

A History of the Rotary Club of West Springfield

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During the year, 1953, considerable interest in the formation of a Rotary Club in West Springfield was raised and as the Springfield Club had regional jurisdiction over West Springfield, an approach went out to the Springfield Club asking for assistance in organizing a new club. On October 20, 1953, Lee Schermerhorn, immediate Past President of the Springfield Rotary Club and Aide to the District Governor and Special Representative of Rotary International, suggested to his Board of Directors that a survey of West Springfield be made. During the period from November 2nd to 11th, interviews were held with fourteen interested business men of West Springfield to determine the amount of interest in establishing a new club in Town.

Thus it was, on November 19, 1953, a committee interested in forming a new club held an evening dinner meeting at the Wayside. The following West Springfield men were present: Dr. James Doering, a pediatrician; Lawrence Reilly, President of WJXL; Walter Hjelm, Principal of the High School; James MacAfee, a business-man; Oscar Bergstrom, General Secretary of YMCA; Edward Moll, owner of Lotus China; Kenneth Speed, our own Insurance man; Benjamin Wood, Vice-President of West Springfield Trust; Addison Clark, Vice-President Eastern States Farmers Exchange; Dr. Cray, a dentist; and George Beischer, a business-man. The parent Club of Springfield was represented by Lee Schermerhorn. Jack Carson, a Past District Governor and Past President of the Sullfield Rotary Club was also present.

As active business of the meeting, it was voted, subject to ratification of the Springfield Club, to form a Rotary Club in West Springfield and suggested that future meetings be held on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Wayside Restaurant. It was further voted that there should be seven directors and from these, the officers of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer should be elected. It was agreed that an initiation fee of \$20.00 be charged each member and the annual dues to be \$25.00. \$9.00 of the annual dues would be payable to Rotary International.

A prospective roster of members was presented and those present at the meeting reviewed the names and classifications of the prospects. It was agreed that the next meeting be held December 10, 1953, at which time the charter would be presented and accepted by the members of the new club.

Pursuant to the action taken by the newly proposed West Springfield Club, the Directors of the Springfield Club, at their monthly meeting held November 19, 1953, approved the establishment of a new club in West Springfield by releasing from the jurisdiction of the Springfield Rotary Club the territory to be served by

the new West Springfield Club. It was further recommended that Article XIII of the Constitution controlling Territorial Rights be amended by the full membership of the Springfield Rotary Club at their regular weekly meeting December 4, 1953. Formal notices of the votes to be taken were mailed to all Springfield members, November 23.

The recommendations of the Springfield Directors were presented to the members on December 4, 1953 for formal action. Of 264 members, 168 were present at the meeting and the votes were passed unanimously. As only 118 votes, or two thirds of the total membership were needed for full approval, the recommendations were assured of passage.

The meeting for the organization of the Rotary Club of West Springfield was held at the Wayside on December 10, 1953. The meeting was called to order by Representative Lee Schermerhorn of the Sponsoring Club of Springfield, Massachusetts.

After a fine dinner, all prospective members present were formally asked if they were interested in joining the Rotary Club of West Springfield. Twenty-four men signed that Charter list, indicating their willingness to become Rotarians. They were Lawrence Reilly, who was chosen President; elected as Vice-President, Charles Godin; Secretary, Allan Baiardi; Treasurer, Benjamin Wood. Members were Oscar Bergstrom, Milton Berman, George Beischer, Joseph Bentera, Addison Clark, Henry Healy, Paul Kimball, Emmit Line, Walter Lovelace, James McAfee, Frederick Nash, James O'Neil, Brainard Nims, Philip C. Smith, James Makrianis, Samuel Tucker and Thomas Pearson. Chosen as Directors were Kenneth Speed, Edward Moll and David Glass.

Head table guests were Edward Soles, President of the Springfield Rotary Club, Jack Casson, Past District Governor from the Suffield, Connecticut Club, Lee V. D. Schermerhorn, Special Representative from Rotary International and Aide to the District Governor and Miss Ruth Landry, acting as Secretary for Mr. Schermerhorn.

It was voted at the first meeting of the provisional club that meetings would commence on Tuesday, December 15, 1953 at 12:15 p.m. and be held at the Wayside Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield. All papers being in order, the Constitution and By-Laws were ratified and signed by the new Club President and Secretary.

The official charter was subsequently approved by Rotary International and authorization to become formally an integral part of Rotary was established on December 23, 1953.

Thus it was, as when all organizations become official, on Tuesday evening, February 9, 1954, the Rotary Club of West Springfield held a formal Charter Night at the Gilbert & Barker Cafeteria. District Governor, C. Stanton Gallup was present and gave his own personal good wishes to the members of the new club and extended the official greeting of Rotary International. Present also to welcome the new Club

were Charles Hegeman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Town of West Springfield; Edwin Abar, President of the West Springfield Club; Harold Moulthrop, President of the West Springfield Lions Club; Edward Soles, President of the Springfield Rotary Club; E. Erskine Harvey, Past District Governor of Rotary from Greenfield, Arthur Harris, Past District Governor from New Britain; John D. (Jack) Carson, Past District Governor from Suffield; Leo E. Golden, Past President Hartford Rotary Club, and acting as host and moderator, Lee V. D. Schermerhorn.

The evening and program proved to be a successful affair and was well documented in the press and rotogravure sections. It will stand in the memory of those three hundred and fifty attending as an extraordinary send-off for the new Rotary Club of West Springfield.

ROTARY YEAR

1953 - 1954

The first year for the new Rotary Club highlighted classification talks by the new members and they proved to be interesting and most worthwhile for, although the men were known to each other, many of the facets of their lives had not been revealed to each other. It was through this medium that the new group grew to know each other more intimately than ever before.

Sixteen new members coming in increased the membership rolls to 40. The new men inducted were: Maurice Baitler, Orrin Beebe, Robert Carroll, Ralph Clo, Norman Durack, Roy Dudley, Earle Harvey, V. Paul Keith, Thomas MacElliot, Oscar Mason, James Nulty, Abel Parent, Charles Rair, Louis Saffer, Joseph VanGilder and James Visconti.

The Rotary Year of the West Springfield Club, being so short, the present Board of Directors and Officers continued in office for the full new year of 1954 to 1955.

ROTARY YEAR

1954 - 1955

The big Club project for this year was to paint the new buildings at the YMCA at Paucatuck Park Day Camp. A steak dinner for the workers was put on by Ralph Clo and, as those old timers remember, it was really delicious. The work was done on a Saturday, July 14, 1954.

Later the First Annual Ladies Night was held October 9, 1954, at the Sheraton Hotel with a Smorgasbord and Dance. Nearly 90% of the members and their wives and guests were in attendance.

It was noted during October by President Reilly that the Club stood in 6th place for attendance in the Rotary District.

The Club, under the Chairmanship of Kenneth Speed, sponsored the establishment of a Golden Age Group in West Springfield. The first meeting of the Group was held November 29, 1954 at the Memorial Elementary School, and later under the administration of Senior Citizen, Carl Smith, it became a real, strong group. West Springfield Rotary later on, with the help of Joe Bertera, erected a portable platform in front of the Town Hall to be used by Christmas carol singers during the Christmas season.

Eight new members came in during the year. They were John L. Chandler, Charles J. Collins, George Ferris, Ralph Fullam, Samuel J. Henry, Carol Jacobson, Eugene St. Jeun and Paul F. Sullivan.

ROTARY YEAR

1955 - 1956

The new officers to serve during this Rotary Year were Charles A. Godin, President; Earle Harvey, Vice-President; Walter Hjelm, Secretary; Benjamin Wood, Treasurer, with Lawrence Reilly, Addison Clark and Ralph Clo as Directors.

The Club project was to be a Rotary Follies under the Chairmanship of Vice-President Earle Harvey. The proceeds of the "show", which was held in November, 1956 were used toward the purchase of a Wurlitzer electric organ for the new West Springfield High School. The organ cost approximately \$4,000.00 and \$1,987.11 was raised to be applied toward the purchase price with the balance to be raised another year. It was a most ambitious project, but its greatest result, other than securing the organ, was that the time spent in rehearsing, solidly cemented our members together.

A Ladies' Night was held March 6th at Toto's. Nearly fifty couples, made up of members and guests, attended.

The first Father-Son and Daughter meeting was held May 1st.

On May 8th, the Club members left en masse by chartered plane for a Rotary meeting in Montreal. A wonderful experience for all those attending, and all for \$40.00. Fifteen Club members and seven guests made the trip.

A baseball trip to Boston was held on July 20th and it was a sellout. We went by bus and enjoyed every moment. A highlight of the event was Ralph Clo, on our return, served coffee to the tired men at 3:00 a.m. on Elm Street at the Atlantic Station.

Five new members taken in during this year were Donald Blair, Dennis Mulvihill, Edward Osborn, J. Frederick Roche and Gilbert Y. Taverner.

ROTARY YEAR

1956 - 1957

The new officers were Earle Harvey, President; Addison Clark, Vice-President; Walter Hjelm, Secretary; Benjamin Wood, Treasurer with Ralph Clo, Dennis Mulvihill and Charles Godin as Directors.

A Ladies' Night was held at Strathmore Park on August 7th. A wonderful steak wast and only \$3.50 per couple.

The Club project was again to be another Rotary Follies and was held November 8th and 9th at the new high school. The new organ was on display and a concert was presented by Philip Budington, Springfield organist. The Follies showed a net gain of \$1,907.98. The organ is now paid for.

The Club was 3rd in attendance in the district during November with one meeting 100%.

The Christmas Party was held December 18th at the Chalet.

A new welcome song to guests came into being.

The Club co-sponsored with the high school a Western Massachusetts Music Festival. A big job, but our men did the job they were asked to do.

Another Sons and Daughters meeting was held April 30th.

The Baseball Trip was repeated June 21st. Joe Bertera chairmanned another successful party.

Addison Clark, President-elect, passed away very suddenly and a Memorial Service was held by the Club, June 4, 1957. The meeting was conducted by Earle Harvey and a Memoriam Resolution was presented by Gilbert Taverner. It was a sad meeting for Addison was held in the highest esteem by all the members of the Club.

Benjamin Wood was elected Vice-President at a special election in place of Addison Clark.

Ten new members taken in during the year were Edouard Beauvais, Samuel Black, John F. Dwyer, Edward Fenderzi, Glen Guernsey, George Parrish, Alred Quist, William Sickler, James Staggs and George Sullivan.

ROTARY YEAR

1957 - 1958

The new officers were Benjamin Wood, President, Allan Baiardi, Vice-President; Samuel Henry, Secretary; and Roy Dudley, Treasurer, with Milton Berman, Norman Darack and Earle Harvey as Directors.

The Club project was to be the presentation of a melodrama "Love Rides the Rails", another John Gaffney production. Mr. Gaffney, who so successfully directed our two Follies, again led us to the footlights at the Senior High School, and we gave our audiences two fine performances on November 7th and 8th. Treasurer Roy Dudley reported net receipts of \$1,500.00.

The location for future meetings was changed on January 7, 1958 from the Wayside to Stonnorton Tavern.

April 8th was the date of the Annual Ladies' Night, held at Stonnorton.

The Club aided the Park & Recreation Department in holding an Easter Egg Hunt for children of this Town.

A joint meeting with the Holyoke Club was held May 13th at the Roger Smith Hotel - forty-five of our men attended.

