

Burlingame Rotary

# 75th Anniversary

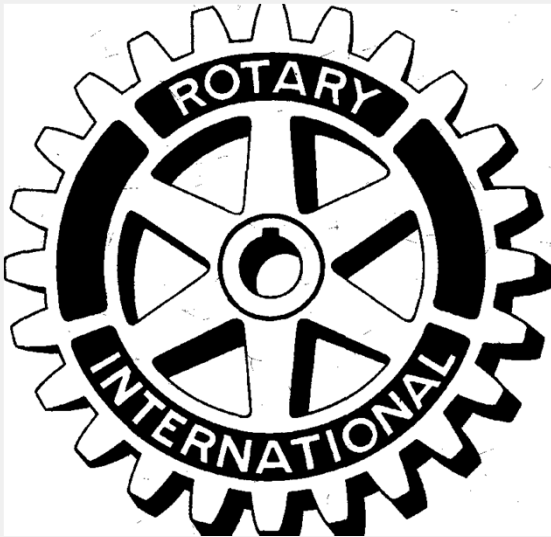
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The Rotary Club of Burlingame received its charter from Rotary International on January 2, 1925. In the world of Rotary, it is Club Number 1872. Its first meeting was held that month.

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## **The First 50 Years**

The Club celebrated its golden anniversary at a dinner on May 2, 1975. At that time, the Club published a memorial booklet of the history of the first 50 years of the Club. Excerpts have been taken from that publication.

In summary, the Club's history is typical of the growth of Rotary in this country and around the world. Initial interest in establishing the Club came from a member of Rotary Club Number 2 (San Francisco) who resided in San Mateo Park, and sponsorship was provided by the fledgling San Mateo Club. The location of meetings during the early years was constantly shifting. But dedication to Club growth and to good works in the community was constant.

The Club provided leadership to its Rotary District for the first time in 1947, when Burlingame's Frank Allen became District Governor. Subsequent Governors from the Club during this period were Otis Callaway (1952) and Monroe Brown (1957).

Early on, the club established itself as a place of good humor, interesting programs, and traditional events. Those traits have continued into the next quarter century.

The following are highlights from the club's first decades

'25 The "grandfather" of Rotary in Burlingame was San Francisco emissary Oscar Boldeman, Sr., a resident of San Mateo Park and veteran of Rotary Club Number 2. Together with Charlie Melrose, also a San Matean and member of the San Francisco Club, he initiated a survey of Burlingame and San Mateo in 1924, leading almost immediately to the formation of San Mateo Rotary. But it was Boldeman's reluctant conclusion in 1924 that "Burlingame is too small to start a Rotary Club. Small towns start clubs and they fold up. Rotary International does not want a string of defunct clubs on its list." Burlingame lacked sufficient classifications to qualify.

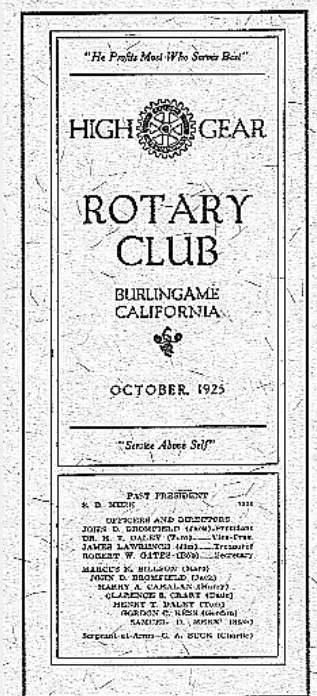
But the blunt conclusion didn't satisfy Sam Merk, founder of the Burlingame Advance Star and neighbor of Boldeman and Melrose. As a result, late in the summer of 1924 Sam, with Boldeman in tow, conducted a personally guided tour of Burlingame Avenue. Tradition says that Merk brought with him a 'somewhat padded' classification list. No matter. By the end of the tour Oscar was convinced -- and thus Sam Merk became the "father" of the Rotary Club of Burlingame.

Under the direction of "granddaddy" Boldeman, Merk organized a committee, composed of himself, Dentist Tom Daley, Jack Bromfield of Levy Bros., and two "money men" —Gordon Hess, President of the Burlingame Realty and Finance Corporation, and Dade Crary, President of the Bank of Burlingame. Four of the five were future Presidents of Burlingame Rotary. They met with Oscar and Charlie at the home of the former early in November, 1924. Following instructions, they selected and interviewed fifteen other Burlingame business and professional men. Then, on December 3, 1924, the first organizational meeting was held in Orchard's Candy Store, where, after a prayer by Rev. Bill Brewer, "America" was sung for the first time by Burlingame Rotary.

The fledgling San Mateo Club agreed to sponsor Burlingame and with Jake McCurdy, first president of the San Mateo Club, in the chair the twenty members and their wives received their charter as the eighteen hundred seventy-second chapter of Rotary. The date was January 29, 1925; the place, the San Mateo Elks Club.

