

The First 90 Years Of The Rotary Club of Truro

Rotary
Club of Truro



**A Brief History
On the occasion of the
90th Anniversary
Of The
Rotary Club of Truro
*February 18, 2016***

Program

Pre-dinner Reception (6:00 – 7:00 pm)

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Welcome/Introduction of Guests	Jim Gould, <i>Immediate Past President, RC Truro</i>
Greetings from District 7820	Jim Goit, <i>District Governor, District 7820</i>
Greetings from Sponsoring Club	Dr. Doug McMillian, <i>President, RC Halifax</i>

Dinner

Grace / Reflection	Wayne Gillis, <i>Past Assistant Governor</i>
Toast to the Queen	Stella Roy, <i>Immediate Past District Governor</i>
Toast to Rotary International	Elva Heyge, <i>District Governor Elect</i>

Dessert

Awards and Presentations

Paul Harris Fellowships	Ken MacDonald, <i>Chair, Recognition Committee</i>
Rotarian of the Year	Jim Goit, Garth Coffin and Judy Nicholson
Avenues of Service Citation	Mark Mason
Community Service Citation	David Mills
	Stuart (Stu) Rath

Guest Speaker

Introduction of Julia Phelps	Jim Goit, <i>District Governor</i>
Thanks and Closing Remarks	Dr. Kevin Quinlan, <i>President, RC Truro</i>



Julia Phelps

Rotary International Director 2014-16
ROTARY CLUB OF MALDEN
MASSACHUSETTS, USA

Julia Phelps, who began her career in education in 1976, is the associate commissioner for the Center for Curriculum and Instruction for the state of Massachusetts. She served on the board of the Amesbury Educational Foundation, Inc. and the John Ashford Link House Inc.

A Rotarian since 1997, Julia has served Rotary as Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator and district governor.

She is a Major Donor, Benefactor, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Bequest Society. Julia is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

In the Beginning, The 1920's

The Rotary Club of Truro, No. 2314, was first organized on February 23, 1926 with 16 charter members. The first officers elected were:

- F. L. Lewis, President;
- A. R. Coffin, Vice Pres.;
- R. A. Mingie, Secretary and
- R. S. Boyd, Treasurer.

Directors were:

- E. G. Moxon,
- T. G. Taylor, and
- T. P. Bentley.



F. L. Lewis

The Charter was presented by Charlie Burchell of Halifax, 3rd Vice-Pres. of Rotary International. Many visiting Rotarians attended the Charter night from Moncton, Saint John, New Glasgow and Halifax. Wm. P. Webster of Halifax presented the Truro Club with a bronze gong and gavel.

John C. Gass of Rotary Club of Halifax was mainly responsible for bringing Rotary to Truro. At the end of the first Rotary year, membership of the Truro Club had increased to 32. New members in that first year included Senator Fred M. Blois, who was still a member in 1955.

The Club meetings were held in the Scotia Hotel, which was first known as the Learment Hotel.

In the year that the Rotary Club of Truro was chartered, there were 2,396 Rotary Clubs in the world with an approximate membership of 120,000.

In July of 1926, the New Glasgow Club put on a Minstrel Show in Truro to help the fledgling Hub-Town Club raise funds to start Rotary projects in the community. The show was a great success and included a street parade to drum up interest.

Soon, the Club membership increased to 45 and remained near that number for many years. No major projects were taken up, but members took an active role individually in all community activities, such as the Town Council, Truro Electric Commission, Boy Scouts, Children's Aid, Board of Trade, Canadian Legion and many others.

Rotary Club of Truro Picnic 1927



Left To Right of Picture ROTARIAN MEMBERS AT PICNIC August, 1927

FRONT ROW	SECOND ROW	THIRD ROW	BACK ROW (Lith)
1. C. E. Bentley	1. Gordon Taylor	1. Ned Nutter	1. Boyd Murphy
2. Bill Murdock	2. Charles Johnson	2. J. Foster Aston	2. Mrs. George Johnson
3. Ward Murdock	3. A. L. Cross	3. R. B. McLellan	3. Mrs. Ned Nutter
4. Low Patillo	4. Bob Davidson	4. Ed Hoxon	4. Dave Crocker
5. W. S. Sweet	5. S. D. McLellan	5. Ed Wilson	5. George Kent
6. Harry Chase	6. Russell Davidson	6. Percy Bentley	6. George Kent
7. Charles Johnson	7. R. S. Boyd	7. Long	
8. Harry Chase			
9. Frank Lewis			
10. Buddy Lewis			
11.			
12.			
13. H. Bethel			
14. L. Christie			

Ed's brothers visiting

Looked again

Harry Chase's Cottage at Spruce Point

The 1930's

In 1930, just after the death of Rotarian Harry Wellard, the Club supplied the Wellard Memorial Shield for annual musical competition in the Truro schools. It was won the first year by Willow Street School.

Also, in 1930, the Club became actively interested in crippled children and made a complete survey and canvass in the town and county in the interest of a "Provincial Society for Crippled Children."

In the early days it was a constant problem to raise funds to support the many deserving community projects. Personal donations and the sponsoring of concerts and moving pictures were often used, but the crowning effort came in the spring of 1934, when the Club, after rehearsing all winter, put on its first Minstrel Show, running two nights to capacity houses in the old Graphic Theatre, with a 20-voice male chorus and a 12-piece orchestra. The second part of the programme was a concert with many Truro artists assisting.

