

Geographical History DISTRICT 7210

The first Rotary club in the world was organized in Chicago on February 23, 1905. The second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco, California in 1908 and the New York City Club No. 6 was organized on August 6, 1909.

From 1909 until 1912, Rotary had no form of divisional or district administration but at the August, 1912 Convention the United States Clubs were divided into divisions with an International Vice-President for each division. The New York City Rotary Club found itself in the "Eastern Division" consisting of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Within a year after the organization of this 'Eastern Division' several more clubs came into Rotary. Included were Albany Rotary Club No. 68 organized in April 1913 and Troy Rotary Club No. 122 in January 1914.

At the January 1915 Convention the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Rotary Clubs was amended to provide 'Districts' instead of 'Divisions'. Albany and Troy found themselves in the Second District, which consisted of the states of New York and New Jersey. There were 12 New York Clubs and 4 New Jersey clubs.

The Second District continued until July 1, 1918 when it was split-up and Albany, Troy and Schenectady Clubs went into the Third District which was described as follows: Eastern New York, that portion east of the 75th meridian, and Northern New Jersey, north of a line running due east beginning immediately south of Trenton."

The Third District continued until July, 1922, when the 29th district came into being, the boundaries of which were as follows: 'That portion east of the eastern boundaries of the counties of Hamilton, Herkimer, Otsego, Chenango, and Broome and south of the northern boundaries of the counties of Warren and Fulton.' In March, 1931, the colony of Bermuda was added.

District 174 continued until July 1, 1937 when District 173 was established and the boundaries included the counties of Warren, Fulton, Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady, Montgomery, Schoharie, Albany, Rensselaer, Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland.

District 173 continued until July 1, 1949 when a new District known as District 255 was established with no change in boundaries.

District 256 was created on the same date (July 1, 1954) and included the counties of Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland. George Bagley was the first Governor of District 256 in 1954-55, Rotary International's Golden Anniversary Year.

District 721 was renumbered from 256 in 1957-8 and covered the same eight counties with Sam Scudder as District Governor.

District 7210 was the result of existing Districts adding a '0' to accommodate the addition of Districts throughout the world.

ROTARY CLUBS IN DISTRICT 7210

ARLINGTON – The Arlington Club was chartered on May 5, 1953, having been set off from, and sponsored by Poughkeepsie. There were 32 charter members under the Charter Presidency of Harold C. Storm and Charter Secretary Watson E. Sanford. Samuel Hickman was Governor of District 255. Subsequently, on January 26, 1967 the Arlington club was re-chartered as Poughkeepsie – Arlington. In 1985-86 the club name was restored back to the Arlington Club PDG Edwin A. Ulrich (1961-62) PDG Walter R. Neidhardt (1978-79) and PDG Joseph Salmonese (1997-98) were members.

BEACON – February, 1991 – Officers of 1991-92 were President Matt Ryan and Secretary Sherry McGwney.

BLAUVELT – A new club at Blauvelt was chartered on March 1, 1960 with 17 members and Pearl River the sponsor. Leo Wasset was Blauvelt's Charter President and Nils Peltzman, Charter Secretary, during the term of Poughkeepsie's Harris E. Dexter as District Governor.¹ The name was unofficially changed to Blauvelt-Orangeburg when more members were from the latter town and was changed in 1987 to South Orangetown.

BLOOMING GROVE – WASHINGTONVILLE – Continued effort by Extension Chairman PDG William Nichols and under the sponsorship of Newburgh and New Windsor and the interest of Governor Russ Scobie, a club was formed in the area of Blooming Grove – Washingtonville. Chartered April 8, 1974 with 30 members, Charles Smith (Newburgh), George Fraas and Joe Greco (New Windsor-Cornwall) took part in the organization.

