 15
1913-2013



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PREFACE

This history of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC was prepared because it needed to be and what better time to do it than for the 100th anniversary of the Club in 2013.

Most of the research material exists in the 40-50 boxes in the Archives of the City of Victoria. The other main sources were the BC Provincial Archives and the Victoria Public Library. Numerous other sources were checked but yielded little.

Throughout the hundred years, there were literally dozens of individual members who contributed to the recording of the story. Most are now unknown but a few stand out. HP (Pete) Johnson was the historian during the twenties and the thirties. Captain Thomas J. (Cappy) Goodlake, who was the Club Secretary for twenty years and then was elected President, wrote an abbreviated 60-year history of the Club starting in 1913. Dr. Carron Jameson (President 1966-67) was the historian for many years until his death. He was followed by Bedford Bates (assisted by Judge Blake Allan).

Bedford Bates made an appeal to the Club for historical information. Lo and behold, he was invited by Eric Dowell (President 1970-71) to visit Dowell's Transfer and Storage warehouse where, with the use of a forklift, they obtained a large case filled with memorabilia.

At this time, Bedford's wife had passed away so he was rattling around in a large empty house. Bedford took the material from Dowell's and sorted it by decades in different rooms of the house. Over the years, the material was all indexed and turned over to the Victoria Archives. The last major Club historian was Frank Cappello who continued the indexing and archiving.

This history is a summation of probably 50-60,000 pages of material. There are a few scattered years where the information is sketchy and there are a few individual presidential biographies which were not found in the city, however, there are no historical events that have been missed.

There are a number of Club members who deserve thanks in the preparation of this history. In particular, Past President Ros Scott took the basic draft and turned into a format ready for publishing. Others include Presidents Murray Ramsbottom (proof reading), Don Jensen, and Terry Toone as well as Bedford Bates and Frank Cappello. Flynn Printing, which has supported the Club for more than two decades, printed the history.

SE (Stu) McGowan
President
2000-01

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BEGINNINGS

Paul Harris organized the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905. The name 'Rotary' was derived from the practice of rotating meetings from one member's place of business to another's. This practice was changed when the size of the club became unwieldy and the luncheon meeting was initiated. By 1910, the existing 16 Rotary clubs linked to form the "National Association of Rotary Clubs".

In 1912, the name of the association was changed to the "International Association of Rotary Clubs". During the same year, the first emblem embodying a gear wheel was adopted. In 1916, a Rotary endowment fund was established which was the forerunner of the Rotary International Foundation. In 1922, the name was changed again to "Rotary International". In 1923, the present cogwheel (with 6 spokes, 24 cogs and a keyway) was adopted. In 1933, Chicago Rotarian Herbert Taylor formulated the "4-Way Test". In 1942, at a Rotary conference in London, a vast educational and cultural organization was studied, which eventually resulted in UNESCO. In 1946, a graduate fellowship program was established in memory of Paul Harris.

The 4 "Avenues of Service" were established in 1951. 1954 saw a new RI Headquarters building in Chicago. In 1962, 'Interact' was established (for youth at the secondary school level. A few years later in 1968, 'rotoract' was established (for 18-30 year olds).

In 1985, RI established Polio Plus, a 20-year commitment to eradicate polio from the world. Ever since, this has been the highest priority for RI. The goal was to free the world of polio by the year 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary.

The present RI HQ building in Evanston, Ill was completed in 1987. A year later, approval was granted to admit qualified women into Rotary.

CLUB FORMATION

In the early days of Rotary, it was considered unwise to attempt to organize clubs in communities of less than 25,000 people. Growth was slow for the first few years, but eventually the movement took hold on the Pacific Coast quickly resulting in the formation of – San Francisco in 1908, Los Angeles in 1909, Seattle in 1909 (#4), Portland and Tacoma in 1910 and Spokane in 1911.

The Seattle Club organized the club in Vancouver in the spring of 1913 and during the same year the Vancouver and Seattle Clubs brought the idea to Victoria. Ernest L. Skeel of Seattle and James Giffen and WO Webster of Vancouver did the ground work. Skeel, a lawyer, went to one of his own profession, Frank Higgins, to promote the idea. Giffen and Webster canvassed the businessmen in Victoria and the idea of Rotary caught on rather quickly. The Club began with a number of informal gatherings in October 1913 of young businessmen who had heard of Rotary and were inclined to go further. Some of these men were Percy Abell, W.R. Dale, R.F. Fitzpatrick, John Hart, Alex Peden, W.P. Sweeney and, of course, Frank Higgins.

It is noted that the Vancouver Club (#61) was chartered in March of 1913 and the Victoria Club was formed later in the same year as Club #90.

The inaugural dinner was held at the Empress Hotel on November 15, 1913 with 41 charter members and 14 visitors (9 from Vancouver and 5 from Seattle). This date was considered as that of the formation of the Club. The dinner cost was \$2.50 which included a 6-course meal and cigars. The average age was 37 and they were all on their toes to make Rotary work without the burden of a battalion of older members to keep them in their place.

The Charter arrived from Chicago in due course dated January 1, 1914. Frank Higgins was elected as President. According to custom, the first president was re-elected for a second year, so Frank was president during the years 1914-15. Captain Thomas J. (Cappy) Goodlake was elected Secretary, a position he held for 20 years. Cappy was undoubtedly the spark plug behind the Club. His patience, excellent judgment and quiet sense of humour were of inestimable value to presidents, as all who served under his stewardship would testify.

As might be expected, the major activities during the first year were Rotary education, acquaintance and classification talks by the members.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS – NOVEMBER 15, 1913

C.A. Forsythe
F. Hall
Dr. A.C. Sinclair
Captain T.J. Goodlake
A.E. Mallett
Ajex Peden
W. Cathcart
P. Richardson
David Miller
Hugh Kennedy
H.C. Lane
G.A. Okell
A.B. Taylor
W.R. Dale
S.J. Drake
James Hunter
Wilfred Hunter
R.A. Hutchison
Frank Higgins
R.F. Fitzpatrick
John Hart
A.E. Waterman
J. Kingham
H.P. Johnson
A.J. Ratcliffe
J. McIntosh
J.A. Taylor
Jessie M Warren
W.H. Wilkerson
A.M. Fraser
J.O. Cameron
T.H. Hayward
G.T. McKinnon
Percy C. Abel
W.M. Allen
R.H. Brenchley
Claude A. Solly
W.H.P. Sweeney

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Frank Higgins	1913-15	Frank Norton	1962-63
James Hunter	1915-16	D.E. Johaneson	1963-64
Percy Abell	1916-17	R Stark	1964-65
J.D. O'Connell	1917-19	Carron Jameson	1966-67
JF Scott	1919-20	Jack Lort	1967-68
C Denham	1920-21	Don Wagg	1968-69
Lester Patrick	1921-22	George Maycock	1969-70
Percy Scurrah	1922-23	Eric Dowell	1970-71
James Adam	1923-24	Bob Wallace	1971-72
Jim Beatty	1924-25	Nick Corry	1972-73
Bob Mayhew	1925-26	Jack Baines	1974-75
Edward Tomlin	1926-27	David Hambleton	1975-76
James Fletcher	1927-28	Denis Whyte	1977-78
Herbert Anscomb	1928-29	Jack Gregory	1978-79
Alf Carmichael	1929-30	Bill Skinner	1979-80
Montague Bruce	1930-31	Dick Batey	1980-81
Percy Watson	1931-32	Harold Wrinch	1981-82
George McGregor	1932-33	Don Jenson	1982-83
Charles French	1933-34	Jim Linney	1983-84
Morse Hatt	1934-35	Denny Ryan	1984-85
Herbert Pendray	1935-36	Hugh Smith	1986-87
Frank Doherty	1936-37	Jack Matvenko	1987-88
Tom Goodlake	1937-38	David Iles	1989-90
Hamilton Harmon	1938-39	Bob Whyte	1990-91
Walter Lunney	1939-40	Wayne Morson	1991-92
Gerald Yardley	1940-41	Gus de Jardin	1992-93
AC Lindsay	1941-42	Dick Sparks	1993-94
Frank Turley	1942-43	Don MacDonald	1994-95
Jim Little	1943-44	Pat Crofton	1995-96
John Craig	1944-45	Bob Yanow	1996-97
Victor Clarke	1945-46	Norm Bradshaw	1997-98
Len Hobbs	1946-47	Rick Stolle	1998-99
Jeff Arnott	1947-48	John Carrieres	1999-00
Louis Michelin	1948-49	Stu McGowan	2000-01
Walter Fletcher	1949-50	Ken Walton	2001-02
George Duck	1950-51	Allan Neale	2002-03
George Warren	1951-52	Jim Cutt	2003-04
Bill Clarke	1952-53	Sandy Peel	2004-05
John Gough	1953-54	Terry Jones	2005-06
Jack Cruise	1954-55	John MacKenzie	2006-07
Tom Bradbury	1955-56	Terry Toone	2007-08
Verne Davidson	1956-57	Peter Norman	2008-09

Reg Wride	1957-58	Keith Walker	2009-10
Maurice Green	1958-59	Carol Livingstone	2011-12
Tom Little	1959-60	Ryan Burles	2011-12
Roy Denny	1960-61	Ros Scott	2012-13
Mac Edmison	1961-62	Murray Ramsbottom	2013-14

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1926-27	Jim Beatty
1934-35	Percy Scurrah
1947-48	Frank Doherty
1954-55	Jack Cruise
1983-84	Jack Gregory
1990-91	Doug Lewis

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

After a number of meetings in 1913, with principals Frank Higgins of Victoria, Ernest Skeel of Vancouver, and James Giffon and W.O. Webster of Seattle, the Rotary Club of Victoria was organized.

- 1913 The inauguration banquet was held at the Empress Hotel November 15. This is the date considered to be the birth date of the Club.
- 1914 The Charter was dated January 1, 1914, by Chicago.
Local Rotarians attended the Northwest Convention in Tacoma to develop District 151
- 1915 Victoria hosted the second annual District Conference
- 1917 Advocated for the Saltwater baths (implemented by the CPR) – at the Crystal Gardens
- 1918 The Club extended the year by 7 months in order to conform to the RI year
- 1919 Recommended, planned and worked toward the establishment of the
Uplands Golf Club
Club orchestra was formed
- 1920 Development of the Elk Lake Pavilion
Rehabilitation of returned soldiers
Support of the Esquimalt dry dock
Host to District conference
- 1922 Agitated for a city manager system
- 1924 Planted trees north end of Shelbourne
Erected the Malahat Fountain, Mill Bay
- 1925 Assisted the Publicity Bureau and the Victoria Music Festival
Advocated for a west coast road
- 1926 Raised funds for the Queen Alexandra Solarium
James Beatty elected District Governor
Host to District Conference
- 1927 Campaigned for a Cold Storage Plant
- 1928 Sponsored Good Roads Campaign
- 1933 Hosted District Conference
- 1934 Percy Scurrah elected District Governor
- 1935 Advocated for an ice arena
- 1939 Supported War Savings Bonds
- 1941 Hosted District Conference

- 1942 Sponsored Rotary Air Cadet Squadron
- 1943 Hosted District Conference
- 1944 Hosted District Conference
- 1946 Sponsored the Sidney Club
- 1947 Frank Doherty elected District Governor
- 1948 Sponsored improved ferry service to mainland
- 1949 Sponsored and financed the Tourist Building
Hosted District Conference
- 1950 Rotary Boys' Choir established
- 1951 Erected Mt Douglas "Lookout"
- 1954 Hosted District Conference
- 1955 Chee Pil Pils organized
- 1957 Goodwill Enterprises established
- 1958 Sponsored formation of Douglas Victoria Club
- 1960 Hosted District Conference
- 1961 Dr. Jack Cruise elected District Governor
- 1963 Birthday gifts for RI Foundation started
- 1965 Hosted District Conference
- 1967 Matched with Bombay Club
- 1970 Hosted District Conference
- 1972 Purchased a bus for Mt St Mary's
- 1973 Celebrated 60th anniversary on November 15
- 1974 Hosted RI President William Carter
Established Rotary Club of Victoria, BC Foundation
Sponsored Oak Bay Club
- 1976 Membership exceeded 210 for the first time
- 1977 Hosted District Conference
- 1980 Sponsored Rotary Club of Victoria, Harbourside
- 1982 New format Sunshine Bulletin introduced
"Marching-In" of the head table started
Introduction of Recognition Fees
President Jensen presented his chain of office to the Club
- 1985 Foundation reached \$100,000
- 1987 Don Lovo entered the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame
- 1988 120 flowering cherry trees, located on Songhees, were presented to the City
- 1989 Women were accepted in the Club
Rotoract chartered
- 1991 Goodwill 35th anniversary
First permanent meeting at the Princess Mary Restaurant
- 1992 Rotary House built
- 1996 Student Entrepreneur Program introduced
- 1998 Rotary Air Show
- 2003 Co-sponsored the West Shore Club
- 2005 Rotary Welcome Garden completed
Moved to Union Club
- 2006 Rotary House turned over to Capital Regional Housing
- 2011 Last Night of the Proms
- 2012 Major support of the Rainbow Kitchen including assisting relocation
- 2013 Undertook a number of centennial projects including \$200K to charity

The Inaugural Banquet at the Empress Hotel November 15, 2013



YEAR ONE**1913-14**

President	Frank Higgins
Vice President	Claude A Solly
Treasurer	WHP Sweeney
Sargent-at- Arms	TB Monk
Secretary	TJ Goodlake
Directors	AM Fraser, John Hart, GT McKinnon

Of Note: There were four different meeting venues this year including:

November 1913-February 2014	Ritz Hotel
February 2014	Balmoral Cafe
March 2014	Westholme Grill
June 2015	Empress Hotel

President Frank Higgins, QC

Frank Higgins was born in Victoria on December 26, 1871. His father was the Honourable D.W. Higgins, Speaker of the Legislature 1880-1898. The Higgins home is a mansion on the corner of Fort Street and St Charles. The house was large, cost \$8000, had many rooms and was the scene of much entertaining.

Higgins was called to the bar in 1895. He became the Chief Factor of the Native Sons of BC. In 1901 he married Miss Addie Louise Whitlock who died early. His second wife was Maude Higgins.

Frank was a member of the Canadian Bar Association. He was the leader and principal organizer of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC and remained active in Rotary for the rest of his life including being a member of the Club Orchestra.

For years his law office had been in an old building in Langley Street and he never moved to more modern quarters. He liked the high ceilings, the draughty corridors, the pot-bellied stove and the air of antiquity about the place. It reminded him of the Law Courts of London where he actually appeared on a case.

He died in Victoria on September 21, 1953.

Activities

All activities centered around Rotary education with a special emphasis on acquaintance and fellowship.

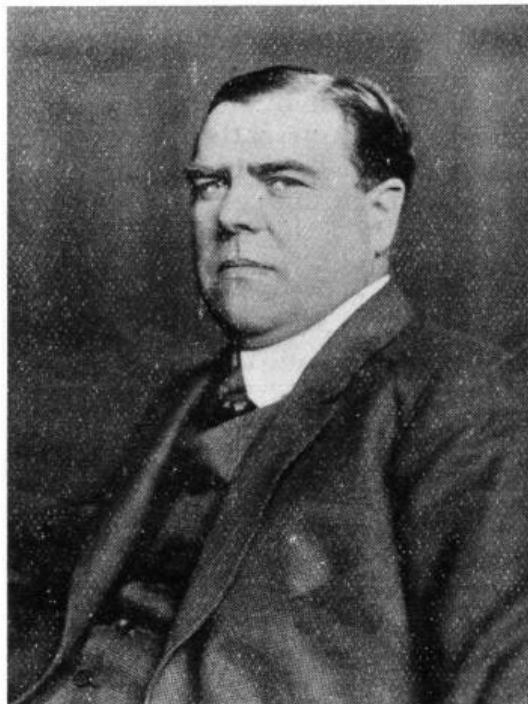
One inter-city meeting was held when Vancouver brought its baseball team to Victoria during the summer of 1914. Victoria won the game and was awarded a large copper cup donated by a Vancouver Rotarian. The referee was actress Miss Verna Felton, then leading lady with the Allen Players at the Plaza Theatre.

By the Club's first anniversary the membership had increased to 90, this despite a financial depression and the war. Business was in a slump. Men's suits were on average \$15-20 and coal was \$6.50 a ton.

Finances: the total income of the Club was \$2228.89.

There were some interesting expenditures including: bulletins \$180; guest luncheon's \$101; office rental \$98 and rosters \$37.25

Of Note: The change-over date for Presidents and the Board of Directors was initially established as November.



YEAR TWO

1914-15

President	Frank Higgins
Vice President	E.A. Waterman
Treasurer	W.H.P. Sweeney
Sargent-at-Arms	T.B. Monk
Secretary	T.J. Goodlake
Directors	A.M. Fraser, James Hunter, Jessie M. Warren

Activities:

Meetings were held at the Ritz Hotel (710 Fort Street). During the year, the Club changed the luncheon meeting place to the Westholm Hotel.

The first District Conference in all Rotary was held in Tacoma and a good number of Victoria members attended. The official title of the meeting was "The First Annual Convention of the North-West Rotary Clubs". Victoria's invitation to hold the next meeting was accepted.

Victoria hosted the convention held February 20-21 with Calgary, Spokane, Tacoma, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria attending. The total attendance was about 400 and the registration fee \$3.50.

Club members gave a minstrel show in the Royal Theatre and netted \$320. The show was well received with a packed house for 2 nights. Tickets sold for \$1. The Club hired the 88th Fusiliers' Band for the Minstrel Parade.

On July 14, 1915, Rotary International President Frank L. Mulholland, en route to the international Convention in San Francisco, addressed the Victoria club. He stressed fellowship and service to others as worthy objectives in the Rotary programme. The Club sent three delegates to the convention with special instructions to advertise Victoria, one of the Club's major objectives for the year.

Over 100 Rotarians returning from the San Francisco Convention visited Victoria en route home. The New York delegation, which was entertained by the Club, generated publicity in their newspapers and generally described Victoria Rotarians as the "liveliest of the live wires".

In 1914, Club President Frank Higgins was made vice-president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

On February 20, Victoria hosted the 2nd annual convention of the Northwest Rotary Clubs. 113 delegates from mainland clubs arrived the evening before. The Empress Hotel had agreed (after some persuasion) to provide accommodations for the meeting, charging \$3 for a double room with a bath. The Colonist editorial had praise for the 15 month's old club – "Our felicitations upon a very successful event. It is one that must result in great good for the city".

Club singing was starting to attract special attention.

There was an early indication of high membership turnover (25%). This was due to Directors using the axe on delinquents and prodding survivors to do better. The problem was with new members coming in too fast, many without realizing the obligations they had undertaken.

YEAR THREE

1915-16

President	James Hunter
Vice President	Thomas Walker
Treasurer	George Barton
Sargent-at-Arms	Clifford Denham
Secretary	T.J. Goodlake
Directors	F.H. Blashford, G.G. Fraser, J.F. Scott

Club Office: Room 602, Sayward Building

President James Hunter

James Hunter was a founding member of our Club and its second President. As a reward for his active service, the Club later made him an honorary member. In addition he was an active member of the Canadian Club, the Pacific Club and the United Commercial Travelers. He was an ardent golfer and popular in sports circles.

Mr. Hunter was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1888 and came to Vancouver with his parents. After completing school he came to Victoria and joined the staff of the Hudson Bay Company. Later he became business manager for a number of private companies. He was best known, however, for the way he organized the musical life of the City. During the War, he organized benefit concerts and singing for the Red Cross and other wartime organizations. He organized Christmas pantomimes for the children and was business manager for the Victoria Operatic Society. He is also said to have been a source of encouragement to students of drama and to have had considerable ability as an actor and singer himself.

Mr. Hunter was married with two children and lived at 957 Moss Street. He died in 1931 and is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Of Note: The membership make-up of the Club is of interest. Of 72 members whose careers had been written up in the Sunshine Bulletin, 31 were Canadian born; 20 from the UK; 18 from



A study of the possibility of developing a local steel industry was promoted and there were various war activities.

The Northwest Conference of Rotary was held in Seattle 19/20 February 19-20, 1916. There were 500 delegates – including 50 from Victoria.

A campaign was sponsored for buying home manufactured products and a free port and grain elevator advocated.

The Club gave continued assistance to the Tourist Bureau.

The Club sponsored a collection of cast-off materials from Victoria homes resulting in close to \$500 being turned over to the Red Cross.

A portion of the expenses of delegates to the International Convention in Cincinnati in June were paid.

The Club had the Board of Trade and Retail Merchant's Association to lunch to foster closer cooperation.

Rotarian JO Cameron hosted the weekly luncheon in the shipbuilding yards of Cameron-Genoa Shipbuilding on the Songhees. Wooden ships were built to aid the war effort.

Home Products fair was sponsored.

The Club collected \$4631 for the British Sailor's Relief Fund.

YEAR FOUR

1916-17

President

Percy C. Abel

Vice President

Reverend A.P. Chadwick

Treasurer

Arthur E. Mallet

Sargent-at-Arms

Jas Rice

Secretary

T.J. Goodlake

Directors

J.H. Beatty, H.P. Johnson, W.S. Terry

President Percy Abell

Percy Abell, born in Woodstock in 1873, became President of the Club at the age of 33. A senior manager of Macey Office Equipment Co., he married Miss Mae Virtue, also of Woodstock. They lived together in Oak Bay where he practiced his hobby, 'intensive farming'. As well as being a Rotarian, he was a Mason and a member of the Pacific Club.

The record is light on personal details about him. We know him best from a description published in the Rotary newsletter which judged him to be "good without being too good; funny without being rude; undoubtedly clever and not at all conceited; strict but always fair; aggressive in a diplomatic way; economical without being stingy; methodical to the core, all of which go to make him an exceptionally good manager".

Percy held Rotary and its ideals in high regard. Six years after he left the Presidency he led a gang of masked buccaneers in a raid on a Rotary meeting in progress. They drove the President from his chair, cleared the head table and took over the proceedings. Then, in a series of speeches which were "intended to be humorous" the invaders drew attention to elements that were creeping into the Club and destroying its efficiency: selfishness; petty jealousies; unjustified carping and criticism; disregard of the Chair; failure to contribute to the program; lack of support of the Club's magazine; and laxness in introducing new members. The record is silent on how this 'raid' was received by his fellow Rotarians or if the Club underwent any revision.

Activities

The third Anniversary Banquet was held in the Empress Hotel (150 attended). Premier Brewster was made an Honourary Member and addressed the assembly.

The annual North-west Conference was held in Vancouver 23/24 February 23-24, 1917.

Delegates adopted the glengarry as headwear for the occasion.

Stuart M Campbell, District Governor of the 18th District visited the Club.

Club singing became very popular throughout the District. One of our members, Ernie Down, wrote several originals some of which were accepted and published in the RI Manual. Another member, Arthur Millet, wrote the third verse to the international anthem which is in the manual and is sung at all International Conferences held in the US and Canada.

Much of the Club's activities centered on the war effort, as it was realized that the struggle was becoming all out.

The Club went on record favouring conscription.

The ladies of Rotary were beginning to take an active part.

Financially, the Club was beginning to show surpluses: the net for the year was \$1069.08.

YEAR FIVE

1917-19

President	J.D. (Joe) O'Connell
Vice President	J.F. (Jack) Scott
Treasurer	Jack Hamilton
Sargent-at-Arms	L.D. McLean
Secretary	T.J. Goodlake
Directors	Chas L. Armstrong, Ernie J. Down, Jim Fletcher

Of Note: Late 1918, the Club changed the “year” to conform to RI with the change-over of Presidents and Boards to take place during the summer.

Of Note: Late 1918, the President and Board were unanimously elected to carry on for another year, to the summer of 1919.

Of Note: For six weeks in the fall of 1918, there were no meetings of the Club because all public gatherings had been prohibited by the City because of the Spanish flu.

President Joseph O'Connell

Joe was born in Lindsay, Ontario and spent all his life in the clothing industry, first with Sellers-Gough Co. in Toronto. In 1910, he came to Victoria and established his own business, Fitzpatrick and O'Connell's with a partner. The business was first located on Yates Street but soon moved to Government Street.

In 1911 he married Elizabeth Maude Diment also from Lindsay and together they had three children.

Joe developed a first class stock of 'proper' clothes and gentlemen's furnishings. This, coupled with courtesy and good service, brought the company good business with many Rotarians “leaving their coin there”.

He held many offices in local and fraternal organizations in addition to being a very active Rotarian. He is described as a very sharp dresser and an able talker, who could discourse on almost any subject. He could put his point across very distinctly and fluently and it was said that he 'commanded attention whenever he was on his feet'. It was his ability to talk and sell that landed him his first job and a lifelong career.

His hobby was playing golf. However, he was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Pacific Club, the Royal Arcanum and the Victoria Canadian Club.

Activities

Victory Loan drives were organized and conducted to establish and cultivate gardens by youngsters. The Ladies assisted members in a house-to-house canvass to promote “food conservation”. A huge ‘open’ Rotary luncheon was held to launch the Victory Loan drive – a great success. Rotarians of Victoria subscribed \$75,000.

The Rotary choir, under Frank J. Sehl, was active during the year.

The Club-sponsored campaign to establish an Iron and Steel Industry was headed by the Mayor with Rotarians Bert Todd and Bob Neild (Manager, Victoria Machinery Depot). Resolutions were sent to Dominion and Provincial governments. A large open luncheon was held in this regard with the Honourable Dr. Tolmie, J.C. McIntosh (federal member for Victoria and Esquimalt) and H.C. Hall (provincial member for Saanich) in attendance. The Club carried the campaign to up-

island boards of trade and organized a committee composed of all island interests. An immense amount of work was done by Club members.

Rotarian Harry Lauder addressed the Club with a thrilling patriotic speech. The lunch was combined with the Canadian Club with 500 in attendance. Many were turned away.

The District Conference was held in Spokane. 22 Club members attended. Alex McFarlane of Vancouver was elected unanimously to the post of District Governor.

Victoria newspapers have been most generous with their accounts of all Rotary activities reporting that "It will be observed that the Rotary Club is the really live organization in the City boosting trade, expansion and other useful city and island buildings. The Board of Trade has for years confined its activities to retail and wholesale matters".

The Club supported the Navy League.

Several classification talks were held – Bishop Schofield and Dr. Plaskett on the new Astrophysical Observatory.

The Club held a raffle for the Red Cross raising over \$1900.

The Club was addressed by the Premier and the Minister of Lands asking our help in providing jobs for returning soldiers.

The District 22 Conference was held in Portland. Clubs attending included Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Spokane, Vancouver, Victoria, Everett, and Bellingham. District 22 later became District 1.

The first orchestra in all of Rotary was composed of members under the leadership of Benny Bantley. The original members were: Benny Bantley piano, Justin Gilbert violin, Frank Higgins violin, Frank Waring violin, Herbert Kent flute, Jim Beatty coronet, and Frank Sehl string bass. Tom Mayers assisted on piano.

YEAR SIX

1919-20

President

Jack F. Scott

1st Vice President

L.D. McLearn

2nd Vice President

Cliff Denham

Treasurer

Jim Beatty

Sargent-at-Arms

Jimmy Adam

Secretary

T.J. Goodlake

Directors:

R.H. (Bobo) Brebby, Herbert Keat, George McGregor

Club Office – Winch Building

President Jack Scott

John Fleming Scott was born in Bluevale, Ontario in 1885. In 1893, with his parents, he migrated to the west coast. After some years of arduous study in school and considerable rugby football, he joined the staff of Messrs. W.H. Malkin and Company, wholesale grocers of Vancouver. As their travelling representative he was often on Vancouver Island. Jack became a favourite on the 'road' and many stories were told by residents of Nanaimo, Comox and the neighbouring towns. In 1909, he left the grocery business to join his brother Sam M. Scott, "Boys Clothes Specialist" and founder of stores in Vancouver and Victoria, bearing his name. The Victoria store was started in July 1912 and under Jack's able management made the older store in Vancouver hustle to keep in the running.

In October 1912, he married Miss Hazel Jeffrey of Toronto.

Jack was keenly interested in any movement to benefit Victoria merchants and, needless to say, was a valued member of the Rotary Club where his dramatic ability brought him to the fore.

Activities

The Installation Banquet was held at the Brentwood Hotel with 200 in attendance

There were some key objectives for the year:

- A Municipal golf course
- seed growing contest among school children
- work among boys
- the Victoria and Island Development Association
- the Council of the Board of Trade
- the annual Christmas tree campaign(which raised \$4000)

New York City and Victoria exchanged flags to display at regular meetings.

Inter-city meetings were held between Victoria and Vancouver – tennis and baseball games.

W.E. Boeing, of the Boeing Seaplane Manufacturing Company of Seattle addressed the Club. In recalling the first Atlantic flight made a few days previously, Mr. Boeing predicted that the next few years would see the inauguration of regular trans-Atlantic services.

Municipal Golf Club: Elk Lake and Uplands were studied by the committee and Uplands was chosen. The Club made a deal with Hudson's Bay Company for long lease of the land extending from the Normal School along Landsdowne to Cadboro Bay Road, thence to Cedar Hill X Road taking in that part of what is now the Uplands Golf Course. Oak Bay agreed upon a generous water rate and low taxes, so the Club pressed into service two members, Fred Butterfield (land surveyor) and Reg Hincks (an experienced golf course architect).

The Club went to City Council and obtained consent to place a by-law before the ratepayers to spend \$20,000 to build a municipal golf course. The request lost by 98 votes. The Club decided that it had worked sufficiently hard so went back to City Council and gained their consent to 'try again'. Club members put all they had into the campaign but lost again by over 1000 votes. The Club decided to approach Esquimalt (MacAuley Point Club, the oldest on the Pacific coast) and offered them all of their information, properties and advice, gratis. They made a deal with the owner and Oak Bay and took on the task. The organizers reduced the size of the land requested, took more "back" land and released most of the Landsdowne frontage.

Inter-city meetings were held with Vancouver as visitors who bought baseball and golf teams.

Victoria won the baseball game but won only one of the golf games (Hon John Hart).

The Club supported the Navy League and campaigned for a new naval training ship for Esquimalt as well as campaigning for the retention of the Naval School (Royal Roads).

The Club journeyed to Sidney to assist in the development of that territory.

Classification talks were encouraged and debates on timely topics became part of the program.

General Sir Arthur Currie addressed the Club and accepted an honorary life membership, He left Victoria in 1914 as a lieutenant-colonel and returned as the Commander of the Canadian Corps France (comprised of 4 divisions totaling 120,000 men) The Club organized and conducted a monster teenage boy's citizenship program meeting in the Drill Hall. The group was addressed by Sir Arthur Currie and several prominent citizens.

A special committee was appointed to lay plans for shipbuilding in Victoria.

A seed growing contest was held and the winners were entertained and presented with cups.

The annual Christmas tree drive was held for the needy – \$4000 was raised and distributed.

The District Conference was held in Victoria in April. Over 1200 attended with the banquet held in the Drill Hall. There was wonderful newspaper coverage of the sessions. 117 delegates stayed on to play in the golf tournament. Both Vancouver and Seattle bulletins doffed their hats to Victoria for unsurpassed entertainment, hospitality and quality of program.

The custom of wearing member badges was inaugurated.

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather (Better Hole Cartoons) addressed the Club.

YEAR SEVEN

1920-21

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Treasurer

Cliff Denham

J.H. Beatty

H.P. Johnson

C.B. Deaville

Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

George I Warren
T.J. Goodlake
Herbert Kent, Lester Patrick, Percy Scurrah

Membership - 160

President Clifford Denham

Clifford Denham was born at Penarth Glamorganshire, Wales on March 1, 1882. At age 6, his family moved to London where he went to school. At 15, he started an apprenticeship as an electrician, but soon left this for a job at Moss Empires Ltd., controllers of some of the largest vaudeville houses in London. He was soon working for the Bioscope Co. of London, a pioneer movie firm. In an effort to persuade Britons that Canada was the land of opportunity, the CPR engaged Bioscope to produce a film on 'Living in Canada'. Clifford was made producer and spent the next few years in Canada travelling and filming across Canada. All indoor scenes were taken during the winter because the CPR had stipulated: "No winter scenes" since Britons already thought of Canada as the frozen north.

At the end of this assignment the American production company "Klaw and Erlanger" hired him. With Mr. Klaw, he toured the length and breadth of the US and Canada, buying, renting or leasing theatres for their productions. It was in Victoria that they leased the Old Victoria Theatre and Mr. Denham asked to be manager. He remained in this position until the Royal Theatre was completed in 1913 and he became manager of it, a position in which he remained until his retirement.

Mr. Denham was a very active president of Rotary. He organized a club orchestra and did much for Victoria business, organizing a "knock the knocker" campaign against those who criticized Victoria's industry or business: "Pull for Victoria or pullout".

Mr. Denham was also a life member of the Royal Colwood Golf Club, the Pacific Club, and the Fraternal Order of Elks. He is described as an ardent fisherman and hunter and an all-round outdoorsman. He was married to Mary and they had two children, Clifford and Vivian. He died after a short illness in 1962.

Activities

In 1920, the Club continued to take part in the transformation of the Board of Trade into the broader mandated Chamber of Commerce. Several Rotarians were elected to the council with one Rotarian as Vice President. Rotarian leaders were in the drive – with 750 memberships sold. A Rotarian was elected as president and the Chamber moved to new quarters uptown.

The Club assisted and became involved in the Boy Scouts, YMCA, Navy League, Community Service, and in an education program to counter Bolshevism and ease industrial unrest.

A picnic was held at Elk Lake with 300 attending including 20 Nanaimo Rotarians who took home a goodly share of the prizes.

The Club assisted the Victoria and Island Development Association as well as continuing boys' work and holding a seed growing contest.

The Club Orchestra (the first in Rotary) was formally formed under leader Benny Bentley. Others included: Frank Higgins, Jim Beatty, Herbert Kent, Frank Sehl, John Woods, Fred Butterfield, Justin Gilbert, Ernie Down, L.D. McLean, Tom Meyers, and Ray Hallwright. This was the start of Club 90's wonderful heritage of music that runs through to today.

The Club continued the task of getting jobs for returning soldiers.

The Christmas Tree Fund raised over \$7500.

1200 children were entertained at a Christmas party. Each child was given a gift certificate for shoes or clothes as well as toys and candy.

A soccer league was formed amongst Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo. Six games were played.

85 Club members and 60 spouses ventured to the District Conference in Seattle in March 1921 where 1500 were in attendance.

Members constructed a pavilion for the YMCA at Elk Lake.

The Club entertained "Kumtuka" (ladies club) the latest offspring of Rotary. The Club also visited Port Angeles, their baby club - the Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Port Angeles (RI Club #879).

YEAR EIGHT

1921-22

President	Lester Patrick
1 st Vice President	Percy Scurrah
2 nd Vice President	James Adam
Treasurer	H.P. Johnson
Sargent-at-Arms	Bob Playfair
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	Rev F.A.P. Chadwick, E.C. Hayward, R.W. Mayhew

President Lester Patrick

Joseph Patrick was the patriarch of a hockey dynasty. He became a captain of the lumber industry in the interior of BC (home in Nelson) becoming a millionaire in the first few years of the 20th century. He had two sons, Lester and Frank, both hockey players.

Lester was born in 1883 in Drummondville, Quebec. He completed his schooling in Montreal and then moved to the Prairies for employment with a survey crew. It was not long before he was playing hockey for Brandon and then the Montreal Wanderers where he was the team captain for two years when the Club won the Stanley Cup.

Back in Nelson, Joseph had made his sons partners in the business (which was making a fortune). In the early 1900's the three partners moved to the West Coast with the intention of establishing hockey, which was virtually unknown in that area. They moved to Victoria and around 1911 built three arenas. One was in Victoria (3,500 seats), one was in Vancouver (10,500 seats) and one in New Westminster. These rinks were the first artificial ice rinks in North America. The Vancouver arena was the largest in the world until the Montreal Forum was built in 1926. The Victoria arena was built in Oak Bay where taxes were lower – sadly it burned in 1929. The trio also established the Pacific Coast Hockey League in 1911.

While in Victoria, Lester immersed himself into the community and business world. He was President of our Club in 1921-22 with Percy Scurrah as the Vice-President. In 1924 he managed the Victoria Cougars. Seeing the writing on the wall with the new NHL, he sold his roster to the New York Rangers where he became coach in 1926. He spent 23 years at Madison Square Gardens as coach, then general manager and vice-president. He lived in the Waldorf-Astoria when he was in New York and his wife moved east each winter to be with him. But each summer they would move back to Victoria, which they called home. They had a house on Linden at Chapman. During a game in 1944, at age 57, Lester replaced his injured goalie and preserved a victory.

Their two sons, Murray (Muzz) and Lynn both continued the hockey dynasty. They both became NHL general-managers – Muzz in New York and Lynn in Boston.

Lester Patrick was known as the "Silver Fox". He had strength, vision, a sense of humour, an analytical mind, a flair for showmanship, and unquestioned loyalty. He spent 56 years in hockey and probably did more for the sport than any other individual. He died in Victoria in 1960. The 'who's who' of hockey attended the funeral.

Activities

Boy's work continued with the sending of 31 boys to YMCA summer camp and the annual seed growing contest was held.

International service was stressed and there was a large attendance at the District Conference. The Club assisted the Saanich Health Centre and a monster picnic for 600 boys was held at Deep Cove.

The Club took an interest in municipal affairs and civic reform and advocated for a city manager to run the City like a business leaving the Council for policy-making only. High school parent teacher associations received assistance and the Christmas Fund drive raised \$9,784.

The Club made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Butchart in recognition of their efforts with the Community Centre and the swimming baths.

Historical Moment

Spokes

*In 1922, a separate debating society within Rotary was started and named **Spellbinders**. This group met every Thursday evening over dinner at either the Douglas Hotel or the Dominion Hotel. The format was changed to hold meetings at members' homes. In 1930 the name was changed to **Spokes**.*

YEAR NINE

1922-23

President	Percy Scurrah
Vice President	James Adam
	Bob Mayhew
Treasurer	A.H. Gibbon
Sargent-at-Arms	P.B. Schmelk
Secretary	Tom Goodlake,
Directors	P.C. Abell, E.J. Down, Dr L.K. Poyntz

President Percy Scurrah

If Rotary were an academic institution instead of what it is, a purely social and fraternal organization, Percy Scurrah would undoubtedly qualify for a Doctorate without further ado. Few men have had such a deep and thorough knowledge of Rotary and such a wide and practical experience as that accumulated by Percy during his career.

Percy was born in Brechin, Ontario in 1883 and educated at Queen's University. He had many occupations during his youth such as that of a telegraph operator for the CPR and a train dispatcher at Fort William.

In 1910, he moved to Victoria and obtained an interest in the *Dynes and Eddington* store. Shortly thereafter, he bought the business and opened *Scurrah's Clothing Store*.

In 1914, he married Mabel Dynes as well as joining the Rotary Club of Victoria.

He became very involved in Rotary and made many major contributions. He had perfect attendance from 1924 until a couple of weeks before his death in 1970. He was proud of his Rotary work and Rotary played a major role in his life. He was the District Governor 1934-35 and was elected a Director of Rotary International for 1937-38. He attended 12 International Conventions and 11 International Assemblies. His was a conspicuous and distinguished service to Rotary throughout his life.

Mr. Scurrah served Victoria as an alderman from 1949-54 and was mayor from 1955 for three terms. He had many accomplishments including the Point Ellice Bridge, a new health and welfare system and a major debt reduction program. He organized a hard-working team to establish a ferry service to replace the CPR *Princess* ships. His relentless and tireless team approach convinced Premier W.A.C. Bennett of the need and BC Ferries was born.

Percy was a uniquely dedicated Rotarian, an outstanding mayor and a great corporate citizen.

Activities

The Club continued to boost the Publicity Bureau.
 The Chamber of Commerce was supported in its activities (12 of 18 directors were Rotarians).
 The Club continued agitation for a city manager form of civic government.
 A number of inter-city meetings including a most successful Ball was held in the Armoury.
 Talks by members continued to be encouraged.
 The Club endorsed tax concessions to the CPR in return for their building of an amusement centre (the Crystal Gardens).
 Rotariennes conducted regular meetings.
 The annual seed growing contest was held.

YEAR TEN

1923-24

President	James (Jimmie) Adam
Vice President	Frank J. Sehl Samuel J. Drake
Treasurer	H.P. Johnson
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	William N. Kelly, Thos P. McConnell, Frank Waring

Membership 114

Meeting place – the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium

President Jimmy Adam

Jimmy Adam, or as he was known, J. Particular Adam because he advertized himself as the particular grocer, was born in Kilmarnoch, Ayrshire, Scotland in 1882 and came to Canada in 1893. He lived in Nanaimo until 1900, then moved to Ladysmith and opened a grocery store. In 1913 he moved to Victoria where he owned two grocery stores, one on Cook Street and one at Gladstone and Fernwood. He was married with two girls and a boy.

Jimmy was elected into Rotary because it was felt that he epitomized two essential aspects of Rotary: Service and Efficiency. He carried the classification of grocer and became the President of Rotary in July 1923.

In his speech accepting the office of President he vowed to “keep the Club at the top notch of efficiency - enthusiasm means so much to the spirit and success of our Club”. At the time the price for lunch was 50 cents. Members who did not want lunch paid 25 cents.

Jimmy was very fond of athletics and, in particular, shone in his younger years as a centre forward in soccer. As such, he captained a team that played victoriously in San Francisco and other US cities. During 1927-28, he was an alderman. He died 29 March, 1939 and is buried in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Activities

The Club pledged \$12,000 to the TB Clinic at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.
 Boys were sent to YMCA Summer Camp.
 The Lord Mayor of York, England, Rotarian J.B. Inglis presented the Club with a gavel made from oak from York Minster.
 The Honourable Walter Nicol, Lieutenant-Governor of BC, addressed the Club.
 A Club ladies' evening meeting was held celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Club.
 The annual seed growing contest was held.
 The annual Christmas tree fund raised \$1825.
 A 100% meeting was held 24th February with Mayor Hayward and City Council as guests.
 A float was entered in the 24th May parade.

On June 19 lunch was held at the British America Paint Company hosted by Carl and Hubert Pendray.

On June 26 our guest was Rear Admiral Sir Herbert Brand, KCMG, KCVO, and CB. He was accompanied by the Captains of Her Majesty's Ships Dehli, Danae, Dauntless and Dragon.

YEAR ELEVEN

1924-25

President	JH Jim Beatty
1 st Vice President	James Hunter
2 nd Vice President	Brigadier R.P. Clarke
Treasurer	Harry Boorman
Sargent-at-Arms	Herbert Kent
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	R.H. Brenchley, R.W. Mayhew, Peter B. Schmelk

Membership 99

President James Beatty

James Beatty was born in Frankfort, Ontario. At an early age he learned Morse code and became a telegraphist. He also worked in a grocery after high school graduation.

Jim became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver in 1913. He moved to Victoria in 1914 and joined our Club. During WWI, he served as a wireless operator in the Royal Naval Reserve. Returning to Victoria, he quickly became immersed in Rotary, becoming a Director, Treasurer, and Vice President and in 1924, he became a very popular President. He put much time and effort into Rotary becoming the District Governor in 1926.

In professional life he started out as a teacher in business school. He progressed steadily and eventually became a partner in a major business college – Sprott Shaw. At the same time he was active in the community especially in the Chamber of Commerce, Masonic circles and on the golf course.

Jim Beatty had an unfailing good nature, great patience and a love of good humour. He remained a bachelor all his life.

Activities

The meeting venue temporarily changed to the Chamber of Commerce.

The campaign continued to obtain jobs for the unemployed.

July 24 our guest was Mr. DA MacDonald, City Controller.

August 4 there was a musical program with Miss Kedon (pianist) and Master Kedon (Violinist) who had recently arrived from Russia.

August 21 the Club hosted an inter-city meeting with Port Angeles which provided the program and entertainment. Other clubs involved were Bellingham, Everett, Mt Vernon, and Nanaimo.

September 11 our guest was Dr. RW Sutherland Minister of Public Works whose subject was "The Roads of BC".

October 9 lunch was held at the #1 Fire hall as guests of Fire Chief Stewart and the Fire Wardens to recognize Dominion Fire Prevention Week.

The Australian and New Zealand delegation en route to the International Convention in Toronto was entertained. The Club was represented by the President at the convention.

The Club was also represented by the President, the Secretary and Chairman of the Boy's Work Committee at the Executive Conference at Hoquiam and by 15 other members at the District Conference at Portland.

The "Buy Home Products" campaign was boosted.

The Club presented a memorandum to the Putnam-Weir Education Commission appointed by the Provincial Government.

The Memorial Avenue scheme was supported with members planting trees along Shelbourne Street. This actually was a Chamber of Commerce initiative well supported by our Club. Special plantings were completed by Marshall Joffe, Lord Byng, Sir Arthur Currie and the Prince of Wales.

January 6 Mayor Carl Pendray and the City Council were guests and conducted the program.

The Club agitated for better roads for the island.

Anacortes was visited by the Club (with ladies).