The first meeting of the Burlingame Club was held on February 11, 1925, again in Orchard's Candy Store, and the members heard Horace Amphlett, charter member of the San Mateo Club, speak on Abe Lincoln. Following Amphlett's talk, Rev. Bill Brewer read the Gettysburg Address. It soon became common for the club to hear more than one speaker in the course of a single meeting, and it was often the practice for a single speaker to tackle several widely disparate topics in a single sitting. On April 20, 1927 the High Gear reported that "the speaker, Kenneth Milligan, gave interesting talks on Leprosy, Postage Stamps, and Comic Opera."

The audience must have been well accustomed to the oratorical styles of Amphlett and Brewer, the latter not only because of his weekly appearances at the pulpit. Brewer, a former mayor of Hillsborough, had been a member of the original unification committee summoned to the City by San Francisco Mayor "Sunny Jim" Rolph. Ten years earlier, he had raised questions about the advisability of merging San Mateo and San Francisco Counties. Amphlett, a member of the San Mateo



1925 - High Gear

## *1947 Burlingame Rotary embarked on a fly over the Bay Area*



"The Star Spangled Banner" — although it was to experience periods of eclipse in which "America" was preferred. Ellis Arkush established another precedent: he was not able to attend the inaugural meeting and thus became the first recorded absentee.

On February 18 another milestone was reached with the decision to appropriate funds for the first recorded contribution — twenty five dollars "for wearing apparel for use in the Clinic, Community Hospital." Among those appointed to the committee to disburse the charitable monies was Otis Callaway. Thus began a Rotary career which was to include fifteen years as indefatigable Club Secretary, the Presidency of the Club in 1949-50, and a tour of duty as District Governor in 1952-53. At the next meeting, February 25, the Club moved to Mrs. Rogers' Sign of the Rose Tea Room and listened to a discussion of the perennial San Francisco annexation issue, this time presided over by Rotary member Bill Lawrence of the Spring Valley Water Company.

The Club began early to rely heavily on speakers from its own ranks, hearing in the first few months from Joe Grimes, Ellis Arkush ("The Motion Picture Industry"), Otis Callaway on Medicine, President Sam on Vocational Education, and Art Goods Dealer Ralph Crawford on Etchings. Charlie Melrose, who had helped start the club, came down from San Francisco to speak in June, and, a week later, Jake McCurdy, President of the sponsoring San Mateo Club, had something to say on Rotary principles.

Then, after only three months as chief executive, President Sam resigned in April 1925. The press of business, which included extensive property management as well as presidency of the Burlingame Publishing Company, forced him to step down in favor of Jack Bromfield, who assumed the office of President on April 8, 1925. This was not, however, the end of Sam's contributions to the Club. Indeed, it wasn't even the beginning. In October he published the first newsletter, christening it "High Gear," and dressing it in an attractive printed format.

There was no debunking of the Bromfield regime. Quite the contrary. Incoming officers, including President Tom Daley, were good-naturedly razed, and oaths were administered in which officers "swore to commit sundry crimes in the line of duty." (High Gear, May 1926). Considerable creativity and no little energy were visible in several of those early Burlingame meetings. Consider the agenda for May 16, 1926, when a radio was installed in the Tea Room, and at 12:05 the announcer over KGO introduced a special program for the Burlingame Rotary Club. Everyone rose as the radio orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner," and before they could seat themselves again Police Chief Jack Harper stormed in, arresting the whole club, allegedly for parking violations. As Hale Warn later recalled the

the late 'teens and early 'twenties. Several traditions were started on February 11, including the singing of

## 1925 Burlingame Rotary (twenty charter members)

Lee Adam.....Superintendent, Elementary  
School President, 1928-29

Kenneth R. Allan.....Vice President  
Burlingame Dry Goods Co.

Ellis Arkush.....President  
Peninsula Theater Corporation

Marc Billson.....Manager  
Chevrolet Motor Sales Co.

Jack Bromfield.....Partner  
President 1925-26, Levy Bros. Department Store

Rev. Bill Brewer.....Rector  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Charlie Buck.....Moving and Storage

Harry Cahalan.....Lumber and Building Supplies  
Secretary, 1924-25 & President, 1927-28

Otis Callaway, M.....Physician  
Secretary, 1935-49, 50-51 & President, 1949-50,  
District Governor, 1952-53

Dade Crary.....President  
Bank of Burlingame

Ralph Crawford.....Art Goods

Tom Daley.....Dentist  
President, 1926-27

Jerry Draper.....Proprietor  
J.C. Draper Appliances

Joe Grimes.....Plumbing

Fred Head.....Head's Shoe Store

Gordon Hess.....President, 1929-30  
Burlingame Realty and Finance

Jim Lawrence.....Capital Investments

Bill Lawrence.....Superintendent  
Spring Valley Water Co.

Sam Merk.....Publisher  
President, 1925-26  
Burlingame Advance Star

Hale Warn.....Proprietor  
Secretary, 1926-28  
Hale's Stationery

club, where a picnic lunch was served under the trees." Who needed the slapstick fare at the Garden Theater when this kind of product was being grown at home?