BREWSTER – After a five year lapse with no new clubs, Lake Mahopac-Carmel sponsored this club chartered on September 27, 1945 with 28 members. Frank A, Wassung was District Governor; Charter President was Dr. Robert Cleaver and Secretary Gerard Mergardt. Samuel B. Ross, Jr. served as District Governor in 1962-63.²

CAIRO – PDG William Nichols met with Governor's Rep Charles Howard and Frank Maggio and announced that an application was in process for a club at Cairo. Charter was granted March 26, 1971 with 24 charter members. Charter Night was held May 1, 1971 with PDG George W. Bagley and PDG Bill Nichols attending. District Governor Wendell Heilman presented the charter with Catskill the sponsoring club. Charter officers were Frank J. Maggio, Jr., President; Walter W. Morton and Angelo Canna, first and second vice-president; Frederick P. Yost, Secretary and Ralph H. Cooke, Treasurer.³

CARMEL – On June 1, 1967 a division of the Lake Mahopac – Carmel Club created the new Carmel Club with a charter membership of 30 who comprised half the membership

¹ G. Stanley Baird, District Historian 1958 – 1978

² Herbert Saltford, District Historian 1983-1985

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of the former club, including two PDG's Sam Hickman (1952-53) and PDG Bob Kristeller (1964-65). PDG Sam Hickman was chosen President and Robert Thomas, Secretary. Rabbi Norman Kahan was District Governor at the time.¹

CATSKILL – On May 11, 1923 the Catskill Club was chartered with 23 members under the Presidency of Gardner Coffin and Secretary Tremain Loud. Hudson was the sponsoring club and Harlan H. Horner, District Governor. George W. Bagley served as District Governor in 1954-55 and followed Craig Thorn of Hudson as District Historian-Custodian.²

CENTRAL DUTCHESS – Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Arlington, Hyde Park and Rhinebeck, this 28 member club was chartered on January 31, 1973 and held the Charter Presentation on March 10, 1973 at the Elks club in Poughkeepsie. DG Representative Kenneth Stewart presided and Charles Pettengill, a Past President of R.I. was the speaker. DG Herbert Harder presented the Charter and Bill Nichols, District Extension Chairman assisted. Charter Officers included David S. Ring, President and Gerald Haight Secretary. In June, 1978, this club sponsored the LaGrange Club and in December, 1978 sponsored the Pleasant Valley Club. David Gardner was President of Central Dutchess in 1977-79 and gave continued support to the new clubs. Central Dutchess name changed to Millbrook 3-30-88.

CENTRAL ORANGE- Chartered in June 2009. Sponsored by the Goshen Club 4 years prior to charter.

CHESTNUT RIDGE – May 1, 1990. Officers for 1990-91 were President George Cohen and Secretary Neil Ferguson.

CLARKSTOWN SUNRISE – Officers for 1991-92 were President Marilyn Klubenspies and Secretary Virginia Pellicotta.

CONGERS-VALLEY COTTAGE – October 15, 1986 – Charter President was Jeffrey Cumming and sponsoring clubs were New City and West Nyack.

COXSACKIE –ATHENS – After two years, expansion activity resumed with the chartering of the new Coxackie-Athens club on March 22, 1937. Catskill sponsored the new club with 24 members. Charles Sbarbaro was Charter President, and Rev. Howard C. Slade Charter Secretary. George D. Ryder was District Governor.³

EAST FISHKILL – Edward Meltzer and PDG Bill Nichols were instrumental in founding a Rotary club in the Town of East Fishkill. During the spring of 1978, Edward Meltzer, William Nichols, Joseph Mulino, Philip Sottile, Vince Morano and others held preliminary unchartered Rotary meetings at Christopher's supper club in Hope Well Junction and by late summer the location was changed to Chadwick's Restaurant. The

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East Fishkill Rotary club was officially chartered on March 3, 1979 at Dutchess Manor in Beacon with 25 Charter members. Edward Meltzer was Charter President, Philip Sottile, Vice-President, Kenneth Schirmuhly, Secretary, and Joseph Mulin Jr., Treasurer; with William Wild the Sergeant at Arms.¹

FISHKILL – On May 11, 1953 the last of five clubs was chartered for the year 1953, when Fishkill was chartered with 43 members. Sponsor club was Lake Mahopac-Carmel. Emery J. Hey was Charter President and George B. Arnold, Secretary. During this Rotary year 146 new Rotarians were given an opportunity to share Rotary and expand their acquaintance with their fellow men.² PDG Alistair Barrett (1989-90) was a member.