The Steak Roast was held at Strathmore Park on June 23rd. This event is now a most popular event.

The Club gave a sum of money to the Hi-Y Club and Ken Speed was Chairman of a committee to try to reactivate the Hi-Y Club in West Springfield.

On July 8th, 1958, we engaged the services of Eula Mosher as Club pianist. A welcome addition to our meetings. Eula has now been with us for 20 years.

A special highlight in our programs for that year; the visitation to our Club by John F. Kennedy, then United States Senator from Massachusetts. The Holyoke Rotary Club came as our guests. Senator Kennedy, later to become President of the United States, spoke to the combined groups. There was, undoubtedly, the largest attendance at this meeting in the Club's history. The group was impressed with Mr. Kennedy's youth, his enthusiasm and his friendly manner.

Thirteen new members, taken in during the year, were Herbert Bartlett, Richard Caplan, Richard Curran, Richard Goodwin, S. N. Johnson, Everett Knudsen, Charles Mitchell, William Prigmore, Bernard Roberts, Sidney Sweet, George Townsend, Ray Winans, and Milo Wingard.

ROTARY YEAR

1958 - 1959

The new officers were Allan Baiardi, President; Norman Darack, Vice President; Philip Smith, Secretary; Roy Dudley, Treasurer with Joseph Bertera, James Visconti and Benjamin Wood as Directors.

The Club assisted the High School in presenting the first annual "Job Fair". It was a big project, but as always, "our boys" did the job.

The project for the year was the presentation of The Yale University Band and Glee Club on December 12th, at the High School, and a net of \$1,222.82 was raised.

Linda Ann Harvey, daughter of Earle Harvey, was announced as the winner of a Rotary Essay Contest and awarded a two week trip to Canada and the Gaspe. The contest was sponsored by The Simplex Time Recording Company of Gardner, Massachusetts.

A joint meeting with the Westfield Club was held November 17th.

The Christmas Party was held December 20th at the Chalet.

The baseball trip was made on June 19th.

The first Rotary Ann Luncheon was held on May 14th.

The Annual Steak Roast was held July 29th at Strathmore Park.

Eight new members during the year were James D. Allen, Harris Bond, John Ferranti, Elmer Francoeur, Clifton R. Johnson, Henry Johnston, Anthony Zepko and Thomas Glynn.

ROTARY YEAR

1959 - 1960

The new officers were Norman Darack, President; Philip Smith, Vice-President; Robert Carroll, Secretary; Roy Dudley, Treasurer with James O'Neil, Brainard Nims, and Allan Baiardi as Directors.

The first golf outing was held August 26th at the Shaker Farms Country Club.

A joint meeting with Westfield was held at Jonelli's on Monday, September 1st.

The annual Project was the presentation again of the Yale Band.

The members went to New York on November 15th, by bus, to see a New York Giants Football Game.

The Christmas Party was held December 15 at the Federal Hill Club.

The Club arranged and paid for a new outdoor lighting system at the Kings Highway Ball Park. Rotary played Kiwanis the night of May 31st when the lights were dedicated. Of course, we won.

Ladies' Night was held February 27th at Storowton.

A new scholarship for \$200.00 to be given annually to a member of the West Springfield High School Band was inaugurated.

The baseball trip to Boston this year was on June 10th.

Ten new members were David Collier, Russell Exley, Charles King, Chauncey Parkinson, Robert Ryan, Charles Shields, Clyde Shouse, John Turnbull, Thomas Whalen, and Wallace Wyman.

ROYALTY YEAR

1960 - 1961

The new officers were Philip Smith, President; Kenneth Speed, Vice-President; James O'Neil, Secretary; Harris Bond, Treasurer with Carl Jacobson, J. Frederick Roche, and Norman Darack as Directors.

The fund raising project was selling tickets to the Storrouton Tent Show "South Pacific". Our Club raised over \$1,500.00.

Flags were given to each schoolroom in all public and parochial schools in West Springfield. A contribution of \$150.00 was given to the Old Day House.

The Worthington Country Club was the scene of the Fall golf outing on September 20th.

The Christmas Party was held on December 14th at Shaker Farms Country Club.

A youth meeting was held on December 27th.

Benjamin Wood, a beloved member, passed away.

The steak roast was held on July 4th at Strathmore Park.

Five new members were George Atkins, Ralph Barker, Louis Beauchamp, Harold Rafuse and Richard Sullivan.

ROTARY YEAR

1961 - 1962

The new officers were Kenneth Speed, President; James O'Neil, Vice-President; S. N. Johnson, Secretary; V. Paul Keith, Treasurer with William Prigmore, Everett Knudsen and Richard Curran as Directors.

The Golf Outing was held September 19th at the Shaker Farms Country Club.

The Club was host club for the District Conference held March 27th and 28th, 1962 at the Schire Inn. General Chairman was Charles Godin, assisted most capably by an excellent committee. Many of the visitors stated it was the finest conference they had ever attended. It was a hard job and took a lot of planning, but as we have said so often in this history, West Springfield came through with flying colors.

The Christmas Party was held on December 6th at Betty's Town House in Agawam.

Another version of the Rotary Follies, directed by Tony DeGiore, was held on February 16th and 17th, 1962 at the High School.

Secretary Pete Johnson resigned and President Ken appointed Chauncey Parkinson in his place.

The Steak Roast was held June 26th at Strathmore Park.

The Club gave over \$500.00 to the YMCA for new tables. Also shuffle board courts for the new Home for the Elderly Project.

Seven new members were Allan Grace, Charles Longley, Richard Perry, Jack Reynolds, J. Frederick Roche, Jr., Donald Steele, and Charles W. Hayden.

ROYALTY YEAR

1962 - 1963

The new officers were James B. O'Neil, President; Roy Dudley, Vice-President; Chauncey Parkinson, Secretary; Milo Wingard, Treasurer, with William Sickler, George Townsend and Herbert Bartlett as Directors.

The Club money raising project was the taking over the Storrouton Tent for the performance of "Music Man" on July 9th.

New Club directories, loose leaf style with pictures of the members, were issued.

The Club supplied a load of lumber to be used in the erection of a new refreshment stand at the High School Football Field. We also gave \$75,00 to the Joseph P. Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Again, the Christmas Party was at Betty's Town House on December 6th.

The Club members did a great deal of work at the YMCA camp, getting ready for camp opening - painting, roofing, tree trimming, etc.

The steak roast, on June 25th, was held at Strathmore Park.

Eight new members taken in this year were Philip Caten, William Corbett, Theodore Milton, John O'Brien, Albert M. Sullivan, Douglas Strong, Harris M. Tanner and Peter Volanakis.

ROTARY YEAR

1963 - 1964

The new officers are Roy Dudley, President; Robert C. Carroll, Vice-President; Herbert Bartlett, Secretary; Wallace W. Wyman, Treasurer; with John Ferranti, Thomas Whalen and Tony Zepko as Directors.

A successful golf outing was held October 3rd at Shaker Farms. Another steak roast was held at Strathmore Park, as usual, with a large turnout. Our steak roasts are famous now and always attract a large number of guests.

A successful card party and Fashion Show was presented by our Rotary Anns, in close cooperation with several Rotary Committeemen. The girls were able to present over \$400.00 to the Club Treasurer.

Our Christmas Party was held in Vincent's newly constructed addition. We were the gay ones until early morning...a fine party. Ev Knudsen and Phil Catir did a real bang-up job in promoting the affair.

Construction of Performing Arts Pavilion at Mittineague Park. Raised \$8,068.00. Work parties at Camp Weber, YMCA on June 16th and 17th to clear hill for Ski area.

Eleven new members are Frederick G. Holland, Gordon F. Colby, Hubert S. McDonald, Stanley C. Bozenhard, John D. Redmond, Kenneth J. Miller, Sahler Smith, Donald N. Senecal, Maurice H. Baitler, John B. Smail, Alexander J. Hindmarsh.

ROTARY YEAR

1964 - 1965

The new officers were Robert Carroll, President; Everett Knudsen, Vice-President; Harold Rafuse, Secretary; and Louis Beauchamp, Treasurer. Directors were Albert Sullivan, Robert Ryan and Charles Mitchell.

In the reports to the Club on the year's activities, it was noted that at the year's end there was a total of 69 members, an increase of 8 in the last year.

The Club was recognized by Rotary International as having attained a 200% status in contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Rotary Foundation is responsible for awarding thousands of International Fellowships for study in a foreign land to further the Rotary objective of "Peace Through Understanding" and West Springfield Rotary has helped.

On the Community level, the Club continued and expanded the Series of Summer Sunday Concerts in the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion in Mittineague Park.

Two members of the graduating class of West Springfield High School received scholarships, and six boys and girls at the Junior High and Elementary levels received Rotary Service Awards.

In an Arbor Day Project, trees were given to all sixth graders in Town; and in our rural-urban project, young capons were purchased which had been raised by youths of the Town and originally paid for by Rotary.

Contributions to Community organizations included a Tape Recorder for the High School Band, Archery Equipment for Camp Weber, tables and equipment for Community YMCA, Playground, Tiny Tot and Game Room Equipment for the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club. The Ramapogue Historical Society benefited from a Rotary contribution of funds toward the purchase of fencing for the Old Day House. A tile wall for the new swimming pool at the High School will be enhanced with the school emblem as a result of Rotary's contribution.

The year's project was an advertising program to support the Summer Concert Series. \$4500.00 was raised.

Bob is proud of the fact that the Club Treasury was left with over \$1,000.00 unencumbered at the year's end.

Six new members were Robert R. Emerson, Jr., Michael Discenza, Henry F. Spadoni, Jr., Robert W. Townsend, Leon J. Perrice, and M. Edward Hutchins.

ROTARY YEAR

1965 - 1966

The new officers are Everett Knudsen, President; James Visconti, Vice-President; Clyde Shouse, Secretary; George Atkins, Treasurer with Ralph Fullam, Richard Curran, Ralph Barker as Directors.

The Annual Golf Outing, June 1st, at Shaker Farms Country Club with West Springfield Lions was held with our club winning a leg on the Rotary-Lions trophy which we got a peek of.

Ladies' Nite was held September 28th at Shaker Farms Country Club and it was a gala affair that was well attended.

Books presented to West Springfield High School and a cash contribution to Heritage Academy.

The F-H Capon Project was carried out again with six sponsors and six members. The capons displayed in cellophane looked beautiful.

Christmas Party, December 4th, at Vincent's Hillhouse.

Christmas Party for the children of Club Members was on December 28th at our regular meeting.

Rotary Anns had a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 18th and voted to conduct a Rotary Ann Fashion show and card party for the Scholarship Fund on March 1st at Shaker Farms.

We had a joint meeting with Springfield Rotary Club on February 25th with Congressman Edward Boland as Speaker.

"The Spring Cotillion", a formal dinner dance, was held at Crestview Country Club on April 22nd, proved to be a success and a Fund Raising Project.

Six hundred fir trees were purchased, wrapped and distributed to pupils in the Sixth Grade of all schools in West Springfield for Arbor Day.

The Rotary Concert Series was continued during the summer at the Rotary Pavilion in Mittineague Park.

A new innovation was a Competitor's Day which was a regular meeting where each member invited his competitor to lunch.

Five new members during the year were Fred Williams, James Cogswell, James J. O'Connor, John E. McNally and Nelson O. Duchesneau.

