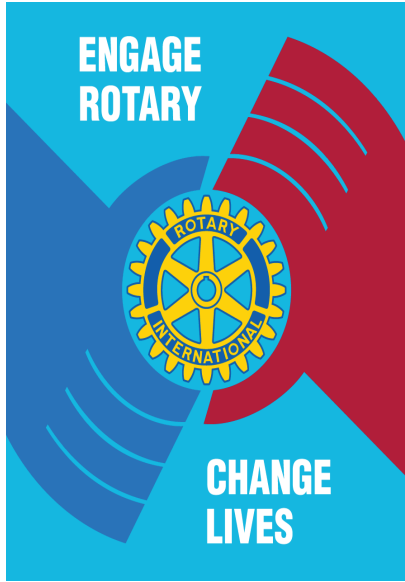


# CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

*The Rotary Club of Newton New Jersey*



Chartered May 15, 1923

EVERY  
■ ROTARIAN  
■ EVERY  
■ YEAR

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## HISTORY



We have included reproductions of the original program for the 1923 CHARTER NIGHT of our Club. As you can see, it was a grand meal and event.

We are pleased to have several mementos, of that day, in our collection. We have the original program, the original gavel and a reproduction of the original charter.

This local service club has been contributing to the community for a long time. The club, currently, has over 100 members, and meets weekly at the Lafayette House.

Originally, the club had 18 charter members. They were drawn from a wide circle of industries. These early categories included: silk merchant, shoe manufacturing, lawyer and hotel owner.

New clubs must be sponsored by an existing club. Bill Chapman (in the early 1920's) worked for Standard Oil and was a member of the Denville Rotary Club. Since business brought him to the area, he met many local business people. On several of these trips, he mentioned the formation of a Newton club.

When the club was established, they met in the main dining room, and later in the Log Cabin Room of the largest hotel in Newton, the Cochran House. The hotel/restaurant was owned by Charles Hendershot, one of the charter members. It was not coincidental, then, that the club continued to meet there for 33 years.

Lunch, in those early days was \$ .50

In 1957, the club moved to The Newtonian Inn on Route 206, North of Newton. This restaurant is now the Hampton Diner. Luncheons were held there for 34 years until the club moved to the Lafayette House, in 1991.

The Club went on to sponsor several other clubs, in the area. These clubs, in turn, sponsored other local clubs. Currently, there are six clubs in the county. Newton Rotary is proud of the fact that it was the seed for many of them.

Over the years, there have been many memorable events and local people connected and associated with the Club.

- Newman Drake purchased and donated land in 1928 that eventually became Memory Park. He was the founder of the Drake Baking Co. You may now know them as DRAKES CAKES.
- Harry Jones made substantial gifts for the establishment of the Newton Municipal Pool.
- George Condit donated the land for Newton Medical Center.

## NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The club as a whole also has supported or sponsored a large number of events or projects including:

- Sponsored a performance of the US Navy band in 1978
- Sponsored the Woody Herman Band in 1985
- Sponsored the US Marine Band in 1979 and 1983
- Established a Boy Scout troop, as its first community project in 1923
- Donated a tractor to Ecuador in 1962
- Donated a used fire truck to The Bahamas in 1965
- Donated a rest room to Ft Dix in 1943
- Published the book "Sussex County – A History"
- Donated school buses to Chiapas, Mexico

### EARLY TRADITIONS

Those first meetings (in 1923) were very cordial. They began by singing AMERICA and often followed with "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". They also had a special refrain for any late comers:

*"Old Doc ( or whomever) is here, that old soul, He used to be on time, But now he 's come in late, He'll have to pay a dime"*

In the early days, speakers and programs were difficult to obtain. So the Club developed and planned it's meetings around the several businesses and classifications of its members. A Club member would be responsible for the meeting each week. This intimacy caused a special relationship to exist within the membership and a special influence within the community.

The closest clubs, then, were in Dover; Paterson; Middletown, NY; and Easton, Pa. and our original Rotary District was #36 which encompassed the entire State of NJ.

The Club has been very instrumental in the establishment and success of The Newton Medical Center. Early members provided the land as well as the initial capital for its establishment.

Subsequent other contributions have also been significant. The club's annual golf outing has been dedicated to the hospital to improve community healthcare. At times larger sums were committed, over several years, toward projects such as the nurse's lounge and emergency room upgrades.

Various types of equipment were also donated over the years. Among them was a 1937 La Salle ambulance that was used until 1951. In fact, this vehicle was later used in several scenes of the **GODFATHER**.

You may remember the scene , when Don Corleone was transported to the hospital. That ambulance was our 1937 LaSalle.



Club contributions since 2000, alone, have totaled more than \$200,000.