Some significant guests and guest speakers were:

- The Minister of Public Works,
- Past International President Alex McFarlane,
- Governor Eddie Flynn of the Ninth District, and
- Rear-Admiral Hon. Sir Charles Huband

A joint meeting was held with Kiwanis and Kumutka.

Captain Parizeau was assisted in getting a new hydrographic vessel for Victoria.

The annual Seed Growing Contest was held with prizes presented by Mrs. R.P. Butchart.

The Malahat Fountain was completed. (See below).

June 4 our luncheon was held in the dining Room of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Historical Moment

Significant statement about Rotary (James Beatty 1925)

.... The primary purpose of Rotary is not to take independent action in its own name on a wide variety of subjects, but rather act as a training school in citizenship for its members. It has therefore been a source of satisfaction to them to see so many of their fellow Rotarians doing good service for patriotic, civic, fraternal and charitable organizations throughout the city and district. The more such honourable work is done, the more the existence of our club is justified.

Malahat Fountain

In 1924 the Club erected a water fountain on the Malahat near Mill Bay. Its purpose was to provide water for the then vintage cars navigating the Malahat. One was lucky to drive the 45 minute trip over the Malahat without a tire blowout and/or an overheated radiator – or both. The fountain also provided drinking water.

The Malahat Fountain was completed and dedicated by Hon Dr. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works. This was followed by an inter-city banquet with Nanaimo in the Agriculture Hall in Duncan. 200 attended. Members of the Victoria Club travelled to Mill Bay by TALLY HO and returned by the Mill Bay Ferry.

The fountain is approximately seven feet tall and five feet wide, made of concrete with a brass water spout. There is space for a Rotary wheel but it is missing. There are two killer whales on the face with a number of native words. The wording on the base reads "Rotary Club of Victoria 1924".

The fountain was almost destroyed in 1982 because of water pollution. The Highways Department wanted to demolish it but the Mill Bay Community League came to its rescue. Under Duncan Rotarian Chuck Peterson, sand blasting was organized, the inscription was re-coppered and the plumbing was re-connected.

Over the last hundred years, the fountain has been refurbished mainly by Rotarians. In 2006, Past President Norm Bradshaw led a team to do such.



YEAR TWELVE**1925-26**

President
Vice President

Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

R.W. (Bob) Mayhew
W.N. Kelly
Frank J Sehl
T.O. MacKay
Tom Goodlake
James Hunter, JR Kingham, Frank Doherty

President Bob Mayhew

Robert Wellington Mayhew was born in 1881 in Cobden, Ontario. He married and had three children, the youngest of which was killed in action in WW1. He came to Victoria and founded the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. In due course he became the President of the National Box and Paper Co. and a member of the Royal Trust Co. Advisory Board. He was the President of the Victoria Rotary Club in 1925.

In 1932, Bob became an Oak Bay Councilor. He became Reeve in 1933 until 1936. He was a member of the First United Church.

In 1937, he was elected as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Victoria. In 1938, he became President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. 1944-48 he was Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and during the period from 1948 he was a member of the federal cabinet as Minister of Fisheries. He was charged with the negotiation of a treaty between the US, Canada and Japan that would protect all North Pacific fishing grounds from wasteful raids. He led Canada into participation in the Colombo Plan. He retired in 1952.

In 1957 Bob sold his company which at that time had 400 employees.

He gave of his time to community affairs such as the development of both UBC and UVic (he holds honorary degrees from both). He was President of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. At age 72, he was appointed Ambassador to Japan for two years. He was a member of the Tokyo Rotary Club 1953-54.

Bob Mayhew symbolized a true statesman who did much to build Canada to its present standing among the nations of the world. He died at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in July 1971 at the age of ninety.

Activities

The Club assisted the Publicity Bureau. A music festival was held in the arena. Boy's work at the YMCA continued.

A float was again entered in the May Day parade.

The West Coast road plan was endorsed.

The Club returned to the Empress Hotel for meetings.

The Port Angeles Club was entertained.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held with Mrs. Butchart presenting prizes.

The Mayor and Council were entertained.

600 children attended the Christmas tree function.

The District Conference was held. 500 Rotariennes went to Government House.

Jim Beatty was nominated as District Governor.

YEAR THIRTEEN**1926-27**

President
Vice President

Edwin Tomlin
Lyle Dunlop
Perry Watson

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

Arthur Mallett
Tom R Meyers
Tom Goodlake
Walter Clubb, J.R. Kingham, Gordon Leckie

President Edwin Tomlin

Edwin Tomlin was born on 27 August 1884 in Kent to Tom and Helen Tomlin. He came to Canada in 1907 and was employed by the CPR for nine months. He then joined the Vancouver Portland Cement Company which was operated by R.P. Butchart at Todd Inlet until 1912. He then went to the Associated Portland Cement Company at Bamberton. When the two companies joined in 1919 to become the BC Cement Company, Mr. Butchart was named President and Mr. Tomlin became Director-Treasurer. He became managing director in 1927 and retained that post until the death of Mr. Butchart died in 1943, when he became president.

Mr. Tomlin was a Mason, a director and past-president of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, and a chairman of the Oak Bay School Board. He helped organize a branch of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, becoming the first chairman. He was also a director of Evans, Coleman and Gillay Bros., Vancouver; Clayburn Holdings Company, Vancouver; and the London & Western Trust Company.

He was a keen student of national affairs and enjoyed close acquaintances with many political leaders. He was a member of the Union Club and the Victoria Golf Club. An enthusiastic gardener, he made a showplace of his home 'Westward Ho'.

Mr. Tomlin married Olive Agnes Wilson and had four children. He died May 29, 1944.

Activities

Boy's Work continued – 35 sent to the YMCA camp.

The British Soccer Team was entertained.

A picnic was held at Elk Lake for the crew of HMS Curlew. Inter-city meetings continued with Port Angeles and Anacortes.

A superfluities sale was held in aid of the Solarium netting \$1400.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held with Mrs. Butchart presenting the prizes.

Herbert Anscomb was elected Reeve of Oak Bay.

Joint meetings were held with Kiwanis and Kumutka.

A committee was sent to Courtenay to endeavor to form a club.

YEAR FOURTEEN

1927-28

President
Vice President

James H. Fletcher
Vic Clarke

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

Percy Merchant
Herbert J. Pendray
Percy Watson
Tom Goodlake
Herbert Anscomb, Frank I. Doherty, Dan W. Evans

President James Henry Fletcher

James Fletcher was born in Victoria on 5 August 1874 to Thomas Fletcher. He was the second son (after George) of Thomas, who was a pioneer music dealer in Victoria. James attended Boy's Central School. He entered what was to be his life work by entering the music store of his father.

Thomas Fletcher retired in 1896 and James saw his firm grow until it embraced Nanaimo, Vancouver and Prince Rupert with the head store in Victoria. He was head of the firm of Fletcher

Bros (Victoria) Ltd at the time of his father's death. By this time, there was only one store in Victoria and there was a second separate store, George A Fletcher Music Company, in Nanaimo. The two stores were no longer connected.

To Mr. Fletcher, music was not only a business but a hobby. He was a keen supporter of all musical and cultural activities in Victoria. He was vice-president of the Victoria Retail Merchants Association and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a Mason, a member of the Native Sons of Canada, a member of both the Victoria and Colwood Golf Clubs and of the First United Church.

James was President of the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1927-28. His son, Walter, was President of the same club in 1949-50.

James Fletcher died on 8 April 1944.

Activities

42 Everet Rotarians and ladies were entertained.

Visits to member's place of business and members talks continued.

The Club assisted Mayor Carl Pendray in a campaign to build a cold-storage plant in Victoria.

Inter-city meeting held with Port Angeles.

The Club spearheaded 'Old Home Week' plans.

Another superfluities sale was held to aid the Solarium - \$1400 raised.

Inter-city meeting held with Nanaimo.

A Rotary Ice Carnival was held to aid the Solarium.

A Christmas party was organized for 450 children.

A float was entered in the May Day parade.

YEAR FIFTEEN

1928-29

President

Herbert Anscomb

Vice President

Padre W.W.J. Bruce

John (Jack) R. Clarke

Treasurer

Walter Tuck

Sargent-at-Arms

Percy Goodlake

Secretary

Tom Goodlake

Directors

Dan Evans, James Macfarlane, Cecil Tice

President Herbert Anscomb

Herbert Anscomb was born in Maidstone, Kent in 1892. From an early age, he was always intrigued by politics – his father was an alderman and mayor of Maidstone. Herbert's mother died of typhoid when he was 5 years old and three years later, his father suffered a paralyzing stroke. He was brought up by his sister.

In 1911, Herbert Anscomb arrived in Victoria aboard the SS Lake Champlain. He worked as a clerk/accountant for a number of firms including BC Electric and the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co. (as a chartered accountant) where he rose to manager in 1918. He married Anne Maud Brooker in 1925 and was devoted to her for the rest of his life.

Anscomb was the Reeve of Oak Bay during 1925-27. The election was dirty politics and was a good experience for him for future political endeavors. He was a tough reeve and won several significant battles, some with Victoria where Carl Pendray was mayor. Anscomb had become a formidable speaker and politician. In 1928 he became mayor of Victoria and was most active.

His next political venture was provincial where he continued to be most active. As a Tory, he became a minister in the wartime Liberal coalition government. In due course, he beat Premier W.A.C. Bennett. Bennett crossed the floor to the Social Credit Party which dominated BC politics for decades.

Anscomb was often bitterly disillusioned by politics because of the hypocrisy and disloyalty he often witnessed. However, he was tough, a great orator and a formidable politician for most of his life. He accomplished much and died in 1972

Activities

An inter-city meeting was held with Port Angeles (with a return visit).

A picnic was held with the new Safety League with a number of outside speakers.

President Herbert Anscomb was elected Mayor of Victoria. He resigned from the Club and Dan Evans was elected to fill the position for the remainder of the year. Dan was replaced by Jack Land on the Board.

Of Note: Eight Rotarians were members of the Legislature (1/6th of the Leg.)

\$2000 was raised for an Educational Conference in Winnipeg

30 boys were sponsored for the YMCA Camp.

The second annual Ice Carnival was held on 28 November, raising money from this and the Superfluites sale for the Queen Alexandra Solarium for crippled children in Mill Bay. Children from the centre were entertained at Christmas.

Club members maintained the drinking fountain on the Malahat.

The annual basket picnic was held at the residence of Reverend Bruce on Mt Newton. Co-operation with the YMCA secured physical training for many boys.

The boy's work committee had given aid to many lads.

The Club held one meeting at the new BC Worsted Mills Plant, on Montreal Street hosted by managing director John Moore. Knitting yarns were in great demand, with all the production being taken by a plant in Vancouver.

85 members and ladies attended the District Conference in Vancouver.

A visit was made to the Club in Port Townsend.

YEAR SIXTEEN

1929-30

President
Vice President

Alfred Carmichael
Reverend Monty Bruce
P.L. Naismith
Bill Pinfold
Tom Goodlake
Morse Hatt, Percy Watson, Tom Yuill

Treasurer
Secretary
Directors

President Alfred Carmichael

Alfred Carmichael was born in Milisle, Northern Ireland on June 13, 1874 to David Carmichael. He came to Canada in 1901 and was a real estate agent. Alfred and his wife Jane had two sons and a daughter. His second son served in the RCAF and died in 1943.

Mr. Carmichael was president of the Rotary Club of Victoria and president of the Victoria Real Estate Board in 1931

He died in Victoria on January 30, 1963.

Activities

Classification talks were encouraged.

Booster talks were conducted on good roads as well as rural-urban cooperation.

The Ice Carnival netted \$1600 for charity. After the Carnival, the Arena burnt down.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held with Lt Gov Bruce sending prizes.

The Club was incorporated under the Societies Act.

A resolution was sent to the federal government favoring "preferential" immigration.

A Service Clubs Council was formed in Victoria to coordinate community service activities.

Governor-General Lord Willingdon was a guest of the Club.

YEARSEVENTEEN

1930-31

President	Rev Montague (Monty) Bruce
Vice President	Bill Pinfold
	Percy Watson
Treasurer	Bill Wilson
Sargent-at-Arms	Frank Shandley
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	W.A. Jameson, Walter Luney, Herbert Pendray

President the Reverend Montague William John Bruce

Montague Bruce was born January 19, 1873 in Wales to William Bruce. He spent 22 years in Victoria working principally at St. John's Anglican Church. He also occupied the pulpit in other Anglican churches in Victoria and district.

He married Dorothea Locke Bruce. He died on 22 June 1943.

Activities

The Club sponsored a monster Swimming Gala to support the Solarium and a 'Pageant of Nations' was held in the Armouries.

The Club visited Salt Spring Island and the Duncan Charter meeting.

July 8 an inter-city basketball tournament was hosted by Duncan. Other participants were Victoria and Nanaimo.

July 29 the Club made a trip to Port Angeles by the CPR's Princess Patricia the (cost was \$1 round trip) for golf and softball.

July 30 our guests were Major Hinton (Victoria School Board) and Archie McKinnon (YMCA) speaking on "Body Building".

August 27 the guest was the Hon Herbert Marler, Envoy Extraordinaire and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty's Government in Canada to His Imperial Japanese Majesty. His subject was "Canadian Diplomacy and Trade in the Far East".

December 10 our guest was the Hon GS Henry, Premier of Ontario. His subject was "Our Future".

December 24 District Governor Morgan Eastman was the speaker at the Christmas Eve Dinner.

Jan 7 our guests were Mayor Leeming and Aldermen.

March 31 our guest was Commander Victor Brodeur, CO of HMCS Skeena. He presented to the Club a gavel made from wood from HMS Victory in Portsmouth.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held with the Lt Gov presenting the prizes.

The Club held a Cabaret at the Empress.

YEAR EIGHTEEN

1931-32

President	Percy Watson
Vice President	Vic Clarke
	Bill Pinfold
Treasurer	Horace A. Primly
Sargent-at-Arms	Johnnie Johnson
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	Sam Armstrong, John Craig, Beil Lamont

President Percy Watson

Percy Watson was born in the 1880's in Invermay, Bruce County, Ontario. He was the third generation born in Canada. He moved to Kincardine and went to public and high schools there.

At 16 he took a hand in the printing of the Kincardine Review. He must have liked the smell of ink because he printed everything that came his way in Peterborough, London and Niagara Falls until, in 1904, he moved to Winnipeg and worked for the Stovel Printing Company. With his young experience, he was put in charge of the publications department.

His face was set towards the Pacific Coast so in 1905 he headed west. He worked for a time in Vancouver and then took charge of a small newspaper in Hedley, BC, for eighteen months. In 1907 he was back on the coast and in 1908, with his partners, he opened the Acme Press in Victoria.

Percy was very athletic. In baseball, he helped the Beacon Hill Team to win the city championship. In ice hockey, he cooperated in landing one senior championship and two commercial championships in Victoria. During the period 1911-21, Percy was the Secretary of Victoria Ice Hockey League. In 1922, he became President of the BC Hockey Association. Percy was President of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC in 1931-32 and became a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee of RI. He was Chairman of the Victoria Zoning Board of Appeal. He was a member of St. Andrews Cathedral and served on the St. Louis College Welfare Association.

Activities

A Rotary Dance was held for the opening of the new Manufacturers' Building at Willows fair grounds.

The Club hosted outside speakers on world topics, held an inter-city meeting with Port Angeles, had a picnic with Duncan at Cowichan and hosted the Anacortes, Everett and Port Angeles clubs. The Pageant of Nations was held at the Provincial Fair Ground at the Willows.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held.

An orchestral concert was sponsored at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

Advertising and musicians of the 50-piece orchestra performed under R Jimmy Miller.

Mayor Leaming and City Council were hosted.

The Club sponsored an address by Sir Herbert Wilkins, an Arctic explorer.

Commander Brodeur, RCN, Officer-in-Charge of HMCS Naden presented to the Club a gavel made from wood of HMS Victory.

June 9 a sapling was planted in Beacon Hill Park by Sydney W. Pascall of London, England, President of Rotary International.

YEAR NINETEEN

1932-33

President

George McGregor

Vice President

Charlie French

Bill Pinfold

Treasurer

Tom McConnell

Sargent-at-Arms

Johnnie Johnson

Secretary

Tom Goodlake

Directors

Charlie Barker, Bob Brenchley, Walter Luney

President George McGregor

Captain George McGregor was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1863 and moved to Canada in 1884. He worked in his trade as an engineer in Collingwood and Barrie. He later went to Vancouver and worked as a marine engineer in ships along the BC coast.

He moved to Victoria in 1890 and founded the Victoria Tug Company. His first tug, Sadie, brought the stones used to build the Parliament Buildings to the City. He was also active in founding the Boscowitz Steamship Company. He was well known in marine circles from San Francisco to Skagway.

He was Reeve of Saanich during the period 1914-16 and earlier served on the Saanich School Board. While serving Saanich, he directed an active and successful campaign to pave the roads of the municipality. He was a past director and past president of the Royal Jubilee Hospital board of directors. He was instrumental in building the main units of the hospital. He was also in the Masonic Order, the Canadian Club and on the board of Managers of the First United Church. Captain McGregor was agent for the Union Steamship Company and at one time was associated with the logging and fish cannery business. Known to every shipping personality in BC and a close friend of hundreds of friends in Victoria, he also held an honorary life membership with the BC Towboat Owner's Association. George died September, 1947.

Activities

An International Assembly was held at the Empress for a week prior to the International Convention in Seattle. International President Sidney Pascall addressed the Club and installed the new officers. The President planted a Tree of Friendship in Beacon Hill Park. Jim and Mrs. Fletcher entertained the wives of the visiting officials at their home. Lt Gov and Mrs. Fordham Johnson entertained the Board at Government House. 6000 registered at the Convention. Victoria's JH Beatty was elected a Director of RI from Canada. Talks were encouraged on education and the Club was addressed by Dean Coleman (UBC), Minister of Education. A large Puget Sound meeting was held in Victoria with 9 clubs and 250 guests. A golf tournament was held. The Club was addressed by the Japanese Consul and a week later, the Chinese Consul discussed the Manchurian question. The Club endorsed the Human Interest Bonds drive to help the unemployed. A Christmas party and a benefit concert at the Royal Victoria Theatre were organized to raise funds for the needy. The Club hosted Mayor Leaming and City Council. The annual Seed Growing contest continued.

YEAR TWENTY

1933-34

President	Charles H French
Vice President	Sam Armstrong Walter Luney
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Secretary	Tom Goodlake
Directors	Wm. H. Angus, John Cran, Johnny Johnson, Duncan McBride

President Charles French

Charles French was born in Markham, Ontario in 1867 and was educated in Collingwood. As a young man, he was described as "having a big heart and an honest good nature". As a teenager he entered the printing business for four years.

In 1886, he joined the Hudson's Bay Company in Winnipeg as a fur dog driver. He remained based in Winnipeg until moving to Victoria in 1902 in the HBC fur department as a purchasing agent. In 1913 he became the BC District Manager of fur trade. He moved to Vancouver with the company in 1921. In 1927, he was appointed the chief factor and fur trade commissioner with headquarters in Winnipeg. In 1930, he returned to Victoria and transferred to the Rotary Club of Victoria.

Charles was very active. He was the president of Rotary, president of the Automobile Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a supporter of the Queen Alexandra Solarium, the

Children's Aid Society, a member of the Beaver Club, and a member of the BC Historical Society. He was also an authority on Indian Life and was frequently in demand as a speaker. When he retired, Charles was awarded the HBC Gold Medal and Gold Bar for his decades of long and faithful service to the company.

Activities

The 19th Conference of District One was held in Victoria with 300 delegates.
 A tribute was made to Cappy Goodlake, the secretary for 20 years – 1000 club meetings.
 An intercity meeting was held at Duncan.
 An inter service club golf tournament was won by Rotary.
 A Superfluities Sale was held in aid of under privileged children as was a Jamboree held at the Crystal Garden.
 The annual Seed Growing contest was held.
 Several addresses on international affairs were made by outstanding speakers.
 Percy Scurrah was elected District Governor.

YEAR TWENTY-ONE

1934-35

President	J Morse Hatt
Vice President	Duncan McBride
	Herbert Pendray
Treasurer	Edward R Coates
Secretary	TP McConnell
Sargent-at-Arms	Alex Peden
Directors	Sam M. Armstrong, Walter Luney, John MacKay

Activities

The Club hosted Everett.
 International President Bob Hill addressed the Club.
 Mayor Leaming and Council were hosted
 T.J. (Tom) Goodlake resigned as the secretary of 21 years.
 A Revue and Minstrel Show was staged at the Royal Theatre in aid of charity.
 The annual Seed Growing contest was held.
 Professor Julian Huxley addressed the Club.

YEAR TWENTY-TWO

1935-36

President	Herbert J Pendray
Vice President	E.R. Coates
	Dr. V.B.Taylor
Treasurer	Frank H Shandley
Sargent-at-Arms	Frank Turley
Secretary	T.P. McConnell
Directors	T.J. Goodlake, J.V. Johnson, .EW. McMullen

President Herbert Pendray

Herbert Jeffrey Pendray was born in 1883 to William John and Amelia Pendray. William came to BC in 1869 during the gold rush. He acquired one of the richest diggings in the country, making a fortune. He returned to England temporarily but came back to Canada to establish the Pendray Soap Company and later to establish the British American Paint Company on Laurel Point.

Herbert was one of four sons. He started work as a schoolboy at the Soap Factory and the BA Paint Co. for 55 years rising to be Vice-President. He and his brother Carl built up the business. He was the Vice President of the Automobile Club of Victoria, an elder in the Metropolitan United Church, President of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC, a member of the Union Club and a director of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

Herbert built a house "Heavenwood" on the Esquimalt Lagoon which today (2013) is the *Coast Collective Gallery*.

He was interested in photography. He and his wife were constant travelers and visited most parts of the world. They left Germany just before World War II broke out.

Herbert's brother Carl was mayor of Victoria in the twenties.

In his will, he left generous sums to the United Church, the Salvation Army, the BC Orphanage, YMCA, Resthaven, the 7th Day Adventist Church, his gardener, two of his servants and a family friend with the residue going to the family, including the children of Carl Pendray.

Throughout his life, Herbert Pendray was very quietly involved in kindness, inconspicuous benefactions involvement in city affairs and worked well for the institutions of Victoria.

He died January 17, 1956.

Activities

July 25 the guest speaker was the Rt Hon Joseph A Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia.

August 10 a Rotary Garden Party was held at the Esquimalt Lagoon home of President Herb and Mrs. Pendray.

August 22 the Club, with ladies present, was entertained by the Victoria Civic Opera.

September 4 members boarded the SS Iroquois for an international Rotary meeting at sea.

Clubs included Victoria, Port Angeles, Duncan, Nanaimo, Sequim and Port Townsend.

September 19 the guest was the Reverend ATB West from London, England. He was a graduate of Oxford and a well known writer. His church dates back to Norman times.

October 31 the guest was Mayor David Leeming.

November 7 the Club proposed a road from Shelbourne Street to the top of Mt Douglas.

December 5 District Governor Stanley Long made his official visit. The Club was entertained by pianist Miss June Richards.

The Club backed the Gyro Christmas Hampers Fun and sponsored "Tons of Money" comedy at Pantages Theatre.

Boy's work was continued.

January 2 a joint meeting was sponsored with Rotary, Kiwanis, Gyro and Revelries plus the Mayor and City Council.

February 11 a Rotary Cabaret Night was held with dinner and dancing. The cost was \$1.50 per plate.

February 27a reunion meeting was held with all former Club members invited. The active program included:

- Past President, PDG, and Past VP of RI JH Beatty,
- Past President and Past VP of RI WJ Club of Winnipeg,
- Past President Frank Higgins,

May 7 the guest was Mr. Bruce A McKelvie, Managing Editor of the Victoria Daily Colonist.

YEAR TWENTY-THREE**1936-37**

President	Frank I Doherty
Vice President	John Craig
	Ernest W McMullen
Treasurer	Tom Goodlake
Secretary	Thomas P McConnell
Sargent-at-Arms	Frank Turley
Directors	W. Percy Marchant, Dr. Nernon B Taylor, Justin B Walford

President Frank Doherty

Frank Doherty was born in Toronto. He had two sons and four daughters. He became a partner in the Toggery Shop from 1912 and became a very successful businessman who lived in the Uplands.

Mr. Doherty joined the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1924, was a Director from 1925 through to 1928 and became President in 1936-37. He was Governor of District 101 in 1947-48. He was a Grand Master Of the Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. Doherty died in 1949. She was President of Rotary Anns when she died. Frank died on 26 March 1972.

Activities

The Club sponsored Titania's Palace and netted \$1800 for the Solarium.

July 23 the orchestra now plays 1200-1220 each meeting.

August 13 our guest was Robert H. (Bob) Davis, world correspondent of the New York Sun.

Davis was the most travelled newsman in the world and the writer of scores internationally known books and magazine articles.

August 19 there was an intercity meeting at Port Angeles including Victoria, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, Duncan, Nanaimo and Sequim.

October 29 a Cabaret Night was held at the Empress.

November 18 a Superfluity Sale was held raising \$500 (specials – Shirley Temple's dress and the bicycle ridden by Torchy Peden in 6-day bicycle races).

December 10 saw a joint meeting with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

December 24 was the Christmas luncheon.

January 7 the guest was Stephen Leacock.

January 14 the guest was Major WE Gladstone Murray, the General Manager of the CBC.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held.

The Club sponsored the formation of the Alberni Club.

On April 7 an intercity evening meeting was hosted in Nanaimo via a chartered E & N train.

There were 100 participants.

May 27 the guest was Colonel JS Dennis, CMG, and DSO.

YEAR TWENTY- FOUR**1937-38**

President	Tom Goodlake
Vice President	Lieutenant Colonel Ted Goodman
	Hamilton Harman
Treasurer	P.B. Fowler
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell

Directors

A.J. Maynard, Neil Lamont, Pat Malone, Frank Sehl,
Jack Kennedy

President Thomas Goodlake

Captain Thomas (Cappy) Goodlake was born in Rutland, Dorset, England. He was educated at Cheltenham School and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Cappy was a veteran of the Boer War and arrived in Victoria in 1913.

Cappy became involved in real estate owning *Goodlake Limited*. In 1923 and from 1926 through 1935, he was a member of the Oak Bay Council. 1933-36, he was the President of the Victoria Real Estate Board.

He became very involved in the formation of the Rotary Club of Victoria and became the first secretary, a position he held for twenty-one years. During this twenty plus years, he guided twenty members through their presidency of the Club. He provided the continuity over the years and was actually the backbone of the Club. He was involved with everything that the Club did during the first twenty years including involvement with four district conventions (1915, '20, '26, and '33). "Presidents come and go but "Cappy goes on forever" was an axiom of the Club members. In 1937, he was elected president of the Club.

In July of 1938, he moved back to the UK to retire. He later returned to Canada.

Activities

A Rotary train was organized to an intercity meeting in Nanaimo – a huge success.

The Club held a picnic for 57 boys.

Percy Scurrah was elected an International Director at the Nice, France convention.

Rotary was banned from Germany, the reason given was that "Rotary is not anti-Semitic.

A large intercity meeting was held in Victoria entertaining many from up-Island and Washington – games and sports in the afternoon.

A float was entered in the May Parade.

The Club hosted Mayor McGavin and Council.

A Superfluity sale and the annual Seed Growing contest were held.

YEAR TWENTY- FIVE

1938-39

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Directors

G. Hamilton Harman

Charles Banfield

Arthur Brown

Joe Doe

Bill A. Boate, George Brown

President G. Hamilton Harmon

Hamilton Harman was born in Toronto. He joined the Bank of Montreal in 1898 in Kingston. He became manager, in succession, of the bank in Cardston, Alta. (1910), Lethbridge (1912), Saskatoon, Regina, and Victoria (1934).

Activities

July 7 Changeover conducted by JH Beatty.

August 5 the YMCA invited Rotarians to Camp Thunderbird for supper.

August 18 four well known athletes were guests/speakers: Torchy Peden, Doug Peden, Lynn

Patrick and Murray Patrick

August 24, annual visit to Port Angeles via CPR ferry Iroquois (ferry fare \$1.06) with 85 attendees.

October 20, 26 members formed the bridge club and 4 teams of 7 each formed the bowling club.

November 17 RL Maitland KC, MPP, Leader of the Opposition spoke on "Democracy vs. Dictatorship".

November 24 Marshall E Cornett, Governor of District 101 made his official visit.

December 22 the Christmas luncheon was held with carol singing accompanied by the Club Orchestra.

January 5 Mayor Andrew McGavin and Alderman were guests and took care of the program.

The annual seed growing contest was now 20 years old and had become a major activity under the auspices of Mrs. Butchart.

Aid was given to the Solarium, the new Youth Centre, and the Publicity Bureau.

January 19 a 25th anniversary banquet was held with 399 attendees. Lt Gov Eric Hamber was the guest of honour and Past International President Pete Snedecor was the guest speaker.

Mayor Andrew McGavin was in attendance. There was much entertainment for a cost of \$1.50.

The Club sponsored a luncheon meeting for the inauguration of TCA service to Victoria May 18-20. The District Conference was held in Juneau, Alaska. Transportation was arranged aboard the *Prince Robert* and the *Aleutian*

June 1 was a joint meeting with Kiwanis.

YEAR TWENTY- SIX

1939-40

President
Vice President

Walter Luney
A.C Lindsay,
J.A. McKay

Treasurer
Secretary
Sargent-at-Arms
Directors

J.E. Doe
Thomas P McConnell
W.G. Lemm
P.E. Corcoran, A.C. Lindsay, JA McKay, Gerald Yardley,
C.F. Banfield, BA. Boate, A. Brown

President Walter Luney

Walter Luney was born in Toronto in 1880. He moved with his family to Victoria in 1885. His father was 'Billy Luney'. He attended King's Road, North Ward and Central Schools. He entered the construction business at the age of 12.

Walter took over the company with his older brother, William Jr. in 1906. This started a life of 55 years in construction. The company incorporated as Luney Bros. Construction Ltd. in 1911.

Walter was on the ill-fated Point Ellice streetcar. The streetcar stopped at the first end of the bridge and told a man that there was no more room. This was a friend of Walter so he got off the car which then proceeded to disaster.

He married Florence (Peep) Luney.

During the war he was very involved with both construction and shipbuilding in the Dockyard.

William Jr. died in 1944. In 1947, with William J. Hamilton, he purchased the company and re-organized the firm. They built more than 50 schools in Victoria. Other buildings included the Normal School, the main branches of the Dominion, Royal and Montreal Banks at Douglas and Yates, dockyard buildings, the Crystal Gardens, bridges, streets, highway pavements, the CNR line into Victoria, the first brick building in Vancouver (Palace Hotel) and numerous other structures.

Walter was President and a charter member of the Victoria builder Exchange, a city alderman, President of the Victoria Rotary Club, President of Queen Alexandra's Solarium, a potentate of the Gizah Temple, and a member of Vancouver Quadra Lodge #2, AF and AM. He died in 1963.

Activities

July 6 the change of president was supervised by Frank Sehl with ladies present.
 The Club continued Youth Work and talks by members
 Saanich farmers and their wives were hosted at a luncheon meeting at the Saanich Fair Hall
 The annual Seed Growing contest was held
 The Club had a number of service war speeches, supported a recruiting campaign and sponsored War Saving Stamps campaign
 July 13 Port Angeles visited and was put on the program. Ladies attended.
 August 30 Victoria sent 50 members and wives to the regular meeting of the Nanaimo Club at Newcastle Island. Vancouver Rotary also attended and took charge of the program. There were 200 attendees
 August 31 The regular meeting was held at Growers Wine Ltd on Quadra Street
 October 5 our guest speaker was Past President and Secretary Tom (Cappy) Goodlake who had returned from England.
 October 26 was the official visit of District Governor H Cline Fixott.
 November 9 the Club joined with Kiwanis, Gyro and Kinsmen to form teams to canvass city businesses for the Community Chest.
 December 21 the Christmas luncheon was held with entertainment by the Rotary Orchestra and other artists.
 January 4 our guest was the Very Reverend SH Elliot, founder and president of the Mansfield Rotary Club and a member of three other clubs. Mayor Andrew McGavin and City Council were guests..
 January 11 our guest was Colonel John Habkirk of the Salvation Army
 April 21-23 the District Conference was held in Portland, Oregon.
 May 9 our guest was Rabbi Samuel Cass.
 May 22 the Club orchestra and other artists entertained the army, navy and the public at a concert in the Salvation Army's Dry Canteen.

YEAR TWENTY- SEVEN

1940-41

President	Gerald Yardley
Vice President	A.B. Lindsay
	Jack MacKay
Treasurer	H Jimmie Little
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell
Directors	Bob Armstrong, Pat E Corcoran, C. Fred Dawson, Ken C. McCannell, Ralph F. Snider

Activities

July 4 was the installation of new officers by Frank Sehl – Luney to Gerald Yardley.
 The War Savings Stamps drive was most successful under the leadership of Morris Green.
 July 7-9 the District Assembly was held in Chehalis and was attended by the president and secretary.
 July 25 our guest was Robert (Ben) Dawes, World Correspondent for the New York Sun. Mr. Dawes has travelled 1.8 million miles collecting news. He was in Paris when war was declared. His subject was "Disorganized Europe".
 July 29 an inter-city visit was made by Port Angeles.
 September 10 an inter-city meeting was held with Vancouver. 40 members travelled by the chartered Motor Princess. Victoria looked after the program.
 September 12 the war effort continued including patriotic speeches by outsiders including the Hon. Leighton Ralston, Minister of National Defence (and a past Director of Rotary International).
 An intercity meeting was held in Victoria with Seattle.

October 24 International President Amando Periera of Brazil visited. Members and ladies of Island clubs plus Port Angeles and Sequim attended. A stag dinner was held at the Union Club. November 7 our guest was Major FM Kingon OBE, MA, and BSc. His subject was "France on the Eve of War".

December 19 the Christmas luncheon was held. The guest speaker was Captain Wilfred Ord, President of the Dicken's Fellowship. There was music by the club orchestra, carol singing and a turkey draw.

January 2 our guest was the Rt. Reverend HE Sexton, Bishop of Columbia.

January 30 our guest was Dr. Bruce Taylor, Chancellor of Queen's University.

February 6 the official visit of District Governor Nig Borleske.

March 13 a joint meeting was held with the Chamber of Commerce. The guest speaker was Colonel WC Woodward, President of Woodward Stores.

March 27 a very successful bridge year was completed.

Mrs. Annie Cowan presented a valuable brooch for raffle. Funds went to the Lord Mayor's Fund (London) for aid to bombed-out victims. \$5735 was raised (the Club made it up to \$6000). The brooch was won by member Captain Jumget.

May 11-13 The District Conference was held in Victoria with over 1100 attendees.

Boy's Work continued.

YEAR TWENTY- EIGHT

1941-42

President
Vice President

A.C. Lindsay
C.F. Dawson
M.J. Little
Cyril Orme
Bill Lemm
T.P. McConnell
D.J. Miller, M.L. Greene, Joe Doe

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

Activities

July 3 the installation of new officers supervised by Frank Sehl. Ladies present. The Rotary Orchestra performed as did soloist Miss Peggy Walton.

July 10 our guest was Dr. W.A. Kerr, President of the University of Alberta.

August 7a joint meeting was held with the Chamber of Commerce. The guest speaker was Rotarian R.W. Mayhew, M.P. His subject was "Canada's Effort in the War".

August 27 an inter-city luncheon at Nanaimo of all VI and lower mainland clubs was held.

Vancouver Rotarians organized the event and took charge of the program.

October 2 our guest was His Imperial Highness Archduke Otto of Austria.

November 14 was a supper meeting at the Saanichton Agricultural Hall

November 14 the guest was Captain A.J. Holland, Superintendent of Canadian Pacific Steamships.

The Ice Carnival (held the evening after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor) was a sell-out with \$5000 being raised.

The annual Seed Growing contest was held.

Sunday drives were organized for British air trainees at Pat Bay.

November 27our guest was Captain J.A. Philipsen of the Navy League of Canada. His subject was "Convoy Observations".

December 18 the Christmas luncheon was held with ladies and Santa Claus present. There was no speaker.

January 8 Mayor Andrew McGavin and 1942 Council were guests.

May 26 our guest was Sir Robert Holland (British Army in India).

May 10 the District Conference was held in Vancouver. 58 Victoria Rotarians and ladies attended.

June 26 our guest was Group Captain KM Guthrie, RCAF, who spoke about the Air Cadet movement.

YEARTWENTY-NINE

1942-43

President	Frank Turley
Vice President	George Alexander
	Joe Doe
Treasurer	John Craig
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Directors	George Alexander, Les B Bing, John A Craig, Russ J Burland

President Frank Turley

Frank Turley was born in England. He fought with British forces in the Boer War and served afterwards in Australia, China, Panama and the Gold Coast. On his way to Alaska in 1913, he decided to stay in Canada.

For twenty years, Frank was with Imperial Oil in Alberta and came to Victoria in 1933 to be manager of Imperial Oil. He retired in 1936. He was on the Oak Bay Council from 1941 to 1944 and President of the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1942-43.

Activities

July 17-19 was the 101 District Conference at Bellingham. President Turley and Secretary McConnell attended.

July 23 was Installation Day supervised by Frank Sehl. Ladies were invited.

The Club became involved in a campaign for enlistment into the local reserve unit.

The Club also undertook to enroll and outfit 25 boys for Rotary Air Cadets.

The Club asked UK clubs to keep us informed of Rotarians' sons who were training in BC.

The "Waste Fat" drive was sponsored and collected over 20,000 pounds.

August 20 the entire program was given to Miss Beatrice Brown of Vancouver accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Brown. Miss Brown was an outstanding radio and opera singer.

September 2 our guest was police lieutenant Percy Scurrah whose subject was "Why Auxiliary Police are Needed".

October 6 bowling season got underway at the Olympic Alleys with 6 Rotary teams and 4 Kiwanis teams.

October 19 was the Rotary Fishing Derby at Cowichan Bay.

November 12 our guest was the Hon Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Public Works.

December 10 the Ice Carnival Circuit included Victoria, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, and New Westminster. It realized \$1700.

December 17 the Christmas luncheon was held.

January 7 was the official visit of District Governor Fred K Jones.

January 14 our guest was Sgt. Henry Larsen, RCMP, of St Roch fame in polar navigation.

January 28 prize money was presented to winners of the annual Seed Growing contest.

April 28-29 the District Conference was held in Victoria.

May 19 a golf tournament was held at Oak Bay with Rotary challenging Kiwanis for the Dowell Challenge Cup.

YEAR THIRTY**1943-44**

President
Vice President

M. Jimmie Little
John Craig
George Alexander
Rus Burland
Alf Dowell, E.N. (Ted) Horsel, Al Smith

Treasurer
Directors

142 members (record to this date)

President Matthew Jimmy Little

Jimmie Little came to Victoria in 1897 from Hamilton, Ontario where he was born. He prospected in the Rossland-Trail district prior to coming to Victoria. He worked as a foreman in the firm Mitchen and Duncan, Ltd. In 1910, in partnership with M. Howard Taylor, he founded the Little and Taylor jewelry store on Douglas Street. He was the sole proprietor of the store after 1938 when Mr. Taylor entered the optometry business.

His friends knew him as an ardent stamp collector. He was an elder of the First United Church. In 1908, Mr. Little became one of the first initiates of the St. Andrews Lodge and became Worshipful Master in 1918. He became District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District No. 1, AF and AM. He was a member of the Victoria Lodge of Perfection; a past Most Wise Sovereign of the Rose Croix Chapter; and a 32nd degree member of the Consistory, A. and A.S.R. He was past Grand "Z" of the Royal Arch Masons of BC; a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and for many years secretary of the St. Andrews Lodge #49.

He was a veteran member of the Rotary Club of Victoria and was president 1943-44. He died in Victoria on July 10, 1949.

Activities

July 8 was Installation Day supervised by Past President AC Lindsay.

August 19 our guest was Mr. Lee Bing LShuey, 1st Minister of the Chinese Legation, Ottawa. Mr. Shuey was also the editor of the Peking Leader. His subject was "China and the War".

September 16 was a visit by the Seattle Club.

September 28 bowling commenced at Gibson's Olympic Alleys.

October 10 a Fishing Derby was held.

October 9 bridge playing commenced.

November 4 was the official visit of District Governor Robert Chayne

December 2 our guest was Dr. Joseph A Pearce of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory.

April 23-25 the District Conference was held in Victoria. The registration fee was \$5

A salvage drive raised \$1500 for the Red Cross.

War aid continued.

YEAR THIRTY- ONE**1944-45**

President
Vice President

John A Craig
Ted Horsey
Colin Martin

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Directors

Cecil Armstead
Bill Lemm
Col. H.T. Goodland, J. Len Hobbs, Colin Martin, George Mathison

Membership 144

President John Craig

John Armour Craig was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland. He was educated at Kilmarnock Academy and the University of Glasgow where he was a prize master in Mercantile Law. In 1910 he was admitted to the Institute of Accountants and Actuaries of Glasgow.

In 1912, he came to Canada. In 1919 he became a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. He was the Comptroller-General of BC.

Activities

July 6 was the installation ceremony from President Little to President Craig supervised by Past Pres Tom Goodlake.

July 20 our guest was Hubert H Wilson, OBE, CBE, CMG and diplomat.

July 27 our guest was Flight Lieutenant WA Armstrong, DFC. His subject was "Navigation over Germany".

August 2 the District Assembly was held in Kamloops with the president and secretary in attendance.

September 21 was the official visit of Governor District 101 William D Shannon

Bundles of clothing were made up for Britain.

October 3 the first game of the Rotary-Kiwanis 5-pin bowling league was held at Gibson's Bowladrome.

November 9 our guest was Dr. JM wing Principal of Victoria College. His subject was the "Re-education of Germany".

December 21 was the Christmas luncheon. Ladies were present and there were drawings for turkeys. The soloist was Mrs. Irene Nash.

December 28 was a joint meeting – Rotary and Kiwanis. The speaker was MP RW Mayhew. His subject was "Ottawa's Special Session".

The Club gave active support to the Community Chest, the Victoria Civic Arena, the James Bay Boy's Club, the YMCA Boy's Camp, the Colwood Wartime Convalescent Home, and the campaign for Bundles for Britain.

YEAR THIRTY-TWO

1945-46

President
Directors

A. Victor Clarke
W.R. (Bill) Clark, Alfred Dowell, Colonel H.T. Goodland, H.
Sandham Graves

President Victor Clark

Alexander Victor Clarke was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1893. His father was David Clarke. Victor's upbringing was experienced in the Firth of Forth and his schooling split between Pitochry and Rondebush College in Capetown.

He arrived in Vancouver and was immediately assigned by the Hudson's Bay Company to a company post at Fort Babine, BC. He eventually arrived in Victoria and gradually worked his way up to become president of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Company

His wife was Victoria Kelly. Victor joined Rotary in February 1916. He died January 22, 1964.

Activities

A Rotary Radio Auction was held netting \$2242.65.

Victoria sponsored the Sidney Club.

Member classification talks continued.

A fishing derby was held.

YEAR THIRTY- THREE**1946-47**

President
Vice President

J. Len Hobbs

J. Arnott

H.S Graves

Treasurer

A.H. Kerr

Secretary

T.P. McConnell

Sargent-at-Arms

Bill Lemm

Directors

W.R. Clark, L. Michelin, J.C. Nimmo,
Captain D.J. Proudfoot, G.S. Yardley

President Len Hobbs

Len Hobbs was a native son of Victoria and lived on Hobbs Road. He grew up on a pioneer farm in Cadboro Bay. He married Violet and had a daughter. He was associated with the Brackman-Ker Milling Company for forty-five years.

He was a past-president of the Rotary Club of Victoria, a Past Chairman of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, a member of Saanich Council, a member of Mt Newton Lodge, and a member of the variance board of Saanich.

Mr. Hobbs had many friends and left his name to the Frank Hobbs School.

He died on March 29, 1969.

Activities

Classification talks by members continued.

The Club attended the Sidney Club charter meeting with 200 attendees.

The Radio Auction netted \$5000.

Frank Doherty was elected District Governor.

YEAR THIRTY- FOUR**1947-48**

President
Vice President

Jeffrey Arnott

Ernest Heybroek

Louis Michelin

Treasurer

Walter Fletcher

Sargent-at-Arms

Bill Lemm

Directors

R.C. Denny, Geoffrey Edgelow, Arthur Petch, D.J.
Proudfoot, George S. Yardley

President Jeffrey Arnott

Jeffrey Arnott was born in North Bend, BC, in 1893 and moved to Railway. At the age of 13, he got his first job as a messenger boy with the company's railway operating department in Vancouver. In 1910 he joined the clerical department.

During World War 1, he served in the Canadian Army and saw duty with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France and Germany.

After the War, he returned to Vancouver and re-joined the CPR in the purchasing department. In 1928, he was sent to Calgary as the assistant purchasing agent and in 1930 to Winnipeg in the same capacity. During the period 1931-41, he held the same position and then he was sent to Victoria, in charge, as the purchasing agent. He was responsible for the entire provisioning of the CPR's Pacific Empress Ship Service, the Empress Hotel, the Crystal Gardens, the railway, and

other more minor establishments – overall, a tremendously busy job. He retired in 1959 after 52 years of service

He married the former Jessie Galbraith of Ontario. He was a popular member of the Rotary Club of Victoria and was its President in 1947-48.

