

farmer's view on the Local Government Study Commission of 1967. He was active in the Presbyterian Church and helped start a new church in East Orange County.

Charles Stump, Sr. Active, Channel 9-TV. Known over this section of the country as "Charlie the Weather Man" for his interesting and accurate prediction of weather. He was particularly good at forecasting hurricane movements. He was a past president of the Winter Park Club, and was a former chief meteorologist for Channel 2. He was a native of Tampa, an alumnus of Tampa University and served as a pilot (captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps in W.W.II. He and his wife, Barbara, had three children.

Harry Voorhis, II, president of Budget Rent-a-Car, son of long time Rotarian, past president and song leader, Harry Voorhis. Born in Orlando in 1928, he attended OHS and graduated with a degree in agriculture from UF. In college he was in the naval cadet training program, but his eyes would not let him fly, so he enlisted upon graduation in the Army and became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. After the service he worked for Stauffer Chemical Co, during which time he joined the Apopka Rotary Club. The company moved and he had to give up Rotary. The freezes of 1958 and '62 slowed the chemical business and he left to enter the Rent-a-Car business. He sold his interest there in 1975 and joined Don Mealey Chevrolet as head of their Used Car Dept. Harry has served on several committees, has led singing part time for the club for over five years. He worked with the Schoolboy Patrol when the club furnished rain hats and coats for them. He has served two terms as a director of the club. He once owned his own plane and plans to buy another one and tour the U. S. by air with his wife when he retires. Harry likes people and likes to sing. He and Marcia have one son, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Dr. Henry A. Parker, Religion, Christianity, Baptist, was president, 1969-70. Originally RI had only two classifications for the Christian Religion--Catholic and Protestant--but that was changed in the 1950s to allow one for each denomination. Dr. Parker became the first minister to become a president of the club. A native of Texas, he was raised in Alabama and received his AB degree from Howard (Samford) College and Th.M and Th.D degrees from the Southern Seminary. He was trustee of four colleges and was president of the Florida Baptist Convention for 1961-62. He was moderator for the Wekiva Baptist Association for 1973-74. After serving four Baptist churches in Florida and Alabama, he came to the First Baptist Church of Orlando in 1956 and served until his retirement. He and his wife Virginia were parents of two boys and one girl. He was a prolific writer and produced several books including "Words to Live By," which also constituted the daily devotional that he gave over the radio for many years. He wrote a column, "Guidelines to Service" in the weekly Rotoptimist for five years.

The new Rotoptimist editor was **Col. Gaylord Gilbert**, who replaced Rolland Dean, newspaper editor and writer, who had edited the Rotoptimist for 15 years. When the announcement of his retirement as editor for health reasons, Ormund Powers wrote the story of Rolland Dean, "Rotarian Extraordinary," in the May 14, 1969 issue. That story, briefly stated, said Rolland's first love (except for his family) was the newspaper business and he was a great newspaperman, a great citizen and respected by his craft; his readers and everyone who knew him. He was born in Palm Beach in 1900 and moved to Miami in 1904 when his father purchased what is now the Miami Daily News (the News is no longer published). As a boy he enjoyed being a Boy Scout and canoeing in the everglades. Naturally, he worked delivering

newspapers. After high school he entered Yale University, where he took ROTC, was captain of the champion polo team, became an expert rifleman and a member of the pistol team. Upon graduation in 1923, he acquired half interest in the Sanford Herald and became its editor. After a short stint in Rotary, he became a serious Rotarian in 1938, became president of the Sanford club and was a member until 1953 when he moved to Winter Park. In Sanford, he was also a championship golfer, member of the All Star softball team, an avid horseman. He was active in the civic and community life of that city, including: being a senior warden in the Episcopal Church, director of the chamber of commerce, president of the Historical Museum and an organizer of the Blood Bank. When he moved to Winter park, he became associate editor of the Sentinel, a member of the Orlando Rotary Club and editor of the Rotoptimist. In 1926 he married Nina Oliver from Mississippi, who was a scholar and an excellent speaker. Her special interest was the state parks of Florida. They had one son, Bobo, and one grandchild and have traveled extensively in Europe and other parts of the globe. Rolland edited more than 3,000 pages of the Rotoptimist during his 15 years of service to the Orlando club. He was a member of the board of directors under six presidents. He also wrote the Golden Anniversary History of the Orlando club in 1970. His last Rotoptimist was just as lively and witty as his first.

Clyde West, the program chairman for Dr. Parker's year, started off the year with a promise to have better and different programs. One member of his committee said: "Several Rotarians were shocked when Program Chairman Clyde West, with the full support of all of us on the committee, told several people who have traditionally given a yearly talk on subjects that were really not of interest to most Rotarians, "We're not going to have your program this year." The programs improved dramatically. Programs during Dr. Parker's year included a panel discussion from three prominent Orlando Realtors on "What's happening to Real Estate in Central Florida," "Nuclear Chemistry and its Role in the Solution of Complex Problems," by Dr. Greathouse, world-renowned authority on the subject, "Down Under" by Past District Governor Les Ginkel. The new "Orlando Naval Training Center," "A Forecast by Disney," "The Moon Landing Story" by the deputy directory of the Kennedy Space Center, and the bell ringers from the First Presbyterian Church, were among other programs.

It was not a Rotary program, but the greatest program throughout the world was live on TV in color when Apollo II blasted off from Kennedy Space Center on July 16, 1968 to fulfill the promise of the late President John F. Kennedy to put a man on the moon in this decade. In the late night, of Aug.20, the whole world again watched that landing and heard Neil Armstrong's statement: "One small step for a man and one giant leap for mankind." The U.S. had gained superiority in space. No other nation has accomplished that feat to date.

The greatest event in Dr. Henry Parker's presidency was the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Orlando Rotary Club. Elaborate plans for the big show were made by a blue ribbon committee headed by Don Cheney, one of five charter members living at the time; Rolland Dean, who wrote the Golden Book, a 50-year history of the club, and presented it to the members that evening; Bill McCree, in charge of the banquet; Bill McBride, in charge of publicity; Bob Neel, promotion; and Arthur Park, historian. Harry Voorhis, Sr. and Floyd Eaddy led the singing. PDG Paul Stine introduced the honored speaker, past RI president and author of the 4-Way Test, Herb Taylor. In his humble but elegant way Herb repeated again that he was not the author of the test. "God was the author because it came to me, clear cut, many

years ago, as I earnestly prayed for guidance in a certain business crisis," Herb said, then showed how the test was a simple interpretation of God's word as given in Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doeth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

Rotarians who were inducted during Henry's year included:

Dr. Clarence M. Gilbert, Cardiologist, native of Pennsylvania, received his B.A. and M.D. degrees at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his family came to Orlando with the Air Force when he was a captain. He served as president of the Central Florida Heart Association, and as chief of staff at Orlando Regional Healthcare System. He is a respected doctor in his discipline.

Bruce McEwan, Attorney, received his B.A. from Rollins and his J.D. from UF. When he became a member of Rotary, he was the industrial claims judge with the Florida Department of Commerce. He is a native of Orlando, son of Dr. and Mrs. Duncan McEwan. While a college student he became a leader in the local Young Republicans' Club and was elected and served 12 years in the Florida House of Representatives, one of the few Rotarians to take on that responsibility. His father, Duncan, was a long time dedicated Rotarian and a respected surgeon. His grandfather, William L., was a lifelong Rotarian of the Cooperstown, N.Y. club; his great uncle, Dr. J. S. McEwan, was a charter member of the club and three of his cousins are members. They have a Rotary family. Bruce has served on the UCF Foundation Board, as president of the Orlando Chapter of the Navy League, although he was a member of the Army Reserves for awhile. He says Rotary "Helps me better understand other professions and the community."

Burt Rutledge Jr. Optician, son of a long time loyal Rotarian, native of Georgia, came to Orlando in 1938 with his family. He graduated from UF and is interested in photography, sketching and painting. He has served on numerous Rotary committees.

Dick Sherman, Real Estate Agency, born in Minnesota in 1927, came to Orlando as Southeast director of "Up With The People," a group of young singers that traveled all over the world singing about freedom and God and love. He was a graduate of State College at Bemidji, Minn., and then studied psychology at San Diego State College in California. He served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific. Later he and his wife, Cree, opened an interior design studio.

THE DR. P. PHILLIPS FOUNDATION

The two largest philanthropic organizations in Central Florida were created by a member of the Orlando Rotary Club and his father. The Dr. P. Phillips interests were planned so they can be perpetual donors to non-profit corporations which manage their affairs properly and were created for the benefit of education and culture in this county. To date the Phillips' foundations have averaged giving away about \$2 million annually to such organizations. Howard Phillips was an active member of the Orlando Rotary Club for 33 years (1946-1979). He was an excellent example of the service a good Rotarian gives to his community.

Dr. P. Phillips was a medical doctor from Tennessee who first came to Orlando in 1894 with \$5,000 and bought a grove because he wanted to go into the citrus business. The freeze of 1894-95 (the worst ever to hit Florida) killed his grove and he went back to Tennessee. But he returned in a short period with the idea of going to Cuba, but the government in Cuba did not suit him, so he returned to Kissimmee and became interested in cattle. (This is the reason some residents thought he was a veterinarian.) He saved his money and bought another orange grove on the shores of Sand Lake, guaranteed to be "freeze proof." He finally quit the cattle business but continued to buy land and plant citrus until he became the world's largest grower and processor of citrus. He built and operated his own packing house, fertilizer plant, migrant work camp and began a health care plan for his employees in the 1940s. He also tried to find year around work for his employees. He pioneered the canning of citrus and of juice. He developed a flash pasteurization with the canning process using stainless steel equipment that met the approval of the AMA. Dr. Phillips continued to buy land and build buildings in the area. The oldest downtown property is the old Phillips theater which was located at the Northeast corner of Orange and Pine Streets. When Minute Maid came to town in the 1950s, it was interested in buying a citrus company with large grove holdings and negotiated a deal with Howard and his father for the entire Phillips grove holdings. No land beyond 100 feet of any grove was sold. The company became known as Diversified Services, but was changed back to Dr. Phillips Inc. in a few years. The focus changed from citrus to construction of buildings for lease on company property. The Phillips company is one of the few companies that will build and lease special purpose buildings for their tenants. Dr. Phillips and his wife had two sons, Howard and Walter. Originally all family members were involved in the business, but Walter left the company in 1948. Neither son ever married. Dr. Phillips and Howard set up the Dr. P. Phillips Foundation with the idea that it would own the company, when the family was gone, but a change in IRS regulations prevented that and when Howard died in 1979 at the age of 77, a Howard Phillips Fund was set up to satisfy the tax laws. The Dr. Phillips interests now consist of Dr. P. Phillips, Inc., the Foundation and the Fund. No individual owns any stock in the company and all earnings of the foundation, the company and the fund are used for charitable purposes, primarily in Orange County. To qualify for a grant from the foundation or fund, the organization must first serve a satisfactory charitable purpose and show evidence and experience in management of their funds and functions in an efficient and honest way. Rotarian Jim Hinson is now the chairman of the board and CEO of the company and the

foundations. Former Rotarian Gene Johnson preceded Jim in those positions and now serves as consultant. Rotarian Ed Furey is vice president of the company. All three entities are managed by a board of directors of community-minded citizens who serve without pay. The company has never sold any land or buildings except for several small isolated parcels. One of the early contributions to the community by the Dr. Phillips interests was the land for the first hospital for blacks in Washington Shores. Florida Hospital built the hospital and staffed it. It is now a nursing home.

Some of the larger contributions over the years have included: Over \$4 million in total support of the Heart of Florida capital fund since it began; \$1.5 million to underwrite a "state of the art" planetarium at the new Orlando Science Center; \$1.4 million to construct a building for housing a branch of the Orlando Public Library in the Dr. Phillips community; a \$1.2 million grant to the Ivanhoe Foundation to renovate the old OUC building on Lake Ivanhoe for the use of the Orlando Opera Co. and the Southern Ballet Theatre; over \$800,000 to support the programs of the YMCA in three areas of Orange County; \$400,000 to UCF to endow a chair in American private enterprise; \$350,000 to UCF to establish the Dr. Phillips Institute for the Study of American Business Activity; more than \$300,000 to support programs of Junior Achievement since it came to Orlando; over \$300,000 to support programs of Edgewood Children's Ranch since it was founded; \$250,000 to Orlando Museum of Art for the Children's Wing; \$250,000 to WMFE Channel 24 to purchase a new mobile unit; and \$125,000 to the Boys and Girls Club to renovate the Pine Hills Branch.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ORLANDO FOUNDATION, INC.

The Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation, a not for profit corporation, was founded for the purpose of providing scholarship aid to local students, health care aid, relief from hunger, and humanitarian aid to the needy. Approval of the IRS for the establishment of the Foundation was sought in 1981 and granted about three years later.

Funds are obtained from donations of the members of the Orlando Rotary Club and from special projects such as the Sweetheart Brunch and the Street Painting Festival. Funds collected during a specific year and not distributed during that year are placed in an endowment. Only the interest from the endowment is distributed annually. At present the endowment is about \$150,000.

No distributions were made until 1985. Since that date, over \$80,000 has been distributed through grants for scholar-ships to students and grants to organizations, which must comply under IRS rules for receiving tax exempt funds.

Organizations receiving grants include:

Camp Thunderbird
Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America
Cross Roads Mission
House of Hope
Interact of West Orange
Junior Achievement,
Orlando/Orange County Compact
The Salvation Army
The YMCA -Youth in Government.

More that 20 scholarships have been awarded to individual students.

Every member of the club is a member of the Foundation and the officers and board of directors are comprised of the officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Orlando. However, a Foundation committee, reviews applications for grants and scholarships and makes recommendations to the board for final approval.

CHAPTER SIX

MICKEY MOUSE COMES TO ORLANDO 1970-80

Although announced in 1965, very few local business firms or individuals realized the impact that the coming of Walt Disney World would have on the area. This fact was evidenced by the lack of new construction of motel and hotels and other supporting elements for a tourist attraction expected to be so popular. However, once the first theme park opened in 1971, accompanied by a shortage of parking lots at Disney, hotels, restaurants and so on, the race was on to get these necessities built. Within five years, the metropolitan area was overbuilt in hotels, condominiums and office buildings. Orlando's population had grown to 99,000 along with Orange County's 344,000 by 1970, but the metropolitan area of Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties would jump to more than 800,000 during the 1970s. The entrance of Mickey Mouse and his entourage into the Orlando area changed the entire community in many ways. Some politicians and others did not like the idea of the tremendous growth and the problems of furnishing the necessary facilities for growth. However, most Orlando citizens welcomed with open arms what was to become the greatest family entertainment center in the world. They felt that if we were chosen for this clean wholesome family entertainment, the least they could do was to provide the infrastructure required to accommodate the many families expected to visit the theme parks. Citizens, including Rotarians, slowly changed their perspectives to better serve a new metropolitan concept.

The number of members of the Orlando Rotary Club on June 1, 1970, was 255, down from a peak of 267 during Joel Wells' administration that ended June 30, 1967. The growth of the community and the large number of business and professional people moving in and out created a situation where often more executives were transferred and forced to resign than were inducted in a year. Consequently, there was a rapid turnover in membership.

Joseph S. Guernsey, organizer and president of Orlando Federal Savings and Loan Association, and president of the Rotary Club, 1970-71, was inducted two weeks ahead of time because of the departure of Dr. Henry Parker on a trip around the world on June 18, and a previously scheduled family vacation for Joe.

Joe Guernsey was inducted into the club in 1956 and had many years' perfect attendance. He is a native of Orlando and a descendant of an early pioneer family. His grandfather, Joseph L. Guernsey, opened a bank and a hardware store on the northeast corner of Orange Avenue and Church Street in 1886. Ken Guernsey, past president of the Orlando club, past district governor and a former president of Rotary International, was Joe's uncle. Joe attended the Citadel, but received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and did graduate work at Harvard and Stanford. He returned to Orlando, entered the real estate business and with a group of other young associates, founded the Orlando Federal Saving and Loan Association in 1949. He later founded the Duval Savings and Loan Association in Jacksonville and was elected as president of the Florida Savings and Loan League. Orlando Federal built a principal office on Livingston at the head of Main Street as well as several branches. The main office was built in authentic

Williamsburg style using handmade Williamsburg brick, with the added attraction of the traditional white columns of early Virginia. James Gamble Rogers II, Rotarian and prominent architect of Winter Park, was the architect. The branches resembled the main office in appearance. Orlandoans considered the offices to be a distinct contribution to the architecture of the community. Unfortunately, the original building was razed in 1994 to allow construction of the new Orange County Courthouse.

Joe is a veteran of World War II. He entered the Army Air Corps with a commission from ROTC and sailed overseas in early 1942 on same ship with Bill McCree. After a brief tour in Australia and the Tongan Islands, Joe returned to the states to attend flying school and become an instructor pilot in the Troop Carrier Command at Austin, Texas. He was a pilot for Pan-American Airways after the war. He continues to have a private and commercial pilot's license.

Joe is described by his friends as being a mild mannered gentleman, who dresses somewhat formally compared to today's practices. He generally sits at the old timers' table and is considered a conservative in every way. Joe met Ginny, his loving wife, while preparing invitations to a bachelor club's party. They decided to end his bachelorhood and were married in 1954. She was also a UF grad and the daughter of a professor there. Of their four children, three are living. His son is a computer expert with Disney although a victim of muscular dystrophy. He is an avid tennis player and an amateur pianist, who played for Rotary at times.

In Rotary, prior to becoming president, Joe was an active leader of the 4-way Test committee when the test was adopted by many schools, governmental entities and business firms. He is a Rotary Foundation fellow, was program chairman and served on the board of directors for six years. The thing that Joe recalls most about his year as president of the club was the total cooperation he received from every director, officer and member of the club. He said that, to him, Rotary has been the most important influence in his life except for his family and his church. He also believes Rotary has been a stabilizing force in the community.

In his service to the community, Joe has been a trustee of Rollins College for 38 years; a founder and trustee of Orlando Junior College and its successor, Lake Highland Preparatory School; member of the boards of the Salvation Army, Orange County Historical Society and Sons of The Confederacy. He was also president and member of the board of the Florida Mental Health Association. However, he believes his greatest service was rendered through his church, First Presbyterian. There he has served as a Sunday school teacher, officer and as an elder. He has been active in the prison ministry.

A review of the records indicates the outstanding programs that were arranged for by Dr. Truett Frazier and his committee. The programs covered all four avenues of Rotary service and a number of Rotary programs were purely for entertainment.

One of the highlights of the year was the Orlando club's sponsoring of the new South Orlando Rotary Club which held its charter night on Jan. 22, 1971. After much negotiation with Rotary International, the territory allocated to the new club was first granted to the Orlando club and then ceded to South Orlando. Past District Governor Mallory Roberts spearheaded those negotiations. Several committees worked on getting the new club organized. Jack McEwan, later a member of the Orlando club, was the first president at South Orlando. Jim Mulcahy and

Leep Zelones left the Orlando club to become charter members of the new club. South Orlando has proven to be a good Rotary Club. Its territory extended South from Michigan Avenue.

Permanent Rotarians inducted into the club during Joe's year included the following:

C. M. (Casey) Britt, Air Transportation, district manager of Eastern Airlines, a native of Nebraska, graduate of Transylvania College, a former Rotarian.

Alan F. Goforth, Dry Goods, retail, manager of J. C. Penney Co. in Orlando.

The Rev. Victor Hitchcock, Religion, Methodist, College Park Methodist Church, and past president of the Melbourne club and a former member of the Cross City club.

Dan Gentry, Land Surveying, additional active member of firm of Jones & Woods, both Rotarians.

Todd Johnson, Insurance, surety bonds, Joseph Johnson and Co.

Henry E. Whitaker, Railroads, Seaboard Coast Line agent of Orlando.

Stephen Williams, airline catering, Orlando Airport Skyline Restaurant (Steve with his father, Champ, expanded their fine restaurant at the airport and then built the new Skyline, a state of the art restaurant in the new Orlando International Airport in 1981.)

Ben McKenny, president of Creative Child Care, Inc. and son of Rotarian Paul McKenny. Ben's firm built and operated a large number of unique, attractive and functionally complete child care centers in and around Orlando and Jacksonville. They were bought out after about 10 years by Gerber Foods.

Bob Neel, past president of the club and "Mr. Enthusiasm," was elected district governor of District 695. He agreed to become a candidate at the behest of Past District Governor Paul Stine and was the fourth district governor to be elected from Orlando. In his thank-you letter to the Orlando club via the Rotoptimist, he ended with: "I don't know how good a governor I'll be, but there is one thing I know for certain--I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT." Mark Hollis, of Lakeland, who rose to the presidency of Publix Supermarkets, was the first governor of the newly constituted District 695. His leadership and friendship with Bob Neel was a help to Bob in his year. The Rotary International Assembly for incoming governors was held at Lake Placid, N.Y. It got Bob off to a good year but his greatest pleasure came from meeting old friends, who had been RI officers or directors, like Ken Guernsey, the grand old man who became the president of RI after being nourished on Rotary in Orlando; Ken Wacker, of Winter Park; Win Pendleton of Windermere; Herb Taylor, originator of the 4-Way Test, who was interested in Bob's door-to-door method of selling cemetery lots; and Luther Hodges, past president of RI and former governor of North Carolina, who spoke at the District Conference in Orlando in 1957. New friends included Roy Hickman, Jim Bomar and others who would be future presidents of RI. One past president who made a lasting impression was Richard L. Evans who was a member of the Council of Twelve of the Mormon Church. His address on fellowship reminded Bob of the late Linton Allen. Ken Guernsey, who had taken Rotary to Japan after World War II, made a special hit with the Japanese at the assembly. Bob's District Conference was hosted by the Windermere Club at the Contemporary Hotel at Disney World. It is believed that an all time high was hit for Rotary conferences of the size of 695 at that time. U.S. Sen. Ed Gurney was one of the principal speakers.

Dottie Feltyberger, executive secretary of Orlando Rotary, retired on July 1, 1971. She had served as the guiding light of the club for 23 years. She was the confidant, advisor, expert

on RI rules and regulations to 23 presidents. In addition she played the piano for the club singing of those years. She was presented with an engraved silver pitcher and a check for \$1,680 as a parting gift. District Governor Mark Hollis quipped, "I'm glad to know someone who is rich enough to retire." Dottie wrote a farewell letter to the members of the club in which she described her wealth: "1. Rich in friendships in the club and from all over the world. 2. Rich in travels from hearing of the travels of the members and advising them about makeups. 3. Rich in local history from local programs. 4. Rich in beautiful memories. She said she would never retire as long as she had the gift of memory. She was sorely missed.

William H. (Bill) Beardall served as president, 1971-72. He was inducted into the club in 1952, when Rotarian Henry Wilder, general manager of the Fidelity Title & Abstract Co., retired. Bill was another mild-mannered and soft spoken individual who came from a family devoted to community service. His father served Orlando as an outstanding mayor for 12 years during World War II and its aftermath. His father also owned and operated the title company. Bill is a native of Orlando, attended Orlando High School, Suwanee Military Academy and entered the University of Florida. The war interrupted his college education for two years; during that period he took primary flight training at Camden, S. C. and advanced training in B-25s at Valdosta, Ga., and became proficient with night fighters. He returned to UF and received his law degree in 1948 and came back to Orlando to practice law in the title company building. In 1949, he married Mary Ford, daughter of a retired agricultural agent. They have four children. The oldest, Mary, is a teacher of disadvantaged children in DeLand and has three children of her own plus three children of her second husband and lives in DeLand. Billy is an attorney in Texas, serving as a rural legal services director and helps agricultural workers. Laura is married to David McCloud, senior vice president of United American Bank in Orlando. John became a computer expert and worked with the Fidelity Title Co., now a wholly owned subsidiary of American Title Co. Abstracts were eliminated during the 1980s in favor of the more popular title insurance. The fifth child, Hal, received his law degree from William and Mary, assisted residents in Dade County after Hurricane Andrew for the Florida Bar Association and is now the attorney for a non-profit corporation which assists non-English speaking residents of that area. Three of Bill and Mary's children are assisting disadvantaged people.

Both Bill and Mary have always been interested in working with the youth in their church and in the community. When the children were home, their house was always the gathering place for young people. Bill has always kept a low profile, but his service with youth in church, Rotary and community-related programs have been long standing commitments. He and Mary have been involved in the American Field Service Program for foreign students. Bill was directly responsible for organization of the Pony Baseball League and its sponsorship by the Orlando Rotary Club for many years. Although offered state offices, he declined so that he could continue to do what he liked and did best: coach the teams and have direct contact with the young players. He operated on the philosophy that each boy on the team should get a chance to play and that playing was more important than winning. Bill is proud of the bronze plaque he received engraved:

Presented to Bill Beardall, manager of Fidelity Title and Guaranty Co., 1972 Champs, Rotary Pony League 17 wins, 1 loss, 3 tied. "Best Record in League History."

After the Rotary club tried several new executive secretaries Timme Gilbert, wife of Rotarian Col. Gaylord Gilbert, agreed to take on the position and served for five years. She was efficient, pleasant and dedicated.

Clarence Peterson, program chairman, and his committee gave Bill and the club a series of well-rounded programs. A few were different and outstanding: 1. John Curry from Walt Disney World explained the uniqueness of their hotels. He was raised in the resort hotel business. 2. U.S. Sen. Ed Gurney, of Winter Park, gave a comprehensive report on the Congress. 3. A panel of three blacks from Orlando discussed the needs of blacks in Orlando. 4. A midshipman from Annapolis described life at the Naval Academy. 5. Dr. Henry Parker gave a most interesting report on visiting missionaries in Africa. 6. Jake Gaither, football coach at Florida A & M University, inspired the audience and stated: "I am proud to be an American and I have no home in Africa." 7. Several excellent musical programs were presented.

Permanent Rotarians who were inducted during Bill's year included:

Ed Carr, Central Florida Blood Bank and club president in 1990-91.

John Grubb, president of National Standard Life Insurance Co., native of Kentucky, who took a special interest in visiting the sick and was a strong booster and supplier to the blood bank.

Dr. Garrett (Garry) Crotty, Ophthalmologist, native of New Jersey, who moved to Orlando at age 19, received his BS from Rollins, MD from UF Medical School, served a year in Vietnam in an evacuation hospital and practiced as a surgeon and physician before getting into ophthalmology.

Dr. Paul Harding, Radiologist, came into the club after Dr. Bob Stevens chose senior active. He was a staff radiologist at Orlando Regional Health Care Center and chief radiologist at Holiday Hospital. He was born in Salt Lake City and came to Orlando at the age of 10 in 1935. He attended UF and Rollins and obtained his MD from the University of Utah plus a residency at Indiana University. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a past president of the Exchange Club and was an active worker with the Boy Scouts. He was a great family man. He and wife Audrey had four children. The family is active in the Mormon Church.

Dr. James Holly, Otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), native of Tennessee, came to Orlando in 1939, attended Stetson University and received an MD degree from the University of Miami Medical school. Served in U. S. Army 1950-52. Jim is married to Gloria. They have three children and he plays the bagpipe.

Richard (Dick) McHenry, public relations, held a degree in journalism from Marshall University, was a bureau chief of Orlando Sentinel, then operated his own firm.

Col. Eugene (Gene) Minietta, Youth Programs, Inc. He became president of the club in 1982-83 and was elected governor of District 695 in 1989-90 and Host Club Chairman of the RI Convention in Orlando in 1992. (There is more about Gene in Chapters VII and VIII).

Earle Goldie, Associations, March of Dimes.

Dr. Irving S. Kolin, Psychiatrist, Phi Beta Kappa from University of Buffalo, got his M.D. from State University of New York Medical School, intern and resident at Cornell University Medical School. He came to Orlando as a commander at the hospital at the Naval Training Center of Orlando. Tennis, photography and skiing were his hobbies.

Philip (Phil) Torrance, senior active, was an associate minister at Winter Park Methodist Church. His past Rotary experience caused him to jump right into helping the club. He often wrote the inspirational column of the *Rotoptmist* under the title, "From the Top." Dale Moudy, radio broadcasting, WKIS, was most helpful sharing the newscasts with Bill McBride, the world traveler.