In an effort to have an even more lasting, positive impact, Newton Rotary and the Hospital Foundation agreed in the early 1990's that future donations would be restricted until Rotary approved any proposed expenditures. These funds have grown over the years.

The goal is to create a permanent fund and lasting legacy that will continue to benefit Newton Medical Center far into the future. Recently, an additional pledge of \$100,000 was announced.

**Other significant local contributions**, since 2000, include over \$75,000 for scholarships to local students. In fact, all community donations, since 2000, have exceeded \$500,000. Total contributions since 1923 are estimated to be at least \$1,000,000

### RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1940'S

In preparation for an earlier anniversary celebration (1973), several members were asked to review some of the earlier decades. One of the members, listed his recollections of the 40's as follows:

“On Rotary Ann nights the boys sat on one side and the girls on the other side. ...18 new members were inducted during this period, ... Singing was a top priority “infamous quartet.” This quartet was in demand at our meetings and at other clubs, in the area.

Special projects included furnishing a bath room at Ft Dix and then passing the milk bottle to collect quarters, for cigarettes, for the boys at Ft Dix.

There was a dinner in 1948 to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.. and again in 1953, for some strange reason”, he notes.

.. and then there was the incident of great embarrassment . This occurred, when at a district conference, the head table had to request that the Newton Club members return the potted palm to the main lobby.”



## EARLY PROMINENT MEMBERS

### HARRY JONES President 1952-53

He originally joined Rotary, in the Brooklyn club, in 1918. He was then President of the Grand Union Tea Co. This is the precursor of the Grand Union Supermarket chain. The firm was originally established, in 1872, in Scranton.

In 1912, The Grand Union Tea Co. had 200 stores across the country. By 1928 they acquired several other chains and reincorporated under the Grand Union Tea Co. name. They had 708 stores by 1931. You may remember that all stores were sold and the chain was dissolved in 2001.

He joined our Club in 1940 and held several positions.

He became an extraordinary supporter of the community and Rotary. He and his wife were also very enthusiastic supporters of the Rotary Foundation and were cited, nationally, as major supporters. In fact, as of 1965 he was listed as a “Super Donor.” We are able to document three large gifts totaling \$20,000, but there may be more.

He resided in Middleville where he had a custom organ installed in his house. This was later donated to the Christ Episcopal Church, Newton, in 1959.

Among other gifts to the community was \$40,000 towards construction of the Newton Municipal pool, dedicated in 1960.

### DR. DORSET SPURGEON President 1950-51

This was excerpted from his speech at the celebration of his 50 years in Rotary in 1983.

He attended the University of Missouri and then Harvard Medical School where he received his M.D. in 1929. He then trained in Boston hospitals for three years.

He came to Newton, in 1932 as an associate with Dr Blasé Cole and joined Newton Rotary at that time.

This was the height of the depression. People worked for 25 cents an hour and medical fees were \$1.50/visit; \$2.00 for house calls (in town) and \$3-\$5.00 out of town. Major surgeries were \$100-\$150 and OB deliveries were \$35.00.

He arrived four months after the hospital was opened and only planned to stay a few years.

# THE TRADITIONS CONTINUE

In 1933 Newton Rotary was 10 years old and had less than 40 members. Lunch at the Cochran House was 50 cents. The hotel was very popular and usually served several hundred dinners on Sundays and holidays. A fellow Rotarian, Charles Hendershot, owned it after purchasing it from Bob Snook.

During this early period, the Club was well known for having a singing quartet. In fact, they were in demand at other clubs, as well as this one.

His proudest recollection, however, was when his twins arrived in 1939. The Club celebrated the event by having every twin, from the Newton schools as guests of the Club.

This guy had to be very special.

## CLAUDE MAZUY President 1936-37

Claude Mazuy was one of the original charter members. He owned Mazuy Mills which manufactured mainly fabric for corsets. In fact his original classification was "Stretch Cloth Manufacturing."

He built his Newton plant at Clinton & Mill Street. Construction began in 1919 and cost \$59,000. After several additions, the firm employed 370 people by 1940. It was merged in 1941 to form a new company now know as Darlington Fabrics, of Rhode Island.

Claude also was one of the founders of Selective Insurance.

## RICHARDSON BUIST President 1967-68

He joined in 1958 making him a member of this club for 55 years.

His business background includes: NJ Herald- Business Mgr & Publisher and Midlantic Bank – Trust Officer

He was also President of Morford Conservation Co. – starting in 1987

Some of his community service activities include: Treasurer of the Sussex County Horse Show; Director of the NJ Preservation Association; Director of American Cancer Society – Sussex County.