GOSHEN- The neighboring county of Orange was the setting for a new club, at Goshen. On April 4, 1928 Warwick (now defunct) sponsored the new club with a membership of 22. Thatcher Sears was District Governor and the charter officers were Augustus C. Wallace, president and Charles J. Hooker, secretary. Goshen is the site of the Historic Track, where for many years the “Hambletonian” race was held. Goshen Rotary observes “Race Week” and Rotarians from many states attend their club meeting.³ PDG Ken Obremski (1993-94) was a member. PDG Doris Obremski (2005-06) was a member.

GREENVILLE –On April 15, 1952 Coxackie-Athens sponsored Greenville with a Charter membership of 30. John T, Kaemmerlen was DG, Charter President was C. Howard Spalding; Secretary, Rev. Rowland Wendell. “Brooks Atkinson, former New York Times theatre critic who died in 1983, was an honorary member of this club where I met with him in the Catskills to take some pictures of him for Audubon magazine. When he saw the Rotary button I wore in my lapel, all formality melted, making a memorable experience for us both.⁴

HAYERSTRAW – In 1926 the tide of Rotary again flowed south to Rockland County when on May 1 the Nyack Club sponsored Haverstraw, at one time the brick making center of the eastern seaboard. The DG was Rev. O.L. F. Mohn and the charter listed 24 members. Charter President was Arthur R. Thomas and Secretary George W. Basely.⁵ In 1974-5 the name was changed to North Rockland. PDG Carole Tjoa (2006-07) was a member

HIGHLAND – NEW PALTZ – The recorded shows that Hyde Park and Rhinebeck sponsored a new club at Highland-New Paltz on March 19, 1965 with a membership of 33. Leonard Rizzo was charter president and Cranson Covell, charter secretary. Robert Kristeller was District Governor; Kenneth Stewart of Rhinebeck presided at the Charter Presentation dinner at the Oddo House Hotel.⁶

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The new **HIGHLAND** club with 21 members was spun off from Highland-New Paltz. Its charter date is March 16, 1984 and the celebration was at Mariner's Harbor Restaurant on April 25, 1984. The special representative was PDG Walter R. Neidhardt; first president and secretary were respectively Antonia Cambone and Edwin J. Brown.¹

HUDSON – Again the Albany Club went back to the river and north from Port Jervis to Columbia County where they sponsored the Hudson Club, chartered on April 1, 1921 with membership of 21. James Sheehan was District Secretary. A unique event took place on Hudson's charter night when 20 Rotarians from Albany came down in a special car on the Albany Southern Electric Railroad furnished through the efforts of Jim Hewes, General Manager of the Albany Southern.² Craig Thorn, Jr. was secretary of this club from 1932 – 1952 and had perfect attendance for over 35 years. PDG Bernard H. Weaver (1980-81) and PDG Tam Mustapha (1999-2000) were members.

HYDE PARK - On June 13, the Hyde Park Club was chartered under the Governorship of Sam Scudder of Kingston. The Poughkeepsie-Arlington club was the sponsor with a charter list of 28 members. Charter presentation night was held on July 8, 1958 at the Norrie Point Inn in Staatsburg. The address was given by Donald Harrison, PDG 725, of Mineola. Walter Cartwright was charter president and J. Roger Golden the secretary. William Nichols, DG 1967-68 was a member of this club and served for over eleven years in R.I. Presidential Appointive positions. PDG George H. Pelote was a member.

KINGSTON – The Albany Club was chartered in 1913, and is thought to have encouraged the formation of the oldest club in our present district, the Kingston Club, although R.I. records indicate now sponsor. However, the incentive and the dedicated efforts of A. D. Pardee, Dr. Frank Keator, and Willis Hills were most responsible for its creation. Rev. George Dugan, as District Governor, made his first official visit on May 31, 1916 and the charter is dated July 1, 1916. Records indicate that Willis Hills was the Charter President and Harry Dodge was Secretary. The Charter club had 31 members. Other Rotary clubs Kingston has sponsored include Newburgh in 1917, Poughkeepsie in 1919, Phoenicia in 1953 and Woodstock in 1954. Kingston's Art Sheldon is credited with coining the phrase we all know, "he Profits most who serves best."³ PDG Samuel Scudder (1957-58) was a member

