



AN ANNUAL HISTORY
of the
BOOTHBAY HARBOR
ROTARY CLUB
1939-1999

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Dr. George "Doc" Nevens' Year – 1939 - 40

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club was first organized in late 1939. The first written records are from the front page of the November 9, 1939 issue of the Lincoln County News when it reported on Boothbay Harbor's parent club, the Damariscotta-Newcastle club:

"After the adjournment of the meeting [where Boothbay Harbor dentist, "Doc" Nevens who would become charter member and first president of the new club had just finished speaking of his wartime experiences in France during World War I and his modern dentistry], members, visitors, and guests, including ten men from Boothbay Harbor, met together to discuss the organization of a Rotary Club in that town. It was an interesting gathering and may result in another Rotary club."

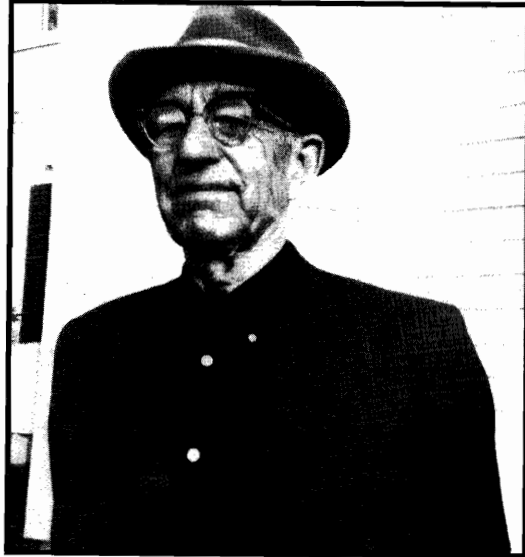
The two prior "Scottie" meetings had featured Boothbay Harbor men as the program entertainment: Supt. Harold B. Clifford and Judge Harold W. Hurley. Doc Nevens returned the following week, as reported in the November 16, 1939 issue of the Lincoln County News, and reported to the Scottie club that he was president and that there were 18 Boothbay Harbor Rotarians. The club scribe reported that the new Boothbay Harbor members "are gladly accepted into Rotary." At the end of November, the Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta, and Rockland Rotarians and Rotary Anns met in Rockland to celebrate that club's fifteenth anniversary, according to the November 30, 1939 issue of the Lincoln County News. (The Scottie club would also turn 15 later that month). In the second December meeting of the Damariscotta club, Boothbay Harbor Rotarian Reginald Harris invited all Scottie members to attend the organizational meeting of the Boothbay Harbor club, to be a joint meeting, related the Lincoln County News of December 14, 1939.

The Boothbay Harbor club was formally organized at its charter night on December 14, 1939 which was duly reported by the Lincoln County News, the following week:

"The meeting was held at the vestry of the Methodist church and was largely attended. The clubs at Augusta, Bath, Belfast, Brunswick, Camden, Damariscotta, Portland, and Rockland were represented. . . . Many other clubs sent telegrams. . . . After an excellent dinner was disposed of the formal meeting was opened. Dr. Ray Brown, president of the Damariscotta club, presided and introduced the speakers and welcomed the visitors. Harrison C. Lyseth, district governor, was introduced and after a fine address on the spirit and purpose of Rotary, presented the charter."

The Portland club gave the club a bouquet of flowers and the Scottie club donated a bell and gavel "to keep the Rotarians in order." An enjoyable social hour followed adjournment of the meeting.

Dedication



Harold Clifford wrote this history of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club for us, and we, without his prior knowledge, have written this page for him.

This history is dedicated to Harold Clifford whose long and varied involvement with our Rotary Club is greatly appreciated by all. The vibrant tone of both his piano playing and his words have and will serve to educate Rotarians present and future in the spirit of fellowship and service which make Rotary a worth while organization.

Robert J. Walter

President, 1978

As early as the last meeting in December of 1939, the two clubs of Boothbay Harbor and Scottie had already launched a "friendly contest" of attendance between the two clubs, the first of many. This was reported in the December 28, 1939 issue of the Lincoln County News.