ROTARY YEAR
1966 - 1967

The new officers are James J. Visconti, President; Ralph Fullam, Vice-President; Donald Senecal, Secretary; Richard Perry, Treasurer; with Samuel Black, John Trumbull and Charles B. Longley as Directors.

Rotary Anns enjoyed one of our weekly meetings as guests on September 6th when we enjoyed the well-known author, Mrs. Bjorn, as our speaker.

We had a joint meeting with the Holyoke Club on September 20th at Holyoke.

Our members again sponsored the 4-H Capon Project.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all at our Ladies' Nite on October 26th at Storowton Tavern. Ed Wallace of Westfield had our Rotary Anns hypnotized!

Sponsored tickets for fifteen underprivileged children to see the "Wizard of Oz".

Christmas Party on December 14th at Springfield Country Club.

Golden Age Club given new Bridge Tables.

Continued support of Rotary Pavilion Concerts at Mittineague Park with donation of \$450.00.

We held a joint meeting with the West Springfield Lions Club and Kiwanis Club on February 21st at Shaker Farms Country Club.

Awarded \$445.00 in local scholarships to students in local schools.

The annual Rotary Card Party and Fashion Show was held on March 30th at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge and netted the Club \$480.00.

Fir trees given to students in sixth grade to commemorate Arbor Day.

Donated \$150.00 at Spring Conference to provide a home for homeless in Korea.

The Spring Dance was on April 21st and this Ladies' Nite will be well remembered.

The Rotary-Lions Golf Tournament was at Shaker Farms Country Club on June 7th.

Our Summer Steak Roast was held June 27th at Strathmore Park with sixty-four people present.

Six new members are: William Doering, Raymond N. Fuller, Jr, Edward Rogalski, L. Curtis Guild, Kenneth M. Kinsley and G. William Wynne.

ROTARY YEAR

1967 - 1968

The new officers are Ralph Fullam, President; Richard J. Curran, Vice-President; Harris J. Bond, Secretary; Albert W. Sullivan, Treasurer; with John B. Smail, Sahler Smith and Henry Spadoni as Directors.

Fireside Meeting for all new members on September 26th, with a cookout, at the Secretary's home.

Another all day work party was held at the YMCA Paucatuck Ski Slope on Saturday, October 14th.

Club Golf Outing at Springfield Country Club was on October 17th.

The gamblers enjoyed a bus trip to Hinsdale Raceway with their Rotary Anns and music, refreshments and dinner at the track on October 27th.

Christmas Party at Springfield Country Club on December 12th.

Community service by all members on April 3, 4, 5 as chauffeurs and cars to drive band students from out-of-town (450 of them) to and from rehearsals and performances.

The Arbor Day work party and donation of 650 trees to School children was on April 23rd.

The Dessert Bridge and Fashion Show at the Elks Home was held on April 18th with members modeling along with Rotary Anns. \$800.00 earned.

A new club banner was designed and ordered for visitors.

Donated to Summer Concert Series to be conducted at Rotary Pavilion.

Annual Picnic at Strathmore Park on June 18th.

Rotary-Lions Golf tourney was on June 12th at Shaker Farms Country Club.

Five new members are: Elmer A. Francoeur, Douglas C. Goodman, John J. Reilly, Sol D. Freeman and Paul S. Galaska.

ROTARY YEAR

1968 - 1969

The new officers are Richard Curran, President; Chauncey Parkinson, Vice-President; Charles Longley, Secretary; Sahler Smith, Treasurer; with Harris Bond, Wallace Wyman and John Redman as Directors.

Monthly Birthday and Anniversary table was started as a regular occasion from now on.

Sponsored a project for finances so that the summer Concern Series at Rotary Pavilion can be continued.

The annual Christmas Party was on December 18th at Storowton Tavern.

February 25th was Ladies' Nite and our 15th Anniversary Party at Storowton.

April 9th was the date of our Scholarship Bridge and Fashion Show at the Elks Lodge which cleared \$450.00.

June 10th, our golfing members traveled to St. Anne's Country Club in Agawan for their annual tourney with the roaring Lions.

Our summer steak roast was on June 6th in Southwick at Brosku's Grove.

Recipients of our Scholarship awards were guests at our meeting on June 24th.

Eight new members are: Michael G. Kozinetz, Norman Durack, Ralph Meacham, Michael O'Malley, Raymond W. Hubert, James E. Wagner and Walter DeFillipi and Lewis A. Black.

ROTARY YEAR

1969 - 1970

The new officers are Chauncey Parkinson, President; Harris Bond, Vice-President; Russell G. Exley, Secretary; Charles R. Mitchell, Treasurer, with Richard S. Sullivan, Michael Discenza and G. W. Wynne as Directors.

We were "off" to Hinsdale Raceway on October 28th for music, dinner and betting.

Teams were organized in the Club for an All-Out membership drive.

Christmas Party at Storvouton on December 20th was a great success and Santa arrived on time!

February 13th was Hockey Nite for our Club and this "stag" night was to see the Springfield Kings at the Coliseum. The turn-out was excellent.

Annual Scholarship Dessert Bridge and Fashion Show was scheduled on March 6th with models from the Club and Rotary Anns. Profit - \$700.00!!!

We supported financially the Summer Concert Series at Rotary Pavilion in Mittineague Park and afforded programs.

April 10th and 11th were the dates of our project for the year. After many rehearsals at the "Y" and elsewhere, we presented a musical revue and concert entitled "Over and Under 30" with Rotary Anns and every member involved in this activity. We got to know each other better and raised over \$2500.00.

June 11th was the Annual Golf Tournament with the Lions Club at Springfield Country Club.

On June 23rd, we enjoyed our steak roast at Broska's Grove in Southwick.

On June 30th, a bus trip to Northfield Mountain to see this vast construction project, which produces electricity, was another opportunity for better understanding and fellowship.

Twelve new members are: Thomas S. Andrews, Richard J. Shields, Richard M. DeBower, George M. Atkins, Richard F. Perry, Paul J. Winkler, Robert E. Sharpe, Dewey Peterson and Frank Grabowski. Also Hubert H. Lattinville, G. Milton Ekberg, Arthur J. Leary, Jr.

ROTARY YEAR

1970 - 1971

The new officers were Harris J. Bond, President; John D. Redman, Vice-President, Richard S. Sullivan, Secretary and Elmer Francœur, Treasurer.

Social

- August- Fenway Park - Boston Red Sox
Roy Dudley - Chairman
- October- Hinsdale Raceway - Rotarians and Rotary Anns
Two buses filled.
Ralph Fullam - Chairman
- December - Annual Christmas Party - Storowton
- June - Spring Outing at Brzaska's Grove

Project

- May- A new project was attempted and proved very successful. One hundred tickets were sold at \$100.00 apiece on a drawing for a new cadillac coupe-de-ville. The sum of \$2800.00 was raised and the project culminated in a Gala Ball at the Springfield Country Club. The Simsbury Rotary Club was the winner of the cadillac.

During the year, we were honored with a visit by the two candidates for United States Senate; Josiah Spaulding and the Honorable Edward J. Kennedy.

Conference and Conventions

Herb Barlett represented the Club at the International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

Twenty-six Rotarians and Rotary Anns made their presence know at the District Conference at Jug End Barn in April where Don Senecal won the golf tournament and the right to represent District #789 in the Greater Hartford Open.

Fireside Meetings were revived after a lapse of three years.

A Busy Year

5 Five new members were Bernard Crosby, Robert Gombur, Cliff Joseph, William Reichelt and Ray Suzor.

ROTARY YEAR

1971 - 1972

The new officers were John D. Redman, Donald N. Senecal, Vice-President, John Smail, Secretary, Frederick L. Williams with Directors John M. Turnbull, Alexander J. Hindmarsh and Ralph L. Meacham.

Service

Last Thanksgiving Eve, a Community Program sponsored by Protestant and Catholic Clergy was presented and the bulletin sponsored by our Rotary Club. Contributions to Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families, Chamber of Commerce Youth Committee, West Springfield Y.M.C.A., West Springfield High School, Pioneer Valley Boy Scout Council, Arbor Day Programs at schools and packaging and giving trees to all Fifth Grade students in town.

Ninth Annual Program of Musical Presentations for our Summer Concert Series.

Scholarships were given in the amount of \$1000.00 total, to three students.

We revised our classification directory and brought our roster current during the year. Had a Fireside Meeting on January 19th at Charlie Godin's home. John Turnbull compiled a paper on our members trade and professional associations.

A Fashion Show and Card Party was held at the Elks Club to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. A Handicapped Persons' identification sticker was introduced and distributed to home owners through the Town Fire Department.

Our Rotary Foundation standing jumped to 400% and we now have a Paul Harris Fellow in our club - Herb Bartlett who gave in the memory of his wife, Frances.

Membership

New members for the year were Stanley Chiz, Stan Szarnecki, Harvey Burke and Sid Handleman.

Finances

We had \$2000.00 in Time Certificates at the beginning of the Rotary Year and \$220.00 in cash.

We took in seventy-six member @ \$35.00	\$2,660.00
Fashion Show	500.00
Performing Arts Pavilion	2,300.00
Cadillac Raffle	2,800.00

Our surplus going into next year will be greater than average.

Social

Football trip to see Patriots, Baseball trip to Boston Red Sox, Christmas Party at Storowton, Hinsdale Race Bus trip, Fashion Show and Bridge, District Conference at Jug End Barr, Dinner Dance at Springfield Country Club for Cadillac Raffle, Annual Golf Tournament with the Lion's Club at Springfield Country Club

ROJARY CLUB

1972 - 1973

The new officers were Donald Senecal, President, Wallace Wyman, Vice President, John Smail, Secretary and Fred Williams, Treasurer. Directors were Ralph Meacham, Elmer Francœur and Richard DeBower.

Social

Steak Roast on September 12th

Springfield District Golf Outing

Christmas Party, December 20th at the Colosseum

Fashion Show at the Elks in the Spring

\$300.00 for Vice-President Wallace Wyman to Lucerne, Switzerland

Sum put aside for purchase of Van for Work Opportunity Center

Project

Summer Concert Series sponsored again

Cadillac Nite again!

Twelve new members joined this year.

ROTARY YEAR

1973 - 1974

The new officers were Wallace Wyman, President; Clyde Shouse, Vice President, Clifford Joseph, Secretary; Richard Shields, Treasurer. Directors were Bernard Crosby, Harris Tanner and Frederick Williams.

Project

The Cadillac Drawing, Annual Christmas Party was held at the Colosseum Restaurant and the 20th Anniversary of the Club was celebrated at the same time. In May, 1974, a Polo match was the Annual Project and was held at the Eastern States Colosseum. Over \$4,500.00 was taken in. The Arbor Day program was again sponsored by the Club.

The May 28th meeting hosted Charles Godin speaking on the subject of "Trees and Shrubs Indigenous to the Area". Those who heard this presentation will remember that Joe Bertera, Phil Smith and Paul Galaska assisted. It's a wonder Bill Cavanaugh let us come back the following week.

The Club is also now a 500% Rotary Foundation Club. Wallace really went all out to secure new Rotarians.

Seventeen new members came into the Club.

ROTARY YEAR

1974 - 1975

The new officers were Clyde Shouse, President; Clifford Joseph, Vice-President; Richard Dalton, Secretary and Lou Beauchamp, Treasurer. Directors were Frank Grabowski, Calvin Courtney and Elmer Francoeur.