Activities

The Club was addressed by Hon Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

A.E. Grauer, President BC Electric, addressed the Club.

A Fishing Derby was held as was a Radio Auction which netted \$2700.

An intercity visit was made to Vancouver with luncheon aboard the SS Princess Kathleen.

During the year, the Club carried out a campaign and raised enough money to erect a building on the Causeway for the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau.



YEAR THIRTY- FIVE

1948 - 49

President
Vice President

Sargent-at-Arms
Directors

Louis Michelin
Roy Denny
Geoff Edgelow
Bill Lemm
George Duck, Ron Newell, Harold Timberlake

Activities

The main objective of this year was the construction of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau opposite the Empress Hotel.

International President Angus Mitchell from Australia visited the Club.

The fishing derby and the annual Seed Growing contest were held.

Mrs. Jeffrey Arnott, wife of Past President Arnott, was elected as the President of the Rotary Ann Club.

The Club hosted Vancouver and Port Angeles.

Radio Auction and sponsorship of a \$30,000 campaign for the Salvation Army.



*The Rotary Club undertook to raise \$15,000 for the purpose of constructing a publicity bureau, on the southwest corner of Government Street and Humboldt over the Imperial Oil Company's service station, with a 20-year lease **free from taxes and rent.***

The ground breaking ceremony was held January 20, 1949. The ceremony was attended by many civic and Club officials.

The official opening of the Victoria and Vancouver Island Publicity Bureau was held during the District Conference on May 9, 1949. Present during the ceremony were:

<i>Edgar Warner</i>	<i>District 101 Governor</i>
<i>Louis Michelin</i>	<i>President, Rotary Club of Victoria</i>
<i>Jeffrey Arnott</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Carl Pendray</i>	<i>Club member and former Mayor of Victoria who was</i>
	<i>mainly instrumental in having a service club build the bureau</i>
<i>Percy George</i>	<i>Mayor of Victoria who accepted the building on behalf</i>
	<i>of the City</i>

YEAR THIRTY-SIX

1949-50

President	Walter Fletcher
Vice President	Jack McKay
	Harold Timberlake
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell
Directors	Charlie Brown, Andy Cowie, Herman Arnold, George Duck, J.W. Miller, Ron Newell

President Walter Fletcher

Walter James Fletcher was born in Victoria on 7 July 1906 to James Henry and Harriet Amelia Fletcher. Walter married Wilborta. Both James and son Walter were presidents of the Rotary Club of Victoria. He joined Fletcher Bros Music Store. He died in Victoria on January 22, 1984.

Activities

The District Conference was held in Victoria with 1000 in attendance.
The ice Carnival netted \$5985.
The Radio Auction netted \$3333.

YEAR THIRTY- SEVEN

1950-51

President	George Duck
Vice President	Chas Brown
	Andy Cowie
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Sargent-at -Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell
Directors	Herman Arnold, J.W. Miller, Bob Phipps, John Gough, Bill Means, J.G. McIntosh

President Johnston George Duck

George Duck was born in Toronto and almost immediately moved to Vancouver where he completed his schooling. He then entered the test department of the Canadian General Electric Company (Vancouver) in 1927 testing electrical apparatus. In 1930 he was sent by his company to Toronto as a member of the sales division.

During the war, George was busily concerned with electric welding and carbide cutting tools, particularly as they applied to the ship-building industry. In 1944, George was transferred temporarily to Victoria. Temporary became permanent which pleased both George and "Mrs. G".

Activities

July 6 was the Installation from President Walter Fletcher to President George Duck.

July 13 the speakers were Rotarians H.B. Dawson and H.J. Pendray on the subject of "RI Convention Detroit".

August 10 the guest was the Honourable Ernest Brown, London England, former member of the British Privy Council and a member of Churchill's War Cabinet.

August 13 was the official visit of District Governor Jim Woodward.

October 1 was a joint Duncan-Victoria Salmon Derby at Cowichan Bay.

November 2 a \$150 scholarship was presented to Miss Shirley Waite of Victoria College.

December 21 was the Christmas luncheon with ladies present, a turkey draw and entertainment by E. Ryall on the electric organ.

December 28 was the father, sons and daughters luncheon.

January 25 the guest was Stuart Keate, publisher of the Victoria Daily Times.

February 22, 17 members flew to Renton Seattle on an inter-city visit.

The Club gave a re-built room to the Orphanage.

The Seed Growing contest continued.

The Club was visited by International President Arthur Lagoux (Quebec).

A vaudeville show was held.

May 6-7 was the District Conference in Seattle.

May 17 an all-music program was presented by Frank Shandley and the Rotary Boys Choir.

June 28 the guest was Assistant Commissioner CE Rivett-Carnac, RCMP.

Historical Moment

The Rotary Boys Choir by John McVie

The Victoria Rotary Club sponsored a boy's choir for over two decades, from 1950 to 72, the 'Rotary Boys Choir', 'RBC' as indicated on their choir blazers (which were provided by the Club). In 1949 the choir idea was presented by Rotarians Charlie Brown and Frank Shandley and a committee was struck. Committee members included Brig. Clifford Milley of the Salvation Army, Lionel Huxtable, Ralph Cruikshank, Jack Conway and Tom Walker. Charlie Brown and Frank Shandley were given the tasks of managing the choir with the assistance initially of Charlie Mullens and Angus McIntyre and Bill Thomson for the last ten years.

Formed in 1950, the Choir's Director and Accompanist during the entire time, 1950-1972, were William (Bill) Hastings (Director) and Helen McVie (Accompanist).

On a Saturday night in September of 1950, the first rehearsal of the Rotary Boys Choir was held at the Salvation Army Citadel on Pandora Avenue where fourteen boys attended. Through word of mouth the choir quickly grew and by 1961 a second 'junior' choir was formed. Total membership in both choirs was approximately 80. The junior choir was directed by a Norm Venton who held weekly practices on Saturday mornings at the Salvation Army Citadel on Pandora Avenue. As young boys were trained in the junior choir they, through experience and age, 'may' be invited to join the senior choir. By 1960 the senior choir held their rehearsals on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. at the YMCA on Blanshard Street.

The choirs performed numerous times throughout each year at worthy causes: seniors homes such as Matson Lodge, church fund raisers, the Boy's and Girl's Club, every June an outdoor Sunday afternoon concert in the Beacon Hill Park Cameron Bandshell, a 30 minute Christmas program taped every year at CJVI on Fort Street, Eaton's at Christmastime every year for three consecutive days during Christmas week before the store opened, and of course the annual Christmas Eve two hour program at the Empress Hotel! These programs always featured solo performances. Some of these boys went on to professional musical endeavours: David Foster, Richard Margison, some as musical directors and teachers, but to everyone, they provided an appreciation of music and the discipline and philosophy of participating in worthy causes and giving of self to others.

Over the years the choir often participated with the Arion Male Voice Choir as the choir accompanist, Helen McVie, was also the accompanist for the Arion. These concerts were held at venues such as Oak Bay and Central Junior High School Auditoriums as these stages were appropriate for mass choirs. One of the highlights was a combined concert at Central Jr. High School (May '68) with the Arion Male Voice Choir, the Eugene Gleemen from Oregon and the Naden Band directed by Captain Len Kamplin. The Lieutenant Governor George Pearkes was also in attendance.

The RBC often was invited to sing at Rotary Club Christmas luncheons including the annual Children's Party, and as requested for other Rotary functions including the District Conference. The choir was also invited to perform in Port Angeles, Duncan, Vancouver and Salt Spring Island. Over the years, well in excess of 500 boys sang in the choir. In September 1970 the choir expanded to include young girls and renamed itself the Rotary Youth Choir. At that time Bill Hastings asked John McVie to assist him in directing the choir. When the choir manager Frank Shandley died Bill Hastings expressed a desire to resign due to ill health himself and the choir was disbanded (June 1972).

The RBC is fondly remembered by its former members, many of whom keep in touch to this day via email.



YEAR THIRTY- EIGHT**1951-52**

President	George I Warren
Vice President	R.T. Batey
	W.C. Means
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Sargent-at –Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell
Directors	Dr. J.T. Cruise, Major C.J. Milloy, J. Gough, T.E. Morrison, R.W. Phipps

President George Warren

George Irving Warren or “Mr. Victoria” as he was widely known, was born in San Francisco on Valentine’s Day, 1887. He came to Victoria in 1912 and immediately started what was to become a very successful insurance business. He became, however, much better known for his work for the tourist industry as managing secretary of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and the Commissioner of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau. He fathered the slogan “Follow the Birds to Victoria”!

In the early twenties, only about 400 cars visited Victoria. No wonder, for to come here they had to have their windshields removed and their tires deflated among other ‘safety procedures’. Mr. Warren arranged for the first car ferry, the *Harvester King* between Anacortes and Sidney, later followed by the *Gleaner* on the same run. He built up the automobile tourist business to be one of Victoria’s biggest moneymakers.

In addition to Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Warren served in a large number of other organizations. He served a term as potentate of Gizeh Temple, and was a member of many athletic organizations. He was quite proud of his initiation into the Coos Bay Pirates: a party of swashbucklers invaded a banquet he attended and “lifted me on a table and proceeded to batter me up”. They removed his shoes and his coat and went at him with a small, sharp knife. When it was all over he possessed a membership card in the Coos Bay Pirates, signed with his own blood.

He was married to Eva and had two sons Robert and George. He died in 1964.

Activities

July 5 was the installation from President Duck to President Warren.

26 July 26 our guest was Mr. Frederick W Hinke, US Consul who spoke of “Observations on Communist China”.

August 9 our guest was Commander Robert Wellend, CO of HMCS Athabaskan which had just returned from Korea.

August 30 was the official visit of District Governor Jim Lightbody.

October 3 a rummage sale and an auction were held.

October 13-14 a Salmon Derby was held at Cowichan Bay.

A vaudeville show raised \$1,800 for the Salvation Army and the Queen Alexandra Solarium.

December 20 was the Christmas luncheon with ladies present and turkeys.

December 27 a father, son and daughter luncheon was held

The Club constructed a Lookout at the top of Mt Douglas.

The Boys’ Choir had 55 members and continued to be very active around the City.

YEAR THIRTY - NINE**1952-53**

President	W.T. (Bill) Clarke
Vice President	T.E. Morrison Dr. J.T. Christie
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell
Directors	R.T. Batey, A.H. Heaslip, S. Evans, Major C.J. Milloy

President WT (Bill) Clarke

Bill Clarke was born in Toronto and came to Victoria when he was four years of age. He started at George Jay School. His father was manager of the National Drug Co. on lower Yates Street and was transferred to Vancouver so Bill went to Kitsilano High.

Bill started his pharmaceutical apprenticeship at a store at Main and Hastings. In 1928 he returned to Victoria to buy a drug store on the corner of Cook and Pandora. His hours were 8 am to 11 pm with two evenings a week off. In 1945 he bought out Mr. McGill of McGill and Orme and was president of the firm for 20 years when he retired. About five years before retiring, he bought out W & J Wilson. He sold it back to Mr. Wilson who missed the business so much.

In 1931 he married Edna Luney whose father was Walter Luney, President of our club in 1939-40. Bill's father joined our Club in 1914. Bill joined in 1942 and was President in 1952-53.

Activities

A Vaudeville Show was organized.

April 1 a superfluties sale was held.

April 1 the Boys Choir entertained at a mixed luncheon. Bill Hastings conducted and Mrs. McVie was at the piano.

April 16 the Red Cross campaign netted \$82,000.

April 23 our guest was Sgt Brooke Douglas of the Victoria Police Department.

June 4 our guest was Mr. Forrester-Patton, President of the world YMCA.

YEAR FORTY**1953-54**

President	John Gough
Vice President	T.M. Bradbury T.E. Morrison
Treasurer	Tom McConnell
Sargent-at -Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	Tom McConnell

President John Gough

John Gough was born on January 20, 1903 in Leeds, Yorkshire. He married Dorothy Mooney Morton and together they had a son and a daughter. John attended Victoria College at the university level at Craigdarroch Castle.

As a teacher, school administrator and author of several text books, Mr. Gough was known as "Mr. Education" in Greater Victoria for many years. He taught at Sir James Douglas School from

1923-27, Vic High 1928-31, the Normal School in 1942 and was the "Satanic Municipal School Inspector" from 1942-46. When area schools were organized into a school district, John became the District Superintendent of Schools. He held this position until 1966 when he resigned two years short of retirement over a policy clash with the Victoria School Board. John Gough died on February 13, 1980.

Activities

Intercity meeting held hosting Port Angeles.

The Club held a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce with Donald Gordon, President of CNR, as guest speaker.

A golf tournament was held.

The Club hosted a joint meeting with the Canadian Good Roads Association.

The Club hosted the District Conference.

A Superfluity sale was held.

The Club presented a \$150 cheque to Victoria College.

The Seed Growing contest continued.

YEAR FORTY- ONE

1954-55

President

Dr. J.T. (Jack) Cruise

Vice President

W.G. Courtenay

T.M. Little

Sargent-at -Arms

Bill Lemm

Directors

S.P. Birley, G.E. Masters, J.M. Green, T.H. Walker, Dr.

P. Gee-Pan Mar, Dr. R.J. Wride

President Dr. John T. Cruise

John Thomas (Jack) Cruise was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, where he received his early schooling. His family moved to Victoria in 1910. John attended Victoria High School and the University of Manitoba where he took his MD in 1931. Following graduation, John was engaged in tuberculosis research at a sanitarium, near Brandon. Three years later, he entered general practice with the San Antonia Gold Mines at Bissett, Manitoba for another three years when his health broke.

In 1937, he entered post-graduate work in Chicago where he began his specialization in the diseases of the eye. He then undertook specialist studies at the Institute of Ophthalmology which were cut short because of WW II. He returned to Canada but was rejected for military duty. He moved to Winnipeg and became the acting head of the eye department at the University of Manitoba.

In 1946, he moved to Kelowna where he founded his own practice and became a member of the Kelowna Rotary Club. He married Claudia in Kelowna. In 1949 he returned to Victoria. He became chief of the eye clinic at the Royal Jubilee Hospital and became the Victoria representative of Operation Eyesight. He also made trips to Thailand to work in an eye clinic. John became the president of our Club in 1954, District Governor in 1961 and an RI Counselor in 1962. He died in February of 1990.

Activities

Tom McConnell retired after 22 years of service as Club Secretary.

A substantial amount of money was raised to support the Solarium, the Boy's Choir and Little League Baseball.

August 12, 25 youth and girls travelling through Canada on a Goodwill Tour were welcomed as guests.

August 26 a joint meeting was hosted with the Chamber of Commerce and members of the Goodwill Tour of members of the Chamber of Commerce of Calgary. There were 327 attendees. The group was entertained by Johnnie Alla with two solos. He was accompanied by Bill Emmerson, the Club's orchestra leader.

October 21 our guest speaker was Dr. AE Chatwin, President Victoria Branch of the United Nations Association.

December 23 the Christmas luncheon party was held.

December 30 the boys of Little League Baseball were welcomed as guests.

January 20 the Club resolved to raise \$10,000 for the Queen Alexandra Solarium.

February 20 was a service at Christ Church Cathedral.

March 2 the Vancouver Island Rotary RI Golden Birthday was held at the Empress. There were 400 attendees. District Governor George and Mrs. Maloney attended.

April 2 was a Superfluity Sale.

June 7 a Golf tournament was held.

YEAR FORTY- TWO

1955-56

President

Tom Bradbury

Vice President

S.P. Birleu

Dr. R.J. Wride

Treasurer

G.E. Masters

Sargent-at -Arms

Bill Lemm

Directors

E.V. Davidson, R.L. Mayhew, Morris L. Green,
T.H. Walker, W. White

Activities

July 7 was an Installation evening meeting at the Empress. Past District Governor Percy Scurrah supervised the turnover from Dr. Jack Cruise to Tom Bradbury. There were 227 attendees and entertainment from the Club Orchestra, the Rotary Glee Club. Four soloists performed from the Rotary Boys choir (accompanied by Mrs. Helen McVie) and there was a Fashion Show and Rummage Sale.

The Club finalized plans for the formation of Chee Pil-Pil Lalang Group and programs for the year.

T. Bradbury was designated as the first President of Chi Pil-Pil.

The Club carried on with Boy's Work and Little League Baseball.

Several hundred children were involved in various youth activities during the year.

July 21 our guest was Mr. RF Reid, Postmaster of Victoria.

July 28 our guest was Dr. JLW McLean, Minister of St. Andrew's United Church.

August 25 our guest was Rear Admiral Hugh Pullen, OBE, CD, RCN, and Flag Officer Pacific Coast.

September 1 a joint meeting was held with the National Association of Security Administrators.

The speaker was Keith Funston, President of the New York Stock Exchange.

November 17 our guest was Hans Gruber, Conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra.

December 22 was the Christmas luncheon at the Empress with 289 attendees.

December 29 saw the Father and Child Christmas Program. The Rotary Boys Choir entertained.

January 26 the District Governor Robbie Robinson made his official visit. The dinner was held in the Duke of Kent Room at the Empress.

April 9 our guest was Mayor Percy Scurrah.

June 1 a Boys Choir concert was held at Oak Bay Junior High to aid the Protestant Orphanage.

The tickets sold for 5 cents each.

June 14 a Chee Pil-Pil dinner was held at the Empress.

June 19 the Boys Choir performed in St. Paul's United Church in Sidney.

YEAR FORTY- THREE

1956-57

President	E. Verne Davidson
Vice President	Morris L. Greene
	R.L. Mayhew
Treasurer	M.A. Kent
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Directors	F.H.A Brand, J. Connolly, D.E. Johanson, F.H.A. Norton, Dr. Wride, W.D. (Bill) Osborne (auditor)

President Verne Davidson

Verne Davidson was born in Vancouver on November 2, 1913 to Arthur and Hilda Davidson who hailed from Nova Scotia. Verne married Edith. Together they had four daughters. Verne worked in electrical construction for Hume and Rumble Ltd. becoming vice-president.

Besides being President of the Rotary Club of Victoria, he was a member of the Victoria Columbia Lodge #1 AF and AM.

He died May 9, 1980 in Vancouver.

Activities

June 29 the installation meeting conducted by PDG Percy Scurrah between Tom Bradbury and Verne Davidson was held at the Empress at 7pm. Entertainment was provided by Terry McBratney and Bryan Dawson of the Rotary Boys Choir.

July 25 was a Golf Tournament.

August 23 our guest was Dr. Lu Hui- Chung, Headmistress of the True Light Middle School in Hong Kong. She spoke on "Reconstruction of China's Education System".

August 30 a joint meeting with Olympic Peninsula clubs was hosted – including Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Sequim. Port Angeles brought the guest speaker, Lieutenant Commander David Gershowitz of the US Coast Guard.

September 13 our guest speaker was Commander Edward Whitbread who told the "Schweppes Story".

September 20 our guest was Major General CAP Murison, CB, CBE and MC.

September 30 a Fishing Derby was held.

December 3 an evening Christmas Party was held at the Empress with D.G. Warren Kraft in attendance.

March 14 was District Governor Warren Kraft's official visit.

June 27 was an Installation meeting between Verne Davidson to Dr. Reg Wride. Officiator was H.J. Welsh, DG-Elect District 502.

YEAR FORTY- FOUR

1957-58

President	Dr. Reg J. Wride
Vice President	Frank Norton
	R.L. Mayhew
Treasurer	Aubrey Kent
Sargent-at-Arms	Bill Lemm
Secretary	John Tribe
Directors	Jack Connolly, Ted Brand, Dr. Mac Edmison, Bill Osborne, Bob Stark

President Reginald John Wride

Dr. Reg Wride was born August 20, 1900 in Ontario to John Wride

Dr. Wride was a Canadian Army surgeon who came to Victoria in 1940 and entered a practice here in 1945. He eventually became chief of surgery at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. He was president of the North Pacific Surgical Association, team doctor for the WCHL Victoria Maple Leafs, a president of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, a president of the Union Club, a president of the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1957, besides being active in Shrine and other Masonic Orders. With his support, the Rotary Club assumed sponsorship and established Goodwill Enterprises. Reg's wife's name was "Ted".

Dr. Wride died March 29, 1979.

Activities

The Club sponsored the Douglas-Victoria Club.

A picnic was held at Genoa Bay.

The Boys Choir, Little League Baseball, and Pony League continued to be supported.

Vocational guidance to senior high school students was started.

The Club hosted the visit of 36 overseas students at USC as well as 8 ROTO (Rotary Overseas Travel Award) New Zealanders.

The crew of the Japanese training ship NIPPON MARU was entertained.

The Club sponsored the reorganization of Goodwill Enterprises raising \$20,000 (mostly from within the Club). All directors of Goodwill are members of our Club.

May 22 the guest was Air Marshall Sir Philip Livingstone, KBE, CB, AFC, and FRCS.

Historical Moment

Goodwill Enterprises for the Handicapped by Dave Perry

Rotary International's motto "Service above self" has been the driving force and foundation attitude behind the many and varied programs initiated by the Rotary Club of Victoria.

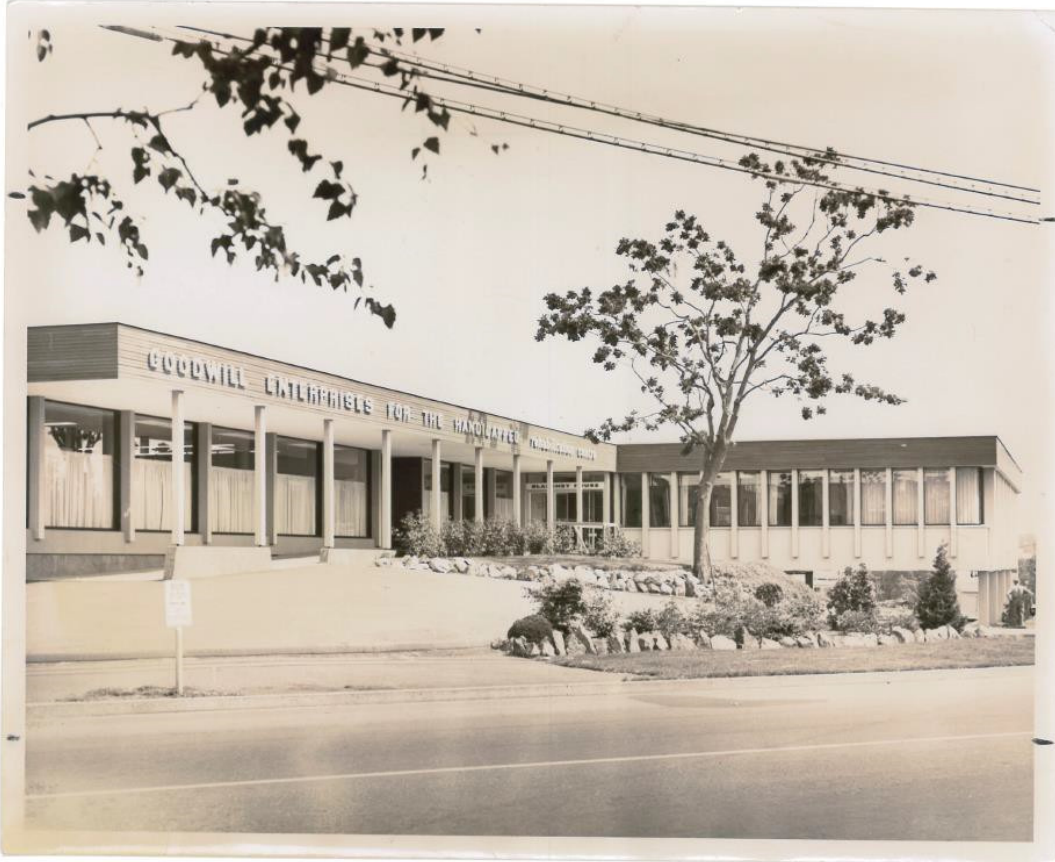
In 1957 a personal dream was fulfilled when Rotarian Fred Blakeney was able to convince fellow Rotarians of a special need he recognized in Victoria. Fred's dream and tenacity went into one of these initiatives. The end result was the development of "Goodwill Enterprises for the handicapped". This business model from a dream to reality was to assist a variety of challenges associated with disadvantaged people who were unable to cope with the rigors of everyday work. Eventually an industrial plant, offices, retail store, a kitchen, reupholstering department, a laundry, recycling of clothing and small appliance repair shop came into being at 560 Yates in 1959.

In 1964-65, Goodwill moved to new facilities at the corner of Bay and Wilson. The building was constructed by Campbell Construction on land leased from the BC Government. It was named Blakeney House.

This all came into being because Rotary backed Fred and applauded his dream. The enterprise hired a group of individuals who displayed a need for training and an opportunity to work for wages thus alleviating a financial strain on the city welfare department. Eventually, Goodwill Enterprises commenced to provide job training, job placement, referrals to potential employers, client follow up and work assessment. This was all backed up by a group of professionals who associated with Fred's dream.

Over the years, Goodwill Enterprises has assisted hundreds of people to find meaningful employment by assisting them in developing their skills. Many of the clients assisted by Goodwill

are still meaningfully employed at a variety of businesses here in Victoria. This was a venture emanating because one Rotarian had a dream and put "service above self" into action. Tragically, in the mid-nineties, the BC Government Employees Union succeeded in having Goodwill certified as one of their bargaining units. This takeover was the beginning of the end. The management of Goodwill objected strenuously. The takeover brought a number of negative changes to the organization which pitted employee against employee, sabotaged goods, vehicles were deliberately damaged, work slowdowns occurred, there were back-stabbings, segregation, harassment and stress. The situation escalated such that the Board of Directors terminated the organization.



YEAR FORTY- FIVE

1958-59

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Directors

J. Maurice Green
W.D. (Bill) Osborne
Dr. H.M. (Mac) Edmisson
M.A. Kent
Bill Lemm
John Tribe
Eric Dowell, Bill Gilmour. Bill Houssez.
Dr. W.D. (Doug) Marshall, Dr. Rob Stark

President J. Maurice Green

J. Maurice Green's father was born in St. Thomas, Ontario and came to Victoria in 1908. He founded the firm RA Green Lumber Company in 1912. He operated the company until 1954 when he turned it over to his sons, J. Maurice and Ralph.

One of his first tasks was the supervision of the construction of the south wing of the Empress Hotel and the noted paneling in the main dining room. Maurice was the president of RA Green Lumber Company, dealers in lumber and millwork, until the company was sold in 1967.

Maurice joined Rotary in 1951 and became President in 1958. He was the Commodore of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and President of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association.

Activities

The Club continued with choir work, Little League baseball, the fishing derby at Genoa Bay, a golf tournament, bowling and bridge. Also, a Klondike Night party was held.

September 8 Eric Dowell was the commentator for a film 'Mayflower II' which depicted the re-enactment of the building, sailing and landing of the original Mayflower.

October 22 the Rotary Boys Choir gave a concert at Belmont United Church. A number of other concerts were given throughout the year including at Eaton's at Christmas and at the Empress on Christmas Eve.

October 16 the Club decided to make Goodwill Enterprises its principal charitable project and commenced to fund-raise for the new building at 506 Yates. The Club paid all but \$1100 which it agreed to pay in the following year.

The Club contributed to ROTO (Rotary Overseas Travel Award – forerunner of GSE).

November 27 our guest was Commissioner WC Harrison, RCMP. At this date, he was one of two remaining members of the NorthWest Mounted Police and one of the two members who handled the evidence in the Gouzenko Case.

December 11 the Christmas luncheon was held at the Empress for \$3.50.

December 18 our guest was the Hon Robert Bonner, Attorney General.

December 31 was the Children's Christmas Party for a cost of \$1.

January 22 a civic meeting was held with Mayor Percy Scurrah giving his inaugural address.

February 5 the Light Heavyweight champion Archie Moore was a special guest.

February 7 a Tea Party was held to raise funds for Goodwill. The door prize was a 1959 Monarch.

February 14 was a Valentine's Supper Dance at the Empress.

Improvements to the Mount Douglas Lookout commenced costing \$2500.

The Club entertained 30 foreign students.

February 19 our guest was Jack Webster of CKNW.

May 2-5 the District Conference was held in Port Angeles. Transport was by chartered North Star.

May 7 was a luncheon with the Rotary-Anns.

May 14 our guest was Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, GCMG, the last governor of the Gold Coast and the first governor-general of Ghana. His subject was "The Challenge of the Commonwealth".

YEAR FORTY-SIX

1959-60

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Sargent-at-Arms

Secretary

Directors

Tom Little

Jack Houssez

Bill Gilmour

Don Johannson

Bill Lemm

Wallace Courtenay

Gordon Ballentyne, Gordon Brown,

Eric Dowell, Pete Taylor, John Tribe

President Thomas Matthew Little

Tom Little was a native son, born in Victoria on June 22, 1907. He attended local schools, Victoria College, BC Normal School and UBC. He was an all-round athlete who played and coached Victoria basketball for a number of years and was part of the first city team to win the national championship when the Blue Ribbons were on top in 1933.

Destined at first for a career in medicine, Tom switched to teaching and taught at Sooke and Oaklands. Unfortunately, his health broke and he took a year's leave of absence but never went back. While convalescing, Tom started to help his father, Jimmie Little, senior partner of Little and Taylor – in the pioneer jewelry store. Jimmie retired in 1935 but became President of the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1943.

Tom stayed with the company and between 1936 and 1940 he took an intensive course in the study of gems under the auspices of the American Gem Society with resident semesters in Los Angeles.

Tom joined the Club in 1947, two years before his father died. Tom carried on in the finest traditions of his dad in both business and the Club.

He married Bertha in 1932 and they produced a good start to a basketball team with three sons. He liked fishing and golfing.

Activities

July 2 was the Transition Day from President Maurice Green to President Tom Little with Past District Governor Jim Beatty supervising.

July 15 various annual activities commenced on or after this date: fishing derby at Genoa Bay, bowling, bridge, golf tournament at the Victoria Golf Club, amongst others.

July 30 the guest was Mayor Percy Scurrah.

September 24, 502 District Governor Arthur H Wickens made his official visit.

October 15 Commodore HUW Groos, RCN, Commanding Officer of HMCS Naden spoke on "Civilian to Sailor".

October 22 the guest was Hans Gruber, the maestro of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra.

November 5 the guest was Reeve George Murdoch who spoke of "Behind the Oak Leaf Curtain".

December 13 The Rotary Boys Choir performed in Sidney. The concert was sponsored by the Sidney Club. This was the first of many performances throughout the year.

December 17 was the Christmas luncheon. Ladies were invited and a turkey draw was held.

December 31 was the Children's Christmas party.

January 7 Mayor Percy Scurrah and City Council were guests.

January 14 the guest was Colonel PS Cooper, Commandant of Canadian Service College HMCS Royal Roads who spoke on "Canadian Services Colleges".

March 4 a Klondyke Night was held at the Sirocco Club. This very successful activity was attended by members from all service clubs on the Island.

April 7 the guest was Rear Admiral HS Raynor, DSC, CD, RCN, and Flag Officer Pacific Coast.

YEAR FORTY- SEVEN

1960-61

President

R.C. Denny

Vice President

G.A. Brown

E.L. Mallett

Treasurer

G.H.F. Maycock

Sargent-at-Arms

Bill Lemm

Secretary

R.T. Wallace

Directors

J.B. Tribe, P.S. Taylor, J.R. Wintemute,

W.B. Wildon, Dr. R.E. Cranston, C.J. Dowman

180 members

President Roy Denny

Roy Denny was born in New Westminster November 1909, to Arthur and Reletta Denny who arrived from England in 1895. He grew up on Foul Bay beach, first in a small cottage with no indoor plumbing or hot water, then in to a larger home which still stands today at 1963 Crescent Coad. Roy spent much of his spare time building rafts and later several boats which he cruised extensively around the Gulf Islands. He went to Margaret Jenkins and then Victoria High schools. He was an ardent world traveler, starting with family trips to England in 1920, crewing on the old Princess Elizabeth on her maiden voyage from England to Victoria, a 3000 mile bicycle trip through Europe and many other trips all over the world throughout his life. One of the highlights was spending his 70th birthday sailing a small boat across the Atlantic. He owned many boats, both sail and power, did several offshore sailing voyages and all the family learned much from his careful teaching. Roy also used his skills in the Second World War as a 1st officer on a Corvette and later a commander of a Fairmile Launch running convoys in the North Atlantic.

After the war Roy returned to Victoria to run Standard Furniture with his brother Tom. He was very active in the business community, involving himself in Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Union Club, Probus and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The two brothers ran Standard for over 30 years, building into one of Victoria's premier retail outlets with over 125 employees before retiring.

Roy's son Derek owned the company from the early 1970's. Derek was a member of our club for a few years in the '70's. Roy took up water colour painting after retiring and became very well known for his art. He was a member of the Victoria Sketch Club for over 27 years. He painted daily, his art shows drew a large crowd every time and sold out very quickly. He was passionate about his painting and felt his long life was due to keeping busy with his art.

He was always interested in good design and the two homes he had built, one art deco at 210 Denison Rd and the other a Di Castri at 3130 Midland Rd. Both were ahead of their time design-wise. He also read a lot, enjoying history, sailing and discovery and would often have several books going at a time. He loved the outdoors especially anything to do with the sea.

Roy married Helen in 1939, had four absolutely wonderful children - Derek, Sue, Cathy and John. It was always family first with him and he was always ready to do what ever was needed to help his children succeed. He was married for 70 years and passed away just shy of his 101st birthday.



Activities

The last two Charter Members passed away – J.C. Pendray and A.E. Mallett.
 Two Klondike Nights were held aboard the PRINCESS KATHLEEN and raised \$4825.
 A mail campaign for Goodwill raised \$7798.
 The Rotary Boys Choir of 86 members made 15 appearances.
 The Club assisted in the vocational guidance for 350 graduating students.
 The Club provided collection teams for the Community Chest campaign and contributed \$12,623 to the Goodwill Building fund.

YEAR FORTY- EIGHT

1961-62

President
 Vice President

Dr. H.M. Edmison
 J.R. Wintemute
 R.B. Wilson

Treasurer
 Sargent-at-Arms
 Secretary
 Exec Sec
 Directors

G.H.F. Maycock
 Bill Lemm
 E.H. Brooks
 Mrs. V. Moore
 Dr. R.E. Cranston, C.J. Dowman, R.T. Wallace,
 T.G. Clinton, J.C.E. Lort, L.H. Morrison

Club membership 189

Activities

The Club office was moved from the Black Ball Ferry Building to Room 576 in the Empress Hotel.
 The cost increased and a duplicating machine and addressing equipment were purchased.
 The Board came to the conclusion that unless the membership was increased to 200, the Club would be in a deficit situation.

Special guests and visitors included:

- Colonel the Hon. Sandy-Foote Osborne,
- The District Governor spoke about the Convention held in Japan,
- The Lt-Governor of BC,
- His Worship Mayor RB Wilson and City Council,
- The High Commissioner of New Zealand,
- Hon Member Rear Admiral EW Finch-Noyes,
- Rotary Anns led by Mrs. Shirley Dowell

A Christmas luncheon with the ladies was held

The Children's Christmas luncheon was held with 91 children

A joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce was held,

An inter-city meeting was held with Duncan with the showing of the film Mastery of Space (John Glenn's orbital flight),

The Boys Choir which numbered 90 was divided into a senior and a junior group. Frank Shandley and Charlie Brown were the leaders,

38 foreign students from UBC visited Victoria and were hosted by the Club,

YEAR FORTY - NINE

1962-63

President
 Vice President

F.H.A.Norton
 T.G. Clinton
 L.H. Morrison
 G.H.F. Maycock

Treasurer

Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Executive Secretary

S.H. Evans
Mrs. V. Moore

Club membership 186

President Frank Norton

Francis Herman Anthony Norton was born March 8, 1916 in Victoria. His grandfather came from the Azores after a plague hit the family. He and his brother were the only survivors. They came to America and were cabin boys to a sea captain out of Boston, from whom they took the name of Norton after adoption. They eventually arrived in Salt Spring Island where they farmed and homesteaded.

Frank's father came from Salt Spring Island trained in butter making in 1903. He worked for Victoria Creamery which became Northwestern Creamery. He became a partner and eventually bought out his partner during the war. Northwest Creamery became Silverwood Dairies.

Frank was a graduate of Oak Bay High and the Ontario School of Agriculture.

He served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment during World War II. After the war, he became the Western Regional Manager for Silverwood. He was a Past President of the Victoria Rotary Club, a member of the Mount Newton Lodge No. 89 of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Honourary Inspector of the 33 Scottish Rite of Canada.

Frank's wife was Bibbs (nee Adams). He died April 4, 2004 in Sidney.

Activities

August 13 the Club combined with Douglas Victoria Club for a visit of International President Nitish Laharry with 300 attendees including RI 1st VPres Warren Kraft and District Governor Gordon Tongue. The President of Douglas Victoria chaired the meeting.

August the guest was His Excellency Lambertus Nicodemus Palar, Ambassador of Indonesia to Canada.

September 15-16 a Fishing Derby was held at Ganges.

September 20 the guest was His Worship Mayor Dick Wilson. Other clubs attended. This was the official start of the United Appeal.

October 19 a Calcutta golf tournament was held with 1/2 of the profits (\$7812) given to Goodwill.

October 27 a Halloween Dance was held at the Royal Victoria Golf Yacht Club.

November 1 was District Governor Gordon Tongue's official visit.

December 14 the Rotary Boys Choir performed at Central Junior High School supporting the Boy's and Girl's Club of Victoria.

December 20 was the Children's Christmas Party attended by 118.

December 24 the Boys' Choir performed at the Empress.

March 24-25 the District Conference was held in Seattle.

April 8 the guest was Carl Brownridge, President of American Motors.

May 17 the Rotary Boys Choir performed a choral concert in conjunction with the Arion Male Voice Choir at Oak Bay Junior High School.

YEAR FIFTY

1963-64

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms

D.E. Johaneson
Don Wagg
A.E. Walters
G.H.F. Maycock
S.H. Evans

Secretary
Executive Secretary

C. Dowman
F.E. Waring
Mrs. V. Moore

Activities

June 27 was an evening installation dinner with the ladies. Past District Governor Frank Doherty supervised the changeover from FHA Norton to Don Johaneson.

July 25 the guest was MLA and Attorney General Robert Bonner.

August 24-25 the District Institute was held in Olympia. President Johaneson led the Victoria delegation.

October 3 was District Governor Clifford Hadley's official visit to Victoria.

October 6-7 a Fishing Derby was held at Bedwell Harbour.

October 22 the Rotary Annual Golf Tournament was held at Uplands Golf Club.

Operation Dogwood was organized to grow 1000 dogwood trees for the new campus at UVic with Wilf Lund in charge

October 24 the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC, was celebrated in the Crystal Ballroom of the Empress Hotel with a candle light ceremony and entertainment. Dr. Dale E Turner organized the event.

The Rotary Boys Choir entertained at a medical convention.

November 1 the guest was Judge JB Clearihue, Chancellor of UVic.

December 12 the Club hosted PDG John Craig of matching District 292 from Auckland, New Zealand.

December 19 was a Ladies Christmas luncheon for \$2.25 a plate.

During Christmas week the Rotary Boys Choir sang at Eaton's in the early mornings, and performed on CJVI and at the Empress on Christmas Eve. The Choir was shepherded by Frank Shandley, Charlie Mullins and Angus McIntyre.

January 2 was the Children's Christmas Luncheon.

The Victoria Douglas Rotary Club met at the Tally-Ho on Monday nights.

January 16 Mayor Dick Wilson and Council were guests.

March 13-15 forty exchange students visited and were hosted for accommodation and a Saturday dinner at the Empress.

March 19 the guest was Commissioner Wilford Gibson (Greater Victoria Region) of the Boy Scouts of Canada.

April 2-4 the District Conference was held at Longview, Washington with a good turnout from Victoria.

May 14 the guest was His Excellency Bishop Remi De Roo.

June 7-11 was an International Conference in Toronto.

June 7 the Rotary Boys Choir Chairman Frank Shandley advised that the Choir would lead the singing for the Youth Rally in Beacon Hill Park.

July 2 was an installation evening with the ladies, for the change from President Don Johaneson to President Bob Stark.



YEAR FIFTY ONE

1964-65

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Executive Secretary
Directors

Dr. Robert Stark
C. Rutledge
Dr. C. Jameson
G.H.F. Maycock
C. Dowman
N.J. Goss
Mrs. V. Moore
C.E Hudson, M.D. Turyk, T.G. Barlow,
N.R. Morrison, K. Oliver, R.T. Wallace

President Dr. Robert Stark

Bob was born on January 8, 1920 in Victoria. His parents were from Ruchazie, a small town outside of Glasgow in Scotland. They came to Victoria in 1910 and settled in Fairfield, where Bob grew up, attending both Sir James Douglas and Victoria High Schools. He attended Victoria College when it was housed at Craigdarroch Castle. It was there he met his future wife, Mary Wickson in 1939.

World War II interrupted most peoples' plans. Bob was commissioned to the Royal Canadian Navy in December of 1941 and was one of 10 chosen from Victoria, and one of the 90 chosen from across Canada to be the "90 day wonders" for intensive training at Royal Roads. After training, Bob was now an Acting Probationary Sub-Lieutenant, and was sent to Halifax to serve on the Suderoy VI, a wooden Norwegian whaling ship converted to be a minesweeper. He served until June of 1942, making time for a short leave to Victoria to get married in May of 1942. Bob and Mary returned to Nova Scotia. Bob then served on convoy duties and in 1943 was appointed Commander of the Suderoy VI. The ship cleared mines from Halifax harbour, and protected convoys in the North Atlantic. He was transferred to Esquimalt, and later Prince Rupert, serving in both places as a watch-keeping officer. Bob received his discharge from the Navy in October 1945.

Bob returned to University to graduate as an Osteopathic Physician, studying in Kirksville Missouri. He returned to Victoria to set up his practice, where he was regarded as a thoughtful

physician, respected by other doctors for his diagnostic prowess. He practiced for 38 years before retiring.

He believed in public service, and served as the President of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and aided the Gallery through major expansion and the addition of new galleries in the 1960's. He admitted that he knew little about art, but was adamant that it was an institution that was important in a community. He also served as President of the Rotary Club, and served for 20 years on the Board of Goodwill Enterprises, an institution that provided people with handicaps an opportunity to find fulfilling employment within their capabilities, an aim that he fully believed in. He was photographed with the Mayor and President of Goodwill – all wearing gold hard hats and operating gold painted jackhammers – at the ground breaking for Goodwill's new building. He also volunteered with fund raising for the Community Chest (later the United Way). Bob and Mary had three sons, Steven, Stuart and David. He was a 30-year member of the Victoria Golf Club and enjoyed travels to Hawaii, and fishing off Vancouver Island. He died in 1993 at the age of 73.

Activities

Victoria hosted the District Conference.

August 20 the Board made the decision to actively support the Community Chest and the decision was made to beautify and clean up the Pat Bay Highway from Schwartz Bay to the City. Other organizations were incited to assist by tackling one mile each.

August 20 both Victoria Douglas and our Club invited Dr. Taylor, President of the University of Victoria to become an Honourary Member of both Clubs.

August 20 the car raffle commenced at Woodward's Store at Mayfair with 80% of the funds going to Goodwill Enterprises (\$5000).

August 24 the Club hosted a USAF team from Fairchild Air Force Base which had flown in to make a presentation. Transport was provided from the Pat Bay Airport to the luncheon. Kiwanis, Lions, Gyro, the Air Force Officers Association and the Chamber of Commerce were invited.

November 26 was the District Governor's official visit.

December 3 Rear Admiral Michael Stirling was approved as an Honourary Member.

March 18 the Mill Bay Fountain was reported in a deplorable condition. The Board decided that the Rotary Wheel would be removed.

June 24 was the Executive turnover from President Dr. Bob Stark to President Jack Housez, held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Empress Hotel.

Money disbursed during this year included:

- \$578 for Loutoka, Fiji for a new projector
- \$100 for shipping books to New Guinea
- \$5000 to Goodwill
- \$2600 to St Joseph's Hospital
- \$500 to Boy's Club of Victoria
- \$102 to Sir Edmund Hillary's schools in India

YEAR FIFTY-TWO

1965-66

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Executive Secretary
Directors

J.G. Houssez
R.T. Wallace
K. Oliver
G.H.F. Maycock
C. Dowman
N.J. Goss
Mrs. V. Moore
T.G. Barlow, N.R. Morrison, G.H.F. Maycock,
H.J. Kennedy, C.N. Mulling, F.E. Waring

Club membership 20

Activities

July 22 the guest speaker was Captain Frank Smith of Air Canada.

July 28 an Inter-city meeting was held in Seattle. Our members (20 in number) were well looked after.

August 19 was a Rotary picnic.

August 24 RI President Sput Teenstra addressed the Vancouver Club. Twelve Victorians attended.