LA GRANGE – When the La Grange Rotary Club received its Charter from DG Radcliffe W. Hall on June 9, 1978 it became the 53rd member club of R.I. District 721 with the Central Dutchess County club as sponsor. Dave Gardner, DG Representative from Central Dutchess, Walt Neidhardt, DG Nominee, and Bill Nichols, District Extension Representative, were the principal organizers. Charter officers included James. D. Evert, President; Thomas F. Wallace, Vice-President; George Kuchler, Secretary; and Paul Mack, Treasurer. The first club bulletin, a monthly, appeared in September 1978 and

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the club's Directors approved their banner design in October. The first major community activity was a Winter Carnival for children, in February 1979.¹

LA GRANGE SUNRISE – January 1999 – Officers for 1999 were President John Brewster and Secretary Rose Shaffer. Sponsoring Club: La Grange.

LAKE MAHOPAC – (Formerly Lake Mahopac-Carmel) was chartered on March 11, 1932 with Peekskill sponsoring 19 members. John W. Dain was Charter President and Raymond B. Costello Charter Secretary. Amos O. Squire of the old 29th District was District Governor. Lake Mahopac gave two Governors to the District; Sam Hickman (1952-53) AND Robert Kristeller (1964-65). Lake Mahopac is in a unique situation inasmuch as it retained the charter of the former club. After membership reached about 50 members, consideration was given to a division of the club and finally concluded with 60 members in 1967, after 37 years of close relationship between the two communities. Half of the membership went to the Carmel club in 1967 and with those members went PDG Sam Hickman, who became President of his second club, and PDG Bob Kristeller (who represented R.I. in the division). The two clubs are five miles apart and it seems each community will now have a sizeable active membership.² PDG Ronald H. Duncan (1984-85) was a member.

LIBERTY-During the 1952-53 term of DG Sam Hickman, District 721 enjoyed its greatest expansion in any given year with the chartering of five new clubs. Liberty led the list when, on October 13, 1952 Monticello sponsored the new club with a Charter list of 25 members. W. Russell Gorton was Charter President and Brent T. Ferrand, Secretary. Liberty, Like Monticello, is in the heart of the Catskill hotel area where we have held many conferences. Charles Topper of the Liberty club has been active in making many of the arrangements in this area.³

LIVINGSTON MANOR - On December 10, 1954, Liberty and Monticello teamed up to sponsor the Livingston Manor Club. George Bagley was the District Governor and Joseph Brandt the Charter President.⁴

MAMAKATING – 1993 – Officers for 1994-95 were President Bob Howeter and Secretary Ray Swart. PDG Bridget Auer was a member.

MIDDLETOWN – Efforts were made as early as May, 1915 by the Newburgh club to organize a club in Middletown. However, no substantial progress was made until July 10, 1918 when the first organizational meeting took place under the direction of George Dugan, District Governor District Number 3. It was reported that the meeting was well attended with delegations present from clubs of Albany, Kingston, Newburgh, Newark and Passaic. Final organization took place in August and the charter date was November 1, 1918. There were 19 charter members. Stanley G. Shimer was Charter President, and

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Adrian H. Crawford was Charter Secretary. Alan C. Madden followed as Secretary and served for 11 years. PDG H. Pete Lazier (1988-89) was a member

MILLBROOK – Chartered as Central Dutchess again on November 29, 1978 after LaGrange and Pleasant Valley were formed. David Gardner was President in 1978-79. The name was changed to Millbrook in 1988.

MINISINK VALLEY. Chartered in May 18, 2008. Sponsored by Middletown and East Walkkill clubs. Charter President was Chad Volpe and Charter Secretary was Deborah Taylor.