Described in a 1948 High Gear as "a luminous apostle of Izaak Walton," Sam must have found it difficult to break away on his well-known fishing expeditions. In addition to the above, he spent six years on the State Board of Education, and was founder and president of the Crippled Children's Society of San Mateo, and indefatigably promoted Burlingame until the end of his long life.

Joint meetings became the hallmark of President Jack's term, including a series of affairs linking San Mateo Rotary, Kiwanis, the Exchange Club, and the American Legion throughout the remainder of 1925. On August 25 the first evening Barbecue was held — jointly with San Mateo — at Sawyer's Camp on the Spring Valley grounds, and another hardy, if irregular, tradition was inaugurated by San Mateo Rotarian Dr. "Chid" Chicleston when he sponsored a Duck Dinner in Redwood City.

The first Ladies' Night, a dinner at Burlingame High School followed by a theater party at Ellis Arkush's Garden Theater, was held on January 20, 1926. Later, shindigs were held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel ("Dancing during dinner or may play cards"), the Union league Golf and Country Club (1931), the Elks' Club, and practically everywhere else with a big enough dance floor — finally settling, appropriately enough, into its traditional mid-February niche.

Boys' day, for several years an annual affair, began on February 10. A feature of this ancestor to the long-running Father-Daughter Luncheon was that the boys themselves provided the entertainment, trooping though the early decades in a procession of novice magicians, ventriloquists and eagle Scouts.

"Making up" in Burlingame must have been an exciting challenge, particularly for the uninitiated. The Burlingame Club was nomadic, meeting for a few weeks at Orchard's and trooping off to Mrs. Rogers' improbably named Tea Room. Throughout 1925 they roamed from one meeting place to another, settling briefly at the Portola Hotel, the Legion Tea Room, Russell's Bake Shop and even — for joint meetings with San Mateo — the Burlingame High School Cafeteria. On April 14, 1926 they were back at Mrs. Rogers' — just long enough to present outgoing President Jack Bromfield with a watch and chain, and to give Sam Merk an engraved ivory gavel.

**35** At the beginning of this unruly Depression year President Frank Allen held the reins of the Club. In 1927, Presidential terms of office had been tied to the standard fikal year, and President Frank, a future District Governor, was in control until the end of June. Bad times were on everyone's mind, so it is understandable that the new High Gear editor, "Judge" Faulkner, the high school principal, had the grim possibility of breakdown on his mind. His rhetoric was borrowed from the title of the bulletin: "Ye new editor hopes to keep the old Rotary bus in High Gear all the way and never have to change to low or reverse. With President Frank at the steering wheel, paying no attention to back seat drivers, and the oil of good fellowship in the crankcase, the tank filled with the gasoline of good fun...the unbreakable frame of service...



supported by the wheels of Rotary, cannot help but be a smooth running machine." Burlingame Rotarians stayed in touch with events of the day, enjoying a "peep behind the scenes at Europe's most active figures" on June 7, 1933. The High Gear reported: "We have no doubt that the picturesque activities of Hitler and Mussolini will go down with time as outstanding during this changing period in the old world." New world topics included Hoover Dam, the National Recovery Administration (the National Field Representative spoke in January, 1934), and a succession of experts from the San Mateo Junior College, including Dean (later College President) "Jumbo" Morris, Dr. Frank Stanger on foreign policy, and "Mr. Iliff on Nazi Germany."

It was necessary to remind the membership of the rationale for fines — cut to a total of three dollars fifty cents in 1934 (a year in which \$178.50 was budgeted for welfare: "present conditions and circumstances pointed to the necessity"). Many were traveling a rough road — the familiar analogy — and "the fuel supply causes concern." The members were counseled to explore every "means of retention" before sacrificing their classifications. There was plenty of time, too, for recreation, beginning in the decade of the thirties with the first joint football meeting with the San Mateo Club. It was held, as always, in November — but in 1930 they were celebrating the Big Game, not as in recent years the far more interesting Little Big Game between Burlingame and San Mateo High Schools. Another joint occasion was sponsored by Kiwanis, who invited the club to join them "in their regular meeting at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel- to witness a demonstration of the Movietone machine and to learn how light waves are changed into sound waves."



*Otis Calloway (left), President 1949-50  
and long-time member Dave Simpson  
(right) with unidentified visitor*

'45 During Dan Minto's presidency in 1945-'46, discussions began concerning possible Rotary expansion into San Bruno or South San Francisco. It was the initial impression of the Burlingame Board that South City was the more appropriate location, but two transplanted Rotarians from Santa Ana and Medford, Oregon changed everybody's mind. Owen Knowlton and Howard Sheffel of San Bruno contacted District Governor Clarence Price, and Burlingame Secretary Otis Callaway was appointed special representative to the District Governor. Knowlton and Sheffel, together with thirteen other San Bruno men, met with the District Governor, Callaway, and other Burlingame Rotarians at a dinner meeting on February 11, 1947. The San Bruno men were given their initial instructions and indoctrinated into Rotary.

