

HISTORY OF ROTARY CLUB OF TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA

Started July 1, 1951.

H. Ward Murdock,
Historian.

Note: The Club records were lost in fires twice previous to this record being started, therefore, for this reason some records are scanty.

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TRURO ROTARY CLUB

Established February 23, 1926

Club No. 2314

The Rotary Club of Truro was organized with its first meeting on February 23, 1926. The meeting was organized by a group from Halifax Rotary Club headed by John C. Gass.

The Meeting ad [redacted] day evening, March 5, 1926, this being the official date when the Charter was presented to Truro Rotary Club by Charles Burchell, Third Vice President of Rotary International. The address of this meeting was by Layton Ralston.

The Executive for the year 1926-1927 were elected as follows:

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| President | Frank L Lewis. |
| Vice-Pres. | A. R. Coffin |
| Secty. | R. A. Mingie |
| Treasurer | R. S. Boyd |
| Directors: | E. G. Moxon |
| | T. G. Taylor |
| | T. P. Bentley |

(Following is a column taken from Halifax [redacted] re Rotary)

" On Friday night, at the New Learment [redacted] Truro, the town of Truro was officially confirmed to the Rotary family when the new Rotary Club there was presented with its charter by Charlie Burchell, of Halifax, Third Vice President of Rotary International. The meeting was a large one and attended by many Rotarians from Moncton, Halifax, New Glasgow, and Saint John and one hundred per cent of the membership of the new Truro Club. The meeting was presided over by Frank Lewis who is the President of the Club and short addresses were made by Charles Burchell, W. M. P. Webster, Past President, Halifax Club, Al Grainger President, Moncton Club, Don F. Fraser, Past President, New Glasgow Club, but the address of the evening was that of J. Layton Ralston, [redacted] the spread of Rotary the world over and of its acceptance by men of every station and walk in life. He gave his hearers a new vision of Rotary and in his masterful eloquence held his fellows spellbound throughout his magnificent dissertation on his favourite theme. Col. Ralston was sent to Australia and New Zealand as a special ambassador a few years ago and was so successful in sowing the seed of Rotary in these far off countries that they today constitute most active Rotary districts. "

President Wm. Webster of the Halifax Club presented the Truro Club with the Bronze Gong and Gavel made in Halifax at the above mentioned meeting.

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CHARTER MEMBERS:

F. L. Lewis
 R. A. Mingie (Deceased)
 S. D. McLellan (Deceased)
 T. P. Bentley (Deceased)
 A. R. Coffin
 H. F. Bethel
 H. W. Murdock
 T. G. Taylor (Resigned)
 R. S. Boyd (Deceased)
 R. H. Davison (Resigned)
 Dr. Eaton (Deceased)
 R. B. MacLennan (Deceased)
 C. A. Magnus (Deceased)
 E. G. Moxon (Deceased)
 W. B. Murphy (Deceased)
 G. W. Read

Members added to the Truro Rotary Club after Charter in 1926 were as follows:

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| F. M. Blois | 2/12/26 |
| Harry Chase | 20/4/26 |
| L. M. Christie | 11/5/26 |
| W. H. Crocker | 11/2/27 |
| H. L. Daniel | 21/5/26 |
| A. N. Gillis | 22/11/26 |
| Geo. H. Johnson | 16/4/26 |
| G. M. Kent | 30/10/26 |
| A. B. Lumsden | 16/7/26 |
| C. G. Mosher | 9/2/27 |
| N. F. Nutter | 30/5/27 |
| J. L. Pattillo | 11/2/27 |
| J. H. Slackford | 15/11/26 |
| W. S. Sweet | 15/11/26 |
| H. A. Wellard | 2/9/27 |
| H. W. Sparrow | |
| H. J. Fraser | |

When Truro Club was formed in February of 1926, the District Governor was John Young of Sydney, N. S. Then on July 1, 1926, Howard Murchie of St. Stephen, New Brunswick was named District Governor for 1926, 1927.

Membership in the Rotary Club of Truro on June 30, 1927 totaled 31 members with meetings to be held at 12:15 p. m. on Fridays at the Learment Hotel in Truro.

In July, 1926, the New Glasgow Rotary Club put on a Minstrel Show in Truro. It was a great success.

In January, 1927, Rotary entertained Warden and Councillors of Colchester County to luncheon. The speaker was Dr. M. Cummings.

In 1927, also, E. G. Moxon spoke on the Pharmacy Profession, telling the members that the first drug store in Truro was opened in 1920 by Mr. DeWolfe, opposite Victoria Square.