September 9 was District Governor Jack Blaikie's official visit. He spoke at lunch being introduced by PDG Jim Lightbody and thanked by PDG Dr. Jack Cruise. The DG conferred with the Club executive during the afternoon and attended a social at 5 pm in the Duke of Kent Room followed by dinner in the Princess Louise Room. The cost was \$3.25.

September 16 the guest speaker was Dr. Leighton Ford, Billy Graham's Associate. The Very Reverend Dean Whitlow thanked the speaker.

September 18-19 was the Club Fishing Derby with Tom Blackwood in charge.

RI sent two students (one each from Brazil and Equador) who were enrolled at UBC.

The Club received correspondence from our matching club in Bombay, India.

The Club hosted 23 students from overseas (now studying at UBC).

Intercity meetings were held with Sidney and Vancouver.

September 23 the Rotary Orchestra was not in attendance – a recording of the National Anthem and God Save the Queen was used.

October 4 a bridge party with ladies present was held in held in the lower Empress.

October 11 the guest speaker was Archdeacon AE Hendy of the Douglas Rotary Club who spoke about 'The crew of the Bismarck'.

November 25 the car raffle commenced at Woodward's with the proceeds destined for Goodwill.

November 25 \$388 was raised from the Calcutta Golf Auction for 25 turkeys raffled.

December 30 was the Children's Luncheon. The Boys Choir performed. Tickets cost \$1 each.

December 30 the car raffle ticket sales did not have enough salesmen so Woodward's Manager Courtenay Haddock chipped in.

January 6 the guest speaker was Mr. Jacob De Villiers.

January 13 Honourary member His Worship Mayor AW Toone and City Council were guests.

Dean Whitlow thanked the Mayor for his address.

January 22 the car raffle ticket was drawn at Woodward's. \$9,740 went to Goodwill.

February 3 the cost of luncheon at the Empress was raised by \$.25 to \$2.25.

February 18-20 a group of foreign students visited. All were billeted.

February 21-22 Executive Secretary Vivian Moore attended an executive secretary training session and conference in Evanston, Illinois.

March 3 District Governor Jack Blaikie visited and spoke.

April 7 the Honourable Major General George Randolph Pearkes, VC, was in attendance.

April 14 a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce was held. Chamber Vice-President Court Haddock was in charge of the program. The guest speaker was Major General R Holley, CBE and DSO.

April 21 the Lieutenant Governor received 67 Centennial Roses to be planted at Government House. The roses were a gift of the Montreal-Lakeshore Rotary Club.

April 28 the guest was the Hon WAC Bennett, Premier of BC.

May 19 the guest speaker was the Hon Lord Beeching who was introduced by AJ Pendray and thanked by Mayor Toone.

New facilities for Goodwill Enterprises were opened on Bay Street. The sum of \$9740 was contributed this year making the total raised by this Club to \$90,000.

Historical Moment

The Rotary Anns

In 1914, Rotarians from San Francisco were headed to Houston to attend a Rotary convention. In those days, few wives attended Rotary events. Until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard the special train was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. AS the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. Since the western clubs were inviting Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the skits was a "Rotary Ann" chant. When the train arrived in Houston, one of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia whose wife was also named Ann.

During the arrival demonstration with the Rotary Ann chant in full voice, the two wives, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The term of endearment was used for all wives in attendance. Since then the term "Rotary Ann" has stuck.

Coincidentally, Guy Gundaker became President of RI in 1923 and Bru Brunnier in 1952. Thus each of the two original Rotary Anns became first ladies of RI.

Our own Rotary Anns have been instrumental in the success of the car raffle and are a vibrant and special group of ladies.



YEAR FIFTY- THREE**1966-67**

President	Dr. Carron Jameson
Vice President	G.H.F. Maycock
	F.E. Waring
Treasurer	G.H.F. Maycock
Secretary	J.A. McConnell
Auditor	W.D. Osborne
Executive Secretary	Mrs. V. Moore
Directors	C.N. Mullins, F.P. Levirs, H.G. Mearns, J.G. Patterson, J.W. Price

President Dr. C.B. Jameson

Carron Jameson was born in Victoria and spent most of his life in Oak Bay. He remembers when the Bowkers had a farm and their son ran the Oak Bay boat house. Cows roamed the fields and Indians sold salmon door to door.

Carron went to Willows School along with the race track gang. He then attended Oak Bay High School which had 150 students. He next attended Victoria College in Craigdarroch Castle and had his first meeting with Past President Bob Wallace as mathematics instructor and advisor to the student council.

After completing the two-year program at Victoria College, he went to the University of Oregon for four years studying his profession. He arrived home to Victoria to enlist in the Canadian Army and spent the next 4 1/2 years with the RCAF in BC, England and Burma.

After living out of a suitcase for 8 years, he was glad to return home to Victoria where he started his practice, joined Rotary, married, and fathered four daughters, in that order.

Feeling that life was dull and liking to talk, Caron was elected to the School Board where he served for 10 years as a Trustee and Chairman. These were constructive years with little controversy and culminated in the establishment of Camosun College.

Activities

The Ways and Means Committee raised \$11,500 (\$9,000 given to the Boy's Club building fund and \$1,500 to the Jubilee Hospital for a cardio scope).

An RI pilot project was generated which looked after two students from South America studying agriculture at UBC at a cost of \$3500 collected through contributions on members' birthdays.

June 30 the meeting was held at Hollyrood House.

July 6 the Club joined the Sidney Club for curling.

August 4 Chief of Police Jack Gregory was the speaker.

August 25 the guest was Group Captain DB Wurtele.

September 2 the Club hosted the two RI project students from New Zealand on their way to New Orleans.

September 6 was the Golf Tournament.

September 10-11 a Fishing Derby was held at Bedwell Harbour organized by Bob Wright.

September 15 the Honourable Robert Bonner, Attorney General, was the guest speaker. He was introduced by Mayor Toone.

September 20 was District Governor Mac Polson's official visit. A fellowship hour was held in the Duke of Kent Room followed by dinner.

October 5, 25 members participated in an inter-city visit to Port Angeles.

October 30 member Bob Mayhew was made a Freeman of the City of Victoria.

November 3 Car raffle donation recipients were selected including: The Boy's Club and the RI Foundation Pilot Project for foreign students.

November 17 Pilot Project students Jorge Garson and Ruy Werner from South America addressed the Club. These two were attending UBC and spent two weeks in Victoria over Christmas (hosted by Club members).

December 15 was the Christmas luncheon with the Very Reverend Dean Whitlow giving a Christmas message. Member Hugh Stephen was elected Mayor of Victoria.

December 22 Squadron Leader J Jaworski spoke about NORAD.

January 17 the car raffle winning ticket was drawn at Woodward's. Don Wagg was the committee chairman. The raffle netted \$11,442.

January 26 the Club hosted Mayor Hugh Stephen and City Council. The Mayor was introduced by former Mayor Percy Scurrah.

February 2 there was a gift exchange with the Thetford Mines Club – holly for maple syrup.

February 23 a 4-man NORAD briefing team was our guest speakers – introduced by Group Captain Alex Jardine.

March 30 the meeting was held in the Stretching Hotel – guests were teenage sons and daughters.

May 2 was an Inter-city visit to Vancouver by 40 members (including the orchestra, which played in Vancouver).

May 21+ the Club contingent to the RI Convention in Nice, France, included J. Loader, Don Wagg, M.L. Greene, R. McKenzie, S. Evans, and Percy Scurrah.

June 2 a Calcutta Golf Tournament dinner and dance was held at the Victoria Golf Club – for a cost of \$5.

YEAR FIFTY- FOUR

1967-68

President
Vice President

J.C.R. Lort
J.W. Bayne
Reverend E.W.S. Gilbert

Treasurer
Secretary
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Directors

D.A. Young
J.V. Sense
W.D. Osborne
Mrs. V. Moore
H.G. Mearns, J.W. Price, J.W. Bayne, P. Frumenty,
Reverend. E.W.S. Gilbert, RW. Taylor

President Lort

John Cecil Rolston Lort was born in Victoria, the eldest of five children. His English-born father came to Victoria in 1907. He was an architect and worked for Samuel McLure.

John's youth was spent between Victoria and Vancouver because of his father's work. He began school in Burnaby then in Victoria at Beacon Hill School, then the Collegiate School and Magee High School in Vancouver. He returned to Victoria and attended Brentwood College and UBC where he obtained a BA with honours in history. He spent one year at the University of Washington taking a library course.

In 1942, John joined the army and spent his time mainly in Ontario in the Prince of Wales Rangers. He went to England near the end of the war. In 1946 he returned to Victoria as a library research assistant. One year later he went to Ketchikan, Alaska as the librarian. Here, he drafted the Alaska Library Act. After this he had a short stint with the CBC as a speaker. In 1949 he went to Oakalla Prison as a librarian.

In 1950, John became librarian of the Vancouver Island Library at Nanaimo. Three years later, he returned to Victoria as Assistant Librarian and then as the Librarian of the Victoria Public Library.

John married Faith Elm from Oregon. He taught a Sunday School Class at St. David's Anglican Church. He was secretary and treasurer of the BC Library Association and the President of Rotary.

Activities

The Ways And Means Committee raised \$10,000 for the Royal Jubilee Hospital for the purchase of a Kidney Dialysis machine and for equipment for the eye ward.

\$100 was given to Family and Children's Services for summer outings for one-parent families.

A \$250 scholarship was awarded to a 1st student at UVic.

Three \$100 scholarships went to foreign students for the purchase of books.

The Boys' Choir Committee continued to provide musical education for a large number of boys.

The concerts were enjoyed by many audiences throughout Greater Victoria.

Correspondence was promoted between children at Sir James Douglas School and similar age groups in Otorohanga, New Zealand.

The Club matched District 143 from Finland on a Group Study Exchange.

\$700 was pledged for helping construction of a dispensary at Maddilapalm.

Sprigs of holly were sent to Rotary clubs in Quebec at Christmas.

Meetings were brightened by the playing of the orchestra.

The Club sponsored the Royal Winnipeg Ballet as a centennial project.

YEAR FIFTY- FIVE

1968-69

President

Don Wagg

Vice President

J.W. Bayne

Reverend E.W.S. Gilbert

Treasurer

D.A. Young

Secretary

J.V. Svendsen

Executive Secretary

Bill Osborne

Directors

P. Frumento, R.W. Taylor, J.N. Corry, J.R. McKenzie,
K.D. McRae, R.A. Upward

President Don Wagg

Donald Wagg was born in Newtonle-Willows, England on August 29, 1914. He served during the Second World War in the Royal Engineers. After the war he came to Nelson, BC as an architect. It was here that he designed his first building before moving to Victoria.

Don was very community spirited. As well as being a director of Goodwill for many years he gave freely of his time and talents to the Art Gallery, Rotary Club, and Probus Club (of which he was the founder), the Outdoor Club of Victoria, The Coffee Club, the Executive Club, and the Victoria Golf Club.

Don passed away on April 12, 2003.

Activities

The Club continued to sponsor the Boys Choir.

\$10,000 was donated for the mentally ill.

Diabetic children were helped to go to a special summer camp.

The Club provided funds for play equipment for a crippled children's camp.

Needy one-parent families were assisted to take a one day trip to Stanley Park.

A minor hockey team was sponsored.

The Club helped send three outstanding members of the Boy's Club to a convention in San Francisco.

Two sums of money were given to UVic for scholarships: \$250 for an English student and 3 x \$100 for books.

Holly sprigs were sent to Quebec again.

\$1000 was given to RI.

The Club joined in a District project to provide anatomical models to India.

\$700 worth of used tools was sent to the Philippines for a boy's club.

Members helped the deaf in India by collecting 125 used hearing aids which were repaired and distributed by a Rotary club.

The Club assisted local students with vocational guidance.

A financial drive raised money for the Vanier Institute of the Family.

Major General the Honourable G.R. Pearkes V.C. was elected as an honorary member of the Club.

The car raffle raised \$12,428.75.

YEAR FIFTY-SIX

1969-70

President

George Maycock

Vice President

J.N. Corry

J.R. McKenzie

Treasurer

H.J. Kennedy

Secretary

J.V. Svendsen

Executive Secretary

Mrs. Vivian Moore

Auditor

Bill Osborne

Directors

K.D. McCrae, R.A. Upward, J.A. Baines, W.D. Osborne

Activities

The luncheon cost was \$2.50.

June 26 was a rotary sponsored evening at the Fox Theatre for a performance of *Oliver*.

July 3 was the Installation dinner – Don Wagg to George Maycock.

July 24 a \$200 scholarship was given to UVic student Lily Wei-line Low.

August 6 an Inter-city visit was made to Port Angeles. 41 Rotarians attended including the orchestra.

The Car Raffle realized \$7000 which was put towards the White Cross Rehabilitation Centre.

The Club orchestra played at all meetings.

An excellent Valentines Dance was held at the Queen Victoria Inn.

August 29 the Honourable Life Member Major General George Pearkes, VC, and District

Governor Craig Reid made an informal visit.

September 6-7 was the Fishing Derby.

The Bridge Group had a very active year with 20 couples involved. The group wound up with a cocktail party at the home of President Elect Eric Dowell and a dinner at the Uplands Golf Club.

Exchange student Faye Clark from Australia was welcomed for the year.

An average of 45 boys was in the Rotary Boys' Choir (in its 20th year). Concerts were held in Duncan, Vancouver, Salt Spring Island and Victoria (11 in all) including a performance at the District Conference.

October 23 his Excellency Mohamed Sophe, High Commissioner of Malaya was the guest speaker.

October 31 the guest was Air Canada Captain Frank Smith.

November 13 the guest was Air Vice-Marshall George Howsam. His subject was 'Dirigibles'.

November 27 District Governor Craig Reid made his official visit including luncheon, meetings and a dinner.

Community projects for the year included:

- Canadian Mental Health Association,
- Indian Native Friendship Centre,
- 100 peace roses in Beacon Hill Park,
- \$50 to the Christmas Bureau for the purchase of food hampers,

The World Community Service Committee collected:

- \$750 worth of used tools for boys in the Philippines.
- \$1000 to supply vaccines for children in Poone, India at a cost of 10 cents per child.

The week of 7 December was Rotary week at the Maritime Museum of BC.

December 18 the annual Christmas luncheon (with the ladies) was held at the Empress.

January 8 the guest was Mayor Frances Elford of Oak Bay.

At the end of January 1970, the Rotary Office was moved to the 6th floor of the Empress Hotel.

Don Wagg was instrumental in the design.

February 14 the Rotary Valentines Dance was held at the Queen Victoria Inn.

January 22 the guests were Mayor Court Haddock and members of City Council.

April 17 was a Golf Tournament.

May 1-3 the Club hosted the District Conference.

June 25 was the turnover from George Maycock to Eric Dowell.

YEAR FIFTY- SEVEN

1970-71

President
Vice President

Eric Dowell
J.A. Baines
D.E. Robinson

Treasurer
Secretary
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Directors

H.J. Kennedy
K.D. McCrae
Bill Osborne
Mrs. Vivian Moore
G.B. McGilivray, B.C. Butler, D. White,
Dr. G.H. Thompson, D.G. Lewis, M.D.W. Young

President Eric Dowell

Eric Dowell was born May 15, 1927 in Victoria. His father, Alf, came to Victoria from England with his family in the early 1900's. His father, who was a long-time member of this Club, went overseas in the Army during the Great War serving at Vimy. He returned to Victoria and started a trucking business with his brother Art. His mother Florence came from an early Victoria family making Eric a third generation Victorian. Eric's great-grandfather on his mother's side (John Cox) came to Victoria on a sailing ship and served with the Royal Engineers from 1858. His great-grandmother Minnie Gillen was from Tynemouth and came to Victoria on a "Bride Ship". They were married by Bishop Cridge.

Eric schooled at Sir James Douglas School. He and a number of his friends were introduced to sailing by a Grade 7 teacher. This started a lifetime of love with sailing and a lifetime of nautical enjoyment. It also changed his principal hobby from model aircraft building to model ship building. He joined the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

At 14, he built his first sail boat (16 ft.) followed by a 19ft. competitive sailboat. As result of being the winning sailor in the North Pacific, he went to Miami in 1949 for the "Lightning" sailboat race. Eric excelled at academics at Vic High, Vic College and UBC in Engineering. At age 20 he joined his father's company to be close to his mother who was very sick (childhood Scarlet fever) and sadly died 3 years later. He was happy to be in Victoria to participate in local sailing. In 1921 he joined the Jr. Chamber of Commerce becoming involved in charitable work. At age 24, he married Shirley with 4 children resulting. He bought his father's half of the company (Dowell's Cartage and Storage) and a friend and longtime employee bought the other half. In 1954 he joined Rotary where he knew most members (200 members) through helping his father in Rotary matters. Sadly, his oldest son died of Leukemia, after a long struggle, in 1968.

The Teamsters Union's annual cry for increased wages put him at a disadvantage with his non-union competitors. The situation worsened and fearing an immediate strike, Eric sold the company in two parts. This was the end of his business.

In 1969, Eric was asked to be president of Rotary in 1970. He enjoyed the job and was very active for many years. In 1975 his father died after a round of golf. Eric bought a Shawnigan Lake property which became a 'savior' in his life with his family.

In 1973, Eric bought his first fibreglass boat sailing out of the RVYC. This was followed by a 28 ft. sailboat and a 35 ft. racing sailboat which were put in the charter fleet at RVYC (profitable). Eric raced the 35 footer in all major races in the North West. He raced in 10 Swiftsures winning in 1984. He sold all boats and bought a 41 ½ footer.

Eric's wife Shirley disagreed with his sailing and was more interested in politics, leading to a divorce. His new wife Joan enjoyed all his activities for 20 years on lengthy annual trips to New Zealand, trips to Alaska and 3-month cruises. Eric retired from his lifelong love, moving into a harbour front condo. He spends much time just walking around and viewing the harbour activities. He continues to enjoy Shawnigan for several months of the year.

Activities

Dues were raised by \$15 after considerable discussion and aggravation.

There were several outstanding programs in this year including:

- The Claremont High School Choir,
- The Older Boys Parliament Program,
- The Outward Bound Program,

12 Calgary Club members and wives visited,

The Boys Choir had 37 members and practiced at the YMCA under Bill Hastings and accompanist Mrs. McVie. The choir performed at the T. Eaton Co. at Christmas and sang at the Duncan Club.

The "Gold Brick" Program sold tickets under authority of the Provincial Lottery Corp. The program raised \$5000 given to the White Cross Program raising the total to \$1,700 which was enough to purchase their needed premises. The remainder was disbursed as follows:

- \$250 to UVic for a scholarship
- \$250 to the Victoria Youth Council
- \$100 to Silver Threads
- \$140 to Autistic Children

The Club hosted 46 Quebec exchange students at a luncheon. A tour of the city and billeting at Oak Bay High followed.

The student exchange program was cancelled because of a lack of host parents and a general lack of enthusiasm.

Donations were given to:

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|------------------------------|--------|
| • White Cross Rehabilitation | \$7000 |
| • UVic Scholarship | 250 |
| • Exchange Students | 138 |
| • Boys Choir | 735 |

YEAR FIFTY- EIGHT

1971-72

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Auditor

Robert Wallace
B.C. Butler
M.D.W. Young
H.J. Kennedy
Bill Osborne

Secretary
Directors

M.L. Watts
D.G. Lewis, G.M. Coxworth, D.H. Mollison,
D. White, J.F. Gregory, J.V. Svendsen

President Robert Wallace

Robert Thomas Duff Wallace was born at William Head on May 29, 1929. He was a graduate of Victoria High School and began his career teaching mathematics at Victoria College when it was located at Craigdarroch Castle. He remained with the college when it moved to Landsdowne and Gordon Head. In 1963 he became head of the mathematics department at UVic and later Dean of Administration. He retired in 1971 as vice-president of the university and then became its chancellor, "a strictly honorary position" which he held for the next six years.

In 1972 he was chosen Victoria Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year. That year he also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Law at his university. In 1978 he was named Victoria's Man of the Year and in 1994 he was made a member of the Order of Canada. He was a member of the Masonic Order and was made an honorary member of our Club. He did much to promote sport in Victoria and at the university.

Through his whole life he was an active member of the United Church and it was here that he met his wife to be, Norah. Together they raised two children: Brian who became a lawyer in Vancouver and Barbara who married in Montreal. He died on April 1, 1999.

Activities

On 15 September, the Club entertained RI President Ernst Breitholtz at the Empress Hotel. Other VIP guests included Premier WAC Bennett and Major General G.R. Pearkes, V.C., Lieutenant Governor of BC.

The Ways and Means Committee experimented with a fundraiser – the Rotary Almanac. Production and sales netted \$8,469.

The funds were disbursed as follows:

- \$4000 for a hydraulic lift bus for Mt St Mary Hospital
- \$500 for a colour TV for Sunset Lodge
- \$2800 "Happy Holidays" money for assisting summer camp
- \$350 "Rotary Recognizes" money for rewarding good citizenship
- \$1,200 to Rotary Choir
- \$250 for UVic scholarships
- \$100 for Autistic Society
- \$200 to Camosun College,
- \$1000 given to a South Korean Orphanage
- \$5000 to White Cross Rehabilitation
- \$791 to the Boys' Choir
- \$440 to exchange students

The Choir rehearsed every Saturday under Bill Hastings and Mrs. McVie.

The Bridge Club was very active with 28 couples.

The Club was well-represented by 29 members and wives at the District Conference in Olympia.

YEAR FIFTY - NINE

1972-73

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Secretary

Nick Corry
J.F. Gregory
D.H. Mollison
H.J. Kennedy
H.W. Norbert

Executive Secretary
Directors

Mrs. V. Moore
G.M. Coxworth, J.V. Svendon, J. Chell, .DH. Hambleton,
R.B. Perry, D.K. Verley

Luncheon location: Empress Hotel
197 members

Activities

The Club orchestra continued a contribution unique to the weekly meetings.

24 members made up the Bridge Club.

A fishing derby was held in September.

The Golf Calcutta was won by Bill Osborne.

Ladies Day was introduced for the 5th Thursday each month

Inter club visits held included:

- August - 20 Rotarians with wives from Port Angeles.
- November – 15 Rotarians from Victoria visited Port Angeles.
- March – 40 Rotarians and Rotary Anns, accompanied by District Governor Gene Campbell, visited Nanaimo.

Donations made this year included:

- \$800 to Victoria West Neighbourhood Centre for repairs and alterations to a rent-free house provided by the City
- \$2100 to the Dundas Society (treatment of drug addicts) for the purchase of video tape equipment
- \$220 to Ferndale House for hearing aids
- \$420 to the Diabetic Association Camp Fund to help finance three children to camp
- \$1700 to the Cedar Lodge which was a newly established residential school for neurological impaired children. The Lodge was located on a large estate at Cobble Hill.

RYLA was adopted by Victoria for the first time – two students were sent to Tacoma.

65 Rotary Recognition Certificates were awarded to 13 schools to recognize students displaying good citizenship plus good academics.

Interact: Rotarian Deans Peggs (Past President of the Hong Kong Club) established an Interact club at St. Michaels University School.

Student Exchange: Ann Davies was sent to Newcastle, Australia while Julie Percival from Australia spent a year in Victoria.

The Rotary Boys Choir was expanded to take in a dozen girls and was renamed the Rotary Youth Choir. Choir founder Frank Shardley died. Conductor W. Hastings expressed a wish to resign due to ill health.

Overall, a general malaise had set into the Club. Dollar output exceeded dollar input. Fund-raising became increasingly distasteful particularly ticket and advertising selling. There was a disappointing response by members to such things as canvassing for the United Appeal and the Red Shield Appeal.

Regarding the deepening malaise, it is possible that a major reason for the lack of volunteer workers was that over the years the volunteer system had resulted in a relatively small body of the Club consistently carrying the burden of work activities.

Donations this year were made to:

- Mount St Mary Hospital \$4000
- Diabetic Association \$500

• UVic Scholarship	\$250
• Exchange Students	\$243
• Boys Choir	\$614
• Boys Club	\$1300
• YM/YWCA	\$350
• Boy Scouts	\$850

YEAR SIXTY

1973-74

President	Frank Levirs
Vice President	J. Chell
	D.H. Hambleton
Treasurer	H.J. Kennedy
Auditor	W.D. Osborne
Secretary	H.W. Norbert
Executive Secretary	Mrs. V. Moore
Directors	R.B. Perry, G.K. Verley, R.B. Bates, G. Ellis, A.J. Longmuir, W.H. Lund, J.D Duckworth (April 74-June 75)

Location Empress Hotel
Membership 203

President Frank Levirs

Frank Levirs was born in Victoria on May 9, 1907. He attended Boys Central School, Victoria High School, UBC for a BA and a MA, and the University of Idaho for an MS (Ed). From 1927 to 1945 Frank was the principal of various BC high schools (Creston, Ocean Falls, Kimberley and Cranbrook). During this period, he was a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, remaining in Canada. In 1954, he became the chief inspector of schools. In 1958 he became the assistant superintendant of education of BC and in 1965 he was appointed the Superintendent.

Frank's wife was Cynthia

In 1959, Frank joined our Club. In 1968, he was elected to the Senate of UVic. In 1971, he was appointed the Superintendent of Education in the Yukon.

Activities

Although reduced in size, the Orchestra continued to enliven the meetings.

Special meetings included:

- Three musical
- A brass quartet
- An orchestra
- A children's party with a short dramatic skit
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
- Visit and hosting for 5 days of District Governor Bill Carter with dinner at Hollyrood House

One inter-city meeting was held with a number of Port Angeles Rotarians and Rotary-Anns attending.

A Fishing Derby was held (but no fish).

Bridge continued but at the Faculty Club.

Golf saw the abandonment of the Calcutta but 30+ members played in the annual golf tournament.

Oak Bay Rotary Club was sponsored by Victoria.

The Club looked after the transportation for a group of Japanese tourists.

Our 60th anniversary was celebrated as much as possible considering that the daily newspapers were on strike for six months.

No fund raising activities were held this year except internally in the Club and a couple of outside activities such as participation in the Boy Scout Walkathon.

The Club's first Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded.

The Rotary Club of Victoria, BC, Foundation was established.

The Mt. Douglas Lookout was refurbished.

A number of Rotarians entertained 38 teenagers from Japan who were attending Camosun College.

Donations this year included:

- \$900 to the United Way
- \$2837 to the Greater Association for Retarded Children
- \$250 to a UVic Student
- \$400 for a diabetic child to go camping
- \$300 to the Boy's Club
- \$200 to the Rotary Club of Orizaba, Mexico
- \$186.96 to OXFAM for famine relief

Statement by President Levirs on the subject of Rotary Anns:

"They not only assisted us immeasurably upon request but we were assured from the first that they were there, willing and ready, to undertake those tasks at which the male is, by his very nature, inept."

YEAR SIXTY- ONE

1974-75

President	Jack Baines
VPres	RB Bates
	AJ Longmore
Treasurer	HJ Kennedy
Sgt-at-Arms	Chet Dowman
Secretary	HW Norbert
Exec Sec	Mrs. Vivian Moore
Directors	JD Duckworth, R St. G Ellis, RH Boettger, RT Robinson, TJ Sawchuck, W Thompson

Activities

July 11 the luncheon cost increased to \$3.75.

July 18 was the visit of District Governor R. Brister of Centralia, Washington. The program included luncheon, a meeting, Club Assembly and dinner.

July 18 the outgoing exchange students were given a send-off to the following destinations: Rhys Berthaume to the Netherlands and Kevin Bates to Tokai, Nagoya, Japan.

August 28 was an inter-city meeting with Port Angeles – with transport over by the Coho and back by CPR Ferry.

September 5 Major General G.R. Pearkes, V.C. was a guest.

September 7 a wine and cheese party was hosted by President Jack and Marjorie Baines.

September 12 Jack Gregory was elected Head of the Chiefs of Police of Canada.

September 12, 17 Napier, New Zealand (Victoria's sister city) Rotarians and wives were hosted and given bed and breakfast. Mayor Peter Tait and wife Lillian attended. Mayor Peter Pollen introduced the guest mayor.

October 19 was the Oak Bay Charter Night Dinner.

December 19 the Christmas luncheon was held with Honourary Life Member Major General George Pearkes, VC and Mrs. Pearkes as guests. A turkey raffle was held with the proceeds going to India.

January 1 the annual fees increased to \$40. The joining fee was increased from \$60 to \$80 to help reduce the deficit.

January 30 was Ladies Day.

February 23 Rotary International's 70th anniversary was celebrated by a church parade at Christ Church Cathedral followed by brunch at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

February 27 the guest was Commissioner Arnold Brown, National Commander of the Salvation Army.

April 3 the Club hosted a GSE Team from South Africa.

April 7 was the bridge wind-up party at the UVic Faculty Club.

May 2-3 was the District Conference at Ocean Shores. Victoria was well represented.

June 25 the annual Golf Tournament was held at Uplands Golf Club. The Committee chairman was John Tribe.

YEARSIXTY-TWO

1975-76

President	David Hambleton
Vice President	R.H. Boettger
	T.J. Sawchuk
Treasurer	H.J. Kennedy
Sargent-at-Arms	Chet Dowman
Secretary	E.C. Bent
Auditor	Bill Osborne
Executive Secretary	Mrs. Vivian Moore
Directors	W.H. Skinner, W. Thomson, W.A. Buchan, W.A. Leach, H.W. Norbert, Dr. G.N. Perry

President David Hambleton

David Herbert Hambleton was born in London, England, December 18, 1932. His father, Fred Langhorne Hambleton (1895-1933) served in the Royal Naval Air Service 1914-1918. He died when David was four months old. His mother was Florence Clara (*nee* Wainwright 1905-1990). David attended boarding school from age of six until graduation. Because of the advent of war and consequent numerous evacuations of the school, he was unable to return to home and family for any reason until the end of the war. Despite evacuations, the school had its exciting moments...particularly during the time the school was situated under the flight path of German planes one of which once unloaded its remaining bombs over the school playing fields.

He studied architecture in London in the Faculty of Architecture at Regent Street Polytechnic, now the University of Westminster. He graduated with Distinction in Design and winner of the Sir Bannister Fletcher Prize. He practiced in the office of Professor Albert E. Richardson, President of the Royal Academy of Arts and Head of the Bartlett School of Architecture, London University, specializing in the restoration and rebuilding of several historic buildings destroyed in WWII bombing including a church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Also in the office of Sir Louis deSoisson where he worked on the famous Wellwyn Garden City as well as on historical restoration in The City of London and the West End and throughout southern England.

Married in June, 1958, he immigrated to Victoria, B.C. the same month. He was blessed with the birth of five daughters all presently living within easy reach of Victoria and who together have produced six grandsons, five granddaughters and one great granddaughter, so far as of 2012.

He remarried in August 1995 and gained a stepson and a daughter-in-law along with a granddaughter and a grandson.

In 1958, on arrival in Victoria, David was employed the very next day in the office of Burley and Wagg Architects. Patrick Burley and Donald Wagg were both members of the Rotary Club of

Victoria. Burley died in 1961 and David joined Donald Wagg as partner in the new firm of Wagg and Hambleton in 1966 and joined Rotary in 1968. Donald Wagg retired at 65 in 1979 and David carried on in partnership with Brian Bartle until his retirement in 2003.

The architectural output of his firm was much diversified although they did specialize in the design of general hospitals throughout BC. Other work included several churches on Vancouver Island, faculty buildings at U Vic, commercial buildings, condominiums, apartments, housing, urban design including the design of the Songhees and of several of its buildings, recreation centres, schools, banks, private houses etc.

Notable projects include the Oak Bay Marina, Holy Cross church, additions to St Patrick's church, buildings for the Faculties of Law, Business and Economics, Human and Social Development and the Clearihue Building. His firm was responsible for the complete restoration and interior design of the Crystal Garden, for the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre of the Royal Jubilee Hospital (in association with a Vancouver firm) and for the phases two and three of the Shoal Point Development.

David served on the Boards of the following bodies:

- Rotary Club of Victoria and President in 1975;
- Architectural Institute of British Columbia and President in 1975;
- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and President in 1980;
- Norfolk House School and Chair for several years;
- Capital City Executives Association and President;
- Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Association and President 1989-1996;
- Rockland Neighbourhood Association; and
- The Chairmanship of the Design Panel of the City of Victoria
- and service on a variety of other City Committees

David's hobbies have included competitive long distance running in the 40-50 age category. He achieved first place finishes in many races on the Island and in the Vancouver Marathon, second and third place finishes in that same race in subsequent years as well as a first place finish in the Masters level of the BC Cross Country 10k. In addition, he enjoyed golf and membership in the Victoria Golf Club for many years. Currently he spends time cycling, walking and kayaking. He painted in water colour and oils, sculpted busts of family members and gardened. He has owned and ridden motor bikes since 1949 and presently, (in 2013) rides an 1800cc Honda Goldwing.

Activities

8 January 8 the guests were Mayor Mike Young and Council. (5 Rotarians were members of Council).

New secretary Mrs. Julie Mueller was welcomed.

January 22 exchange student Francisco Antonio Rigalt (PACO) returned to Brazil.

February 19 the incoming exchange student Luis Barbon from Brazil was welcomed.

February 26 was Ladies day. The program was presented by the students of the Victoria Conservatory of Music directed by Robin Wood.

March 4 there was entertainment by the Bavarian Mountain Boys Choir with music, singing and yodeling.

Chi Pill Pill raised \$1250 by a raffle of a painting.

March 21 was a Club outing to Beecher Bay in Sooke.

April 21 the guest was Eric Charman, Past President of the Victoria Real Estate Board.

May 6 the guest was Bill Bowman, BC Government Department of Highways who spoke of "Highways and Bridges of BC".

June 17 George Gray gave a report on the year-end report of Goodwill Enterprises. The Club has supported Goodwill since 1957 in time, effort and money, all with great success. Revenues for the past year topped the \$1 million mark with substantial sums paid in remuneration to the handicapped. It must be remembered that we are "helping people to help themselves".

June 23 was a Golf tournament at the Uplands Golf Club.

June 24 was the Installation day from David Hambleton to Doug Lewis.

YEAR SIXTY- THREE

1976-77

President	Doug Lewis
Vice President	Dr. G.N. Perry
	H.F. Wrinch
Treasurer	H.J. Kennedy
Honourable Secretary	E.C. Bent
Executive Secretary	Mrs. V. Moore
Directors	H.W. Norbert, W.A. Leach, W.A. Buchan, R.E. March, Peter Leung, J.R. Ellis
Membership 206	

President Doug Lewis

Doug was the owner/manager of Victoria Photo Supply Ltd in the old Sussex Building. He joined Rotary in 1968 and quickly made his presence felt. It was not long before he was very involved in committee work and all activities of the Club.

Doug became President in 1976 and was District Governor in 1990-91 which was the last year of District 502 which then became District 5020.

Doug and Flora moved to Vancouver to be closer to family.

Activities

June 27 Past President Nick Corry installed President Doug Lewis and the Board.

July 29 the guest speaker was Chief of Police Jack Gregory who spoke on "The Law Student – Police recruit program". The program consisted of hiring law students in the summer and putting them on the beat to gain experience of the other side of the justice system. This program spread to other cities in North America.

August 26 the guest was Phillip "Pip" Holmes who spoke of 'International Real Estate'.

Fellowship continued to be accomplished through bridge, golf and the fishing derby.

September 10 special guests were Sir Ralph Parrington, former Lord Mayor of London and Mr. Allan McKinnon, MP for Victoria.

A champagne theatre party held at the McPherson raised \$755. The picture raffle brought in \$1,121.

A submersible wheel chair was donated to the Handicap Pool at the YM-YWCA.

September 16 was the official visit of District Governor Lou Frohning.

Assistance was given to Meals on Wheels.

Sunday afternoon bus trips were organized for seniors.

December 23 the new executive secretary Mrs. Heather Isaac was welcomed.

January 13 the guest was Rear Admiral A.L. Collier, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific.

January 20 the guest was Mel Hurtig.

There was a presentation of "Rotary Recognizes" citizenship awards to 20 elementary school pupils.

There was an inter-city visit by Seattle and Port Angeles Clubs.

The Club hosted GSE Teams from the UK and from Brazil as well as a French delegation enroute to the RI Convention in San Francisco.

March 12 was an outing to Parksville by E & N Railroad.

March 31 the guest was Lieutenant General Reg Lane, DSO, DFC and CD.

April 15-17 the District Conference was held in Victoria and had 1060 registrations -126 from our Club.

May 5 Captain Frank Smith of Air Canada spoke of the "50th anniversary of commercial flight in Canada".

YEAR SIXTY- FOUR**1977-78**

President

Denis White

Directors

E.C. (Ernie) Bent, D.A. (Don) Jenson, T.B. (Tom) Laurie, R.E.
(Ralph) March, R. (Rob) Noble**President Denis White**

Dennis White was brought up in eastern Canada. He was in the fur business and was a member of Rotary in Toronto (1954-64), Westmount (1961-64) and joined Victoria in 1965.

His wife was Monica.

In Victoria, he either bought or established Acme Supplies with partner Reginald Darke. He was a friendly, delightful man who developed Acme into an outstanding company. He lived on Ten Mile Point for years before moving into a condo on Beach Drive.

Activities

July 7 was the Installation of Denis White and the Board of Director with District Governor Lou Frohning and wife present. Past District Governor Jack Cruise gave the invocation. Rotarian Bill Tindall brought the greetings of the City. The installation was conducted by Bob Wallace.

July 10 was an outing to Matheson Lake organized by Don Wagg.

July 20 the guest was Ted Stanley, Chief Negotiator for BC Ferries.

August 4 exchange student Bruce Ashman from Australia was welcomed.

August 21 an outing to Hurricane Ridge was organized by Don Wagg. 36 attended.

September 10-11 was a Fishing Derby at Pender Island.

September 15 District Governor Harold Woodland conducted his official visit.

September 29 was Ladies Day with a professional fashion show organized by Ken King.

October 20 Bud Buchan reported on a project at the Bishop Cridge Centre which was a treehouse adventure playground.

November 10 Corporal Wall of the RCMP Investigation Services spoke of "Commercial Crime".

November 30 a champagne Theatre Party was held at the McPherson Theatre which raised \$717.

December 1 the guest was Archie Wills who spoke about Captain Cook.

December 8 Rotarian Mel Couvelier was elected Mayor of Saanich.

December 22 was the Christmas Luncheon. Special guests included: Major General the Honourable G.R. Pearkes, V.C., and Mrs. Constance Pearkes, Howard and Linda Petch, UVic, Mayor Mike Young and Bishop Reg Pierce.

December 24 the Car Raffle (a T-Bird) was held at Mayfair Mall.

January 5 the guest was Jim Campbell, Chairman of the CRD.

January 21 was an outing to Courtenay via Dayliner organized by Don Wagg.

February 23 the guest was Professor Reg Roy, Military History at UVic. His subject was "General Pearkes – the Book behind the Man".

March 12 was an outing to the UVic Open House organized by Don Wagg.

April 23 was a safari to Camp Barnard.

June 12 Past President Walter Fletcher was declared an Emeritus Member.

June 22 the President's Ball was held at the Delta Inn at Laurel Point.

June 23 was the annual Rotary Golf Day at the Victoria Golf Club.

June 29 was an Installation Day conducted by Past President (Nelson) Blake Allan.

YEAR SIXTY- FIVE**1978-79**

President
Directors

Jack Gregory
F.S. (Fred) Bartlett, E.C. (Ernie) Bent, W.A. (Bill) Bowman, D.A.
(Don) Jenson, R. (Bob) Noble, C.A. (Cec) Prowse

President Jack Gregory

Jack Gregory was born in Wellington, Somerset, England on December 6, 1919. He came to BC with his family in 1926.

The beginning of his career was with the BC Provincial Police which he joined in Kelowna in 1939. He stayed with them until their dissolution in 1950, when he joined the RCMP. He was seconded to the Victoria City Police in 1963 and appointed chief constable in 1965. Jack was elected president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in 1974 - he was described as tough on crime and favouring capital punishment.

In the sixties he once gave a lecture entitled "The Law is a Haven for Hoods". Jack told the Times-Colonist in 1979 that "a policeman's authority has been corroded. Respect for the policeman has deteriorated. It is not the fault of the police. I think it is the evolution of civil liberty to the point of being detrimental to society".

Jack joined Rotary in Prince Rupert in 1959. He joined our Club in 1962 and in addition to the positions of director and president he was the District Governor in 1983-84. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, a Shriner and active in many other charitable organizations. He was predeceased by his wife Gwen and his two children Gillian and David.

He died in 2001 after a long illness.

Activities

July 6 Inspector Raymond Best of the Victoria Fire Department spoke about the Ogden Point fire. Exchange Student Diane Collet from New Zealand was welcomed.

September 7 Eric Charman was introduced as a new member

Bridge, the fishing derby and golf all continued.

September 14 the guest was Edward Brabefield – Moore, retired Deputy Commissioner RCMP.

October 5 the guest was Brian Smith, Mayor of Oak Bay.

October 15 was an outing to East Sooke Regional Park organized by Don Wagg.

October 26 was Ladies Day with guest speaker District Governor Dean Peggs.

December 8 was the annual McPherson Theatre champagne fund-raiser.

December 10 was an outing to Goldstream Park.

December 14 was the Christmas luncheon.

January 11 new exchange student Kerry Langley from Brisbane, Australia was welcomed.

January 18 the guest was Terry Reksten who spoke of "Rattenbury".

February 15 was a Ladies Day luncheon themed 'Valentines'.

April 11 a GSE team from Australia was hosted at lunch.

May 7 was a Day at Sea with 40 attendees.

May 24 the President's Ball was held at the Victoria Golf Club.

June 28 was Installation Day.

YEAR SIXTY- SIX**1979-80**

President
Vice President

Bill Skinner
Jim Linney
Fred Bartlett

Treasurer
Secretary
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Directors

Bert Kennedy
Alf Maver
Bill Osborne
Margaret Ainslie
Bob Noble, Jack Matvenko, John Mitchell
Bill Bowman, Bruce Molloy, Cec Prowse

Membership 207

Activities

August 31, five exchange students were guests.
September 8-9 the Fishing Derby was organized by Dan Parker.
September 20 was District Governor James D. Shank's official visit.
September 22-23 was an outing to Camp Barnard at Sooke at the Boy Scout trailer park organized by Phil Neroutsos.
October 4 the luncheon cost increased to \$5.50.
October 4 Bridge and golf were organized for the year.
September 25 the guest was Inspector David Staples, RCMP, who spoke about "The Illegal Narcotics Trade".
November 8 the Remembrance Day luncheon speakers were Archdeacon James Whittes and Bishop Reg Pierce.
November 22 was a McPherson Theatre outing to a performance of 'Brigadoon'.
December 20 was Ladies Day and the Children's Christmas luncheon.
December 23 the draw for the 1980 Thunderbird was made at Hillside Mall.
December 27 the meeting was held at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.
February 3 was an outing to East Sooke Park.
February 14 Captain BC Thillaye spoke of "Strategic Planning of the Defence Department".
February 20 was an evening dinner to mark the 75th anniversary of Rotary International. Guests included Lieutenant Governor Henry Bell-Irving, Rear Admiral Mike Martin, Acting Mayor Ron McKenzie and their wives.
March 6 Rear Admiral Mike Martin, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific was our guest. The HMCS Naden Band was in attendance.
April 24-26 was the District Conference at Olympia. Eighteen Victorians attended.
May 1 a detailed and complete discussion/debate was held regarding the establishment of the Rotary Club of Victoria Harbourside.
June 19 the President's Ball was held at the Victoria Golf Club.
June 28 was an Installation Day conducted by Past President Bill Clark.

YEAR SIXTY- SEVEN

1980-81

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Sargent-at-Arms
Secretary
Executive Secretary

Auditor
Directors

Dick Batey
H.J. Linney
Dr. J. Matvenko
A.R. Maver
Don Cal
Bob Whitlock
Mrs. Margaret Ainslie and from 1 October, Miss
Marion Atkins
Bill Osborne

President Dick Batey

Richard (Dick) Batey was born in 1916 and was a well-known broadcaster in Victoria for 27 years until he retired as production manager for radio station CJVI in early 1967. He also worked as a real estate agent.

Batey was described as a rugged individualist, a boater and lover of nature. He made the news in March 1956 when he and two other men had a close brush with death after their snowmobile broke down between Dawson and Fort St. John. They bedded down near their fire in sleeping bags laid over branches. They ate beans and drank coffee for breakfast. The next day they fought a heavy snowstorm before their rescue.

Dick Batey was very active in our Club for more than forty years.

He married Florence and they had two children, Jim and Mary. He died in 1992.

Activities

July 16 the Harbourside Club was established with Victoria's Fred Bartlett appointed as the Charter President.

July 20 was an outing to Hurricane Ridge.

July 31 exchange student Sonae Nakai from Japan was welcomed.

August 21 the guest was MP Allan McKinnon who gave an "MP Report".

August 28 Past President and Past District Governor Dr. Jack Cruise reported on his time with refugees in Thailand – in particular, work associated with Operation Eyesight.

September 4 exchange student Bart Houdijk from Holland was welcomed.

September 18 was the official visit of District Governor Cy Frick.