## Current Members With

### *30 + Years of Service*

Tom	Brodhecker	John	Frank
Larry	Condit	Mike	Gaus
Tom	Digby	Eli	Gaynor
Frank	Eberhart	Sandy	Hollander
Jack	Hontz	Chris	Lynch
William	Houghton	Wayne	McCabe
John	Iliff	George	Morville
George	Kaiser	Fred	Seplow
Stanley	Koza	Sherman	Tomasino
Carl	Lazzaro	Bob	Walker
Sylvester	Fletcher	Alden	Welch

### *50 + Years of Service*

Dewitt	Budd	Paul	Cummins
Richardson	Buist	Bill	Gray
Clark	Hendershot	Ray	Hecht

## Major Donations 2000-2012

- \$205,596 Newton Medical Center
- \$ 75,500 Scholarships
- \$ 38,421 Gift of Life
- \$ 21,390 Newton Rotary Endowment
- \$ 11,196 Rotary Foundation
- \$ 10,939 World Affairs Seminar
- \$363,042



In addition to the above, the club has made other contributions, in this period, of \$126,324 to the community. Total contributions since 1923 are estimated at over \$1,000,000.

Our members, on their own, also made many significant local contributions. They include the land that the hospital is on, Memory Park and the town swimming pool. In addition, members have also made major contributions to the International Rotary Foundation.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - A Brief History

Rotary was formed in 1905 by attorney Paul Harris in Chicago. He wanted to preserve the friendly spirit he felt growing up in the small towns of his youth.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. The Rotary motto is **Service Above Self**.

The name ROTARY was derived because of the early practice of rotating the meetings among member's offices.

Rotary spread rapidly. Within a decade clubs were established in San Francisco, New York and Winnipeg... and other locations.

2,000 Clubs existed throughout the world by 1925 with 108,000 members.

During WW II many clubs were forced to disband while others stepped up their efforts to provide aid to victims.

In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of **UNESCO**.

In 1945, 49 Rotary club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings.

Today there are over 1.2 million members, in 32,000 clubs, in 200 countries.



## CHARTER MEMBERS

Herbert Bentley	Silk Printer
Dr. Blasé Cole	Physician
William Dolan	Counselor-at-law
George Dutcher	Shoe Manufacturer
Nathan Hart	Coal Dealer
John Hendershot	Druggist
Charles Hendershot	Hotel Proprietor
Claude DePew	Grocer, Retail
Charles Iliff	Building Materials
Claude Mazuy	Corset Cloth Manufacturer
Thomas Murray	Jeweler
George McCloughan	Dentist
William Nicholls	Stationery, Retail
A Roland Vasbinder	Lumber Manufacturer
Sanford Wilson	Banking
William Wilson	Farmer

### OFFICERS OF THE NEWTON ROTARY CLUB

1923		2013	2014
Herbert Bentley	President	Carl Luthman	Steve McNally
George McCloughan	Vice-President	Steve McNally	Matt Hannum
Charles Hendershot	Secretary	John Frank	Pam Lazzaro
William Nicholls	Treasurer	Larry Condit	Helen Wescott