MONROE-WOODBURY – The Haverstraw, Ramapo Valley and Goshen clubs pooled their efforts to create a new Monroe-Woodbury club which was chartered February 21, 1970 with 35 charter members. Charter Night was held at the Meadowbrook Lodge on April 17, 1970. Extension Chairman PDG Bill Nichols welcomed and introduced guests and Governor Walter Van Wagenen presented the charter. Charter officers were: Rev. Deane F. Lavender, President; Dr. George Lombino, Vice-President; Robert R. Gleason, Second Vice-President, Norman Fine, Secretary and Art Cavanaugh, Treasurer.¹

MONSEY –Renamed **AIRMONT** in 2005. The Suffern and Spring Valley clubs relinquished territory for the chartering of the Monsey club on March 9, 1959 with 27 Charter members. Hayes Overcash was their President and Shepard Van Gelder, Secretary. Rev. Edward Buller was District Governor.²

MONTICELLO – The District continued its moderate growth when, on January 15, 1924 the Monticello club was chartered with 22 members. Port Jervis was the sponsoring club. Arthur C. Kyle served as charter president and Van Hornbeck as Charter Secretary. Raymond J. Knoepple was District Governor. PDG Lionel W. Norick (1976-77) was a member.

NANUET – On April 9, 1956 the New City and Pearl River clubs sponsored Nanuet with 35 members. Mike Higgins was the Charter President and Robert Jacaruso Charter Secretary. Wendell Phillips of Port Jervis was District Governor. A Nanuet member, Sam Gilner, was District Governor 1968-69.³

NEW CITY – May 6, 1953 witnessed the charter night for this 35 member club, sponsored by the Pearl River and Spring Valley clubs. Charter President was Michael P. Yuda and Roland P. Durham was secretary. DG Samuel Hickman presented the charter (dated March 2) and PDG Edward Buller and PDG Hugo Mellion assisted with the program at the Bear Mountain Inn. Attendance (600) was greater than any other charter night in the district and gifts were received from every club in the District. The presentation of a check to DG Sam for the club's 100% participation in the Foundation was the first time in the history of our District that a new club had done so. "It is a rare

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occasion when a Rotary club signifies its approval of the program of the Rotary Foundation at the same time it receives its charter,” wrote John Zatteau, Executive Assistant, Rotary International. PDG David A. Pedersen (1987-88) was a member. DR. James Yarmus DG 2007-2008

NEW PALTZ – See Highland. Originally chartered March 19, 1965 as Highland – New Paltz, with a Charter Presentation dinner at the Oddo House Hotel, just west of Highland. Rechartered December 15, 1983 as New Paltz.

NEW WINDSOR –CORNWALL – Charter granted February 10 and charter night held on March 27, 1971 at Hotel Newburgh for 34 charter members. George Fraas was Charter President; Mickey Fischer, Vice-President, Ronald Hengst, Secretary and Richard Carpenter, Treasurer. Charter members totaled 34. PDG Chester J. Sawyer (1990-91) and PDG Knut Johnsen (2003-04) were members. David Green Will be Governor (2009-10).

NEWBURGH - Although Rotary International records fail to indicate the sponsor, it is believed that the Kingston club, the first in our district, extended the hand of fellowship to the Newburgh Club, chartered June 17, 1917, thus making it the second to come in. Thomas F. Smith was District Governor. There were 38 charter members with Clarence Miller as Charter President and Anthony Schulmerick as Charter Secretary. Two DGs have come from Newburgh; Rabbi Norman Kahan (1966-67) and Dr. Russell B. Scobie (1973-74)¹

NORTH ROCKLAND (HAVERSTRAW) – Originally chartered May 1, 1926 as the Haverstraw club with the Nyack Club as sponsor, the name has since been changed to North Rockland. Rev. O. L. F. Mohn was DG, Charter President Arthur Thomas and George W. Basely, Secretary with charter listing 24 members.²
Carole Tjoa DG 2006-2007

NORTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY – Expansion in 1970-71 continued when on December 3, 1970 a Northern Columbia club was chartered, based at Chatham. PDG Bill Nichols again guided the club during its organization and Philmont and Hudson were sponsors. PDG Herb Harder and District Historian G. Stanley Bair were part of the Hudson delegation. Charter night was February 5, 1971 with District Governor Wendell Heilman the guest speaker. There were 25 Charter members. Charter President was Oliver C. North, Allen D; Van Alstyne was Charter Vice President; John W. Devich Secretary and Walter Balfour, Treasurer.³

NYACK – The Newburgh club sponsored a new club at Nyack, Rockland County, on February 9, 1923 with a membership of 25. Harlan Honer was DG. Eugene F. Perry was Charter President and William H. Radcliff was Charter Secretary (both for 1922-24).