Let the legendary Charter member, Harold B. Clifford, portray these 1939 contests and those throughout the following five decades to mid-1987 with his more vivid and colorful remembrances. (I have added the last few yearly histories from mid-1987 to mid-1999).

Chip Griffin

In the mid-1930's some District Governor had stirred up interest in a Rotary Club here; he failed. In the autumn of 1939 Dr. George Nevens took the lead in organizing a club in the Region. He was ably seconded by Leslie "Bill" Blake and Nathaniel Grover.

By mid-November 18 business and professional men had signed up as charter members. The 15 converts were Wilder Blake, Harold Clifford, John Dorr, Walter Dunton, Arthur Greenleaf, Norman Greenleaf, Philip Gregory, Reginald Harris, Clifton Hartung, Saul Hayes, Wesley Hyde, Arthur Jellison, Glenn Perkins, Thomas Proctor and Clifford Reny. Dr. George Gregory was made an honorary member.

Our first meeting, not yet as a full-fledged club, was in the Old Homestead, a dwelling on the Avenue, where Mrs. Jessie Roberts served meals and let rooms. We had been advised to meet Thursdays to facilitate make-ups for us and other clubs that met on different days. An evening session seemed preferable to us. Saul Hayes had a small piano which he moved in and thus began our pre-prandial sings with Saul as leader and myself at the piano.

Our Charter Night was held in the Methodist vestry December 14th. Doc Nevens was our first president; Bill Blake was vice-president, Arthur Jellison was treasurer and Harold Clifford secretary. I find no record of a board of directors. Our dues were set at \$10.

The evening was bitter cold but clear. We were amazed and pleased to find nearly 80 visiting Rotarians. The sponsoring club, Damariscotta-Newcastle, was host; their president presided. Arthur Greenleaf welcomed the gathering. District Governor Harrison Lyseth of Augusta presented our charter which President Nevens accepted. "Scottie" gave us the gong and gavel; gifts from other clubs included a secretary's kit and song books. We were deeply impressed by the fellowship and enthusiasm for Rotary.

An interesting side event occurred. This week New York City Rotary was celebrating its 30th anniversary. Their officers learned from Rotary Interna-

tional that the youngest club in America, just born, was ours. They contacted us, Doc Nevens spoke to their meeting via telephone and radio hook-up, receiving in return a message of encouragement and good will.

From the first we placed strong emphasis on attendance. I have before me, as I write, the attendance records of many years. "Scottie" promptly challenged us to a 3-month attendance contest. During that period, four of our members each missed one meeting. The Boothbay Register has an account of our trip to Damariscotta for a lobster feed on May 31, the reward for victory. Jack Dorr and Phil Gregory served as program chairmen for the period; their excellent programs had helped to bring the men to meetings. On February 23rd we celebrated Rotary's 35th birthday.

Leslie "Bill" Blake's Year, 1940-41

On July 1 we numbered 24; Gordon Harrington had joined and would become president. George Nevens began a first full year, and then promptly resigned, moving his dental practice to Damariscotta. Bill Blake became our second president and Nat Grover was elected vice-president.

We made arrangements to hold our summer meetings in the smaller dining room of the Hotel Fullerton, where the post office now sits. We were to pay \$1 plus 10c for a tip. We celebrated our first Ladies Night in the larger dining hall on September 12th; the speaker was C. K. Huang who discussed the Sino-Japanese War.

But with the end of summer we faced the serious problem of a meeting place; this was to plague us for three years. In the spring we had met some times in the small Harbor View restaurant at the end of the foot bridge; it was not suitable. We had several meetings in the old Boothbay House on the hill, now just a memory; it was only fair and the management was not enthusiastic about us. Meals were being served at The Harborage, a large dwelling house on the Avenue, kept by Charles Kelley who was a member of the club for about a year. From April 10th to May 5th we met at the Candy Box restaurant. The next two meetings were at the Boothbay Grange Hall. We were back at the Fullerton on May 22nd.

On May 1st the Boy Scouts presented the program. I note a grant of \$60, equipment for the high school football team; it was the era of 6-man teams in small schools and the 11 members of the squad were our guests. Industrial arts and home economics were being considered at high school; we held a meeting on the subject.