Social Events

Coachlight Dinner Party - September 18

Golf - Rotary and Lions - we lost second year in a row - October 17

Christmas Party held at Storrington - December 20

Rotary Steak Roast - June 28

The Rotary Sweepstake was inaugurated as new vehicle to keep Club attendance up.

The Cadillac drawing was in March and Simsbury Rotary won the car for the second time.

Lou Beauchamp elected a Rotary Fellow.

Gave a screen and projector to the Council for the Aging.

Over \$10,000 given to Community Projects.

Six new members were to join the Club that year.

ROTARY YEAR

1975 - 1976

The new officers were Clifford Joseph, President, Robert Deane, Vice President; Calvin Courtney, Secretary and Raymond Spear, Treasurer. Directors were Robert Clark, A. Edmond Pratt and Paul Galaska.

Social

Rotary-Lions Golf Match won by Rotary - August 6. Red Sox Game - Good time on September 2, and we even had \$52.16 left over after all the bills for the bus and beer were paid. Christmas Party - December 5 - Betty's Towne House - 32 Rotary Anns attended the meeting December 13. Boston Bruins Hockey game - January 22.

The Memorial Fund to Lou Beauchamp was started with five of our Rotarians as Committee Chairmen with Joe Bertera, General Chairman.

One project adopted was the sale of Christmas bows and ties. We also sponsored the Concert Series again. We gave our dispensation and release to Agawam for a new Rotary Club. They held their Charter Night March 19 at Chez Joseph and many of our Rotarians were present.

The big project for the year was the Cadillac Drawing but ticket sales lagged, partly we hear, because some folks felt Simsbury Rotary would win again. Fortunately, Elmer Francoeur and Walt DeFilippi won the car with Simsbury Rotary and Suffield Rotary close behind. We only made \$300.00 on the deal. The Club history does not show which half of the Cadillac Elmer won or Walt lost. Despite the small amount raised from the drawing, other projects raised \$6,000.

ROTARY YEAR

1976 - 1977

The new officers were Robert Dean, President; Norman Cook, Vice-President, Paul Galaska, Assistant Vice-President; William Wagner, Secretary; and Raymond Spear, Treasurer. Directors were Paul Gamelli, Charles Mitchell and Bill Heffernan.

Social

Rotary-Lions Golf - October 7, Springfield Country Club.

Christmas Party - December 17, Storwuton Barn

Rotary Ann's Day - December 14, Trip to Northfield Pump Station.

Projects

A & P Customer's Day - Gained \$66.64.

Raised \$665.00 for the Dale Palmer Therapy Fund

Sponsored the Concert Series once more

Had the Arbor Day project - giving 600 trees to school children.

Eight new members came into the Club.

ROTARY YEAR

1977 - 1978

The new officers were Norman Cook, President, Elmer Francoeur, Vice-President; William Wagner and Charles Sullivan, Secretaries and Ray Labbe, Treasurer. Directors were Louis Conti, Frank Grabowski and Paul Gamelli.

The Rotary Year started with the new slate of officers, but in September, President Cook announced that he was to resign. Elmer Francoeur was elected to take over the Prexy's job for the balance of the Rotary year with Paul Winkler moving in Elmer's Vice-President spot.

Social

Rotary Lions Golf - October 6th; Christmas Party, December 2nd; Rotary Ann's' meeting - December 20th.

Project

Due to the unfortunate sequence of events in the administration of the Club, no time was available to plan a Club Project; so after much soul searching, the officers and Directors suggested that all members be assessed \$40.00 and also asked each member to sponson a copy of the weekly bulletin at a cost of \$20.00. Elmer announced in April that the plan was a complete success and expressed his appreciation.

The big work project for the year, under the guidance of Paul Winkler and Hugh Corr as Chairmen, was to work on a new playground and equipment for the Main Street Playgrounds.

The Arbor Day Program was continued and Charlie Godin reported that the Club had contributed 8000 trees to school children during the ten years of the program. The Concert Series was promoted once more.

The Club was saddened in November to learn of the death of the immediate Past President, Norm Cook. In his memory, the Club asked the School Committee for permission to erect a plaque at the playground, dedicating it to Norman. The Committee gave permission and our own Paul Galaska was to provide and install the plaque.

Six new Rotarians joined during the year.

One special meeting, January 24th, was devoted to Eulah Mosher, our pianist, now serving for over 25 years. A memorable program chaired by our good friend, Harris, Bond, who, as you all know, passed away this year.

ROTARY YEAR

1978 - 1979

Thus we have come to the last year in our Rotary History for this month we arrived at the 25th anniversary. The Club has experienced its ups and downs, but has remained a vibrant, strong influence on the Community life of West Springfield.

The officers this year are Paul J. Winkler, President; Paul Gamelli, Vice-President; Sahler Smith, Secretary and Charles Sullivan, Treasurer. The Directors are Paul Galaska, Robert Jounsend, Thomas McNamara and Elmer Francoeur. They have dedicated themselves to making this 25th year the best one of all. We can be justly proud of them and the Club they serve. When July 1979 rolls around and this Rotary Year becomes part of our history, I'm sure we can look back on this and all the years with a great deal of pride.

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Rotary Year

1978 -- 1979

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Charles Sullivan, Treasurer.

The Directors are:

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Of the 24 members who signed the original charter of our Club, only four remain as active club members. They are Joe Bentera, Charles Godin, Philip Smith and Ken Speed.

Our Club sponsored two soccer teams in the Fall, 1978 Park and Recreation League.

Twenty-six of our members played in the Annual Rotary-Lions Golf Journey on September 27th at Oak Ridge Country Club and lost to the roaring Lions.

The Norman Cook Playground was dedicated on October 23rd, named after our Past President, with playground equipment donated and installed by the men in our club.

On November 15th, a New York Theater Trip via bus to see "Chorus Line" was enjoyed by several Rotarians and their Rotary Anns with lunch at the Red Coach Inn, as well as snacks and refreshments on the bus.

Our 25th Anniversary Party was combined with our Annual Christmas Party at the Stonnorton Barn, the evening of December 15th and was a huge success with approximately 80% of our members present with their wives and sweethearts. Charlie Godin received a standing ovation at the party upon receiving the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow Award which was a gift to him from all the Past Presidents of the Club. A fine dinner party!

The West Side High Choral Group entertained the Club on December 19th and many wives were in attendance.

At a Board of Directors Meeting, December 26th, the board voted:

- \$200 for a projector for the Association for the Blind
- \$100 for a suburban basketball - Town of West Springfield
- \$100 for supplemental Health Materials for School System

Our Club continued the Summer Concert Series on the Green and each member must solicit at least five ads for the program to finance the project.

A General Scholarship and a Benjamin Wood Band Scholarship at the High School will be sponsored by the Club this year.

A Student Exchange Program with Ken Speed as Chairman, received eight applications for the Host Holiday Exchange. A record high in our District. Also, our district will host and exchange a student from Stockholm for one school year.

Rotary Foundation cited our club for increasing its annual support. The accumulation from our club stands at \$5860.00. We are now at 700% Club, well over average.

Paul Winkler was an excellent and strong leader - never giving into the "I'll do it later." We are left with a healthy treasury \$3,898.75, a completed Main Street Playground and many other accomplishments.

New Members are:

Tom Kenny
Curt Guild
Ernest Bates
Glen Hastie
John Barber
Wendell Carduff
Donald MacMeekin
Darrell Mitchell
Mark Berman
Joseph Nelen
John J. Hoar
Dr. Robert Sheehan
Dr. Paul Welch
Richard English
Richard Garvin

The Club voted to reinstate Walter DeFillippi and Hugh Coar.

ROTARY YEAR
1979 - 1980

The new officers to serve during this Rotary Year were Paul Gamelli, President; Sahler Smith, Vice-President; Eddie Wright, Secretary; Charles Sullivan, Treasurer; with Don McMeekin, Robert Lyne and Richard Shields as Directors.

The first meeting of the new Rotary Year was held July 3, 1979 with Paul Gamelli picking up the gavel from Past President Paul Winkler. President Paul outlined some goals he hoped the club would attain during his Rotary term. He expressed appreciation for being given the opportunity to serve his club and the community. Paul introduced, for recognition by the club, his fellow officers and directors.

Some of the highlights of this Rotary Year are as follows:

- July 24 The reception and greeting of eight exchange students from Belgium and Luxemborg. All of these young people were house guests of West Springfield Rotarians during their stay in our area.
- July 27 The first organization meeting of the project committee was held to set forth plans for operating the Exhibitors' Club at the Eastern States Exposition in September. Subsequent and very frequent meetings were held right up to fair time.
- Aug. 21 District Governor James Hart made his official visitation and he was very gracious and complimentary to the West Springfield Club, expressing the special thanks to Paul Winkler, Immediate Past President, for leading the club through a very successful year.
- Sept. 28 It was announced today that total sales at the Exhibitors' Club Project amounted to \$12,052.10 with a new profit estimated to reach nearly \$3,000.00.
- Oct. 16 A group of students from the high school came to "Match Wits" with Rotarians. A most interesting meeting.
- Dec. 11 It was announced that the final accounting of the Exhibitors' Club Project showed a net profit of \$4,800.00. This was an excellent showing for all the hard work, time and effort expended by so many Rotarians. The Club congratulates each and every one who contributed to this successful event.
- Jan. 22 It was announced by President Paul that the club reach an attendance standing for December of 89.1%.
- Apr. 15 Club attendance went up to 93.7% for March.
- May 20 The summer concert series sponsored by the club was opened on the Town Common with the Clarion Brass Quartet.
- June 24 The last meeting of the Rotary year was highlighted by the passing of the gavel to Sahler Smith who will lead the club during the coming Rotary year. President Paul, in concluding his term,

thanked his officers and everyone for the help given to him particularly with the Exhibitors' Club Project. He announced that six new Rotarians came in during the year.

SUMMARY:

This year proved to be another successful one, highlighted, of course, by the Exposition Project. Not to be omitted, however, mention should be made of:

1. Another successful Arbor Day celebration with the school children.
2. Continuation of the summer concert series.
3. Lions Club vs. West Springfield Rotary in the annual golf outing.
4. Another fine Christmas party.
5. The very excellent programs arranged by Sahler Smith, Chairman.
6. Presentation of \$1,500.00 to Police Chief McNamara for the Program Outreach.
7. Several fine programs given by our own Rotarians.
8. The presentation of scholarships to two high school seniors, continuing another long practice.
9. The enthusiasm that still prevails among the members of the Rotary Club of West Springfield making it the finest club in the district commensurate with its size.
10. The large number of members with 100% attendance records. There were 13 of these the last twelve months; many of whom have also had perfect attendance since joining the organization.

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROTARY YEAR

1980 - 1981

The new officers elected to serve the Club during the Rotary Year were Sahler Smith, President, Eddie Wright, Vice President, Richard Gavin, Secretary, Robert Lyne, Treasurer with Don MacMeekin, Thomas Foley and Ray Spear to serve as Directors.

July 1

The first meeting of the new Rotary Year was held July 1, 1980 with the new President Sahler Smith receiving the badge of his office and the gavel from outgoing President Paul Gamelli. Past President Paul took the opportunity to express his appreciation for the privilege extended to him to serve as Club President. He also introduced his fellow officers and directors for a final round of applause as recognition from the members of their year of excellent service.