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Nyack has given the District 4 Governors: Robert Walmsley (1938-39), Tom McDermott (1949-50), Jefferson Weishaar, Jr. (1960-61) and Radcliffe W. Hall (1977-78).¹

NYACK SUNRISE – 1996 – Officers for 1996-7 were President James Mahoney and Secretary Ann Marrott, Secretary.

PATTERSON – Chartered on December 30, 1987 with 21 members, the sponsorship of Brewster and assistance of Special Representative Samuel Ross, Jr. Charter Officers were President Richard J. Henke and Secretary Myra Ross.

PAWLING – Lake Mahopac-Carmel sponsored the chartering of the Pawling club with 20 members on May 13, 1940. Dr. Louis Saiken was Charter President and Robert P. Roberts Charter Secretary. Charles S. Morris was District Governor.²

PEARL RIVER- Nyack sponsored Pearl River November 26, 1935 with 31 new members. Grover B. Sanford was Charter President and Robert A. Wile the Secretary. Leon B. Faulkner was District Governor. Rev. Edward Buller (1958-59 and Gus F. Pappas (1983-84) were members.

PEEKSKILL – Charter October 1, 1919 in District 723.

PHILIPSTOWN – December 21, 1988. Officers for 1989-90 were President Al Girelli and Secretary Rev. Frederick Sandford.

PHILMONT –The Hudson Club sponsored Philmont on June 30, 1956 with 22 members. A. Clay North was the first president and Carney Giannatasio, Secretary. PDG Wendell Phillips (1955-56) was District Governor. PDG Herbert K. Harder (1972-73) was a member.

PHOENCIA – Received its charter May 4, 1953 under the Kingston club's sponsorship. 21 charter members. Reginald H. Avery was charter president, and J. Robert Gregg the Secretary. The produced DG Martin J. Rubin (1975-76).³

PIERMONT- Gave up its Charter in May of 2009. Chartered April 9, 1951 with 24 members. Piermont was sponsored by the Nyack Club. Richard A. Clucas served as charter president and Michael J. Higgins as Secretary. The name was changed to Piermont /Tappan Zee in 1991 and then to Tappan Zee/Piermont in 1993-94. Berneice (Bunnee) Webb, the first female District Governor in District 7210, came from this club in 1999-2000.

PLATTEKILL – 1991- Officers for 1991-92 were President Ken Rumsey and Secretary Joan Licciardello. Ken Rumsey was District Governor in (1996-97)

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PLEASANT VALLEY – sponsored by the Central Dutchess Club and chartered on December 7, 1978. Calvin Smith served as the Charter President.

PORT JERVIS- PDG Walter Markovits (1965-66) PDG Edison F. Whitney (1979-80) were members

POUGHKEEPSIE – The Poughkeepsie club was created by means of a resolution at the Nelson House on February 13, 1919, sponsored by the Kingston Club. Rev. George Dugan, D.D, the DG from Albany, presented the charter. Although the charter is dated May 1, 1919, the Charter night took place on March 14, 1919 and more than 100 attended. Seven District Governors came from this club: Alexander Caven (1924-25), Dr. James T Harrington (1942-43), Harris E. Dexter (1959-60), Dr. Walter J. Geiger (1963-64), W. Wendell Heilman (1970 – 71) Rev. Herman Harmelink III (1982-83).¹ And Richard H. Perkins (1992-93)

POUGHKEEPSIE SOUTH – This club was chartered on April 13, 1964. There were 25 charter members with Samuel Linshin as president and Irv Roberts as Treasurer. Walter Geiger was District Governor.² PDG Jack D. Tartamella (1995-96) and PDG Betsy Kopstein (2001-02) were members.

PUTNAM VALLEY – With the aid of PDG Robert Kristeller, a charter was granted for the Putnam Valley club of 36 members on September 30, 1970. Sponsoring clubs were Carmel of District 721 and Peekskill of District 723. Charter President was Kenneth Carlson, Vice-President John Kuck, and Secretary Richard Tarantino. PDG Joseph P. Seiler (1998-99) was a member.

RAMAPO VALLEY – The 12th Rockland County club was chartered on March 2, 1968 with 27 members and held its Charter Night at the Pines in South Fallsburg. Suffern sponsored the club. Harry Izzo was Charter President and Arthur D'Avanzo, Secretary.³ PDG Joseph F. Abate (1992-93) was a member.