Then, on Thursday, April 10, 1947, Burlingame sponsored the San Bruno Club in a Charter Dinner at the Green Hills Country Club, and Knowlton was elected first president of the organization. Past District Governor Joe Gabriel gave the address in this meeting presided over by Burlingame President Perry Bydnes.

The forties were a period of growth, too, for the Rotary Club of Burlingame. Having started in 1925 with twenty members, the club closed out its first quarter century more than eighty strong. In 1940, Charter President Sam Merk turned his energies to the formation of the Crippled Children's Society of San Mateo County. With Sam as its president, and several Burlingame Rotarians on its board, the Society weathered its first years, more than once on notes endorsed by Sam himself. In 1944 the Society was incorporated by Burlingame Rotarian Carl Anderson (Burlingame Rotary President 1971-'72) and later, when services

were expanded, the name was changed to "San Mateo County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc." Burlingame members have carried out the imperatives of Rotary International by taking prominent roles in this activity throughout its history, and as a consequence of their efforts legislation was adopted to encourage the construction of schools for spastic children in the State of California. The successful establishment of the pilot school in the carriage house on the Mills Estate led to the creation of El Portal School in San Mateo County and other centers throughout the state.

The activities of the Burlingame Club in the forties frequently reflected the changing international situation: in 1944 several Rotarians became the first recipients of a new kind of leave of absence — "for the duration." At several times throughout the decade, Burlingame Rotarians assumed responsibility for operation of the USO, and contributed heavily to Christmas observances at the Veterans' Hospital. In 1945, for example, a committee from Dan Minto's Board of Directors set up a tree, distributed presents, and served refreshments to fifty bedrid-50th Anniversay, Rotary International, taken in front of the Burlingame Post Office, 1955 den patients at Dibble General Hospital.

'55 As the decade opened, Burlingame celebrated its Silver Anniversary (with "Spanish Night") at the Peninsula Country Club. And when Jed McClellan was Called on to introduce new member Paul Bacon "of Coca-Cola fame," the club got a foretaste of the quarter century to come Paul was absent. It was a decade strewn with Jim Porter's itineraries, and with the vastly entertaining travelogues Which invariably followed. Not to mention the 1951 program which featured "the best Magic trick ever seen." (Bill Alstrand tossed a playing card into the air, and two weeks later they were still pointing to it, stuck fast to the ceiling of the Women's Club.)

An undercurrent of anxiety flowed through the fifties too, what with Blood Drives for "those wounded in Korea," and the speeches on such topics as Atomic Power, or Israel and Jordan ("The Tinderbox of the Middle East") or, again, County Supervisor Ed McDonald on "Civilian" Defense. In the earlier pre-Sputnik years guided missiles were still "Military Rockets" — and the Club listened to a surprisingly young crew cut engineer discuss "Their Development and Use." Subversion was everywhere ("How to Spot and Stop the Communists," "We Gave Our Top Secrets to the Russians").

But the two most gratifying achievements of the fifties were another sort of gift from Burlingame to the outside world. The first occurred in January 1952, when Otis Callaway resigned his office as Club Secretary, a position he had held with distinction for over fifteen years.



*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Rotary International, taken in front of the Burlingame Post Office, 1955*



years, to accept the post of Governor, District 155. Otis, affectionately known as "house mother" of the Club, was a true product of the Old South, having completed his medical training at Tulane University in New Orleans. During World War 1 he Served in an American Hospital attached to the Sixth Italian Army, located in the city of Vicenza, in the Valley of the Po. In June 1922 he established an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat practice in Burlingame, In the years 1926 and '27 he was president of the County Medical Society, and it was from his free clinic, financed by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid at Mills Memorial Hospital, that the Community Hospital evolved. 1952-'53 was memorable to the District on another count: Bru Brunnier, the first District Governor of old Number 13, was International President — and he made a celebrated appearance at Otis' Annual Assembly in June. In a departure from previous tradition, the district Conference was held in the fall, and almost 600 traveled to Santa Cruz to develop the conference theme, "The Sixty Four Dollar Question: Why Am I a Rotarian?" It was the sort of question Otis Callaway was singularly well equipped to answer.

In 1957 this extraordinary man, who spoke four 'languages and had practically invented organized free medical care in San Mateo, gave up his thriving medical Practice to enter Immaculate Heart Seminary in San Diego, emerging an ordained Catholic priest at the age \_ of 71. Father Callaway celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church in 1960.



*Spearheading the Eisenhower – Nixon drive in Burlingame will be Archie L. Offfield, whose appointment as the City's chairperson was announced by I. Herbert Harris, San Mateo County chairperson for the Eisenhower – Nixon committee. A native of Burlingame, was City chairperson for the Nixon's campaign for senator in 1950, Offfield, his wife Olive, and four children live at 1721 Ralston Ave., Burlingame*

'65 Burlingame Rotary in the sixties was fortunate in its leaders, Archie Offfield, John Cockcroft, Oscar Person ("the Swedish Nightingale"), Vic Mangini, Al Hedden, Paul Bacon (who put Oglethorpe College on the map), and Butch Taylor, and, in the waning years of the decade, Messrs. Refvem, Smith, Lehrfeld and Cox.