President Sahler's first day was devoted to a Club assembly and it gave him a chance to outline some of the goals he hoped the Club would attain during the year. Six young Junior High School students were introduced by President Sahler who proudly presented them with Rotary Service Club awards for excellence.

Ray Labbe, Chairman of the Exhibitors Club at the Big "E" announced his plans for the main fund raiser of the year with a goal of \$15,000. in gross sales.

The first meeting concluded with the new President setting forth his motto for the year as "Participation".

Other highlights of the Rotary Year were as follows:

August 12 Visit to the speaker's rostrum by Representative Walter DeFilippi who gave an excellent talk on the life of a State Representative.

August 19 Lee Williams, Director of the Basketball Hall of Fame enthusiastically entertained the members as he discussed plans for the new Hall of Fame.

August 26 It was announced that 69 members and 32 Rotary Anns were signed to work at the Big "E" lunchroom. These numbers later increased to 81 Rotarians and 40 Rotary Anns.

September 30 Treasurer Charles Sullivan announced gross sales at the Big "E" stood at \$16,700. a 39% increase over last year. Ray Labbe, Chairman and President Sahler Smith expressed appreciation to all for a job well done.

It was also announced that West Springfield won the District 789 Golf Tournament with our own Curtis Guild low gross winner coming in with a 74.

Townsmen Bob Savaria presented 30 minutes of humor, wit and wisdom.

October 7 Capable attendance officer Past President Paul Winkler announced the Club attendance for September 94.5%. A fine club record. A sad note was interjected into the meeting with the observance by the Club of the death of Lee Schermerhorn the sponsor of the Rotary Club of West Springfield. District Governor Paul Congdon also extended his tribute to Springfield's Past President Lee. Governor Paul delivered his message from Rotary International in the capable way only he can present.

- October 14 Our own Charlie Godin while visiting Bermuda handled a program as principal speaker while visiting the Hamilton Club. Talent will out, everytime. It was also announced 28% of the members had perfect attendance for July, August and September.
- October 21 President Sahler proudly announced that the 94.5% attendance record gave the Club first place in the District 789 for the month of September.
- November 18 Joan Woods President of the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce presented a well planned talk about our fair town. The Club was reminded of the Christmas Party December 5th.
- December 23 Ladies Day for West Springfield Rotary and a fine program was arranged by Curt Guild and his Rotary Ann, June who presented an exchange student from Sweden who is staying with them for one year while their daughter is in Sweden for a year.
- January 13 The Club was saddened by the death of Bill Doering who passed away January 10th.
- February 13 President Sahler announced the 1981 Christmas Party was to be held jointly with the West Springfield Club. Clyde Shouse our congenial Chairman and Charles Barnfather of the West Springfield Club will serve as co-hosts. Vice President Eddie announced the details on the annual Summer Concert Series Program and set forth the committee assignments.
- February 24 The usual noon meeting was held in the evening at Storowton to honor Joe Bertera who received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. It was a delightful evening with Joe receiving the plaudits of all with his usual modesty. Paul Congdon, District Governor presented Joe his

medal and award letter from Rotary International. A distinct honor to a fine gentleman.

- March 17 Sixty-one members attended the meeting. - Also a new record. President Sahler announced a \$100. bet with Westfield Rotary for perfect attendance during April. The goal of \$3,700. by Vice President Eddie's Summer Concert Committees was reached, he proudly announced.
- April 7 Last month's record of 61 members at a meeting was quickly broken, for this day there were 64 on hand.
- April 14 The Arbor Day Program was again observed by Chairman Charlie Godin and his Committee of 12. 600 trees were prepared for planting by West Springfield School children.
- May 5 Westfield Rotary conceded the attendance contest when Paul Winkler announced we had 99.12% for the month of April. Another \$100. for our till. Westfield did well, though, ending up with 91%, but not quite good enough.
- May 26 Again the Club was first in the District with an attendance mark of 99.12%, a new record. According to this historian this would mean that .82% of a member was absent. Now who must that be?
- June 2 It was announced we gave \$125. to former member Fred Williams who was instrumental in starting a new Rotary Club in Belleview, Florida.
- June 23 President Sahler conducted his next to final meeting this Rotary Year and asked the incoming officers to be with him at the head table.
- June 30 President Sahler received his diamond today from incoming President Ed Wright. Thank you much Sahler for your guidance and your

enthusiasm. You leave our top spot but stay close, we'll need you still.

Sahler very proudly points to other highlights of his year as President that we have not mentioned previously and we list a few of them in concluding this report.

1. Supported Abdo Soccer Team
2. Supported West Springfield Girls Soccer Team
3. Contributed to the Senior Citizens Center
4. Aided the "Y" with it's Good Times Program
5. Contributed to the Paucatuck Park Program
6. Contributed to Tim Daggett and Coach Jones trip to California
7. Presented two High School Scholarships
8. Contributed to West Springfield Police Outreach Program
9. Contributed to Exchange Student Sponsorship
10. Contributed to the Scott Hill Scholarship Fund
11. Membership proudly received 15 new members. Eight left the Club during the year. The goal of 95 active members was almost reached at the year end when 93 Rotarians were on the list.
12. The year ended with \$5,551.12 in the Treasury. A good year it was.

END OF YEAR REPORT - SAHLER SMITH, PRESIDENT

As the current Rotary year is concluded I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire membership for making this a most memorable time. The theme I attempted to project was "participation". Thank you all for taking hold of this theme. Your cooperation and effort made this year both fruitful and enjoyable.

Highlights of the year include:

- A. Membership- 15 new members; 7 members left our club (1 deceased); net plus 8. Goal 95 members; present membership 93 + 1 honorary total 94.
- B. Attendance - Paul Winkler did an outstanding job of making West Springfield one of the district leaders in attendance. Club set new high of 99.12% in April as our club defeated Westfield in an attendance contest.
- C. Club Bulletin - Secretary Dick Garvin improved format, made it more legible, improved delivery time, and lowered the cost. Many thanks to good job by editors Bob Conti, Dick Shields, Cliff Rollins for their outstanding work.
- D. Projects:
1. Big E Exhibitors Club - Ray Labbe and Committee organized membership into a smooth functioning outfit. Club voted that 75% of net profit from this project will be used for work in our community.
 2. Summer Concert Program Project - Ed Wright inspired us to make this program highly successful.
 3. Arbor Day - Fifth grade pupils all received trees purchased by our club. Charles Godin together with Seth Swift, Town's Forestry Department, directed our members and families in processing the trees.
- E. Community Contributions:
- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Abdo Soccer Team | 8. Arbor Day Trees |
| 2. WS girls Soccer Team | 9. Surplus Trees-Channel 57 Auction |
| 3. Senior Citizens Center | 10. Junior High Service Awards (6) |
| 4. YMCA Good Times Program | 11. High School Scholarships (2) |
| 5. Paucatuck Park Project | 12. Scott Hill Scholarship |
| 6. Coach Jones-Tim Daggett
California Trip | 13. Police Outreach Program |
| 7. Belleview Club Banner
(Fred Williams) | 14. Exchange Student sponsorship
(Curt Guild) |
- F. Paul Harris Fellow - Our club honored Joe Bertera by making him a Paul Harris Fellow. Ken Speed's Rotary Foundation Committee ran an outstanding program honoring Joe.
- G. Club Roster - New books were distributed after much work by Dick Garvin and Charlie Mitchell.

Many thanks to the officers VP-Ed Wright; Sec. Dick Garvin; Treasurer Bob Lyne; Directors - Tom Foley, Don MacMeekin, Ray Spear for their outstanding work and support throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT
ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

BEGINNING BALANCE-7/1/80
 Checkbook 2900.01
 Savings-Third Nat 1642.48
 -Westfield Sav. 682.22
 Total Beg. Balance 5224.71

INCOME
 Dues 6015.00
 Bulletin 980.00
 Summer Concert 3940.00
 Fines-"Duck" 246.02
 Xmas Party 1505.00
 Exhibitor's Club 3000.00
 Foundation Dinner 1100.00
 Interest Income 220.52
 Misc. Income 322.51
 Total Income 17329.05

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE 22553.76

OVERHEAD EXPENSES
 Rotary International 1819.30
 District #789-Dues 486.00
 Print./Post./Stat. 2987.20
 Del. to Conventions 1886.10
 Club Supplies 903.94
 Luncheons 577.30
 Pianist 915.00
 Club Social-Xmas Party 1795.38¹
 -Oak Ridge 43.50¹
 Miscellaneous 171.95
 Total Overhead 11585.67

CLUB PROJECTS & DONATIONS
 Abdow's Soccer Team 100.00
 Jr. High Awards 136.30
 Student Exchange 250.00
 U.S. Girl's Soccer 100.00
 Shriner's-L.Schermhorn 25.00
 Police "Reach-Out" 57.70
 Club Roster Book 651.55
 Arbor Day Trees 302.42
 Spfld Y.M.C.A. 50.00
 Xmas Gifts-Waitresses 160.00
 P.Harris Foundation 1000.00
 Foundation Dinner 999.00
 Camp Webber Repairs 250.00
 S.Hill Scholarship 200.00
 Chicopee Boy's Club 10.00
 Rotary Scholarships-2 1000.00
 Belleview, Fla. Rotary 125.00
 Total Projects/Don. 5416.97

TOTAL CLUB EXPENSES 17002.64

ENDING BALANCES-6/30/81

Checkbook 1005.90²
 Savings-Third Nat. 1730.56³
 -Westfield Sav. 721.12³
 -United Coop. 2093.54
 Total Ending Bal. 5551.12

TOTAL EXPENSES & END BAL. 22553.76

Robert Lyne, Treasurer

- 1 \$43.50 Golf Match deficit at Oak Ridge Country Club
- 2 \$500.00 Committed out of 1980-81 fiscal year toward a \$2025.00 room completion in the Senior Citizens Center
- 3 Paul Harris Foundation Account

December 9, 1980

Sahler Smith, President
West Springfield Rotary Club
P. O. Box 66
West Springfield, Massachusetts

Re: Nominations
Club Officers & Directors

Dear President Sahler:

The following slate of officers and directors are submitted
for the Rotary year 1981-82.

President:	Ed Wright
Vice-President:	Dick Garvin
Secretary:	Bob Lyne
Treasurer:	Bob Townsend
Directors:	Mark Berman John Hoar Stan Chiz

Nominating Committee

Paul Winkler
Elmer Francoeur
Bob Carroll

Rotary Year 1981 - 1982

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A. Membership: Six new members, one member reinstated making a total of seven. Goal was seven. However, we lost six members and became more conscious of quality rather than quantity and each of the new members has maintained 100% attendance since joining.

B. Attendance: With an average attendance of over 92% for the year and a standing of Third in the District as well as 100% for the month of March which had five Tuesdays. A most outstanding record given by our members.

C. Projects:

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4. By-laws - A much needed study and revision was performed by John Redman and his committee which the club voted to approve.

5. Paul Harris Fellow - Our Club honored Kenneth Speed by making him a Paul Harris Fellow at an evening dinner meeting with Rotary Ann's in attendance. It was a very special social event.

6. Christmas Party - For the first time, our Rotary Club held the Christmas Party jointly with the West Springfield Club. Clyde Shouse and his committee put together a very nice affair at the Springfield Country Club. Attendance was terrific!