September 27 the Harbourside Club charter night was held at the Empress. The Club meets at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

October 16 the guest was Bishop Remi J. DeRoo.

October 23 the guest was Terry Spence, News Director, C-FAX.

November 27 was a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce with guest Izzy Asper.

In December guests at the annual Christmas Luncheon included: Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bell-Irving, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Bill Hughes, Mayor and Mrs. Bill Tindall and Deputy Premier Laurie Wallace (brother of Rotarian Bob Wallace).

January 18 was an outing to East Sooke Park.

February 20 was the President's Party.

March 14 an inter-club auction and dinner was held at the Empress. Clubs included Victoria, Harbourside, Oak Bay, Saanich and Colwood. The evening generated \$26,000.

May 1-3 was the District Conference.

June 25 was the turnover.

YEAR SIXTY- EIGHT

1981-82

President

Vice President

Secretary

Executive Secretary

Directors

Membership 190

Harold Wrinch

George Kent

Denny Ryan

A.R. (Alf) Mavor

Marion Atlans

Bob Munson, Jim Skinner, Paul Chow, Dan Parker, Glen Reid, Hugh Smith

President Harold Wrinch

Harold Wrinch was born in Hazelton, BC, where his father was a missionary doctor and built the first hospital. After early schooling in Hazelton Harold went to Vancouver since there was no higher education in his hometown. After high school, he attended UBC and, upon graduation, he

found there was a major depression underway and jobs were just not available. He returned to Hazelton picking up odd jobs as he could.

In 1933 Harold went to work in Ocean Falls in the pulp mill with a variety of jobs staying there until 1951. In 1937, he married a popular young lady from Ocean Falls.

In 1951, he left Ocean Falls to join, what was then, HR McMillan Co as a cost accountant. During his career with this company he had many interesting and challenging experiences related to industrial manufacturing. During this time he worked in the Harmac Mill as well as the Port Alberni Pulp Mill where he retired in 1973.

At the time, he had one daughter living in Vancouver and her husband worked for none other than MacMillan Bloedel.

Activities

July 2 the guest speaker was Captain Joe Heald, US Navy. His subject was "The Nuclear Deterrent and You".

July 9 the guest was Mel Cooper.

July 22 was the official visit of District Governor Bob Mallon.

August 6 the guest speaker was Honourable. Hugh Curtis, Minister of Finance.

August 31 was the Club Assembly. The Board held a no-host dinner prior to the assembly with D.G. Mallon.

September 5 the Fishing Derby was held at Otter Point organized by George Birnie.

September 10, 17 visitors from Port Angeles joined us for lunch. Lieutenant Governor Henry Bell-Irving was the speaker.

September 15 the luncheon cost increased to \$7.

September 15 a welcome dinner was held at Paul Chow's Golden City Restaurant for exchange student Motoko Saiki.

September 17 the guest speaker was Dr. Karl Friedman, Ombudsman of BC.

October 1 Dr. Robin Wood introduced two Conservatory students – Stephen Bovey (baritone) and Robert Tweton (piano) who entertained.

October 29 was Ladies Day. The guest speaker was Archbishop Edward Scott, Moderator of the World Council of Churches and Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada'

Donations this year included:

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| ▪ George Parkes Clinic (Learning Playground) | \$10,000 |
| ▪ Cancer Society Lodge | \$1,200 |

November 12 was Remembrance Day led by George Kent. The guest speaker was Captain Nelson Gillespie.

November 19 the guest speaker was Dr. Lloyd Morin, Principal of Camosun College.

December 17 ladies were present for the Christmas Lunch. Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bell-Irving were in attendance as were Mayor and Mrs. Peter Pollen and Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Hughes.

December 31 the car raffle was a success enabling donations of:

- \$12,000 TO Cancer Society Lodge
- \$1,500 to the Salvation Army (and others)

February 19 the President's Party was held at the Victoria Golf Club with 85 attendees.

February 20 the Club made a visit to the Pearson College of the Pacific.

March 4 Colonel Yaen Vered spoke about the Golan Heights.

March 27 was the annual Rotary Auction.

April 1 Mayor Peter Pollen was the guest speaker and was introduced by Victoria Alderman Murray Glazier.

April 15 Sir John Brigs-Davidson spoke. Sir John, a member of the British House of Commons, was on a speaking tour of Canada under the auspices of the Monarchist League.

April 26 was the Bridge wind-up at the UVic Faculty Club.

May 7-9 was the District Conference at Ocean Shores.
June 24 was an Installation Day.

YEARSIXTY-NINE

1982-83

President
Vice President

Don Jenson
Dan Parker
Hugh Smith
Paul Chow, Brian Findlay

Directors

President Don Jenson

Born in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan in 1930, a town of 2000 progressive souls, Don Jenson embodies the best of small town Canada. Raised and educated in the village of Scout Lake, Don spent the first ten years of his working life with the CPR. As an agent/operator of the railways he became fluent on Morse Code, and can still beat out a mean message.

In 1958 he joined the *Investors Group* and the rest is history: Divisional Manager for Moose Jaw in 1962, then promoted to Region Manager Vancouver Island in 1968. He held that position for 25 years before retiring from management to take up the more relaxed life of Senior Consultant. In 1999, he was head-hunted by his wife Doris to be her "full-time" assistant.

Along the way he made some important decisions, none more important than marrying his wife Doris. In their 60 years of marriage, they have had five children and encouraged 11 grandchildren, all beautiful and intelligent like their grandparents.

Don has been a Rotarian for most of his adult life. He began his Rotary career in 1958 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Assiniboia. In the years following he was a member of the Rotary Club of Moose Jaw and of Saanich.

In 1972 he joined the Rotary Club of Victoria, which has remained his home Club ever since.

Always an outward Rotarian, Don has served District 5020 in a variety of ways that include acting as chairman of many committees such as District Foundation Chair for a three-year term.

Don and Doris and all their children are Paul Harris Fellows. He is also a benefactor of RI. He is a dedicated Rotarian who is going strong – long may he serve.

Activities

July 22 District Governor Ferris Albers made his official visit.

September 9 incoming exchange student Sylvis Arias was welcomed.

September 11 joined by Harbourside, the Club held the annual Fishing Derby at Cowichan Bay.

September 16 was Ladies Day. Entertainment was provided by 12 year old Cary Chow, a piano protégé of Winifred Wood.

September 19-24 was the Rotary World Golf Tournament organized by Bill Skinner. The Victoria Golf Club and the Royal Colwood Golf Club were the venues utilized. Golfers from 14 countries participated.

September 22 Harbourside invited our members to their breakfast meeting. Their guest of honour was Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving.

October 7 the meeting was held at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

October 14 the Club assembly was held at Paul Chow's Golden City Restaurant.

November 4 was the Remembrance Day program led by Alan Purdy. Robin Wood arranged a UVic Brass Group to entertain.

December 16 was the ladies, children and grand-children's Christmas Party.

Major policies initiated in this year included:

- Club bulletin – 'new' colour format (lamp-post and flower baskets)

- The Marching In of the Head Table
- Introduction of 'recognition fees'
- Initiation of a club policy to subsidize incoming presidents to attend the International Convention of RI
- President Jensen's gift to the Club was the Chain of Office which has been worn by presidents ever since

February 17 the guest of honour was Dr Howard Petch, President and Vice-Chancellor of UVic.

March 13-15 the District Conference was held at Longview, Washington.

March 17 the guest was Mel Cooper.

April 28 was a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to hear Donald Johnson, the federal Minister of Economic Development.

May 10 was a Day at Sea in HMCS Mackenzie.

May 19 the guest was Herb Gray, President of the Federal Treasury Board.

May 26 was the visit of Bert Collins, IYFR Commodore from Australia.

June 16 the guest was Stanley Burke of CBC renown.

June 29 the President's Ball was held at the Crystal Gardens.

June 30 was an Installation Day from President Don Jensen to President Jim Linney.

YEAR SEVENTY

1983-84

President

Jim Linney

Vice President

Brian Findley

Bill Nelson

Directors

Bill Zimakas, Art Laxton, Andy Love,

Bob Bickford, Cliff Brown, Bob Freundlich,

Mason Dands

President Jim Linney

About three years after the birth of the Rotary Club of Victoria, Henry James Linney saw the light of day in Toronto. He grew up in Riverdale Flats, now called Cabbagetown.

Jim attended Brock Avenue School and Bloor Collegiate where he was the class valedictorian.

Earlier, at age ten, he sold newspapers at the corner of Bloor and Lansdowne which led to a paper route which he grew to 270 papers a day. After graduation, he attended the University of Toronto in political science and economics. In his early twenties, he worked as a stockbroker but soon landed a lifelong job with the Customs and Excise Division of Revenue Canada. He initially made \$60 per month at the port of Toronto. However, he moved up the chain becoming CEO of Customs in Toronto and finally as the Regional Director of Customs Operations of Ontario.

Jim spent four years in the army in the Intelligence Corps during WWII. Among his accomplishments was the exposing of an important spy, a fact confirmed shortly thereafter by Igor Gouzenko.

In 1939, Jim married Charlotte Cameron. They had three boys, 4 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Upon retirement in 1974, they arrived in Victoria and built a home in North Saanich. Jim had pioneer open-heart surgery in 1976. The next 12 years were among the happiest in his life until his wife unfortunately passed away in 1988.

Jim's 40+ years in Rotary started in Toronto in a club with 400 members. He chaired a couple of committees, was a director and chaired the Information Committee for the 1962 RI Convention in Toronto. In Victoria, Jim was a director and vice president for two years, and president and consultant to the Board for eight years. He had many accomplishments including the arduous writing of the Club constitution. Jim was a triple Paul Harris Fellow.

In the mid-nineties, Jim met Vonnice at Somerset House. There were many matchmakers trying to get them together. To make a long story short, Jim finally tripped over her feet to attract her

specific attention. The rest is history and a fairy tale. They were a unique, warm couple both of whom could qualify for the top 10 Best Dressed List.

Activities

July 7 the guest was Rear Admiral Gordon Edwards, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific.
June 18 the District Conference was held in Port Angeles with 12 from the Club attending led by Jim Linney.

June 18 the annual fees increased to \$132.

June 29 the 1983 inaugural ball was held at the Crystal Gardens.

July 21 Victoria MP Allan McKinnon gave his annual 'report of the nation'.

July 14 the guest speaker was Howard Sturrock, Chairman, CRD. He was thanked by Colin Crisp, City Manager.

July 27 was District Governor Jack Gregory's official visit.

August 4 Gwen Kent, President of Rotary Anns, presented \$1500 to charity.

August 20-21 was an IYFR cruise to Reed Harbour on Stuart Island.

August 25 NONG Somchart Kaneerat arrived from Thailand.

September 22, 50 Grade 11 students from Vic High joined for lunch to discuss vocational training and career planning.

September 24 was the Fishing Derby.

October 10 was the Car raffle kick-off with Bob Bickford in charge. The car was a Thunderbird.

October 20 the members recognized the Club's 70th anniversary.

November 1 and 2 were Fireside Chats.

November 8 was an Operation Eyesight concert at the First United Church.

Donations during this year included:

• Gerontology Institute	\$10,000
• Young Life	\$1,000
• YMCA	\$1000
• Boy Scouts	\$350
• Boy's and Girl's Club	\$350
• Salvation Army	\$350
• Mustard Seed	\$350
• Upper Room	\$350
• Victoria Conservatory of Music	\$500
• Vic Society for the Recreation of the Handicapped	\$250

December 1 the guest speaker was Peter Newman.

December 22 was the annual Christmas Party in the Crystal Ballroom.

December 24 the Car Raffle netted \$24,000.

February 14 was an annual Chinese Dinner at Paul Chow's restaurant

March 8 the Honourable Mabel Dewar, Minister of Continuing Education and Director of Community Colleges, New Brunswick was our guest.

April 5 the guest was the Honourable Brian Smith, Attorney-General of BC.

April 6-8 was the District Conference in Victoria.

May 17 the meeting was held at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

May 17 was the IYFR Change of Watch at the Crystal Gardens.

May 22 the Rotary Club of Victoria Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Royal Colwood Golf Club.

June 14 exchange student NONG Somchart Kaveer spoke to the Club before departing for Thailand.

June 28 was an Installation and Ladies Day.

YEAR SEVENTY- ONE**1984-85**

President	Denny Ryan
Vice President	Gary Fleischauer
	Roy Cullen
Secretary	Andy Love
Treasurer	Art Laxton
Directors	Bob Bickford, Cliff Brown, Mason Sands, Dudley Thompson, Bud Smith, David Isles, George Kent

Activities

Two honourees were reconfirmed: Lieutenant Governor Robert Rogers and Rear Admiral Bob Yanow.

July 9 was a Day at Sea in Mackenzie and Qu'Appelle which Hugh Smith organized.

July 19 the incoming exchange student was Malula Bestard from Yucatan, Mexico.

July 21-22 IYFR arrived at Browning Harbour.

July 26 Honourable Allan McKinnon, Victoria MP, was the guest speaker.

September 13 District 502 Governor Leo Whyte, Port Angeles, conducted his official visit.

September 27 Rotarian Surgeon Commander Ian Buckingham spoke on "Diving Submarines and Hyperbaric Medicine".

October 5 was the President's Ball –with 6 area clubs represented.

October 6-8 was the 3rd annual Rotary RV and camper weekend at Camp Thunderbird.

October 12 was a Fishing Derby at Cowichan Bay.

November 1 Lieutenant-Governor Robert Rogers was a guest.

November 8 was an Armistice Programme with the Rev Bruce Molloy of St Andrews Presbyterian United Church as the speaker.

November 20-2 Fireside Chats were held.

December 20 was the annual Ladies and Children's annual Christmas Party.

December 27 the Car Raffle netted \$26,000.

January 10 District Governor Leo White was a visitor.

February 14 Harbourside joined us for lunch.

February 21 Vancouver Island's first Interact Club was chartered.

March 7 Rear Admiral Bob Yanow, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, was our guest speaker.

March 21-24 two RYLA participants attended the Pacific Lutheran University.

April 25 was Ladies Day.

April 25 Don Jenson introduced a GSE Team from District 902, Johannesburg, South Africa.

May 5 was a Bridge wind-up meeting and dinner held at the UVic Faculty Club.

May 9 the guest speaker was Rotarian and former Mayor Peter Pollen whose subject was "Municipal Government".

May 16 was a visit by IYFR Commodore for Great Britain, Wilf Taylor of the Croydon South Rotary Club.

May 30 outgoing Rotary student Jeanne Liste departed for Vienna. She has a Master's Degree in music earned under Robin Wood. She spoke and played a number of musical selections.

June 6 the speaker was Navy Captain Anthony Goode of Royal Roads Military College.

Major Donations this year included:

▪ Geriatric van for Memorial Pavilion	\$10,000
▪ RJH Diagnostic Centre	\$3,866
▪ Hospice	\$2,500
▪ Eye Ward New Dehli	\$1,500
▪ MS Wheelchair	\$875
▪ TV Program for Seniors	\$600
▪ Upper Room Society	\$500
▪ Mustard Seed	\$500
▪ Salvation Army	\$500

▪ Conservatory of Music	\$500
▪ Camp Thunderbird	\$500
▪ Diabetic Association	\$500
▪ Camosun College Bursary Fund	\$500
▪ Boy's and Girl's Club	\$350
▪ Boy Scouts	\$350
▪ Horticultural Centre	\$250
▪ Barbeque for Glengarry Hospital	\$450
▪ Victoria Family Violence Counseling	\$250
▪ Senior Citizens Bingo	\$292

YEAR SEVENTY-TWO

1985-86

President	George Kent
Vice President	Dudley Thompson
	Tony Southwell
Treasurer	Art Laxton
Secretary	Andy Love
Executive Secretary	Marion Adkins
Directors	Jack Anderson, Fred Baines, Roy Cullen, David Isles, Bud Smith, Bob Whitlock

lifetime were blessed to have him in their lives.

George died on December 16, 2007.

Activities

June 27 was a Ladies Day and turnover from President Denny Ryan to new President George Kent.

July 4 the Club welcomed the following IYFR officials: International Commodore Marty Lockney, International Vice Commodore Les Vasconcelles and International Rear Commodore Fred Bartlet.

July 4, the Club hosted 45 members from Oxon, England with their wives. Dudley Thompson organized the event.

President George Kent

George Kent was born in Winnipeg in 1915 and lived there until 1978 except for a stint in the RCAF. He joined the Rotary Club in Winnipeg in 1955 and transferred to our Club in 1978. He served in many executive roles. He was a world commodore of IYFR and the choir director. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. His activities have included posts with Rotary International as well. As a young man, George was a renowned tenor with a magnificent voice and for many years he was featured on CBC Radio and other venues.

George began his sales career with the Hudson Bay Company in 1932 in the field of textile distribution.

George's true claim to fame was his ability to share his love of music. During his many years in the Rotary Club of Victoria, he started and conducted several 100-voice choir concerts. He raised over \$135,000 in three concerts. The third concert featured his very good friend, the world renowned tenor Richard Margison. As director of the Rotary Choir, he involved and inspired many of his fellow members to perform and enjoy music. He has also been a mentor to many students at the Conservatory of Music.

Institutions that have benefited from George's hard work include the Mustard Seed, the Cridge Centre for the Family, the Vancouver Island Cancer Centre, the Victoria Conservatory of Music and many others.

He was married to Gwen for 55 years until she passed away in 1998. They had three children: Chris (deceased) who was the president of Harbourside, Tom and Susan. In his spare time, George lived to sail and rose to the lofty rank of International Commodore of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotary. He travelled the world with his darling wife promoting yachting in Rotary.

George had a dedicated love of his family, friends and Rotary, and he especially loved singing. His enthusiasm was infectious as he had a zest for life. Those who knew George Kent during his July 11 the guest speaker was Michael Hernsey, Deputy Minister of Tourism.

Early August exchange student Carsten Hasback from Rheinback, Germany arrived. He attended Reynolds High School.

September 5 a dinner meeting was held at the Empress for the official visit of the District Governor. John Carrieres organized the event.

September 5 the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC reached \$100,000.

September 12 the new executive secretary Val Devenish was introduced.

September 13-14 Fireside Chats were held.

October 7 mixed bridge started and ran until March 31.

September 13-14 a Fishing Derby was held at Cowichan Bay organized by Paul Chow.

October 12 was an IYFORIAN Thanksgiving Extravaganza held at Bedwell Harbour.

October 17 was a Ladies Day and Fashion Show.

November 7 Remembrance Day was recognized.

November 13 the Car raffle commenced at Hillside Mall.

November 12-13 Fireside Chats were held.

November 14 the guest speaker was Victoria MP Allan McKinnon whose subject was NATO.

November 14 the cost of lunch increased to \$9.50.

December 19 was the Children's Christmas Party.

December 19 the new Executive Secretary Roberta Ireland was introduced.

January 9 the Car Raffle Committee Chairman Bill Snowdon advised that the car raffle netted \$28,000.

January 9 a joint meeting of all local Rotary Clubs (300 attendees) was held at the Empress. The meeting chairman was District Governor Don Hammond and the guest speaker was Past District Governor Sam Jones of District 510 (Washington).

January 23 the guest speaker was Saanich Rotarian Jim Watson, Assistant General Manager of the BC Ferry System.

February 21 the President's Ball was held in the Ballroom of the Empress. The head table was piped in by Dr. Walter Muir. The Honourable Robert Rogers brought greetings. Robin and Winnifred Woods entertained and Richard Margison performed. Don Lovo demonstrated archery. District Governor Don Hammond and his wife attended. Present were all area presidents and wives.

March 8 was an E & N trip to Qualicum Beach.

April 10 was an IYFR Change of Watch dinner held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

May 27 the Rotary Golf Tournament was held at Gorge Vale Golf Club.

June 14 the Rotary Family Picnic was held at Royal Roads Military College under the organization of Brian Maycock.

Donations made this year included:

• MS Society	\$855
• Marion Gardens Housing Society	\$295
• Royal Jubilee Hospital	
• Geriatric Assessment Centre	\$10,000
• Learning Disabilities Association	\$800
• Victim Services Program Board	\$1000
• Operation Eyesight	\$1,595
• Victoria LaMaze Childbirth Association	\$490
• The Salvation Army	\$500
• Victoria Conservatory of Music	\$2,500
• YM/YWCA	\$500

• Gr Vic Boys and Girls Club	\$350
• Upper Room Society	\$350
• Boy Scouts of Canada	\$350
• RJH	\$2,300
• Queen Alexandra Solarium	\$2,500

YEAR SEVENTY- THREE

1986-87

President	HE (Hugh) Smith
Vice President	HE (Hank) Thiel
	RG (Bob) Whitlock
Directors	Brian Maycock, Doug Prest, Dick Sparks, Jack Anderson, Fred Baines, Tony Southwell
Secretary	Andy Love
Treasurer	Art Laxton
Auditor	Bill Watts
Executive Secretary	Roberta Ireland

Honourary Members:

The Honourable Robert Rogers, Lt Gov of BC
Rear-Admiral Robert Yanow, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific
Dr. Howard Petch, President of UVic
Walter Rothe, Community Services

President Hugh Smith

Hugh was born in 1934 in London, England, where he was educated and trained as a professional engineer. He completed two years mandatory military service in the Royal Engineers before joining a consulting engineering firm in London. Hugh worked as a consulting engineer for his whole career. In 1959 he and Frances were married and a year later immigrated to Montreal where they lived for eighteen months before moving to Vancouver.

By 1967 they had four children and had built a family home near Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver. In 1973 the company, where Hugh had become a partner, had the opportunity to open a design office in Victoria and Hugh was asked to be the partner in charge. With some reluctance he agreed to take it on for two years. At some time in the two years they changed their minds and Hugh and Frances have been in Victoria ever since, although all their children and grandchildren are now on the mainland.

In 1975 past presidents Don Wagg and David Hambleton proposed Hugh for membership of the Rotary Club of Victoria. Hugh was active on the Youth Exchange committee and Hugh and Frances hosted a number of students over the years. After a term as a vice president Hugh served as president for the 86/87 year.

Previous presidents had been very successful in expanding the membership and for the year the membership stayed at an all time high.

The club was well established in The Empress Hotel. The meetings were either held in the ballroom or in the less suitable, but luxurious, dining room. At the Christmas dinner the hotel manager, always a club member, led a parade of chefs carrying Christmas fare around the ballroom. But in 1987 the hotel which had provided the land for the new conference centre, were looking to attract more conferences and tours. They were no longer interested in housing local groups with limited budgets. This problem was passed on to the next president.

The decision in a court case in California in this year challenged the men only rule of Rotary. This did not have an immediate effect but it opened the discussion and in time led to our Victoria club opening membership to women as well.

This year also saw Rotary International embark on its largest and most far reaching programme ever. Polio Plus was strongly supported at district level and the local clubs got behind it with

considerable enthusiasm. A one hundred voice choir was formed under the leadership of past president George Kent. This later led to some momentous fund raising performances.

Activities

June 27 exchange student Malula Bestard from Mexico was welcomed.

July 31 Marioka Koto players from Victoria's sister city visited and two members entertained the Club.

August 28 the guest was Vice-Admiral Andy Collier, President and CEO of BC Ferries.

September 13 was an IYFR day cruise on Robertson II.

September 13 was a Fishing Derby held at Cowichan Bay.

October 6 the Bridge Club commenced for 12 weeks.

October 9 was District Governor George Fuller's official visit.

October 20 the car raffle commenced with Chester Prevey as committee chairman. The car chosen was a Ford Thunderbird.

November 4-5 Fireside Chats were held. One question asked whether or not women should be admitted to Rotary. 73% indicated NO!

November 6 the luncheon cost increased to \$10.

November 8 a Goodwill Collector's Item Auction was held. The proceeds helped pay the wages of the handicapped employees.

November 13 was Remembrance Day. President Hugh Smith spoke.

November 16 a GSE Team from Australia was hosted.

December 4 the guest speaker was Captain GH Hayes of the Canadian Coast Guard (Pilot Authority).

December 18 was the Family Christmas Dinner at the Empress.

January 8 our Australian exchange student Susan Moon addressed the Club.

January 15 an all-club meeting was held at the Empress. The guest speaker was the Reverend Canon Stanley Smith.

January 15 the car raffle netted \$32,000.

January 22 the guest was Dr. Eric Manning, Dean of Engineering at UVic.

January 29 was a Ladies Day with entertainment by the Victoria Chamber Singers.

February 5 the guest was Tony Macoun, Director of Lester B Pearson College.

February 21 was the President's Ball at the Empress for a cost of \$50 per couple.

March 12 Mrs. Dorothy Vickery announced as the new executive secretary.

April 30 was a Ladies Day. Our speaker was MLA Kim Campbell.

May 4 was the mixed bridge wind-up dinner at the Faculty Club.

May 14 the guest was Eugene Nesmith, President and CEO of the Hong Kong Bank of Canada.

May 27 was the annual Rotary Golf Tournament at the Uplands Golf Club.

May 30 was the Charter Night at the Campbell River Daybreak Club.

June 14 was a Rotary Family Picnic at Royal Roads.

June 25 was the Installation of the new board and President – Hugh Smith to Jack Matvenko.

YEAR SEVENTY- FOUR

1987-88

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Secretary
Exec Sec
Treasurer
Auditor
Directors

Jack Matvenko
Reg Hind
Brian Maycock
Roy Cullen
Andy Love
Dorothea Vickery
Roy Cullen
Bill Watts
Jack Kyle, Dick Sparks, Henry Thiel,

Terry Toone, Bill Snowdon, Bob Whyte

Honourary Members:

The Hon Robert Rogers, Lieutenant Governor of BC
 Rear Admiral Bob George
 Dr. Howard Petch, President of UVic
 Walter Rothe, Community Service
 Dr. Lloyd Morin, President Camosun College
 The Honourable William Vander Zalm, Premier of BC

President Jack Matvenko

Jack was born on 26 June 1928 in Togo, Saskatchewan. Both of his parents were born in Russia. His father, Carl Mifodi Matvenko, was born in Rechki, a small village north of Kharkov, Ukraine. Some of the family immigrated via London to Canada in the 1900s. His father was an officer in the Tsar's army, deserted, was taken prisoner, escaped, and came to Canada. Their homestead was taken up in 1904 at Stony Creek, south of Kamsack, and a Matvenko is still farming the land. His mother Tanya Lebedoff was born in Rodinus, Tbilisi, Georgia. She emigrated to Canada with her family in 1898 via Cyprus, to Pier 1, Halifax. They then moved to Winnipeg, and settled in Thunderhill, NE Saskatchewan. Her father Laron worked at Cowan, Manitoba on railroad construction. The family then moved to Stony Creek, south of Kamsack, Saskatchewan, where her father built a new home and developed a farm.

In the early 20s during hard times, many of the Matvenkos moved to California and worked in orchards, and father worked for a time as a gardener at Stanford University. Jack attended school in San Francisco. They eventually moved back to Canada, and they settled in the Togo area, Saskatchewan, after purchasing land with a new home. His father became a mixed farmer and at a later date a grain farmer.

Jack had two brothers, Nick (born 1913) and Charles (born 1914), a sister Nina (born 1916), and a younger sister Jean. During the Depression in the 1930s the boys rode the rails, worked in mines and other occupations, and then settled on farms back in Togo. Some time later, Nick purchased a hotel in Weekes, Saskatchewan, and Nina and her husband ran the Togo Empress Hotel.

Jack attended Carclew School which was near Togo for grades 1 to 7, and then Togo High School for grades 8 to 12. During WW II he joined the RCAC, achieving the rank of lieutenant. Jack had many interests and activities when young – hockey. In university he played for the medical team. Throughout his early life he had many interests – radio, fretwork, management of a travelling library, marbles, cycling, stamp collecting, Indian relic collecting (stolen). In later life he enjoyed pool, curling, squash and golf. For income he trapped, dug Seneca roots, spray painted barns and granaries, and selling chicks.

Jack's interests were in medicine or chemistry. After graduation in 1947, he attended the University of Saskatchewan to obtain a BA degree which was a pre cursor to medicine. He was successful in this and was accepted into medicine. He spent two years at Saskatchewan and completed his degree at U of T graduating in 1954.

He then did a junior internship at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto, where he also worked at the Blood Bank. Here he met an RN, Anne Joan Lacey and married her. They had two children, Brian and Lynne-Mari. He decided to practice in a remote area and took a year's course in emergency medicine and surgery at Shaughnessy Hospital. He also spent one month in an obstetrical hospital to prepare himself for a heavy duty prenatal practice. The course at Shaughnessy taught him emergency medicine, anesthesia (general, spinal, subdural, epidural and block). He also took a short course in block anesthesia under Denny Moore at the Mason Clinic in Seattle.

Jack practiced in Burns Lake for ten years. The time spent in that area was interesting and also very trying. He used an aircraft in his practice. He was fortunate to meet some famous bush pilots, Jack Hodge, Bill Harrison, Dick Schreiber and Gordon Beddows, who tweaked his bush flying.

After ten years of general practice, he made the decision to specialize in ophthalmology and was accepted at the University of Saskatchewan in 1965. Unfortunately, just as he was starting, one of his employees, an RN, was in the aircraft that blew up due to a bomb in the 100 Mile House area in BC, killing all on board.

Jack set up a practice in Victoria in 1969, and also provided ophthalmic services to outlying areas in northern BC and on Salt Spring Island. He travelled to the Queen Charlottes, Kitimat, Terrace and Smithers, and did most of the surgery in the Kitimat and Terrace Hospitals.

His main interests, other than medicine, have remained the same. He enjoys ham radio, and in the past did enjoy mountaineering, skiing, curling, fishing, hunting and more recently golf (not always enjoyable!). He has had an exciting and enjoyable life to date. In 2013 at age 85 Jack is semi-retired.

Activities

July 9 exchange student Michael Broquist spoke to the Club before returning to Sweden.

July 30 the speaker was Dr. Reg Roy, UVic Department of History. He is a well-known military historian.

August 4 new exchange student Kristiina Pieta arrived from Finland. She attended Mt. Douglas High.

August 6 our guest was the Honourable Mel Couvelier. He is a member of this Club.

September 13 a Club Assembly dinner was held at the Empress for the visit of District 502 Governor Fred Bartlett.

September 19 a Fishing Derby was held at Maple Bay organized by Jacques Keyzer.

October 8 was a Ladies Day with speaker Iona Capagnola whose subject was 'CUSO' in West Africa.

October 24 a Charter Night was held for the Sooke Rotary Club

October 27 was the Car raffle kick-off. The raffle ran until December 24.

November 3-4 Fireside Chats were held.

The distribution of funds from the 1986-87 car raffle included:

- Greater Victoria Hospital Society \$13,000
- YM/YWCA \$6,000
- Victoria Hospital \$4,000
- RI Foundation \$2,845
- Victoria CPR Society \$2,550

November 26 the guest was the Hon. Brian Smith, Attorney-General of BC.

December 3 was the Annual General Meeting.

December the Annual Children's Christmas Party was at the Empress.

December 24 and 3 meetings were held at the Crystal Gardens.

January 14 the President's Dinner was held at the Empress – Country and Western Style.

Lieutenant Governor Robert Rogers was in attendance.

February 11 was Ladies Day. The special guest was the wife of Rear Admiral George.

February 18 the guest was Jim Blain, CEO, Boy Scouts of Canada.

March 3 the guest was Captain Brian Becket, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt.

March 10 the guest was Premier William Vander Zalm.

April 7 the guest was Colonel Alastair MacIsaac, Commandant of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Vancouver Island Branch).

April 9-10 the District 502 Conference was held at the Empress. The Rotary Choir opened the conference.

April 13 Don Lovo entered the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

April 14 a GSE Team from Japan was hosted by the Club.

April 21 a choir concert was held at UVic. The Rotary Choir was accompanied by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra and Tenor Richard Margison. The proceeds went to Polio Plus.

May 2 the mixed-Bridge wind-up dinner was held at UVic's Faculty Club.

June 17 the Rotary Golf Classic was held. The organizer was Dudley Thompson.

June 30 was Installation Day and Ladies Day.

YEAR SEVENTY- FIVE**1988-89**

President	David Iles
Vice President	Bob Whyte
	Eugene Raponi
Honorary Secretary	George Leslie
Executive Secretary	Leslea Kent
Hon Treasurer	Roy Cullen
Hon Auditor	Bill Watts
Directors	Wayne Morson, Bill Snowdon, Reg Hind, Terry Toone, Gus de Jardin, Dale Briggs

President David Iles

David Iles was born in Winnipeg in 1949. At the University of Manitoba, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy in 1971. This was followed by a Diploma in Physical Therapy at the School of Medical Rehabilitation in 1974.

David moved to Victoria in 1972 working at the Gorge Hospital. He took over a private practice in 1976 and started his own practice/clinic - Foul Bay Orthopedic Physical Therapist Corporation in 1980. He did a specialty in Orthopedic Manipulative Therapy in 1982 and earned his fellowship in 1984. He earned a Master of Arts (Biomechanics) at UVic in 1988 and ten years later in 1998 he took a course in public administration (one course short of graduation).

David joined Rotary in 1981. He was the youngest member and jokingly referred to as the "token young guy". He was nominated for the Board in 1984 and lost the election (6 nominated, 4 elected). Later in the year two members resigned, so he was appointed to the Board. In 1986, he was asked by the nominating committee (under George Kent) to stand for president. He replied to George that there must be some sort of mistake. Since he had been a member, all of the presidents wore glasses, owned a boat or had grey hair. Most of them had all three but David didn't qualify in any category. In spite of this, he accepted and became president in 1988 at the age of 39. He was probably the youngest president in the 74 year history of the Club.

David has been happily married since 1971 and is still (2013) practicing Physical Therapy.

Activities

Early January the first female member of the Club (Barbara Courtenay Smith) was introduced by Michael Young.

January 6 was a visit by International President Royce Abbey of Australia for our 75th Anniversary which was held at Cadboro Commons at UVic. 180 people were in attendance. Royce Abbey was the guest of honour accompanied by Mrs. Abbey. Other guests included: District Governor and Mrs. JC McDougall, Victoria Alderman Janet Baird and Dr. Baird, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Bob George.

The club gave the city 120 flowering cherry trees for Songhees Road as a celebration of the 75th anniversary. They were presented to acting mayor Eric Young by Royce Abbey on a snowy January morning over by the Songhees walkway. The presentation included a brass plaque.



February 9 the guest was Mayor Gretchen Brewin.

March 9 the Rotary Office was moved to the Chamber of Commerce Building on Fort Street.

April 13 the guest speaker was Mel Cooper of C-FAX.

Of Note: (Leaving the Empress) At the Empress the meetings were a formal served lunch starting at 12:10. The Club had its own office on the top floor beside the hotel's Executive offices. In Jan. 1989, the Empress closed for renovation and the Club started a march all over the city looking for a new home which was found under the guidance of President Andy Love.

Of Note: The Car raffle. The Club was kicked out of the Hillside mall by a new mall manager. President Iles met with him and long story short, negotiated a partnership where the Club would co-sponsor with the mall at Christmas and give the Merchant's Association credit.

Of Note: Our Brazil exchange student's father was killed in a traffic accident in Brazil. The student stayed and didn't go home. He was staying with Dan Parker at the time and the Parker family did a wonderful job.

June 1 the special guest was Lieutenant Governor David Lamb.

June 8 was the formal induction of Doug Lewis as Governor of District 502.

June 18 was a Rotary picnic at Royal Roads.

June 22, \$20,000 was presented to the Hospice.

June 27 was a Day at Sea.

Historical Moment

Women in Rotary by David Iles

In 1988, the Rotary International triennial Council on Legislation, meeting in Singapore, voted to allow all Rotary clubs to admit qualified women. This decision was driven by a Canadian initiative.

The following is a quote from the 26 January 1989 Sunshine Bulletin:

"The Board of Directors of Rotary International has ruled that Rotary clubs in Canada may admit women to membership. This decision was based on a legal opinion submitted to them by certain Canadian clubs that the male-only provision for membership conflicts with human rights legislation in this country. Accordingly, your Board of Directors will present to a special general meeting of this club, to be held during the regular luncheon meeting on Thursday, 26 February 1989, a proposal to amend our by-laws so that women may be admitted to the club."

Signed by David Iles, President

During the 1988 fireside chat session, the subject of allowing women into the Club was one of the subjects. The straw vote was 76% AGAINST. However, it was necessary for the Club as a whole to formally vote on the matter. Our Club was of the age that it had a grand-fathered constitution so we had to change our constitution to be in compliance with RI.

President David Iles last speech on the subject stressed that we were the senior club on Vancouver Island and that we were a "class act", if that was the case, it was our responsibility to lead and not follow. We must set the example. The two Nominators were former Victoria mayor Mike Young and UVic Chancellor Bob Wallace. The motion passed with only four dissenting votes. All four members came up to David afterward and apologized, saying that they were not against the proposition but felt that David had rammed it through too quickly. One of them even proposed our second woman member.

The sun still rose in the east, there were still clouds in the sky and the birds still sang.

YEARSEVENTY-SIX

1989-90

President	Andy Love
Vice President	Dale Briggs
	Bob Ingles
Secretary	Bob Whitlock
Treasurer	Stuart Price
Auditor	Bill Watts
Advisor	Jim Linney
Executive Secretary	Leslea Kent
Directors	John Carrires, Wayne Morson, Don MacDonald, Tom Oshiro, Gus de Jardin, Eugene Raponi

Luncheon locations: The Club spent most of the year between four venues: The Empress, the Princess Mary, Harbour Towers and the Crystal Gardens.

President Andy Love

Andy Love was born on May 26, 1928 in Quebec City to Alexander Love and Ruth Elder Cream. Andy had one older brother and one younger sister. He won an award as the best piano player at

age 12 for the province of Quebec

Andy graduated from McMaster University in 1950. He built his own home on Lake Porton, Beauport in Quebec.

His first job was with Robert Simpson, in the personnel department. Andy then worked in the moving business most of his career and sat on the Board of Directors for Allied Van Lines - he received an Award of Excellence from Allied Van Lines in the 1970's

The family moved to Victoria in 1980. He was married three times and had 6 children. His third wife was called Carren. His children are living all around the world - one daughter in Dubai, a daughter and son in Ontario, one son in Lansing Michigan, another son in Warsaw Poland and a son in Victoria,

Andy joined Rotary in Quebec City in 1958 and was a director 1972-72. He joined the Rotary Club of Victoria in 1980 and was very active including being club secretary 1982-88 and president 1989-90. Prior to becoming president, he interviewed everyone in the club that he did not know in order to get to know them. He was very popular and had a tremendous sense of humour.

Andy Love died in July, 2012

Activities

June 29 Rear Admiral Bob and Lois George were guests prior to their posting.

July 20 the guest speaker was Stephen Owen, provincial Ombudsman.

This year's exchange student was Matthias Munch from Germany.

August 3 an inter-club dinner was held at the Convention Centre for members and spouses with 275 attendees. The guest speaker was Richard King, a director of RI. District Governor Eldon Wiggs was in attendance.

September 29 a Fishing Derby was held at Maple Bay. Jacques Keyzer was the organizer.

October 5 IYFR International Commodore George Kent introduced Past IYFR Commodore Earl Bannock from Annapolis Royal.

October 12 the lunch was held at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

October 19 the meeting was held at Paul Chow's Golden City Restaurant with the Hon Bud Smith, Attorney General of BC as the speaker.

Four bursaries were presented to Camosun College.

October 26 the lunch was held at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

November 2 Peter Pollen introduced Shigenobu Yashida, Consul General of Japan.

December 4 Monday Night Football was held at the home of Roy Cullens with 9 present.

Our District GSE Team (for the Philippines) was selected with Graham and Rita Steed as leaders.

December 13 the Christmas luncheon was held at the Empress Hotel. The cost was \$15. Robin and Winnifred Wood entertained as a duet.

December 28 the guest was Joe Easingwood of CFA. The meeting was at the Harbour Towers.

This year's car raffle was headed by Dudley Thompson. The selected car was the *Thunderbird* and the Club made \$19,000.

January 4 the meeting was held at the Crystal Gardens.

February 5-6 was a Ski weekend held at Mt Washington with Brian Findlay organizing.

The February 16 function (a Valentine's Dinner and Variety Show) was postponed to March 3 because of a storm. Dinner was held at the Crystal Gardens and the Variety Show was held at the Newcombe Theatre.

Major Donations this year included:

• Prostate Fund	\$10,000
• Pearson College	\$500
• Camosun College	\$1,500
• Island Pastoral Services	\$2,500
• Pacific Christian School	\$1,500
• L'Archie Wheelchair Lift	\$2,500
• NEED Crisis Line	\$1,000
• CNIB	\$2,000
• Conservatory of Music	\$500

- Juan de Fuca Hospital \$,3000
- Oak Bay Lodge \$2,000

March 26 a Curling trophy was won by a Rotary Team including Don MacDonald, Wilf Gliddon, Gus de Jardin, and Rod Skillings.

April 16 the guest was Captain Terry Milne who spoke about attaché work in Moscow. He was introduced by Peter Pollen.

April 21 a Rotaract Charter Night was organized by our exchange student Matt Munch. The dinner was held at the Windmill Restaurant. District Governor Eldon Wiggs, District Governor-Elect Doug Lewis plus 70 others were in attendance.

Musical chairs were played for the positions of President, President –Elect and President Designate due to a family accident to Dick Sparks. The presidential rotation was settled at Bob Whyte (1990) and Wayne Morson (1991).

YEAR SEVENTY- SEVEN

1990-91

President	Bob Whyte
Vice President	Wayne Morson
	Don McDonald
Secretary	Bob Whitlock
Treasurer	Stu Price
Advisor	Jim Linney
Auditor	Bill Watts
Executive Secretary	Leslea Kent
Sargent at Arms	Graham Hollins
Directors	Patrick Hunt, Jacques Keyzer, Bob Ingles, Martin Hawes, Tom Oshiro

Membership 213

President Bob Whyte

Bob Whyte was born in Victoria but undertook most of his education in Campbell River and California. In his early business career Bob worked as a securities trader in Vancouver and later a stock broker in Victoria. Bob travelled extensively and on a trip to the Caribbean he landed a job as a manager of a 500-car Hertz Rental Agency on the island of St. Thomas and in a short period turned it around from a “loser” to a sound, profit-making business.

When he returned to Canada in 1968 he went into the marine business with his father. In 1975 he left to start his own business *Bob Whyte Marine* in Sidney. Under Bob's very capable” hands-on” management it became the leader of the marine businesses on the Island. In a time when many marine businesses were failing, Bob's business flourished due to his perfectionist tendencies of taking care of his customers and paying attention to their special needs well after the sale. After only 6½ years of Sales and Service he retired (for the first time) at the age of 38 years.

A few years later he came out of retirement and dabbled in property development as the owner/developer of three substantial projects: A Dairy Queen, an 18-unit condominium and a nine-unit business centre.

Throughout his lifetime he made a wonderful contribution to the community. He served on the Greater Victoria Hospital Board, Chairman of the Sidney Advisory Planning Commission, President of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of both the Goodwill Enterprises and the Rotary Housing Society, President of our Rotary Club 1990-91, Chairman of Finance for Rotary District 5020, Founding Chairman of the Kidney Foundation of Victoria, and on and on.

After his presidency of Rotary, Bob has continued full speed ahead. He is one of a few new members who are involved in virtually every activity of the Club. He spent many years as the Advisor of the Rotary Club of Victoria Foundation as well as being continuously involved in the annual car raffle. Bob was solely responsible for obtaining the services of Richard Margison for our 2011 choir concert at the Royal Theatre.

In 2011 he became a director of the Club, the first Past President of the Club ever to do so. His wise counsel is often sought. Bob is a great Rotarian and a great Canadian.

Bob and Suzanne have two children and are grandparents.

Activities

July 6 was a Club executive turnover and visit of RI President-Elect Paulo Costa.

July 16 was District 502 Governor Doug Lewis's official visit. The District Governor was introduced by Past District Governor Jack Gregory.

August 6 the guest speaker was Matthias Munch, exchange student from West Germany. The exchange student for 1990-91 was Anna Stenport from Sweden. She attended Oak Bay High.

October 1 a spouse's day luncheon was held at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

In October the Bridge club was re-commenced with 24 couples.

October 13 the Annual fishing derby was held organized by Bert Rogers.

October 18 a large inter-club dinner was held at the Victoria Conference Centre with Victoria, Duncan, Ladysmith, Chemainus and Port Angeles in attendance. The guest speaker was the 92-93 Rotary International President-Nominee Clifford Dochterman.

October 22 the guest speaker at the Harbour Towers was Frank Rhodes, Chairman, BC Ferry Corporation.

November 13 and 21 Fireside Chats were held.

December 3 the luncheon guest was Vice-Admiral Nigel Brodeur, former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

December 20 was the Christmas luncheon at the Empress Hotel.

January 7 the guest was Rear-Admiral Peter Cairns, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific who was inducted as an Honorary Member.

February 15 was the Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

May 2-3 was the District Assembly at the Harbour Towers.

May 2-5 was the District Conference – Victoria Conference Centre.

May 6 the Club hosted a GSE Team from Argentina.

May 13 the guest speaker was Mayor David Turner at the Princess Mary.