RED HOOK – Rhinebeck sponsored the Red Hook Club on February 23, 1955 with 25 Charter members, sharing the same birth date as R.I., 50 years apart. George Bagley was District Governor and the Charter Officers were Rev. John O. Martin, President and George Persinger, Secretary.⁴

RHINEBECK – Poughkeepsie club sponsored this club on March 15, 1948 with 32 members. Albert Bantham was District Governor and the Charter officers were Richard Fitzgerald, president and Joseph Loeber, secretary.

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SAUGERTIES – On May 31, 1955 the Woodstock club sponsored the Saugerties club with 26 Charter members. Morris Rosenblum was charter President and John Robbins the secretary. George Bagley was the District Governor.

SOUTH ORANGETOWN –Chartered March 1, 1960 as Blauvelt and the name changed to Blauvelt-Orangeburg and then to South Orangetown in 1987. SEE BLAUVELT.

SOUTHERN DUTCHESS- No clubs wanted to sponsor the new club. DG. Dr. James J. Yarmus founded the club in June 2008.

SPRING VALLEY – Chartered on March 5 with 25 members. Leon B. Faulkner was the District Governor. Richard Mihalko was Charter president and Clarence (Pete) Erickson the Secretary. Spring Valley gave Hugo Mellion to the District as Governor (1956-57) and his son Franklyn B. Mellion (1974-75. Clarence Erickson’s son Eugene was District Governor in 1981-82.

SUFFERN – On March 23, 1927 Suffern became the third Rockland County Rotary club. Port Jervis sponsored Suffern; Otto L.F. Mohn was the District Governor. There were 23 Charter members with Alfred Grunewald as Charter President and Louis Hammel as Secretary. PDG William E. Miele (1971-72) and PDG Thomas C. France (1994-95) were members.

TAPPAN ZEE-PIERMONT- See Piermont

WALDEN – Newburgh sponsored Walden on May 22, 1929 with a charter membership of 21. Bradley Dusenbury of Port Chester was the District Governor and the Charter Officers were Charles Garrison, President and Ralph Brownell, Secretary.¹

WALKILL EAST – June 6, 1989. Officers were President Ron DiMatteo and Secretary William Herrmann who became District Governor in 2002-2003.

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Sponsored by Fishkill and Poughkeepsie and chartered September 23, 1971. Charter Officers were Donald G. Buck, President, Rudolph E. Lapan, /vice-President, Steven B. Ross, Secretary and Charles Young, Treasurer. William E. “Bill” Miele, Jr. was District Governor.²

WARWICK –Chartered on December 5, 1927 with a charter membership of 22. In 1943 the club, by unanimous vote, disbanded and on September 23, 1943 it was officially terminated by the board of R.I.

WARWICK VALLEY –The Warwick Valley club was chartered on June 4, 1976 with a charter membership of 22. (From the documents it appears that this was connected to the above mentioned Warwick Club).District Governor Lionel Novick presented the Charter.

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Charter Officers were: David Hawkins, President; Erwin Swinson, Vice-President; Harold W. Schofield, Secretary and John Deming, Treasurer.¹

WEST NYACK – Chartered on August 17, 1965 with 25 members. Robert Feenwick was Charter President and Arthur Cahn, Secretary. Walter Markovitz was District Governor. PDG William E. Vines (1986-87) was a member.

WEST POINT – HIGHLAND FALLS – Known as the “Bicentennial Club” because of its Charter date, July 4, 1976, with New Windsor/Cornwall the Sponsor. The presentation dinner took place at the Hotel Thayer with 281 people in attendance.

WINDHAM – Chartered May 8, 1976, this was the District’s 50th club. Cairo sponsored. Harold Thorp was Charter President and James Hayes was Secretary.

WOODSTOCK – Charter removed by RI in 2007. Sponsored by the Kingston Club, Woodstock was chartered with 31 members on December 10, 1954. George Bagley was District Governor. Lewis Wilson was Charter President and Francis W. Antenucci, Secretary. Walter S. VanWagenen was District Governor.² PDG Walter s VanWagenen (1969-70) was a member.

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