During the early years many joint meetings and picnics were held with outside clubs including Amherst, Windsor, New Glasgow, Westville and Pictou. Annual Curling Bonspiels were set up with the Pictou County Clubs. It was during these years that the Annual Curling Matches started with the Kiwanis Club of Truro for the Lord Depression Cup.

The Club also started to supply many thousands of bottles of milk to the schools.

In the summer of 1934 Rotary opened a supervised swimming pool, near the Salmon River Bridge, and supplied tents and other equipment. This was arranged by a committee that was headed by B. C. Holder.

In the early thirties, annual club events included the entertaining of County Council and from these stemmed the Rural-Urban meetings which were held annually, and, sometimes twice annually for many years afterward.

A Rural-Urban meeting was a regular meeting of the Club held in a rural community, to which were invited male residents of the

surrounding area, about equal in number to the Club membership. Rural-Urban meetings were held in Stewiacke, Middle Stewiacke, Upper Stewiacke, Brookfield, Old Barns, Clifton, Great Village, Bass River, Debert, Valley, and Tatamagouche.

In 1936 Rotary welcome signs were first erected at the entrances to Truro. These continue to be maintained and renewed as required.

Many hundreds of pairs of glasses were supplied to needy school children on the recommendation of the School Nurse.



In 1936 the Club decided to make crippled children's work a major project, and a complete survey was made of the town and county to find every case of a crippled child. This resulted in a clinic being held the following year at Colchester Hospital conducted by Dr. Tom Acker, of Halifax, to which 30 youngsters were brought in from the surrounding area for examination. This, in turn, resulted in many recommendations by Dr. Acker

for surgical operations or other corrective treatments. Many of these were needy cases where the Club could help with transportation, medical, hospital and surgical fees.

At that time, 12 individual Rotarians volunteered to sponsor a child, to follow their cases through, and to see that they received all of the assistance required. From this time on, crippled children's work continued to be the major focus of the Club.

In 1938, the Club set up the first library in Colchester Hospital with 200 books for the use of patients. This library was maintained by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital who replenished and added to the supply of books on behalf of the Club.

The 1940's

During the war years, 1939-45, the Club took an active part in many services for military personnel temporarily stationed in the area; one service being the provision of entertainment for patients at the Debert Military Hospital. The expenses for these endeavours were covered by holding a "Gosh Auction" in the Club each week.

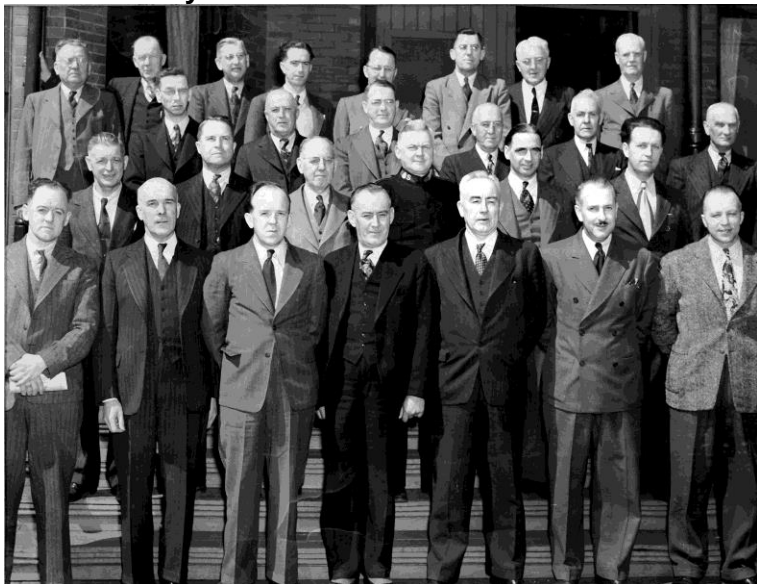
Prior to 1948 many methods had been used to raise funds for the many Community Service projects of the Club. For years, personal donations, sponsoring of theatricals and movies were the normal methods used to raise money. It was always a problem to meet the Club's needs and obligations.

Late in 1947 when word was received that a radio station, CKCL, was to be established in Truro, the Rotary Club made an early application for an annual Radio Auction. This was authorized and the first Rotary Radio Auction was held on April 20th and 21st, 1948. Ward Murdock was named Auction Chairman with strong committee participation. Many months of hard work were put into planning and organizing for this venture. It was very successful, with every Rotarian taking an active part. The Club realized a net return of \$4,316.00 for its underprivileged children's work.

Besides crippled children's work, the Club found time for other youth work. In February 1949, the Club underwrote the first Radio School Quiz Contest over CKCL which was afterwards entitled "Schools in Action" and which was carried on for 10 years.

Also, during 1949, a boat load of supplies was being assembled by Rotarians to aid orphaned children of France. To this project, the Truro Club gave outstanding support, which resulted in \$3200 in food and 18 bales of clothing going forward from District 192, all arranged under the direction of District Governor Laurie Ells of Kentville.