June 3 was a Day at Sea in HMCS Yukon.

June 24 was the Executive Turnover.

YEAR SEVENTY- EIGHT

1991-92

President

Wayne Morson

Vice President

Merlin Hawes

Patrick Hunt

Secretary

Bob Whitlock

Treasurer

Stuart Price

Auditor

Bill Watts

Advisor

Jim Linney

Executive Secretary

Leslea Kent

Directors

Jack Keyzer, Jack McDonald, Bert Rogers, John MacKenzie, Barbara Courtney Smith, Bob Broder

Luncheon locations – Harbour Towers, Empress, Princess Mary

Permanently moved to Princess Mary Restaurant on May 28, 1992

Bob Whyte – Remembering Stu

Over the years in Rotary, as I got to know Stu, I was amazed at how this man "grew on me"! When he first joined the club in 1994 I found him to be quite 'regimented' and 'stiff'. Obviously, with a career in the Canadian Armed Forces and a title of 'Brigadier General' he would be! But, over time, I saw the mettle of this man. In his own right he was a 'Giant' - not so much in stature but certainly in his accomplishments. He took on everything that came his way in Rotary, and then some! He was such a leader. His year as President of our club was remarkable, his knowledge of Rotary was remarkable, and his views of all within his realm was remarkable.

His appetite for Rotary projects and special events such as "Last night at the Proms" during Carol Livingstone's year as our club President was especially incredible. He organized, delegated, and laboured many long hours until the event took place at the Royal Theatre in Victoria. The event was an unqualified and "smashing" success which was a great deal to do with Stu's marvelous leadership.

Stu loved "to do things right"! And I found, as did many others, I think, that if you did do your part right in his eyes - you got a sincere compliment. It was never long and drawn out, it was short, succinct, and to the point. That was Stu - all the way. It was often said with a delightful little "twinkle" in his eyes, too. I got one of those compliments and it will stay with me forever....That was the impact Stu McGowan had.

The club's 100 year Anniversary and history book is nothing short of 'stunning'. What an accomplishment. His research and 'due diligence' for this book was phenomenal and the Clubs history is preserved forever.

"BRAVO ZULU", Stu, you did it right!

President Wayne Morson

Wayne Morson was born (1944) and raised in Victoria. He attended Margaret Jenkins Elementary, Central Junior and Victoria High School. Wayne enjoyed his involvement in DeMolay when he was in high school becoming Master Councillor of Signal Hill Chapter. Wayne worked part-time for Hudson Bay Company and after graduation began his career with Canada Permanent Trust Company. He served as the Provincial President of The Mortgage Investment Association of British Columbia and was involved with North Park Manor Society, Glendale Lodge Society, and the Arbutus Society for Children and the Queen Alexandra Foundation.

Wayne met and married Gloria when they both worked at Canada Permanent Trust. They have two sons, Darren and Tylor, who are married and residing in Victoria. During his career with Canada Trust he managed the Oak Bay, Broadmead, and Main Branches. He happily retired early and they moved to their cottage on Piers Island where he enjoyed gardening, boating and his involvement with the Piers Island Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a dedicated community member being involved with the North Park Manor Society, the Glendale Lodge Society, the Arbutus Society for Children, the Queen Alexandra Foundation, the Board of the College of Psychologists of B.C. and the Property Assessment Appeal Board.

Wayne and Gloria enjoy travelling and their greatest joy was being grandparents to their three wonderful grandchildren.

Wayne was President of Victoria Rotary 1991-92. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was always active. After his presidency, he provided valuable counsel and advice to the Board. He also spent a number of years updating and re-writing the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Wayne Morson died in June, 2012.

Activities

August 12 the luncheon meeting was held at the Victoria Golf Club with spouses attending.

August 16 new exchange student Nelli Zwirner, arrived from Germany (Memmingen, Bavaria).

August 19, two \$10K donations were made to each of UVic and Camosun. These donations were matched by the Province to go to two paraplegics, one to attend each institution.

September 9 Dr. David Strong, President of UVic was approved as an honorary member.

September 15 was a Club picnic at Beaver Lake Park.

September 16 the guest speaker was Mayor Murray Coell from Saanich.

September 23 the guest speaker was Brian Smith, Chairman, Canadian National Railways.

October 7 Rotary mixed bridge started and ran to March.

November 11 Remembrance Day was recognized. Gerry Pash presented an appropriate and interesting slide show.

November 18 the guest speaker was Peter Newman who gave a brilliant address.

November 25 District Governor Fred Medley conducted his official visit. He was introduced by Past District Governor Doug Lewis.

December 19 was the Christmas luncheon at the Empress. There were 200 attendees including children. It was organized by John Saunders.

December 24 the car raffle ticket (for a Miata) was drawn. The raffle netted \$39,000.

January 6 the AGM of the Club Housing Society was held. The committee this year was as follows:

Chairman	Peter Lewis
Vice Chair	Bob Whyte
Secretary	Bob Whitlock
Treasurer	Bill Milne
Directors	John Beatty, Rod Skillings, Tom Spencer, Stuart Price, Andy Love

February 10 the guest was Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Mark Crofton who is the Director of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

February 26 and March 11 Fireside Chats were held.

The week of March 17 there was a sod turning ceremony for Rotary House.

March 21 was the Presidents' Ball at Ocean Pointe Resort. It was attended by the President and members from the Rotary clubs of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay and Harbourside. It was organized by John Carrieres.

April 13 was the Annual General Meeting during which the decision was made to permanently move to the Princess Mary Restaurant.

April 22 the Goodwill Enterprises' 35th anniversary classic was held at the Empress Hotel. It was a joint Rotary Club activity with Lieutenant-Governor David Lam in attendance. The guest speaker was the President of Goodwill Industries of America, Rear Admiral David Cooney. The event was organized by David Perry, President of the local Goodwill.

May 4 Toni McKay was introduced as our new Executive Secretary.

May 5 was Bridge wind-up cocktails and dinner at the UVic Faculty Club.

May 15 the annual club Golf Tournament realized \$20,000 for the Queen Alexandra Solarium.

April 17 the guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Doug Nelson, the Base Historian, who demonstrated a fascinating knowledge of the early Navy and the local area.

May 21 was the ground breaking ceremony for Rotary House.

May 22-24 the District Conference was held in Courtenay.

May 27 was a Spouse's Day at lunch at the Harbour Towers.

May 28 the first permanent meeting at the Princess Mary Restaurant was held.

YEAR SEVENTY - NINE

1992-93

President
Vice President

Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Consultant
Directors

Gus de Jardin
John Mackenzie
Mike Hepell
Bob Whitlock
Bob Broder
Bill Watts
Toni McKay
Jim Linney
Barbara Courtenay-Smith, Gordon Thomson,
Joan Cowderoy, Dick Sparks, Bert Rogers

President Gus de Jardin

Gus de Jardin was born in Winnipeg in 1932. His father came from Belgium, was in the insurance business and was the Belgian Consul. His mother was the daughter of a noted Winnipeg architect. Gus attended the prestigious St John's Ravenscourt School where he was the head boy in his final year. Following this, he went to the University of Manitoba.

In 1954, Gus entered the RCAF as a pilot. He did his initial training in Centralia, Ontario on *Harvards* and earned his wings on the T-33 jet. As he was sponsored by 402 City of Winnipeg (Aux) Squadron, upon returning home he flew the C45, T33 and the P51 Mustang, in 1957, Gus joined Trans Canada Airlines. Initially he flew the venerable *DC3* out of Toronto before moving to establish his base in Winnipeg where he moved on to the *Viscount* and *Vanguard* aircraft.

Gus was married in 1964 to Shirley Oliver. They have four children and three grandchildren. While in Winnipeg he was appointed to the boards of St. John's Ravenscourt, Balmoral Hall School and the Manitoba Motor League.

In 1967, he converted to the *DC9*. In 1979, moved to Victoria and established his flying base in Vancouver, flying, in succession, the Boeing 747, the 727 and the 767. He flew mainly in North America but while on the 747 and 767, he flew a limited time to Great Britain and Europe amassing some 25,000 flying hours. He retired in 1989.

In 1985, Paul Chow introduced Gus to Rotary. He has never looked back and is one of our members who is dubbed Mr. Rotary. His gentle brand of leadership has done him well. During

his presidency a number of activities were established – Duffer's Golf, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and Monday Night Football. Gus' record of looking after the residents of Rotary House is legendary. He is a popular people-person who helps others wherever he goes.

Gus was the deputy chief security officer at Centennial Stadium during the 1994 Commonwealth Games. His pleasant personality and capable leadership came to the fore. After retirement, he descended from 45,000 feet to sea level to follow the *Rules of the Road* on the water of Victoria Harbour as a skipper of the Victoria Harbour Ferry Company for thirteen years. On Sunday mornings he was one of their ballerinas.

Since being President, Gus has been continuously busy – car raffle, driving people, helping people, involving himself in virtually every Rotary function and activity and on and on.

Activities

July 2 was the Board induction.

Board meeting locations included: Corp of Land Surveyors and McGill & Orme.

Honourary Members appointed were: David Strong – President of UVic, Lieutenant-Governor David Lam and Rear-Admiral Dick Waller.

Major Donations made this year included;

- \$20,000 Queen Alexandra Solarium
- \$4,000 Project Literacy
- \$3,000 Mustard Seed
- \$5,600 Salvation Army
- \$3,000 UVic
- \$2,400 Discovery School
- \$3,500 Boy Scouts
- \$1,000 Camosun College
- \$1,500 Pride Canada
- \$2,000 Navy League
- \$350 Dyslexia & Kanji Project
- \$2,000 Greater Victoria Victim's Services
- \$2,000 Central Care Home
- \$9,800 Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society
- \$6,000 Victoria Fire Department

August 6 the Club entertained IYFR guests from Auckland, New Zealand.

Annual activities continued including the Fishing Derby, Fireside Chats, Monday Night Football and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

October 2 the guest speaker was Rear Admiral Dick Waller, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, who was inducted as an Honourary Member.

October 15 luncheon guests were the Commandant, Royal Roads Military College plus 19 cadets.

October 22 the guest speaker was David Strong, President of UVic.

November was District Governor Gordon Lang's official visit.

December 3 the Club entertained 20 members of the Glenlyon Norfolk School.

December 15 the Club attended the Eric Martin Pavilion for the patient's Christmas party.

December 17 Christmas luncheon held at the Ocean Pointe Resort.

January 21 the AGM of the Rotary Club Housing Society was held.

February 11 our luncheon guest was Elizabeth Cull, Minister of Health.

February 13 was the annual President's Ball was held at the Ocean Pointe Resort.

February 24 and March 2 Fireside Chats were held.

May 6 Ed Bain of the "Q" was our guest speaker.

May 20 was a Day at Sea.

June 21 a special luncheon meeting was held at Ocean Pointe Resort with Mel Cooper, Board of Governors, Commonwealth Games, as guest speaker.

Historical Moment

Rotary House

During the early 1990's, the Rotary Club of Victoria set out on a mission to complete a major charitable project to benefit Victoria. After much studying and consideration, the Club decided what was to become Rotary House. The result was a 41-unit building created to provide affordable housing in the central Victoria area.

There were many people involved in the planning, construction and management of the project. The management of Rotary House was undertaken by a Board of Directors all of whom were members of the Rotary Club of Victoria. The initial planning included the site selection, city approval, selection of a contractor, government funding and subsidization by CMHC. The principals initially were Bill Milne, Bob Whyte and Peter Lewis. Peter Lewis became the leader of the project.

To legally oversee the project, the Club established a society (2 October 91) called the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society. Peter Lewis was the first Chairman of the society. There were about 25 Rotarians deeply involved in the project.

At first, the project proceeded on schedule but in September 1992, the contractor went out of business. After much scrambling and aggravation, the project proceeded. Rod Skillings, the chairman of the Building Committee, spent almost every day at the site. After a tremendous effort, the building was completed at the 11th hour. Rotary House was officially opened 18 June 1993 by the Honourable David Lam, the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

The Housing Society ran Rotary House for more than ten years. The actual Board changed slightly every AGM. The first Board in 1993 consisted of:

*Peter Lewis, Chair
David Iles
Stuart Price
Rod Skillings
Bob Whyte
John Beatty
Bob Whitlock
Bill Milne
Tom Spencer*

Space does not permit the listing of all Boards. However, the principals of the last Board (2005) consisted of:

*Tony Isenegger Chair
Peter Lewis Vice-Chair
Peter Norman Treasurer
Sven Jensen Secretary*

During the 2005-06 timeframe the Club was leaning towards getting out of the building rental and management business. On 18 May 2006 a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society was chaired by Peter Norman to approve the turning over of Rotary House to the Capital Regional Housing Corporation. The entire activity was fully negotiated with Peter Norman taking the lead. The name of Rotary House would be retained. The current Board of the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society has put the House back on its feet and revamped the administration. The entire operation is in such good shape, due in large part to the efforts of Don Lovo and Gus de Jardin that it could be easily turned over to another organization retaining the Club's image. Peter Lewis presented the motion with Jim Cutt seconding. The motion passed.



YEAREIGHTY

1993-94

President
Vice President

Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Consultant
Executive Secretary
Directors

Dick Sparks
John Beatty
Norm Bradshaw
Bob Whitlock
Bob Broder
Bill Watts
Jim Linney
Toni McKay
Crawford McLean, Mike Heppel, Bob Yanow,
Gord Thomson, Lenore Gilchrist, Pat Crofton

President Dick Sparks

Richard W. Sparks was born in Victoria, BC on Feb. 16, 1940. He was brought up on Musgrave St. in Oak Bay and attended Willows Elementary, Oak Bay Junior, and Oak Bay High, graduating from there in 1958. Richard's father was born in Winnipeg and his career included mainly lumber

business jobs with a four year stint in the Navy during WWII. Richard's mother was born in Ladysmith and was a nurse graduating from the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Richard's sister was born in 1935 and moved to Seattle where she married a dentist and raised a family of 4 boys.

Sports were the focus of his teenage years with particular emphasis on basketball. He played for all the OBHS rep teams in 1958. Richard was President of the Students Council in 1958. Richard attended Victoria College for two years and then went to Vancouver to attend UBC in the Faculty of Pharmacy, attaining the B.S.P in 1963. Upon graduation Richard joined McGill and Orme as a staff pharmacist and progressed through several managerial positions and eventually became President, a position he occupied from 1985 until retirement in 1997.

He was a member of various professional bodies and was President of the Chain Drug Association of BC in 1992-93. Other organizations to which he belonged include United Way, Mt. St. Mary's Hospital Board, Royal BC Museum Board, Victoria Chamber of Commerce (1962-1997), the Better Business Bureau and the Downtown Business Association. Richard was a member of the Victoria Rotary Club from 1985 until 1998 with the Rotary House involvement being of particular importance.

Golf is a large part of Richard's life and he was Captain of Uplands Golf Club in 1981 and of Victoria Golf Club in 1998-99.

Richard married his high school sweetheart Jean in 1963 and they have two wonderful children, Catherine and Neil.

Activities

August 12 District Governor Gordon Quick made his official visit.

August 19 Maury Van Vliet, Sr. was inducted as a member. He was a nationally recognized expert on physical fitness and was an athlete, coach, author, and a member of various Halls of Fame. He was a member of the Order of Canada.

September 9 the guest speaker was CRD Chairman Frank Leonard.

September 15 the annual club Golf Tournament was held at Olympic View Golf Club.

October 16 a two-day fishing derby was held at Maple Bay. Peter Shostak was the organizer.

October 28 the guest speaker was Peter McCoppin, conductor of the Victoria Symphony.

November 4 Remembrance Day was recognized, with Dudley Thompson as the speaker.

November 25 Rear Admiral Dick Waller was the guest speaker.

December 16 the Christmas Luncheon was held at the Ocean Pointe Resort.

December 30 the raffle car, a Mazda MPV, netted \$43,000. Crawford McLean was the Car Raffle Committee Chairman.

February 12 was a Guess-Who's-Coming-to-Dinner.

March 2 and 8 Fireside Chats were held.

April 7 the AGM was held by the Rotary Club Housing Society.

April 23 the Rotary President's Ball was held at the Ocean Pointe Resort for a cost of \$75 per couple. John Carrieres was the organizer.

April 28 the guest was Brian Peckford who was the Premier of Newfoundland for 10 years after being an MLA for 17 years. Newfoundlander Mel Cooper was in attendance.

May 26 it was announced that Bert Rogers was the new Commodore of IYFR Vancouver Island. Jack Keyzer was the World Commodore of 28 fleets.

June 9 Rear Admiral Bob Yanow introduced guest speaker Lieutenant-General Reg Lane who spoke about the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

June 16 Mayor Bob Cross was the guest speaker.

June 17 the Club's Golf Classic was held at the Victoria Golf Club. Wayne MacDonald was the organizer.

June 19 the annual Club Picnic was held at Pat Crofton's farm. Fun, food, games and other activities were all well organized.

Major Donations this year included:

Disabled Sailing Assoc	\$10,000
Lester B. Pearson College	\$5,000

Rotary House	\$5,000
Victoria Fire Department	\$6,000 Independent
Living Housing Society	\$4,100 Camosun
College	\$ 400
Salvation Army	\$2,400
George Pringle Memorial Camp	\$3,000
Child Sexual Abuse Society	\$2400
Big Brothers & Big Sisters	\$ 750
Heather Anderson Student Loan	\$1,213
Muscular Dystrophy Society	\$5,000
Young Life Victoria	\$ 500
Upper Room Society	\$1,000
S A L T S	\$1,500
Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra	\$1,500
Victoria Conservatory of Music	\$1,000
Victoria Police Special Olympics	\$ 500
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	\$ 625
A L S	\$200

YEAR EIGHTY- ONE

1994-95

President	Don McDonald
Vice President	Pat Crofton
	Crawford McLean
Secretary	Bob Whitlock
Treasurer	Bob Broder
Auditor	Bill Watts
Consultant	Jim Linney
Executive Secretary	Toni McKay
Directors	Norm Bradshaw, Jim Cutt, Peter Lewis, Ken Walton, Gilles Voyer, Tony Southwell

President Donald Stuart McDonald

Don was born on the 10th of May 1937 in Chatham, Ontario to Edwin and Leona MacDonald. He was the oldest of five children (4 boys and 1 girl) and attended both Public and High School in Chatham. He left high school after completing the 11th grade and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 1956. After completing basic and Air Force Police training, he was transferred to RCAF Number 1 Fighter Wing, Marville France. While stationed in France he met and married Maria C.J. MacDonald (nee VanHorsigh) on 26 February 1960. She was also an RCAF member. He was promoted Corporal and transferred to RCAF Station Falconbridge, Ont. They had three children, Katheryn, David and Ruthann.

After he was posted to CFS Baldy Hughes, BC he was transferred to RCAF Station North Bay, Ontario in 1966 and while stationed there completed his Junior and Senior Matriculation by night school. In 1972 he was commissioned from the rank of Sgt to Lieutenant and over the course of the next twenty years until his retirement in 1992, he rose from the rank of Lieutenant to Major (Lieutenant Commander "Navy"). Over the course of his 36 year career with the RCAF and later with the Royal Canadian Navy he had 12 transfers mainly in Europe, Ontario, and British Columbia. His last posting was as Senior Staff Officer Security, Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters Esquimalt, BC. In 1984 while stationed at Esquimalt, he joined the Rotary Club of Victoria and was a member until his move to Kelowna, in 2004. During his tenure with the Victoria

Club he had the privilege of serving in several positions culminating with his year as President in 1994/1995. His three children are married and produced four grandchildren.

Activities

The exchange student was Heidi Ahlbom.

The Club hosted 50 Of 86 Exchange Students in private homes.

August 7-31 the Club hosted the Western Samoa delegation for the Commonwealth Games.

August 18, 14 members filled key positions in the Commonwealth Games hierarchy.

August 25 the luncheon guest was John Landy of Australia. Mr. Landy was second in the memorable running race *The Miracle Mile* in 1954 at the Empire Games in Vancouver.

August 25 Eric Dowell led a group to participate in the Oak Bay Club's 20th anniversary boat cruise.

During the month of August Rick Stolle opened a hospitality centre in the Ocean Pointe Resort for Rotarians visiting the Commonwealth Games.

Monthly Bridge was recommenced in private homes.

September 1 the Monday Night football recommenced under the leadership of Gus de Jardin.

October 5 the annual golf tournament was organized by Wayne MacDonald at Gorge Vale Golf Club.

October 13 Don Campbell, the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, was the guest speaker at a combined Rotary-Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Others in attendance included: Hon Judd Buchanan and Rear Admiral Bruce Johnson, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific.

October 15 a fishing derby at Mill Bay was organized by Bert Rogers.

November 10 a Remembrance Day tribute was given by Rotarian Rear Admiral Dick Waller.

November 24 the guest speaker was Dr. Elizabeth Ashton, President Camosun College.

November 20 the first 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' of the year was organized by Gus de Jardin and Bud Buchan.

December 1 the guests were District Governor and Mrs. Floyd Olson. Bob Whyte was presented with a plaque for his extraordinary help on the Board of Goodwill Enterprises.

YEAR EIGHTY- TWO

1995-96

President

Pat Crofton

Vice President

Tony Southwell

Peter Lewis

Secretary

Jim Trail

Treasurer

Allan Neale

Auditor

Bill Watts

Consultant

Jim Linney

Executive Secretary

Carin Jette

Directors

Gilles Voyer, Wayne MacDonald, Newell Morrison,
Chuck Rowe

President Pat Crofton

Pat Crofton was born in 1935 on Salt Spring Island into a pioneer Island family. He was the oldest of three. His grandfather was a dairy farmer at the turn of the century and eventually was a hotel keeper, owning the Harbour House Hotel, which the family operated from 1925 to 1965. Pat's schooling until Grade 11 was completed on the Island. Grade 12 was accomplished at St George's in Vancouver and Grade 13 at University School in Victoria. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1953 and served for 18 years.

Whilst undergoing naval training in the UK at Greenwich and Portsmouth as a junior officer, Pat married Patricia. They have four daughters and eight grandchildren.

Pat served the Navy in Victoria, Toronto, Halifax and the UK. He was a weapons specialist. He served in HMC Ships Ontario, New Glasgow, Jonquiere, Antigonish (Navigator), Micmac, Terra Nova (Weapons Officer), Margaree (Navigator), and St Croix (Executive Officer). He retired from the Navy in 1971 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

He then operated a small livestock farm (Black Angus) in Saanich for 26 years. While he was a farmer, Pat kept very busy on the political and governmental scene. A quick synopsis: 1980 two terms as Alderman in Saanich and two terms a CRD Director for Saanich; 1984-88 Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich; 1985-88 Chairman of the House of Commons Defence Committee; 1989-95 Canadian Chairman Canada/US Permanent Board on Defence and federal member, Commonwealth Games Management Committee; and 1989-1995 Director Lester Pearson College.

In 1995, Pat was parachuted into the Presidency of our Club when the president-elect was transferred to Vancouver. Unfortunately he did not have the benefit of PETS training or much time to get organized – in spite of this he was a great president.

Pat is a dedicated, respected and generous Rotarian whose valuable counsel is continuously sought. After his presidential year, he did not slow down either in Rotary or in the community. In 2002, Pat became Chairman of the Oak Bay Lodge Society. In Rotary, he continues to give wise counsel and involves himself in virtually every activity that the Club undertakes such as the car raffle and the choir concert. He volunteers when everyone else hesitates and has served superbly on numerous committees over the years. He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his many years of service and contribution. Pat is an outstanding Rotarian, a great Victorian and a great Canadian.

Activities

June 29 the guest was Leslie Campbell, Publisher, Focus on Women.

July 6 was the Installation of Pat Crofton as President in lieu of Dan Galland who was posted to Burnaby by the TD Bank.

Major Donations in this year included:

- \$40,000 from Car Raffle for community needs (Crawford McLean was the committee chairman)
- \$18,000 from golf tournament for Mustard Seed

Jack Keyzer relinquished his position as International Commodore of IYFR during the Nice Convention.

July 20 Rear Admiral Bruce Johnson was our guest speaker and was inducted as an Honourary Member.

July 27 May-Ling Kwok, concert pianist and wife of member Tom Leung attended. She introduced two of her students, Joanne Miller and Jacqueline Perrian, who played a piano duet of a selection of classical music. Robin and Winnifred Wood arranged the program.

August 24 the special guests were District Governor Ken Bose and wife Sally.

September 21 exchange student Ana Oliveira from Brazil was welcomed.

September 26 the Golf Tournament was held at Olympic View Golf Club.

October 7-8 was an IYFR cruise to Maple Bay for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Shipyard Restaurant.

November 16 was a joint meeting with Harbourside held at the Princess Mary restaurant.

December 19 was the Christmas luncheon held at the Empress Hotel. Richard Margison performed.

December 28 John MacKenzie announced that the Car Raffle raised \$24,000 (the car was a Ford Mustang).

March 1 was a Rotary Ski Day at Mt Washington.

April 25 Don MacDonald led a GSE Team to South Africa.

May 9 District Governor Elect Jack MacAulay was in attendance.

June 14 was the Golf Tournament.

YEAR EIGHTY- THREE**1996-97**

President
Vice President

Bob Yanow
Wayne MacDonald
Norma Friedmann

Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Consultant
Executive Secretary
Directors

Jim Trail
Allan Neale
Bill Watts
Jim Linney
Carin Jette
Larry Forster, Rick Stolle, Newell Morrison,
Chuck Rowe, John Saunders, David Poole

President Bob Yanow

Rear Admiral Robert D Yanow was born in Saskatoon on 4 February, 1933. He is married to Valda Elizabeth Sisson of Victoria, and has two children. Rear Admiral Yanow commenced his naval career as a Sea Cadet in 1945, attending the Royal Roads Military College in 1951 and later graduating from the University of Saskatchewan in 1956. From 1951 to 1960, he served in minesweepers and frigates and in 1960, he was appointed to the Weapons Specialist course at the Fleet School, Halifax. On completion of this course in 1961, he was appointed Weapons Officer, HMCS COLUMBIA, and in 1963 he joined the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, as the Staff Officer Anti-Submarine Equipment Trials. In 1965, on promotion to Lieutenant-Commander, he was appointed to the Operational Evaluation Group, HMS SEA EAGLE, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. During this appointment he was seconded to the staff of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command Far East Fleet, serving in various British and Australian cruisers/destroyers out of Singapore.

In 1967, he was appointed Executive Officer of HMCS TERRA NOVA, and in 1969, promoted Commander and appointed in command of HMCS SAGUENAY. He was posted to the Canadian Forces Staff College in August, 1970, and on completion of this course was appointed as the Commander, Weapons Division, Canadian Forces Fleet School, Halifax. In September 1972, he commissioned and took command of HMCS ATHABASKAN, one of Canada's new DDH 280 destroyers.

In the summer of 1974, he was promoted to Captain (N) and posted in command of the First Canadian Destroyer Squadron. In 1976, he attended the National Defence College in Kingston, and at the end of this course in July, 1977, he was promoted to Commodore and posted to the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (Washington) as the Senior Liaison Officer (Maritime) and the Canadian Forces Naval Attaché.

In July, 1979, he was promoted to Rear Admiral, and until 1984, served in two appointments on course and on secondment at the National Defence Headquarters and in the Ottawa area, as follows: Chief of Maritime Doctrine and Operations (Maritime); Chief of Personnel Development; on French Language course; and, Bureau of Consumer Affairs.

On 23 May, 1984, Rear Admiral Yanow assumed the appointment of Commander Maritime Forces, Pacific, and Commander Pacific Region. He retired from the Canadian Navy and Canadian Forces in July, 1987, after 36 years service.

Since 1987, Admiral Yanow completed three studies/reviews for the British Columbia Provincial Government which included two operational and safety inspections of the Inland Ferry system; was the Regional Vice-President, Vancouver, for B.C. Transit; Managing Director for the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society; and, Registrar, Public Sector Collective Bargaining Disclosures.

In addition, to 1997, Rear Admiral Yanow was the Chairman B.C. Press Council; Chairman, Victoria Branch St John Ambulance and a member of the Provincial Council; Chairman, Corps of Commissionaires, V&VI Division; and President, Rotary Club of Victoria.

From 1997 to 2002 Rear Admiral Yanow was a member of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board wherein he reviewed pension decisions on behalf of veterans, military and RCMP personnel, and their widows.

Admiral Yanow was awarded the Order of Military Merit, in the grade of Commander, in 1986; received the US Secretary of the Navy Commendation in 1987; he was promoted to Knight, Order of St John in 2009; and, is the recipient of other honours and awards.

Activities

July 18 the incoming exchange student was announced as Jonathan Ottevaere.

August 9 RI President Luis Giay and wife Celia Giay made an official visit. An inter-club dinner was held at the Convention Centre. Mayor Bob Cross was in attendance. The Band of HMCS Malahat was also in attendance.

September 18 was a Day at Sea aboard HMCS Oriole.

September 19 the Honorable Garde Gardom, Rear Admiral Russ Moore, and Richard Margison were approved as honorary members.

In October mixed bridge commenced and ran for twelve weeks

October 5 was a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

October 24 the guest was Glen Terrell, CEO of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

October 31 was a Spouse's Day and a Halloween program.

November 7 Richard Margison was a guest. He did not perform because of a touch of bronchitis.

Dr. Reg Roy spoke of Remembrance Day.

November 21 the guest was Stewart Johnson, Chairman of the Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Steering Committee.

December 19 was the Christmas luncheon with the ladies. In attendance were D.G. Jack and Elsie MacAulay and Assistant District Governor Jim Leamy and his wife Alison.

January 2 Car Raffle Chairman Stu McGowan announced the winner of this year's car was Meloney Deblanc.

January 21 an inter-club Paul Harris Dinner was held at the Ocean Ponte Resort with 300 attendees.

January 23 Rear Admiral Bruce Johnson was our guest, introduced by Gerry Pash. He was inducted as an Honourary Member.

January 30 the special guest was MP David Anderson.

March 7 was a ski trip.

March 11 and 19 Fireside Chats were held.

March 13-16 was RYLA at Pacific Lutheran University.

April 18 a Youth 'N' Action dinner was held at the Ocean Pointe Resort.

April 24 the 83rd annual District 5020 conference was held at the Conference Centre.

May 1 was a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was Alex Nelson.

June 13 was the Classic Golf tournament.

June 21 new members BBQ Dinner was held at the North Saanich estate of Bob Whyte. George Kent was the organizer along with Bob Whyte.

June 26 was a Change of Command.

Major Donations during this year included:

• Big Brothers and Big Sisters	\$200
• St John Ambulance	\$1,950
• Quadra Elementary	\$2,000
• BC Paraplegic Association	\$1,000
• Project Literacy	\$1,000
• CNIB	\$4,575
• Zimbabwe Hearing Aid Project	\$2,000

• Kingswood Girl Guide Camp	\$2,000
• Entrepreneurial Learning Foundation	\$20,000
• Boy Scouts Canada	\$2,000
• Victoria Bowman Association	\$1,000
• Island Pastoral Services	\$995
• Victoria Victim Services	\$18,000

Historical Moment

STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR'S PROGRAM

The Student Entrepreneur Program provided students with real world business issues and problems for subsequent resolution. Students participate in Action Learning Teams in partnership with business people, parents and teachers, enhancing their appreciation and understanding of the business world.

The Action Learning that takes place consists of experiencing a problem, reflecting on it, developing concepts to understand it, and taking action to resolve the problem. The Program recognizes the increasing importance of entrepreneurship as a skill area and viable career option. It bridges the gap between the business and education communities through productive partnerships.

The uniqueness of the Program was such that it allows all students, regardless of their academic standing or socio-economic background, to relate this experience to their personal goals and learning plans. In 1996, the program had 156 students involved. In 1997, there were 5 secondary and 16 elementary schools in the Program with 714 students. The Rotary Club of Victoria provided financial support to the Program to the extent of \$20,000 per year for three successive years.

YEAR EIGHTY-FOUR

1997-98

President	Norm Bradshaw
Vice President	Larry Forster
	John Saunders
Treasurer	Allan Neale
Secretary	Bob Whitlock
Auditor	Bill Watts
Consultant	Jim Linney
Executive Secretary	Carin Jette
Directors	Frank Cappello, Stu McGowan, Larry Martell. David Poole, Georgina Wong, Mark Ford

Membership 205

President Norm Bradshaw

Born 1932 at Nanaimo, BC Norm gained his early education in Duncan then moved to Nanaimo to finish Grades 7-12. He and what is left of his graduating class held a reunion in May 2012 to celebrate their 80th birthdays.

Following a short career with Eaton's he joined the Royal Bank of Canada in 1951 at Nanaimo. He then spent the following 37 years with the bank a highlight of which was a four year assignment on the executive floor at Head Office then located in Montreal. He elected early retirement in 1988 to return to Victoria where he joined the Canadian Western Bank for five years following which he rejoined the Royal Bank for another three years as a part time financial consultant.

Norm first joined Rotary in 1975 in Regina and became a member of the Victoria club in 1989. After serving in a number of posts he became President in 1997 when the membership was some 200. He is the first to acknowledge his greatest benefit from Rotary are the many friends he met and enjoyed over the years. He remains active with the Rotary Duffers Golf Group. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

His first wife Buda passed away in 2003 after 44 years of marriage and was a member of the Rotary Ann's for many years. Norm was lucky to meet his current partner Judy Nygard a few years ago and since that time they have enjoyed many holidays together.

Activities

July 17 the guest was Past District Governor Jack MacAulay.

August 14 was the official visit of District Governor Jim Harris.

September 7 a Rotary picnic was held at Camp Barnard.

September 16 the annual Golf Tournament was held at Olympic View Golf Club.

The month of September commenced annual activities such as 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner', Rotary Housing Society Board Meetings and Duffer's Golf.

September 27 our Club acted as the host for the Zone 23 and 24 incoming district governor training seminar. There were 300 attendees.

December 11 the guest was world traveler and international columnist Ben Wicks.

December was the Christmas Luncheon.

February 3 a new member's night was held at Topo's Ristorante Italiano. It was organized by Bob Whyte.

March 9 the President's Event Dinner took place at Jack Lee's Chinese Village Restaurant.

May 20 was a Day at Sea aboard HMCS HURON.

June 12 was the Golf Classic at Victoria Golf Course.

June 25 was the Executive turnover from President Norm Bradshaw to President Rick Stolle.

YEAR EIGHTY- FIVE

1998-99

President
Vice President

Rick Stolle
Stu McGowan
Frank Cappello
Norma Campbell
Allan Neale
Bill Watts
Jim Linney
Carin Jette
Sandy Peel, Don Bateman, Larry Martell,
Bob McIntyre, Bob Broder, Georgina Wong

Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Consultant
Executive Secretary
Directors

President Ulrich "Rick" Stolle

Rick has over 45 year's entrepreneurial experience in the hotel, restaurant and spa industries. He completed his formal hospitality training in Switzerland, and after a six-year stint ending as a Captain in the U.S. Army, he reentered the field of hospitality with stops at the Greenbrier, WVA, Hunt Valley Inn in Baltimore, MD and Hilton Hotels International in PA and FL. In 1972, he

returned to Germany where he was the founding president of Dorint Hotels and Resorts with three hotels, which grew to 16 hotels by 1975. From 1975 – 1986, as president of his family owned business, Stolle Service GmbH, Rick owned or managed three hotels in Cologne and Bonn, Germany.

In 1986, he moved to Victoria to build what was to become Ocean Pointe Resort Hotel and Spa, but when negotiations for land and building permits became mired in bureaucracy, he returned to Dorint Hotels from 1987-1990 as Chief Operating Officer taking the company to 40 hotels and Germany's largest hotel chain.

During this period, Stolle Service Ltd. under his direction completed the concept development and Project Management for all aspects of the construction and opening of the Ocean Pointe Resort and Spa in Victoria in 1992.

From 1991 to 1997, Rick continued as President of Stolle Service Ltd, the management company for Ocean Pointe Resort and Spa. During this period, Rick was the General Manager of this 250 room property which successfully penetrated the international hotel market and received high industry ratings including becoming a member of the *Preferred Hotels and Resorts Worldwide* in 1996. The hotel also achieved the *Conde Nast Traveller Gold List of the Top Hotels, Resorts, Spas and Cruise Lines in the World* in 1997 and 1998.

Beyond 1997 Rick continued as President of Stolle Services and continued as a consultant to the Hotel and Spa Industry. During the period 1997-2004 he was also President of Golden Crown Restaurants which was the owner and operator of four fast-food restaurants on Vancouver Island. Outside of the hotel business, Rick has been involved in a number of professional and community organizations, a summary of which follows:

- Chaîne des Rotisseurs, Maitre 1976-2007
- Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce 1986-97
- Tourism Victoria, Project Development Committee
- Canadian Tourism Commission, Ottawa – Committee for Incentive and Travel 1995-96
- Mentor, UVic School of Business Mentorship Program 1992 to present
- Board of Advisors, UVic 2009 to present
- Commonwealth Games (1994); Chair, Beautification Committee; and successfully facilitated and supported the aboriginal community's efforts to erect the world's tallest totem pole on Victoria's Songhees Point

Activities

This year's exchange student was Linus Wellander from Finland.

July 19 was a Rotary Air Show. The airshow, held at Pat Bay, was a tremendous success with the Snow Birds as the stars. However the financial side of things was a disaster with huge losses because of poor management. Our Club's share of the debt was \$23,000.

July 26 a major Dance Event was held at the Princess Mary to welcome new President Rick Stolle.

July 30 the weekly luncheon was held at the Empress Hotel. Richard Margison entertained as only he can. His parents were in attendance. The Head Table included Assistant District Governor Jim Leamy and UVic President Dr. David Strong.

August 13 Norm Bradshaw presented a cheque for \$15,000 to Deborah Lamoureux of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. The money was generated at a previous golf tournament.

August 27 was the Official visit of District Governor Dave Sclair.

September 10 the guest speaker was Admiral John Anderson, former Chief of Defence Staff.

September 15 the annual Club golf tournament, organized by John MacKenzie, was held at the Olympic View Golf Club. Proceeds were destined for the Rock Solid Foundation.

September 24 Rear Admiral Ron Buck, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific was inducted as an honorary member.

September 25 the Rotary Club of Port Alberni was chartered.

October 1 Joan Toone spoke about polio. Joan was the President of the Post-polio Awareness and Support Group of Greater Victoria.

November 12 Remembrance Day was recognized with special guest Major General A.J. Tedlie.
November 25 a new member's assimilation night was organized by Bob Whyte at Topo's Restaurant.

October 1 David Poole reported on the Student Entrepreneur Project which is two years old. Our Club supports this project to the extent of \$20,000 per year for 3 years. The program exists because of this support..

December 17 was the Christmas luncheon.

January 23 the President's Dinner and Dance was held at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

February 19-21 The District Assembly was held in Victoria at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

March 5 was a Rotary Ski Day at Mt Washington organized by Merlin Hawes.

March 10 and 16 Fireside Chats were held.

March 18 Stu McGowan introduced Rear Admiral Ron Buck, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific as the guest speaker. Admiral Buck is an honorary member.

April 22 lunch was a joint Rotary-Chamber of Commerce meeting. Chamber President Lana Denoni spoke about the "State of the Chamber".

April 1 David Iles took charge of "Joke-a Minute".

May 6 the Club received a Presidential Citation for 1998-99.

At the District Conference 1999, President Rick received two honours – Best Club Bulletin (Ken Lane, Editor) and the Club with the highest net gain in membership during 1998-99.

May 13 the Annual General Meeting of the Housing Society was held.

May 13 a GSE Team from Finland was hosted at lunch.

May 31 new member's night was held at the Cedar Hill Golf Club organized by Bob Whyte.

June 17 the guest of honour was the Honourable Garde Gardham, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

Major Donations during this year included:

• Separation and Divorce Resource Centre	\$1200
• Open Door Inner City Resource Centre	\$2000
• Cridge Centre	\$2000
• Crimestoppers	\$1000
• Capital Health Region	\$2000
• SJ Willis Daycare	\$1000
• Girl Guides	\$2000
• Scouts Canada	\$2000
• Victoria Family Violence Prevention Centre	\$1000
• James Bay Community School	\$1000
• Multiple Sclerosis	\$3000
• VI Sharks Football Team	\$1000
• Victoria SAR	\$1,400
• Willows School	\$2000
• Community Options for Children and Family	\$1000
• Kid's Night Out	\$500
• Victoria Sports Wheelchair	\$2,800
• Disabled Sailing Association	\$4000
• Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association	\$2,500

YEAR EIGHTY- SIX

1999-00

President
Vice President

John Carrieres
Sandy Peel
Stu McGowan
Norma Campbell
Allan Neale

Secretary
Treasurer

Auditor
Consultant
Executive Secretary
Directors

Bill Watts
Wayne Morson
Jan MacDonald
Don Bateman, Mark Flynn, Liz Monad,
Brian Yeo, Gene Spencer, Jay Fray

Luncheon Location - Princess Mary

President John Carrieres

John was born in Ottawa in 1946 to a second generation Irish mother (Eleanor O'Reilly) and a French Canadian father (Marcel) whose family tree can be traced back to the 1600's in Normandy. Along the way, there were First Nations genes mixed into the family.

John graduated from the University of Ottawa as a Philosophy major in 1966. So he naturally went to work as a traffic engineer with Bell Canada. Having worked summers at the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, he couldn't resist the desire to see our beautiful West Coast and drove to Vancouver in 1969.

Discovering that his true talent lay in sales, he joined Manulife, spending 3 years in Vancouver then 2 stints in Head Office and one in Boston. But the west always beckoned and John wrangled a job as the manager of the Victoria office in 1981, only to later discover it was considered the "grave yard" of managers.

Through Rotary, John met Mike Walsh, who insisted he join Canada Trust. That led to a wonderful 13 year career..

John had enticed Cynthia to join him in Vancouver in 1969 and they had 3 great children, Tara, Jay and Shawna. As much as John and Cynthia were attracted to one another, their gears didn't always mesh and lost too many teeth in 2001.

Barbara Gellatly entered John's life and he helped her run the Thirsty Vintner. It was sold in 2009 and John and Barbara semi-retired to enjoy the house they built next to East Sooke Park in 2006.

John was a vice president of the Victoria Symphony and enjoyed many years on that board.

Looking back, what he enjoyed most outside of family, work and sports was the wonderful fellowship of Rotary. Rotary offers one a chance to meet people from diverse backgrounds and spend many hours of time with cherished friends. It can be hard to accommodate in a busy schedule and a challenge to make relevant in this "connected age", but it survives to reward those who embrace it.

Activities

September 9 the guest was Captain Roger Girouard, Commander Maritime Operations Group 4, introduced by Gerry Pash.

September 13 was a Day at Sea for 75 members aboard HMCS Ottawa and HMCS Protecteur organized by Larry Rittenhouse.

September 16 David Hambleton roast was chaired by David Iles.

September 22 was the Annual Golf Tournament at Upland Golf Club.

September 23 the guest speaker was Dr. Liz Ashton, President of Camosun College.

October 7 was the 50th anniversary of Rotary-Anns in Victoria.

September 30 was a Spouses Day at lunch.

October 1 was the visit of Assistant District Governor Jim Leamy.

November 18 was the visit of District Governor Ken Balsey

December 4 was the first get-together of Guess-Who's-Coming-to-Dinner.

December 16 was the Christmas Luncheon with 140 attendees.

December 18 was the Christmas Party at Rotary House.

February 10 Australian exchange student James MacDonald attended the luncheon.

February 17 our guest speaker was Commander Jim Hayes, Captain of HMCS Regina who spoke about the ship's 6-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

February 20 was the Choir concert for cancer at the grand opening of the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

February 24 was a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was John Ratel who was introduced by Chamber President Rob Wickson.

March 3 was a Rotary ski day.

March 4 a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was held.

March 2-5 RYLA assembled in Tacoma.

March 23 Mel Cooper was the guest speaker.

April 13 MLA Gordon Campbell, Leader of the Opposition was the guest speaker

April 14 the Rotary Chorus performed at the UVic Concert Centre with 100 singers, a ladies soprano choir and pipers. The proceeds went to the Cancer Research Centre. The concert committee chairman was Rick Stolle,

April 19 and 25 Fireside Chats were held.

May 4 was a Rotary presidential auction at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

May 7 was a Garage Sale at Andrew Sheret Ltd.

May 18 was the AGM of the Rotary Club Housing Society.

May 26 the Club hosted a GSE Team from Australia. Don Jenson coordinated.

June 1 the guest speaker was Harbourside Rotarian Ian Thow who spoke on the subject of Crimestoppers.

June 16 was a Rotary golf classic tournament.

June 29 the Executive turnover was chaired by Rick Stolle.

YEAR EIGHTY-SEVEN

2000-01

President
Vice President

Stu McGowan
Mark Flynn
Brian Yeo

President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Executive Secretary
Consultant
Directors

Ken Walton
Tom Smales
Allan Neale
Jan MacDonald
Wayne Morson
Bob Savage, Jay Fray, Tom Leung,
Gene Spencer, Larry Rittenhouse, Norma Campbell

President Stu McGowan

Stu McGowan was born in Montreal in 1938 and spent his first ten years following his family around since his father was in the air force. His family settled in Victoria where he did the normal things for his age – scouting, church choir (until his voice broke – luckily early), sea cadets, delivering clothing for Spencer Stores (by bicycle), navy reserve, etc. He attended 5 schools in Victoria and although he was not interested in the academic side of school, he did manage to graduate from Victoria High.