Two practices that were begun several years ago were continued in 1971-72: One or two members of law enforcement officers from the Orlando Police Department, the Orange County's Sheriff's office or the Florida Highway Patrol were invited to lunch and were introduced. Bill McBride continued to give a brief newscast on unique and important things happening during the week.

Walter S. Pharr, Real Estate, was elected as the club president for 1972-73. A native of North Carolina, he was educated at Davidson College. He married Janet in 1943 and they had four children. He was a U. S. Army Air Corps pilot with the rank of lieutenant colonel during W.W.II. His tactical training was taken in Orlando and he served overseas in the Southwest Pacific flying night fighters. After the war, like many servicemen who trained here or were stationed here, he returned to Orlando. He first worked with McNutt Heasley, Realtors. He later became a partner and then a developer and a property appraiser. He served on the board of directors of the club for six years, and on several Rotary committees: Fellowship, 4-Way Test, international service, and program. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and was named Habitat worker of the year in 1992. He plays tennis and golf. He described what Rotary has meant to him: "An inspiration of association with outstanding men; acceptance by my peers and having lunch with them; and providing opportunities for extending service to the community."

The crowning achievement of Walter's year was the institution of the Rotary Volunteer Counselor Program which continued on for several years. Immediate Past District Gov. Bob Neel headed the special project and committee members included: Gene Minietta, Dick Keating, Dean Steward and Steve Williams. After receiving three sessions of training for counseling with young people in trouble, each volunteer counselor was assigned a youth by a law enforcement agency or the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services. Usually the youth needed love and knowing that someone cared for him or her and his or her future. Walter set as a goal, obtaining 10 volunteers from the club. He was pleased that 72 Rotarians signed up and by the first training session, 87 Rotarians and eight non-Rotarians signed up. New Rotarians boosted the total to about 92 before the end of Walter's term. Many including Orlando Mayor Carl Langford hailed it as one of the most important projects by any service club in the Orlando area. It certainly was the most successful club project the club had in terms of getting more members involved on an individual basis. Walter, Gene and Bob were asked to present the program to a number of other Rotary clubs in the district. Gene proved the worth of the program by bringing several counselors and two boys to give their testimony to the club. The program was a part of the function of Youth Programs, Inc., which was instituted by the U. S. Air Force throughout the Southeastern United States. Retired Col. Gene Minietta had been asked to be the executive director of the non-profit organization which had offices at McCoy Air Force Base. Other programs sponsored by Youth Programs included summer camps at the air base for delinquent children and youth during the summer months. They were housed in barracks and fed in the mess hall and given instruction and recreation during the day on the

base. The Air Force furnished facilities, but Youth Programs, Inc. paid the cost of meals and supplies. The non-profit corporation was funded by Orange County and the Law Enforcement Association. The success of the program was measured by the number of repeat crimes by youth after going through the program. The program lasted 11 years until the funding was ended by the county and Law Enforcement Association.

The induction of two black members into the club was another feather in Walter's cap. When the idea was first suggested early in his administration, he was disappointed in the acceptance and a less courageous man might have given up trying to get the necessary 75 percent approval of the board and the members, but he tried again in eight months and Rufus Brooks, with the classification of Public Elementary Schools, and Wilbur Gary, Public Vocational Schools, became Rotarians. Both continue to be active members of the club at this writing. There has never been a problem with acceptance with these fine gentlemen.

Walter remembers Rotary's funniest program. "Tom Denmark, Charlie Yowell and Malcom Hawley put on a song and dance skit that brought down the house," he said. "They painted their exposed midsections to make the midsections look like faces, with the navel being the mouth. Over the upper section of the body and head was placed a big stove pipe hat. By flexing their stomach muscles, they could give expression to their 'face.' It was hilarious. While it was going on someone asked me who they were and my reply was, 'I never saw them before in my life.'"

Frances Auger was appointed the "Official Court Jester." He did an outstanding job, but agreed to clean up some of the ribald expressions after complaints from a few members. At the end of the year, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the club.

Herb Haack, who continued to promote and supervise Wheels Clubs, chartered a bus and took a group of Rotarians and Wheel Club members to the Cape to watch the blast off of Apollo 17. The group was treated to front row center viewing and had lots of fun going and coming. There are few thrills greater than watching one of the big rockets blast off at Kennedy Space Center.

Permanent Rotarians inducted into the club during Walter's years included: **Foster David Streep**, Musical Instruments, Retail, president of Streep Music Co. A native of New Jersey, he attended the University of Kansas, moved his family to Orlando "because of the climate," served in U. S. Navy in W.W.II, was president of Central Florida Civic Music Association, and on the board of several other music organizations. Bud was most helpful in securing musical programs and the use of musical instruments when needed for the club.

Brigadier Richard Bergman, city commander of the Salvation Army, was a native of Atlanta, graduate of Cameron College and the Salvation Army Officers' School. He had spent his entire adult life in social and religious work. He worked with USO during W.W.II and had been a Rotarian in Miami, Tampa, Greensboro, N. C. and Charleston, West Va.

Robert N. Blackford, Civil Law, Maguire Voorhis & Wells, and grandson of N. P. Yowell, who became a Rotarian in 1920 shortly after the Orlando club was chartered. Bob was elected president of the club for 1991-92.

Dr. Willard W. (Will) McCurdy, Internal Medicine, partner with Drs. Steward and Freeman, had a BSA degree from UF and an MD from the University of Miami. He spent his residency with the University of Tennessee Medical School, served two years in service during

the Korean War. He married Lillian Ann, an RN with a degree from Vanderbilt. They had one son and one daughter. Will likes to sail, fish and garden and cook. When the club had a barbecue, he always helped with the cooking. He is a practical doctor and is held in high esteem by his patients.

Rufus Brooks, Public Elementary Schools, principal of Eccleston Elementary School, later principal at Hungerford School in Eatonville, and special supervisor with various Orange County schools. Upon retirement he became an adjunct professor at Rollins College and Nova University. A native of Sanford, he has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Florida A & M University and a M.T. degree from Northwest Institute. He served in the medical corps in the Korean war. He is a ruling elder in the Washington Shores Presbyterian Church, and active in Jaycees, Central Florida Sheltered Workshop, YMCA board, Boy Scouts, and Chamber of Commerce. He served as a coach in the YMCA and with Boys Clubs. He has been an active member of several Rotary committees including attendance and youth and he is a Paul Harris Fellow. Among his honors listed in Who's Who in American Education are: Martin Luther King Award from Town of Eatonville; elected to Hall of Fame at Florida A & M University and many more. Rufus is married to Edith and they have two sons and one daughter, all college graduates. He says Rotary means "everything" to him.

Wilbur Gary, Public High School Education (later Vocational Education), was inducted as principal of Jones High School and later became senior vocational director of the Orange County Vo-Tech School. Born in Orlando in 1928, Wilbur attended FAMU, Colorado State and Greely and holds B.S. and M.M. degrees. He served in USAF during Korean War. His first job was as high school football coach at Jones High School. His Rotary Ann is Ethel and they have one son who is a Rotarian. Wilbur has been active in high school principals' associations, Boys Clubs, and the Metro Athletic Association. Members of his staff at the Vo-Tech School have the highest regard and respect for his ability as an administrator. In Rotary, he has served on membership and Interact committees and the board of directors. He joined Rotary because of the outstanding members that he knew personally. To him Rotary has supplied a motto that has driven the activities of his life.

Julius (Julie) Blum, Plumber, owner and operator of American Plumbing Co., was one of the best and most favored plumbing repair mechanics in Orlando and as such made many friends in the Orlando area. A "Buckeye," he came to Orlando in 1953, liked the area, went to work for an old established plumbing company, and bought it out upon the retirement of the owner. His first job in life was that of a newsboy, then a plumber's helper and then a master plumber. He and his family, consisting of wife, Yvette, and three children are all active members of the Temple of Liberal Judaism. Julie has been a perfect attender and active member of the club for 21 years.

David Crowson, Environmental Engineer, is an expert on water--supply, control, and quality. He is a native of Homestead, Florida, and a civil engineer who graduated from UF. He was elected president of the club for the year 1986-87.

James N. Powers, Criminal Law, son of Ormund Powers was born in Leesburg, attended Florida Southern College and received his B.S. and L.L.B. from the University of Tennessee where he was active on the swimming and handball teams. He is married to Kathy and they have four children and are active in the Episcopal Church.

Col. Theodore (Spike) Geltz, Administrator of Westminster Towers retirement center. Spike was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., entered the U.S. Army as an enlisted man, was appointed to West Point from the ranks and received his B.S. from there. While there he was a baseball and basketball letter man. He was accepted into the Air Force and retired after 33 years with the rank of colonel. He was a command pilot. During W.W.II and the Korean War, he flew bombers and later was assigned to the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. His service career took him around the world. Spike made an interesting figure at Rotary as he stood 6' 4." He was a valuable member of our club.

Kenneth G. Harker, Accountant, additional active to Clarence Peterson, manager of the Ernst and Ernst, CPA, Orlando office. A native of Cincinnati, he came to Orlando in 1961. He received his B.S.B.A. degree from UF. His wife, Kathleen is an FSU graduate, so life should be interesting when a certain football game is played. They have one son, Mike, and are active Episcopalians. Ken served as treasurer for the club for many years and he was treasurer for the Host Club Committee of the 1992 RI Convention in Orlando.

Paul H. Johnson, President, Johnson Electric Co., was born and raised in Orlando. He played football for Orlando High School and was a WWII veteran. He worked most of his adult life with his father, who founded Johnson Electric Co. He has served as sergeant of arms and on several Rotary committees. He is a former member of the Orlando Traffic and Parking Commission and is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Ruth, have three children.

Duran Tomlin, Trust Companies, vice president and trust officer of Trust Companies of Florida. Duran became immediately active in the club and was program chairman for 1973-74.

Harry Dean Bull, Jr. Beauty Supplies, AA to his father, Harry Bull. His later classification was Travel Agency. He came to Orlando at an early age, attended Winter Park High School, and graduated from Florida Southern College. He has served on many Rotary committees and can be seen collecting the lunch money at times. As a travel agent, he has rendered much help to fellow Rotarians as well as others in planning and securing necessary tickets and travel accommodations.

Truett H. Frazier, MD, Urology, was chosen to be the 54th president of the club for the year 1973-74. The following is a direct quotation from the editor of the Rotoptimist, Col. Gaylord Gilbert, July 18, 1973:

"Born Nov. 27, 1921, in Liberty, N. C. into a good old Southern family of one brother and one sister, Truett possessed no lack of the enthusiasm and devilment characteristic of any healthy American boy. We can imagine him gathering his boyhood friends as he moves through the school grades--increasing in wisdom and favor--into the halls of higher learning, acquiring degrees at Duke University, University of Virginia, and at Yale University, where he served as an assistant professor of urology. Truett is a member of the SAE fraternity and the honorary medical fraternity, AOA. His favorite sports are golf and tennis. During W.W.II he served as a medical officer in the U. S. Navy for three years.

"Truett started the practice of medicine at Newington, Conn., in 1950, and moved to Orlando in 1952, to continue his practice, specializing in urology. Truett joined the club on Feb. 22, 1961, and really enjoys Rotary. He has served two terms on the board of directors and

has served on several committees, including the chairmanship of the program committee. His Rotary Ann, Beverly is a native of Long Island. They met at Duke and were married in 1941. They have four children and are active in the First Presbyterian Church."

One of the significant contributions of the Orlando Rotary Club during the 1973-74 year was raising the money privately and donating the first Bloodmobile to the Central Florida Blood Bank. It was a trailer which could be pulled by a pickup truck and stationed at manufacturing plants, shopping centers and civic clubs, making it easy for individuals to contribute blood. Many times over the past 21 years, the Bloodmobile or one of its successors has come to the Orlando Rotary Club and Rotarians have responded by giving the "gift of life." Dr. Oscar Freeman was chairman of the Blood Bank Committee for the year the Bloodmobile was purchased by the club.

Another club project involved a number of Rotarians, who volunteered to pick up Junior High Students and take them to the graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training Center each Friday. The first 10 volunteers included Bill Beardall, Bert McCree, Rufus Brooks, Wilbur Gary, Wes Darnold, Don Hawley, Alton Nolle, Stan Scott, Wilfred Sisk and Steve Williams.

One of the outstanding functions of the year was the entertainment and presentation of the RI Group Study Team from Japan with all nearby Rotary Clubs participating.

On March 27, 1974, Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia was the guest of Tom Brownlee at the club meeting. Bill McCree sat at their table and visited with the candidate for nomination as president of the U. S. and discovered that he had received his MS degree from Georgia Tech.

William H. (Bill) Lawrence retired as club treasurer (by requesting that the board not reelect him for the year 1974-75), after serving 29 years in that position, broken only during the year he was president (1949-50). Prior to that he had served as assistant treasurer for two years and served on the board of directors for three terms. No Rotarian in the club has held an office or a committee assignment that long and it is believed to be a record for any Rotary club. He was faithful and diligent and always available to the Rotary office. He was one of the "characters" of the club with his heavy laughter and friendly bantering. He is due a lot of credit for all he meant to the club. Francis Auger was elected as treasurer to succeed Bill Lawrence.

Permanent Rotarians inducted during Truett's year include:

Dr. Jack Hearn, Citrus Plant Breeder, with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Jack is a Georgia Cracker and is a Bulldog with a BS and MS from that institution, but he earned his P.h.D. from Texas A.& M. He has accomplished some very important work in plant breeding and often exhibited his work on Rural-Urban days. He has served on the board of directors and on four important committees of the club and has perfect attendance for 21 years. He was a faithful worker at the 1992 Rotary International Convention. He and his Rotary Ann, Jane, have raised three children. In the community he worked for 12 years with Little League as a coach. He has been an Indian Guide and is very active in his church. He was honored with the Young Farmer's Award by the Winter Park Jaycees, and has received several high awards from the American Society of Horticultural Science. In Rotary, he has enjoyed the fellowship and friendship with community leaders and the opportunity to work on community projects.

Dave Cunningham, Minister of Education at First Baptist Church, was sponsored by his boss, Dr. Henry Parker. Dave is a native of Arkansas and was educated at Ouchita Baptist University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as a captain in the

U. S. Army Infantry as a chaplain in the Vietnam war. Before coming to Orlando he served the Plymouth Baptist Church in Irving, Texas. He pitched right into action in the club, leading the singing and working on committees.

James F. (Jim) McConnell, Sr. Tires-Auto Repairs, is a native of Kentucky with a BS degree in Commerce from the University of Kentucky where he was an SAE. He was with Sears for 21 years until he opened his own business here in 1961. Jim was a veteran of W.W.II, having been a major in the U. S. Army overseas. Jim has always been active in the community and has led in Chamber of Commerce activities and United Appeal. He became a very dependable and active Rotarian. For 20 years until his death, he was one of the first to volunteer on club projects. He was especially faithful during the 1992 RI Convention as an assistant to Bert McCree in the House of Friendship. He was on hand every day. He was an avid golfer and always a worker on the golf and picnic committees. He was one of the club's most cheerful Rotarians.

J. Thomas Gurney, Trial Lawyer, was introduced to the club as one of the outstanding successful business and professional men, Christian, civic and community leaders in Central Florida. He has spoken, before and after his induction, to the club a number of times on Christianity, freedom, government, the Orlando Utilities Commission, and other subjects. He has served the community and Florida in many important positions, including president of the Chamber of Commerce (the youngest ever, 1930) chairman of the State Board of Regents and chairman of the first Community Chest of Orlando. He was given the first J. Thomas Gurney, Sr. Award by the Chamber of Commerce in 1984 "for a lifetime of service to the Community of Orlando." He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and is an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Louis E. Meyer, minister, Christ Church Unity. Louis took over from Phil Torrance in writing the inspirational column for the Rotoptimist under the heading of "The Good Word."

Clarence A. Peterson, Accounting, CPA, partner in Ernst and Young, became the president for 1974-75. Clarence is one of a very few Rotarians, of his age who were natives of Orlando. But he just barely made it. He was born just six weeks after his family arrived in Orlando in 1919. His father came for health reasons. His dad intended to go to Cuba, but a visit convinced him that Florida would be better. On the return trip, he stopped with relatives in Kissimmee and, while driving, found a place for sale on Michigan Avenue in Orlando and bought it. Clarence's father's health returned and he became the first full time poultryman in Orange County. Clarence doesn't look like a cowboy, but he learned to handle cattle at the age of four. He was walking home from kindergarten and found a herd of longhorn cattle blocking Michigan Avenue so he picked up a stick and yelled loudly and drove the cattle on past his house. While attending Orlando High School, he was a "soda jerk" at Don Evans' Drug Store and Don encouraged him to go to college. An aptitude test showed that accounting should be his field instead of pharmacy. He roomed with Don Rybolt, another Rotarian, at UF, where he earned his BSBA. ROTC training precipitated a call to active duty in the field artillery in W.W.II where he served 4 years, he landed in Europe on D-Day plus 30 and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and in cleaning up Northern France. Capt. Peterson served a battalion S-2 and ran the fire detection center for 155 howitzers. His overseas tour ended at the Baltic Sea.

After the war, he joined Potter Bower Co. as a CPA and retired as a partner in Ernst & Young in 1977. However, more of his life has been spent with the Presbyterian Retirement Communities on a voluntary basis (and sometimes on a professional basis) than he spent as a CPA. Winter Park Towers, built in 1961, was the first local retirement center built by PRC. Westminster Towers was built by the First Presbyterian Church in 1974, but was turned over to PRC 5 years later. Clarence has been a deacon and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. Clarence is a quiet, pleasant individual, a careful planner, a dedicated Rotarian, and he likes to help people--especially old people. Many of our older Rotarians are witnesses to that. In his younger years he was an avid swimmer and water skier. Now his hobbies are traveling, boating, bridge and reading. He describes Rotary as "A Fellowship of Kindred Souls." The disagreement in the club over ceding territory for another club culminated during Clarence's year. The whole story of Rotary expansion by creation of other clubs will be covered the end of this chapter.

On August 9, 1974, President Richard Nixon resigned to prevent being impeached after the Watergate scandal. His vice president, Spiro Agnew, had resigned 10 months earlier after pleading no contest to charges of income tax invasion, so Gerald Ford, speaker of the House of Representatives, was sworn in as President.

Long time Rotarians inducted into the club during the 1974-75 year included:

James L. Harris, first Administrator of Orange County government, former Rotarian of several years in Winter park where he served on the board of directors and was the city manager of Winter Park. He attended UF, but obtained a B.A. degree from the University of Miami and an M.A. from FSU. He was an army veteran of W.W.II. He and his wife, Dolores, have two sons. He was forced to resign from Rotary when he left the county as administrator, but rejoined the club in 1990 under the classification of Real Estate Land Development. He is President of Busch Properties of Florida, Inc.

Albert Capouano, Tax Law,

Joseph F. Cusick, Colonial Car Rental & Leasing.

Leon Handley, Trial Lawyer, Gurney & Handley. Leon served as president in 1984-85.

Charles Clark, Electric Bulbs and Tubes, district representative of General Electric. Born in Lakeland, he obtained his BS degree from Florida Southern College. He was an SAE. His wife is Ruby, and they have two daughters and one son. His father was a member of the Lakeland Rotary Club for over 50 years. He joined Rotary because he wanted to serve the "great" community in which he lives. He has been an active official in the Methodist Church, has been most active in Boy Scouts, from scout to scoutmaster, to Council officer. He is also a Mason and a Shriner. He has been a active member of a half dozen committees plus four committees for the 1992 RI Convention. He testifies that Rotary has meant a great deal to him because of the high caliber of men he has met and become friends with and because of the leadership that the club has had.

Bernard Zimmerman, Corporate Law, inducted as a member of Akerman & Senterfitt, now is a partner in Zimmerman and Shuffield. He is a native of Jacksonville and has B.S., B.A., and J.D. degrees from UF. He is a member of the U. S. Army Reserve. He was formerly a member of the Orange Seminole Osceola Transportation Authority. His chief hobby is golf.

Linton Deck, Education-Orange County School Superintendent. He is a native of Atlanta, with his BS from Davidson, Ed.D. from Harvard. He was a captain in infantry in the Korean War. He began his career in education as a coach and teacher in Fulton County, Ga. After that, he rose in the ranks doing just about everything in secondary education. He was a former Rotarian and a former Optimist. He came to the Orlando club with a long list of honors. He made several talks for the club, but will be remembered most for his full tenor voice when singing with the club or as a member of one of the several quartets attempted by Harold Kelly.

Dr. Rodney Holcomb, Pathologist Clinical Laboratory, native of Missouri, was educated at Purdue and the Tulane University Medical School. He served two years in the U.S. Navy Medical Reserve and came to Orlando because of its reputation as "a good place to live." He has traveled all over the world and likes sports, music and photography. The Presbyterian family consists of wife, Carol, and one daughter, Jean.

Walter G. (Buckie) Allen III, Wholesale Drugs, president for 1975-76, brought to the leadership of the club the experience of the head of a successful family business plus the heritage of a dedicated Rotarian, who learned Rotary from his grandfather, a charter member of the Tampa Rotary Club in 1914. Some would call Buckie, "Mr. Dignity," because of his manner in conducting the many meetings he presided over as president and later as district governor. His grandfather came to Florida in 1890 and purchased the Tampa Drug Co. in 1910. Buckie, born in 1925, became the apple of his grandfather's eye. He was an only child and his dad died in a fishing accident when Buckie was only four. His mother worked in the business causing him to spend many hours in the store and become well acquainted with the business. His grandfather would put a "III" after the Allen on all the throw-away mail and give it to the young boy. Buckie then carefully looked through it all, enjoying the pictures and absorbing a lot of information. It made him feel important. The grandfather had nine children but Buckie and one of his uncles were the only descendants who took an interest in the family business. The uncle took over the business after Mr. Allen Sr.'s death in 1945 and passed the office of president to Buckie in 1960 when the young man was only 35. Buckie graduated from the University of Florida with a BSBA degree in 1950 after having served in W.W.II as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He came to Orlando as branch manager of the Allen Drug Co. (a subsidiary of Tampa Drugs) in 1953. His business neighbor was Bob Robertson, who became acquainted with Buckie and asked him to join Rotary. His talents were recognized immediately and he was elected to the board of directors prior to returning to Tampa in 1960 to become president of his company. In 1968, he moved the company headquarters to Orlando and again became a Rotarian. The parent company then became Allen Drugs and operated three additional branches, in Tampa, Pompano Beach and St. Petersburg. In 1984, the company was sold to The Bergen Brunswick Corp. Buckie's son, Bill, who had become head of the Orlando division, went with the new company and is now executive vice president of the nationwide drug company with his headquarters in Orlando. The family-owned business succeeded for four generations and for that Buckie is very proud. He believes men who operate family businesses make good community leaders. Buckie retired and became a consultant for business planning and then became an adjunct professor at UCF. His business acumen made him well qualified. He now spends his time writing a historical novel about a Florida family. A tea dance in 1950 was probably the most important event in Buckie's life. He spotted a beautiful girl in a pretty blue dress, cut in

on her and married Bettie a few months later. She has been, and is, a most gracious lady. However, there is a problem when the Gators play the Bulldogs, because Bettie graduated from the University of Georgia. Buckie has come out on the little end of the stick many times when those two famous football teams met on the gridiron. They have three children and three grandchildren. The three children were all educated in Tennessee colleges and each in his and her own fields.

Community and business positions held by Buckie include being a director of SunBank, N. A., a director of Florida Hospital Board, a director of National Standard Life Insurance Co., an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a board member of United Appeal. In 1982, he was president of the National Wholesale Druggists Association.

(Buckie's district governor experience is included later). He says: "Rotary has been for me a way of life spelled out by the 4-Way Test," and, "Rotarians have elevated Orlando to a place of prominence among all cities."

When he was club president, Buckie arranged for a second head table so that leading Rotarians could be recognized more easily. His work project for the year occurred in April, when 22 members joined hands to repair and paint the Dr. Phillips Nursing Home in Washington Shores. The year 1976 was the year of the Bicentennial--the whole country celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The format on the Rotoptimist was changed to provide a bicentennial appearance and used red and blue ink on white paper. Program Chairman Dick Sherman did an outstanding job of bringing programs that were diversified and yet entertaining and thought provoking. The year began in July of 1975 with a program by Charlie Brumback on the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in the Orlando community. In August, Don Cheney, one of the two remaining charter members, (he was 86 at the time) held everyone spellbound with the story of the development of Orlando and Orange County from the first settlers to 1975. Ladies' night was held in September at the Contemporary Hotel with a preview of Epcot for the program. In December, Bill McCree presented a program on the mayors of Orlando, giving a brief description of each one for the 100 years since the city was incorporated. Three living mayors were honored guests of the club that day: Mayor Billy Beardall, Mayor Rolfe Davis and Mayor Carl Langford. In late April, Col. Stan Hand and Col. Gene Minietta introduced five young men and one young lady, all seniors in high school, who had received appointments to one of the service academies. Each one told why he/she chose a military career and why he/she chose his/her particular academy. On May 26, lunch was served under the oak trees at Harry P. Leu Gardens. Harry Leu had deeded his outstanding camellias gardens and his home on Lake Rowena to the City of Orlando. The club also entertained six traveling Rotary guests of a Group Study Team from Australia.

On Dec. 1, Orlando Rotary joined with other clubs in the area in attending the Charter Night of the Rotary Club of Southeast Orlando and the South Seminole Rotary Club. Southeast Orlando was sponsored by Orlando, under the leadership of Steve Williams, committee chairman, and Past District Gov. Bob Neel, the governor's representative. Dave Crowson moved from the Orlando Club to give leadership to the new Rotary baby as its president.

Permanent Rotarians inducted during Buckie's term as president include: John S. McEwan, II, Attorney, AA. "Jack" as he is known comes from a family of Rotarians and had more relatives in the club at one time than any other Rotarian. Dr. J. S. McEwan was a charter

member of the club. Uncle "Bo" is a senior member of the law firm with which Jack is affiliated. Uncle Bob, now deceased, was a faithful regular attender. Cousins Bruce, James and Nancy Kieffer are also members of the club now. Jack was born in Louisiana while his father was serving as an artillery officer in W.W.II. Later his dad became a brigadier general in the USAR. Jack served as a captain of Infantry during 1965-67. He received his B.A. degree from VMI and his J.D. degree from UF. He was the first president of the South Orlando Club when it was organized in 1970. Jack has served on the board of directors of the Orlando Club and been active in various committees.

Jack Leavitt, Retail Jewelry, manager of Hart Swalstead's Jewelers.

Bill Jorgensen, Retail Merchandising, manager of Sears Roebuck and Co. in Fashion Square. Born in Seattle, Wash., he attended the University of Washington and became an engineer in the Merchant Marine during W.W.II and traveled around the globe. Since age 16, he has been an instructor in Jiu Jitsu. He and his wife, Joyce, have four children. He had leadership roles in Junior Achievement, the YMCA, United Appeal and is a director of Orlando Fashion Square.

Joe McNamara, Irrigation Engineer, was president of Farm and Home Machinery Co. and then became a consultant. He has been active in club service activities with assistance at registration, collecting money and so on.

Robert (Bobby) H. McEwan Jr., vice president, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, was the son of Robert H. McEwan Sr., long time Rotarian and medical technician.

Thomas W. Bledsoe, Appraisal Service, is a native of Orlando and has a B.S. in business from Stetson University. He has been an MIA for 27 years and also is a property manager. He served two years in the Vietnam War and was released from active duty as a captain. He has been a director of the club and has served on numerous committees. Most of his community activities have been related to the Methodist Church, where he is the district coordinator for church properties. Tom's first exposure to Rotary, was when "Mr. Rotary" of Winter Park, Ken Wacker, was his Hi-Y Advisor in high school.

Buckie's year ended with the resignation of two hard workers for the club, Hixon Eldridge, secretary for 12 years, and Timme Gilbert, executive secretary for five years. Hixon was honored by being made a Paul Harris Fellow by the club the following year.

Thomas A. (Pete) Denmark, Denmark Sporting Goods, was elected president for the year 1976-77. Pete was a native of Ohio, but must have come to Florida at an early age, because both he and his dad were about as thoroughly converted Yankees-to-Crackers as anyone could be. Perhaps that was because of the business they were in. They were avid hunters and fisherman and probably know more about both sports than anyone else in Central Florida. As long as they were in business, they were the seat of information of where they the fish were biting and what it took to catch them. Pete served six years in the military on active duty and as a reserve E-6. He joined Rotary to be a part of the finest service organization in the world and made some very outstanding friends there. He was president of the Orange County Sportsman's Club and president of the Orange County YMCA. His company was the leading sporting goods store in Central Florida and received the national Sporting Goods Outstanding Dealers Award.