Rotary Club of Truro Members 1947- 48



Front (L-R) Colin Munroe, Fred Blois, Geo Smith, Ward Murdock, Russell Davidson, Ken Lewis, Elmer Doyle
2nd Row (L-R) Jim Pirie, Ernest Abbott, Art Coffin, Major Earl Harris, A. Mitchell, Art Manning
3rd Row (L-R) H.L. Daniel, Harold Bedwin, Art Nelson, F. R. Lewis, W. B Murphy, Spenser Mattall
Back, (L-R) J.B. Gibson, Walter Hall, Dr. Ches Mosher, Lorne MacDougall, Preston Wilcox, Harold Kent, Percy Bentley, A.R. Menzie

The 1950's

In July 1950, the Club was advised to prepare for an official visit from the President of Rotary International. The Club was asked to arrange a joint meeting in Truro for all Rotary Clubs from Amherst east to Antigonish. This was done and on July 28th, Mr. Arthur Legueux, of Quebec City, and his wife, visited the Club meeting and were feted at a joint dinner at the Scotia Hotel on the Esplanade. They were accompanied by District Governor Ed Ford of Halifax, a former member of the Truro Club. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lorne MacDougall, president for that year.

In 1951, when the "Adventure in Citizenship" was inaugurated by the Ottawa Rotary Club, the Truro Club was invited to send a selected high school student on the "Adventure" with the local Club providing transportation and other out-of-pocket expenses. The Club continued to send a student on the "Adventure" each year afterward, offering the trip, in turn, to each of the high schools in the area.

In 1955 the Rotary Club of Truro celebrated the 50th anniversary of the formation of Rotary International and the 29th for the Club with a gala dinner event. There were 52 active members of the Club at that time. Rotary was growing quickly worldwide and there were now 407,000 Rotarians in 8619 Clubs in 90 countries.

In 1956 the Club was granted a franchise by the Nova Scotia Society for the Care of Crippled Children to conduct an annual sale of Easter Seals. Half of the net proceeds of the Seals' sale was retained by the Club and had to be used exclusively for crippled children's work. The other half was remitted to the Society for its program in the province.



Dr. George Smith

In 1959-60, Club member Dr. George Smith served as Governor for Rotary District 782. The District up until the year before had included all the Atlantic Provinces; however the number of Clubs was growing and in 1958 NB and Maine were removed to form their own district. This was the first time the Rotary Club of Truro had been the host Club for a District Governor.

In June 1959, after meeting at the Scotia Hotel for 33 years, the dining room was closed and the Club commenced meeting in the White Spot Restaurant on Walker Street until December 1960. At that point the meetings moved to Bennie's Restaurant on Prince Street. Up until then Club luncheon meetings had been held on Fridays, but in the changing times a growing number of members began finding it difficult to make their attendance on Fridays and the Club to change the meeting day to Monday. Because another service

organization already had use of the available accommodation at Bennie's on Mondays, the Club looked for other quarters and eventually moved to the Stonehouse restaurant.

In 1959 the Club contributed \$2,300 to erect a steel wire fence around the Victoria Park swimming pool, a \$50,000 project headed by the Kinsmen Club of Truro.

The 1960's

An attendance contest was held for six months in 1960 between the Truro Club and the Rotary Club of Streeter, Illinois. The Club winning the contest was to make a donation of \$2.00 per member to the Rotary Foundation fund. This was not only to stimulate attendance, but to be an expression of international goodwill as well as boost the Foundation fund.

In 1961 the Club took on the sponsorship of midget and minor football, outfitting teams with uniforms and putting up a trophy - the Rotary Bowl - for annual competition. This program continued under Club sponsorship and in the 1975 season provided a well supervised sport program for 125 boys.

In May 1962, with the assistance of the Truro Police and RCMP, the first Teenage Safe-Driving Rodeo was held in Victoria Park under Club auspices and 29 boys participated. This was carried on by the Club each year until 1965 when it was taken over by the newly-formed Truro Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of their national projects.

Each year the Club sponsored an entrant in the "Queen Marigold" contest and entertained at a luncheon the contestants in the "Miss Nova Scotia" contest of the NS Provincial Exhibition.

In 1964 the Club obligated itself to a contribution of \$5,000 towards the cost of the Legion Memorial Stadium.

In 1966, the Club was instrumental in forming the Colchester County Services Council for the purposes of listing all the various organizations doing community work and making a directory for reference purposes to avoid duplication.

A contribution of \$300 was made in 1965 to St. Alphonsus Boys' School in Keereoung, Darjelling, India.

In November 1966 the Club voted a contribution of \$2,500 towards the capital cost of the Centennial Memorial Library, a \$350,000 project. A room was furnished in the new Colchester Hospital in 1965.

For many years, as part of its international service program, the Club entertained at least one luncheon meeting, students from foreign countries attending the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

In 1965, the year of "Matched Districts", the Truro Club was matched with the Rotary Club of Skovde, Sweden. An exchange of films, tapes, and correspondence was carried on during the year, and a great deal of interest in Sweden was created. Nova Scotia tartan ties were sent to each member of the Skovde Club and in exchange each member of the Truro Club received a miniature model of the international symbolic horse of Sweden.



