

Club's First Formation Meeting Feb 26, 1926

Catherine Saunders (wife of Rotarians Dale Saunders) was researching her family history (her Mom was born on Port Hood Island, Inverness County). As she was looking through the 'Inverness County Bulletin' in the records at the Nova Scotia Archives in Halifax and happened upon an article about the formation of the Rotary Club of Truro dated February 27th, 1926.

The article refers to a meeting in Truro "last night" (Feb 26th) of 25 members of the Rotary Club of Halifax and 15 members of the Rotary Club of New Glasgow meeting with about 15 men from the Truro area to have dinner and discuss the formation of a Rotary Club in Truro. The first meeting of that new club was supposed to be March 5th.

While official records from RI show the Charter date as April 2nd, 1926, our own club history shows that March 5th is the date the club held its own inaugural meeting and received its charter from Charles Burchell, third Vice President of Rotary International. The paper work may have taken time to get to RI headquarters.

Thank you to Catherine and Dale for finding this item and sending it along to us.

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ROTARY CLUB FOR TRURO

MANY ROTARIANS DINE AT NEW LEARMENT HOTEL— CLUB ORGANIZED FIRST MEET- ING FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

Last evening at the New Learment Hotel another link was formed in the chain of Rotary Clubs that has spread in the last twenty-one years practically around the Globe by the formation of a Rotary Club for the town of Truro. The Rotary Club is a welfare organization international in its scope, that is composed entirely of business and professional men. The first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago in 1905 and the growth of these Clubs in the United States and Canada has been tremendous. A world-wide Convention is held once a year at some one place, and last year there were gathered 12,000 delegates in Convention at St. Louis, and this year it is expected that 14,000 people will attend.

The objects of Rotary are the betterment of conditions in the community through joint action on the part of the business and professional men in that community; also the inter-

change of ideas among men in the different professions and occupations. The membership is limited to one representative from each line of business or profession. One of the recommendations for Rotary is that in the twenty years of its history no Rotary Club that has ever been organized has failed to function. It was felt by the Rotary Clubs of Halifax and New Glasgow that Truro should have a Rotary Club, and last evening about twenty-five members of the Halifax Club and about fifteen members of the New Glasgow Rotary Club came to Truro, and a dinner was served at the New Learment Hotel to which about fifty five men sat down at about 7 p. m. The methods of organization and the purposes of Rotary were discussed by the visiting members, and a Rotary Club was organized for the town of Truro, and the first meeting will be held on Friday evening, March 5th.

The Rotary Clubs meet once each week at Luncheon or Dinner, and occupy one hour only. It is expected that the Truro Club will get away to a good start, and will be a strong force in the community.