Pete began his year with a new team: **Clyde West**, three term director, president-elect; **Don Hawley**, secretary; **Francis Auger**, treasurer; **Ed Rambo**, Sergeant at Arms; and **Angie Johnson**, executive secretary. Then on Jan. 1, Col. Gaylord Gilbert, who had been editor of the Rotoptimist for 7 years, resigned. Col. Spike Geltz took over his position. The executive secretary was changed before the end of the year. The format of the Rotoptimist was changed back to a white and black format at the beginning of 1977.

At the November, 1976, general election, Jimmy Carter, who had visited the club informally during his campaign for the nomination, was elected President. Jan. 19, 1977, brought another hard freeze with temperatures in Orlando of 25 degrees. In February, the club had an usually good program by Adis M. Vila, a Rotary Foundation Fellow, who had returned from studying in Switzerland. On March 27, past president Dr. Henry Parker gave an inspiring talk on his philosophy and received a standing ovation--standing ovations for a speaker are rare occasions in the club.

Permanent Rotarians inducted during Pete's year include:

Royce B. Walden, Public Schools. Royce is a native of Sanford, a graduate of Florida A & M University with a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. At the time of his induction he was associate superintendent for personnel and management, Orange County School Board. He has rendered community service through United Way and the Guardian Care Nursing Home. He is married to Eddy and has one daughter and one grandson. His hobbies are gardening and reading.

Hugh B. Jones, Travel Agent, International Travel. Hugh served for years on the registration desk.

Zed Layson, Real Estate Property Management, a vice president of Evergreen of Florida, Inc. Later he joined The First and was the facilities manager when The First moved from its location at Main and Church to the new DuPont Building at Livingston and Orange. He is a commercial real estate broker and a certified property manager. Zed is a native of Lexington, Ky., with a B.S. from Duke and an M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He is married to Pamela and they have five children. Zed has not only been active in the community, but also been active in the club in many ways. His father was a Rotarian and he joined the club for fellowship with his peers and to render service.

Dr. Russell V. Douglas, noted surgeon at Orange Memorial Hospital (later ORHC) was sponsored into the club by Dr. Oscar Freeman.

J. Thomas Gurney, Jr. became a member of the club in addition to his father and **Leon Handley**, of the law firm Gurney, Gurney & Handley.

Charles M. Hood III, Equipment Rental, president of Hood Tractor Co. replaced his father in the club. Charlie is now known a little better as the husband of the mayor of Orlando, Glenda Hood. Charlie and Glenda have always done more than their share of community service. Charlie is a graduate of Florida Southern College and has an M.S. from Rollins. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the club and has been involved with Junior Achievement in some capacity since 1971. In 1992, Charlie was one of only two recipients of the Henry Cragg Volunteer Award by Junior Achievement. It is the highest award given to a volunteer. He is also a member of the ORHC Foundation Board. He was previously a member of the Winter Park West Rotary Club.

When William G. Conomos was editor and publisher of the Orlando Sentinel, he was asked who he thought was the outstanding community leader at that time. His answer was: "Without a doubt, Clyde West is the bright and shining light in Orlando!" This statement tells us what the community thought of the president of the Rotary Club of Orlando for 1977-78. Clyde was highly successful as an executive with Sears Roebuck Co. for 46 years, a very real war hero in W.W.II and a great Rotarian and community leader. He became a Rotarian in 1950 in Kingston, S. C. and joined the Orlando Club in 1959. His story is one that is the dream of many an American boy. He was born in Florence, S. C. in 1917 into a modest family and worked his way through college to obtain a degree in economics from the College of Charleston in 1938. He began working for Sears while in college, serving in many parts of the Southeastern States, and continuing until his retirement in 1982.

He was blessed by having a very good "boss" on his first full time job with Sears. Jack Todd, the manager, took an unusual interest in his employees and recognized the potential in Clyde. Todd also was a good American and could see W.W.II coming on, so he suggested that his young protege get himself prepared for the eventual and learn to fly in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. He agreed to give Clyde time off to take the flying instruction and go to night school to get the academic part of the program. The young man took advantage of the offer and learned to fly and did his night studies at the Citadel. West received both his private and commercial licenses under that program. He was then transferred to Roanoke, Va., as he began the climb up the Sears ladder to success and married his college sweetheart, Elizabeth Crenshaw. When the pre-war draft came along, he was classified 1-A. He and his wife agreed that he should try to get into the Air Corps. However, they were not taking married men at the time. On Dec. 7, 1941, he and Elizabeth were attending a movie, when the announcement was made that all military personnel should return to base immediately because of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The next morning he returned to the recruiting office, which now had different orders: All men who were otherwise fit and had two years of college would be accepted for flight training. Clyde did not tell them of his previous flight training, and he learned to fly all over again in the Air Corps. He soon became an instructor in multi-engine aircraft in the 2nd Air Corps. Later he was picked as one of 15 pilots to form a cadre for a Wing of B-29s. The Wing became a bomber command and when the 29s were ready, 60 planes flew to China to bomb Japan. The big bombers were forced to fly over the "hump" to India to get supplies for each mission. Four such trips were required for each bombing mission. The Burma Road was closed and Japan controlled the coast. More planes were lost flying the "hump" than were lost during the bombing raids. These missions were undertaken because of a promise of Pres. Roosevelt to Chiang Kai-Shek that Japan would be bombed from China if that country would build the bases inside China. After 14 months and as many missions over Japan, the big planes flew to Tinnian and finished the war there. From Tinnian to Japan and back, Iwo Jima was the alternate landing strip for planes in trouble. Before the island was secure, Clyde recalls spending one night in a tent with artillery barrages from both sides going overhead. On his last mission, 600 B-29s participated in the raid on Yokohama.

Clyde's crew had informally petitioned him to never order them to bail out, because of the Jap reputation of killing Air Force personnel on the ground or coming down. On his last mission, he was to fly low and jam the enemy radar with special equipment aboard his plane. It

did not work well. His plane was hit three times and he was forced to crash land in Tokyo Bay. The fuselage broke apart just behind the wings. (a weakness in the B-29 due to being built in two parts). Of his crew of 12, nine survived--the tail gunner had been killed in the air and two men were lost in the crash. In the crash procedure, the bombardier was directly behind Clyde. After crawling out his window, he noted the bombardier was not behind him so he swam back under water and pulled the unconscious man with a broken back out of the plane (the man survived). The procedure was to radio a submarine to pick up their life rafts. Waves were 15 feet high and the ceiling was 500 feet, but a PBY was skimming the water and landed to pick them up, but it could not take off. The submarine was about 50 miles away and the PBY taxied about half the distance and crashed on an attempted take off. The crew was picked up by a sub and returned home to spend the rest of the war in hospitals or recuperating in rest areas. Clyde liked the flying and did not complain because he was stuck in a situation that kept him a captain.

His Sears experience required 14 moves from trainee through store manager of Sears' largest store in the South to date, in Richmond, Va. and on to zone manager with headquarters in Atlanta. He was the youngest zone manager in the Sears company. In 1957, when Sears changed from the zone to the regional system, Florida was the largest of the regions in the South. Clyde was given his choice and he chose Florida with Orlando as his headquarters, because he thought it was the best place to raise his two sons. After Walton McJordan (another community-minded Sears manager) died, Clyde West also acted as store manager in addition to other duties. After retiring in 1982, Clyde had two of the most unusual but highly satisfying experiences of his life. At his retirement party, the chairman of the board at Sears suggested that Clyde become involved in the International Executives Service Corps. This group is composed of large companies who sponsor work internationally in specific fields. Executives volunteering to serve are not paid anything except expenses. Clyde's expertise was in strategic planning for five year periods and as a result, he was chosen for two specific missions. First, he went to Rio de Janeiro to help set up a strategic plan for a company operating 600 specialty stores, doing a billion dollar a year volume in Brazil, but wanted to become a department store chain. Clyde helped reorganize buying and personnel policies and plan a major department store for Brasilia. He had a lot of fun for four months living in a luxurious hotel suite overlooking the ocean and Elizabeth had a better time being entertained in true Brazilian style both by the Brazilians and the ladies in the U. S. Embassy. The company was managed by five equal managing directors--finance, operations, real estate, law and general administration. Each one had equal power. When asked who was the boss, each replied through the interpreter, "We are." There was a head man but his position was uncertain and they rarely saw him. Clyde had a hard time believing them and a harder time convincing them that they needed a CEO. He finally convinced them and they chose a man outside the five to be the general manager.

His second experience came two years later with an assignment to Cebu in the Philippines. There, he was working with a Chinese family who owned 40 department stores. Chinese families seemed to control the economy in the Philippines. When he and Elizabeth arrived they were treated royally and housed in an elegant apartment overlooking the town square. It was during the time of the revolution in the Philippines and they were told to stay in their apartment. They could see the parades and demonstrations in downtown Cebu, but no violence occurred there. An American destroyer was sitting in the harbor to rescue Americans in case violence

were to erupt. Although his mission was to recommend a restructuring of the company, he found that was virtually impossible because of the reluctance of the owners to share their complete situation with him, but he found himself in the position of being a school teacher to key personnel. He also spent a great deal of time with the chairman of the board, making recommendations in a subtle way. He learned a lot about the oriental mind. He also discovered that the difference between the occidental and the oriental is that the occidental says: "We can do this!" and figures out a way to do it and tries something else if the first method fails. The oriental says: "No--we cannot do that." and has to work through the objections before saying yes.

Clyde's community service record includes just about everything in the book. In business he was a director of SunBank, N. A.; president, Florida Retail Federation and the National Alliance of Business. He was president of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce, United Appeal, a trustee of Winter Park Memorial Hospital, junior and senior warden of All Saints Episcopal Church, and many more. He was honored by being inducted into the Mid-Florida Business Hall of Fame in 1986. He said Rotary has meant to him fellowship and friendship with his peers and opportunities to serve the community. Rotary has set the example of business and community leadership in Orlando.

Clyde did many new things as president of the Rotary Club, but many remember particularly that he instituted the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag into the weekly agenda of the club. He also delineated, through the programs and his column in the Rotoptimist, the qualities of a good Rotarian. Most of the programs were based on the Four Avenues of Service with entertainment sandwiched in between. One outstanding program included the appearance of John Young, Orlando native, chief astronaut and veteran of four space flights. Two outstanding Rotarians were made Paul Harris Fellows by the club: Don Cheney, last remaining charter member of the club, and Bill Lawrence, who served as club treasurer for 28 years. Ken Harker, CPA, was elected treasurer of the club. The club nominated Buckie Allen for district governor. Three great Rotarians died during the year: Ken Guernsey, charter member and past president of RI; Harry P. Leu, member since late 1920; and Paul Stine, "Mr. Rotary" for the club, past president and past district governor.

The following good Rotarians were inducted during Clyde's year:

William H. Baker, Landscape Architect, Wallis Baker & Associates, of Winter Park. Bill lives in Orlando at 530 East Central Blvd., is a Gator with a degree in landscape architecture, cum laude, was an Air Force Captain in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star and is now a retired Reserve Lieutenant Colonel. He is a past president of the Florida Chapter of ASLA and was a member of the Florida Planning & Zoning Association. He has traveled extensively and likes gardening, bowling and golf. He was a former member of the Winter Park Rotary Club.

William G. Dressler, Southern Bell. Bill was very active in 1979 as chairman of the Orlando Rotary student exchange program for children of Rotarians.

Grant Clarke, Safety Council, became president of the club for the term 1987-88.

Don Lykkebak, Criminal Law, with offices at 390 N. Orange Ave., and a home at 384 Lakeview Street. Don is a Hoosier, earned a B.A. at the University of Illinois. and a J.D. at UF. He was a captain and judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1970-73, and an

assistant state attorney in Orange County from 1973-77. Don is a runner, snow skier, scuba diver and a Gator football fan. He has been a very active member, is one of our song leaders, is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served as program chairman and was elected to the board of directors, where he was club service chairman. He is married to Linda and has two grown daughters.

Steven Bechtel, General Law, with Mateer, Harbert & Bates, of Orlando, was elected president for 1985-86.

Jeff Heslep, Senior Active, formerly Commercial Printing, president of Heslep Printing Services of Winter Springs, is a native of Mississippi, was educated at Louisiana State University and George Washington University, is married to Sara and they have three sons. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was elected as printer of the year for Central Florida in 1978 and president of the Graphic Arts Association the same year.

Allen H. Higginbotham, Life Insurance Consultant. Allen has been the speaker for many programs of the club. He was a former Baptist minister in Orlando and a very good speaker and became a great Rotarian. He returned to the ministry within a few years and served at the Apopka Baptist Church. He came back several times to give one of his inspirational speeches which always were mixed with humor.

Jon Carter Stine, president 1978-79, was the first son of a Rotary past president to be elected to that office in the club. He was literally raised in Rotary. His father, Paul Stine, a former president and district governor, had also acted as counsel to the board of directors for all the years he left after becoming a PDG. He attended every board meeting, but he never spoke unless asked to. Jon had a lot to live up to when it was his time to lead the club that his dad had helped build. John was a native of Sanford, raised in Orlando and attended Edgewater High School, where he was president of the First Wheel Club organized in Central Florida. He graduated from UF in 1959 with a B.S.B.A., served four years in the Air Force (part of the time in Germany) as a first lieutenant and worked with his dad at Harry P. Leu Inc. until 1987. He then formed Stine Industries, where he continues to sell industrial supplies and equipment. Jon married Ann Patton in 1958. They have a son and a daughter.

Jon has 18 years' perfect attendance, was elected to board for 1976-78, and was club service director. In addition he served on the Junior Achievement Committee, Interact Committee and Classification Committee. He was also active in the drive to raise funds for the Bloodmobile the club presented to the Blood Bank. One of his greatest contributions other than the presidency was serving as chairman of the Florida booth in the Southeastern States House of Friendship at the 1992 Rotary international Convention in Orlando in 1992. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1979. To him, Rotary meant "a guide in helping make decisions and living a fulfilling life." Mallory Roberts, a past district governor and one of the finest Rotarians of the time, was Jon's program chairman, which meant that he concentrated on Rotary programs. His most embarrassing moment came once when he was introducing his program chairman and the name temporarily left his mind. He says it was like forgetting your father's name.

The club project of which he was most proud was the initiation of a Rotary summer exchange program that matched up a Rotarian with a son or daughter in another country with one in the club. Each high school student would visit in the other's home for a two-week period

during the summer months. It was highly successful--four students from the Orlando club took advantage of it in the summer of 1979. It was suggested by Bill Dresser, a Southern Bell executive who brought the idea from Jacksonville. Bill also chaired the selection committee and made it successful. It cost the club only the correspondence and telephone calls. The balance of the costs were met by the Rotary parents of both countries. The program was continued for about ten years.

Jon also paid his community rent through the service he rendered in a number of community organizations: Junior Achievement Board, 1967-1980; J.A. president 1972-74; Central Florida Development Committee, 1972-74; Industrial Development Board of Mid Florida, 1976-78; University of Central Florida board of Center for Economic Education, and many others. Junior Achievement honored him for long time service through the Henry Craig Award in 1990. Perhaps his most satisfying community service has been rendered as a trustee, (along with his brother, Joe) of the Harry P. Leu Charitable Trust. It was founded by Harry P. Leu while he was alive and is funded by his estate. The trust gives away about \$150,000 per year to worthwhile youth movements and educational institutions in Central Florida. The first trustees were three past presidents of the Orlando Rotary Club, Harry P. Leu, Judge Wilbur Tilden and Paul Stine.

Several outstanding programs are remembered: On March 21, 1979, Ben Aycrigg, anchor man for Channel 6 TV, told the club how the 6 o'clock news is put together. On May 2, Bob Chewning, former police chief of Orlando, described how the 911 emergency call system works and what it would mean to the community and the country. A week later the Group Study Team from England related great experiences during their six-week tour of this Rotary district.

Permanent Rotarians who came into the club during Jon's year included:

Ed Hammock, Senior Active, a past president of the Altadena, California Club, and a past treasurer of the Orlando South Rotary Club with 26 years' perfect attendance when he joined the club. He was a chemistry professor in California and has written several articles in "Analytical Chemistry."

Judge Thomas R. Kirkland, Judge of the Orange County Court. A native of Eustis, he earned his BSBA at Florida and his JD from Stetson University Law School. His wife is Gloria and they have two children. He was a leader in the Orlando Jaycees, the fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Campus Crusade for Christ. He was chairman of the National Day of Prayer for Central Florida in 1974 and is a deacon in the First Baptist Church. He likes water skiing, tennis, travel and reading and is a marathon runner. He said that "Rotary has fostered a sense of community in him."

Robert W. Meherg, Accounting, Partner, Ernst and Ernst, CPAs, is a native of Alabama and holds a BS and MS from the Crimson Tide Institution. Bob's wife, Jane, is also a University of Alabama grad. They have two daughters: Mary Jane, a teacher in Orange County, and Laura, a department store executive in Birmingham, and a director of the Eastwood, Ala. Rotary Club. Bob was a captain in the U.S. Army quartermaster corps during the Korean War. He is one of the regular song leaders for the club and has used his talents frequently. His interest in opera and music have caused him to lead in those activities in Orlando. He spearheaded the fund drive and supervised the work of converting the old Orlando

Utilities Commission plant on Lake Ivanhoe to the Dr. P. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. He and his wife and two daughters are Paul Harris Fellows.

Phil Clark, Life Insurance, is a CLU and ChFC in his profession. He is a native of Pittsburgh, and was educated at the University of Pittsburgh. Phil entered the life insurance business in 1947 and has been with Massachusetts Mutual for 40 years. His only son was with the U. S. Coast Guard in Vietnam and drowned while scuba diving during rest and rehabilitation leave in Hawaii. His first wife also died five years ago and he is now married to Lynda and has an adopted daughter and two grandchildren. Phil was active in United Way for many years and was campaign chairman in 1968 and chairman of the board in 1972. He was invited to join Rotary and did so because of his high respect for the members.

Paul Kinser, College Administrator, Valencia Community College.

Asher Neel, Cemeteries, Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home. Asher is the son of Bob Neel, past president and past district governor.

Charles Parkhouse, Christian Service Center. Charlie operated one of the most worthwhile parts of the Christian Service Center. He was in charge of the Daily Bread program, which feeds the homeless or anyone who is hungry. He had the right posture and personality to command respect from his customers and fellow workers. Food is served by members of the area Christian churches. It was furnished by Rotarian Steve Williams and his family for many years without cost, while they operated the Orlando Airport Restaurant. It is continuing to be furnished by the Marriott Company.

Elwood (Red) Waller, Property Appraiser. A native of New Jersey, he was educated at Bergen college and Syracuse University where he played football and baseball. He was a fighter pilot in W.W.II in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He is married to Marie, formerly the popular secretary of Rotarian Dr. Duncan McEwan. Red was a Kiwanian for five years.

Ken Regal, Metal Fabrication, president of Alpha Manufacturing Co. A native of Wisconsin, he was educated as an engineer at Andrews University as was his wife, Sue. They have four children. Ken also studied at Columbia and Purdue. He served in Wisconsin's 32nd Division of the National Guard during the Korean War. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and rendered a real service in fabricating and furnishing, without cost, the stainless sink required to prepare the orange juice for serving in the Florida Booth of the House of Friendship at the RI Convention in Orlando in 1992.

Rodney Clark, Real Estate, Merrill Lynch Realty.

Since the coming of the Air Corps to Orlando in 1940, the club has had a number of active Rotarians from the Air Force and the Navy, but Col. Stanley I. Hand, Air Force, president 1979-80, was the only commanding officer to have been an active Rotarian in Orlando while in the service and who remained after his retirement to become president. His story, as with most professional military officers, is exciting and full of interesting experiences.

Stan was unique also in that he had an ambition as a youth to become a military pilot and planned his life to that end. He was a native of Louisville, Ky. Early in life he was fascinated with flying--when his brother became a pilot under the air cadet program of the late 1920s, his appetite was whetted further. Charles Lindbergh was his hero. He attended the University of Kentucky after he observed that the Army Air Corps visited the campus annually to recruit students for their flying cadet program and that they were most interested in those with two

years of college. It was not until the beginning of his senior year that he was chosen. He quit college immediately and was inducted into the Air Corps in October of 1939. After basic training at Randolph Field in San Antonio, and advanced training at Kelly Field nearby, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in August of 1940. His fiancée, Marjorie, attended both of his graduations and they were married 18 months later. Stan says the Lord smiled on him, when his first assignment brought him to MacDill Field in Tampa. It was the most modern base in the nation at the time and was not quite complete. His first job was flying B-18s which would cruise at 120 knots, prior to the group being supplied with B-17s. Immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack, the group and their B-18s were dispatched to Polk Field, North Carolina, for anti-submarine duty along the Atlantic Seaboard from December, 1941, through March of 1942. (Forty percent of all U. S. merchant marine tonnage lost during World War II was sunk along the Atlantic Coast from New York to the Florida Keys). No enemy subs were sighted and no shipping was lost in the group's area during that period. Then in late March, the group commander received a telegram from his wing commander at MacDill to return to that base immediately. When the group commander checked in, he was asked why he had returned. No record of the telegraphic orders could be found. The day after the group left Polk Field, the first ship was sunk by German U-boats. Sabotage had begun. However, B-17 delivery had also begun and the group soon became flight instructors for that great airplane. Stan became a squadron commander in the newly activated 95th Bomb Group and was moved to the northwestern states for short training periods at three different air bases before ending up at Pio, Texas, prior to flying planes across the Atlantic to England in April of 1943. In November he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and in May of 1944, he became the executive for training all air crews and was promoted to full colonel. After flying 25 missions, pilots were usually returned to the United States, but Col. Hand made 27. One of his last assignments was to fly a shuttle mission from England to Russia. Seventy five B-17s took off from England, escorted by P-51s, bombed targets in Germany and landed in Poltava, the air force academy of Russia; 75 more bombers landed at another Russian base. That was a first from England. Several similar missions had been executed successfully from Italy. The trip over went fine, but a couple of German planes went far enough to find where the bombers had landed. At 11:30 that night, after being alerted by a first sergeant who ran through the temporary camp shouting "enemy aircraft," German bombers came and destroyed 71 of the planes from Hand's base in England. Col. Hand found a furrow in the open field and was not hurt, but three airmen were killed. He lost all respect for the shooting ability of Russian anti-aircraft units. Next day the men were carried to a safer place and Col. Hand eventually got back to England via Tehran. After one more mission he returned to the U.S.

He was sent to Langley Field to teach radar, which was fairly new at the time, and remained there the rest of the war. Returning to civilian life, he continued to fly by becoming a civilian instructor for Aircoupe (a plane that drove much like a car.) Becoming weary of that he was invited to get back into the Air Force in 1948 to fly in the Air Transport Service in support of the Berlin Air Lift. After two years he became a hurricane hunter, flying B-29s into hurricanes and collecting information for the Weather Service. He said the flying was the roughest ever with the most rain conceivable. However, being stationed in Bermuda made it pleasant, he said. Two and a half years later, in 1953, he was transferred to the Air Rescue

Service and moved to Orlando--"the best place to live in the world," he said. However, he moved shortly to Reno, Nev. to head up another special project for 30 months. He then joined the Strategic Air Command which was flying B-47s (Stan's favorite plane) and Stan was returned to Pinecastle Air Base. While on leave between stations, Col. McCoy was killed and Stan cut his leave short to come to Orlando as deputy for operations for the wing. He later became vice commander, then base commander at McCoy 1960. During that period, he became acquainted with leading citizens in Orlando and was invited to become a member of Rotary by Clyde West. He retired after 25 years in the Air Force and settled here.

Another Rotarian, **Ben Oehlert**, president of Minute Maid and an advisor to the wing commander at McCoy, recommended Stan as executive director of the Council of 100, a group of Florida businessmen appointed by the governor of the state to advise the governor on the needs of the state. Stan held that position for two and a half years, before becoming the executive director of the Florida Concrete Products Association from which he took his final retirement after 18 years.

Stan and Margie have one son, Dr. Stanley Hand, Jr., who is a pediatric ophthalmologist and one of the 12 founders of Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women.

Stan was active in Rotary, having been chairman of Fellowship, International Relations and Program committees and being elected a member of the board of directors, who elected him president. In the community, he was active in the Chamber of Commerce and was chairman of several committees. During his year as president of Rotary he took on as a project getting a Vietnamese "boat" family settled in Orlando. The family of six arrived in 1980. The members of the club helped provide employment, transportation and housing for the family. Stan was also proud that approximately 10 Rotarians became Paul Harris Fellows during his year.

Stan had this to say about Rotary: "Everything good and positive that has happened to Orlando has always had a Rotary member in a position of responsibility."

The board of directors approved with enthusiasm Stan Hand's suggestion that District Gov. Buckie Allen invite Rotary International to have its 1988 convention in Orlando. It didn't come about in 1988, but of course it did in 1992.

Dave Crowson was program chairman and was careful to have programs interesting to every member of the club. They included: In July, Curt Stanton spoke on "Water, the Earth's Most Precious Resource." In August, Coach Don Jonas, spoke on "UCF's Football Prospects." As a follow up to the program in 1975 on Orlando's mayors, Bill McCree presented a program on Sept. 19, entitled: "The Men Who Made Orlando Great." He traced the city's history through the lives of outstanding citizens who were not politicians, but who gave leadership to the community in specific areas that helped make Orlando the great city that it has become. He began with Judge James Speer and included Jacob Summerlin, John Cheney (father of Rotarian Don), N. P. Yowell (past president of the club), Joseph Guernsey (grandfather of past Pres. Joe Guernsey), Dr. P. Phillips (father of Rotarian Howard Phillips), H. H. Dickson, J. B. Magruder, Moses Overstreet (charter member of the club), Harry P. Leu (past president of the club), Walter Hayes, R. D. Keene (past Rotarian), Linton Allen (past president of the club), Billy Dial (past president of the club) and Martin Andersen (a past Rotarian and later an honorary member of the club). Dial and Andersen were the only ones living at the time and

were on the platform that day. President Hand ordered that a copy of the speech be given to all new members. McCree was asked to repeat the program to a dozen other organizations. The following Wednesday, Pat Summerall, famous TV sports announcer, brought out the crowds. In October, Lt. Gen. Taliman, superintendent of the Air Force Academy, spoke. In November, the club was entertained by several Rotarians and their partners who were square dancers. In January, Henry Swanson told the story of his experiences with butterflies. In February, Walter Pharr reported on a trip to China, representing the Presbyterian Church. March speakers included the U.S. secretary of commerce, the president of Exxon International, and Tom Gurney Sr. who was made a Paul Harris Fellow. Norman Seavey, a regular winter visitor for more than 20 years, and a past president of the Dover, N. H. club, celebrated his 103rd birthday with Orlando Rotarians. RI President Jim Bomar called by telephone during the meeting to congratulate him. Norman was alert and witty as usual. In May the club celebrated its 60th anniversary with Past Pres. Joe Guernsey in charge. In June, former Rotarian, former president of Minute Maid and president of United Fruit, John Fox, spoke to the club. All this plus many other outstanding programs made it a great year.

After 18 years of being located in the Darnold & Dorsey insurance office building on S. Delaney Street, the office of the Orlando Rotary Club was moved to E. Colonial Drive on May 20, 1980. Members and officers found the new location inconvenient and it was a happy day when it was relocated to the fifth floor of the Central Florida Blood Bank building at 32 West Gore in 1988.

Ten new Rotarians were inducted into the club during Stan's tenure: Carl Stallard, vice president and trust officer of SunBank, N. A. Carl became a very good Rotarian and worked on several important committees, Rotary Foundation, Orlando Rotary Foundation, and several others. He also was responsible for bringing into the club several prominent female executives of Downtown businesses.

Ed Lindbloom, Casualty Insurance, who owned his own insurance agency, was a native of Miami and a graduate of Georgia Tech with an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to serving on several Rotary committees he was a director of Big Brothers. Ed died in 1994 at the age of 65.

Rodney Clark, Real Estate, was manager of the local office of Merrill Lynch Realty Co.