To help to the people of Northern Thailand, the Club members participated in a contribution to a flood control project in that country on a District basis by being content for a period of time with "austerity" luncheon fare at below regular cost - the differential

between the cost and the regular price going to the Thai project. It also sent \$1,350 for a flood control dam to be erected on behalf of the Club and to bear the Club name. The dam was dedicated April 25, 1969. Each dam was to control 7,000 acres on which lived 1,900 families and 12,000 people. This idea originated with the Rotary Club of Southeast Bangkok.

The Club was pleased with the selection of the Club's candidate, Stephen Burns of Truro, who had applied for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to look after expenses of one year of University study in Australia. He proved to be an excellent ambassador for Truro and Canada during his travels in Australia. The Club assessed each of its members \$1.00 annually to help build up the Foundation fund.



Walter Mosher

The 1970's

In 1971-72, the Club was honored to be the host Club for Walter P. Mosher as District Governor for District 782.

In 1972, the Club adopted a foster daughter, Jumirah, in Central Java, Indonesia through the Foster Parents Plan.

Through the years, from 1938 to 1971, twice-yearly clinics were held at Colchester Hospital, under the joint auspices of the Club and the Nova Scotia Society for the Care of Crippled Children, for the examination of crippled children of the area and prescription of treatment for their physical defects. A team of specialists from the former Children's Hospital in Halifax came to run these clinics. Starting 1971, because this service was being provided by other means, the Club provided clinics for children with speech and hearing defects. 105 children were examined at the spring clinic in 1971.

Continuing the project started in the 1930's, the Club paid the camp fees for needy crippled children from the Truro area and contributed to the cost of equipment for the Camp Tldnish as well. In 1974-75, some \$12,000 was spent by the Club on all phases of crippled children's work. In addition the Club maintained a bank of wheelchairs, walkers, commode chairs, canes, crutches, and hospital beds for loan to members of the community.

In 1974 the Club provided a grant of \$600 towards the capital cost of the Brookfield Sportsplex and over three years, commencing in 1975, contributed \$3,000 towards the cost of the Centennial Swimming Pool. The money was earmarked for certain items of equipment for the pool, such as a Hoyer lift for paraplegics using the facility, and other such aids to the physically handicapped.

In July 1975 the Club moved its meetings for a fourth time from the Stonehouse restaurant to the Abenaki Motor Inn.

For many years, the Club annually contributed \$300 for treats for needy families at Christmas time, and in 1975 provided some furniture for a new home for a burned out family. The Club grossed \$7,187 from the annual sale of Easter Seals in 1975.

The Club's contribution to Truro's Centennial year program in 1975 was a boys and girls marching band, organized and trained by Club member Ron MacKay. The band cost the Club \$3,131 to launch.

Other community organizations partly financed by the Club were the Truro Diabetic Association, in appreciation of its work for diabetic children, the Truro Head Start School and the Colchester Community Day Care Center.

Beginning in the mid 1970's, the Club provided financial assistance for a Truro university student to go on a Crossroads International cultural exchange trip to a foreign country as well as for the exchange of a high school student from Truro to study in a foreign country for one year. It also supported an international student who would be a guest in Truro and attend our schools.

During 1975 the Club was host to an overnight stop in Truro of a study group of business and professional men from the United Kingdom as an international service project.

On February 20, 1976, there were 16,696 Rotary Clubs in 151 countries around the world with an estimated membership of 785,000.

For a second time in the decade, the Rotary Club of Truro was the host Club for a District Governor. Donald Hughes served as District Governor for the Rotary year 1979-1980.



D.O. HUGHES

The 1980's

In the early 1980's, the Club moved from the Abenaki Motor Inn to the Glengarry Motel on Willow Street.

Fund raising and the amount of dues paid by Club members were issues during the 80's. There was a need to improve the balance in the Club account and as a consequence a major rummage sale was held as a one time effort to raise funds. The membership dues were increased in the late '80's to help maintain the balance there-after.

The Rotary Club of Truro supported the St. Kitts Rotary Club in 1980 with a contribution of \$1000.

The Truro Club joined other organizations and made a contribution of \$1,500 to the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund in 1980.

The Club also contributed \$7,500 to Ronald McDonald House in Halifax in 1983/84 and \$3,000 to Camp Tidnish in 1984 to assist with a building addition

In 1982 and again in 1983, the Club supported the Adventures in Industrialization program in a significant way. Based on the Adventures in Citizenship model that had been operating for some time, this program was designed to introduce young people to the industrial sector of the economy and encourage entrepreneurship. After two years, participation in the program was discontinued.



Les Topshee

Between 1982 and 1986, the Club paid a portion of the salary for a Speech Therapist to operate in the area and help children with speech problems.

Truro Club member Mr. Les Topshee served as District Governor for the 1986-1987 year. A very successful District Conference was hosted by the Truro Club in the spring of 1987. It was chaired by Lorne Nicholson and Clyde Weldin.

In response to appeals for financial assistance, the Club made contributions of \$20,000 to the Colchester Regional Hospital expansion project between 1987 and 1989 and \$5000 to the Isaac Walton Killam Hospital campaign in 1989.

The Rural-Urban meetings that had begun in the early 1930s had begun to fade in the 1980's as communications and travel became much easier. By the end of the decade interest had diminished to the point that it was discontinued all-together in the early 1990's.