There was need to raise money for Youth Service. In November Saul Hayes reported \$51 from an Amateur Show. In June a "Frolic" was held at Hayes Casino on the Back River Road, the proceeds for youth.

In 1941 PREPAREDNESS was the word in America. Blenn Perkins and Charles Maxwell were called into the armed services; the club presented them with sets of brushes, combs and toilet articles. The men were placed in Honorary Membership.

Nathaniel Grover's Year—1941-42

Membership was now 26. Noting that several clubs were issuing a weekly news letter, Treasurer Jellison took over the editing of such a bulletin; he named it the STAR and continued it until his death in 1942. It was brought to meetings and handed out. I find first mention of it in the July 14th records when it was voted to print the attendance record of members.

On July 24th we held our first clambake. It was at Oak Point and put on by Murray McKown: clams, lobsters, baked sweet potatoes, roasted eggs, rolls and coffee. There was horse-shoe pitching, nail driving, rifle shooting contests and a dart game. Price was omitted from the record. On this occasion I find first mention of Win Furber and his banjo.

When the Fullerton closed, the club met in the Grange Hall until October 30th, when we arranged with the Women's Auxiliary to have our meals upstairs in the G.A.R. Hall, located near the site of Ellen's Dress Shop today. We had to guarantee 25 tickets and often the number fell short, with the difference coming from the treasury. It was voted that members missing and not making up should pay the treasury 75c; this was soon discontinued.

On November 13th we dined in the new Home Economics room in the brick structure beside the high school and inspected the industrial arts shop after the meal.

Phil Gregory was conducting a tonsilectomy clinic and we voted money in support. At Christmas we exchanged inexpensive gifts, with bits of alleged poetry.

We hosted "Scottie" on January 15th, having lost an attendance contest. Ladies Night was held in the Hall on March 5th with 45 present. Capt. Ralph Pollard of Waldoboro spoke on the war situation.

In May the G.A.R. Hall and nearby buildings were destroyed by fire. We lost our charter, gong, gavel and song books. We had already planned a Father-Son Night and we held it in the Methodist vestry. We met at the Grange Hall until the Fullerton opened. Emphasizing citizenship, we entertained on May 28th ten young people in the Region who had reached the age of 21; the theme was I AM AN AMERICAN.

Walter Dunton's Year—1942-43

Club membership had increased to 30. New men included Ralph Scott, Paul Abbott and Clifford Buck. Scott was briefly our treasurer upon the death of Jellison and then was secretary for 27 years with a broad and deep knowledge of the theory and practice of Rotary. Abbott served as president and was the leader in procuring and remodeling our first and then our present headquarters. Both men hold 35-year perfect attendance records. Buck served as president and was a song leader.

Bayville Inn hosted Ladies Night on September 3rd with 55 present. It was the last meeting for Norman Greenleaf who was entering the service. We were at Bayville again a week later and then at the Grange Hall the rest of the fall.

Our club has always done well in attendance. One factor may have been the awarding of a century pin upon a member's making his first 100 consecutive meetings. This was started at the October 1 meeting with awards to Bill and Wilder Blake, Clifford Grover, Harrington, Hayes, Hartung, George Reed, and posthumously to Jellison. A month later the pin went to Bill Simpson.

At our anniversary meeting December 10th we hosted 30 Bluejackets from a Navy contingent. We exchanged simple gifts at Christmas. On the 31st we dined at the Opera House, served by the Pythian Sisters. We started January in the Methodist vestry. President Dunton sometimes closed a meeting with the words, "I'll be phoning you about the location of the next meal." I quote one line from a STAR: "Jan. 21, pea soup and johnnycake, M.E. Vestry, \$1."