Stu joined the navy by entering le College militaire royal de St Jean. He graduated from RMC with a BSc. After completion of pilot training, his first operational tour was with VS-880, based at HMCS Shearwater, flying the Tracker aircraft. He spent most of the next ten years serving at sea in HMC Ships BONAVENTURE, OTTAWA (in which he earned a Bridge Watch keeping Certificate), MARGAREE and ASSINIBOINE. His second major aircraft type was the venerable Sea King which he flew in the 60's.

Stu married the former Paddy Johnston in 1962. They have two sons and two grandsons.

After a year attending army staff college, he had a variety of employments including project officer at the US Navy Air Development Center in Philadelphia working on the USN Sea King replacement aircraft, Commanding Officer 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Edmonton (army helicopters supporting 1CBG), Deputy Commander Air Reserve Group, Base Commander CFB Winnipeg, deputy project manager of the Canadian Sea King replacement program (chairman of the committee which selected the EH-101 which was cancelled by the Chretien government) and Commander Army Aviation (as a brigadier-general).

Stu completed his 40-year career in the NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence) system. He first served in Colorado Springs as a command director in Cheyenne Mountain missile warning center (during the Gulf War). His last posting was deputy commander of the Alaskan NORAD Region based in Anchorage Alaska.

Upon retirement from the military, Stu and Paddy moved to Victoria. Stu got involved in a number of non-paying activities – Commonwealth Games (chief of security at Centennial Stadium), Air Force Officer's Assoc (president), St John Ambulance (chairman), Board of Governors Commissionaires, Rotary (president), Royal United Services Institute, Vancouver Island RMC Ex-Cadet Club and the Naval Officers Association. For fun, he skippered a Victoria Harbour Ferry for 7 years.

Meanwhile, Paddy was the Regional Manager of the Heart and Stroke Foundation – upon retirement, she made up for lost shopping and travelling and also has been involved in numerous activities including the Canadian Federation of University Women. This activity saw her move up the ranks to the Presidency of CFUW Victoria, Regional Director, and co-chair of the 2012 national AGM.

Activities

June 29 was the Change of Command between John Carrieres and Stu McGowan. Assistant District Governor Jim Leamy was in attendance. In the middle of the ceremony, the rumblings of an earthquake could be felt.

July 13 Maury Van Vliet Senior (Order of Canada) was presented his fifty year badge.

Former exchange student James MacDonald from Australia visited for a few weeks of travel around BC.

August 3 Past District Governor Jack MacAuley visited.

August 10 the luncheon guest was Dr. James Boutillier who received a PhD from London University, was a professor at the University of South Pacific in Fiji and the Dean of Arts at Royal Roads Military College..

Major Donations during this year included:

• Boys and Girls Club	\$10,500
• Learning Disabilities Association	\$4700
• Canadian Red Cross – Water Safety	\$3,500
• Capital City Volunteers – Computers	\$900
• Victoria Habitat for Humanity	\$7000
• Victoria Association for Community Living	\$900
• Gr Victoria Citizen Advocacy	\$1000
• Science Venture	\$1300
• Gr Victoria Hospital Foundation	\$800
• Science Fair	\$750
• Open Door	\$5000
• Cancer Research	\$20,000
• S A L T S	\$10,000
• Scouts Canada	\$5000
• Vic Conservatory of Music	\$3000
• ALS Society	\$7500

August 17 Assistant District Governor Jim Leamy was a special guest.

August 18 outgoing exchange student Jeremy Earle departed for Belgium.

August 24 was a joint meeting with the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was Dr. Norman Ruff, political analyst at UVic. MLA Gretchin Brewin was in attendance..

September 14 the guest was District Governor Bob Lovely.

September 29 was a Day at Sea aboard HMCS Algonquin. Larry Rittenhouse was the organizer..

October 21 the Car raffle sales commenced. The car was a Nissan Exterra and Crawford McLean was in charge.

November 9 was a Remembrance Day Celebration. The guest speaker was President Stu McGowan.
 November 25 a Rotary Choir Benefit Concert was held in aid of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. The principal organizers were George Kent and Rick Stolle.
 December 21 was the Christmas luncheon.
 The car raffle netted \$48,000 .
 January 11 lawyer and Honourary Colonel Bob Glazier introduced Lieutenant Colonel John McManus, Commanding Officer of HS443. The subject was the venerable Sea King helicopter.
 January 25 the guest speaker was Dr. David Turpin, President of the University of Victoria.
 Exchange student Augstina Siquot was a guest at lunch.
 February 1 the guest speaker was Liz Ashton, President of Camosun College.
 February 15 Assistant District Governor Joan Firkins was a guest.
 February 24 an RI Foundation fundraiser was held at the Royal BC Museum.
 March 13 and 21 Fireside Chats were held.
 April 26 District Governor Bob Lovely made an informal visit.
 GSE Teams departed: May 14 to Finland and May 26 to Brazil
 May 17 was the Club 90 fund-raising auction.
 May 20 was a Club 90 Garage Sale at Andrew Sheret Ltd. Don Love and Don Ohlgren were in charge.
 June 28 was the Executive turnover dinner at the Princess Mary Restaurant.

YEAR EIGHTY- EIGHT

2001-02

President	Ken Walton
Vice President	Don Ohlgren
	Terry Toone
President Elect	Bill Morley
Treasurer	Allan Neale
Auditor	Bill Watts
Executive Secretary	Jan MacDonald
Directors	Norma Campbell, Larry Rittenhouse, John Van Bakel, Tom Leung, Bob Savage, Bob Savage, Graham Russell

Venue – Princess Mary Restaurant
 Membership 169

President Ken Walton

"I am a lawyer (University of Saskatchewan 1972) admitted to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1973 and to BC in 1975. From 1963 -1969 I was a private, a corporal, a second- lieutenant and a lieutenant mostly in 142 Company of the then Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Regina. That military experience plus nine years as a Kinsmen (a great service club whose object was to teach young men leadership skills at an early age) taught me leadership. I was President of the Victoria Kinsmen club in 1982 and secretary to the National Convention committee held in Victoria in 1984. I joined the Harbourside Rotary Club in 1986 and left in 1989.

I joined this club in 1991. I was at various times in charge of membership, the bulletin and speakers so I knew the personality of our club very well by the time I was asked to be president. I was president in the 88th year of this club 2001-2002. I enjoyed being President and would have done it forever if allowed. After being President of our Club my law Practice moved to Colwood where I started the Rotary Club of West Shore with Colleen Milne. A while later I became an Assistant Governor responsible for 6 clubs and had an ambition to become Governor of District 5020 when I got sidetracked with Bar activities. I became involved at the executive level of the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association and won election to the leadership ladder of that

organization serving as President 2007-2008 with a membership larger than the number of Rotarians in our district. Leadership I learned at various places spilled over into that presidential post. I ran the four provincial Council meetings in the same way as I ran our 50+ club meetings. The CBABC put out a roster of out Provincial Council members modeled on that we used in the Victoria Rotary Club. During the three years that I was heavily involved in Bar activities I paid my dues but mostly did not attend our club as I was too busy. Later I ran as National President of the Canadian Bar Association but lost to a friend of mine who practices in Vancouver. I was awarded a Queen's Counsel in 2009. Rotary is great fun. I've enjoyed the people, the fellowship and the projects. Life would have been a lot less rewarding without Rotary."

Activities

July 12 District Governor Don Lachata made his official visit.

Brazil and Finland GSE teams were hosted.

August 15 the Club became involved in the Victoria Music Festival under the leadership of Tom Leung.

November 21 the New Member Assimilation Committee held new members night at the Cedar Hill Golf Course.

The rewrite of the Club Constitution and By-laws was continued by Stu McGowan and Wayne Morson. The decision was made not to change the Foundation Constitution.

December 13 Rear Admiral Jamie Fraser was our guest.

December 20 the Christmas luncheon was held with widows attending. The Victoria Brass entertained.

January 3 the guest was Dr. Gerry Kelly, President of Royal Roads University.

Perfect attendance pins were presented to:

Vaughn Thompson - 47 years

Jim Cloak - 35 years

February 14 the guest was Member of Parliament Dr. Keith Martin.

February 16-17 the District Leadership Training Assembly was held in Victoria.

In April Fireside Chats were held.

April 11 the guest was Andrew Philips, Editor of the Times-Colonist.

April 17 a dinner was held at the Cedar Hill Golf Club honouring George Kent.

May 1 an Action Awards Dinner was held – organized by John Saunders.

May 10-11 the District Conference was held in Victoria.

In May the Performing Arts Festival of Greater Victoria was held and

Terry Jones, Tom Leung and Norma Friedman were on the Board.

In May a successful auction was held at the Princess Mary and an equally successful garage sale was held at the Andrew Sheret facility courtesy of Brian Findley.

Of Note:

Pat Crofton took his own chair to the garage sale. While he was wandering around someone sold his chair.

May 24 a float was entered in the 24th May Parade.

The use of credit cards was introduced.

Major Donations during this year included:

- \$15,500 Esquimalt Neighbourhood Housing Society
- \$2,500 BC Eating Disorders Association
- \$5,500 Victoria Youth Choir Society
- \$6,500 Housing Association for the Physically Disabled
- \$3,000 Island Pastoral Services
- \$6,000 Guatemala Poco Poco

Historical Moment

THE CROSSLEYS

The Crossleys were both born in the UK in 1938. Pat was born in west London, lived in Ealing, and attended Haberdashers' Askes School. Rod was born in Rochdale, grew up in Lancashire; attended Todmorden Grammar School and moved to Southampton to attend Eastleigh High School. Rod and Pat both attended the University of Southampton where they met. He obtained a degree in aeronautical engineering and she a degree in Honours French and German. Rod then worked for Folland Aircraft in Hamble, Hampshire while Pat commenced a career in teaching.

The Crossleys were married in 1961 and raised three children. In 1962 Rod attended the Cranfield Institute of Technology for a master's degree in automatic control systems. They moved to Montreal in 1964 where Pat taught at Chomedey High School. This was followed in 1968 by two years in Philadelphia where Rod worked for GE in the missile and space field from 1966 to 68. Pat received a master's degree from McGill in 1972.

In 1982 they both moved to Baden-Soellingen, where Pat became the principal in the DND school while Rod worked for Hi-Tech Entwicklung in Karlsruhe. In 1987 they returned to Montreal where Pat was the principal of a French first language school. In 1988 they moved to Vancouver where Pat obtained employment with the Vancouver School Board as principal of French language immersion while Ron worked in software development for Alcatel. In 1997 Pat and Rod Crossley retired to Victoria.

In 2001, after full professional careers and in their early sixties, Pat and Rod changed their lives dramatically. Under the auspices of the Canadian Harambee Education Society, they commenced many years of humanitarian support of the residents of the region surrounding Maseno in north Kenya. They commenced a life of six months in Kenya and six months in Victoria. Pat was commissioned by Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria which enabled her to become the Education Secretary for the Diocese in Maseno which opened many doors for her to obtain local support. Their work was all encompassing: water projects including the construction of wells, literacy projects in schools, leadership training for school principals, and on and on. The list of areas of personal support and assistance is somewhat endless. They are outstanding Canadian ambassadors as well as encouraging dozens of other Canadians to become involved in helping and supporting families and children in Africa.

The Crossley's personal expenses are all covered by themselves. There is no financial remuneration for their work. Funding for projects is made possible by donation and a number of major matching grants from Rotary International (the largest has been \$35,000). Control of all funding is by the Crossleys and the local Rotary Club to ensure that it is spent properly. The Crossleys have started their own Canadian Foundation called TEMBO (Teaching- Empowering- Mentoring, and Building Opportunities) www.tembokenya.org.

Pat and Rod Crossley have now devoted 12 years (2013) to help hundreds of Africans in the region of Maseno.



YEAR EIGHTY - NINE

2002-03

President
Vice President

President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Directors

Allan Neale
Don Ohlgren
Terry Toone
Jim Cutt
Bill Morley
Bill Skrlac
Bill Watts
Jan MacDonald
Dale Briggs, Bert Annear, Peter Lewis,
John Van Bakel, Jack McDonald, Vance Horn

President Allan Neale, B.Sc.(Honours), MBA, C.A., FCA

Allan is a Chartered Accountant by profession and is the managing partner of Norgaard Neale Camden Chartered Accountants. He joined the Rotary Club of Victoria in November, 1989 and served as the Club's Treasurer from 1995 to 2002, when he became President.

Allan also spent many years as the Chair of the Club's youth programs, including Interact, Rotaract, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). He and his wife, Janet, also participated on several occasions as host parents for our Youth Exchange Program.

In addition to his contributions to Rotary, Allan was very active in minor hockey in Victoria. He coached at many levels for more than twenty years. In the year 2000, Allan was named BC's "Coach of the Year" by the BC Amateur Hockey Association. In 2001, he was named Victoria's "Sports Person of the Year" in recognition of his contributions to Victoria's youth.

In 2007, Allan joined the Victoria Advisory Board for the Salvation Army. For 15 years, he also served as a volunteer on the Government Affairs Advisory Committee and the Impact CA Committee for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. These programs consulted with the federal government on budget and other matters. Both groups raised the profile of the profession among senior bureaucrats and cabinet ministers. Before moving to Victoria, Allan chaired the professional section of the United Way Campaign in Winnipeg.

In 2009, Allan was elected to the Fellowship of Chartered Accountants (FCA). The FCA designation is awarded to individuals whose service to the profession and the community has brought honour to the profession.

Allan was born and raised in Winnipeg. He is married to Janet and they are now "empty nesters"

having raised their two children, Heather, and David. They are now meeting their latest challenge as grandparents.

After his presidency, Allan did not slow down in his contributions to the Club especially with regard to Interact, Rotoract, RYLA, and the Student Exchange Program, vital support to the District Conference of 2012 and as the professional auditor of the Club (an invaluable gratis service).

Activities

Since this was the 90th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Victoria, many of the activities and undertakings were carefully designed to recognize this fact. The significant principal behind the ideas and planning was President Allan Neale. As noted below, it was a busy year. All of the normal activities of the Club were carried out but also included were numerous specific 90th anniversary events. A couple of events carried over to YEAR 91.

The Club raised \$15,000 for Ambassadorial Scholar Heather Fisher for protection of 90 children at the Port Elizabeth Rape Crisis Centre.

Project Unity was supported with items for a packing case headed for Uganda.

The car raffle which was drawn on December 24 was very successful.

The District Governor visited on September 19.

Remembrance Day was recognized on November 7.

On November 19, a Christmas Gala Fundraiser was held at the Mayfair Shopping Centre.

This year's exchange student was Axelle Kasperski from Hergenies, France.

On October 1 the annual golf tournament was held.

The following new honorary members were appointed:

David Turpin – President

Her Honour Iona Campagnola – Lieutenant-Governor of BC

A 12-page newspaper supplement (completely devoted to Rotary) was published in February. Twelve thousand copies were distributed around the city.

On March 12, RI President Bhichai Rattukui (Thailand) visited Victoria.

On March 13, the Lieutenant-Governor of BC joined the Club for lunch.

Brian Burke, President and General Manager of the Vancouver Canucks, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship on March 19.

MLA. Sheila Orr was hosted.

On April 5, a Polio Plus Benefit Choir Concert was held at the Conservatory of Music. Alex Campbell, Sr. was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship. George Kent organized the event with George Corwin as conductor and Rick Stolle as the Master of Ceremonies. Winnifred Wood was the accompanist.

On April 22, a large contingent of members travelled to Vancouver to lunch with the Vancouver Club.

On April 25, the Club welcomed a contingent from Seattle to help celebrate our 90th anniversary as our sponsoring club. This meeting was held in conjunction with the District Conference for District 5030 which was held in Victoria.

The 8th and 11th of May, an auction was held at the Princess Mary and a garage sale was held at Andrew Sheret Limited..

The Club had a float in the 24th May parade.

The District Conference was held in Nanaimo on the 16-18 May.

Past President Wayne Morson completed the mammoth task of rewriting our constitution and by-laws. He reviewed, revised, and rewrote the entire document so that it would conform to the Society Act of BC and the new RI Guidelines..

The Club also acted as a co-sponsor of the new West Shore Club.

Eulogy for Stu McGowan by Allan Neale

St. John the Divine Anglican Church March 3, 2014

My name is Allan Neale and, for the past twenty years, I have been one of Stu McGowan's colleagues in the Rotary Club of Victoria. Our club recently celebrated 100 years of service to Victoria and our members are well represented here today as are many of our colleagues from other Rotary Clubs.

Stu has been a mentor to a great many of us in Rotary over the years, **nobody** more than me.

So I'm going to **start** and **finish** with the same thought:

I read an article once about the jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie who was asked to what extent he had been influenced by Louis Armstrong. He summed it up in four words. He said, "No **him**, no **me**." Our motto at Rotary is "Service Above Self". **No one** epitomized this ideal of service more than Stu McGowan. I couldn't **begin** to list all his accomplishments in Rotary in the short time allotted to me today. His latest project – one that required hundreds of hours in the Victoria Archives and countless interviews with past presidents and others -- was to write a complete 100-year history of our club's service to Victoria.

People like Stu McGowan don't happen by accident.

I didn't know his parents, Mac and Muffet McGowan, but everyone tells me that they were **devoted** to community service and that they encouraged the **ideal** of service in their own children.

Many of you know that Stu had a flag pole in his yard. He flew whatever national flag was appropriate to the day in question. For example, on July 4, he would fly the American flag. If he had visitors from Switzerland, he would fly the Swiss flag, and so on.

His **parents** also had a flag pole in **their** front yard and so did his **grandparents**. Tour buses used to go by Mac and Muffet's house and challenge the tourists to identify what flag was flying that particular day.

Stu's parents would have been proud to see how their son honoured their ideals and their memory in the manner in which he lived his own life.

In Rotary, Stu had a **particular** influence over our Rotary Exchange Students who have come to us over the years mostly from Europe. He used his encyclopedic knowledge of Victoria to show them every sight in town. **Sometimes** on the **same day**.

He taught them how to barbeque ham, how to carve it, and how to serve it. He supervised and supported their activities whether it was speed skating, curling, or sailing.

He **really** supervised their haircuts. When one young man's hair had gone out of control, Stu looked at him one day and said, "You've got **one week**." It was gone the **next day**.

Many of these students have come back to Victoria as adults so that they could introduce their new fiancées to Stu and Paddy; they invited Stu and Paddy to Europe to attend their weddings; and every Christmas, Stu and Paddy received cards and letters from all over the world. Stu's spirit will live on in them long after we're all gone so you never know where his influence will end.

Those of you who ever attended an evening party at the McGowan's will know that Stu had a **unique** tradition of how to let the guests know that he'd had **enough** of them and it was time for them all to **leave**. He would play **Rule Britannia** at maximum volume on the stereo and the tradition was that, at the end of the song, everyone had to be **gone**.

We once had a Hungarian exchange student and Stu was holding a dinner in his honour prior to his return to Hungary. That day, as you might expect, Stu was flying the Hungarian flag. As it happened, there was a lady living way down the street who came from Hungary. She drove up and down the street trying to decide what to make of this Hungarian flag and, finally, she couldn't stand it anymore so she knocked on the door to find out what was going on. Stu ended up inviting her to the dinner and she brought a home-made Hungarian goulash.

Everything was going well until **Rule Britannia** came on at about 9 o'clock and I had to explain the tradition to this bewildered woman, "OK, we have to be **gone** by the end of the song." I then watched her scrambling **frantically** to reclaim her **goulash** dish within the allotted time. I'm quite sure that Stu never heard from her again.

In his spare time, Stu was a captain on the Harbour Ferries and, every Sunday morning in the Inner Harbour, he was the lead "ballerina" in the Harbour Ferries Ballet to the music of the Blue Danube

Waltz. So we had a **Brigadier General** leading the ferry ballet. This could only happen in Canada. In addition to Rotary, Stu also served other organizations such as the Commonwealth Games Society, St Johns Ambulance, and the Commissionaires. He even served as the Chairman of the Air Force Officers Association, an organization whose membership included his **mother**, Muffet. She used to go to the meetings and say, "Mr. Chairman. That is **not** how it's done."

I'm not sure if that's where it started, and I probably shouldn't say this, but, other than Paddy, Stu didn't really "**get**" women at all. It's not that he considered men **superior**, ...exactly. But he definitely shared the view of Professor Henry Higgins who wondered aloud: "Why can't ...a **woman**... be more... like a **man**? Men are such **decent** chaps."

With Paddy though, it was different. Stu and Paddy had a **real life** 50-year Love Story that most people could only **dream** about, let alone experience. Their devotion to each other is an inspiration to us all. Paddy supported Stu's efforts in all his roles **including** Rotary and Stu supported Paddy's leadership of organizations such as the Canadian Federation of University Women, another group that is well represented here today.

Back in the nineties, Stu "**persuaded**" me to be the Treasurer of the Rotary Club. "**Ordered**" would have been more like it. He used to have breakfast meetings to discuss Rotary matters. His telephone conversations with the members of the Executive were **legendary**. I could say the entire conversation before it even started.

"Hi, Allan? Stu. Thirty seconds. Breakfast tomorrow. O-Seven-Hundred Hours. White Spot. Bye."

Stu was very generous giving recognition to others. He even started our practice of awarding Presidential Citations to deserving members. But he **hated** recognition for himself. I'm expecting any moment to hear **Rule Britannia** coming down from the rafters.

He even recognized **my** efforts now and then although, at first, I wasn't always sure whether he was complimenting me or not. Here's an example. This is a thank you letter he wrote to me 15 years ago about my work as the Treasurer. Tell me what you make of this:

"Dear Allan,

I'm writing to thank you for all your efforts as Treasurer this year. You have managed our club finances in a **mind-boggling** fashion. "You also have a pleasant manner and a dry sense of humour that most people **miss**." He then concluded with "Bravo Zulu", Stu.

I had no idea what Bravo Zulu meant so I had to look it up. It's a military expression meaning, "Well Done." I learned over the years that a "Bravo Zulu" from Stu was the highest compliment you could get.

In the course of his life, Stu and Paddy met Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Pope John Paul II, and countless dignitaries.

He won the respect, admiration, and love of his many friends and colleagues.

He lived a life that greatly honoured the memory and ideals of his remarkable parents.

He had the devotion of his sons, Blair and Bryce, his grandchildren, Draeven, Carly, and Ryan; and the everlasting love of his beautiful bride, Paddy.

If we consider these things to be things of **beauty**, then Stu's life was truly a **work of art**.

In the famous words of William Butler Yeats:

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends, And say that **MY** glory was I had **such friends**."

As long as I live, I will forever consider it an honour and a privilege to have been Stu's friend.

"No **him**, no **me**."

And I've always wanted to tell Stu, "Bravo Zulu".

YEAR NINETY**2003-04**

President	Jim Cutt
Vice President	Norma Friedman
	Vance Horn
President Elect	Sandy Peel
Secretary	Bill Morley
Treasurer	Ken Sherwood
Auditor	Bill Watts
Executive Secretary	Jan MacDonald
Directors	Dale Briggs, Brian Findley, Terry Jones, Jack McDonald, Mary McManus

Luncheon Location – Princess Mary Restaurant
 Membership - 161

President Jim Cutt

While normally we would prepare a profile such as this at the beginning of a president's term, in President Jim's case we found a person who is never short for a comment or two coupled with the odd witticism but is somewhat reluctant to talk about his own life. To quote Jim, "like Mr. Atlee" I am a modest man because I have a great deal to be modest about.

Jim was born in Edinburgh in 1937 and following his schooling and university training spent 50 years in the academic field instructing and teaching many thousands of eager and as he says "not so eager": students. His best subjects in school, oddly enough, were English and French. He survived math and science, leaving no trace. In university his studies revolved around Economics and Law. He obtained his MA degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1960 before heading off to the University of Toronto for graduate work. He made two trips to India of six months each while studying for his PhD which he received in 1966 with his thesis titled "Taxation and Economic Development in India". He was granted an Honourary Chartered Accountant designation in 1993.

Jim spent many of his early years as an instructor, lecturer, assistant professor and associate professor at York University in Toronto followed by a six-year term as Professor at the Australian National University. He then seized an opportunity to come to Victoria as a full professor in the School of Public Administration and after a number of years as Acting Director of that department became Director in 1984, a post he held until his retirement in 2002.

Jim is skilled in languages and has a Churchillian command of the English. In addition to his native Scottish, English and French, he has a smattering of Hindi (from student days) as well as Cantonese, the latter learned while on summer assignments to Hong Kong.

Jim has always been a prolific writer and during the years he has published numerous articles on taxation, economic restructuring, government spending, etc. In fact, his CV lists over 150 submissions. Many of his articles have appeared in local and national newspapers.

On a more personal note Jim met his wife Gwen who is from Toronto while he was first studying at U of T and she was studying nursing. Jim could not believe his good luck in Toronto where he obtained not only his major degrees but a wife and a good job as well. No wonder Scotland was left behind! The couple has three children and a number of grandchildren.

Jim has always believed in giving back to the community and has devoted many hours of volunteer time to some 24 organizations he has recently belonged to, both professionally and community related. He can be justifiably proud of being a board member of the United Way of Greater Victoria for 19 years, during which time he served as president 1989-90 and 2002-03.

Activities

July 3 the Club was entertained by Bert Annear's band.

August 7 was the official visit of the District Governor.

August 23 a car wash was held by Rotoract and Vic High Interact Clubs. Funds raised were directed to Heather Fisher's South African AIDS project.
 September 4 the Club was entertained by Soprano Hilary Piets.
 September 16 was the first bridge night held at Uplands Golf Club.
 November 6 Remembrance Day was celebrated. The guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Terry Swan of the Judge Advocate's Office.
 November 15 the 90th anniversary banquet was held at the Ocean Pointe Resort. Jim Cutt was the MC and all Victoria Rotary Presidents had a small speaking part.
 December 4 Rear Admiral Forcier, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, was the guest speaker. He was Introduced by Stu McGowan and inducted as an Honourary Member.
 December 11 the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC, AGM was held.
 December 18 was the Christmas luncheon.

Major Donations during this year included:

- \$2500 Victoria Read Society
- \$1000 VI Association for Eating Disorders
- \$1800 Victoria Conservatory of Music
- \$2000 ea. Kelowna and Kamloops fire disasters
- \$7000 Victoria Habitat for Humanity
- \$1500 Mt Saint Mary's Memorial Gardens
- \$3000 Broadmead Lodge
- \$2,500 Together Against Poverty Society
- \$14,000 Greater Victoria Eldercare Foundation
- \$2000 Victoria Hospice
- \$2000 Women's Transition House
- \$5000 Mustard Seed
- \$3,700 Victoria Conservatory of Music
- \$750 Jack Gregory Memorial
- \$1000 Oak Bay Lodge
- \$2500 Royal BC Museum

January 29 Robbie Burns Day was recognized. A Scottish sing song was led by Susan Smedley. Further entertainment was provided by Sidney-by-the-Sea's West Coast Celtic Quintet.
 February 5 Assistant Governor Ken Walton conducted his official visit.
 March was the District Leadership Training Assembly.
 March 8 the Club hosted a table at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort for a Youth in Action awards dinner.
 March 13 Lieutenant-Governor Iona Campagnola was the guest speaker and was inducted as an Honourary Member.
 March 22 Tania Miller, Maestro of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra was inducted as an honorary member of the Club on the stage at the Royal Theatre.
 President Jim Cutt made the presentation.
 March 25 Dr. James Boutilier, scientific advisor to the Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific was the guest speaker. His daughter Sophie, a former Rotary Exchange Student, was also present.
 April 5 a Polio Plus choir concert was held at the Victory Conservatory of Music. Co-chairs were Rick Stolle and Dave Perry. Alex Campbell was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship. The concert raised \$30,000 for the Polio Eradication campaign.
 May 25 a float was entered in the annual parade. Che Pinkerton and Frank Cappello organized the event.

YEAR NINETY- ONE**2004-05**

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Secretary
Directors

Sandy Peel
Norma Friedmann
Peter Norman
Peter Foran
John MacKenzie
Jan McDonald
Mary McManus, Peter Van Es, Brian
Breathnach, Ron Lambert, Susan Haddon,
Phyllis Thompson

President Sandy Peel

Alexander Leonard (Sandy) Peel was born in Quesnel but moved to West Vancouver at an early age where he received his schooling – he was a good student with his favourite subjects being woodworking, metalworking and English literature.

Sandy married his wife Marilyn who hails from Nelson. They have three daughters. Marilyn was always a strong supporter of Sandy as he continued his advanced education and then his business career all of which involved numerous moves and upheavals in the household.

In 1959 Sandy received a BCom in transportation leading to a job as an economist with the CNR in Montreal from 1959-62. He then took a senior position with a large firm in Oakland from 1962-65 when he attended the University of California receiving an MBA specializing in finance, transportation and budget control. He landed a senior position with the Federal Government in the Ministry of Transport culminating as Director, Railway and Highway Branch.

Naturally having a passion for his home province, he returned to Victoria in 1974. He joined the Provincial Government and held a number of increasingly important successive posts including Deputy Minister of:

Economic Development and International Trade,
Mines and Petroleum Resources,
Deputy Minister of Tourism Education; and
Chairman, BC Forest Resources Commission

Following official retirement, Sandy took on a number of specific assignments for the government including President and CEO of the Victoria Line Ltd. (ferry between Victoria and Seattle).

An interesting part of Sandy's early life was his love of flying. He obtained his pilot's license in 1952 while in Air Cadets. From 1953-62, he was a pilot in the Air Reserve and trained in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto. While he did fly the T-33 jet he spent most of his time on multi-engine aircraft. He did many trips from Dorval, to Iceland, London and Paris. In addition there were several trips on re-supply missions to the Arctic Circle. This early love of travel must still prevail as Sandy and Marilyn continue to take at least one long holiday each year and have visited most major areas of the world.

Sandy joined Rotary in 1987 and served as a Director and Vice-President before becoming President in 2004. His major accomplishment as President was the fund-raising, design and construction of the Rotary Garden at Ogden Point. This project was Sandy's legacy to his Rotary Club as well as to the City of Victoria.

Activities

Our 2003-04 exchange student Mila Nissinen from Finland departed for home.

July 29, \$6000 was given to the "Help Fill a Dream Foundation".

August 12 District Governor Dick Drew and wife Alien visited for the DG's official visit.

August 19 new exchange Peter Hutyan from Hungary was introduced to the Club.

August 19 the guest speaker was Dr. Richard Skinner, President of Royal Roads University.

September 16 the final concept drawing of the Club's RI Centennial Project at Ogden Point was unveiled.

September 21 the Rotary Golf Tournament was held at the Olympic View Golf Club. The tournament was organized by John MacKenzie and Rod Skillings.

September 24 a new members Wine and Cheese Party was hosted by Doug and Donna Calverley.

October 21 Mel Cooper was our guest speaker.

October 28 the car selected for the car raffle was announced – a Chrysler PT Cruiser. The committee chairman was Peter Lewis.

November 4 the Club presented \$3000 to the Broadmead Foundation for an electric bed.

November 6 a club dinner with a silent auction was held at Ambrosia's Restaurant. The dinner which was organized by Pat Crofton and Bill Morley raised \$11,000 for the youth exchange program.

November 11 Remembrance Day was marked. Gerry Pash was the guest speaker.

November 18 it was announced that at least \$100,000 would be needed to complete the Ogden Point Centennial Project. The following was the planned source of funding:

- \$13K and \$20K over two years
- \$20,000 per year from general fundraising
- Request to Gaming Commission for a \$50K grant
- Hold \$50K from the Margaret bequest in case the above falls short

This plan was put to the general membership. It passed unanimously.

December 9 was the AGM.

January 20 Che Pinkerton gave a briefing on the Maui Race.

January 20 the Club voted to move to the Union Club with meetings on Mondays.

February 16 a Rotary birthday party was held at the Harbour Towers Hotel to mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. District Governor Dick Drew made introductory remarks and a proclamation was read by Premier Gordon Campbell. 50 Rotarians were also invited to the 2 pm sitting of the Legislature.

March 3 the guest was Lieutenant-Governor Iona Campagnola to mark the 100th anniversary of RI. Special attendees were: President Sandy and Mrs. Peel, District Governor Dick Drew, District Governor Elect Joan Firkins, Assistant District Governor Ken Walton, and convener Pat Crofton.

March 17 St Patrick's Day was celebrated.

April 23 the Rotary Welcome Garden was dedicated.

May 5 the guest was David Hahn, CEO of BC Ferries.

May 30 the Club held its first meeting at the Union Club.

June 3 a fundraising dinner was held to honour George Kent. Richard Margison was a guest and entertained us.

June 16 was the turnover from President Sandy Peel to President Terry Jones.

Historical Moment

ROTARY WELCOME GARDEN

In 2004, a number of members of the Club, led by President-Elect Sandy Peel, decided that a major project/gift to the City of Victoria would be most appropriate to recognize the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

A committee was struck including Chairman Sandy Peel, Norm Bradshaw, Frank Cappello, Tony Isenegger, Norma Friedman, Don Lovo, and Bill Morley.

A period of intense planning and decision-making ensued with a number of possibilities tabled.

These ideas included most notably:

An avenue of trees at Ogden Point

A welcome garden at Ogden Point

*A Rotary-sponsored reading room at the library
A Rotary-sponsored move of Silver Threads to the Bay building*

A number of significant meetings with civic officials were held leading up to a final decision on the project. The officials involved included:

*The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Westcan Terminals
The Ogden Point Enhancement Society
Tourism Victoria
Alan Lowe, Mayor of Victoria
Butchart Gardens
The Provincial Capital Commission*

One can easily see that a tremendous amount of time and effort was put into the planning of the project. The final decision was to build a welcome garden at the south entrance to the Ogden Point Marine Terminal on Dallas Road. The Garden was designed to provide a year-round "WELCOME" to passengers of a large number of cruise ships visiting Victoria each year.

All associated organizations agreed to this \$200,000 project and gave support. The project was directed by President Sandy Peel and his committee with specific support from many:

- *The Butchart Gardens donated all plants and their crew did the planting.*
- *The City of Victoria donated one of their classic lamp standards.*
- *The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority ensured that the Garden would fit into their future plans.*
- *Westcan provided a new directional sign.*
- *The Provincial Capital Commission donated the fountain from the Crystal Gardens to be used as a central feature of the Welcome Garden.*
- *Kenetic Construction was involved in the construction work.*

The Rotary Welcome Garden was unveiled in April of 2005 with President Sandy Peel as the Master of Ceremonies. All involved organizations were present including the Captain of the year's first cruise ship.



YEAR NINETY - TWO**2005-06**

President	Terry Jones
Vice President	Peter Norman
	Brian Breathnach
President Elect	John MacKenzie
Secretary	Stu McGowan
Assistant Secretary	Vicky Shannon
Treasurer	Jan MacDonald
Auditor	Bill Watts
Advisor to the Board	Wayne Morson
Exec Sec	Jan MacDonald
Directors	Richard Lepinsky, Don Lovo, Vicky Shannon, Ken Lane, Susan Haddon

Luncheon location -Union Club Membership-
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President Terry Jones

Terence Stanford E. Jones was born of British parents in India, in the dying days of the British Raj.

He attended school in London England until he was a teenager then immigrated to Canada. He obtained a BA (honours) and Masters in history at the University of Waterloo. After completing his university studies, he took two momentous steps: he got married to Dawn Campbell; he joined the Canadian Foreign Service.

In the Foreign Service he served at six posts and was accredited to eight others, from Madagascar to Greenland, from Denmark to Belize, from Benin to Australia.

He became fascinated with Africa and served there twice, in Accra, Ghana, where he was acting High Commissioner during the Rawlings' coup, and in Dar el Salaam, Tanzania, from where he covered Mauritius, Madagascar and the Seychelles. From Dar he also covered the Rwanda war, the Arusha peace talks and the subsequent Rwanda genocide.

His last assignment was in headquarters in Ottawa, where he was head of the Lusophone section in the African bureau, working closely with Canada's office to the United Nations while Canada was on the UN Security Council, and worked on such issues as "conflict diamonds" and Angola sanctions.

After 36 years in the Foreign Service and four successive Ottawa winters, he retired to Victoria where their daughter Kari and family live.

Since his arrival in Victoria, Terry has played an active role in Rotary. He is an active member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, acts in the Langham Court community theater, writes and reads poems for Planet Earth Poetry, and dances with the Vancouver Island Scottish Dance Association.

Activities

Prior to taking over, President Terry Jones attended the 100th Rotary International Convention in Chicago.

June 2005 The Club moved to the Union Club because of the impending closing of the Princess Mary Restaurant. The luncheon day was moved to Monday.

Allan Singleton-Wood donated 1300 CD's to the Club to sell with the proceeds going to the Club.. The Club funded a Shelterbox for the disaster in Pakistan. Sven Jensen was the organizer

The finances of Rotary Gardens were finalized. The total expenses were almost \$139,000. The amount owing at the end of year 2005/05 was reduced to zero through donations, club resources and fund-raising.

Major Donations this year included:

- \$1000 CNIB
- \$500 Victims of Violence-Canadian Centre of Missing Children
- \$800 Victoria Cougars Junior Hockey Club
- \$2000 Greater Victoria Police Services – Victim's Services
- \$1000 Victoria Riding for the Disabled
- \$400 Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

October 31 was the visit and induction as an honorary member of Rear Admiral Roger Giruard, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific.

November 7 Remembrance Day was observed.

November 18 a District 5020 Foundation event was held at the Victoria Conference Centre for all Victoria clubs. The featured speaker was Stephen Lewis, former Canadian Ambassador to the UN and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. District Governor Joan Firkens organized the entire affair. Our club efforts were organized by Don Jenson and Martin Scherzer. The Club sold more than 10 tables.

November 28 St Andrews Day was recognized by poetry and music.

December 19 was the Christmas luncheon.

January 16 Honorary Rotarian David Turpin, President of the University of Victoria, was the guest speaker.

January 27 the President's Ball was organized by Allan Singleton-Wood with committee members Brian Breathnach, Stu McGowan, Richard Lepinsky. The black tie event was held at the NADEN Wardroom. Music was provided by the Katzenjammers.

January 30 the annual Robbie Burns luncheon was held.

February 10-11 a "Give a Heart" fund-raising activity was organized by Dan Parker. Heart shaped LED flashers were sold for \$5 each netting the Club \$8000 which was directed to youth services, World Community Service and club operational funds..

March 1 Dr. James Boutillier spoke on Far East matters – fascinating as usual. His daughter was a Rotary Exchange student.

March 20 St Patrick's Day was celebrated.

April 1-2 the District Leadership Training Conference was held at the Victoria Conference Centre. Starting April 5 Fireside Chats were held throughout the week.

April 14 was the first sales day for the car raffle. The car selected this year was the 2006 SMART car. The raffle chairman was Peter Norman.

May 12-14 the 91st annual Rotary District 5020 Conference was held at the Victoria Conference Centre under the leadership of District Governor Joan Firkens.

May 18 a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society was chaired by Peter Norman to approve the turning over of Rotary House to the Capital Regional Housing Corporation. The entire activity was fully negotiated with Peter Norman taking the lead. The name of Rotary House would be retained. The current Board of the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society has put the House back on its feet and revamped the administration. The entire operation is in such good shape, due in large part to the efforts of Don Lovo, that it could be easily turned over to another organization retaining the Club's image. Peter Lewis read the citation with Jim Cutt seconding. The motion passed June 19, 2006.

Pat Crofton was presented with the 4-Way Test Award.

YEAR NINETY- THREE

2006-07

President
Vice President

John MacKenzie
Martin Scherzer
Ken Lane

President Elect
Secretary

Terry Toone
Stu McGowan

Exec Secretary
Auditor
Executive Secretary
Directors

Jan MacDonald
Bill Watts
Jan MacDonald
Dorothy Johnston, Richard Lepinsky, Keith
Walker, Gerry Pash, Vicky Shannon, Maury
Van Vliet

President John Mackenzie

John was born on February 18, 1936 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. He is married with one daughter, four sons, four step-daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He attended his second year of university at Carleton University.

John joined the Canadian Army in 1954 and retired from the Military Police Branch of the Canadian Forces in 1992.

John worked for Elections Canada for ten years: in 1993 as an Election Special Ballot Coordinator then as an Assistant Returning Officer. In 1996 as a Returning Officer Juan de Fuca and in 2003 he retired.

John then became involved in international elections such as the UN International Organization for Migration, and the External Voting Program for East Timor as a District Electoral Officer. He joined Rotary in Victoria (1984-87), Trenton (1987-89) and returning to Victoria in 1989 until 2009. Whilst in Rotary he was very active and did a number of tasks including chairmanship of district conferences, community needs committee, secretary, and president.

Activities

July 17 the first guest speaker of the year was the Reverend All Tysick of 'Our Place'.

The annual dues were increased from \$250 to \$275.

This year's exchange student was Lulu from Venezuela.

September 5 the annual Club 90 Golf Tournament was held.

Rotary Bridge re-commenced every Thursday at the Uplands Golf Club

August 13 the annual car raffle (of a Smart car) was held at the Oak Bay Antique Car Show. The raffle netted \$47,365. The committee chairman was Peter Norman.

September 11 the plan for the culmination of 9 or 10 months effort to transfer management/administrative responsibilities of Rotary House to the Capital Region Housing Authority was presented to the Club. The effort was spearheaded by Peter Norman, the President of the Rotary Club of Victoria Housing Society. The Resolution was moved by Jim Cutt and seconded by Peter Lewis. The Motion passed.

October saw a Day-sail for kids.

October 16 the District Governor's official visit was held. District Governor Frederickson is from the Port Townsend Club.

October 23 the Victoria Chief of Police was the guest and was introduced by retired Deputy Chief Terry Toone.

November 6 Remembrance Day was recognized by the visit of Lieutenant Commander Mark MacIntyre (Public Affairs office of Task Force Afghanistan). Gerry Pash organized the event.

November 24 the local International Yachting Fellowship of Rotary held a dinner at the Princess Mary Restaurant. Dr James Boutilier was the guest speaker. Jack Keyser was inducted as an Honourary Commodore after 18 years as treasurer of the VI Fleet. Patrick Hunt is the current Commodore of the VI Fleet.

December 18 was the Christmas Luncheon.

January 29 the guests were Mayor Alan Lowe and the new City Manager Penny Ballantyne.

February 5 Mickey Hajash presented his new book "Its Been Fun" – sales were directed to the Club Coffers.

February 22-24 the District Leadership Conference was held in Victoria.

March 5 Dr. Jack Granatstein, the renowned Canadian military historian, was the guest at a joint Rotary- Royal United Services Institute luncheon. Attendance maxed out the dining room at noon so a breakfast session was held in the Begbie Room.

March 11 a World Community Service concert was held at the Conservatory of Music. The co-sponsors were our Club and Mercy Ships. The Civic Orchestra of Victoria participated. Alex Campbell was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his lengthy community support. Funds raised were directed for African aid literacy in Sierra Leone. Sven Jensen was the Club's principal fundraiser for this effort.

March 14 an Inter-club luncheon was held at the Ambrosia Centre with Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson (Trenton, Ontario). This was the first RI Presidential visit to Victoria in 55 years.

May the planned guest speaker was to be Honourary Member Bill Lane of the Princess Mary Restaurant who unfortunately had to cancel. Standing in at the last minute was Brian Breathnach who gave a short synopsis of his career. Brian gave a fascinating history of this career in the UK, Australia and Canada. His presentation was punctuated with humour regarding all his ups and downs in crop-dusting in Australia and his trials and tribulations seeking employment with Air Canada. He retired as an Air Canada Boeing 767 Captain. Brian was a great contributor to Rotary and to the community and was most active in numerous activities. He was very generous. For example when he was in charge of activities such as St Patrick's Day, (with guests from out of town such as Vancouver) he covered all expenses out of his own pocket. As well he spent a number of years as a volunteer pilot, often at his own expense, in aid of society and people in severe medical distress under the 'Angel of Flight Program'.

June 4 Past President Pat Crofton presented the 'Four-Way Test' Award to Past President Allan Neale. Previous recipients were Pat Crofton, George Kent and Don Lovo

June 4 the guest speaker was City Manager Colin Crisp. Colin's daughter had been a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Colin remarked that "she left for a year but came back with decades of maturity".

June 25 the Club executive turnover between John Mackenzie and Terry Toone was chaired by Stu McGowan.

YEAR NINETY- FOUR

2007-08

President
Vice President

Terry Toone
Dorothy Johnston
Maury Van Vliet
Peter Norman
Stu McGowan
Ali Edgell
Allen Neale
Blair Dunsmore
Keith Walker, Gerald Marks, John Ratel,
Larry Forster, Doug Calverley, Allan Singleton-
Wood

President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Bookkeeper
Directors

Membership 112

President Terry Toone

Terry was born in Bassano, Alberta (south-east of Calgary) where his parents were both in the teaching profession. His family moved to Victoria when he was a baby, and his home has been in Victoria ever since. He attended Sir James Douglas Elementary School, Central Junior High and Victoria High School. His post-secondary education was taken at Victoria College and the University of Victoria where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction.