The 1990's

The relationship between the Truro Rotary Club and the Colchester Community Workshop began in 1989-90 with the first donation to that organization. Over the years following, the Club became more involved in supporting the Workshop in its day to day work of supporting mentally challenged community members.

After many years as a radio auction, the Club incorporated cable TV broadcast into the auction format in 1992. The two formats ran together for that year and then TV only afterwards. The new form of the auction also changed to run over two days rather than three as it had previously. In 1993 the Auction netted over \$28,000 to be used for Club activates. A permanent home for the Auction was found at the Truro Golf Club.

The Club received a Presidential Citation from Rotary International in 1995-96 for excellent committee work.

In 1995 a float was created and entered in the Truro Christmas Parade. This was the first time in about fifteen years the Club had done this. Many members attended.

Membership was an ongoing issue during the 90's with the danger of more members

leaving than joining. Several initiatives were begun including the



“fireside chat” to orient new members to the Club and increase retention.

The times were changing for Rotary clubs during the 1990's and women were finally accepted for Rotary Club membership. The first female member of the Truro Club was Barbara (Reynolds) Schofield who joined in 1990. In 1996, Joanna Christianson was the first member of the Truro Rotary Club to give birth (to James Tiberius Christianson). Barbara Goit joined the Club in 1994 and became the first female president of the Rotary Club of Truro for the 1998-99 year. Since these pioneers, women have become fully integrated into all aspects of Rotary service.

The Club hosted four International Exchange students during the 1990's. These high school students lived with Club member families in the area while attending the Cobequid Educational Centre. They were Owen Wollaston (New Zealand) in 1990, Ben Burkhard (Germany) in 1996-97, Violette Walter (France) 1997-98 and Maite Fantini (Italy), 1998-1999. Due to the difficulty in finding host families for the program, the Club opted out of the Rotary Exchange student program after 1999.

The Club began organizing a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference in April 1997. The one-day event is directed mainly at grade 10-11 high school students from the five surrounding high schools. The purpose of the Conference is to bring about a better understanding of the principles and qualities of leadership. Bursaries are presented to the top students who bring their portfolios and make presentations at the event.

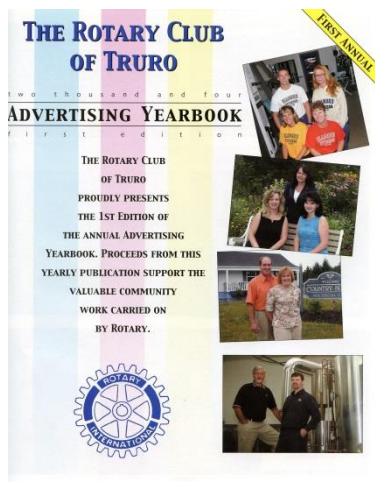
The 2000's

Beginning in 2000 the Club began sending one student who has attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, to the World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Campus.

The Club hosted a Group Study Exchange from France in 1999, Georgia in the Southern US in 2000 and Western Australia in 2002.

The first husband and wife Club members began with Sharon Quinlan joining her husband Kevin as a member in 2002. Jim Goit joined his Rotarian wife Barbara as a member in 2005.

Fund raising activities by the Truro Club took a great leap forward with the launch of the advertising yearbook in 2003. The total net proceeds from the yearbook and auction for 2005 were \$67,165, which was a new record for the Club.



In 2003 the Club published the first Yearbook with 116 ads. By 2006 there were 187 ads and gross revenues were about \$77,000 with expenses of \$36,000 for a net of about \$40,000 that year.

During the years 2003-04 and 2004-05, Rotarians from the Truro Club personally donated over \$11,000 to the Polio Plus campaign.

The Club sponsored local University student/aspiring

teacher Krista McCallum on a teaching internship to Australia for 6 weeks in the spring of 2005.

The Club entered the modern information age in this decade. The weekly newsletter and meeting report, *the Spokesman*, was distributed by e-mail in 2001 and the Club's first website was developed by students of the Truro Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in 2004.

In 2002, Rotary International challenged each of the 31,000 Clubs worldwide to choose a "Centennial Project" to commemorate the 100 birthday of Rotary on February 23rd, 2005. The Truro Rotary Club over-reached this challenge by providing a \$100,000 cash pledge and a \$100,000 "in-kind" donation in support of a new building for the Colchester Community Workshops. The Community Workshops building project evolved over a four year period as members of the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation worked diligently to raise sufficient funds to help build the facility. The new 20,000-square-foot, \$2 million building, located on Arthur Street, was completed in 2005 and named 'Rotary House'. The facilities allowed the Workshops to double their client base from 50 to 100. The Truro Club continues to support the Colchester Community Workshops through ongoing fund raising.



The Centennial Committee, chaired by Ernie Bradley, also planned a special Centennial Charter Night celebration that was held on Wed., Feb. 23, 2005 at the Best Western Glengarry motel. Tom Stanfield, CEO of Stanfield's, was the guest speaker. Charter Night was the culmination of the Centennial year celebrations and was used as an opportunity to showcase the Club's Centennial project.