Buckie Allen, District Governor, 1979-80, gives this account of his experiences during a wonderful year for him and for the district when he was district governor of Rotary: "One day, being real relaxed, after serving as president of the Orlando club, I received a call from Paul Stine. There was a presence about this wonderful Rotarian that was rather majestic.) Paul said, 'I want to see you.' I said, 'Yes sir.' He asked if it was all right for him to come to my office in about 30 minutes. He brought son Jon with him--Jon was president of the club at the time. When he arrived he did not beat around the bush. He said, 'Now my boy, I have decided that you should become governor of this Rotary district and I am chairman of the nominating committee.' Then he asked: 'You agree with that, don't you?' I swallowed and said to myself, 'No one says no to Paul Stine.' So I answered, 'Yes, sir.' He wanted to look around the place, so I took him and Jon on a tour of our wholesale drug warehouse and he put on his hat and left. That is how I became a nominee for district governor of Rotary. I found out later that he had

put the bite on Bob Neel in much the same manner. I was very proud that a great Rotarian like Paul Stine would come to inform me that I would be the district governor.

"Being governor was a unique experience. It requires a year of one's time. Fortunately, I had an executive secretary in my office who did everything for the district office, including appointments, correspondence and handling the telephone. I had a strong management staff, which was capable of operating on its own. Before my year started, I visited all the past district governors that I could find in order to get their advice. My visit to Paul Stine brought forth these remarks: 'I could tell you a lot of things, but let me say this: You can do the job, don't let anyone do it for you. Get all the advice you can, but you be the governor. We selected you because we thought you could do it on your own.'

"The week of indoctrination for incoming district governors was held at Boca Raton that year. I became very well acquainted with a new district governor from Pakistan. I was relating how I would have to drive 80 miles to Lake Placid, and spend the night, five times for regional dinner meetings of the district. I thought it was quite a lot of traveling--and then asked how far he had to travel. His answer humbled me. He said one visit to a club would require 2,500 miles of travel. However, the greatest experience at the district governor's school was getting to know the incoming president of Rotary International, Jim Bomar, from the walking horse center of the world, Shelbyville, Tenn. He reminded me of my grandfather, who founded our family drug company. Getting to know him was the highlight of my district governor's experience. His theme for the year was: 'Let Service Light the Way.' It was inspiring to me and I tried even harder to make Rotary a way of life. When we held our great Rotary International Convention in Orlando in 1992, I asked our Host Club Chairman Gene Miniotta to let me be the aide to Jim Bomar. It is customary to furnish past RI presidents with a chauffeured limousine and an aide (usually a past district governor). I had one of the rare privileges of my life, accompanying him and his wife to all the functions and again renewing a wonderful Rotary friendship. When he first greeted me with raised arms and his pleasant Southern drawl, 'Buckie, Buckie, I am so glad to see you' it made it all worthwhile.

"My most unusual club visit was to Arcadia. During the luncheon, the club president spent the whole hour talking about his club's business. When the time came for my usual 30 minute address, we had five minutes left. He asked if I had anything to say. My answer was simple: "No." The club had just been spared a district governor's speech. As for our district conference, it was a grand affair at the Court of Flags in Florida Center and included some excellent speakers."

THE STORY OF NEW ROTARY CLUBS IN THE ORLANDO AREA

The Orlando Rotary Club sponsored a new club at Sanford in 1921, at Eustis in 1922, at Winter Garden in 1926, at Apopka in 1927, at Winter Park in 1947. The record of the club in sponsoring new Rotary clubs is good. It was not until it was suggested that the club cede part of its territory within the Orlando city limits for the formation of another club, that a problem arose. The opinions of good Rotarians differed widely because of two basic philosophies about what is best for Rotary in Orlando. On one side were those who believed that more good could be achieved by restricting the membership to heads of businesses and professions in Orlando. They believed that the prestige of "Orlando's first service club" could best be maintained by having only one Rotary club in the city. On the other side, there were those who believed that the Rotary experience should be shared with more individuals, while maintaining the strict classification provisions required by RI rules. It is interesting to note that the peak membership in the club occurred in 1966-67, before any additional clubs had been chartered in the immediate vicinity of Orlando except for Winter Park.

In 1960, after three years' membership, a new club director, Henry Swanson, was asked to head up a committee to study the sponsoring of new Rotary clubs in the Orlando area. The new director was a strong advocate of sharing Rotary. Henry, who also became the "keeper of Rotary club banners from other clubs" and wrote a book on, "Countdown for Agriculture," and another, "Butterfly Revelations," followed his assignment thoroughly as in everything he did. He recommended that the club sponsor a new club in East Orlando, including the area east of Mills Street. The suggestion fell pretty much on deaf ears; most of the club felt that it would violate the integrity of the Orlando club territory. In 1965, while serving a second term on the board of directors, Henry picked up the ball again and pushed for the creation of another Rotary club in South and East Orlando. The Club Expansion Committee appointed by Francis Auger consisted of six past presidents of the club and two past district governors. This time, Henry made a very thorough study of classifications in the area that the Orlando club would give up and found over 50 available. He also discovered that the present club had 16 members (of about 250) who had their places of business in the area where the new club would be organized. Further, he inquired of RI as to the limits of the Orlando club's territory. RI gave that territory of the club as the city limits of Orlando, unless the Orlando club asked for additional territory. After much discussion, the directors expressed themselves as favoring expanding Rotary, but did not want to give up any of the Orlando club's territory.

In 1967-68, the matter came up again and a blue ribbon committee voted to sponsor a new club in West Orlando and that was approved, because it would require ceding only a small portion of the Orlando club's territory within the city limits. Territory of the new club was generally west of N. Orange Blossom to where it crossed I-4 and thence down I-4 to north of Disney World and west to territory of the Winter Garden Club. Chartered in 1968, The West

Orlando Rotary Club grew rapidly and has always been a strong club. It is the only Rotary club in the area to build and maintain its own building. Also during the year, 1968, a new Rotary club, Orange County East, was sponsored by the Winter Park Club, with its territory to consist of areas of Orange County extending from the east city limits of Orlando and Winter Park. This club included the University of Central Florida, but because of the RI rules about territory given up (in the past) by Orlando, the Orlando club has been able to invite administrative officers of the university to be members of the Orlando club.

In 1970, with the rapid growth of the area south of the Orlando business section, a new club was sponsored by Orlando under the leadership of Mallory Roberts, a great Rotarian and a past district governor of this district (while he lived in Winter Haven in the early 1950s). Wisely, he recommended that the club ask for the territory of the new club to be given to Orlando by RI and then that Orlando cede the same to a new club for that area. In that way, RI regulations permit the ceding club to continue to draw and keep members from the area. Again, the South Orlando Club has been a strong Rotary club.

The showdown came for the Orlando club in 1975 as the Southeast Orlando Club matter was brought up again. Even though the area to be ceded by Orlando had been greatly reduced, it was felt the matter needed to be debated thoroughly by the board of directors and finally debated in an open club meeting, at which feelings ran high. Unfortunately, approval by a two-thirds majority of the club members caused several resignations from Rotary. Dave Crowson was asked to be the founding president of the new club and left the Orlando club to fulfill that duty, but the club had a tough time until it became the Orlando Breakfast Club in 1985. RI regulations had again changed to permit breakfast clubs in addition to the original club in the area.

Observers looking back on this controversy have noted that the original effort to cede all of the Fashion Square and Colonial Plaza shopping complexes would have meant giving up what is now the center of retail activities of Orlando. The downtown area now consists mostly of financial institutions, state, county and city government offices and professional offices as well as hospitals and entertainment establishments. Every Rotarian was happy that the matter was settled, and when the Rotary Club of College Park was sponsored in 1986, there was no opposition to ceding part of the Orlando club's territory to that club. Several Rotarians moved their memberships to give the College Park club immediate stability.

The decade of the 1970s was one of tremendous growth of the Orlando area.

CHAPTER SEVEN

ORLANDO NO.1 TOURIST DESTINATION 1980-90

After a recession that gripped the nation from 1975-77, Orlando and surrounding areas again began to grow by leaps and bounds. Population in the city jumped from 127,000 in 1980 to 165,000 in 1990 and the metropolitan area would exceed a million by 1990. Fruit trees killed by the devastating freezes of the early 1980s would not be replanted but would be replaced by houses and shopping centers. SunBank built a 35-story tower at Church Street and Orange Avenue. The First, formerly First Savings and Loan Association, occupied the 28-story glass-roofed DuPont structure at Livingston Street and Orange Avenue. Several other high-rises dominated the skyline of Downtown Orlando during that decade. The \$102 million, 15,000-seat "world class" arena in the heart of the city opened in January of 1989 and the "Orlando Magic" became the first major professional sports franchise in the city. The Citrus Bowl stadium was expanded to 75,000 seats in 1990 and the Citrus Bowl soon became one of the major New Year's Day college football classics. Several national championships were decided there in the 1990s. The University of Central Florida fielded a good football team and played its home games there. The Orange County Convention Center was increased to handle 40,000 by 1990 and then was doubled in the '90s to make it one of the best places for conventions in the world. Hotels rooms would exceed 70,000 and visitors to the area would exceed 13 million by the time of the Rotary International Convention in 1992. Disney World, initially consisting of only the Magic Kingdom, was expanded to include Epcot, MGM Studios and Pleasure Island. Sea World and Universal Studios also came to furnish further attractions for the tourist. Kennedy Space Center, from which all U.S. moon exploration and space shuttle missions originate, became a big attraction within itself and cruises into the Atlantic were operated from Port Canaveral. All of this development made Orlando the No. 1 tourist attraction of the world. To make it easy for visiting Rotarians, there were 19 Rotary clubs meeting at breakfast and 12 meeting at noon within 20 minutes of the center of Orlando. In spite of the growth and the change in character of the neighborhoods, Orlando continued to be a good place in which to live and the city itself had grown in an orderly fashion, due in part to many Rotarians who had helped plan and guide the way.

Mergers in banks and other corporations meant that proprietors of large companies no longer dominated the scene and high ranking officers of major firms traveled so much that the character of the membership of the Orlando Rotary Club was changing in the decade of the 1980s. But the club continued to be led by talented leaders and attracted quality members. As a result it remained the largest club in the district. Perhaps the greatest change that occurred in the club was the admission of women in 1988, a move welcomed by many Rotarians.

The club chose for its president to begin its seventh decade, Dr. Howard Chadwick, senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church. He was the second minister to become president. After earning his A.B. at the Moravian College, in Bethlehem, Pa., he earned a

master's of divinity at Duke University and an L.L.D. from Kirksville College of Osteopathy in Missouri. He was awarded a D.D. from Salem College in West Virginia. His first experience as a full time minister was as the pastor of a Moravian church from 1942 to 1953. From there, he was called to be a Presbyterian pastor in Charlotte, N.C. where he served from 1953 to 1965. For the next 16 years he served at First Presbyterian in Orlando. In addition to being a great preacher and having a rich full baritone singing voice, he was an initiator of projects and movements. The Christian Service Center, which renders good in many areas of Christian service, but is best known for its "Daily Bread" program, was begun with Dr. Chadwick as the principal founder. This remains as it started, a cooperative effort of most of the Christian churches in the Orlando area. The center serves a hot noonday meal 365 days a year to all who come. Sometimes that is as many as 300-400 individuals. For many years, a member of Howard's congregation, Champ Williams, former owner of the Skyline restaurant at the airport, prepared and delivered the food to the Christian Service Center. Clothing, counseling and assistance in getting work are also available. Westminster Towers, a complete retirement center with independent living, assisted living and a health care center, is now owned and operated by the Presbyterian Retirement Communities of Florida (PRCF). Dr. Chadwick first envisioned Westminster, but was unable to get the PRCF to build the center because it had built and was operating Winter Park Towers. He led the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando in the planning, construction and operation of the 17-story state of the art building for the elderly. It opened in 1975 and has served since then--PRCF took it over about 1980. It is now one of the few fully accredited institutions of its kind in the nation.

An Orlando landmark, the San Juan Hotel, place of many Rotary functions, was demolished Aug. 28, 1980. The wooden section, built in the early part of the century, came down easily, but the areas of steel and masonry, built in the early 1920s, were difficult to dismantle.

A local Rotary Foundation operating under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code was first recommended by the 1966-67 club president, Joel Wells, Jr. But it was Howard Chadwick who brought it into being in the spring of 1981. Activities and details of the foundation are covered in the appendix. Howard became a Rotarian in Orlando in 1966 and served on committees under every avenue of service, wrote a column for the Rotoptimist for several years, sang with a club quartet and led the singing on occasion. Howard and his wife, Helen, have two sons and one daughter. He accepted an invitation to join Rotary, because of its high principles and ideals and its worldwide record of "Service above Self." He continues to treasure the friends he has made in the club.

On Dec. 4, 1980, the Orlando Rotary Club moved its meeting place from the First Federal Savings & Loan Building at Church and Main to the Sorosis Clubhouse at 501 E. Livingston St. The meetings were changed from Wednesday to Thursday noon to suit the convenience of the Sorosis Club. Luncheon charge was raised from \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Members inducted during Howard's year included:

Ralph J. Aker, Religion, Washington Shores Presbyterian Church. A native of Georgia, he has a B.A. degree from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, an M.Ed from Tuskegee University and a M.Div. and D.M. from Columbia Theological Seminary. Ralph taught math and science in secondary schools for 20 years and then became a Presbyterian minister. He is

married to Annie, who is also a graduate of Morris Brown, and they have two daughters. His community service includes serving on the boards of the Christian Service Center, Additions Board, Civil Service Board of Orlando and board of directors for the Area Agency on Aging.

Louis E. Benoit, Commercial Real Estate, is a native of France, was educated at the French Petroleum Institute and served in the French Army Corps of Engineers. He came to this country from Holland in 1979, liked Orlando and settled here. He married Judith from Ohio and they have two children, Blaise and Lionel.

Scott J. Johnson, Civil Law, with Maguire, Voorhis and Wells, was elected president for 1992-93.

W. Charles Shuffield, Corporate Law, with Akerman, Senterfitt and Eidson, is a native of Arkansas. He obtained a bachelor of science degree from Western Kentucky University and a J.D. degree from Memphis State. He also has an L.L.M. degree from the University of Miami. At Memphis State he played varsity baseball and basketball. He is married to Jerri, also from Arkansas and a Memphis State graduate. They have two daughters. In the community he has been president of the Central Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes and chairman of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and is a member of the steering committee of the annual Christian Leadership Conference. He likes all kinds of sports and won awards in basketball while in college. Currently he is chairman of the Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation Committee.

Emerson R. Thompson Jr., Circuit Court judge, is a Jacksonville native. He attended Bethune Cookman College, obtained a B.A. from UF and a J.D. from FSU. He was elected to the board of directors of the club and became a Paul Harris Fellow. He was appointed to the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeals with headquarters in Daytona Beach and was forced to resign from the club in March, 1994. He is well known and highly respected in the club and on the bench.

Ormund D. Powers was elected president for 1981-82. He entered the club in 1964 with the classification of Newspapers, Publishing. He was the editor of the editorial page of the Orlando Sentinel at the time. He has spent all of his working years with the Sentinel, doing a number of different jobs. A native of Kansas, Ormund came to Orlando when he was five in 1919. He attended the UF College of Journalism. He is married to Barbara Ann. They have four children and six grandchildren. Ormund served for about 10 years as the editor of the Rotoptimist and was elected a director for three terms. He also served as club secretary for three years and as district secretary when Gene Minietta was governor, and as secretary to the host committee for the 1992 RI convention. In addition, he has served on the Public Relations, Fellowship, History, Program, and Vocational Service committees. In the community he has served on the vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church for three terms and has been elected junior warden and secretary of St. Michael's.

He served as president of the Florida Society of Editors in 1970, member of the boards of the Central Florida Sheltered Workshop, American Lung Association, Christian Service Center, and the Orlando Human Relations Commission; president of the Greater Orlando Press Club; charter member of the Lake County Historical Society; and is a Paul Harris Fellow. After he retired from the Sentinel in 1979, Ormund wrote a number of books on local history including the story of SunBanks' fifty years in the community; "One Man, One Mule, One

Shovel," the Frank Hubbard story; a biography of E. C. Rowell, former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; and the 75-year history of the Orlando Regional Healthcare System. He is currently writing a biography of Martin Andersen, the most dynamic man to ever enter the Central Florida scene.

Andersen was owner, publisher and editor of the Sentinel from 1931 to 1967. No one should know Andersen better, because Ormund worked for the Sentinel, 1934 to 1979. He began by opening the first out-of-town bureau of the Sentinel in Lake County, and headed the office for more than 20 years. The following is taken from quotes of some of Ormund's many speeches before the club: "Mark Twain said it best about editorial writers: 'Only kings, editors and people with tapeworms have the right to use the editorial 'we'. In writing editorials we had a prayer every day: 'Lord, give me today my daily opinion and forgive me the one I had yesterday.' Then as now, an editorial must 'view with alarm' or 'point with pride.' It seems to be expected." Andersen, a member of the club in the 1930s, insisted that Ormund become a Rotarian. When asked if being a Kiwanian would do, Andersen replied, "Absolutely not!" As long as Andersen owned the paper, the Orlando Rotary Club received publicity once a week--every program was reported. During Ormund's term as president, the local Rotary Foundation became a reality and was promoted fully. He attended the RI Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil and came back properly inspired. It gave him "A clear picture of the vast scope of the brotherhood of Rotary." He stated that every new member should attend an RI convention as soon as possible, so that he can understand the full scope of this worldwide organization.

New permanent members inducted into the club during Ormund's year included:

Patrick J. Knipe, CPA, who was elected as president for the year, 1989-90.

Larry Gene Fegebank, Insurance, Commercial (manager, commercial department, Eidson Insurance Agency) was a native of Iowa and a graduate of the University of Iowa. Larry's wife of 30 years is also an Iowa graduate and a school teacher. They have two daughters. In Rotary he has served two-year terms on the board of directors. He has been vocational service director, community service director, and has been on the house committee, foundation committee and fellowship committee. In the community, he finished the Leadership Orlando course at the Chamber of Commerce and served on the legislative committee of that organization. He is a member of the Additions Volunteer program in the public schools.

Harry D. Kerns, Eastern Airlines, manager of sales and service, was a senior active, who had previously been a Rotarian in other cities.

James M. McEwan, Commercial Insurance, J. Rolfe Davis Agency, is the son of a long time Rotarian, "Bo" McEwan, and the grandson of charter member, Dr. J. S. McEwan. A native of Orlando, he was educated at the University of Virginia, is married to Eden and they have two sons. He serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Orange County.

An important change in honorary memberships of the club was made at the final board meeting during Ormund's year. Honorary memberships were abolished and a new class of membership was instigated: "Lifelong Friends of the Rotary Club of Orlando." All living honorary members were transferred to the new member status. This eliminated the directors having to vote to renew the list of honorary members every year.

Col. Eugene D. Minietta was the second retired Air Force colonel to become president of the Orlando Rotary Club, 1982-83. Gene's classification at the time of his coming into the

club in 1971 was Youth Programs. He was the executive director of Youth Programs, Inc., a non-profit organization created by the Air Force for young people who had gotten into trouble with law enforcement officers. The club participated in the court-ordered counseling program and had the highest number of member participants of any charitable endeavor of the club. Details are given under Walter Pharr's presidency in 1972-73. Gene attended NYU for two years until the Pearl Harbor attack. He had always wanted to be an AF pilot because his older brother was a mechanic in the Air Corps at the time, so he volunteered in late 1941 and was inducted Jan. 14, 1942. After receiving his wings in November of 1942, he became an instructor pilot and soon was teaching instrument flying to pilots who returned from overseas, but who had very little instrument experience. In 1947, after the war, he was transferred to Okinawa, where he flew the first F-80 jets. He returned to the U.S., only to be assigned to Korea where he was made commander of a bomber squadron and also became the air instructor for the 5th Air Force. After Korea came the Command and Staff School in Montgomery, Ala. He was then appointed to the Naval War College in Washington, D. C. and while in that area he obtained a B.S. degree from Syracuse University plus a M.S. from George Washington University. From there he went to SAC in 1957 and became a B-47 squadron commander and, while stationed in Orlando, he became a B-52 squadron commander. He was moved again to North Dakota, where he was named deputy wing commander for operations and then wing commander in Blytheville, Ark. Finally he was promoted to colonel and became chief of staff for the 2nd Air Force. He retired after 30 years in the Air Force in January, 1972. He liked Orlando so much while stationed at McCoy, that he bought property on Lake Harney and returned here upon retirement. The base commander at McCoy asked him to head up the newly formed Youth Programs, Inc.

Gene's parents were both natives of Italy who became naturalized citizens of the U.S. Gene is married to Dottie who has shared all his activities with him including his many Rotary responsibilities. In addition to being elected president of the club after serving on several key committees, Gene was elected governor of District 698 in 1989-90, and then served as chairman of the Host Club Committee of the 1992 RI Convention in Orlando. The latter experience is documented in Chapter 8.

Upon joining the club, he became a 100 percent Rotarian in every way. He worked in Rotary just as he did in the Air Force for 30 years and as a result, everything he has done has been a huge success. To him, Rotary has meant "providing fellowship all over the world and permitting him to serve his fellow man in a meaningful way." In the community, he was chairman of the juvenile justice committee of the Circuit Court, chairman of the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice, an adjunct professor at Rollins College, a leader of the Seminole County Planning Board. He has received many honors including being selected national "Man of the Year" for his work with the criminal justice systems for juveniles. When Gene became president, the Rotary Club Foundation was getting into full swing after its first year, so he promoted it to the fullest extent. He wanted the members to enjoy the meetings and, with that in mind, he insisted on "good" programs and tried to promote good fellowship. To implement his intentions he appointed Leon Handley as the program chairman with five active members of the committee. Tom Bledsoe, an eight-year member of the club, was chosen to head up the Fellowship Committee. Programs included the president of UCF, Dr. Trevor Colburn, who

introduced football to the University; Buckie Allen, speaking on "Tylenol"; Doug Root on "The Solar Research Center"; Tom Sewell, director of the Orange County Convention Center; Allen Higginbotham on "Rotary's Real Roots"; Doyle Conner, secretary for agriculture of Florida; Ed Hayes, popular Sentinel columnist, "Reading Program for the Busy Businessman"; and many others. Gene promoted the idea and Don Cheney, remaining survivor of the original 20 charter members, was elected as honorary president of the club and given a past president's pin in September of 1992. He died about a year later at 94. President Gene took an unusual interest in the Rotary fellowships and promoted heavily the creation of Paul Harris Fellowships. The Sentinel Star sponsored Bob MacLeish and Ormund Powers as Paul Harris Fellows in March of 1983. They had a total of 77 years with the Sentinel and 46 years in Rotary at the time. Five Paul Harris Fellowships were presented by the club to members and many were awarded by individuals or corporations. The RI board of directors invited Gene, as president of the Orlando Club, to appear before them and make a presentation promoting an RI Convention for 1990 in Orlando. Gene was accompanied by the president and public relations officer of the Orange County Convention Center. The choice of locations had been narrowed to Portland, Ore., one other city and Orlando. Portland was chosen for 1990 and Orlando was chosen for 1993, but in 1990, Orlando was asked to move up to 1992 if possible.

During Gene's year as president, the following permanent Rotarians were inducted:

Jay Hebert, Agricultural Extension director for Orange County. As such, he is also a professor at UF and is on their payroll. Jay is a native of Louisiana, earned a B.S. and M.S. in animal science from LSU, where he also played football and participated in track. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 to 1949. He came to Orlando in 1956 with the American Cynamid Co. and moved to the Agricultural Extension office about 1965. In 1978 he succeeded Henry Swanson as the director. He is married to Barbara, also a member of the club. They have four sons and one grandson. Jay is a song leader and has been chairman of all four Avenues of Service and program chairman. He has served two terms on the board of directors and he is a Paul Harris Fellow. His outside activities include the YMCA board and the Central Florida Fair Association board. He was chosen as "Central Florida Man of the Year." Jay says that "Orlando is the city that Rotary built."

Britt Lovett, Insurance, Administration, is the training manager of the New York Life office in Orlando. Britt is a native of Georgia and received his B.A. degree from Valdosta State College. He joined New York Life out of college and came to Orlando from Tallahassee with the company. He is married to Ann and they have a daughter at Lake Highland Prep and a son at Duke. He was elected a director of the club for 1990-92 and 1993-95 and served as program chairman for 1993-95. In 1994 he was elected president for the year 1995-96. He is also a Paul Harris fellow. Brett is active in the First Methodist Church and has served twice as president of the Delaney Park Little League.

Roger Woodbury, Audio/Visual, is president of Photosound of Orlando, Inc. He is a native of Atlanta, but did most of his growing up on Merritt Island. He has a B.A. and a M.Ed. from Stetson University, where he attended on a basketball scholarship. He was a teacher and an administrator in Brevard County schools until 1981, when he came to Orlando to join Photosound. He has rendered great service to the club as the audio visual expert and did the same for the RI convention in 1992. He has served one term as a director and is now serving

his second two-year term. Outside activities include being president of the Sales and Marketing Executive Club of Orlando and president of the Executive Exchange Council.

Judge George C. Young, U. S. District Judge, is a Buckeye by birth, but a Gator by education. He has both an A.B. and a J.D. from UF. His wife, Iris, is a Florida Cracker, a rancher and a graduate of Stetson and they have a daughter and a son. His personality with his quiet friendly smile and his informal dignity makes his fellow Rotarians happy that a man of his ability sits on the federal bench. In November of 1992, President George Bush signed a bill renaming the federal building on N. Hughey St., "The George C. Young United States Courthouse and Federal Building." The ceremony took place in Judge Young's old court room on June 3, 1993. Leon Handley, who attended the ceremony commented: "I call this Fort Young. I was here for his coronation, his sanctification and now his deification." He was Orlando's first federal judge and is Florida's most senior active Judge. He is now in semi-retirement.

William B. Wilson, Civil Law, president of Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, was a fifth generation Missourian. He graduated from Westminster College in Missouri in 1967 and received his J.D. from Michigan in 1972. At Westminster he was a member of ODK honorary leadership fraternity. From Michigan, he received the alumni achievement award in 1994. Out of law school, he came to Orlando to intern with his firm and stayed. He is a Florida Bar Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, who specializes in commercial and construction litigation. He has been a member of the board of directors of SunBank, N. A. since 1990 and is now the president of Maguire, Voorhis, & Wells. He is also a director of the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida and was a director of Big Brother & Big Sisters Of Central Florida from 1976-1981. He is married to Suzanne and they have a son and a daughter. The family is active in the First Presbyterian Church, where William serves as an elder and chairman of the Life Center Committee.

Ron Harrison, Leasing, is a native of Orlando and graduated from FSU where he became active in the Florida National Guard and was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. In 1992, he was appointed adjutant general of the guard with the rank of major general and moved to St. Augustine to be near the headquarters at Camp Blanding.

Judge Claude Edwards, president 1983-84, was appointed circuit judge in 1968, served without opposition and retired after 19 years. He was a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg in 1943. He served in the U. S. infantry as a platoon sergeant and administrative NCO for three years with 20 months in the European Theater. When W.W.II was over, he took advantage of the GI Bill and attended the law school at Yale University. It was while a student at Yale that he married his Rotary Ann, Sarah. They have two sons and one daughter. After Yale, he was the assistant director of the Institute for Government at Chapel Hill, N. C. and then became an associate of Francis Whitehair, a leading attorney in Deland. He moved to Orlando in 1951 and became a partner in the firm of Pleus, Edwards & Rush for two years, then practiced by himself and then became a partner in the firm of Edwards and McCormick until he became a circuit court judge. He became a Rotarian in 1969 "To be able to serve the community in the best service club."

During his time as a solo attorney, Claude was elected a city commissioner of Orlando, even though his competition was an incumbent. Claude was a Republican in Democrat territory,

but the city election was non-partisan. He limited contributions to \$100 per individual. He studied the duties of city commissioner and learned all he could about the job and became a 40-hour per week commissioner. He tried to weigh every question carefully and be fair to all. He recalls only one father and son who expected something in return for their contributions, but Claude did not agree with what they wanted and voted his conscience. Members of the Municipal Planning Board remember that the mayor and council during Claude's tenure were very supportive of planning recommendations submitted to them. The position was rewarding, but after one term, he decided that he could not afford it any longer and resumed his law practice full time.