In 1964 Terry and Joan Marsh were married in Victoria. They have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Terry joined the Victoria Police Department in 1964 where he served with Jack Gregory, a past president of the Rotary Club of Victoria and past Governor of District 5020. Terry worked in a

number of roles within the Police Department and completed specialized training in a wide variety of police related subjects at the British Columbia Police Academy, the Canadian Police College and in the United States. He was the first Staff Development Officer for the Victoria Police Department and served as Officer Commanding Support Services Bureau for the last fourteen years of his career. He retired as Deputy Chief in 1995.

Terry was invited to join Rotary in 1982 by Charles Mullins and Jack Gregory. His father had also been a member of the Club as Mayor of Victoria in 1965 – 66. Terry served as a Director 1987 – 1989, Vice President 2001 – 2003 and President 2007 – 2008. He was District 5020 Polio Plus Challenge Coordinator 2008 – 2012 and Chairman of the 2012 District Conference held in Victoria in June of 2012.

Terry has also served as a Director of the Vancouver Island Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Greater Victoria Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Society, the Family Violence Prevention Society and Greater Victoria Crime Stoppers.

Activities

The Car Raffle draw was held 12 August. Committee chairs were Maury Van Vliet and Ali Edgell with Gordon Greeniaus as scheduler.

July 23, Rotary Ann President Adele MacDonald was our guest. She spoke about her organization including some interesting history. In Victoria, this organization was initially (1948) the Victoria Women's Organization. Lunch was \$1 and gradually increased to \$6.25 by 1980. By 1980, Rotary-Anns had transformed into an organization that supported the ideals and aspirations of Rotary International.

On September 11, a Golf Tournament was held at Olympic View Club.

Rotary Bridge re-convened at the Uplands Golf Club every Thursday.

Surprise Dinners re-commenced September 22 with a total of five events planned.

October 29 was District Governor Norm Watt's official visit.

November 12 was the recognition of Remembrance Day with guest speaker WO Ed Schwerman, an Afghanistan veteran. Gerry Pash was the host.

December 16 George Kent passed away.

December 17 was the Christmas luncheon.

January 7 our guest was Joan Toone who spoke about Polio Plus.

January 21 was Robbie Burns Day. Jim Cut presided and Piper Jamie Orr participated. Terry Jones performed the traditional Toast to the Ladies.

January 31a *New Members Dinner* was held at the Cedar Hill Golf Club.

In February the Club hosted a GSE Team from Mexico.

February 11 our guest was Dr. James Boutillier, who is the Special Advisor to the Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific on matters of defence, foreign policy and maritime security in the Asia-Pacific Region. Prior to his appointment at MARPAC, he spent 24 years on the staff at Royal Roads Military College as Head of the History Department and then as Dean of Arts.

February 16 a Rotary Valentine Ball and Auction was held at the Union Club in support of the Queen Alexandra Solarium. The event was organized by Alan Singleton-Wood. \$15,000 was generated for the Solarium.

February 23-24 the District Assembly was held in Victoria.

March 10, 65 Rotarians from Chilliwack visited and enjoyed lunch.

March 17 St Patrick's Day was recognized.

April 1 Ramish started his wheel-chair journey at Mile O in support of Polio Plus. His cross-country trek was named the *Cycle to Walk* campaign

June 30 Ramish was in Ontario reaching the 3000 km. mark of his *Cycle to Walk* marathon. The campaign has raised \$211,000 up to this point.

Historical Moment

POLIO PLUS by Joan Toone

My husband Terry is a Rotarian and I was thrilled when they took on the task of immunizing the children of the world against poliomyelitis. I knew this devastating illness all too well as I was paralyzed by polio in 1951 when I was just seven years. I was first asked to speak to a Rotary club about my polio experience and its aftereffects – Post Polio Syndrome in 1999 and subsequently invited to several clubs over the next few years. In 2007 I had the honour of speaking at the Rotary concert to raise funds for Polio Plus. This presented an opportunity to tell the story of polio and to publicly thank Rotarians for their tremendous work through their Polio Plus Program. In the ensuing years I have had the good fortune to speak at training seminars, conferences, fundraisers, Rotaract and Interact groups and to many clubs in numerous Rotary Districts. Each time I get to meet my heroes – Rotarians. Each time I also get to hear someone's story of someone they knew who had polio or that they had polio themselves. For the majority of Rotarians however their passion about Polio Plus is "doing the right thing – doing good in the world". I have tremendous respect for the principles of Rotary and for Rotarians.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave \$355 million US to Rotary and challenged them to match \$200 million by June of 2012. Rotarians did just that in Jan. of 2012 with \$202,600,037.25. Before Rotary began the Polio Plus Program over 1,000 children were paralyzed every day and since that time over 8,000,000 have been protected from paralysis. Rotarians do not just raise money; they travel to infected countries and give those immunizations themselves. I have spoken to many Rotarians who have attended NIDs and their commitment and compassion fill me with awe. If my speaking about polio has helped Rotarians in some small way I am truly honoured. I am proud of the recognition I have received from Rotary – a Paul Harris from District 5020, a President's Commendation from the Rotary Club of Victoria. Terry and I have been awarded the Rotary Foundation District Service Award twice. We are humbled by this acknowledgement as we consider it our privilege to work for Rotary and Polio Plus. Rotarians are amazingly capable of "getting the job done" and I have no doubt the eradication of polio will be achieved as well. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of the history of the Rotary Club of Victoria.

YEAR NINETY- FIVE

2008-09

President
Vice President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Bookkeeper
Directors

Peter Norman
Mark Ford
Keith Walker
Ernie Urdal
Ali Edgell
Allan Neale
Blair Dunsmore
Alex Mackenzie, Duncan MacKenzie, John
Ratel, Ross Noble, Sarina Hoi, Carol
Livingstone, Ryan Burles

President Peter Norman

Peter Joseph Norman was born in Liverpool, England on July 2nd 1941 to Sarah Mabel Norman, a fashion buyer and homemaker. His father, Harold Michael Francis Norman was by that time overseas in the Royal Artillery on anti aircraft duty.

Peter spent his early years in Anfield near the hallowed ground of Liverpool FC. He attended initially St. Francis de Salles primary and then went on to St. Francis Xavier prep and grammar schools. His sports were football (soccer) and cricket. During a brief banking career with Barclay's his only accomplishment was hiring the then "Silver" Beatles for an annual bank dinner dance during intermission. He briefly read law at the university but on a 1959 summer sailing holiday found the exotic Isles of Sicily and moved there to farm daffodils for the winter markets.

For adventure he moved to Canada and arrived on the day John Kennedy was shot. Starting in Ontario he travelled through the Maritimes and the "Boston states" and finally in 1965 on the new but still graveled Trans Canada Highway to British Columbia.

In Vancouver, Kamloops and Cranbrook he was involved in the forest industry with Laurentide Industrial Finance Corporation at an exciting time when the industry was moving to sustained yield harvesting centered on pulp mills.

In 1969 in Cranbrook in the Rocky Mountains he met Dana and they lived the ideal small town life for thirty years with the house, the yard, the pool, the three children, the dog, the camping vacations and all.

They had changed to Real Estate in 1973 and had their own successful company until the hard times in 1986 saw Peter change to government service in BC Lands. There Peter was involved in the early development of Ski areas that are now huge and famous: Panorama, Kimberley North Star, Fernie Snow Valley, Red Mountain, and Golden Kicking Horse.

After years of community service in Kinsmen at age 40, as was the custom in Cranbrook, Peter was invited into Rotary and Dana into Rotary Anns and they were joint presidents in 1993. When they moved to Victoria prior to retirement they kept their Rotary allegiance and were joint presidents again in 2008-2009.

For more than ten years, Peter was super-active in the Rotary Club of Victoria. Aside from his time as President, Peter has been involved (in a distinctly leadership role) in a number of critical roles such as Chairman of the Club Housing Society during negotiations to turn Rotary House over to the CRD, chairman of the community needs committee and the car raffle committee.

Activities

July 7 Victoria's first Poet Laureate, Carla Funk was a guest of the Club and was the luncheon speaker.

July 21 Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile was the guest speaker and was made an honorary member of the Club.

August 3 the Club assisted in on-site fund-raising for Symphony Splash.

The Car Raffle did well with John MacKenzie chairing and Gordon Greeniaus doing the scheduling.

September 8 District Governor Brian Beagle visited during his annual tour. Assistant Governor David Stock introduced the Governor.

September 29 an all-candidates (federal) forum was held including Denise Savoie, Anne Park Shannon, Jack McClintock and Dr. Jane Sterk.

The Rotary Club of Victoria, BC Foundation reached the half-million dollar mark...

Major Donations this year included:

- \$5,000 Tillicum School Read for the Top Program
- \$20,000 Salvation Army towards the Beacon Bus
- \$1,000 Leadership Victoria
- \$15,000 Queen Alexandra Solarium
- \$5,000 Victoria Marine Rescue
- \$2,500 Kelset Elementary School
- \$10,000 Oak Bay Lodge
- \$1,000 VI Regional Science Fair
- \$640 Old Cemeteries Society
- \$900 Camosun College

- \$12,827 Polio Plus
- \$2,500 Stephen Lewis Foundation

December 22 was the Christmas Luncheon

December 23 Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded.

January 19 was the 250th Anniversary of Robbie Burns Day – Jim Cutt was Master of Ceremonies.

February 7 was the Valentine's Ball and Silent Auction – Sarina Hoi arranged the event. Proceeds were directed to the Queen Alexandra Solarium. Allan Singleton-Wood provided the music.

March 17 St Patrick's Day was celebrated – this was organized by Brian Breathnach.

April 27 the Club organized the launch of the National Cycle to walk project for Polio Plus.

April 27 the Club hosted a GSE team from Australia.

The District Conference was held in Bremerton. The conference was attended by President Peter and Dana Norman, Past President Terry and Joan Toone and Past President Larry and Jane Forster. Joan Toone was the keynote speaker on the Friday night and she and Terry received a District award on the Saturday for their extensive travel and presentations. At the Saturday banquet. The Club received the Governor's award for the most new community service projects. This was for our "Helping Children in Need Locally" at Tillicum School, the Boys and Girls Club and the Cridge Family Centre.

Two containers containing school and medical equipment were shipped to Homo Bay in Kenya.

May 25 the Club hosted Denise Savoie, MP for Victoria and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons

June 1 the Club hosted Dean Fortin, Mayor of Victoria.

June 29 was the last meeting held on Mondays. The luncheon day was changed to Thursdays.

YEARNINETY-SIX

2009-10

President
President Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Auditor
Presidential Advisor
Foundation Advisor
Directors

Dr. Keith Walker
Carol Livingstone
Alex MacKenzie
Ali Edgell
Ernie Urdal
Allan Neale
Stu McGowan
Bob Whyte
Ryan Burles, Greg Hatton, Murray
Ramsbottom, Gillian Carrigan, Leo Lee

President Dr. Keith Walker

Dr. Keith Walker was born August 1, 1933 in Ingleton, West Yorkshire. He received a public education at Queen Elizabeth School in Kirby. Here, he was the Head Prefect, Captain of the 1st XV and Captain of the 1st Cricket XI.

His education record was impressive: he qualified in Medicine with Honours at the University of Liverpool. He did his Post Graduate studies at the Universities of Liverpool, Manchester, London and Glasgow. He received a MRCP (London) in 1964; MRC Pathology (London) 1964; and FRCP Pathology (London) in 1972; and FRCP (Canada) in 1973.

His career was also impressive including the following positions:

- Registrar in Pathology, Alderhey Children's Hospital Liverpool.
- Senior Registrar in Medical Biochemistry, Manchester Royal Infirmary
- Visiting Lecturer Medical Biochemistry, Westminster Hospital
- Consultant in Pathological Biochemistry Western Infirmary Glasgow
- Lecturer in Pathological Biochemistry University of Glasgow
- Assistant Professor of Laboratory Medicine, University of Alberta
- Director Medical Biochemistry, University Hospital Edmonton.
- Chairman Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology University Hospital Edmonton
- Chief Department of Laboratory Medicine Greater Victoria Hospital Society

He also held the following appointments:

- President Association of Medical Biochemists
- President Intersociety of Laboratory Medicine of Canada
- Chairman of Royal College of Canada Committee on Laboratory Medicine
- Chairman of the Board of Examiners in Medical Biochemistry for the Royal College and Examiner in General Pathology
- Chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee of the College of American Pathology

Keith was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for Services to Canadian Medicine. He is a member of Rotary and Past President of the Rotary Club of Victoria, BC and a former Member of the Oak Bay Lodge Board. He retired from medicine in 2001.

Outside of medicine, Keith's interests are in golf, curling, travelling and reading. He was member of Teignmouth Golf Club Devon, England, and is a Member of the Victoria Golf Club. He is a former member and President of the Edmonton Country Club, and a former President of the Edmonton Physician Curling Club

Activities

Surprise Dinners commenced September 26 with a total of 5 events planned for the year.

Rotary bridge recommenced in September at the Uplands Golf Course.

September 26 was the kick-off of the Chinese banquet supporting the United Way with Leo Lee organizing.

September 17 District Governor Alex Alexander made his official visit to the Club.

The Car Raffle netted \$30,000 under chairs Ryan Burles and Gordon Greeniaus.

November 12 Remembrance Day was organized by Stu McGowan with Captain Marcel Halle, the Base Commander, as the guest.

November 19 the Club was visited by Assistant Governor Tav McPherson.

November a controversial plan to implement a complicated luncheon annual pre-payment program was presented for consideration. This plan was discussed for the remainder of the year until it was dropped after leading to some resignations.

The Victoria Foundation awarded their top award – the Generosity of Spirit Award to Mickey Hajash.

December 17 the Christmas luncheon was held.

February 6 the Valentine's Day Ball and Silent Auction were held with \$5000 going to the Queen Alexandra Solarium. The Ball was organized by Alyshia Vogt, Ali Edgell, Carol Livingstone, and Don St. Germain.

Historical Moment

SIGNIFICANT FAMILY MEMBERS

(The following is a very limited list)

*Thomas W. Bradbury joined in 1933
His son Tom Bradbury was President 1955-56*

*Alf Dowell joined in 1933
His son Eric Dowell was President 1970-71*

*James Fletcher was president 1927-28
His son Walter Fletcher was President 1949-50*

*Tony Isenegger joined in 1997
His son Graham joined in 2001 and is the Director of Recognition*

*M.J. Little was president 1943-44
His son Tom Little was President 1959-60*

*Carl Pendray was a 1913 Charter Member
His brother Herbert was President 1935-36
W.A. Allen Pendray joined in 1956*

*Alf Toone joined in 1965.
He was Mayor of Victoria in 1965 but died in office in 1966
His son Terry was President 2007-08*

*Carol Livingstone was President in 2010-11.
Her husband Erik Neilson joined in 2012*

YEAR NINETY- SEVEN

2010-11

President	Carol Livingstone
President Elect	Ryan Burles
Secretary	Mike Sider
Treasurer	Ali Edgell
Auditor	Allan Neale
Advisor	Stu McGowan
Bookkeeper	Tammy Heard
Directors	Ryan Burles, Gillian Carrigan, Leo Lee, Alex Mackenzie, Sanem Ozkan, Gerry Pash, Murray Ramsbottom, Rosalind Scott,

President Carol Livingstone

Carol Ann Taft (Livingstone) was born in New Westminster (The Royal City) in British Columbia on February 14th to Stella Bernice and Harold Francis Taft. Her mother, Stella was an artist and her father, Harold was a Notary in New Westminster. Carol attended Lester Pearson Secondary where she was on the school's basketball and track teams. She was always cheering along other school teams as a Lester Pearson cheerleader. She was an avid golfer and tennis player. In her

last year of high school she was chosen Miss Royal City and participated in the Miss PNE contest. Carol attended UBC and eventually started teaching at Pitt Meadows Secondary School. In 1965, Carol met and married William Thomas Livingstone, an Australian and they moved to Santa Monica in Los Angeles in 1967. William was a loans officer with Security First National Bank and Carol worked as Assistant Director of Public Relations at Immaculate Heart College in Hollywood where Kathryn Crosby was on the Board of Regence; Bing Crosby and Bob Hope were two of their important contributors to the College. Stacey Marie Livingstone, their daughter was born at the Point Claire Hospital in Montreal in 1971. Carol was delighted to stay home for twelve years to raise their daughter. William joined the Mercantile Bank and became a Senior Vice President. The family travelled several times to Australia, Europe and their favorite spots in Florida. They belonged to Royal Montreal Golf Club and spent many happy hours playing golf, tennis or swimming at the Club. Unfortunately, William passed away and Carol started teaching again in Richmond where she taught high school for twenty years. After ten years of teaching, Carol became an Exchange Teacher in Derbyshire, England at High Peake College. During her time in England, Carol was lucky enough to be invited to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, the inner circle at Ascot and the Queen Mother's 90th Birthday Parade at Horse Guard Square. Carol's passion was teaching. She taught for twenty-six years and was always excited about trying to light the fire of curiosity in young people. Her high school teaching found her Head of the Business Education Department; She introduced an Entrepreneurial Career Preparation Program. Her students were involved with Junior Achievement where they were offered a unique dimension of learning to become leaders themselves and fine tune their financial management, marketing strategies, community involvement and business concepts. In the last five years of her teaching career, her students won over twenty Provincial and National Awards including the BC Youth Entrepreneurship Award, the Junior Achievement's National Company of the Year, Top Sales and Salesperson for Canada, and Best Annual Report in Canada, which led to receiving a commission to complete the BC Securities Annual Report for 2000. Finally, Carol received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence presented to her by the Prime Minister, Jean Chretien in Ottawa at the Parliament Buildings in 2002. Carol moved to Victoria in 2002 upon retiring from teaching. She became a real estate agent with ReMax Camosun in 2002 and earned a Luxury Home Specialist designation with ReMax Renowned Properties. This resulted in her specializing in luxury waterfront homes. She retired from real estate in September of 2010.

In 2007, Carol joined Rotary of Victoria and was a Director of Major Projects in 2008-09 and appointed the first woman President of the Club in 2010-11. She remembers it as being a wonderful experience with many highlights including a terrific Christmas Luncheon, Valentines Ball, Art and Silent Auction and finally, the ***Last Night of the Proms*** with a full house at the Royal Theatre raising \$30,000 for charity. The Club received the top honour, the Presidential Citation with Distinction for the year that Carol served as President.

Activities

September 30 Lori Burley was the guest speaker and students playing Read for the Top against four Rotarians. The young grade fours won for the second time in two years against the Rotarians!

October 7 was the third Annual Evening to Inspire attended by 12 students from Interact and Rotaract with President Carol and Past President Allan Neale.

November 4 was District Governor, Dr. Robert Martin's Club visit.

November 11 was the Remembrance Day Celebration

December 16 was the Rotary Christmas Party at the Union Club with Honourary Member and guest speaker, Tania Miller, Maestro of the Victoria Symphony. Performing were Concertmaster Violinist, Terence Tam and his wife, Pianist and Lorraine Min also a soloist with the Symphony.

Major Donations this year included:

- \$20,000 Mustard Seed Refrigerated Truck
- \$5,000 Tillicum Elementary School, Read for the Top Literacy Program
- \$2,500 George Jay Elementary School Literacy Program

- \$3,000 Viva Choir, Victoria Conservatory of Music
- \$7,000 First Nations student's Literacy Project with author, Sylvia Olsen
- \$1,000 Victoria Children's Autism
- \$1,000 Visually Impaired Early Childhood Kit
- \$1,000 Children's Crystal Meth Program
- \$1,200 Operation Eyesight
- \$1,000 University 101 for Single Mothers
- \$2,500 Wells and reclaimed Springs in Kenya
- \$2,400 Young Entrepreneur's Society
- \$2,000 Junior Achievement Society
- \$1,000 Science Fair Scholarship
- \$1,000 Leadership Victoria
- \$1,500 Esquimalt High School Scholarship
- \$2,000 Rock Solid School Bullying Program
- \$5,000 YMCA Preschool Play Area
- \$1,000 St. John Ambulance Cadets
- \$20,000 Mustard Seed Family Care
- \$500 Sense Ability Multi-Club Project
- \$10,000 Military Family Resource Centre
- \$5,000 Literacy Project in Kenya, Read for the Top

January 25 was a Robbie Burns Day presentation by Past President Jim Cutt. Lt. Governor Steven Point was the guest speaker and inducted as an Honourary Member of the Club.

February 4 Lori Burley, Principal at Tillicum School, gave an excellent Video and Presentation on Read for the Top.

February 6 was the Valentines Ball, Silent Auction and Art Auction raised nearly \$5,000 for Literacy with Read for the Top in Kenya.

February 15 was the first Choir practice for the Last Night of the Proms.

February 16 the Leadership Victoria Dinner was held. The Rotary Community Leadership Award being awarded to Sandra Richardson of The Victoria Foundation.

March 17 Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated. Our guest speaker was Rear Admiral Nigel Greenwood, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific. Admiral Greenwood was inducted as an honourary member.

March 24 the guest speaker was Dr. James Boutilier, the Special Advisor to the Commander Maritime Forces Pacific on Asian-Pacific Policy.

May 10 visiting students from Interact and Rotaract were introduced by Allan Neale. The Rotaracts spoke about raising \$2,500 for charities and about attending RYLA. They said it was a life changing experience.

June 3 was **Last Night of the Proms** with a full house at the Royal Theatre which raised \$30,000 for charity.

Historical Moment

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

In 2009 President-Elect Carol Livingstone had a dream of putting on a major choir concert at the Royal Theatre. The concert would be based on a large augmented Rotary choir. This dream grew into a huge undertaking. After several months of normal planning followed by about eight months of intense planning, practice and coordination, the dream developed into a most successful extravaganza which delighted a full house at the Royal on 3 June 2011. The concert

was a tribute to Carol for her brilliant ideas throughout the planning, her perseverance, her support of the committee and her confidence in the entire undertaking.

The concert gradually grew with participants:

Rotary Choir of 100
 The Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
 Tenor Richard Margison (Honourary Member of the Club)
 Soprano Betty Allison
 Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
 Violinist Sarah Tradewell
 Rotarian Composer Sarina Hoi with the Silhouette Quartet

Concert Committee:

Ex Officio Chair	President Carol Livingstone
Chairman	Stu McGowan
Director of Music	John McVie
Assistant Director of Music & Choir Administration	Dave Perry
Bandmaster (5 th Field)	CWO Frank Eigler
Pipe Major	WO Roger McGuire
Piano Accompanist	Curt Bergen
Master of Ceremonies	Gerry Pash
Choir Recruitment	Pat Crofton
Choir e-mail list	Ken Walton
Choir Admin Support	June Perry
Ticket Sales	Pat Crofton, Stu McGowan
Printed Program	Sanem Ozkan, Stu McGowan
PR, Advertising & Sponsorships	Terry Jones
Theatre Liaison	Patrick Hunt, Denis Pare, Alex Mackenzie, Richard Margison, Bob Whyte
Budget	Patrick Hunt
Finances	Blair Dunsmore
Rehearsal venue	Murray Ramsbottom, Brian Breathnach
Choir Refreshments	Brian Findlay, Bud Buchan

Concert Program:

Welcome Video	David Foster
Band	Per Mare, Per Terram, Ad Astra
Choir	Stouthearted Men
	Eriskay Love Lilt
	This is My Song
Silhouette Quartet	Vibrant City
Band	Nimrod
Richard Margison	Souverain, o juge, o pere
	Vesti la giubba
Betty Allison	Song to the Moon
Choir, Band	Land of Hope and Glory
	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
	Danny Boy (Soloist Glen Atkinson)
Choir, Violin	Humoresque; The Lightning Switch
Band	79 th 's Farewell to Gibraltar
Band, pipes & drums	Nessun dorma
Richard Margison	

Betty Allison
 Choir, band, pipes and drums
 Choir
 Richard Margison and Betty Allison
 Choir, band, pipes and drums, violins
 Pipes and Drums
 All Participants

Ain't It A Pretty Night
 Rule Britannia (Soloists Robert Hall and Grant Smalley)
 Jerusalem
 Libiamo
 Amazing Grace
 Scotland the Brave
 The Maple Leaf Forever

Close to two hundred people were involved in this successful performance. It should be noted that the two people involved in this success working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week were John McVie and Dave Perry.

Stu McGowan received a Presidential Commendation for his outstanding leadership and exceptional service as Chairman of this tremendous event.

President Carol can be very proud of the outcome of her dream.



YEAR NINETY- EIGHT**2011-12**

President	Ryan Burles
President Elect	Ros Scott
Secretary	Sanem Ozkan
Treasurer	Ali Edgell
Auditor	Allan Neale
Advisor	Stu McGowan
Directors	Sanem Ozkan, Bob Whyte, Mary McManus, Murray Ramsbottom, Alex Mackenzie.

President Ryan Burles

Ryan Burles was born 15 October 1959 to Edward and Ethel Burles. Edward was the General Manager for Canada of Robin Hood Flour. Ryan has one brother and one sister. He attended Centennial High School in Montreal before attending the University of Victoria in Education. Much of his time during the early years was spent in sports – basketball, football and hockey. In 1981, Ryan became a dock worker with Black Ball Ferries and in 1985; he was made Assistant Manager of the Black Ball Victoria Terminal. In 1991 he married Charlene (from Victoria). They had one son Jarryd who entered Thompson River University in Kamloops in 2012. In 2007 Ryan became President of Black Ball Ferries. He joined Rotary in 2008 and became a very active Club member particularly with the car raffle. In 2009, he became a director and two years later was the Club president. He was involved with everything but especially support to the Rainbow Kitchen. In 2012, he became one of five owners of Black Ball. Ryan was very active throughout his life in endeavours outside of Black Ball and Rotary. In 1989, he was an assistant coach with Camosun College basketball. During the period 2002-10, he was a Board Member of Attractions Victoria. During the period 2007-08, he was a member of Tourism Victoria- Destination Marketing Board. .From 2002 on, he was a director of the Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society. In 2012, he became a Director of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

Activities

October 14 a shredding fundraiser was held at Tillicum Mall. It was organized by President-Elect Ros Scott and raised \$1688.

October 20 the Club hosted a number of teachers from the Philippines. Hosts included Ryan Burles, Pat Crofton, and Terry Toone. Stu McGowan organized dinner at the Wardroom for the whole group on October 23.

November 10 Remembrance Day was recognized with Past President Stu McGowan as MC. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral Ken Summers. Evan Fryer sang *Amazing Grace*, *White Cliffs of Dover* and *We'll Meet Again*. Murray Ramsbottom recited the *Sentences of Remembrance* and Past President Terry Jones read *In Flanders Fields*.

November 17our guest was District Governor David Stocks on his official visit. He was introduced by Assistant District Governor Tav McPherson.

November 24 our Foundation Month guest and speaker was Joan Firkens. As well, Terry and Joan Toone spoke of Polio Plus. Stu McGowan won the wine raffle.

December 15 the Christmas Luncheon was held in the Union Club Reading Room. Sonya Roethel spoke about Christmas traditions in Germany. Entertainment was provided by the Victoria Flute Choir.

January 5 District Governor David Stocks and new Assistant District Governor Hugh Robertson visited during lunch. The guest was Steve Wallace, well-known owner of Wallace Driving School and Percy Butler received recognition for 60 years of service.

A cheque for \$20,000 was presented by Peter Norman to Deborah Hunt for equipment for the Rainbow Kitchen.

February 2 the guest speaker was Dianne Pearson, Family Resource Coordinator of the Mustard Seed. She was introduced by Past President Rick Stolle.

February 16 nine-time Paul Harris Fellow Mickey Hajash was presented with a President's Commendation for his many years of outstanding work and contribution to many communities. Mickey had recently received the Andre Mailhot Award which is the highest award given by the United Way.

March 1 the special guest was David Hammonds, General Manager of the Union Club. Past-President Carol Livingston presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Executive Director of the Artemis Society. The guest speaker was Kim Carter, the BC Ombudsperson.

March 8 the guest speaker was Dr. Tim Ball.

March 15 the Club recognized St. Patrick's Day. Terry Jones arranged for violin entertainment by Jordan Vermes, a 16 year old student at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

March 22 the Club presented a cheque for \$20,000 to Donna McKenna of the Cool Aid Society.

April 27 a delightful fundraising tea was held at the Wedgewood Estates Club House. It was posh, and organized by Ali Edgell. The proceeds were directed to Pat Crossley's Kenya Project.

May 3 Past President Carol Livingston introduced her new husband of 33 days, Erik Neilson, as a new member. Director of Recognition Graham Isenegger was roasted.

May 24 a Friendship Exchange team from District 3060 in Gujarat State in India was hosted.

May 31 Director of Recognition Graham Isenegger was presented a President's Commendation.

June 21 the change of president ceremony between President Ryan Burles and President Ros Scott was conducted by Past President Stu McGowan.



YEAR NINETY - NINE

2012-13

President
President Elect
Past President
Secretary
Treasurer
Advisor

Rosalind Scott
Murray Ramsbottom
Ryan Burles
Sanem Le Gresley
Ali Edgell
Stu McGowan

Directors

Sanem Le Gresley, Gordon Plewes, Denis Pare, Janet Power, Gerry Pash, Bob Whyte, Mary McManus

President Rosalind Scott

Ros was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and adopted by Austin and Mary Jane Scott as a baby. Austin was a composer, musician and teacher and Mary Jane was an active producer in the theatre. Ros has an adopted brother named Douglas.

Until the age of 12 Ros grew up in Radcliffe on Trent, England and attended the Nottingham Girls High School. The family immigrated to Canada and settled on Vancouver Island where Ros attended Norfolk House and then UVic earning a degree in English Literature and French. It is no surprise coming from a family engaged in the arts that Ros was active in theatre, music, dance and speech arts until she signed on to go to Papua New Guinea as a CUSO volunteer at the age of 21. This experience shaped the rest of Ros' life and career and most likely was the reason she became a Rotarian. On returning to Canada Ros returned to UVic to complete a professional teaching qualification then taught locally for 15 years including 7 years at Glenlyon School in Oak Bay.

Seeking a change, she worked as an employment consultant for 14 years (most notably with WCG International) assisting income assistance recipients to find work and training. During this time she had key roles on the boards of the Performing Arts Festival, the OCTA Collective, and the Victoria Employment Agency Network and was an ambassador for the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce. In 2005 Ros became the Executive Director of the Westshore Chamber of Commerce and joined the board of the Island Professional Network. This led her to her current position as President and CEO of the Vancouver Island Better Business Bureau which she accepted in 2008. She served for 18 months on the board of the Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus and currently is the Chair of the Canadian Region for the North American Better Business Bureaus.

In her spare time Ros loves to cook, garden, build doll houses and go to her "home away from home" Hawaii.

Activities

June 22-24 was the District Conference held at the Convention Centre chaired by Past President Terry Toone.

July 26 the guest speaker was Brigadier General Don McNamara on the subject of sovereignty, security and the F-35.

July 26 was an inter-club Rotary picnic held at Beacon Hill Park.

September 6 was the official visit of District Governor Judy Byron accompanied by Assistant District Governor Hugh Robertson.

In September the Club re-started active support of the Rainbow Kitchen.

October 15 the Board approved a donation to Mustard Seed of \$18,000 for annual payment for their refrigeration truck.

October 18 our guest speaker was Dr. Jim Boutillier who gave his annual update on the situation in the Far East.

November 8 the annual Remembrance Day luncheon was emceed by Stu McGowan. Bugler Petty Officer Matt McCrady of the NADEN Band provided his usual excellent rendition of the *Last Post* and *Reveille*. The guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Chris Linford who enlightened us on the subject of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. President Ros read *In Flanders Fields* and President-Elect Murray Ramsbottom read the *Words of Remembrance*.

November 22 Past President Allan Neale gave an interesting, informative and humorous talk on the subject of chartered accounting.

November 29 Saanich Past President Steve Wallace won the 10-bottle raffle. Dan Parker auctioned 6 bottles of wine donated by Gillian Carrigan. A total of \$980 was destined for the RI Foundation.

December 13 the Christmas luncheon was held in the Reading Room of the Union Club. A cheque for \$30,000 was presented to Deborah Hunt for a van for Rainbow Kitchen.

January 9 another cooking session was held at the Rainbow Kitchen. Present were Patrick Hunt, Janet Power, Norma Friedman, Paddy & Stu McGowan, Murray Ramsbottom, Gus de Jardin, Blair & Joyce Dunsmore, Max Kleorss, Sanem & Shane Le Gresley.

January 17 the guest was Rear Admiral W.S. Truelove, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, introduced by Stu McGowan.

February 25 President Ros Scott attended the Victoria Leadership Awards at the Crystal Ballroom. This activity was very impressive and worthwhile.

March 28 Bert Ayres nametag was upgraded to 40 years.

April 4 the guest was the Honourable Judith Guichon, the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. Her Honour was inducted as an honourary member.

April 14 once again, the Club participated in judging at the Science Fair at Elliott House at UVic. This activity was organized by Gordon Greeniaus with the following participants: Gus de Jardin, Tony Isenegger, Samantha Lloyd (rotoract), Alex MacKenzie, Ron Tinney, Terry Toone and Ernie Urdal.

This year was the 52nd consecutive annual Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. It was our biggest Science Fair ever - there were a total of 171 projects and 215 student participants. The Rotary Club of Victoria has been a major supporter of the Science Fair for many years. Our club contributes \$1000 and one of our members, Mickey Hajash, makes another large contribution which includes a prize for the top project in the fair. In 2013 seven students (the 6 best overall projects) will be sent to the Canada-Wide Science Fair which takes place next month in Lethbridge, Alberta. Rotary members evaluate all the projects that have an environmental aspect and recommend a number of cash awards.

May 16 the guest speaker was the City of Victoria Chief of Police Jamie Graham.

April 20 was a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner".

April 26 was a shredding event at Millstream Village organized by President Ros Scott. Physical support was provided by ACCESS Records and Media Management. This activity generated \$659.75.

May 25 the Club participated with all other Victoria area Rotary clubs in a "Rotary Fair" held in Centennial Square. The intention was to demonstrate to Victorians the contributions Rotary has made to the city and internationally, and to encourage visitors to join a Rotary club. A number of displays were created indicating that the Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria have raised and donated more than \$3M and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours to support local capital infrastructure, social and health programs and scholarships in the community, and more than \$1M internationally in 35 different countries. There were also displays regarding Literacy, membership and Shelter Boxes as well as a children's area. Hot dogs, ice cream and pop were available. Clowns and a stilt walker amused the attendees, and five different groups provided musical entertainment.

May 29 at a ceremony held at the Victoria Cool Aid Society's downtown activity centre, President Ros presented a cheque for \$80,000 to centre director Donna McKenna (this donation completed the total donation of \$100,000 for renovations). The renovation project, due to start in late June 2013, and be completed in mid-August, includes a makeover of the front entrance, better lighting in several areas, new washroom fixtures and shower facilities, expansion of computer facilities and improvements to the gymnasium.

May 30 Past President Ryan Burles was the guest speaker. He is the CEO and part-owner of Black Ball Ferries and gave a historically interesting and fascinating briefing about the COHO.

June 1-2 the 2013 District Conference was held at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Four awards were announced for our Club (3 club and 1 rotoract).

- Joan Toone received a Rotary Spouse Recognition Award for her "dedication, commitment and support of RI's goal of eradicating polio";
- Pat Crofton received a Club Builder Award "in recognition of the dedication and commitment demonstrated in achieving the goal of strengthening Rotary clubs";
- Janet Power accepted our Club's literacy award "for your efforts in promoting literacy during the 2012-2013 Rotary year"
- Samantha Lloyd accepted the Rotaract award.

June 22 the Guess-Who's Coming to Dinner wrap-up was held at the estate of Terry Toone. Peter Norman and Larry Rittenhouse were the organizers.

June 27 the change of command between Ros Scott and Murray Ramsbottom was supervised by Stu McGowan assisted by Past President Bob Whyte and Club Secretary Sanem Le Gresley. Special guests in attendance included Rick Stolle, Norm Bradshaw, Frank Cappello and David Iles.



YEAR ONE HUNDRED**2013-14**

President	Murray Ramsbottom
Past President	Rosalind Scott
President-Elect	Ali Edgell
Secretary	Ernie Urdal
Treasurer	Gordon Plewes
Directors	Tony Isenegger, Denis Pare, Janet Power, George Smyth, Ernie Urdal, Gordon Plewes. Sanem Le Gresley
Foundation Advisor	Ken Walton

President Murray Ramsbottom

Murray and his family moved to the Victoria area in August of 2007 from Ottawa by way of Edmonton. He is originally from Ontario – he was born in Perth, just west of Ottawa, completing high school in Almonte and graduating in 1960 from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston.

Murray served as an Aerospace Engineering Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Forces for 35 years, fulfilling a variety of operational field and headquarters assignments in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and England as well as Baden Soellingen and Ramstein in Germany. In 1984 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and appointed Project Manager of Canada's \$5 billion dollar CF-18 fighter acquisition project, after three years as Deputy. His last assignment with the Canadian military was as the Forces' senior Aerospace Engineer, responsible for the airworthiness and life cycle management of all military aircraft.

He took early retirement from the Forces in 1990 to accept a senior executive position in Ottawa with an engineering professional services company. He subsequently established a private aerospace and defence consultancy to support defence industries in their relationships with the Canadian Government. He has served on the Board of Directors of Eurocopter Canada Limited in Fort Erie, ON and assisted the company in its pursuit of the Forces' recent helicopter acquisition projects. He was also on the Board of Directors and served as Secretary Treasurer of the National Air Museum Society.

In addition to his BSc degree from RMC, Murray received his Aerospace Engineering training with the RCAF at Station Aylmer, near London, ON, attended the RCAF Staff School in Toronto in 1963, the Royal Air Force Staff College in Bracknell, England in 1970, and Canada's National Defence College in Kingston in 1980/81.

He and his wife Jacqui met in St. Hubert, Quebec and married there in 1963. They now live near Bear Mountain in Langford, with their daughter Tara and their two grandchildren nearby. Murray joined the Rotary Club of Victoria in 2008 and was elected to the Board of Directors in July of 2009. He is also on the Board of The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and is a member of the Vancouver Island RMC Ex-Cadet Club. He was inducted into the Round Table Club of Victoria in the spring of 2010.

Murray enjoys golf, gardening, good music and hobby cooking. After too many winters in Ontario, northern Quebec and Alberta, Murray and his family are delighted to be in the Victoria area with its temperate climate and beautiful environment.

Activities

On July 11, our guest speaker was Tom Harris of car sales, and cellular phones. His presentation was lively, interesting and very informative.

July 18 saw the official visit of District Governor Pete Taylor and wife Kristine. They hail from Tacoma. He made a very good speech. The DG presented three Energizer Awards to Bob Whyte, Ryan Burles and Gordon Greeniaus. After lunch the couple was given a tour

of the city including most Rotary points of interest. The tour was conducted by President Murray Ramsbottom and Stu McGowan,
 August 1 our guest was Chief Paul Hames of the Central Saanich Police. His subject was 'amalgamation'.

August 11 saw the culmination of the Car Raffle for this Centennial Year. The Mayor of Oak Bay drew the winning tickets at the Oak Bay Antique Car Show. This year's raffle realized about \$50,200. The winners were:

Nissan Rouge – Christina Martinez
 Cruise to Alaska – Eileen Bedingfield
 Apple I Pad – Trish Hajash

Starting August 15 for several days, as part of our Centennial Celebrations, our Club invited the Seattle Mariners to join in the fun and fellowship which included a Day Sail on HMCS Whitehorse, a Kingston class Coastal Defence Vessel. The day was interesting, instructive and, informative and all were treated like royalty by the Canadian Navy. This was followed by a luncheon, a dock party and dinner. On 17 August, all locals and visitors enjoyed our weekly luncheon at the Union Club. This event was a precursor to the Annual US/Canada Rotary event through the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians which took place during the third week of August; it is an IYFR Rendezvous in the Gulf Islands that started with the Vancouver Island Fleet and the Seattle Rotarian Mariner's Fleet. This year will be the 31st Annual Hands Across the Border Rendezvous. For many years, the third weekend in August has been reserved for this rendezvous hosted in alternate years by Canadian and US fleets. Started in 1982 as a goodwill gathering between Seattle Rotary Mariners and the Vancouver Island fleet, this tradition has grown to include six fleets and visiting Rotary Mariners from around the world. It has become one of the highlights of the summer boating season. This year is being held at Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island.

On August 15, our guest was Carlos Sanchez Woodworth from Mexico. He is the father of member Marli Sanchez and his subject was "pecan farming activities in Mexico".

August 17, a crew of three from our Club (Stu McGowan, Don Jensen and George Zeman) proceeded up-island to refurbish the Rotary Malahat Fountain. The team was joined by President Alan Lolacher and Past President Roger Painter from the Cowichan Club. The site was completely cleaned up with several tons of refuse removed. About three tons of crushed rock was dumped and spread at the front of the monument. The rock and dump truck were generously donated by Club member Dan Parker. Another Centennial project was completed.

August 22 new Assistant District Governor Lorna Curtis spoke. She was introduced by Past DG Judy Byron.

August 22-23 saw the arrival of Rotary Exchange Student Jakub Klawe (nickname KUBA) after a 30-hour delay in the Seattle Airport caused by US Immigration. Kuba's home country is Poland. His first host parents were Ryan and Charlene Burles. He is attending Esquimalt High School.

August 25 was the Centennial social highlight of the year – the Rotary Centennial Cup Polo Match and High Tea. The extravaganza was totally organized by President-Elect Ali Edgell and her committee. Ladies were appropriately dressed and enjoyed champagne. Entertainment included the Victoria Skydivers, the Victoria Polo Club and attendance by the Queen (delivered by Rolls Royce). The recipient of the \$8600 realized was the Mustard Seed. Ali Edgell outdid herself in her organizational skills.

August 28 Rotary Exchange Student Kuba was introduced to the Club by Stu McGowan. September 13th saw the unveiling of a large plaque marking a renewed Victoria Cool Aid Society Downtown Community Centre. Our Club was represented by Past President Ros Scott and President Murray Ramsbottom. The Club donated \$100,000 to the cause. September 17 a dozen Club members including exchange student Kuba Klawe spent the day at sea aboard the HMCS Ottawa.

September 19 Allan Neale hosted a welcome bbq for exchange student Kuba Klawe.

September 20 Ali Edgell and husband Paul Johnson completed the job of painting the sign in front of Rotary House – a Centennial project.

October 10 the Club held a special luncheon to honour past presidents – a Centennial project. In attendance were Eric Dowell, David Hambleton, Don Jensen, Jack Matvenko, David Iles, Bob Whyte, Gus de Jardin, Dick Sparks, Pat Crofton, Bob Yanow, Norm Bradshaw, Rick Stolle, John Carrieres, Stu McGowan, Ken Walton, Jim Cutt, Terry Jones, John Mackenzie, Terry Toone, Dr. Keith Walker, Ryan Burles, Ros Scott, and Murray Ramsbottom.

Another Centennial project also held on this date was the presenting of Paul Harris Fellowships to three Victoria citizens. The honorees with their individual sponsors were: Paul Later (Ali Edgell). Gordy Dodd (Ros Scott) and Doreen Kennedy (Terry Toone). The MC was Janet Power, the Chair of the Club RI Foundation Committee.

The Final Words – President Murray Ramsbottom

The final weeks of the Club's 100th year were filled with activity and continued donations to the community. In early October \$50,000 was provided to the Craigflower Elementary School, matched by another \$50,000 from the Victoria Foundation, for a Physical Literacy Program to be implemented by the Pacific Institute of Sports Excellence. This brought the Club's Centennial donations to Greater Victoria agencies to more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The Club's Centennial is planned to be concluded in fitting style with a Gala Dinner at the Union Club with almost 200 likely to attend. Past Rotary International President, Richard King, has been invited as the keynote speaker. District Governor Peter Taylor has also been invited along with a number of local dignitaries and Rotary faithful. Club Past-President Rosalind Scott has proposed to present a Power Point display of members' photos and the entertainment is to be provided by a quartet from the Palm Court Orchestra.

The generosity extended by the Club during its Centennial Year is representative of the compassion extended to the less fortunate over the Club's 100 years. It has been possible only by the hard work and dedication of our members in their many hours of volunteer effort during our fundraisers and their hands-on assistance in the actual construction and operation of those organizations we founded. It is these examples of "Service Above Self" that reflect the character of our Club - past and present. The Rotary Club of Victoria is a vibrant, active organization with a wonderful history of service both to our community and internationally. As we reflect with pride on our Club's accomplishments over the past century, we also honour the memory of those members who have gone before by making this a better world in the next century. All members, now and in the future, are challenged to dream lofty dreams and to pursue them with the energy and intelligence that has been the hallmark of our Club since its creation 100 years ago.

Members, new and old, must strive to the best of our ability to ensure that our history of "Service Above Self" continues.