D. Community Contributions:

Senior Citizen Center - Equipment Room	\$2,025.00
Boys & Girls Club - Exercise Room	1,123.00
W.S. Parish Assoc. - Guidance Center	950.00
W.S. High School - Starting Blocks - Pool	2,400.00
Arbor Day Tree Project	284.37
Jr. High School Awards	127.70
American Cancer Lung Film	191.25
Dr. J. McNally - Phillipine 3rd Project	250.00
Two Scholarships	1,000.00
Paul Harris Fellowship	1,000.00
Park & Recreation Dept. Project	50.00
W.S. Soccer League	35.00

E. F-H Project in the Phillipines Dr. John McNally and his wife, Joan, volunteered through Rotary International World Community Service to set up and work in a refugee dental program performing surgical extractions, fillings, etc. to 781 patients in a period of seven weeks. They inaugurated a rotating schedule so that dentists would have a week's overlap in indoctrinating new men. Our Rotary Club is grateful to Dr. John and Joan for such outstanding "Service above Self".

F. International Student Projects Our own members and Chairman of this fine committee, Curt Guild, presented his daughter, Laura, an exchange student to Sweden, who gave us a most interesting talk about her year spent with a Swedish family. Our Rotarians were guests of the club as they had worked on our "Big E" project.

New Members for the year

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Robert J. Healy
David Thatcher
Alan Goodhind
George McNeil
Robert Macdonald

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5. Paul Harris Fellow - Our Club honored Kenneth Speed by making him a Paul Harris Fellow at an evening dinner meeting with Rotary Anns in attendance. It was a very special social event.

6. Christmas Party - For the first time, our Rotary Club held the Christmas Party jointly with the West Springfield Club. Clyde Shouse and his committee put together a very nice affair at the Springfield Country Club. Attendance was terrific!

D. Community-Contributions:

Senior Citizen Center - Equipment Room	\$2,025.00
Boys & Girls Club - Exercise Room	1,123.00
W.S. Parish Assoc. - Guidance Center	950.00
W.S. High School - Starting Blocks - Pool	2,400.00
Arbor Day Tree Project	284.37
Jr. High School Awards	127.70
American Cancer Lung Film	191.25
Dr. J. McNally - Phillipine 3H Project	250.00
Two Scholarships	1,000.00
Paul Harris Fellowship	1,000.00
Park & Recreation Dept. Project	50.00
W.S. Soccer League	35.00

E. 3-H Project in the Phillipines Dr. John McNally and his wife, Joan, volunteered through Rotary International World Community Service to set up and work in a refugee dental program performing surgical extractions, fillings, etc. to 781 patients in a period of seven weeks. They inaugurated a rotating schedule so that dentists would have a week's overlap in indoctrinating new men. Our Rotary Club is grateful to Dr. John and Joan for such outstanding "Service above Self".

F. International Student Projects Our own members and Chairman of this line committee, Curt Guild, presented his daughter, Laura, an exchange student to Sweden, who gave us a most interesting talk about her year spent with a Swedish family. Our Rotarians were guests of the club as they had worked on our "Big E" project.

New Members for the year

Allan Blair
Robert J. Healy
David Thatcher
Alan Goodhind
George McNeil
Robert MacDonald

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

YEAR 1981-1982

EDDIE WRIGHT, PRESIDENT

1. Serving as President of the West Springfield Rotary Club is an experience and a challenge I will long remember. It provided me the opportunity to get an immeasurable appreciation of what Rotary is all about. The cooperation from the officers and Directors and the Club at large was outstanding.
2. At the beginning of this Rotary year, last July, we outlined some major goals we wanted to accomplish; I would like to take a moment to re-state them and our degree of accomplishment:

GOAL	RESULT
a. A Successful Big "E" endeavor	Chr. Ray Labbe and his Committee of Joe Bertera, Charlie Sullivan, John Ferranti, Dick Shields, Ralph Fullum, Bill Shepard, and Dick English, with participating Rotarians and Rotaryann's were responsible for our best year since the beginning of the Big "E" Project.
b. A Successful Summer Concert Series	Chr. Brian Sharry headed this project and grossed over \$3,665.00. A truly great performance.
c. Appoint one Paul Harris Fellow	Kenneth Speed was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship designation at a dinner meeting of Rotarians and Rotaryann's on April 20, 1982. The Committee responsible for this outstanding affair was chaired by Mark Berman, assisted by Leonard Wagner and Edward Welker. Jack O'Brien served as Master of Ceremonies and did his usual outstanding job.
d. Prepare By-laws for the Club	Chr. John Redmond and his Committee of Wendell Carduff and Robert Carroll performed this most needed task of establishing our by-laws.
e. Continue to improve the quality of Weekly Programs	Chr. Stephen Jamrog and his 12 Program Chairmen did an absolutely commendable job, beginning with Philip Smith in July '81 and ending with Victor Quillard in June '82. Speakers included such notables as Bishop McGuire, Congressman Silvio O. Conte, Dr. Seth Zacarian, Dr. Chatter Samra, James Martin, Chr. Bd. at Mass Mutual, Dr. Paul Nay, and many other outstanding speakers too numerous to list.

f. Win one of the attendance Trophies presented by the District

With an average attendance of over 92% for the year we should be very much in the running, but whether we are or not, I am grateful to each of you for your outstanding performance and especially for your 100% March attendance. I am told it is a first in our 60 Club District for a Club our size especially in a month with five meetings.

JUST OFF THE PRESS!!! WEST SPRINGFIELD WINS THIRD PLACE ATTENDANCE TROPHY.

g. Improve on the attendance at the Annual Christmas Party

Chr. Clyde Shouse put together a real bang up Christmas Party and the attendance was terrific.

h. Net seven new members in 1981-82

After our original decision to net 7 new members, rounding out our membership to 100, we later changed our direction and decided that rather than go for size for the sake of being big, we would become more conscious of quality. Also, by becoming too large it was felt that we might lose some of the comraderie and esprit de corps which is the trademark of the West Spfld. Club. All of our new members have taken an active part in the Club and almost all of them have maintained 100% attendance since joining. This is a credit to the Board's emphasis on quality.

3. During this Club year we spent \$9,436.32, on Projects as follows:

Senior Citizen Center - Equip. Room	\$2,025.00	Am. Cancer Lung Film	191.25
Boys-Girl's Club Exercise Room	1,123.00	Dr. McNally Philippine	250.00
W. S. Parish Assoc. Guidance Ctr.	950.00	3-H Project	
W.S. High School Starting Blocks-Pool	2,400.00	Two Scholarships	1,000.00
Arbor Day Tree Project	284.37	Paul Harris Fellowship	1,000.00
Jr. High School Awards	127.70	Park & Rec. Dep. Xmas	50.00
		Project	
		W. S. Soccer League	35.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$9,436.32

4. The foregoing accomplishments were made through the leadership and direction of a very competent and dedicated Board of Officers and Directors as follows:

Mark Berman	Richard Garvin	Robert Lyne
David Dickerman	John Hoar	Robert Townsend

5. In addition to a very fine Board of Officers and Directors, there are others who played a significant role as follows:

A Salute to all those dedicated Rotarians with a 100% attendance record
Schler Smith for setting the stage and being around when we needed him

Attendance Chairman - Paul Winkler (he spent part of his vacation time to come in and take attendance).

Song Leaders: Elmer Francoeur, an invaluable member of the Club, Don Senecal, Dave Dickerman, Paul Galaska.

Birthday Table - Jack O'Brien, Tom Foley and Tom Kenney

Class. Comm. and Arbor Day Chr. - "Mr. Rotary" Charlie Godin

Dr. John McNally and Joan - 3-H Project in the Philippines (Chr. World Community Service). His report is part of our Archives.

Rotary Foundation Chr. and Paul Harris Fellow - Ken Speed, Mark Berman and Lenny Wagner

Membership Development - Dave Dickerman and Ed Welker

Sargeant at Arms Comm. Chr. Jim Griffin

Rotary Information, Chr., Paul Gamelli

Public Relations Chr. - Dick Sullivan

International Students Projects - Curt Guild

Sickness & Health Comm. Chr. Milt Ekberg

Ride for Eula - Charlie Mitchell - Week after Week

Each Rotarian and each Committee Chairman

Our 100% March and Third Place Standing in the District.

All of the other accomplishments could not have happened without you

My Administrative Assistant, Shirley McGeary, for her role in spearheading the various projects for me during my tenure as Vice President and as President.

Charles B. Longley, for sponsoring me into this fine organization

Last, but not least, a little girl I met 37 years ago, and married 32 years ago, my wife, Lula. She has always been very supportive. Each Tuesday night after my Bible Study Group, when I arrive home she is always eager to know what went on at Rotary, how the speaker was, and what's on the following week.

6. With all this support, we couldn't help but have a commendable year.
7. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and my final request is that you give Dick Garvin and his staff the support and cooperation you so willingly gave to us this past year.

THANKS!

EDDIE WRIGHT

P.S. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached.

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

STATEMENT 6-30-82

BEGINNING BALANCE

CHECK BOOK	1005.90	
TNB SAVING	1730.56	
WESTFIELD SAV.	721.12	
UNITED COOP.	2093.54	+ 5551.12

INCOME

DUES	5986.25	
BULLETIN	1880.00	
SUMMER CONCERT	3665.00	
EXHIBITORS CLUB	5500.00	
DUCK	353.14	
INTEREST	396.38	
MISC	23.00	
SOCIALS	4385.00	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		+ 22198.77
<u>TOTAL CASH AVAIL.</u>		= 27,749.89

ENDING BALANCE

CHECKBOOK	863.12	
TNB SAVINGS	504.01	
WESTFIELD SAV.	390.20	
UNITED COOP.	1622.57	- 3379.70

NET TOTAL FUNDS USED 24,370.19

OVERHEAD

INTL DUES	2064.00
DIST. DUES	558.00
POSTAGE	568.88
PRINTING	804.14
INTL. CONVENTION	1000.00
DIST. CONVENTION	748.00
SUPPLIES	694.84
LUNCH GUESTS	794.00
PIANIST	840.00
EXHIBITORS PROJ.	678.31
XMAS-GIRLS	240.00
MISC	66.00
SUMMER CONCERT	1525.00
SOCIALS	4269.00
<u>TOTAL + 14850.41</u>	

CLUB PROJECTS

SCHOLARSHIPS	1000.00
ARBOR DAY	284.37
JR. HIGH AWARDS	211.10
WS Soccer Assoc	35.00
Sr. Citizen Center	2025.00
Park & Rec. Xmas Proj.	50.00
ACS Spring film	191.25
Danichally Philippines	250.00
Paul Harris Foundation	1000.00
Boys-Girls Club	1123.00
WS Parish Assoc	950.00
WSHS Starting Block	2400.00
<u>TOTAL 9519.72</u>	

TOTAL SPENT = 24,370.19

Respectfully
[Signature]

Rotary Year

1982 - 1983

The new officers were Richard E. Garvin - President; Robert W. Lyne, Vice-President; John J. Hoar, Treasurer; Donald M. MacAeekin, Secretary.

Directors were William J. Keeley, David A. Dickerman and Clifford Rollins. Later in the year, Alan R. Goodhind replaced Donald M. MacAeekin as Secretary.

Our Club started the year with 89 members and completed this year with 96! The following resignations were accepted with regrets:

John Creanza, Martin Joutellotte, Edward P. Walker, Robert Leane, James Rolandini, John S. Barber, John L. Ferranti and our Honorary member, V. Paul Keith passed away.