He sought the judgeship because he believed he had the temperament and patience to be "fair to all concerned" and he had the proper legal training plus the council experience. Judge Edwards found being a circuit court judge to be a satisfying job where he felt he was doing the most good for his community and the people of this part of Florida. After retiring as a judge, he became a certified mediator, the use of which has cut down substantially on the civil case loads for the county and circuit courts. His background made him especially suited for the job. Asked about the success of the court-ordered mediation system, he replied that about 85 percent of the cases were settled at the table or as a result of the parties' presence at the table. Several changes in the law of the land (via the U. S. Supreme Court) are not concurred in by him. He thinks there would be fewer rapes today if rape had remained a capital crime subject to the death penalty. He would like to see that penalty reinstated. He thinks Congress should take action to limit the appeals of those sentenced to death instead of keeping people on death row for 10 years or so. He also thinks judges should be selected on merit alone without reference to race, religion or country of origin. When asked about his opinion of the jury system, he stated that all criminal felony cases should be tried by jury but that cameras should be excluded from the courtroom and the media should not be furnished information before a trial--only after the trial is over. The media has caused many cases to have to go the very expensive change of venue route because of publicity, he said. In the community, he was an active Jaycee and served on their board as a young man. Later he was chairman of the Orlando Public Library board of trustees and the Civil Service Board of Orlando and chairman of the Orange County Redistricting Committee in 1989-90.

During his year, four members of the club were named Paul Harris Fellows by the club. He pushed this aspect of Rotary along with support for the Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation. More formal rules for this foundation were adopted by the directors of the foundation (who are also directors of the club). Emphasis on awards of scholarships to local colleges and vocational trade school from the RCO Foundation was stressed. As would be expected of a judge, he had the by-laws brought up to date. He suggested and won board approval for issuing non-expiring membership cards. Outstanding programs during Claude's year included a visit by former astronaut Frank Borman, who was then president of Eastern Air Lines, and a visit by RI President-Elect Dr. Edward Cadman from Wenatchee, Wash. Claude received a letter from a visiting Rotarian from out of town wanting to know how to interpret the sign on the parking lot at the Francis Auger Building on North Magnolia Avenue: "NO PARKING. ALL OTHERS WILL BE TOWED AWAY."

Permanent Rotarians inducted during Judge Edward's year include:

Michael L. Spraggins, Floor Coverings, who owns and operates his family business, Spraggins Flooring Center, Inc. Mike is a native of Alabama and a graduate of the Auburn University School of Business. He was a member of the South Seminole and Apopka clubs, prior to moving to Orlando. He has been active with the registration, picnic and Orlando Rotary Foundation Committees and is a Paul Harris Fellow. His wife, Margie, and son, Michael, Jr. are associated in the business; his second son, Andy, was an Orlando Rotary exchange student with another Rotarian's son from Finland. Mike is also the son-in-law of Bill McCree. He is an active member of the Home Builders Association and the University Club.

Scott Riddle, Junior Achievement, is a native of Milwaukee and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He spent three years in the Vietnam War in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps and achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He then became operations manager for a motor freight company in Chicago. He became a Junior Achievement professional in 1972 and came to Orlando in 1983 as executive director of that organization in Central Florida. He is married to patty and has one daughter. He was chosen as the top JA professional in the nation in 1992 and has won the Golden Summit Award for eight consecutive years. He was much impressed with, and proud of, the Rotary Foundation's campaign to eliminate polio from the face of the earth.

Wesley W. Pennington, Interior Design Services, is a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., and has an M.B.A. degree in business management. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years and retired as a colonel. He was chairman of the first Sweetheart Brunch to raise money for the Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation and was elected for a two year term as a director of the club. He was a member of the Casselberry Rotary Club before joining the Orlando Rotary Club. His wife is Jean and they have two children. He also was the organizing president of Straight, Inc. of Greater Orlando.

Theodore C. Pope, Electric Power, Orlando Utilities Commission. Ted is a native of Sanford and a Gator with a BS in mechanical engineering and an M.B.A. from Florida. He began work with OUC while a graduate student and progressed from his first full time position as chief mechanical engineer in 1959 to plant superintendent of the Indian River Plant in 1964 to director of electric generation to assistant manager, electric operations, to manager of water operations in 1973, to assistant general manager in 1984 to executive vice president and general manager of OUC in 1986, where he served until retirement in 1994. He is married to Jeris and they have three grown children. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army Ordnance Depot at Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1955-56. He has served in a number of professional organizations and was chairman of the Florida chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; chairman, National Association of Corrosion Engineers; and chairman, Florida Section of the American Water Works Association; chairman of the trustees, AWWA Research Foundation; chairman, Florida Electric Power Coordination Group; and president, Florida Municipal Electric Association. He has received many honors, including "Young Engineer of the Year" by the Indian River Chapter of FES; "Engineer of the Year," Florida chapter, AMSME; and AWWA's highest award, George Warren Fuller Award. In addition he is listed in eight "Who's Who's." In the community he has been a Scoutmaster, president of the Central Florida Fair, chairman of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of Leadership Orlando. He joined Rotary for camaraderie and sees it as an organization to provide leadership for the community.

Paul Knepper, Senior Active, formerly Radio Broadcasting, was a member of West Orlando Rotary Club for 11 years and a past president. He is a native of Florida and a graduate of FSU. He is also a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. Paul has been active in many areas of the club and was elected a director for three different terms, but he will be remembered most for his "Eye Witless News" reports that he gave for several years at the meetings. His sense of humor and quick wit have contributed to the enjoyment of a large number of Rotarians over the years.

Roger A. Toelke, Packaging Supplies, was born in Chicago and educated at the University of Illinois.

Carl Bauchle, Title Insurance and Abstracts, Fidelity Title & Guaranty Co., is a native of Baltimore, Md. who was educated at the University of North Carolina and is married to Laura, a graduate of Rollins. Carl is a runner who completed the Disney Marathon in 1995.

Leon Handley, Trial Lawyer, president 1984-85, is considered one of the best trial Lawyers in Central Florida and one of the best speakers in Florida. His number of speeches runs second only to those Francis Auger has made. In addition, he is by far the most traveled Rotarian in the club, having visited the width and breadth of the six continents. Africa seems to have been a favorite with Leon. He even traveled to Antarctica and traveled by truck across the Sahara Dessert. In addition, Leon has been at the top of everything in which he participated. He is a native of Lakeland, where he played football and became valedictorian in high school. He is also a Gator where he was an honor student and president of Florida Blue Key. He was a cadet colonel in the Air ROTC. His B.S. degree in business came in 1956 and his J.D. came in 1958. Prior to that he served in the Merchant Marine as the purser and medical technician on a freighter. He even acted as captain for the short trip to the moth ball fleet. He then joined the Army as a private because he wanted to run for governor of Florida some day and realized that he must be a veteran to accomplish that. After serving in Korea as a buck sergeant, he returned to Florida to complete his education. Even though he was cadet colonel in the AFROTC and had been admitted to the Supreme Court as an Air Force judge advocate, he was called back to active duty as a sergeant. A chance meeting with the commanding general of the Third Air Force, at a social function at UF, got his orders changed and he became an Air Force officer. He came to Orlando and secured a position with Maguire Voorhis & Wells, through his good friend, Joel Wells. He lived with a Major Smith in a second floor apartment in Orlando and the major, an ex-paratrooper, insisted Leon learn to jump from a second story window without hurting himself. One day he had breakfast at a local restaurant, where the 5-year old daughter of the owner insisted Leon marry her teacher. Leon resisted for a while meeting the teacher, but when he did he fell in love and married Mary Virginia Wolfe. They have one son, who now lives in Australia, three daughters and five grandchildren. After the first year, he left the MVW law firm and joined with two other attorneys. While collecting funds for the United Way, he met Tom Gurney, Sr. and was offered a position in his firm. Tom Gurney, a former district governor for the Lions, and Leon, a former Kiwanian, both joined Rotary just a few years apart. Leon was elected to the board and served as head of several committees including Program, before being elected to the presidency. Today he is one of the better known Rotarians in the club. He is one of the teachers of Yowell's Young Presbyters Sunday school class. When asked what Rotary has meant to him, Leon replied: "Rotary has brought to me the most

satisfying mature fellowship that I have ever enjoyed in a non-religious relationship. It has the advantage of providing a paternal feeling like a fraternity, but it has the additional advantage of having a wider base of people with different interests, talents and backgrounds, gathered together for the common cause of service."

Permanent Rotarians inducted during his year included:

Dr. Edward Quinn, who came in as a dentist but changed his classification to Meeting Management after retiring from dentistry. He was a native of Iowa and grew up in Kansas but received his B.A. from Northwestern University on a football scholarship. He stayed at Northwestern and married Jane in 1960 and earned his D.D.S. in 1962. He was with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1962 to 1964.

Ronald P. Tyo, born in Zanesville, Ohio, moved to Palm Beach with his family as a boy and was educated at FSU. He joined Southern Bell and came to Orlando from Jacksonville in 1984 as district manager of Central and Coastal Florida for business and residential accounts. He is married to Caroline and they have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren. He has served on the attendance, program and Rotoptimist committees. Community activities have included working with Boy Scouts, being an elder in the Presbyterian Church and being on the board of the YMCA.

Frank N. Anderson, Jr., Construction Development, First City Development, is a native of Gainesville and a Gator. He is married to Mary Jo and has two sons and one daughter. He has been active in the Christian Service Center and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Steven R. Bechtel, Law, General, a member of the law firm of Mateer, Harbert & Bates, was president in 1985-86. Steve is the quiet type and was quite a contrast to Leon Handley, his predecessor, and Dave Crowson, Leon's predecessor. A native of Rhode Island, his parents brought him to Orlando at age five. He attended Tulane, but obtained his J.D. at George Washington University in the District of Columbia. He returned to Orlando in 1971 to become an attorney in a law firm that included Lou Frey, popular Republican congressman from this district. In Rotary, he became involved in the Orlando Rotary Exchange Program for students who were children of club members. In making arrangements with a Scottish family over the phone, he and his wife, Carol, became friends of the Scots. The couple visited Orlando in 1992-93 and cemented that friendship. Steve and Carol flew to England in 1994 and visited their Scottish friends there. Steve and Carol have two grown sons. He was elected to the board of directors in 1981-82 and in 1985-86 and he is a Paul Harris Fellow. During his year, the College Park club was sponsored by the Orlando club.

Molly Pesche, a contestant for Miss Florida, sang at the club's Christmas program. She later won the Miss Florida contest and went to Atlanta City representing the Sunshine State. Plans were discussed about bringing women into the club during Steve's year, but execution of the plans did not come until two years later. The best news of the year came in June of 1986 when Rotary International accepted the club's invitation for the International Convention. The music committee put together a new song book for the club and dedicated it to Harold Kelly, long time chief song leader for the club. It was presented to the club on the first day of Dave Crowson's administration.

Among those who joined the club during Steve's year were:

Richard Owens, Opera Administration. At the time he was inducted, he was the general manager of the Orlando Opera Company, an organization that has survived all the problems that performing arts organizations faced in the last decade. At present, he is the proprietor of Richard Owens Productions. He is a native of Dallas, Texas, and received his bachelor of music degree from Trinity College in Texas. Further studies included a Master of Music from Yale and a Bachelor of Divinity from Southern Methodist University. He was the founder and director of the American Institute of Musical Studies in Dallas, but left there to become manager of the Orlando Opera Company in 1984. Richard has studied in Vienna, Austria, and was awarded the Silver Medal of Honor by the City of Graz, Austria, in 1978. He uses his talents in Rotary by being one of the club's song leaders. His recent program consisting of solos of both popular and classic music brought him a standing ovation, a rare thing in the Orlando Rotary Club.

Clifford B. Wilson, Funeral Director for Woodlawn Funeral Home. Cliff was born in Jacksonville and was trained as a funeral director at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is married to Cheri and they have one daughter, Michele.

William Cosper, Ceramic Tile Distributor, president of Tile Supply, Inc. Bill is a Gator and married a Gator, Virginia, and they have two sons and a daughter. He served in the U.S. Navy on submarines in the Pacific.

David L. Crowson, Civil Engineer, was president for 1986-87. Dave is a native of Homestead and is an engineering graduate of UF. He served as an air installations officer for two years during the Korean War; was city engineer and public works director for the City of Fort Pierce for five years; manager of the water department for the Orlando Utilities Commission for nine years and was a professional engineer in private practice for 21 years. He retired in 1988 at age 60. He joined the club in 1972, left to become charter president of the Orlando Southeast Club in 1975-76 and returned to the Orlando club in 1979. He has served as program chairman for three presidents, on the board of directors for three two-year terms. He took a special interest in providing the highest quality programs for the members. His community activities included the Boy Scouts, for which he was awarded the Silver Beaver, and his church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Professionally he has served in many capacities in the American Water Works Association and received the "Man of the Year Award" in 1976 and the "Distinguished Public Service Award" in 1986. He has been married for 40 years to Virginia and they have four children and seven grandchildren. Rotary has meant to him: "Enriching Fellowship that equalled his church in spiritual uplift."

During Dave's Rotary year, the Rotoptimist changed format which improved its readability. Editor Paul Knepper added his usual "zip" and Dave revived the president's column. He had just returned from the RI Convention in Las Vegas and came home all fired up with the theme for the new Rotary year: "Rotary Brings Hope!" One of the very different type programs was presented by Past President Byron Thames, M.D., on "Sexuality and Aging." Not much can be said about this unusual and informative program for men only, but one remark made by Dr. Thames will not be forgotten by most of those present: "Use it or lose it."

The first "Sweetheart Brunch" was held at the Peabody Hotel with all proceeds above the cost of the meal going to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus, the Rotary International Foundation's program to rid the world of polio through the vaccination of every child in the

world. Wes Pennington and Harry Bull were in charge of the brunch extravaganza which ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, with door prizes and special entertainment. The grand door prize, a 10-day all expense trip for two to London, courtesy of Harry Bull and his firm, Travel Consultants, was won by Alton Nolle and his wife. Enough money was raised to furnish vaccine for 92,458 children. The Sweetheart Brunch became a tradition and continued for eight years. Chief Astronaut John Young returned to the club to update the members on the space program. The district Group Study Exchange Team traveled to Japan in the spring of 1988 and came back with glowing reports of the hearty welcome given by the Japanese.

Outstanding Rotarians who joined the club during Dave's year included:

Carl Stallard, president and chief executive officer of the Trust Banking Group of SunBanks, Inc. Carl was one of the more active Rotarians, working with the Rotary International Foundation and the Orlando Rotary Foundation. His committee work was as thorough as the trust work he did for his bank. In the community, he served in those capacities for which he was best suited. He was chairman of the Orlando Regional Medical Center Foundation and helped with several other charitable trusts and foundations.

George R. Huffman, Engineering, Highways, is a native of San Francisco and a graduate of the University of California with a master's from the University of North Carolina. He was director of the Orange-Seminole-Osceola Planning Commission until he became the director of planning of the HNTB Corp. in Orlando. He is married to Isabella and they have two daughters and one son. He served in the U.S. Air Force for five years and in the reserves for 23 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was elected to the board of directors of the club for 1994-96 and in 1995 was chairman of the committee for the Orlando Street Painting Festival, the major club project for 1994-95. The profits will go to the Orlando Rotary Foundation and to the Mayor's Youth Program. He was chairman of the Home Hospitality Committee for the 1992 RI Convention, which entertained more than 4,000 Rotarians in homes of Rotarians in this district. He is a past president of the Exchange Club of Orlando and has been active in the Florida Citrus Sports Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and when asked what Rotary means to the community, answered: "Rotary stands for a record of service to Central Florida and exemplifies 'what is right with America.'" He remembers a story by Buckie Allen: Buckie was visiting the New York City Rotary Club and spent most of the fellowship time talking about his own business to the fellow next to him. When they introduced themselves to each other, the man sitting next to Buckie introduced himself as J. C. Penney.

Roger V. Phillips, Real Estate, Property Management. Roger heads one of the largest property management firms in the area for leasing individual residences and other properties. He is the son of long-time Rotarian Dr. Roger Phillips and is a native of Pennsylvania with a B.A.E. from UF. He was an officer in the Navy in 1961-71 and commanded two ships in Vietnam. He has served on the Rotary Foundation and classification talks committees. His hobbies are classical music, jazz and astronomy.

Dr. Lou Murray, Medical Physician, is a native of New York, received a B.S. from Villanova and has two M.D. degrees--one from UF and the other from Hahnemann University. He was a naval officer in the South Pacific during W.W.II. He came to Orlando with his family in 1941. His record of community service is lengthy, but he will be remembered most for his

long tenure on the Board of Regents for the State of Florida. His wife, Sue, is a native of Louisiana, and received degrees from Loyola and UF. They have six children.

Thomas B. Tart, AA Law, General. A fifth generation Floridian from a family that made turpentine barrels, he received a B.S. from UF and a J.D. from Stetson. Tom is the general counsel for the Orlando Utilities Commission. As a member of the law firm of Gurney and Handley, he received excellent training for his position from Tom Gurney Sr., who was OUC general counsel for many years. Tom Tart is a community volunteer and is active in the Chamber of Commerce, the state and county bar associations, the Touchdown Club, the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida and the Citrus Sports Association. He has perfect attendance from the date of his induction. One of his hobbies is that of being a Civil War re-enactor.

Gary Frick, Architect, President of HWH, Architects and Engineers and Planners, Inc., was born in Yugoslavia and received his architectural degree from Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio. He is married to Liz and they have two sons and one daughter. He was a member of Orlando South, and Seminole County South Rotary Clubs prior to joining the club. In the community he was active in Cub Scouts, Little League baseball and Pop Warner football.

Safety Specialist, Grant L. Clarke, Sr. was elected president for 1987-88. Grant was the executive director of the Central Florida Safety Council. He came from Fort Lauderdale, where he had been president of the Rotary Club in 1957. His vocational record included 29 years with the American Automobile Association in Washington, D. C., Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando. His work there began as the night cashier, then he became a travel counselor, tour guide and manager of the safety department. The Safety Council, of which Grant was a member, set up a school for individuals charged with driving under the influence. The school expanded rapidly. He became an instructor and shortly thereafter left the AAA to become executive director of the council. The classes began to grow further and were paid for by DUI offenders. Other classes for traffic violators were begun and were also highly successful and also paid for with fees by the offenders. Cooperation by the judges of the various courts made the classes good for the community, the offenders and all concerned. Grant received two honors for the first time anywhere: Certified Association Executive and Certified Safety Council executive. He also received the Distinguished Service Safety Award from the National Safety Council.

His Rotary experience in Fort Lauderdale presented a challenge. The club there had a membership of 150 and had as many as 500 visitors during the winter months, before it was legal to be excused from attendance after 65 with 20 years' service. They introduced the visitors by states and countries, not by names and clubs. While at Ft. Lauderdale, Grant attended the RI Convention in Chicago in 1955 to help celebrate Rotary's Golden Anniversary. As the incoming president of the Orlando club, he and his wife attended the convention in Munich, Germany which he said was one of the finest experiences of his life.

The Sweetheart Brunch for the year was held on Feb. 14, 1988 at the Grosvenor Hotel in Lake Buena Vista with profits of \$6,588 going to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus fund. Ron Carroll was the chairman; Harry Bull and Travel Consultants arranged for the grand door prize: A week-end trip to San Francisco, which was won by Ralph Akers and his Rotary Ann.

The big event of Grant's year was the induction of nine females into the club. As the result of a California Rotary Club refusing membership to a female, and the lawsuit that followed, RI was forced to change its rules to allow women members or lose the tax exemption of its foundation. The Orlando club made a decision to select a number of outstanding business and professional women who met all the criteria, including classification, and to extend them an invitation. Fifteen invitations were made to females during Grant's year. Those inducted into membership, who remained members as of Dec. 1, 1994, are:

Mary Ann Dean, Administration, Theater, a native of Nashville, Tenn., a graduate cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Agnes Scott College, the daughter of a Rotary club president and the wife of an Architect, Donovan Dean. They have two sons. Mary Ann's career has been that of a flight attendant, a mother, a U.S. Navy wife for three years, general manager of the Central Florida Civic Theater. She is currently executive director of the Orlando Shakespeare Festival. She was the secretary of the club for two years and is currently serving as a director on the board. She was chairman of the Sweetheart Brunch for 1990 and chairman for entertainment at the RI 1992 Convention. Community activities include: Arts Services Council Board and WMFE-TV Board for four years. She has received high honors in her field of endeavor. She said she came into Rotary because she wanted to be a part of a club that shared her commitment to service. She has had perfect attendance since becoming a member.

Nancy McEwan Kieffer, Finance, Banking, Marketing at NationsBank. Nancy is the granddaughter of J. S. McEwan, charter member of the club and daughter of O. B. McEwan, long time member. She is married to Robert Kieffer, attorney, and has one son. She has been active in the Mental Health Association and the Heart Association.

Dorsa McGuire, Hospital Administration, Marketing Director of Orlando Regional Healthcare System, was honored by being the first woman to be elected as president of the Rotary Club of Orlando, 1994-95.

Barbara Hebert, Administration, Retirement Centers, in charge of marketing for Mayflower Retirement Center in Winter Park. Barbara is the wife of long time Rotarian Jay Hebert. Barbara is an RN and a certified administrator for a health care center. She served for many years as assistant administrator and director of marketing for Westminster Towers Retirement Center. Residents of the latter know her to be a talented, efficient, capable and caring person.

Christine Hill, AA Accounting, partner in the local office of Coopers and Lybrand, CPAs. A native of Miami, she is an accounting major graduate of the University of South Florida. She has been active with Channel 24 volunteers and has served on the United Way executive committee. Her hobbies include snow skiing, tennis and boating. She is married to Bill, another accountant and they have one daughter.

Jane B. Quinn, Convention Services. Jane is the wife of Ed Quinn, a member of the club who retired as a dentist to join her in their business of supplying convention services, Quinn & Quinn, Inc. She is a native of Wisconsin, and has a B.S. from Northwestern and an M.S. from Webster University. She has been active in Compact, Florida Executives' Women's Association, and at Holy Family Catholic Church. In the club, Jane has chaired the Sweetheart Brunch and International Service Committees and was honored as the Rotary Volunteer of the Month.

Joan Salmon, Classification Hospital, Church, is the senior vice president of patient care services of the Florida Hospitals in Orange and Seminole Counties.

New male members included:

David Clarence Gay, Architecture, grandson of former Rotarian Clarence Gay and son of former Rotarian Gerald A. Gay, Sr. David has a master's degree in architecture from UF and has his own architectural firm. He has served on the Sweetheart Brunch, Project and Orientation Committees.

Allen Swisher, Electric Power, Private, has been with Florida Power Corp. for 11 years. A native of Kansas, he has a business degree from the University of Alabama and a master's from UCF. He is married to Margie and they have three children. He has served on the Public Relations, Fellowship and Foundation Scholarship Committees. He has served in Project Business with Junior Achievement for two years. He is a strong booster of Rotary and believes the Orlando Club to be the finest of its kind in the community.

Dean Bull, Travel Agency, partner with his father, Past President Harry Bull, in Travel Consultants. He has a B.S. from Florida Southern College. Dean has rendered the club a real service in arranging for special door prizes for the Sweetheart Brunches--Vacations in Austria, Cruises of Premier Cruise Lines and others.

Jim Stowers, Engraving, Signs, president of Custom Designs, and manufactures plastic name badges and magnetic signs. Jim is a native of Denver, Colo., has a business degree from UF and is married to Diane and they have three children. He has been active in the Jaycees, the Civic Music Association, the Boy Scouts and the Power Squadron.

Erik M. Milear, Environmental Engineer, an associate in Boyle Engineering Corp. which designs water and waste water treatment plants. A Florida Cracker, he is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University in Oceanography with a Master's degree in economics and a doctorate in environmental engineering from UF. He is a member of Blue Key and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. He has taught at both universities. He also holds a real estate license. He is married to Cynthia and they have two daughters. Erik was an Eagle Scout and has worked as an adult with the BSA. In the community he has been chairman of the Growth Management Committee of Orlando, chairman of the Housing Board in Gainesville, vice chairman of the Board of Adjustment of Gainesville and member of the Code Enforcement Board of Orlando. He has also been active in the American Waterworks Association.

Alton J. Nolle, Public Education, president for 1988-89, was the associate superintendent for business and finance, of the Orange County Public School System. He has worked in public education for more than 37 years. A native of Apopka, he attended Florida Southern College and obtained two master's degrees from UF. He married his high school sweetheart, Lois, a native of Orlando, and they have three grown children and two grandchildren. Alton was another quiet president, whose appearance rivaled Francis Auger's in the "lack of hair" contest. He became a Rotarian in 1966 and maintained perfect attendance for 25 years. During his year, nine Rotarians became Paul Harris Fellows. The Sweetheart Brunch under the chairmanship of Ron Carrol was held at the Radisson Hotel. The grand door prize, again arranged by Harry Bull, was a round trip to anywhere in the U.S. by a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines. The event raised \$7,500 for the local Rotary Foundation; and four worthy students were given scholarships from the foundation. The Rotary office was moved from East Colonial Drive to an office on

the fifth floor of the Central Florida Blood Bank building at 32 West Gore Street. President-elect Ed Carr arranged the accommodations and made the Blood Bank's conference room available for meeting of the board of directors of the club. The programs during Alton's year focused on local citizens and local problems for the most part, including the travels of Leon Handley to San Salvador; the story of the Jones High graduate who had an ambition to become an world-renowned opera singer and made it--he also sang for the club; a debate on a constitutional amendment to help preserve some green space in Florida; an Orlando couple who sailed from England to Spain and to the Chesapeake Bay via Bermuda in a 34-foot sloop; the visit of a Group Study Exchange team from Denmark; programs on the arena and Orlando's International Airport; and a report from Dick Nunis, president of Walt Disney Attractions.

The following Rotarians became members of the club during Alton's year:

R. Lee Bennett, Commercial Law, founding member of Boroughs, Grimm, Bennett & Morlan, attorneys at law. A native of Massachusetts, he moved to Florida with his family at an early age. He attended Brown University and obtained his law degree from Vanderbilt. He served in the U. S. Navy as a helicopter pilot for five years. Lee is a past president of the Orange County Bar Association, chairman of the WMFE Community Advisory Board and a past president of the Economics Club of Orlando.

Walter R. Nason, Associations, Chamber of Commerce, is believed to be the first member of the club to be born in Alaska. He received a B.B.A. degree from Stetson and a master's from the University of Kent in England. He was employed with Price Waterhouse for three years before joining the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce. Walter was a Rotary Foundation Fellow scholar in 1981. That experience made him want to become a Rotarian. He has served as a member of the Rotary Foundation and Scholarship Awards Committee. He relates how he was inspired by a Rotarian from the Vero Beach Club, who had been made a Paul Harris Fellow by his club. It has given him special respect for other Rotarians so honored.

Wesley Brumback, Banking, Financial, is the son of Charles Brumback, a former member of the club and now the CEO of the Tribune Company.

Thomas J. Gurney, Jr., Trial Attorney, native of Orlando, is the son of the late Tom Gurney Sr, member of the club, who was an annual speaker to the club for many years. He has an L.L.B. from UF and an L.L.M. from New York University. He is married to Pearl and they have a son and a daughter. Tom was a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Army.

Patrick J. Knipe, CPA, Managing Partner of Coopers & Lybrand in Orlando, was elected president for 1989-90. Pat has practically dedicated his life to the youth of the community. He and his wife, Audrey, have five grown children, so he has had first hand experience with dealing with youth. He is a native of Minnesota, but his parents brought him to Florida at a young age. He is an honor graduate of the School of Business of Stetson University, class of 1962. He served two years as an officer in the U. S. Army Field Artillery and was employed by Arthur Andersen & Co., CPAs. He joined the firm of Colley, Trumbower & Howell, became its managing partner until it merged with Coopers & Lybrand in 1986. He was quite active in professional circles, serving on advisory boards in two colleges and as president of the Florida Institute of CPAs. He is the recipient of the George Washington Medal from the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge. He joined Rotary "to serve" and that he

has done. He served as program chairman and on the Orlando Rotary Foundation Committee and was elected to the board of directors. He has served as president of the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools. For four years he was chairman of Compact and was a mentor in the program for two years. He led his firm into Partnership with Education with Jones High School with 40 percent of his firm's personnel serving as mentors in Compact. He was named Compact mentor of the year for 1989-90 and was the recipient of the first Orange County School Board Educational Leadership Award. His current interest is in Junior Achievement, where he has presented 21 classes of Project Business to 8th and 9th graders. He has served as president and chairman of the board of Junior Achievement for Central Florida and received four awards for his work with that organization. An update on Junior Achievement is included later in this chapter. Before coming into Rotary he was president of the Civitan Club of Orlando. He has also been treasurer for the Tom Skinner Club, now Frontline Outreach. The Sweetheart Brunch held on Feb. 11 at the Omni Hotel with Bill Cosper as chairman raised \$5,325 for the local foundation which was used to help fund Compact.