The sixties were remarkable years for community service, and they opened on a hopeful note of détente with our Cold War rivals: Chad McClellan told the club on January 27, 1960 that "there is a road to lasting peace," and that the trail would be blazed not by statesmen but by "the people." San Francisco restaurateur George Mardikian gained a standing ovation for his uplifting remarks on the joys of being an American. In a triumphant burst of typecasting, the Olympic Committee named Oscar Person official greeter to the Winter Games. All the high spirits were translated into good works at home, as well. In 1963, for example, two members, Bill Crosby and Eddie George, were serving on the City Council and it was the last time so few Burlingame Rotarians would hold that office. Another member, Bob Higgins, chaired the County Grand Jury that year, and Rotarians dominated the Boards of Directors of The Chamber, Boy Scout Council, Crippled Children's Society, Peninsula Hospital, and other organizations too numerous to mention. By mid-decade; Dr. Ernie Cleary had been named "Physician of the Year" by the 550 member Medical Society, Al Hedden had become the fourth Rotary "Citizen of the Year," and the Rotary Service Fund had been established, and with it the principle that major gifts should yield benefits in one's own backyard. —

Perennial observances of the sixties included George Laird's magnificent barbecues, the Little Big Game fetes, and Ladies' Night (established once and for all as Valentine's Day event). Sons' and Daughters' Days became regular occurrences — the latter featuring at least once, under the leadership of Norm Belliveau, another procession of fashion models. Archie Offield's debunking set the tone, and from then on flowed a steady stream of Pepsi bottles, salamis ("King" Victor Mangini's scepter), mock elegies, and blankets emblazoned with the motto "New York Department of Corrections." Vic Mangini was responsible for another innovation, the "Golden Rule" presented to each weekly speaker, and equally for the "momentos" and "momentums" which have followed in its wake.

In 1966 Norm Belliveau put together the board on which the international club banners have since been displayed, and Oscar Person made his best remembered contribution. In 1962 he appointed George Anast Secretary of the Club, a worthy successor to "house mother" Otis Callaway. George remained in the job for a decade, until ill health forced him to retire from active participation — and throughout those years he functioned as the recording angel of Burlingame Rotary, alternately upbraiding and cajoling, always helpful, never complaining as his responsibilities multiplied into a second career which will never fade from the annals of Burlingame Rotary.



*Vic Mangini, 1958,  
coaching Burlingame  
High Baseball*

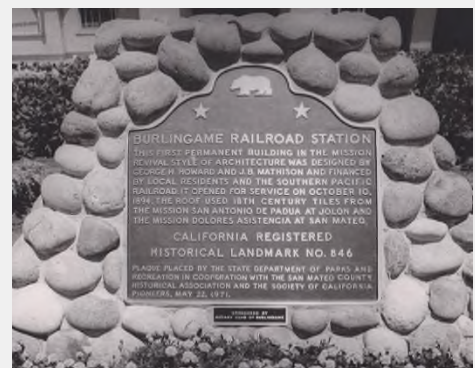
'75 So far, there has been plenty to celebrate in the seventies. .

Who could ask for a wittier President than Dave Carr, or a spiffier debunking than the Star Chamber proceedings against Carl Anderson, or a likelier crop of young Rotarians than Pete Ebner, Ted Kruttschnitt, Dave Garber, or Paul Carlson? Everybody took a prize when

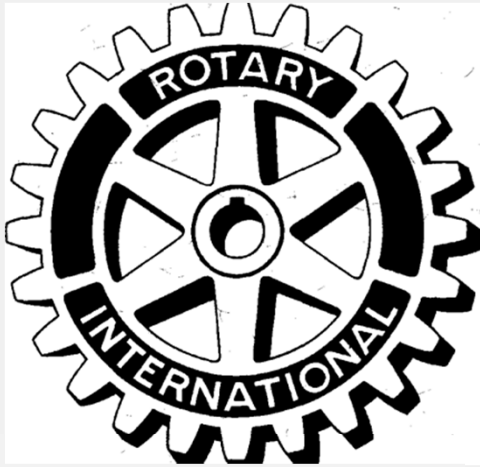
Burlingame's own candidate for Rotary Fellowship, Ted Buttler, won the competition gong away. His 1974 account of the year of study at the University of Pau, France, left no doubt concerning the value of the Fellowship program.

The seventies have been vintage years for Burlingame Rotary, and while no one has visibly broken stride — much less advocated that the Club rest on its laurels — a certain mellowing has been noticed, as befits a vigorous, venerable body of advancing years. There is no visible eagerness, to abandon the traditions of the past, or to cast aside the principles which have steadily renewed the Rotary spirit over the past half century. ALL of which makes good sense, as one gazes back over the busy, rollicking, fruitful years since Sam Merk struck the gavel at Orchard's Candy Store.