The David Gamelli Fund was established in memory of Paul Gamelli's son who died in an auto accident in Hawaii. \$1600.00 was collected, strictly for scholarships.

The Summer concert Series co-sponsored by our Club with the Park and Recreation Department drew good reviews in the mail and in the news media.

The Big E Exhibitors Club project netted \$5100.00. Club members participation exceeded 90%, representing a 32% increase over last year. Rotary Ann participation jumped from 41 to 54!

Twenty couples attended the Rotary Ann Appreciation Night at Springfield Country Club where they enjoyed a fine dinner-dance on October 23rd.

L. Curtis Guild led our Rotarians to victory in the annual Rotary-Lions Golf Journey with the trophy back in our possession.

The Christmas Party was held jointly with the West Springfield Men's Club, December 3rd at the Sheraton-West. 40 couples attended from the Rotary Club and 38 couples from the Men's Club. Paul Galaska was our genial Santa Claus.

A Paul Harris Fellows Awards Night was held in the evening, Tuesday, March 15th in place of our regular noonday meeting. Over 100 reservations were made for this event and the Club presented Dr. John E. McNally and Philip C. Smith with their fellowships. Mrs. Lena Wyman presented her husband, Wallace W. Wyman, his Paul Harris Fellow as a gift from her. John B. O'Brien was toastmaster for the evening.

Some of the Club's Community Projects for the year included:

West Springfield High School - \$1800 for basketball scoreboard clock
West-Springfield Public Library - \$500 for books and display case
Pioneer Valley Chapter American Red Cross - \$500 for typewriter
Work Opportunity Center - \$1200 for Copy Machine
Lisa Bozenhard - \$500 to cover expenses for national competition for baton twirling

Others are listed on the financial report attached to this history.

The West Springfield High School Scholarships were increased from \$1000. to \$2000.

Rotary Foundation sent our Club a citation from Rotary International for exceeding our goal by 1300%.

Tree Wrapping for Arbor Day was done by 8 Rotarians in one evening. 450 trees for students, in the 5th grade throughout the town.

On May 16th, a chartered bus trip to Boston to see the play "Sheer Madness" was enjoyed by 24 Rotarians and their wives with dinner at Quincy Market prior to the show.

The Summer Concert Series Ads hit a new all-time high for the Club bringing in \$5,048.

New Members for the year are:

Daniel F. Driscoll
David Griffin
Eugene Regan
Ralph S. Colby
Rev. Eric Hart
Robert P. Anderson

Alphone A. Morassi, Jr.
John B. Scagliarini
Thomas Wagner
Kenneth Spafford
Kenneth Plumley
Eugene H. Nannini

Douglas Allan
Lawrence Pites
James Woods
Paul H. Boudo
(reinstated)

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

STATEMENT - 6/30/83

BEGINNING BALANCE

Check Book	\$	863.12	
TNB Savings		504.01	
Westfield Savings		390.20	
United Co-op		1,622.37	+ \$3,379.00

OVERHEAD

Intl. Dues	2,082.00
Dist. Dues	440.00
Postage	1,054.00
Printing	1,054.00
Intl. Convention	700.00
Dist. Conventions	795.00
Supplies	548.00
Lunch Guests	530.00
Pianist	1,000.00
Exhib. Proj.	245.00
Xmas Girls	200.00
Concert Brochures	1,819.00
Socials	4,938.00
Misc.	339.00
Total +	\$15,536.00

INCOME

Dues	\$6,482.00
Bulletin	1,820.00
Summer Concert	5,048.00
Exhibitors Club	5,100.00
Duck	2,034.00
Interest	353.00
Club Socials	4,496.00
Misc.	28.00

Total Income	+ \$25,361.00
Total Cash In	= \$28,740.00

ENDING BALANCE

Check Book	\$	130.82	
TNB Savings		-0-	
Westfield Savings		449.25	
United Co-op		-0-	
C. M. I. A.		3,369.25	- \$3,949.00

CLUB PROJECTS

Scholarships	2,000.00
Paul Harris Found.	2,000.00
WSpfld Basketball	1,800.00
Work Opp. Center	1,200.00
WSpfld Library	500.00
Lisa Bozenhard	500.00
Red Cross	500.00
Arbour Day	215.00
Jr. High Awards	92.00
WSpfld Soccer	100.00
Agawam/WS Hockey	90.00
WSpfld Swim Assn.	100.00
Sweet Adelines	50.00
WSpfld Bsktball Booster	50.00
Rotary Understanding	58.00
Total +	\$9,255.00

NET TOTAL FUNDS USED \$24,791.00 = TOTAL SPENT \$24,791.00

John F. Hoar
John F. Hoar, Treasurer

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD
1983-1984

Eula Mosher, our pianist, was presented a bouquet on July 19th in recognition for her 25 years providing music at the meetings.

District Governor, Calvin McCormick made his official visit to the Club on August 16, 1983, and reported to the members his satisfaction with the Club. The District Governor presented the Club with the District No. 1 attendance award for 1982-83 with 94.89 %.

Bill Shepard served as chairman of the Exhibitor's Club Committee. It was a very successful year with fewer problems, sales increasing 8.4%, and the committee turning over the profits of \$ 5500.00 to the for Community Service Grants.

Herb Bartlett, who was confined to a nursing home in Florida, was made an Honary Member by the Board of Director's.

The Club, again, beat the Lions in the annual golf tournament to keep the trophy.

In October Joseph Bertera, a Charter Member and Paul Harris Fellow, past away. Some 35 Rotarians served as pallbearers at the funeral.

In November Larry Fountain and Charlie Mitchell co-charired a new member drive. Twelve new members were proposed into Rotary.

The Christmas Party was, again, held in conjunction with the West Springfield Club at Vincent's Steak House on December 2nd. The turnout was one of the best in recent years.

The Rotaryanns were invited to the Dec. 20th meeting held in the Barn. Twenty-six Rotaryanns attended. John Miles was introduced as our Foundation Scholarship candidate.

The Club established a new scholarship in the memory of Joseph Bertera. The new scholarship would be \$ 500.00 and be awarded to a West Springfield vocational student.

In February the Club's Foundation contributions hit the 1600% plateau.

In March the Club had 100% attendance. The attendance drive was dedicated to Tom Kenney, who past away in December.

On March 18th the Club was represented by 9 marchers in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a cold and rainy day but the marchers survived.

Robert Carroll and Earl Harvey were honored at a dinner as Paul Harris Fellows. John O'Brien served as master of ceremonies and D. G. Calvin McCormick made the presentation. The presentations bring the total to ten (10) West Springfield Rotarians who have been honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

Bob MacDonald was chairman of the Summer Concert Series fund raiser. Revenue hit an all time high with \$ 6095.00 collected from patrons and sponsors. Because of the additional income the two scholarships were raised to \$ 1200.00 each, \$ 500.00 was transferred to the Joseph Bertera Vocational Scholarship account, and \$ 200.00 was transferred to the Foundation Account.

In March the Club had a surprise visit from D. G. Calvin McCormick, who presented President Bob Lyne with the District's first Rotary International Presidential Citation for achieving Rotary International's goals for the year.

Charlie Godin and his Arbor Day Committee wrapped over 500 trees to be presented to all 5th graders in town during the week of Arbor Day. This year Joe Fraczek provided the refreshments.

Sahler Smith and his Scholarship Committee announced the scholarship recipients; Kathleen Buczko, Service Scholarship, Kevin Shea, Ben Wood Music Scholarship, and Jeff Culy, Joseph Bertera Vocational Scholarship.

The District Conference was held in May at the Concord Resort, Kiamesha Lake, New York. In attendance was Bob Lyne, Larry Fountain, Al Goodhind, Bill Shepard and Charlie Sullivan. It was one of the largest West Springfield contingents in many years.

The R. I. Convention was held in Birmingham, England. Larry Fountain and Wally Wyman attended the June 3-7th event.

During the year membership hit an all time high at 109 members. The year began with 96 members, 17 new members were introduced, 2 members deceased, and 8 members resigned. With Herb Bartlett becoming an Honorary the membership at year end totaled 102. Charlie Godin and Wally Wyman's classification was changed to Past Service and six others were changed to Senior Active.

The year ended with West Springfield, again, being awarded the No. 1 Club in the District for attendance with 93.96%.

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>
Doug Goodhue	Tom Kenney	Rolland Perreault
Rolland Perreault	Joe Bertera	Bob Healy
Fran O'Connor		John Hayden
Dick Ormsby	<u>HONARY</u>	Paul Buodo
Paul Klorer	Herb Bartlett	Brian Sharry
Dick St. Jean		Don Breveleri
Dan McLaughlin	<u>PAST SERVICE</u>	Doug Allen
Don Breveleri	Charlie Godin	
John Kendzierski	Wally Wyman	
Ron Provost		
Peter Rossing	<u>SENIOR ACTIVE</u>	
Bob Grandpre	Elmer Francoeur	
Charlie Pelczarski	Alex Hindmarsh	
XXXXXXXXXXXX	John Redman	
Henry DeLeo	Leon Pernice	
Joe Bednar	Bob Townsend	
Bob DelPozzo	Curt Guild	
George Wheeler		

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

STATEMENT

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

ENDING BALANCE

Check Book	\$ 130.82
BNE-West Sav. CMIA	3,371.32
Westfield Savings	449.25
BNE-West Sav. CMIA Bertera	0.00
TOTAL	3,951.39

EXPENSE--

Intl. Dues	2,635.37
Dist. Dues	564.00
Postage	741.60
Printing	957.15
Intl. Convention	1,199.24
Dist. Conventions	764.00
Supplies	846.10
Lunch Guests	671.65
Pianist	960.00
Exhib. Proj.	
Xmas Girls	200.00
Concert Brochures	2,120.00
Socials	4,767.69
Misc.	463.45
Sub-Total	16,890.25

INCOME

Dues	6,900.00
Bulletin	2,140.00
Summer Concert	6,095.00
Exhibitors Club	5,500.00
Duck & Int.	2,568.54
Interest CMIA	417.27
Club Socials	4,909.00
CMIA Sav. Bertera	1,712.40
Misc.	24.41

Total Income 30,266.62 + 3,951.39

Total Cash In = 34,218.01

ENDING BALANCE

Check book	276.38
BNE-Savings CMIA	3,388.59
Westfield Savings	1,217.79
BNE-CMIA-Bertera	1,712.40
Total	6,595.16

CLUB PROJECTS

Scholarships	2,900.00
Paul Harris Found.	2,000.00
W. Spfld. Soccer	70.00
W.S. High Washington Trip	200.00
W. Spfld. Park & Rec.	50.00
Girl Scouts	25.00
W.S. Child I.D. Project	993.00
W.S. Boys & Girls Club	1,700.00
Nat'l Assoc. for Blind	655.00
W.S. Counseling Center	1,000.00
Work Opportunity Center	750.00
W.S. Junior High Serv. ^{Award}	92.60
Arbor Day	297.00
Sub-Total	10,732.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$27,622.85

\$27,622.85

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Rotary Year
1984 - 1985

The new officers are Larry Fountain, President, Alan Goodhind, Vice-President, William Shepard, Secretary; Daniel Driscoll, Treasurer, with John Redman, Peter Della Luna and Robert MacDonald as Directors along with Past President Robert Lyne.