Rotarians inducted during Pat's year included:

Arthur R. Miller III, Land Surveying, a fifth generation Floridian and a product of Winter Park High School, Valencia Community College and UF (B.S. in civil engineering). Art worked for 10 years as a highway engineer with Howard Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, the firm that designed Interstate 4 through Orlando in the 1950s and 60s. That experience plus his friendship with Dan Gentry, a former Rotarian, and Art's family background prepared him for establishing his own business, A. R. Miller Engineering, in 1982. Art's father was former city manager of Winter Park and former president of Hubbard Construction Co., the largest Orlando-based road building company in Florida. His mother, the former Mary Land, is the brother of John Land, mayor of Apopka for 40 years. His wife is Pamela. Rotary assignments have included the Sweetheart Brunch in 1993 and 1994, and editor of the Orlando Rotarian (successor to the Rotoptimist) in 1993-94. In the community, he has been active in United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Boggy Creek Gang Camp and H.E.A.R.T.

Jackson Judd Peterson, Financial Planner with Merrill Lynch, is a native of Orlando. His mother's family helped found the City of Lake Wales in the 1890s. His father came to Florida in 1920. Jackson is a CPA with a B.S. in business administration. He became a Rotarian because he was "interested in helping Orlando," and Rotary has meant "great fellowship." He has served on the Rotary Foundation Committee.

Theresa E. Walton, Funeral Home. She is in charge of community relations for Baldwin Fairchild Cemeteries and Funeral Homes and is a full time UCF student. She is a native of Connecticut, was an investment banker for 10 years and was a vice president of SunBank. Last year, Theresa decided to give up her career as a banker and become a full time student at UCF to prepare to become a mental health counselor with Hospice. That decision was finalized after conferences with a dedicated Rotarian, Barth Enghart, of the East Orange County Club. She is married to David Hood and has two children. She came into Rotary because she "wanted to be part of an organization that gave something back to the community and an organization that is known internationally for the trustworthiness and honesty of its members." She is chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the club, is a Paul Harris Fellow and has perfect attendance for the four years she has been a member.

Dennis L. Jackson, Education, Administration, Secondary Schools. He was educated at Alcorn A. & M. College and the University of Miami. He is married to Annie and they have four children. He taught in Mississippi until 1971 and has been with Orange County Schools since. Rotary has meant a wealth of genuine friends. He is a member of the Rotary Foundation Committee.

Robert S. MacDonald, Tax Attorney, with Subin, Shams, Rosenblum & Moran. He is a Gator with B.A., J.D. and L.L.M. degrees. He is a native of Boston and married to Joan from Pensacola.

Stephen J. Dieter, Civil Engineer, of Ivey, Harris & Walls. A native of Illinois and a civil engineering graduate from the University of Illinois. He is registered as a civil engineer in seven states. He is married to Betty, a public school music teacher, and they have one daughter.

Tom Murray, Civil Engineer, AA, Ivey, Harris and Wall. Tom is a native of Orlando and received a B.S. in civil Engineering from UCF.

Gene Minietta, was elected on the first ballot (of five candidates) to be district governor of Rotary International District 698 in 1989-90. Because of the high quality of the past governors he had known, he wanted the privilege of serving Rotary as a district governor. His first RI convention was in Dallas, Texas, in 1982, before serving as president of the Orlando club. It made a lasting impression on Gene and made him want to spend more time with Rotary. In 1989, the governors' school in Tucson, Ariz., and the RI convention in Seoul were great training for his year at directing the efforts of the 63 clubs in the district. The theme for the year was "Enjoy Rotary" and Gene did exactly that as he traveled from club to club, speaking and holding club assemblies and learning what each club in the district was doing. Friendships he made on the international and national Rotary levels have been most meaningful, but also widened his horizons. He became more knowledgeable about the Rotary Foundation and its many methods of spreading good will and friendship among peoples of the world. He became an ardent supporter when he realized that this great organization--which gives away over \$50 million a year--is supported entirely by Rotarians. Gene had already assisted in entertaining members of the Group Exchange Program who visited District 698. He considers it one of the best of many good programs of the foundation. One of the highlights of his governor's year was having as a houseguest one of the members of the Group Study Team that visited the club from Japan in a previous year. The year was great for Gene and very good for Rotary. He developed the contacts and made the friendships in Rotary that proved helpful as he accepted the responsibility of chairman of the Host Club Committee of the RI Convention in 1992.

Music and singing have been an important part of the Orlando Rotary Club. Ken Guernsey, a charter member, president of RI, 1947-48, was the first song leader and laid the foundation for a good singing club. Will Branch, talented pianist and organist, joined the club during its first year and played the piano for the club's singing for 28 years. Dot Feltyberger, club secretary, accompanied the club singing from 1948 until she retired in 1971. During the next six years, several organists and pianists were engaged by the club to play for the club and to furnish background music while members were gathering. Joe Guernsey played for club singing a few times. In 1977, Pauline McCree, wife of Rotarian Bill McCree, became the regular accompanist and played until 1991. While working in the "On to Orlando" booth at the

1991 RI Convention in Mexico City, she fell and broke an arm. That prevented her from playing for a year, so she retired as the regular pianist and Vonelle Black, former supervisor of music for the Orange County School System, took over the responsibility. It is evident that the club has had talented accompanists during its 75 years. Live background music during the luncheon is unique. Visiting Rotarians often say that Orlando is the first club at which they have noticed luncheon music. The club has been blessed with many very good song leaders from the membership. Some of the old timers include Harry Voorhis Sr., who was noted for his "McNamara's Band" and "Underneath the Chestnut Tree"; Floyd Eaddy, choir director at the First Presbyterian Church; Harold Kelley, who served as the head song leader for about 25 years. Harold gave printed song books to the club which were used for many years until the club put together the book now in use and dedicated it to Harold. Present song leaders include Richard Owens, Bob Meherg, Don Lykkebak, Bert McCree, Harry Voorhis, Jr. and Ed Baranowski.

Junior Achievement came to Central Florida in 1961. Like many constructive projects and activities in and around Orlando, Junior Achievement was given the initial push by Orlando Rotarians as individuals. Orlando Rotarian, Howard Phillips, is said to have brought the idea of JA to Orlando. On its 30th Anniversary in Central Florida, JA's brochure said: "Howard Phillips was the moving force behind the establishment of Junior Achievement in Central Florida. He took a personal, active interest in all aspects of JA; more than once he was seen trimming the hedges outside the JA building." The first officers of JA in Orange County included Rotarians G. T. Willey, chairman of the board; James B. Keith, president; Paul Pankey, vice president; and three non-Orlando Rotarians. Four of the original seven executive committee members were Orlando Rotarians and 10 of 31 other directors were members of the club. Leadership of JA has continued to have Orlando Rotarians in key positions. JA began with a strictly after school voluntary company program, in which high school students formed mini corporations, sold stock and manufactured and sold products, selected by each company. After about 16 years, Project Business began as an experimental in-school program for 8th and 9th graders. Local businessmen, working as volunteers, including many Rotarians, taught the basics of business. It proved to be a resounding success. Both students and "teachers" get a great deal from the courses. A few years later AE was developed for high school students as a computer-based, in class, program that simulates a company in action. Applied economics is carried on for a full semester with a high school teacher and a voluntary business consultant. This year more than 5,000 students will participate in this course. Another course that has been developed is BB, (business basics courses) for 5th graders. College students and specially selected volunteers introduce the subjects of organizing a business, managing production and marketing. Over 9,000 students will participate this year. JA's newest program, KA, helps elementary students to examine their roles as individuals, workers and consumers. The Youth Leadership Central Florida Program involves selected 11th graders, who gather one day per month for seven months to discuss with community leaders first hand, area businesses, law enforcement, education, government and human service agencies. Economics of Staying in School is yet another program targeted toward possible drop outs. It is a four lesson series presented by volunteer role models to show the advantage of staying in school. Almost 2,000 students are currently in this program.

In 1977, JA began its Mid-Florida Business Hall of Fame, in which successful retired or deceased business men or women are honored as Laureates. Honorees are selected because they are considered men or women of unusual ability and integrity, examples that JA students would want to emulate. Of the 48 Laureates to date, the following Rotarians and former Rotarians were included: 1977, Linton Allen and Martin Andersen; 1978, William H. Dial and G. T. Willey; 1979, Howard Phillips; 1980, Holman R. Cloud, Harry P. Leu and L. Frank Roper, a Winter Garden Rotarian; 1981, Russell S. Hughes; 1985, Paul K. McKenny Jr.; 1986, Clyde A. West; 1987, W. A. McCree Jr.; 1989, Paul J. Stine; 1990, Curtis Stanton; 1992, H. E. (Gene) Johnson and Joel R. Wells Jr.; 1993, R. D. Keene and Robert A. Robertson.



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CHAPTER EIGHT

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMES TO ORLANDO

Orlando continued to grow in the 1990s with another recession slowing down construction a bit, probably for the best insofar as orderly development was concerned. Citizens of both Orlando and Orange County were particularly interested in growth which would not destroy the quality of life in the area. Single member districts in Orange County and Orlando gave the mayor and the new county chairman more power and contributed to orderly development. One of the exciting happenings of 1990 was the construction of a new City Hall and the imploding of the 1958 model, which was included in a movie, "Lethal Weapon 3."

For the Rotary Club of Orlando and all Rotary Clubs in the district, the most important event of the 1990s was the RI Convention of 1992. The experience is covered at the close of this chapter.

Ed. Carr, Blood Banks, Executive Director of the Central Florida Blood Bank was elected as President for 1990-91. Ed, a graduate of Mississippi State with a major in general science but minors in chemistry, English, micro-biology and zoology, pursued employment that made him a natural for his career as a technical and executive director of a blood bank, although he did not know it at the time. These steps included an internship in the laboratories of a hospital, two years in the Medical Corps of the Army, lab technician for a hospital, marriage to a nurse, and becoming a manufacturer's agent that supplied reagents to blood banks in Florida. He came to Orlando in 1962, working as the technical director under Mary Rand, the real pioneer in blood banking in Central Florida. (If women had been permitted in Rotary, Mary would have been a Rotarian, because she knew the meaning of "Service Above Self" and she practiced the 4-Way Test.) Jack Branham, a past president of the club, was one of the founders of CFBB who stayed with it all his life. The original and continuing goal of the institution is "To be the best in the country in quality and services at the lowest price." Ed was selected as the executive director of this growing institution which now collects more than 100,000 pints per year and has a budget of over \$25 million. The business has tripled in activity within the last five years and the blood bank has branches in every Central Florida county except Volusia, where the Red Cross runs a blood bank. Modern technology allows all blood banks in the United States to be linked together on an internet to help each other in time of need. The complete story of the CFBB and its associated tissue bank is included in its 50-year history, published in 1992, and called "The Gift of Life." The blood bank and its services have had the full cooperation of the media, both written and TV. The media were also helpful during the aids scare. Testing for aids and other diseases has been done using the latest state of the arts methods. The blood bank has never failed to fulfil a requirement for elective surgery and, in emergencies, the response for donors from the community has been substantial, because of the help of the media. The club has been a part of CFBB in many ways, including service on the boards of the non-profit corporation, furnishing the first "Bloodmobile" and regular donors. The

Orlando Rotary Club is proud of its member donors. Over the years, a great many members have been donors. Of the 1995 membership, there are two 100 pint donors: Clarence Peterson and Harry Voorhis, and 15 donors who have given 15 or more pints of blood each: Ed Baranoski, Carl Bauche, Bob Blackford, Ed Carr, Charles Clark, Larry Fegebank, Ed Furey, Don Hawley, Jack Hearn, Charles Hood, John McEwan, Bruce McEwan, Jim McNabb, Mike Pratt and C. B. Van Alstine. Ed Carr rendered international service when he headed an international delegation of blood bank executives in the "People to People" program to China in 1986 and to Soviet Russia in 1990.

Ed is married to June and they have two children and four grandchildren. His Rotary service includes being secretary of the club for a number of years and a director for two terms. He served on the Orlando Park Board for six years and on the Leu Gardens board for three years to date.

Some of the outstanding programs presented to the club during the year included: An introduction by Gene Minietta, host club chairman, of the Orlando Rotarians who would make the 1992 RI Convention a success; a follow up challenge in the spring of 1991 to club members to get involved in the convention; a visit of the Group Study Exchange from Australia, which had been visiting in the district and delighting everyone with their Aussie talk; and, later, Ed Baronowski's thrilling report on the Group Study Exchange team he headed to Australia. The club also heard about, "The Invasion of Kuwait," by an eye witness resident of that country. UCF football was discussed by Coach McDowell. The Sweetheart Brunch, held at the Peabody Hotel, again with Mary Ann Dean as chairman, raised \$7,324 for the Orlando Rotary Foundation. Rotarians inducted during Ed's year included:

Arnold Howell, retired CPA who has been a member of East Orange County and UCF Research Park Clubs. Arnold was a native of Appanoose County, Iowa, and came to Florida at 18 with his mother and five siblings. He was drafted in W.W.II and served in the Army in England and France for 30 months. With encouragement from employers and the "GI Bill," he attended Orlando Junior College while working and then was graduated from Rollins College and became a CPA. He is a retired partner of Colley, Trumbower & Howell. He had difficulty accepting retirement, so is now associated with Linda M. Elerick & Co., CPAs. Arnold is an accomplished inspirational speaker and has been an active member of several Rotary committees. He is a leading layman in the United Methodist Church on both local and state levels. He and his Rotary Ann, Joyce, have three children. Arnold has six years of perfect attendance.

Ed Furey III, Real Estate Management, is secretary and treasurer of Dr. Phillips, Inc. He is a native of Toledo, Ohio and has a B.A. degree in accounting. He and his wife, Tracy, have three children. He was formerly a CPA with W. O. Daley & Co. and with Orlando Central Park, Inc. Ed was a member of the Dr. Phillips Rotary Club for five years. He has been active in the club as chairman of H.E.A.R.T. and was the program chairman for the 1993 district conference. He sees Rotary as a way to serve the community and believes Orlando Rotary to be the finest service club in the area. He is active with the Dr. Phillips Foundation and has worked with the YMCA and with Junior Achievement.

Peter Hill, Bankruptcy Law, a native of Ontario, Canada, who came to Orlando in 1984, has a B.A. and a J.D. He was the chairman of the Sweetheart Brunch for 1994.

Mike Pratt, Blood Bank, was a former captain in the U S. Navy and while stationed at the Orlando Naval Training Center served on the Blood Bank Board. He was transferred to Jacksonville, but when he retired three years later he returned to Orlando and became the executive vice president of CFBB, in charge of all technical services. He was educated at the University of Iowa and earned an M.S. from Georgia State University and served 23 years in the Navy. In the club, he has been active as chairman of the Blood Bank Committee and the Youth Exchange Program.

Linda Palmer, an Interior Designer, is a native of New Jersey, and is serving as club secretary for the second year and is currently serving on the board of directors. She has a B. A. in psychology from UCF and an A.S. in interior design. She has headed her own firm for 10 years, with both residential and commercial clients. She has worked with H.E.A.R.T. for two years and was on the Sweetheart Brunch Committee for 1992. She has perfect attendance since induction.

Thomas E. Cook, Storage, President of Systems Business Storage, is a native of Philadelphia, but was educated in the FSU School of Business. He was elected to the board of directors for 1995-96. He served on the Rotary Foundation Committee for 1993-94.

James McNabb, Probate Law, of Trickel and Leigh, P. A., is a Floridian by birth and earned his B.S.B.A., J.D. and M.L.L. from UF. He was previously a member of the Winter Garden and Maitland Rotary Clubs and is a founding member of Hospice of Central Florida.

Woody Woodall, Computer Software, is president of ISAC of Central Florida. He is a native of Virginia, but was educated at UF. He has been an active participant of the Business ADV Council that trains the physically handicapped to become computer programmers.

William Brown, Offices Support Services, is president of Legal Copies of Orlando, Inc. He is a native of Ohio and attended the University of Indiana. He and his wife, Sarah, have two daughters.

John Carelli, Accounting, International, is a partner with Ernst & Young, CPAs. He is a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Penn State University with an M.B.A. from UCF. He is a former member of the Windermere and the Orlando Breakfast Clubs. His wife is Joyce. He came to Orlando to play professional golf and his hobby is golf, of course.

Sheri Lin Brown, Commercial Printing, is a co-owner and co-operator of Ranch Press with her husband, Eddie. She is a native of Michigan and has an A.S. degree from Andrews University there. She has been most helpful with the printing requirements of the club.

Marena Grant Morrisey, Museums, Art, a native of Virginia, is the executive director of the Orlando Art Museum. She was given a Rotary Scholarship while in high school. In college she earned a B.F.A. and an M.A. in art history at Virginia Commonwealth University and did post graduate work at Colonial Williamsburg. Marena was chosen for the leadership award at the university and was listed in Who's Who in American Universities. She continues to be listed in several Who's Who publications. She was selected to come to Orlando in 1970 by the Orlando Museum of Art. Since she became the executive director, the Art Museum has expanded in every way--buildings, programs, and exhibits that are popular with the Central Florida community. She is a past president of the American Art Museums Association, a member of the Orlando-Winter Park Junior League, a past member of board of directors of WESH-TV, a member of the City of Orlando Historic Building Commission, a leader in

"Leadership Orlando" of the Chamber of Commerce. She has served on many local, regional and national boards, commissions and associations connected with art. She has been honored by receiving the Florida State of the Arts Award and the award as Orlando's Outstanding Woman of the Year in Art. She said that for the five years she has been in Rotary, she has found that it not only provides a vehicle for community service, but also provides an opportunity for personal growth and enrichment.

Arthur Dasher, Associations, Christian Service, Christian Service Center. A native of Macon, Ga., he is a graduate of Stetson with a B.A., an M.A. from Rollins and a degree from Yale Divinity School. He is an Episcopal priest and has served at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Orlando and Edgewood Boys' Ranch. He is a former member of the Winter Garden Rotary club.

Bob Blackford is the only grandson of a previous president of the Club (N. P. Yowell, 1926-27) to become a president himself. 1991-92. During Bob's year the Rotary International Convention was held in Orlando. It was a big event and is described in detail at the end of this chapter. Bob was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but lived there only while his mother was in the hospital. His parents were living across the river in Kentucky at the time of his birth. Fortunately, mother and son were able to cross the overflowing Ohio during the 1937 floods. His father died when he was 10 and his mother returned to Orlando and married again. Bob was educated in the public schools of Orange County and entered the service immediately after graduating from Boone High. After two years as a personnel specialist at Ft. Jackson, S. C., he thought he wanted to be an engineer and entered Georgia Tech, but it did not work and he changed to the Business School of Florida where he obtained his B. S. and then earned a J.D. from Emory in Atlanta. He married Maggie in 1961 and they had their first son while he was in law school. Another son came four years later. When he graduated in 1968, he was admitted to the bar in Georgia and was recruited by Raymer Maguire, Jr. to join the law firm of Maguire, Voorhis and Wells, his only employer since college. He became a Rotarian as an AA to the late Roe Wilkins of MVW. He was elected to the board of directors three times and served as program chairman one year, which he says was the most fun. He selected the kind of programs he wanted for specific dates and used members of the committee to help him secure those programs. After being president, he asked to serve as chairman of the Club Projects Committee and the H.E.A.R.T. project was initiated. He is highly complimentary of the members of the committee and other Rotarians who made the project successful. In preparation for the big RI convention, the club spent almost all of Bob's year making plans and putting them into action. In the community, Bob was a member of the Municipal Planning Board of Orlando for six years and was founding president of the Downtown Development Board. He is active in the First Presbyterian Church, where he is one of the teachers of Yowell's Young Presbyters, a class founded by his grandfather. He also has been a trustee of the Chesley Magruder Foundation since its formation and was the first president after Mr. Magruder's death. The \$13 million foundation gives away \$500,000 each year to charitable, health and educational causes in the Orlando area. When Bob was a kid he grew fond of boats and built several from wood. As an adult he became interested in sailing competitively and has owned several fine racing sailboats. He also became interested in cycling and has cycled across the U. S. and in other places. Along with Gene Minietta and Bill McCree and their wives, Bob and Maggie attended the RI

Convention in Mexico City in June of 1991. It was a great experience for Bob in preparation for his year as president as well as preparing him for the RI convention in Orlando. Perhaps the highlight was the visitation in the Mexico City home of a businessman and Rotarian. The host was a Cuban businessman who had to leave Cuba in the early 1960s, so he set up a chocolate factory in Mexico City. Bob reports that the fellowship with three generations of the host's family and other Rotarians from other parts of the world, plus the excellent food and the very best of chocolates, made it a perfect evening.

The Sweetheart Brunch held on Feb. 10 raised \$6,800 for the local Foundation. It was chaired by Steve Dieter.

Rotarians inducted during Bob's year included:

Sara Van Arsdel, Museums, Historical, executive director of the Orange County Historical Museum. She is a native of Denver, Colo. and a graduate of East Carolina University at Greenville, N. C. in anthropology. Sara came to Orlando with her husband, Bob Green, when he joined Martin Marietta, Orlando. They have one son, Garrison. Her first historical position with the county was at the Fort Christmas Historical Museum. From there she was promoted to her present position. Under her professional leadership, the museum has made tremendous strides, has received numerous grants for special displays and has attracted a number of traveling exhibitions. The museum is owned and operated by Orange County with the guidance and assistance of the Orange County Historical Society, a non-profit corporation made up of citizen members. Its purpose is to support the activities of the museum with services and finances. Sara has supervised and staged various educational programs for students and adults of all ages. Many Rotarians are members of the museum and many members of the club have served as officers and directors of the society. Charter member Don Cheney was the founder and served for years as its president. Sara serves as secretary of the society. She has chaired the 4-way Test Committee, served on the Public Relations Committee and is currently the editor of the Rotarian. She has also been an active member of the Orlando-Winter Park Junior League. She joined Rotary because of the local history represented in the membership and has made many good friends.

Leo Carrier, Insurance, Health and Accident, owns his own agency and is married to Jeanette. They have five children and three grandchildren. He is from West Virginia.

Richard Owen, Utility Consultant, is a native of Alabama, but was educated at the University of Nebraska. He owns his own consulting business. His wife, Corinna, is an electrical engineer from Case Western Reserve and they have one son.

Rita Davis, Financial Planning, is in business with her husband, Shelby Davis, who has the classification of Senior Active. They both have B.S. degrees from Louisiana State and he also has an M.B.A. from the University of Denver. They have three children. He is a 40-year veteran of the Lafayette, La. Rotary Club and is a past president of that club. He has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Lafayette, and president of the Louisiana State Board of CPAs. In Lafayette, she was president of the Tourist Commission, and served on the board of the CofC. She was the originator and chairman of the Bayou Food Classic, promoting Louisiana horticulture. In Orlando, she has been active in the Republican Women's Club and in the CofC, and is active in the University Club of Winter Park and the CofC there.

Wayne Brock, Scout Executive of Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. Wayne was educated at East Carolina University. He was a Rotarian in Athens, Ga. for five years. His wife, Ernestine, and he have a son and a daughter.

Larry Lockard, Cellular Communications, owns his own company. He is native of West Virginia, was educated at Valencia Community College and Orlando Business College. He sells and services cellular telephones. He is married to Barbara and they have one daughter and one granddaughter. Larry helped during the RI Convention in Orlando by furnishing cellular telephones for the use of the volunteer workers in the Southland House of Friendship. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Charles W. Wincey, Veterinarian, former owner and operator of Animal Medical Clinic. He is a native of Live Oak, Florida, has a B.S. degree from Florida and a D.V.M. from the University of Georgia. He was a B-24 pilot during W.W.II and was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. He flew 30 missions over Germany as chief pilot. He is married to Evelyn and they have identical twins: Patrick and Michael. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has 21 years of perfect attendance. He came to the club from the Orlando Breakfast Club.

James Subbs, Public Schools, Education, Director of Orlando Vo-Tech Center. A native of Georgia, he has a B.S. and M.S. from Florida A. & M. He is married to a high school teacher, Johnnie May, and they have a son and a daughter.

Kenneth Scott, Accounting, Private Practice, Ken is presently the club treasurer. Ken is a native of Baltimore, but moved to Winter park at age one month. He is a graduate of Rollins, where he was a member of the rowing team. He was employed with Ernst & Ernst, CPAs, for four years; was treasurer and controller of First Federal of Titusville for two years; and has been in private practice 10 years. He is married to Julie and they have a son and a daughter. He uses his talents in community service by assisting non-profit organizations. He served on the Committee for the Orlando Sidewalk Painting Festival.

Leonard (Dick) Davis, Architecture, Land Planning. Dick is the president of Davis & Associates, is a native of Charleston, Ill. and received his architectural degree from Auburn. He is married to Anne, a drama major from Auburn, and they have a son and a daughter. Dick is a former chairman of the Orlando Municipal Planning Board and former chairman of the Orlando Board of Zoning Adjustment and has served on the Loch Haven Park Board.

Sandra Kitain, Medical Orthopedics. Sandra is a CPA and is controller for the Matthews Orthopaedic Clinic. She is a native of California, but a graduate of UF. She is married to Rick and they have a daughter and a son. She is active in PTA, her homeowners' association and in several professional societies.

John C. Mitchell, II, Attorney, Civil, Personal Injury. A native of North Carolina, he was educated with a B.S. in business from Mars Hill College on a football scholarship (All South Atlantic Conference) and received his J.D. from Campbell University. He is married to Bonnie and they have three daughters. He has been active in professional associations and serves on the board of advisors for Mars Hill College.

Bhanu Engineer, Florida Department of Regulations. Bhanu is an environmental engineer for the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation. He is a native of India and has a degree in civil engineering from the Indian Polytechnical College. He is married to Lalita, also from India and they have one son and two daughters. He is the chairman of the Orlando

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Asian-American affairs and is a former member of the UCF Research Rotary Club. He has traveled over most of the world and has practiced civil engineering in India, Africa, Atlanta, Ga., and Memphis, Tenn., before coming to Orlando. During the 1992 RI Convention, he designed the special pavilion, built to honor RI President Sabu from India.

Scott J. Johnson, Civil Law, partner in Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, was the first club president elected to succeed another member of his firm for that office, 1992-93. Scott was born in Dubuque, Iowa, moved with his family to Dayton, Ohio, at an early age and then to Lexington, Ky. He attended Vanderbilt, where he earned a B.A. in 1971 and a J.D. in 1974. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary, in 1971 and she taught school in Nashville while he was in law school. They came to Orlando where he was employed by Maguire, Voorhis & Wells. They have a son, Jeff, a student at the Lake Silver elementary school, and daughter, Christine, who is a student at the First Academy. He has been the managing partner for MVW. Their main office is on the southwest corner of Orange and Central. Another office occupies a floor in the SunBank building, and they have offices in Melbourne and an office in Miami. Scott views members of the club as important busy people and believes that the Rotary meetings should be well prepared with good programs and a certain amount of humor to keep the mood always upbeat and pleasant for all concerned. When asked why we had so many lawyers in the club, his reply was "Most good lawyers have a desire to serve the community and they believe that Rotary provides the opportunities." He has served as chairman of the Downtown Development Board; on the board of Junior Achievement for four years; and was honored in 1988 as the "Up and Comer of the Year in Orlando in 1988." In the club he has served two terms on the board of directors and on several key committees. During Scott's year he saw that the club constitution and by laws were revised with the help of Lee Bennett.