The Club hosted a delegation of scientists and government officials from North Korea on April 14-15, 2005. This study trip had been arranged by a Canadian Rotarian and was managed in Nova Scotia by Dr. Robert Prang of the Rotary Club of Kentville. The team spent the day touring Rotary House and the NSAC. A supper was held in their honour giving many members of the Club the opportunity to interact with the visitors.

In August 2005, the Club voted to support the capital campaign for a new Hospital for Colchester East Hants with a donation of \$150,000 to be given over 5 years. A medical day unit was dedicated in honour of the Club's contribution.

The Club hosted a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) workshop in Truro on October 22, 2005. The gathering brought together Rotarians from around Atlantic Canada and the state of Maine to learn more about Rotary and develop future leaders of the organization.

In 2005, the Centennial year for Rotary International, there were approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000

Rotary clubs located in 167 countries. The Rotary Club of Truro membership stood at 64 in February 2006.

On February 20, 2006, the Club celebrated its 80th birthday with a Gala event. Dr. Garth Coffin, Club President welcomed District Governor Duncan Conrad the of PEI to help celebrate the Club's many years of supporting children and families in need, both locally and around the world

Heather Ann Grant and Amy Sangster were sponsored by the Club to go on the Rotary Group Study exchange to Brazil in 2007. Heather Ann subsequently was a member of the Club from 2011 to 2014.

The Club awarded \$1,000 to Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Justin McKay from Bible Hill in July 2006. It also awarded the Skate Board Action Committee \$2,500 for the new skate board park in memory of PDG Les Topshee.



The Club continued the tradition of holding their Christmas Brunch. There was a record attendance of 122 for the Dec. 2006 event. The highlight of the event was Santa giving gifts to the children and grandchildren of Rotarians in attendance.

The Rotary Auction of March 2006 had gross revenues of \$60,345.75 and expenses of \$9226.01 giving a net amount of \$51,419.74. This was a record figure. In 2007 the Auction was moved to May from March because Eastlink would no longer broadcast community events in our regular time slot. This meant that the auction room had to be moved from the golf club to another location. An email response form was added to the bidding process for the first time in 2007. In 2008 the auction went fully on-line and credit and debit cards were accepted for payment of items the first time.

The Club's first female Paul Harris Fellows were Barbara Goit and Joanna Christianson. Their recognitions were presented at Charter night Feb 26, 2007.

The Club adopted the Clubrunner Club Information Management System in early 2008 - one of the first clubs in the District to do so. It replaced the existing website and put the management of the Club member's information and communication into their own hands. It also automated the creation and distribution of the Club bulletin. Sponsorship ads were soon added and they not only covered the cost of the website but were a source of Club revenue.

Rotary International President John Kenny visited Nova Scotia in July of 2009. Nova Scotia was the first place he visited during his year as President. The Rotary Club of Truro hosted a banquet in his honour. This was only the second time an RI president had ever visited Truro.



RI President John Kenny visits Truro

L to R, Club Treasurer, Dale Saunders, Club President, Brian Matthews,
RI President, John Kenny, Club Secretary, Jim Goit, Club Vice President, Ken MacLean

A member survey was completed to help the Club understand the needs of the members. The Club started Makeup Thursdays in August of 2009 to help with member engagement. There were changes to the meal and meeting arrangements with the Club going to a buffet style meal.

The Club made a donation of \$10,000 to the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society to help the Society get established.

The 2010's



The Rotary Club of Truro decided it needed its own logo to help it stand out - especially on social media where Clubs using the standard RI wheel were not easily identified. A contest was held for a concept and Club members Laurie

Sandeson and Marilyn Brown share credit for bringing forward the elements of the design that was refined by local graphic artist Susan Corning. The idea behind the design is as follows: *"The new Club logo represents Truro's place in the province and its tie to transportation as shown in this "forward moving" travel way shape. It also maintains its strong connection to the Rotary International wheel symbol which is displayed proudly in the upper right side. In colour, the logo depicts the red banks and green fields that border the Bay of Fundy. In black and white, the symbol can be seen to represent all three travel ways of water, road and rail."* The new logo found its way onto the Club's social media sites, a new Club lapel pin, the Club banner, and printed materials.

The 7th edition of the Rotary Yearbook was published with 226 businesses advertising and netting the Club \$50,000 for Club projects.

\$15,000 as raised by various means for contribution to Shelterbox. The units were designated for relief in Haiti.

Montreal hosted the Rotary International Convention in Montreal in 2010 and 4 members of the Club attended. Total attendance at the conference was over 18,500 from all over the world.

The Club supported an international project in Barbados with assistance for the building of two fishing dinghies to help local fisherman who had no docking facilities. By partnering with the Rotary Club of South West Tobago, two dinghies were soon helping the fisherman get back and forth to their fishing boats.



In late 2011 the Club was presented with an interesting artifact. A very old Rotary International Wheel was unearthed, literally, in the Truro area and given to the Rotary Club of Truro.

It came with its own mysteries. Made of heavy iron, the wheel was found beneath the sub floor of a home on Wynn Road during the course of renovations. How it got there... no one knows. The wheel was cleaned and painted and put in the club's display case.

The Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Truro Minor Football Association in September 2012. The Club had been instrumental in formation of the Association and had supported it for many years.