*Plaque sponsored by the Burlingame Rotary—to commemorate landmark status of the Burlingame Train Station*



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## The First 50 Years

1975 found the Club's meetings being held primarily at the Airport Marina (Amfac) Hotel, which was razed following extensive earthquake damage in 1989. In 1979, the Club moved to the Sheraton Inn where members were constantly kept on alert, not knowing if the meeting was in the ballroom, the indoor swimming pool, a conference room, or as too often, in the bar with other patrons. In 1990 the Club moved to the Crowne Plaza (now renamed the Sheraton Gateway) where, gratefully, meetings continue today.

Burlingame Rotarians have, during the past twenty-five years, continued their tradition of support of the local community and especially the less fortunate therein. Each year the club awards two \$10,000 scholarships, in addition to the Martin R. Welsh Special Achievement Award. Generous contributions are given to youth activities (Boy Scouts, YMCA, and Burlingame High School among others), as well as organizations working with the mentally and physically disadvantaged children and adults, the homeless, and others in need. In 1984 the Club spearheaded a campaign to raise in excess of \$30,000 to purchase and install an emergency and communications public



*1975 Burlingame Rotary Membership*

system throughout the high school classroom building "adopted" Burlingame High School in conjunction with a district. This action merely formalized our long-term com

International assistance and relations are the focus of various establishment of a medical clinic in Mexico (Marilyn Orr), stimulation of personal and business relationships with colleagues. Saburo Kamata and Joe McKane gained Rotary International recognition establishing the Club's Pacific Rim committee, which later extended to Alaska and Hawaii, and beyond.



One of the most memorable Rotary International events occurred in 1987 when the Polio Plus campaign targeted the year 2005 as the end of Polio throughout the world by funding and providing volunteers to inoculate all children worldwide. The financial goal was to raise \$125,000,000 through Rotary, and the project produced in excess of \$250,000,000. Burlingame Rotary was particularly proud of Ted Kruttschnitt (President 1978-1979) and his wife Cathy, when our membership was witness to one of the most extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness many of us had ever seen. Ted and Cathy graciously offered to match the contribution of every Rotary Club member in the District. Rotary International has now declared the western world and the western hemisphere polio-free, with significant progress in Africa and non-communist Asia.

The past twenty-five years has witnessed a significant change in Rotary membership rules—the admitting of women members. In the forefront of this change, the Burlingame Club admitted its first women members (Joan Martin and Karen Robinson) in February of 1988, and elected its first woman president in 1994 ( Mary Janney, who later went on to become the first woman District Governor of our District). Another woman member (Carol Hatch) served as club president in 1996-97.

Our Club is well known for its collective sense of humor, exemplified frequently in the weekly "newscast", the annual president's debunking (generally a Mike Kimball production), and at most meetings by the president (or the "recognition" chairman), as well as the responding members. "Bald" and "short" jokes were common

Incomplete



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1995, Past President Day



The Original "Don't Ask – Don't Tells"

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members (Ryan, Lantos, Eshoo), the owner of a brewery (Fritz Maytag of Anchor Steam), the president of COYOTE ( Margo St. James), a special agent of the FBI (really, this time), the editor and publisher of the Chronicle, the president of the Oakland A's, members of our local professional sports teams, and the consuls of various countries, to name a few. Many of our favorite speakers, moreover, have been members of our own Club, drawing on the wealth of their hobbies, experiences and vocations. Both Ogden White and Dick Peairs set Club records for the length of introductions of speakers, leaving many members wondering who was the "speaker."

The Club has provided varied and most enjoyable social activities: the annual barbecue held at the home of Phillip Larson for many years; Past Presidents' Day, traditionally a production of Mark Johnson (President 1986-1987) and Ernie Scheppler (President 1954-1955); the holiday luncheon where widows of past Rotarians are honored and egg nog has been served by Duffy Offield and Ernie Scheppler; Pacific Rim Day honoring a different country each year; ski trips; days at the races; St. Patrick's and Columbus Days; mystery nights; dinner dances and auctions; the Little-Big Game luncheon; golf tournaments; Giants and Sharks games;

and softball team games. These have provided a variety of yearly activities to bring together the members, their families and friends, apart from the regular Club meetings. Most events continue a tradition created and dating back, in many cases, 25 or more years. A highlight of the 1999 year was a celebration of Ernie Scheppler's half century of service to Burlingame Rotary, a meeting in which the Club joined with members of Ernie's family in a heartwarming salute to an exemplary Rotarian.