Scott's program chairman was Fred Leonhardt, who invited Miss America for a program. His Rotooptimist editor was Paul Knepper, who spiced the bulletin with lots of facts and humor. Operation H.E.A.R.T. repaired and painted a residence for a family that could not afford it. The Sweetheart Brunch was one of the most successful ever, raising over \$10,000 for the foundation. It was held on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Puff'n Stuff dining room. Ed Quinn was the chairman. The grand door prize, again arranged by Harry Bull, was a round trip ticket for two to Vienna, Austria by KLM Airways and was won by Sandra Kitain. Mary Ann Dean won two round trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S. via U.S. Air. Harry Voorhis won a weekend package at the Embassy Suites, Orlando. Twenty-one other door prizes were awarded. Scott reports the most amusing incident of his year: "At one meeting, Ralph Akers, the club's black Presbyterian minister, was sitting on the platform between Past Pres. Bob Blackford and me. I made this casual remark to the club: 'Ralph must feel awfully intelligent sitting between two lawyers.' Later in the meeting, Emerson Thompson, our distinguished black appeals court judge, asked for the microphone and said he had been thinking about my remark about Ralph and decided, 'It looked more like Jesus Christ on the Cross between two thieves.'"

Rotarians inducted into the club during Scott's year included:

Douglas S. Doudney, Almond Grower, probably has the most unusual classification in the club. He is a fifth generation Floridian and a Gator with a major in Agricultural Business Management. He is president of Doudney Investments of Orlando, which grows almonds and

citrus and deals in real estate. He is married to Julia, also a native of Florida and a Gator, and they have a son and a daughter. Doug is a Sunday school teacher and active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He was involved with the first H.E.A.R.T. project and has served on the Foundation and Program Committees. While on the Program Committee, he arranged to have the editor of Florida Trend speak to the club. While visiting with each other before the program, the editor became interested in Doug's career and ran an article in the January, 1994, issue of that Florida business magazine.

Elliott Leavitt, Retail Jeweler, of Swalstead's Jewelers is a third generation jeweler and a certified Gemologist. His father, Joseph (Jack) Leavitt is a former long time member of the club. He is a native Floridian, attended Colonial High School and Valencia Community College.

Jane Munns, Trade Association, Insurance, is the executive director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Central Florida. Jane is a native of Chicago, as was her husband, Harry, and they have three children and three "exceptional" grandchildren. She is on the board of managers of the Winter Park YMCA, and is active in the Presbyterian Church. Her unique connections with Rotary are worth quoting: "I grew up just blocks from the home of Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary. A plaque stands in the front yard. I had the privilege of making up my attendance at Rotary's No. 1 Club in Chicago recently. My employer for 18 years was Ken Wacker, past district governor and former director of RI. During his year as a director, more Rotary work was done in the office than insurance and real estate work. I enjoy getting well acquainted with Rotarians from this area and from all over the world. It is a wonderful experience for me to be a member of this great organization."

Nellie Rodgers, Canvas and Textile, Manufacturing. She is the owner and president of Markham Co. Inc., whose former owner, Gaynor Markam, has been a member of the club for 25 years. She is a native of Alabama, but has lived most of her life in Orlando.

Terance (Terry) Rodgers, Canvas and Textile Manufacturing, AA, is vice president and manager of the awning department of Markham's and is the son of Nellie Rodgers. He served six years in the Air Force as a flight simulator technician. He received an A.S. degree from a community college in the Air Force. He assisted in the first H.E.A.R.T. Project and testifies to making a lot of friends in the club, "where everyone seems interested in improving the world around them."

Alfred V. Pope, Jr., Finance Securities Administration, is vice president and local manager of Paine Webber. Al is a native of New York, but attended UF. He is married to another Gator, Bethany, and they have two sons. He served in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Election of **Edward Baranowski**, Credit Unions, as President for 1993-94 heralded the first changes in style of the weekly meetings in many years. Ed was the first president to use visual aids at every meeting in the form of an overhead projector with various sayings, drawings and cartoons and the new prexy used it with skill and efficiency. He also initiated the practice of collecting "Happy Dollars" for the Orlando Rotary Foundation from members who had anything to be happy about. Rotarians shelled out over \$1,000 for the year. The amount was added to the \$7,000 raised at the Sweetheart Brunch under the chairmanship of Peter Hill. Ed tried to have meetings that would appeal to all segments. He was a "doer." In addition, the name of the bi-weekly bulletin was changed after many years of discussion from "The Rotoptimist" to "The Orlando Rotarian." Art Miller, the editor for the year, won first place in

the district for his bulletin among the larger clubs. Ed also initiated "Rotating Rotarians--having club members host other Rotarians in their places of business. This idea was originated by Paul Harris. Since joining the Orlando Club, Ed has had perfect attendance. His song leading ability is the result of his training as a youth in the Catholic Bishop's Choir in Milwaukee.

Ed's Rotary experience dates back to 1970, when he became a member of his hometown Madison, Wis., club. There he served actively on a half dozen committees and was elected a director of the 425-member club. In Orlando, he was a trustee of the local Rotary Foundation and hosted a Rotary Exchange Student from Australia for a year in his home. In Orlando, his record of service on committees has been outstanding and he participated in three Group Study Exchange groups here and led one to Australia in 1991. He also assisted with the Rotaract students from Austria. He, his wife, son and daughter are Paul Harris Fellows. He is currently secretary of RI District 6980 and was chairman of the District Group Study Exchange Committee for last year. His Rotary classification was pure in that he was the only member who was connected with a credit union. Ed was an active Boy Scout and served as scoutmaster for two troops and then became a council official. He attended the University of Wisconsin and earned B.S. and M.S. degrees. He was a business education teacher in a high school in Wassau County from 1959 to 1965. There he met a home economics teacher, Marlowe, and they fell in love and decided to marry. Having no money, he inquired from some of his fellow teachers where he might borrow some and they referred him to the credit union at the university. His loan experience there brought friendships and they asked him to be the voluntary internal auditor. They liked his work and asked him to run for the board and that led to his resigning his teacher's position and becoming a professional with that credit union. He has been a credit union official for 30 years. As a college student, he came to Florida on a break period and decided he wanted to live here, but he was not able to do that until 1984, when he came to Orlando to become the president of the Navy Orlando Credit Union, now Fairways Federal Credit Union, with \$65 million on deposit. It now has \$360 million and its 10 branch offices serve more than 78,000 member accounts. Eligible members have some kind of connection with the Navy. In addition to being the CEO of his credit union, he is also a consultant, conducting seminars on planning and motivation for corporations. He has traveled widely in this work. Ed's success with the Navy Credit Union has earned him many honors in his profession and with many credit union trade groups. In 1985, he was selected as executive of the year and in 1988 was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Credit Union Executive Society. He was also inducted into the Hall of Fame at the School of Business and Economics of the University of Wisconsin.

Asked about unusual happenings in the club, Ed said: "When I joined the club, I wanted to get acquainted with every member possible and rotated between the tables at meetings. An old Southern Rotarian responding to the name, Baronowski, said, 'You must be a Yankee.' I answered, 'I'm from Wisconsin. By the way, I thought the war was over.' He retorted: 'The war is not over, only the last battle.' This was a challenge to me. I wanted members to know that Northerners are not all bad, so I got involved in the activities of the club." Ed Lives on the Indian River in Brevard County where he enjoys sailing and "collecting mermaids."

Rotarians who were inducted into the club during Ed's year include:

Calvin E. Gardner, Real Estate Appraiser, a native of Miami. His great grandfather came to Florida about 1850 and settled in Miami a few years later. Calvin and his wife, Susan,

have two small daughters. Cal is a graduate of UCF and has been an appraiser for seven years. He was sponsored into the club by "Red" Waller, a veteran appraiser, and has enjoyed meeting business men and women who adhere to the high principles of Rotary.

Lisa G. DeFrancesco, Water Supply Testing, is a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate in accounting from UCF where she was a Phi Kappa Phi and earned a Master's in Business Analysis from the University of Lancaster, England. She was a Rotary Foundation Scholar from this district. She is the controller for groundwater protection. She selected the Orlando club after visiting a large number of Rotary clubs. Since becoming a member, she has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas and participated in two H.E.A.R.T. projects.

Robert C. Ford, University Administration, AA, head of the Department of Hospitality at UCF. Bob is a native of Massachusetts with a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He was a director, secretary, treasurer and president of the Vestavia Hills, Ala., club. His father is a past president of the Springfield, Mass., club. Bob is married to Barbara and they have one son. He is a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps Reserve and a soccer referee.

Albert I. (Bert) McCowen, Mortgage Banking, AA, vice president, First Union National Bank. He is a graduate of the School of Management at Georgia Tech and the School of Banking at LSU. He is a native of Georgia, is married to Elizabeth, and they have two sons. He was chosen as the Rotarian of the Month in August of 1994. He has been active in Goodwill Industries, the CofC and the United Way. He is a member of Rotarians of Amateur Radio.

David G. Lerner, Law, Labor, member of firm of Litchford & Christopher, P. A., is a native of Boston and is married to Debbie and they have one small son. Dave received his B.A. from Tulane and his J.D. from Wake Forrest University. After finishing his education, he practiced in Washington D. C. from 1985 to 1992.

Raymond Boyd, Public Utility, AA, Senior Vice President, Orlando Utilities Commission. Ray is a native of Winter Haven, has a B.S. in civil engineering from the Citadel and an M.S. in management from Rollins. He has been with OUC for 25 years. He is married to Gretchen and they have two sons. He is a Vietnam War veteran, having served with the regular Army, 1966-70, and is now a colonel in the reserves. He has served as a member of the Central Florida Fair Board and the Ivanhoe Foundation Board.

Charles E. Carns, Vehicle Leasing, Executive VP Mears Transportation Group. Chuck is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Florida Southern College. He is married to Debi, another Florida Southern Grad, and they have two daughters.

Anne K. Chinoda, Blood Banks, AA, vice president of Marketing of Central Florida Blood Bank. She is a native of Milwaukee, a graduate of Boston College, is married to Alan and they have two sons. She has been active on a number of local volunteer boards.

Dalton Cunningham, Area Commander of the Salvation Army, is a native of Gastonia, N. C., a graduate of the Salvation Training College and has attended Atlanta Tech, Asbury Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary. His wife, Casey, is also a Salvation Army Training College graduate and they have a daughter and a son. Dalton has traveled extensively in North America and in Europe.

Donald B. Jacobovitz, Government, Roads, assistant manager of Orange County Road Department, in charge of maintenance. Don is a graduate civil engineer from West Point, with

a M.E.A. from George Washington University and a M.S. in transportation from UCF. He was a captain with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for 11 years, worked with the Florida Department of Transportation for five years and has worked one year in highway maintenance for Orange County. He was a member of the Tuskawilla Rotary Club for three years. He has maintained perfect attendance for four years. He is the chairman of the CARTHA International Rotary Fellowship (Collectors of Automobile Tags from around the World.) He is a native of Miami.

David D. Larson, Finance, Investments is vice president and branch manager of Fidelity Investments. He is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., with a B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin. He is married to Dorothy, a graduate of the same university and they have two children. David was first a Rotarian in West Palm Beach.

Gregory F. Haislip, Banking, Consumer Loans, is an assistant vice president of Southtrust Bank. He is a native of New Jersey, a Gator with a B.S.B.A. degree and is married to Lisa, a graduate of UCF with a B.S.B.A. degree. They have one son. Gregory has been involved with Junior Achievement and the CofC.

Raleigh (Sandy) Seay, Personnel Management, is the president of Seay Management Consultants. He is a native of Charleston, S. C.. He is married to Linda and they have two children. He has a B.A. from Virginia Tech and has studied at Rollins. He has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a Sunday school teacher. He is also interested in Irish history and genealogy.

John Douglas Benz, Senior Active, (formerly architecture), now CEO of Tilden, Lobnitz & Cooper, consulting engineers. John is a native of Iowa and was a member of the Iowa City Rotary Club for 18 years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dorsa McGuire, Hospitals, Public, Marketing Director for Managed Care at Orlando Regional Healthcare System. It seems fitting that during the Diamond Year of the Orlando Rotary Club that a female professional should be elected president. Somehow, when diamonds are thought of, ladies are also thought of. The first lady president has truly been a "diamond." In addition, it is appropriate that the first woman president should represent the Orlando Regional Healthcare System. The Hospital, which celebrated its "75 Years of Caring" in 1993 and the Orlando Rotary Club grew up together. One of the most important proponents and leaders in getting the original Orange General Hospital established in 1918 was Dr. J. S. McEwan, a charter member of the club. Since that time, eight of the 27 presidents/chairmen of the board of the non-profit hospital were Orlando Rotarians and dozens of the board members were Rotarians. Four of the 10 professional administrators have been Rotarians and 10 of the medical chiefs of staff have been Rotarians. Dorsa, raised in a military family from Virginia, was born while her father was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. and was educated at the University of Virginia, the institution which Thomas Jefferson planned. She received an M.A. from Ohio State University, but she considers herself a Southerner. Her ambition was to be a banker and she spent the first 15 years of her professional life with Bank One in Columbus, Ohio. She at first resented having been assigned to the mail room for the first six months, but soon learned the wisdom of her superiors. She learned more about the whole bank in that position than she could have learned in any other position. She left banking because it lost its challenge-- "Too many regulations and too much routine," she said. She turned to marketing at ORMC, which

was the field she was trained for in college and has been happy with the challenges it presents. When asked about the future of hospitals in the light of the emphasis on health care reform of recent years, she forecast that there will be fewer hospital beds in the future--more primary care doctors and less M.D. specialists and that HMOs and PPOs will gain in popularity.

On the subject of bringing women into Rotary, she has nothing but the highest praise for the club leaders who chose to select 14 women who were professional leaders and to induct them all at the same time. She was well pleased with the way the previously all male group accepted the new female Rotarians. She will always remember the admonition of President Alton Nolle at the Fireside Meeting: "Rotary will be only as good as what you put into it. If you hang back, you do not have anyone to blame but yourself." This challenged her to become active immediately and that activity led to her being the first woman president of the Orlando Rotary Club. She had previously served on the Program Committee and the Magazine Committee and was Public Relations Chairman for the RI Convention of 1992 in Orlando. She teamed up with a Rotary past president, Pat Proteinoid, to perform a magic trick for the Magic Fellowship during the Convention. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow and attended the RI convention in Taiwan just prior to taking office.

The feminine touch resulted in a rearrangement of the meeting room. The speakers' table was moved to the side of the room and this brought each member closer to the platform. Not only did the club have an attractive president, but she knew how to conduct a meeting. Several happenings during regular meetings are noted: In July, the club had its youngest visitor. Jay and Barbara Hebert's grandson, Andrew Bond Hebert, age two months, came to witness the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow award to both grandparents. One program that drew more applause than any other was presented by the club's own baritone, Richard Owens. Richard thrilled the members with his singing of familiar classical and popular songs. However, the highlight of Dorsa's year that will always be remembered was the Rotary Street Painting Festival on March 3, 4 and 5. It all began when Past President Bob Blackford commented to President Dorsa: "What the club needs is a large community project that Rotarians can participate in and render a real service to the community. Dorsa and her Projects Committee Chairman, George Huffman, decided to talk to Glenda Hood, Orlando's first woman mayor, and asked what was needed.

Mayor Hood said she favored a project to serve the youth of the city. She suggested that Dorsa and George talk to Tom Kohler, director of the Downtown Development Commission. Tom mentioned the highly successful annual street painting festivals in Santa Barbara, Cal. The result was that the club agreed to sponsor the first Orlando International Street Painting Festival. Location of the event was the expansive sidewalks around City Hall. The club also agreed to put up the initial funds to employ Jeanie Linders, the producer, and to meet other overhead expenses. The high powered committee from the club included: Co-Chairmen George Huffman and Mary Ann Dean; sponsor co-chairmen Tom Cooke and Bob Ford; treasurer, Ken Scott; kid's corner chairman Ann Chinoda; artist manager Steve Bechtel; security and logistics Chairman Bill Kennedy; concessions Chairman Harry Voorhis; Rotary Foundation representative Charlie Shuffield; and stage chairman, Richard Owens.

Four teams from the club headed by Ed Baranowski, Leon Handley, Bob Blackford and Paul Knepper competed with each other selling sidewalk spaces to companies and institutions

in the community and individuals in the club. Ninety club volunteers did all the other chores and assignments necessary for such a big event. It is not known who controlled the weather, but after a week of bad weather it was perfect for the three days of the big event.

One hundred thirteen sponsors paid for spaces for 110 pictures painted with chalk around the entrance to City Hall. In addition, about 25 children did their own thing in small squares given to them without charge. The sidewalk drawings were impressive. A regular sidewalk art festival near Church Street helped to draw as large a crowd as could be accommodated without walking on the paintings. Results of the weekend were: 1. The public came without cost to them and enjoyed the original art created mostly by young professional and amateur artists; 2. The mayor is assured of having the funds needed to carry out her youth projects. 3. But perhaps the greatest benefit gained is the feeling of having rendered "Service above Self" by more than 90 volunteer workers from the Orlando Rotary Club.

Rotarians inducted through March 15, 1995, of Dorsa's year include:

Ellen (De De) Lovelace, Employment Service, owner and marketing director of GPC Management, Inc. She is a native of Pittsburgh, received a B.S. in marketing from FSU, is married to Winston and they have four children. She has served the community through the Boy Scouts, the Children's Home Society, and the schools through Additions.

Robert Bowden, Government, City, Parks, executive director of Harry P. Leu Gardens. These gardens and the residence were given to the city by Harry P. Leu, a member of the club from 1920 until his death; a past president and a veteran of 29 consecutive RI conventions in addition to more than 30 years of perfect attendance. Robert was educated at Florida A & M University and FSU, receiving his B.S. in horticulture and landscaping from the former. He received a Master of Public Administration from Michigan in 1985. Before coming to Orlando in January of 1994, he was executive director of the Atlanta Botanical Garden and director of horticulture at Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Bob and his wife, Gailann, have four children.

Linda M. Elerick, Accounting, Senior, CPA, who owns her own firm. Linda is a native of Laredo, Texas, but a graduate of UF in accounting. She was a part of another accounting firm for five years and has owned her own firm for seven years. She is married to William H. Miller and they have one son.

Mary Beth Liberto, University Administration, AA, general counsel for UCF. She advises the administration executives, faculty and staff on legal issues regarding the university. She is a native of Galveston, Texas. Beth studied at Dominican College in Houston to become an RN and received a B.S. in nursing from that institution. After 10 years of nursing, she decided to pursue a more lucrative profession and attended the University of Houston, earning a J.D. She came to Florida looking for a law practice connection with education or health care, applied for her present position and was accepted. Her community service interests lie with health care and education, but her wide range of hobbies include gardening, reading, fishing, music and spectator sports.

William F. Kennedy, Law Enforcement, Deputy Chief of Police, Orlando Police Department. A native of Albany, Ga. with a B.S. from LaGrange College and a M.S. in criminal justice from Rollins, Bill has 25 years' service in law enforcement. He is married to

Dolores and they have one daughter. He joined the club because "Rotary exemplifies the values I believe to be important in life."

Peter Partlow, Environmental Services, is the manager of environmental services for Law Engineering and Environmental Services Co.

Ray C. Vinson, Hospitals, Private, is the president and CEO of Columbia Park Medical Center. He was a member of Kiwanis for 11 years and a member of the Okeechobee Rotary Club for three years. He is a native of Maine, but attended Orlando Junior College and is a Gator graduate with a Master's from Golden Gate University. His professional training includes being a pharmacy technician, a medical technician in the Army during the Vietnam War and chief medical technologist at North Florida Regional Hospital in Gainesville. He was a technician on the staff at the HCA Hospital in Largo and an interim administrator at two North Carolina Hospitals. He came back to Florida to be the administrator at the HCA Hospitals of Okeechobee and Sanford before being chosen as the president and chief executive officer of the Columbia Park Medical Center in Orlando (formerly Humana Hospital and formerly Lucerne Hospital) in 1994. He has been active in the community life of each place he has worked, including his church, Methodist, United Way, youth organizations, CofCs and he has coached softball and basketball community teams. He runs four miles each day, six days per week. His family includes his wife, Dianne, a Mississippi native, two sons and one daughter.

Ronald M. Colfield, CPA, Tax Consulting, is marketing manager of Cooper and Lybrand. He is a native of Birmingham, Ala., and a graduate of Auburn in accounting. He is married to Patricia, also a War Eagle, and they have four children. His community activities include serving as a director of United Way, his church, Orangewood Presbyterian, and Leadership Orlando.

William James, Public Education, Elementary Schools, is principal of Orange Center Elementary School. Bill is a native of Havana, Fla., and was educated at Florida A. & M. and Rollins College. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army as an SSG E-6. He and his wife, Emily, have three children.

Eddie Sneed, Public Education, High Schools, is principal of Jones High School. He has an M.S. from Rollins College, is a native of Leesburg, Fla., and he and his wife, Jacquelyn, have a son and a daughter.

Pamela D. Ison, Banking, Commercial Loans, is vice president and manager of First Mercantile National Bank. Pam is a native of Orlando and is a Gator. She is married to Mike Ison, also an Orlando, native and another Gator and they reside in Apopka. Her hobbies include boating and growing orchids and they are active in the Bear Lake Preservation Association.

Eric Scott, Public Hospitals, is the business manager for development for the Orlando Regional Healthcare System. Eric is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., and received a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.B.A. from Rollins. He is married to Toni, a Florida native, and they have two children.

Lee Baranowski Jones, Graphic Design, is an artist and is the owner of LT Designs. She is the daughter of Past President Ed Baranowski and the wife of Jeff Jones, an engineer. Lee is a native of Wausau, Wis., and has an A.A. degree in commercial art. Lee was a participating artist in the recent street painting festival and her chalk painting sponsored by Fairwinds Credit Union was awarded first place in the fine arts division. She is a Paul Harris

Fellow, a volunteer soccer coach and a diversified athlete who has won many trophies and awards in many fields. She is an active member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

A. George Fuller, Executive Director of Orlando/Orange County COMPACT. George is a native of Litchfield, Ill. and has a B. A. in accounting from Aurora University. He retired from AT&T after 30 years' service. He also served four years in the U. S. Air Force in the 1960s. He is married to Dorothy and they have six children. He is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, co-chairman of the Business Advisory Council of Bethune Cookman College, a director of Valencia Community College Foundation, a mentor for COMPACT for Jones High School, a member of the board of advisors of "Black Family Today," and many other community organizations. He is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and likes reading, bowling and spectator sports.

Michael Schafer, Accounting Regional AA, is a partner in Schafer & Mitchell, P.A. He is married to Mary and they have two daughters. He has a B.A. in accounting from Michigan State University, is a member of the Economic Development Commission and is active in St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. He plays golf and is a distance runner.

Lynn S. Conklin, Advertising Media, is a partner in Newsletters and More. She is a native of Baltimore, Md. and was educated at Valencia, Rollins and the University of Maryland. She likes to travel and has visited Africa, Antarctica, Europe and South America in addition to all parts of the U.S.

Dr. Elaine T. Blair, Chiropractor, is a native of Atlantic City, N. J. and has a B.S. in biology and a doctor's degree from Chiropractic College of Atlanta, Ga. Community service includes the Women's Resource Center in Central Florida and the Cancer Society.

Mark F. Fisher, Attorney, Real Property, an associate with Fishback, Dominick and Associates. P. A. He is a native of Orlando and received his B.A. degree from UF and his J.D. from Stanford University. He is married to Diane, also a Florida native, and they have a son and a daughter. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Community Service includes serving on the board of the YMCA. He plays golf and chess and likes computers.

Dr. Thomas Irving Scott, M.D., Gynecology. Tom is a native of Atlanta, was on the wrestling team of the well-known Jesuit High School there, attended Emory University and obtained his M.D. from Emory Medical School. He served in the U. S. Army at West Point for several years and came to Orlando as a partner of Dr. Frank Parrish, OB and Gynecology. He is married to Iris and they have three children and grandchildren. The talented doctor sang in the Bach Chorale at Rollins and he is a director of the Orlando Civic Music Group that brings concerts and performances to Orlando. He is also a gourmet cook, an avid golfer and a photographer. He and his family are active in the First Presbyterian Church.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, JUNE 14-17, 1992

June 14-17, 1992, were perhaps the greatest days in the history of the Rotary Club of Orlando. A total of 18,559 Rotarians and their guests from 4,664 Rotary Clubs in 122 countries and geographical regions converged on the Orange County Convention Center for the 83rd Annual Convention of Rotary International. The dream of many long time local Rotarians had come true; the plans so carefully laid by both the RI Convention Committee and the Host Club Committee were acted out; and many thousands of happy Rotarians and their families were having fun and enjoying the sunshine and friendliness of Florida along with fellowship with other families from all over the world.

Most of those attending large conventions don't realize the amount of effort, planning, and leadership required to make the affairs a success. Much preparation went on in the RI Convention Committee and much work was necessary by the professional Staff of RI, but this history will deal with the part played by the Host Club--Orlando and the other Rotary Clubs of Central Florida. The club was fortunate to have a qualified Rotarian as chairman of the Host Club Committee and as the Host Club's representative on the RI Convention Committee. Gene Minietta's experience as a colonel in the Air Force gave him the organizational know-how and the ability to select qualified Rotarians to fill the hundreds of assignments necessary for the big undertaking. Having served as president of the club in 1982-83, he knew the club and its members intimately. His service as district governor, 1989-90, provided friendships throughout RI as well as District 6890 and a knowledge of how Rotary functions at the higher levels. His total dedication to Rotary let him enjoy spending the time necessary to lead and direct the various subcommittees. For the volunteer worker on the bottom rung, it is always good to know that the man at the top knows his job and is working hard at it. In addition, he attended the training school for incoming district governors in both 1990 and 1991 to promote and advertise the 1992 convention in Orlando. He also attended the RI conventions at Portland, Ore. in 1990 and in Mexico City in 1991. At the latter, Orlando took advance reservations for the 1992 convention. Stickers, pins and other souvenirs were passed out to the attenders. Rotarians from District 6980 served as volunteer helpers in the "On to Orlando Booth." Chuck Foster, an Orlando Rotarian of Delta Air Lines, arranged for a gift of two free airline tickets, one for a Rotarian and his or her spouse from anywhere in the world, to and from the 1992 convention in Orlando. The only requirement was that they pre-register at the Mexico City convention. The drawing was held the last day in Mexico and a couple of Rotarians from California were the winners.

Chairman Gene carefully selected Rotarians who were thoroughly qualified for each assignment. His vice chairman, Gene Colley, was a past district governor and knew the ins and outs of RI. The secretary was Ormund Powers, and the treasurer was Ken Harker, also treasurer of the host club. The executive Committee was composed of six past presidents of the Orlando club and two past district governors from other clubs. Workers included 1,200 Rotary and spouse volunteers plus a number of college students.

The many responsibilities of the host club were carried out by committees working under the Executive Committee. Bill Carmichael and his host of volunteer greeters met delegates arriving at the airport and helped them with transportation to their hotels. Bert Johnson, governor of 6890 for 1994-95 managed and staffed the information centers at all principal locations. Bus service was arranged by Bill Tate and his committee who handled transportation to and from hotels and the convention center efficiently without cost to Rotarians. He also handled the VIP transportation to and from RI headquarters at the Stauffer Hotel. Pat Vaughn and his committee were the real work horses before the opening and during the first day in getting convention packets to the registrants both at their hotels and at OCCC. Mary Ann Dean advised about the convention entertainment, set up the pre-convention entertainment at Sea World, arranged for a high school band to greet Rotarians at the entrance of the Convention Center on registration day and, with Richard Owens, scheduled excellent continuous entertainment in the Southland House of Friendship. Jay Hebert was in charge of exterior banners, balloons, signs and Rotary decorations along the streets. Phil Garder was in charge of the various Rotary fellowship groups--especially the Rotarians traveling in recreational vehicles. Dorsa McGuire was commended by RI's publicity officials for the publicity received and the various promotional programs which preceded the convention. Richard Bruning looked after assignments of aides and other conveniences afforded the VIPs of RI. Kathy Gilliam supervised the paramedics who were always available in the first aid station at the Convention Center.

The Executive Committee began meeting in early 1990. One of the first decisions was to design and order bright orange knit sport shirts to identify all host club workers. Greeters, information volunteers, SHOF workers and all local Rotarians and volunteer workers wore them. The colorful attire was most helpful to all attendees. The word was, "Need help or information, find someone in an orange shirt."