The Rotary Club of Truro sponsored the formation of two Interact Clubs in 2011. Clubs at The Cobequid Educational Center (CEC) and at South Colchester Academy in Brookfield began to meet in the fall of 2011. The energy of the young people involved is an inspiration to Club members. The Interactors helped the Club with several projects in addition to their own efforts.

A GSE team from Malaysia was hosted by the Club in the spring of 2013. This was the last GSE team to visit the District as the Rotary International Foundation discontinued the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program and replaced it with a new model of funding projects.

In 2014 the Rotary Club of Truro received the first Global Grant in the District. Rotarian Lydia Sorflaten, together with partners in Ontario and Africa, put together a project that helps to rebuild a

school classroom and latrines in Cameroon that had a very positive impact on the economic wellbeing of the community.

There were also other international projects of note. The Club worked with other charitable groups in the Truro area and helped load two containers of hospital equipment that were sent to Haiti. The Interact group from South Colchester Academy was a great help in cleaning and loading the equipment.



Jim Goit

On July 1st 2015, Jim Goit became the 5th Governor for District 7820 to be from the Rotary Club of Truro. The District Conference at the Best Western Glengarry May 13-15, 2016 had as its theme “Rotary: Rooted in Community.”

An exciting new venture was assumed in late 2015. The Club took over responsibility for the Cobequid Children’s First Foundation and the Christmas Index program. Members became fully responsible for helping families that may be in need of

assistance at Christmas time and with the help of many others delivered the program for Christmas 2015.

After almost 70 years, the Club made the difficult decision to retire its annual auction. 2016 marked the first time in decades that the auction was not held.

In January 2016 there were approximately 1.22 million members of Rotary International belonging to more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

This summation of the history was compiled from the work of Ward Murdock during the 50th Year of Rotary, (29th Year of the Truro Club) published in 1955 and the work of R. Trueman MacIntosh, Club Historian, for the 50th Anniversary of the Truro Rotary Club of Truro, April 1976. Additional material was added for the 80th Anniversary in 2006 and for the 90th Anniversary in 2016 by DG Jim Goit with the help of many Club members especially Rotarian Les Mosher

District Governors from the Rotary Club of Truro

Jim Goit	2015-2016
Les Topshee	1985-1986
Donald Hughes	1979-1980
Walter Mosher	1971-1972
Dr. George Smith	1959-1960

True Rotarian Award Recipients

Bruce McCabe	2011-2012
Ernie Bradley	2010-2011
Rylie Marshall	2009-2010
Charlie Hill	2008-2009

Rotarian of the Year

Mark Mason	2015-2016
Alana Hirtle	2014-2015
Chester McPhee	2013-2014
Keith Gillis	2012-2013
Dave Mills	2011-2012
Judy Nicholson	2010-2011
Lydia Sorflaten	2009-2010
Jim Goit	2008-2009
Arnold Hagen	2007-2008
Mike Topley	2006-2007
Kevin Quinlan	2005-2006
Brian Matthews	2004-2005
Rick Johnson	2003-2004

Avenues of Service Citation Recipients

Dave Mills	2015-2016	Les Mosher	2006-2007
Lydia Sorflaten	2014-2015	Les Topshee	2005-2006
Garth Coffin	2013-2014	Donald (Bun) Hay	2004-2005
Lloyd Cody	2011-2012	Grant Langford	2003-2004
Riley Marshall	2010-2011	Jim Cameron	2002-2003
Clyde Weldin	2009-2010	Dr. Herb McRae	2001-2002
R. Lorne MacDougall	2008-2009		

Paul Harris Fellows

Richard Bowness	Ed MacDonald
Ernest Bradley	Ken MacDonald
Lorna Bradley	R. Lorne MacDougall
Marilyn Brown	David MacNaughton
James Cameron	Ken MacLean
Douglas Carter	Robert MacLellan
Joanna Christianson	Roderick MacLennan
Lloyd Coady	Chester MacPhee
Garth Coffin	Charles MacQuarrie
Sharon Corcoran	Ryland Marshall
John Coupar	Brian Matthews
Richard Cox	Lorne McSween
Elmer Doyle	David Mills
Ken Eisner	Leslie Mosher
Wayne Gillis	Walter Mosher
John Glassey	John Murphy
Barbara Goit	Judy Nicholson
Jim Goit	Lorne Nicholson
Bernie Goodman	Eric Pauley
Jim Gould	Kevin Quinlan
Arnold Hagen	Stuart Rath
Donald Hay	Walter Redden
William Hay	Stuart Reid
Charles Hill	Alden Roberts
Bart Hinze	John Short
Alton Hollis	D. Brenton Smith
Terrence Honey	C.H. Sproule
Rick Johnson	Tom Stanfield
R. H. Jones	Mike Topley
Rod Jones	Leslie Topshee
Ted Jordan	C. Leroy Trites
Grant Langford	Clyde Weldin
Marjorie Lewis	Ambri White
Herb MacRae	J. Robert Winters
Alexander MacCalder	Adam Wyllie