Herbert Bartlett and Paul Winkler were voted as Honorary Members for this year by the Board of Directors.

The Club sponsored the 4th of July Concert on the Town Common, July 4th

Coach William Jones, Jim Daggett's High School coach will be going to the Olympics to see his star pupil perform. Our Club organized, contributed to and collected \$2500.00 which President Larry presented to Coach Jones.

The weekly Summer Concert Series is being sponsored again this year by the Club.

The Club purchased 2,000 flags for the children in town to wave during the the Welcome Home Parade for Jim Daggett. The club will fund this with \$600.00 from our community service grant money.

Paul Harris Fellowships were presented to our Club's eldest member (85) Charlie Shields and to his grandson, Jim Daggett (Olympic Gold Medalist) by District Governor J. Henry Zavisza upon the occasion of his official visit to our club on September 11th.

Our members turned out in force to help out at the Exhibiter's Club and Rotary Anns were there too. Another huge success this year! \$7500 - net proceeds for this project.

Our first Rotary-Lione Golf Tournament was held at Springfield Country Club and our men came home with the Trophy.

The Annual Christmas Party was with the West Springfield Men's Club at the Carriage House in Storowton Village on December 14th With Rotarians making 75% of those attending.

The Paul Harris Night and Rotary Ann Appreciation Banquet with Fashions Show was on February 26th at the Carriage House. Paul Harris Fellows were Dick Sullivan, John Redman and Doc. Dudley.

The Club made a \$100.00 grand toward Kurt Jones (George's son) expenses as a member of the U.S.A. Hockey Team.

\$8800.00 were awarded in grants by the Club to the following:

- \$2300. - Pioneer Valley Council. BSA
- 2000 - Work Opportunity Center
- 7800 - Boys and Girls Club
- 1500 - West Splld. Counseling Center
- 500 - West Splld Historical Commission
- 400 - Pioneer Valley Radio Reading Service
- 300 - West Springfield Swim Assoc.

This is the largest grant amount awarded in the program's 5 year history.

19 Rotarians marched in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the Holyoke parade. President Larry provided the 1916 Olds that was the centerpiece of the Rotary Delegation.

The Annual Rotary Summer Concert Series Campaign took place in March and solicitations collected by our members amounted to \$6,355.00.

Our Club conducted an attendance contest in March and reached 100% for that month.

During the last week in April, our members wrapped 600 Dogwood Trees for distribution to all 5th Grade students in town for Arbor Day. There were purchased by the Club and coordinated with Seth Swift, our Town Tree Warden.

A Birthday Table was set up on the first Tuesday of each month and members with Birthdays that month were honored with wine and song.

We submitted the name of Michael Buoniconti, a WSHS grad of '84 and now a Yale student for the area Rotary Foundation Scholarship.

Rotary Scholarship winners were announced by Sahler Smith and received checks from our Club representing;

Joseph Bertera - Vocational Scholarship
Benjamin H. Wood - Music Scholarship
Rotary Service Scholarship

A new Kohler piano was purchased by the Club and is owned by the Club to be used at meetings. A plaque was put on the piano to designate it as our piano.

Our President-elect Al Goodhind was our representative at the R.I. Convention in Kansas City in June.

We ended the year with a 91.34 % in attendance and a club membership of 103.

The following new members joined our club during the year:

George Wheeler
Aldo Bertera
Mike Oleksak
Dr. Paul Provencher
Norman Fiedler
Edward O'Brien
Bob Magnacca
Carl Johnson

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

1984-1985

Laurence R. Fountain, President

It was an experience I will long remember. It provided me with the opportunity to get to know all of my fellow rotarians. What a great group; not once did I hear "No" when asking for help.

I wish to thank the following rotarians who made my year in office possible. . .

Officers

Vice President Allan R. Goodhind
Secretary William N. Shepard
Treasurer Daniel F. Driscoll

Past President Robert W. Lyne who was outstandingly helpful providing numerous notes and information for my guidance.

Board of Directors

John D. Redman. . . Social, Vocational
Robert F. MacDonold. . . International Service
Peter Della Luna. . . Community Service
James E. Griffin. . . Big E Project

Special Thanks to Rev. David A. Dickerman another outstanding rotarian as Master of Invocations, Piano Player, Editor of Weekly Bulletins, Grantor of Community Projects, Assistant Song Leader, etc.

Song Leaders

Donald N. Senecal & Elmer A. Francoeur

Birthday Table

John B. O'Brien, Jr. & Ralph E. Fullam

Sergeant at Arms

Ronald E. Longley

Programs

Allan R. Goodhind & Douglas J. Goodhue

1984-1985

LIST OF EVENTS

- JULY 10, 1984 Coach William Jones, Tim Daggett's high school coach, was presented a check for \$2,500 by President Laurence Fountain. This check was made possible by the West Springfield Rotarians' campaign to raise the funds to enable Coach Jones to attend the Olympic's and see his star perform.
- The club paid its respects to one of its founding fathers "Charles A. Godin." He and his family were honored at a testimonial and presented with a plaque recognizing his many achievements in Rotary.
- JULY 17, 1984 President Laurence Fountain presented a slide show on his trip to the Rotary International in Birmingham, England.
- SEPT. 4, 1984 Kenneth Speed was appointed Chairman to up-date the Club's history for the past five years.
- SEPT. 11, 1984 A visit by our District #789 Governor Henry Zavisza came at an opportune time. He was able to present two Paul Harris Fellows to two deserving individuals--Charles R. Shields and Tim Daggett. Richard Sullivan said it all with one of his fitting poems outlining Charlie Shields, our oldest member, and his grandson Tim Daggett's personal lives. There wasn't a dry eye in the hall.
- SEPT. 18, 1984 Jim Griffin had the kick-off for the Exhibitors' Club at the Big E. Jim had a record year of \$8,800. Eleven hundred dollars has been set aside for the start-up cost for next year.
- OCT. 9, 1984 The West Springfield Soccer Team was sponsored.
- OCT. 13, 1984 Our International President Carlos Canseco visited the Springfield Rotary.
- DEC. 14, 1984 The Christmas Party was held at the Carriage House in conjunction with the West Springfield Men's Club. Our waitresses Doris and Emma received Christmas gifts of \$100 each.
- DEC. 18, 1984 On November 27, 1984 we lost one of our oldest rotarian's Herbert F. Bartlett. Memorial services were held on December 18, 1984. Rev. David Dickerman presiding.

1984-1985

LIST OF EVENTS

- JAN. 8, 1985 Father Erik Hart resigned to move on to new assignments.
- JAN. 22, 1985 The new Rotary Roster books were passed out
- FEB. 12, 1985 The Community Service grants totaling \$8,800 represents the largest amount ever given in a single year since the program began.
- FEB. 19, 1985 Scholarship awards were given out by Sahler Smith
1. West Springfield Club Benjamin H. Wood Band Scholarship
 2. West Springfield Rotary Service Scholarship
 3. Junior High School "Service Above Self" Award (will select a boy and a girl each receives an award)
 4. Bertera Scholarship
- Five scholarship awards in all.
- FEB. 26, 1985 Paul Harris Fellow Night combined a Rotary Ann appreciation night with a fashion show at the Carriage House. John O'Brien was Master of Ceremonies. Our Governor J. Henry Zavisza and wife Sue presented the Paul Harris Fellow Awards to the following:
- Roy W. Dudley
John D. Redman
Richard S. Sullivan
- MARCH The 100% attendance month. We again had 100% attendance from our fellow rotarians.

LIST OF EVENTS

MARCH 17, 1985

A 1916 Oldsmobile was the float for the St. Patrick's day parade. Ten Rotarians marched. Clifford S. Joseph was parade chairman.



MARCH 19, 1985

The Summer Concert Series was very successful. Kenneth C. Spafford, Chairman reported a record of \$7,030.

1984-1985

LIST OF EVENTS

MAY 3-4-5, 1985

The District Conference was held in Dunfey's Resort Hotel in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Attending were:

President Laurence R. Fountain
Secretary William N. Shepard
Director Robert F. McDonald
Director Peter Della Luna

MAY 7, 1985

Charlie Godin and his Arbor Day Committee along with Joe Fraczek, providing refreshments, wrapped 500 trees.

MAY 21, 1985

A new piano was purchased for the West Springfield Rotary Club from fellow rotarian Joseph C. Bednar. A plaque was installed stating: "West Springfield Rotary Club 1985"

JUNE 22, 1985

A Retirement Party, Reception was held in honor of Sahler Smith. During this special occasion, he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award. Good Luck at the Cape Sahler; you have served your community well.

I wish Allan Goodhind incoming president a successful and prosperous year.

Laurence R. Fountain
President

WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

STATEMENT

July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985

BEGINNING BALANCE

CHECK BOOK	276.38
BNE WEST SAV. CMIA	3388.59
WESTFIELD SAVINGS	1217.79
BNE WEST SAV, CMIA BERTERA	1712.40
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6595.16</u>

INCOME

DUES	10,588.00
SUMMER CONCERT	7,090.00
EXHIBITORS CLUB	7,500.00
DUCK & INT.	2,227.23
INTEREST CMIA	530.16
CLUB SOCIALS	4,372.00
CMIA SAV. BERTERA	76.97
MISC.	302.00
PAUL HARRIS	1,720.00

TOTAL INCOME 34,406.36

TOTAL CASH IN 41,001.52

ENDING BALANCE

CHECKBOOK	1,428.89
BNE SAVINGS CMIA	1,518.75
WESTFIELD SAVINGS	40.02
BNE CMIA BERTERA	1,289.37
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,277.03</u>

OVERHEAD

INTL. DUES	2736.00
DIST. DUES	576.00
PRINTING	2298.40
INTL. CONVENTION	1283.90
DIST. CONVENTION	1208.00
SUPPLIES	483.61
LUNCH GUESTS	597.00
PIANIST	880.00
EXHIB. PROJ.	
XMAS GIRLS	200.00
CONCERT	410.00
SOCIALS	4100.30
MISC.	2495.60

TOTAL 17,268.81

CLUB PROJECTS

W.S. JUNIOR TERRIERS	100.00
PAUL HARRIS FOUND.	6000.00
W.S. SWIM ASSOC.	300.00
WORK OPP. CENTER	2000.00
W.S. SOCCER	235.00
TIM DAGGETT PARADE	640.48
PIONEER VALLEY COUNCIL	2300.00
W.S. HISTORICAL COMM.	500.00
W.S. COUNSELING CENTER	1500.00
W.S. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	1800.00
W.S. HOCKEY	100.00
PIONEER VALLEY RADIO READ.	400.00
ARBOR DAY	100.00
W.S. SOCIAL SERVICES	100.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	2900.00
ARBOR DAY	280.30
JAY GOUDHUE STUDY BALLET	100.00
SCHOOL SERV. AWARDS	99.90

TOTAL 19,455.68

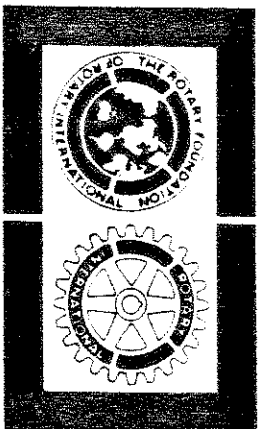
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NET TOTAL FUNDS USED 36,724.49

TOTAL SPENT 36,724.49

Submitted By: D.F. Driscoll, Treasurer

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