Gene realized that both manpower and financial assistance would be needed from surrounding Rotary Clubs and districts. His plan included asking District 6390 (formerly a part of 6980) to be a co-host with District 6980 and that the clubs in these two districts contribute \$50 per member to the host club's convention expenses. RI provides funds for host club functions, but it is never enough to do anything unusual and the Executive Committee believed that the No.1 tourist destination of the world should do something different. Most of the clubs in the districts affected paid their proper share of the expense. In addition, Gene asked the other Southland Districts in Zones Four and Ten to contribute \$2 per member for convention expenses and they did. Rotarians from Zone 10 & 4 were given lower registration fees if requested in advance. Gene also arranged for Rotarians from Orlando as well as other workers from Zones Four and Ten to get housing at the Clarion Plaza Hotel, next door to the OCCC. This was one of the minor details that meant so much to hard working volunteers.

One of the huge successes of the convention was home hospitality, in which more than 4,000 Rotarians and their guests, many in their native dress, were entertained in the homes of Rotarians of the host districts. Chairman Bill Coleman and his committee performed a masterful task of getting everyone assigned and handling problems that are sure to occur with such a large number of guests. Orlando Rotarians, under the leadership of George Huffman, hosted more than 350 in their homes. Arrangements were made to pick up the guests at their hotels and take

them to Loch Haven Park, where they were met by their hosts for the evening. The hosts and hostesses said the home visits were the highlight of their Rotary experience.

The Rotary Club of Cape Coral, on Florida's West Coast, brought up their colorful lighted river boat parade float for parking outside the entrance to the SHOF just inside the vendors' room. In honor of RI President Sabu from India, the host club erected an Indian Pavilion in the large entrance hall leading to the SHOF. The pavilion served Indian dishes. The styrofoam decor was designed by Bhanu Engineer, a native of India and member of the Orlando club. It was built under the direction of Bert McCree. Indian food was served in the pavilion.

Perhaps the best informal affairs at Rotary International Conventions are the regional breakfasts. The largest and best known of these is the Southland Breakfast which Rotarians from Zones 4 and 10 attend. More than 1,500 Rotarians and their guests were in attendance at the Clarion Plaza Hotel breakfast to hear the new President of RI for 1993-94 and other dignitaries and to be entertained by Al McCree from the Brentwood, Tenn. Club. He led the crowd in the famous "Just a Bowl of Butter Beans" and sang a number of his originals including a song especially written for the occasion.

During the time the convention was in session, it came to the attention of several Rotarians that the Farquhar family from Maryland had lost their van in a fire. The family has 10 children, including natural, adopted and handicapped. They had come to Orlando to visit Disney World. Rotarians quickly raised \$20,000 to pay for a new van and guarantee the children a good vacation and a way to get home.

Bert McCree was selected to be the chairman of the Southland House of Friendship (SHOF) and, being an architect, he wanted to have a TRUE House of Friendship, which would serve the purpose of promoting fellowship through a relaxing place to meet other Rotarians, enjoy informal entertainment and good food. Gene came up with the idea of the "Southland" theme and Bert translated it into a plan that made the 66,000 square foot room a map of the Southland with areas and booths from each of the 12 participants of Zones Four and Ten: Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, a small part of Louisiana and Puerto Rico. The design was carried out using blue carpet for the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, sand-colored carpet for the beaches, grey for the streets and green for the state areas. Florida also used orange carpet for its sidewalks. Streets separating the states were named appropriately. In addition, the RI Fellowships including boating, ham radio, flying, cycling, and various collections, each had a booth. A U.S. Post Office was also included as was a special booth for the "On to Australia in 1993" representatives. The secretariat also required several booths. Chairman Gene then persuaded RI to lower the advance registration rates for those in the Southland by \$25 each. Each state was given space and provided with tables and chairs and back drops for their booths. Some of the states, like Georgia, North Carolina and Florida, bought beautiful custom-designed booths. All booths gave away promotional literature and many distributed samples of products of all kinds, including peanuts from Georgia, orange juice from Florida, walking canes from North Carolina and pencils from several states. Australia's booth was attractive and Puerto Rico gave away small samples of rum. Many displayed videos on portable TVs. Bert arranged for large numbers of donations of many plants from Apopka (Fern Capital of the World) and purchased other plants to make the place look like a huge park. Orlando Rotarians under

Florida Chairman Jon Stine gave away hundreds of gallons of orange juice made from concentrate donated by Winter Garden Citrus Products Co-op. The host club souvenir booth, under the leadership of Ed Baranowski, sold T shirts, caps, mugs, happy alligator pins, glasses and other souvenirs for the benefit of the club. A mini-information booth furnished maps of the giant SHOF room and "goody bags" with advertising items and discount coupons from local merchants. It also furnished interpreters for assistance to delegates not speaking English. UCF students from foreign countries volunteered to help. A copy of the map and information sheet is shown below.

The joining of hands of the Rotary districts in 11 states and Puerto Rico was something that had never been tried before in promoting a convention and it was successful. Bill McCree assisted his brother Bert by establishing contact with the governors of these districts and arranging for the design plans of each booth and the logistics necessary for storage and delivery of products and decor to the site. Bill's compensation was the large number of Rotary friends that he made. His assistants at the site everyday included Jim Stokes and the late Jim McConnell. Bert was assisted by his Rotary Ann, Marie, and the architectural and transportation staff of McCree, Inc. He saved the club, \$24,000 on landscaping alone. Donations of labor and materials of all kinds were numerous, and cooperation from Orlando club members and other Rotarians was outstanding. Quoting Bill McCree: "Looking back on the convention, it is hard to believe that so much could have been accomplished in the brief two-plus days allowed before opening." The convention contractor, who had been hard to deal with during the planning stages, furnished personnel for those critical days that was efficient, cooperative and friendly. The volunteers were efficient and cooperative. As previously agreed with all who made contributions to the Host Club and SHOF expenses, the saving of \$99,000 under budget was turned over to the Rotary Foundation and credited to the districts involved. This was the first time such a donation was made from a convention surplus.

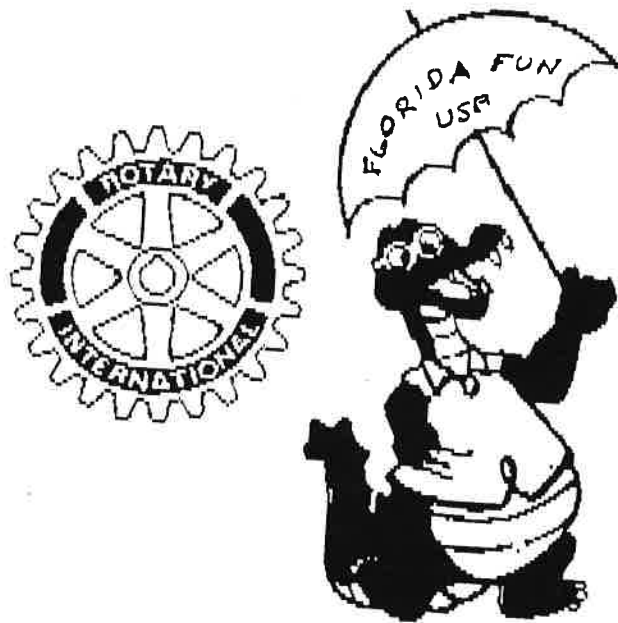
Many Host Clubs prefer to hire a local convention manager, but Orlando decided it could manage its part of the show with volunteers who were successful managers in their own businesses.

It was interesting to note that the RI Convention writer and Rotarian reporter called the big convention, ROTARY WORLD (See picture section). Host Club Chairman Gene tried to sell that terminology to the RI Convention Committee, but failed. However, the pre-convention entertainment at Sea World, the visits of all Rotarians to Disney World and the final big "blow out" at Universal Studios gave the convention the right to be called Rotary World. The last two paragraphs of the article in the August 1992 Rotarian is quoted below:

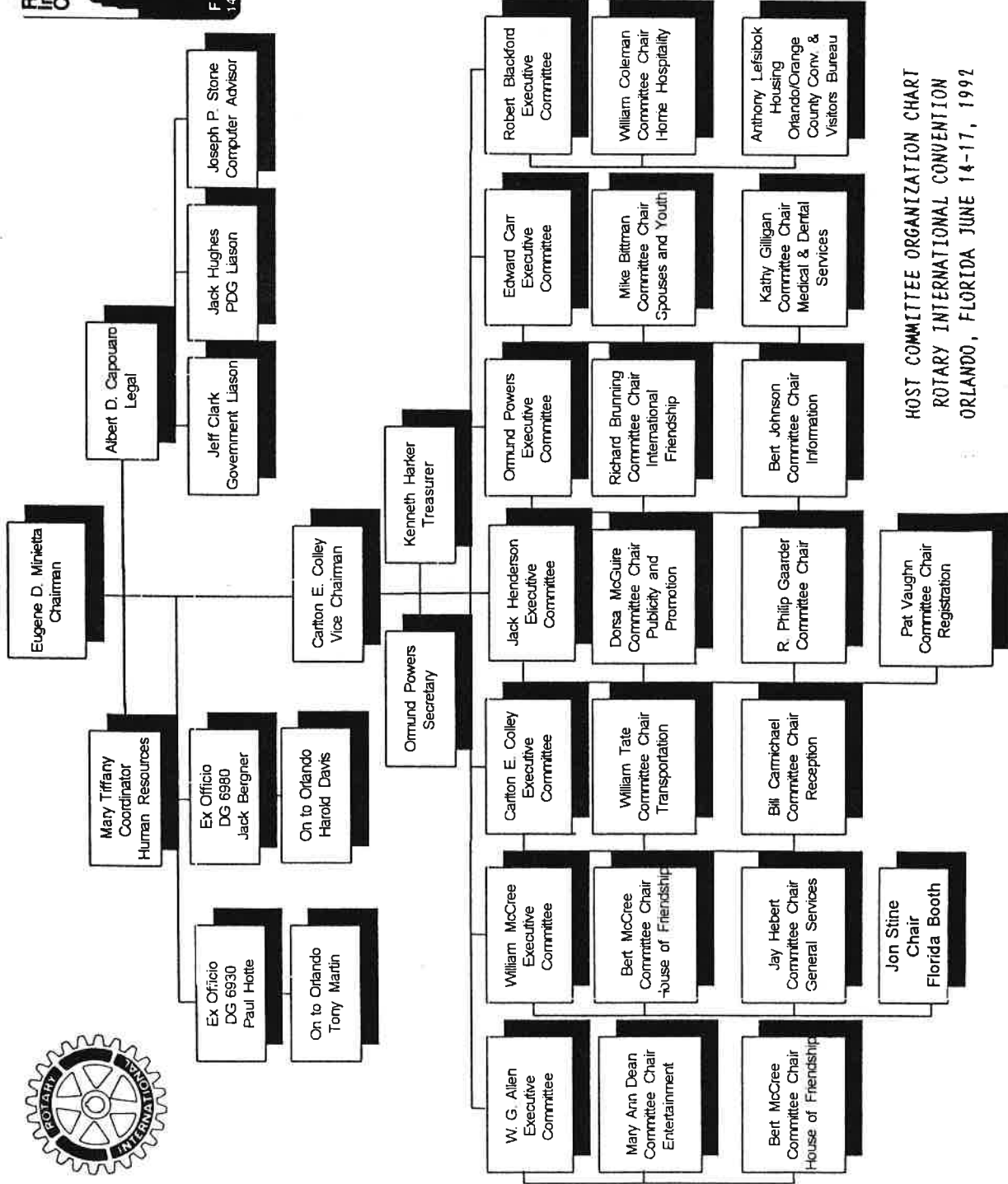
"When U. S. President George Bush visited Disney World last September to recognize 535 of his 1,000 'Points of Light'--volunteers who have played a role in making life better for others--he pondered aloud the possibility that one day there might be a 'City of Light.' Orlando residents offered to make theirs the first such city, and are instituting a community volunteer network with the help of local businesses and corporations.

"Maybe that's the real reason this dynamic U. S. city was such a fitting site for 'Rotary World.' Beyond the fun, fellowship and fantasy both Orlando and Rotary offer to people the world over, here you also will find real people who are making a big difference in today's world through their service to others."

At the evaluation meeting of RI officials and professional employees, at the conclusion of the convention, the Orlando Rotary Club and the Host Club Committee received many plaudits for an outstanding convention. There was a strong feeling among those present that the Rotary International Convention would return again to Orlando and its great Convention Center. It would be difficult to assess the benefits of this major endeavor, but those Rotarians who were a vital part of it from the Orlando Club know what the experience meant to each of them and they thought it was worth the tremendous effort. Again, "Service above Self."



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RAJENDRA K. SABOO
President, 1991-92

23 June, 1992

Mr. Eugene D. Minietta
Member, 1992 Convention Committee, R.I.

Dear Gene:

No words can really express my deepest appreciation for what you and your people have done to achieve one of the most outstanding conventions of Rotary International in recent times. All the people who attended have gone back building happy memories of Orlando.


Yes, I do not need to tell you how much all the attendees of the convention enjoyed themselves and how much they appreciated being looked after in every respect. They must have themselves expressed it to you in person as well as in their collective, thunderous applause that was given to you, the host committee, and indeed to the entire group when I presented to you the plaque. This is the real thanks and I can only add my humble gratitude for all that your team has done to provide a grand finale to the year 1991-92.

You and Dottie personally have worked tirelessly with total commitment and devotion and thus you truly were an example as the leader for all others. I wish I could personally extend my words of admiration to each and every chairman and member of your committees, and also those who worked to make the convention a great success; this not being possible, I am requesting you to please do so on my behalf. I had hoped that there would be some opportunity where I may personally meet all of your team members but the total program was so tight that even after the conclusion of the convention activities, I could not see them.

I was hoping that I would see you before my departure, or other members from the host committee to once again express my sentiments. I am dictating this letter from the plane returning to Chicago to let you know how much you all are in my and Usha's thoughts.

With my best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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December 30, 1992

Dear Gene,

From the Rotary News Basket received yesterday, I am very happy to learn that the Orlando host committee has designated unused funds to The Rotary Foundation.


I take this opportunity to congratulate you, and through you the host committee of the Orlando Convention, on two accounts; first, for saving US\$ 99,000.- after paying all the expenses, and second, for contributing this surplus amount to The Rotary Foundation giving credit to all the contributing districts. I think this is a super performance.

I did not have the chance of knowing the details of expenses of the host committee, and only from this news item I got to know that you were able to confine your expenses to US\$ 177,608. What you have been able to do with this amount, getting all other help through local business, has been just remarkable. To be able to do such a grand job so economically shows the expertise, involvement, and commitment of Rotarians.

Once again you have given me a reason to be proud of you and all you friends.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,


R.K. Saboo

Mr. Eugene D. Minietta
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Breakfast and Lunch:
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VISIT THE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS BOOTHS.

VISIT with Rotary International Secretariat Service Staff.

SHOP for SOUVENIRS at the Rotary Club of Orlando Sales Booth.

REGISTER for the 1993 Rotary International Convention to be in Melbourne, Australia.

SOUTHLAND HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP has been designed and built for your enjoyment by Rotary Club of Orlando and the Rotary Clubs of the Host Districts 6980 and 6930. Each State contributed to its own Hospitality Center.

Host **ROTARIANS** are wearing **ORANGE T-Shirts.**

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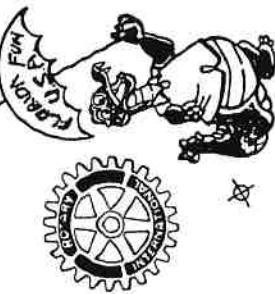
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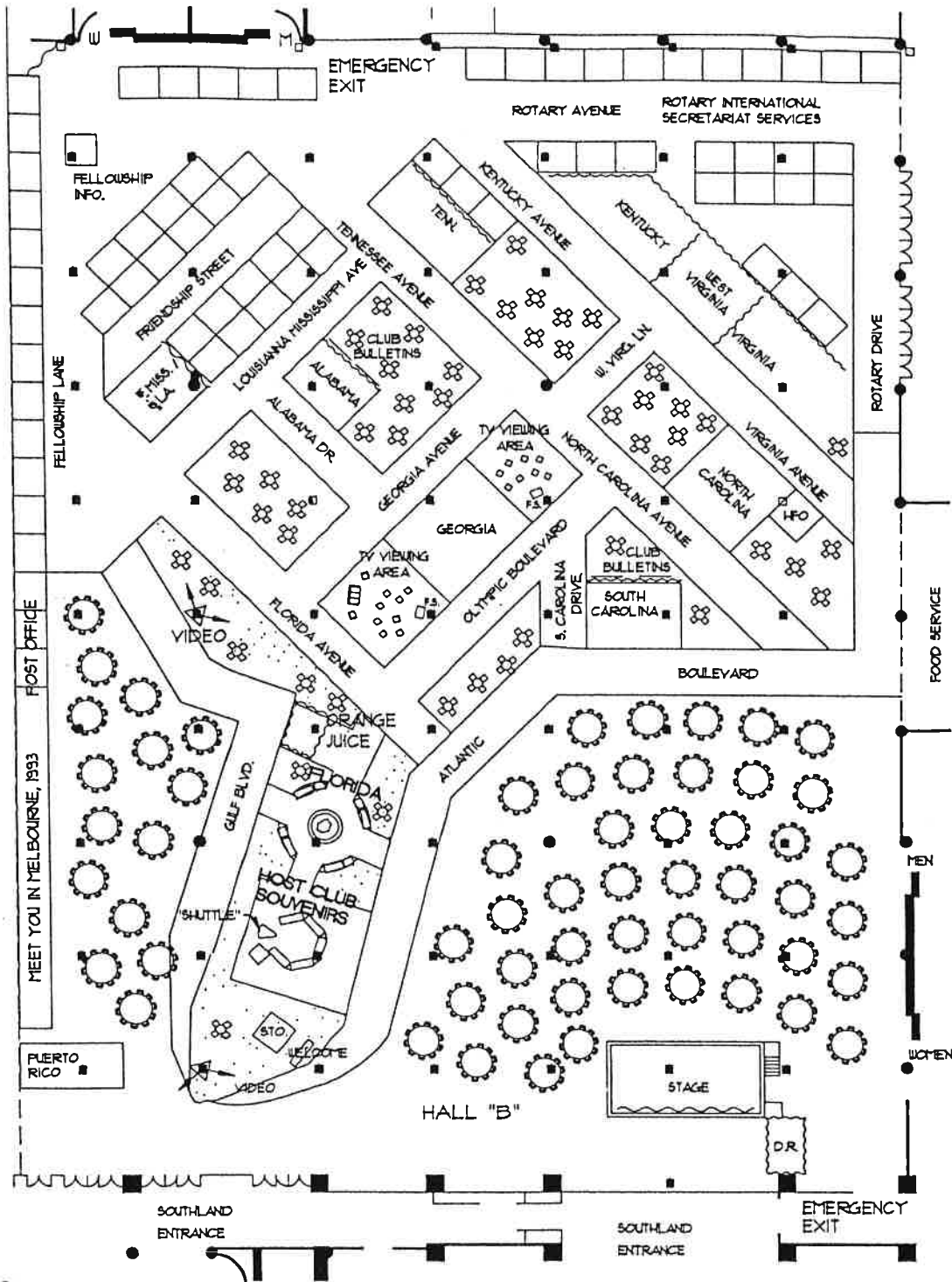
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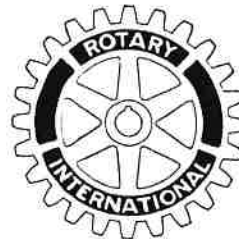
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HONOR ROLL OF ORLANDO ROTARIANS

PERFECT ATTENDERS for FIVE OR MORE YEARS

BOB SHUGART.....	50	GENE MINIETTA.....	23
JACK HOTTEL.....	49	PAUL KNEPPER.....	22
JOHN McKEY.....	44	JULIE BLOOM.....	21
ED HAMMOCK.....	43	RUFUS BROOKS.....	21
DON HAWLEY.....	42	JACK HEARN.....	20
HENRY SWANSON.....	37	CHARLIE CLARK.....	20
JESS HOLBROOK.....	34	CHARLIE WINCEY.....	20
JOE STINE.....	34	BEN ZIMMERMAN.....	20
NEIL FRANKLIN.....	34	JOE McNAMARA.....	19
BYRON THAMES.....	34	GRANT CLARKE.....	17
PENN GAINES.....	30	KEN REGAL.....	17
RICHARD LEE.....	29	ED BARANOWSKI.....	10
CECIL BOTHWELL.....	27	TED POPE.....	9
ED STEWART.....	26	RICHARD OWENS.....	8
DAVID LYNN.....	26	MARY ANN DEAN.....	7
RUSSELL HUGHES.....	26	GEORGE HUFFMAN.....	7
BRUCE McEWAN.....	25	TOM TART.....	7
BOB NEEL.....	23	JIM STOWERS.....	6
		GEORGE YOUNG.....	6

CENTURIANS

Centurians are Club members whose age plus years of perfect attendance exceed 100 years. The following Orlando Rotarians are Centurians.

CECIL BOTHWELL
NEIL FRANKLIN
JOE GUERNSEY
ED HAMMOCK
WAYNE HARPER

DON HAWLEY
JESS HOLBROOK
JACK HOTTEL
PAUL JOHNSON
KAROLD KELLEY
MILLS LORD

JOHN McKEY
CHUCK PAYMENT
BILL ROY
BOB SHUGART
HENRY SWANSON

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 AWARDED THROUGH THE ROTARY CLUB OF ORLANDO

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EDWARD BARANOWSKI SR	MABEL JOHNSON	WALTER PHARR
EDWARD BARANOWSKI JR	MARY JOHNSON	HOWARD PHILLIPS
MARLOWE BARANOWSKI	PAUL JOHNSON	ROGER E. PHILLIPS
CARL BAUCHLE	SCOTT JOHNSON	THOMAS H. PINEL JR.
CLINTON B. BEATY	LEE JONES	THOMAS PINEL SR.
STEVEN BECHTEL	HAROLD KELLEY	T.C. POPE JR.
ROBERT H. BETTS	SALLY KEST	ORMUND POWERS
MARGARET BLACKFORD	JOE KITTINGER	EDWARD QUINN
ROBERT BLACKFORD	PAUL KNEPPER	JANE QUINN
JOHN D. BLEDSOE	AUDREY KNIPE	KENNETH REGAL
RUFUS BROOKS	PATRICK KNIPE	V. MALLORY ROBERTS
SHERI BROWN	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	JOHN W. ROURK JR.
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EDWARD CARR	RICHARD LEE	DONALD RYBOLT
DONALD A. CHENEY	HARRY P. LEU	NORRIS SAPP
GRANT CLARKE	BILLIE M. LORD	ALFRED SHEPPARD
MYRT CLARKE	MILLS M. LORD JR.	W. CHARLES SHUFFIELD
WILLIAM COSPER	BRITT LOVETT	ROBERT SHUGART
DAVID CROWSON	DONALD LYKKEBAK	MICHAEL SPRAGGINS
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MARY ANN DEAN	ROBERT MACLEISH	EDGAR STEWART
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1919-20 Truman L. McGill-----Selma, Ala.
1920-21 Wilbur R. C. Smith-----Atlanta, Ga.
1921-22 John Turner-----Tampa, Fla.

RI District 39

1922-23 Porter Pierpont-----Savannah, Ga.
1923-24 S. Kendrick Guernsey-----Orlando, Fla.
1924-25 William C. Lanier-----West Point, Ga.
1925-26 John B. Orr-----Miami, Fla.
1926-27 John Sheffield-----Americus, Ga.
1927-28 Robertson T. Arnold-----Jacksonville, Fla.
1928-29 Harry H. Root-----Tampa, Fla.
1929-30 Howard W. Selby-----West Palm Beach, Fla.
1930-31 F. Irving Holmes-----Ft. Myers, Fla.
1931-32 Joseph S. Dyer-----Jacksonville, Fla.
1932-33 James Donn-----Miami, Fla.
1933-34 Edward R. Bentley-----Lakeland, Fla.
1934-35 Earl G. Thatcher-----Vero Beach, Fla.
1935-36 Alfred P. Marshall-----Clearwater, Fla.
1936-37 Millard Davidson-----Marianna, Fla.

RI District 167

1937-38 Roland S. Horton-----Lake Worth, Fla.
1938-39 Garland Powell-----Gainesville, Fla.
1939-40 James Franklin-----Ft. Myers, Fla.
1940-41 J. Chalmers Buchanan-----Jacksonville, Fla.
1941-42 Fairfax T. Haskins-----Sebring, Fla.
1942-43 G. T. Melton-----Lake City, Fla.
1943-44 Harry M. Smith-----Winter Garden, Fla.
1944-45 Walter J. Matherly-----Gainesville, Fla.
1945-46 Fred M. Bultman-----Jacksonville, Fla.
1946-47 Albert J. Geiger-----St. Petersburg, Fla.

RI District 167-C

1947-48 Paul J. Stine-----Orlando, Fla.
1948-49 Morris E. White-----Tampa, Fla.
1949-50 Walter C. Kennedy-----Sarasota, Fla.
1950-51 Frank M. Rhodes-----St. Petersburg, Fla.
1951-52 V. Mallory Roberts-----Winter Haven, Fla.
1952-53 Kenneth E. Wacker-----Winter Park, Fla.
1953-54 Malcom Duggan-----Bradenton, Fla.
1954-55 Chesley F. Perry-----Ft. Myers, Fla.
1955-56 Arthur S. Kitchen-----Clearwater, Fla.
1956-57 Frank A. McDonald-----Tampa, Fla.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (Cont'd)

RI District 696

1957-58 James B. Keith-----Orlando, Fla.
 1958-59 Richard C. Cumming-----Ocala, Fla.
 1959-60 Everett Summer-----St. Petersburg, Fla.
 1960-61 Stephen H. Grimes-----Bartow, Fla.
 1961-62 Robert S. Baynard-----Venice, Fla.
 1962-63 J. Frank Davies-----Tampa, Fla.
 1963-64 Lester E. Ginkel-----Winter Park, Fla.
 1964-65 Chauncey W. McIntyre-----St. Petersburg, Fla.
 1965-66 James A. Franklin, Jr.-----Ft. Myers, Fla.
 1966-67 John B. Neuner-----Plant City, Fla.
 1967-68 Edward St. Phillip-----Sarasota, Fla.
 1968-69 Leslie B. Anderson, Jr.-----Winter Haven, Fla.
 1969-70 A. V. (Swede) Benson-----St. Petersburg, Fla.

RI District 695

1970-71 Mark Hollis-----Lakeland, Fla.
 1971-72 Robert G. Neel-----Orlando, Fla.
 1972-73 Thomas S. McDonald-----Sanford, Fla.
 1973-74 Richard K. Knost-----Tavares, Fla.
 1974-75 Bill Stewart, Jr.-----Bartow, Fla.
 1975-76 James A. Driver-----Winter Park, Fla.
 1976-77 Frank Crowder-----Sebring, Fla.
 1977-78 C. Barth Engert-----Orange County East, Fla.
 1978-79 G. Robert Fox-----Seminole South, Fla.
 1979-80 Walter G. (Bucky) Allen-----Orlando, Fla.
 1980-81 Colin D. Burgess-----Maitland, Fla.

RI District 698

1981-82 Carlton E. Colley-----Orange County East, Fla.
 1982-83 Anthony J. Russi-----Sanford, Fla.
 1983-84 Chester H. Haynes-----Leesburg Sunrise, Fla.
 1984-85 Richard W. Squires, Sr.-----Port St. Lucie, Fla.
 1985-86 Ulay J. Thompson-----Windermere, Fla.
 1986-87 Roger A. Pierce-----Winter Park, Fla.
 1987-88 Jack Henderson-----Orange County East, Fla.
 1988-89 Philip Gaarder-----Indialantic, Fla.
 1989-90 Eugene D. Minietta-----Orlando, Fla.

RI District 6890

1990-91 John Y. Mercer-----Sanford, Fla.
 1991-92 John F. Bergner, Jr.-----Orange County East, Fla.
 1992-93 William H. Coleman-----West Orlando, Fla.
 1993-94 William S. Earle, Jr.-----Winter Park Breakfast, Fla.
 1994-95 Albert S. (Bert) Johnson-----Windermere, Fla.

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 Evelyn Thur filled the position for one year, 1984-85.
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