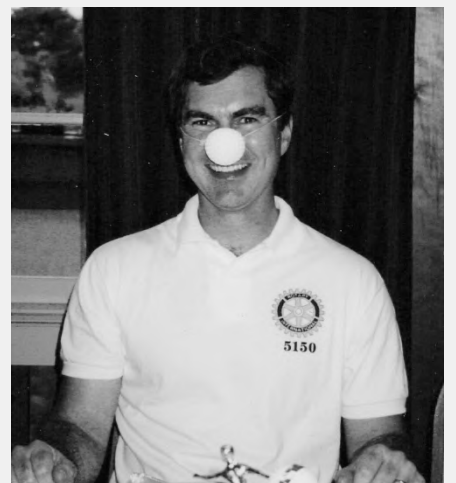


*Dr. Ernie A. Scheppler,  
Burlingame Rotary since 1949  
President 1954 - 55*



*("The Grand Poo-Bah")*

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## Burlingame Rotary “Special Moments”



President John Farquhar, (1998), being  
consoled, lives through his year -- Barely



Scott Hartley  
(aka Lance the Skydiver” c 1999

Carol Tanzi and the Dragon in  
“Recycled” © Dress  
(Carol-not the Dragon!)



# 2000 Burlingame Rotary Membership

119 Members

NAME	DATE JOINED	CLASSIFICATION
Agron, Ronald S.	03/17/97	Hospitality Industry
Aires, Julius	01/16/91	CPA: Financial Accounting
Andersen, Lage E.	06/18/85	Senior Active (Law: Taxation)
Andreacchi, Gary D.	09/05/89	Physical Therapeutics: Chiropractic
At-gyres, Dennis	08/01/78	Senior Active (City Management)
Arrigoni, Gerald	04/26/99	Education: Curriculum and Development
Bartlett, Robert J.	06/25/97	Insurance
Bertetta, Bonnie	07/31/91	Convalescent Hospital: Administration
Bouquet, Pierre F.	08/12/92	Printing: General
Branstool, Lee C.	09/24/74	Senior Active (Securities: Brokerage)
Brauner, J. Frederick	06/18/86	Senior Active (Financial: Investment Advisor)
Brown, Clarence E.	08/25/93	Postmaster
Byers, David J.	01/29/97	Law: Real Estate Law
Carpenter, William W.	07/31/96	Hospital Administration
Carr, David C.	10/09/63	Senior Active (Law: Trial Practice)
Chakos, Tom	12/04/84	Senior Active (Time: Equipment Distributor)
Chapdelaine, Marcia J.	06/15/94	Convention and Visitors Bureau
Cherok, Nicole	06/17/92	Physical Therapeutics: Low Force Chiropractic
Clark, Stanley D.	03/06/90	Pharmacy: Community Pharmacist
Coffey, Michael J.	01/28/98	Real Estate: Commercial
Cohn, Joseph M.	06/15/83	Senior Active (Insurance: Services)
Conneely, Colman	08/22/90	Hotel: Management
Crosby, John F.	07/25/84	Senior Active (Burial: Funeral Directing)
Daley, Morris K.	05/05/65	Sr. Active (Const. Service: Gen. Contracting)
Davidson, Robert M.	02/24/72	Senior Active (Town Administration)
Deal, Jerry	03/01/99	Real Estate: Design
Dees, Nina	07/19/95	Graphic Design
Dimaio, Joseph	11/27/91	Air Freight: Customs Broker
Doerr, Robert L.	12/15/93	Photographer: Portraiture
Duthler, Jo Anna	07/03/91	Banking: Commercial
Emery, Basil	10/12/71	Senior Active (Industrial Relations Counseling)
Estrella Aida	07/10/91	Therapeutic Massage: CMT, H.E.
Farquhar, John	06/13/89	Financial: Certified Financial Planning
Feix, Thomas	11/09/94	Law: Patent, Trademark & Copyright
Fitzsimmons, Mike	01/24/00	Social Services: YMCA
Gallegos, David	09/12/84	Senior Active (Education: High School)
Galligan, Joseph	07/07/86	Financial: Certified Tax Services
Galligan, Michael	02/13/91	Law: General Practice
Gray, Carol	07/20/98	Health Care: Hospice
Gregory, Richard V.	08/31/97	Dentistry: General
Harris, Larry G.	04/08/81	Senior Active (Dentistry: General Practice)
Hartley, Scott E.	06/07/95	Law: Business & Civil Litigator
Harvey, Michael R.	05/16/79	Senior Active (Automobile: Sales & Service)
Heffernan, Michael E.	06/13/89	Personnel: Mgmt. Contract Administration
Holsinger, William H.	08/23/99	Law: Personal Injury
Hortop, Robert	05/15/91	Health Care: Law
Hunt, Frank	07/31/84	Senior Active (Banking)
Izmirian, Charles	12/01/97	Real Estate: Residential Sales
Janney, Mary	01/31/89	Senior Active (Senior Community: Admin.)
Johns, Leslie A.	09/27/81	Financial: Audit Services
Johnson, Mark W.	01/08/80	Senior Active (Real Estate Residential)