Presidents of the Rotary Club of Truro

2015-2016 – Dr. Kevin Quinlan	1970-1971 – Donald G. Courtney
2014-2015 – Jim Gould	1969-1970 – Jamie F. Cooper
2013-2014 – Al Bégin	1968-1969 – Walter P. Mosher
2012-2013 – Laurie Sandeson	1967-1968 – Everett M. Barkhouse
2011-2012 – Jim Goit	1966-1967 – Henry W. Crowell
2010-2011 – Ken MacLean	1965-1966 – J. Arthur Manning
2009-2010 – Brian Matthews	1964-1965 – R. Trueman MacIntosh
2008-2009 – Ed MacDonald	1963-1964 – Donald H. MacDonald
2007-2008 – Ken MacDonald	1962-1963 – Dr. Terry J. Hanrahan
2006-2007 – Christine Blair	1961-1962 – Robert H. Jones
2005-2006 – Dr. Garth Coffin	1960-1961 – John M. Murphy
2004-2005 – Wayne Gillis	1959-1960 – Les J. Topshee
2003-2004 – Marilyn Brown	1958-1959 – Harry H. Bartlett
2002-2003 – Mike Topley	1957-1958 – Walter K. Sharpe
2001-2002 – Rick Johnson	1956-1957 – Dr. Gordon R. Smith
2000-2001 – Richard Bowness	1955-1956 – Frank E. Yould
1999-2000 – Larry Beazley	1954-1955 – Art D. Nelson
1998-1999 – Barbara L. Goit	1953-1954 – Dr. D. Scott McCurdy
1997-1998 – Ernie Bradley	1952-1953 – Hector N. Munroe
1996-1997 – Harvey MacArthur	1951-1952 – Harold I. Cornell
1995-1996 – Phil Cole	1950-1951 – R. Lorne MacDougall
1994-1995 – J. Rick Winters	1949-1950 – Colin K. Munroe
1993-1994 – Clyde Weldin	1948-1949 – Ken M. Lewis
1992-1993 – Grant Langford	1947-1948 – Russ H. Davison
1991-1992 – Bob MacLellan	1946-1947 – Fred S. Layton
1990-1991 – Terry Honey	1945-1946 – Doug Baker
1989-1990 – Walter Redden	1944-1945 – Walter H. Crocker
1988-1989 – Les Mosher	1943-1944 – Jack G. Glassey
1987-1988 – Lorne M. Nicholson	1942-1943 – C. Elmer. Doyle
1986-1987 – E. John Short	1941-1942 – Preston J. Wilcox
1985-1986 – Rick N. Cox	1940-1941 – Lou M. Christie
1984-1985 – Angus N. Gillis	1939-1940 – William (Bill) B. Murphy
1983-1984 – Heath MacPhail	1938-1939 – Jim F. Pirie
1982-1983 – Vince Baird	1937-1938 – Fred M. Blois
1981-1982 – D. Brenton Smith	1936-1937 – R. B. (Byron) MacLennan
1980-1981 – Jim L. Cameron	1935-1936 – R. B. Ward Murdock
1979-1980 – Malcolm F. Estey	1934-1935 – Ed G. McCullough
1978-1979 – Dr. Herb R. MacRae	1933-1934 – Robert A. Mingie
1977-1978 – Rylie L. Marshall	1932-1933 – Dr. D. G. Davis
1976-1977 – Donald O. Hughes	1931-1932 – Charles. O. Doyle
1975-1976 – Lorne S. McSween	1930-1931 – H. F. Daniel
1974-1975 – Clifton H. Sproule	1929-1930 – Harold F. Bethel
1973-1974 – Eric W. Pauley	1928-1929 – T. Percy Bentley
1972-1973 – Ambri A. White	1927-1928 – A. R. Coffin
1971-1972 – Bernie M. Goodman	1926-1927 – Frank L. Lewis

Members of The Rotary Club of Truro 2015-16

Name	Rotary Years	Name	Rotary Years
Todd Barnhill	1	Ted Jordan	17
Larry Beazley	21	Lech Krzywonos	1
Ryan Beazley	1	Grant Langford (Hon.)	29
Al Bégin	7	Andrew MacDonald	2
Jaime Blaauwendraat	<1	Ed MacDonald	23
Christine Blair	21	Ken MacDonald	17
Richard Bowness	20	Meg MacDougall	2
Ernie Bradley	25	Ken MacLean	14
Marilyn Brown	19	Dave MacNaughton	52
Joanna Christianson	21	Chester MacPhee	9
Paul Clark	4	Mark Mason	10
Lloyd Coady (Hon.)	28	Brian Matthews	13
Garth Coffin	17	Audrie-Jo McConkey	3
Mike Collins	4	Dave Mills	15
Sharon Corcoran	13	Les Mosher	46
Mike Dolter	10	Martina Munden	<1
Steve Gallant	8	Judy Nicholson	9
Keith Gillis	6	Harry Pridham	47
Wayne Gillis	21	Kevin Quinlan	14
Barbara Goit	21	Matt Redmond	1
Jim Goit	10	Barbie Reynolds	25
Jim Gould	5	Kirk Saint	12
Jane Gourley-Davis	<1	Laurie Sandeson	7
Catherine Graham	2	Dale Saunders	13
Mike Hanes	9	Lydia Sorflaten	13
Derrick Higgins	<1	Mike Topley	18
Bart Hinze	6	Clyde Weldin (Hon.)	39
Alana Hirtle	2	Bob Winters	55
Al Hollis	40	Adam Wyllie	7
Rod Jones	7		



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