## Past Presidents - NEWTON ROTARY

1923-24/ Herbert Bentley	1956-57/ Bryon Ober	1989-90/ John Yonkers
1923-25/ Dr. George McCloughan	1957-58/ H Leavitt Griggs	1990-91/ Robert Holenstein
1925-26/ William Nicolls	1958-59/ L Rodney Boaz	1991-92/ Carl Lazzaro
1926-27/ Louis Dairymples	1959-60/ Dr. Martin Snook	1992-93/ Stanley Koza
1927-28/ William Dolan	1960-61/ Christian Fisher Jr	1993-94/ Richardson Clark
1928-29/ Harvey Snook	1961-62/ George Condit Jr	1994-95/ Robert Walker
1929-30/ Lewis Dolan, Sr	1962-63/ J David Weindenhafer	1995-96/ Frank Eberart
1930-31/ Charles Iliff	1963-64/ Dr. Harry Titus	1996-97/ Sherman Tomasino
1931-32/ Dr. Blasé Cole	<b>1964-65/ Warren Welsh P.D.G.</b>	1997-98/ Michael Gaus
1932-33/ F. Ernest Wallace	1965-66/ Dr. William Gray	1998-99/ Laura Camp
1933-34/ Dr. Whitfield Gray	1966-67/ Jacob Blakeslee	1999-00/ Thomas Brochecker
1934-35/ Rev. Edwin Ford	1967-68/ Richardson Buist	2000-01/ John Hannum
1935-36/ Andrew Luse	1968-69/ Rhea Fountain Jr	2001-02/ Michael Murphy
1936-37/ Claude Mazuy	1969-70/ DeWitt Budd	2002-03/ Robert Tessier
1937-38/ Francis Morrow	<b>1970-71/ Willaim Hall P.D.G.</b>	2003-04/ Dr. James Porter
1938-39/ Frank Boss	1971-72/ Clark Hendershot	2004-05/ Nancy Morrisey
1939-40/ Ralph Hutchinson	1972-73/ Thomas Taylor	2005-06/ Garrett LaFranco
1940-41/ Rev. George Hewlitt	1973-74/ Herman Kleindienst	2006-07/ Steve Westcott
1941-42/ Frank Dunker	1974-75/ George Morville Sr	2007-08/ Denise Current
1942-43/ Frank VanSant	1975-76/ Rayond Kemether	2008-09/ Don Costlow
1943-44/ Floyd Smith	1976-77/ Lewis Dolan Jr	2009-10/ David Mortimer
1944-45/ Dr. John Gray	1977-78/ Robert Fisher	2010-11/ Janice Pasculli
<b>1945-46/ Ott Klein, P.D.G.</b>	1978-79/ William Cox	2011-12/ Cory Stoner
1946-47/ Walter Seals	1979-80/ William Houghton, III	2012-13/ Bud Luthman
1947-48/ J Russell Roof	1980-81/ Jack Hontz	2013-14/ Steve McNally
1948-49/ J Henry Countryman	1981-82/ Dr. Thomas Digby	
1949-50/ Edgar Douglass	1982-83/ Fred Loede	
1950-51/ Dr. Dorset Spurgeon	<b>1983-84/ George Kaiser P.D.G.</b>	
1951-52/ Harvey Wood Jr	1984-85/ Fred Mara	
1952-53/ Harry Jones	1985-86/ George Morville Jr	
1953-54/ Dr. Jesse McCall	1986-87/ Harold Carstens	
1954-55/ Charles Millburn	1987-88/ John Cowling	
1955-56/ Ames Dixon	1988-89/ Wayne McCabe	

*P.D.G. = Past District Governor*

## CURRENT MEMBERS TO COME

David Adamsbaum  
Richard Bourque  
Dean Boyd  
Thomas Brodhecker  
Dewitt Budd  
Richardson Buist  
Laura Camp  
Norma Cappola  
Tammy Case  
Sergio Chavarria  
Kyung-Bay Coe  
Soon Coe  
Larry Condit  
Donald Costlow  
Paul Cummins  
John Cuzzo  
Denise Current  
Patricia Day  
Duke Degroat  
Claudia Demmler  
Thomas Digby  
Tim Dinan  
Frank Dindl  
Frank Eberhart  
Nancy Fitzgibbons

Dorothy Fletcher  
Lucian Fletcher  
Sylvester Fletcher  
John Frank  
Michael Gaus  
Eli Gaynor  
Kurt Geweke  
Joy Giuliano  
Natalie Goodnig  
William Gray  
Charles Grotyohann  
Michael Hanifan  
Matthew Hannum  
Richard Hayzler  
Raymond Hecht  
S. Hendershot  
ET Holland  
Sanford Hollander  
Richard Hollyer  
Jack Hontz  
Mark Hontz  
Todd Hooker  
William Houghton  
John Iliff  
Theresa Iliff  
George Kaiser  
Barry Karetnick  
William Kehoe  
Stanley Koza  
Carl Lazzaro  
Pamela Lazzaro

Dan Leary  
Carl Luthman  
Christopher Lynch  
Jennifer Lynch  
Thomas Lynch  
Harold Macmurren  
Beth Malkin  
Kathryn Mantell  
Wayne Mc Cabe  
Linda McConville  
Robert McCracken  
Stephen McNally  
Brian McNeilly  
Ron Midili  
Barbara Miler  
Robert Morgenstern  
Nancy Morrisey  
George Morville  
Michael Murphy  
Jerry Nechamkin  
Carolyn Ottenbreit  
Janice Pasculli  
Gail Phoebus  
James Porter  
Robert Poust  
Ryan Poust  
Stanley Puszczyk  
Robert Rhine  
John Roberts



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## CURRENT MEMBERS CONTINUED

Megan Sandow  
Jack Schweberger  
Frederic Seplow  
Robert Shankman  
Cory Stoner  
Michael Strada  
Vita Thompson  
Sherman Tomasino  
Tony Torre  
Alice Vigiletti  
Robert Walker  
Frederic Weber  
Heidi Weber  
H. Welch  
Helen Wescott  
Stephen Wescott  
Doug White  
J. David Woods  
Barbara Wortmann  
Terence Wynne

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The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

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### **Sustaining Member**

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You may become a Benefactor by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a custom certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.



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*“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons, united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”*

All Rotarians know and practice this test:

## **The Four – Way Test**

**Of the things we think, say or do**

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