Kamata, Saburo	08/21/91	Past Service
Karp, Steven M.	10/01/96	Trade Printing
Key, Karen	01/28/98	Columnist
Kimball, Michael B.	05/17/71	Senior Active (Education: College Instruction)
Kobayashi, Makoto	04/24/96	Import-Export
Kristofferson, Marianne	05/15/91	Finance: CPA
Kruttschnitt, Theodore	01/26/72	Senior Active (Real Estate: Investments)
Kuehn, Jerry	07/13/94	Real Estate: Industrial
Larson, Phillip G.	09/01/70	Senior Active (Venture Capital)
Lee, Robyn H.	08/28/96	Banking: Business Development
Lembi, Don	09/14/82	Senior Active (Real Estate: Brokerage)
Lennon, Michael F.	02/10/95	Financial: Business Services
Lucchesi, Mark	09/20/99	Organic: Retail
Luciano, Paul	01/14/98	Financial Consultant
Mahaffy, John W.	01/12/88	Education: High School Administration
Mahoney, Michael	04/20/94	Religion: Catholic
Mangini, Victor	12/12/51	Senior Active (Education: Public Schools, H.S.)
Marriscolo, Nancy	01/10/00	Auto Parking: Management
Marshall, Peter	01/10/00	Hotel: Administration
Massenkoff, Nikolai	10/01/97	Florist: Singing
McGeorge, Douglas W.	09/05/89	Real Estate: Residential Office Management
McKane, Joseph H., III	05/15/84	Senior Active (Insurance: Life & Health)
McKinnie, Camille B.	08/11/93	Sales & Marketing
Medlej, Pierre	01/14/98	Floor Coverings: Sales
Mendell, W. Gregory	04/19/83	Senior Active (Jewelry: Retail)
Missel, Gary W.	10/01/97	Law Enforcement
Mohr, Thomas	10/20/93	Education: Administration
Nevins, James	06/21/99	Insurance: Public Adjuster
Newton, Walter L.	08/27/69	Senior Active (Government: Health)
Nieberding, Paul H.	02/15/66	Senior Active (Medicine: Otolaryngology)
Norton, Gary C.	11/27/79	Senior Active (Financial: Corporate Accounting)
O'Mahony, Rosalie M.	04/06/94	Education: Professor of Mathematics
Offield, Archie L., III	05/06/80	Senior Active (Insurance: Fire)
Olea, Shirley D.	06/24/97	Real Estate
Orr, Marilyn	03/22/88	Savings & Loan: Branch Management
Pappas, Debora	06/19/96	Bank: Services, Commercial Loans
Peterson, Wilbert Iver	09/07/66	Senior Active (Dentistry: General Practice)
Plank, William Jay	06/17/81	Senior Active (Airline Pilots Association)
Preston, George	01/11/99	Candies: Retail
Quesnette, Theodore	08/19/92	Financial Staffing
Rafferty, Colleen	03/20/96	Jeweler: Jewelry Manufacturing
Ramseur, Walter F.	05/17/95	Aviation Consultant
Rayburn, Rosemary	07/24/97	Real Estate: City Property
Refvem, James D.	02/29/56	Senior Active (Construction Services)
Refvem, Robert M.	03/29/66	Senior Active (Transportation: Airline Pilot)
Reyes, Alexander J.	08/30/99	Securities
Rodriquez, Alberto M.	08/22/90	Air Cargo: Services
Rosebrook, Charles E.	06/18/85	Landscape: Contractor
Russell, Lawrence M.	04/26/99	Banking: Trust
Scheppler, Ernest A.	06/08/49	Senior Active (Optometry)
Showell, Robert H.	12/30/70	Senior Active (Law: Taxation Law)
Shypertt, James E.	08/14/91	Land Surveyor
Simonetti, Aldo J.	02/17/70	Senior Active (Banking: Branch Administration)
Stephenson, James	09/15/93	Securities: Brokerage
Stubbs, Brian P.	08/22/90	Law: Family Law
Sutherland, Bill	01/23/78	Senior Active (Transportation: Airline Pilot)
Tanzi, Carol A.	04/19/88	Interior Design: Res.& Commercial A.S.I.D.

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Tanzi, Carol A.	04/19/88	Interior Design: Res.& Commercial A.S.I.D.
Taylor, Francis M.	03/17/52	Honorary
Tiedeman, Bill	04/21/93	Psychotherapy
Vaughn, David	11/15/88	Real Estate: Development
Voltz, Charles E.	06/28/95	Law: Labor & Employment
Watermulder, Paul G.	01/15/85	Senior Active (Religion: Presbyterian)
Williams, George, III	10/20/59	Senior Active (Real Estate: Industrial Dev.)
Williams, John. W.	10/19/94	Municipal Recreation: Recreation Director
Williams, Scott W.	01/14/81	Senior Active (Real Estate: Property Mgmt.)
Winges, Jerry L.	12/04/91	Construction Services: General Architecture Youth
Yoke, Frank R., III	04/26/99	Organizations: Boy Scouts of America
Young, Sheryl	02/12/97	Social Services: Non Profit



Fritz Brauner, President 1992-93,  
in one of his many roles  
at Burlingame Rotary

Members, Nina Dees & Joanna Duthler,  
Burlingame Rotary Halloween Safe Street 1999

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1997, Dave Carr, Brian Stubbs, & Lage Andersen in a Burlingame Rotary Production of "The Wizard of Oz"  
(a Mark Johnson Production)



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