But a committee had been at work and they laid a plan before a club assembly on January 21. James Dow owned a small shop on McKown Street which Cliff Reny was about to vacate. It would be necessary to build on a small kitchen, to which Mr. Dow agreed. It was estimated that it might take \$300 for lumber, labor to be given, and to purchase dishes, table cloths and other items. It was voted to assess each member a \$10 loan, "to be repaid as funds are available." Abbott, Reed, Scott, Percy Coombs and Oscar Jacobson were to have charge of the project. Walter Buzzell underbook decorating the walls. Rent was \$10 a month. We hired Laura Hodgdon to prepare the meals. The "auditorium" was heated by a wood burning stove; the kitchen had an electric range. Ken Pinkham, January Steward, told friends of being at the building very early in the day to kindle the fire and warm the place up. The speaker was Ralph Leavitt of Portland; his topic, the Maritime Academy at Castine.

On March 11th the defeated team in the club attendance contest served a chicken dinner to the winners. Money raising dances were occasionally held in the Opera House; one netted \$53.80 for Youth Service; another \$65.50. (\$50 was given toward band uniforms and \$25 for the dental clinic). This was the era of the annual Pythian Minstrel Shows. On April 8th "The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the meal, since so many had parts in the show."

During the war an Observation Post on Fisher's Hill was manned 24 hours a day. Rotary agreed to take responsibility for one day.

Directors planned to reestablish the STAR which had lapsed at the death of Jellison. Clifford took over as editor and continued for 30 years. The high school commercial department was doing the printing and the teacher and a student were guests of the club on May 27th.

Gordon Harrington's and Harold Clifford's Year—1943-44

On July 1st members numbered 29; Philip Blake had joined and would become our 11th president.

Dick Hallett spoke at our first meeting with a warning, "Don't take the war effort lightly, now that the conflict has turned in our favor." C. K. Huang of the Jade Lantern Gift Shop spoke on "CHINA, OUR ALLY". On August 17th 16 of us were at "Scottie" for a tug-of-war with an equal number from the host club; we lost, and then sat down with them at their clambake near the Fair Grounds.

We held Ladies Night at Bayville Inn; the Secretary's records for this period are lost. The Boothbay Register has few items but one can read a heart-warming account of our farewell to President Hank as he entered the armed services in the early fall. We had for him a birthday cake holding the Rotary emblem and a toy soldier with flag. The speaker was Chief Engineer Mendez of Coastal Transport APC 69, just launched at East Boothbay.

Whereupon Vice-President Clifford took over the gong and gavel. On November 8th we had supper at the home economics room, with a program by high school students; then we repaired to Headquarters to package and wrap 225 Christmas boxes for Region men in uniform. In February Mrs. Douglas Pinkham ended her duties as chef and Dora Brewer took over.

We had a Pan-American Day program on April 8th by Boothbay Center Grammar and their teacher, Grace Dodge. Roy Fernald was speaker at our Ladies Night on April 15th when 74 dined at the Pythian Opera House, served by the Star Club; dancing to the Lewis Orchestra followed. A week later 22 of us went to "Scottie"; we had had a March attendance contest and each club made a perfect record.

Here the Register notes that Saul Hayes, whose piano we had been using, took it home and the club acquired one of its own. This is evidently the time we bought for \$25 Cliff Hartung's piano from his cottage; it has served us well through the years.

Wilder Blake's Year—1944-45

We opened the year with a membership of 33; new members included Erwin Dodge, Joseph Dodge and Delmont Tilton who would serve as presidents. Here the loss of secretarial records is serious. The Court House does not have a 1945 file of the Register and in 1944 no one was sending Rotary news regularly to the paper. Copies of the STAR would supply a full and detailed account of our activities; they are long gone.

From the Register: Ladies Night was on September 7th. On the 21st after our meal, we adjourned to inspect the new tug at the Sample Yard. On the 28th the program consisted in the wrapping of 465 Christmas packages for the men in uniform; we used cylindrical ice cream containers and sealed them with scotch tape. All but two eventually reached their destinations, too late in one instance.

On October 12th Senator Wallace H. White was our speaker. Wallace Abbott was our chef at this time.

Our list of Honorary Rotarians contained the names of Harrington, Tom Proctor, Charlie Maxwell, Blenn Perkins and Norman Greenleaf in uniform and Dr. Edward Sprague and Richard Hallett.

Paul Abbott's Year—1945-46

In the previous year active membership had dropped to 30. Delmont Tilton and Erwin Dodge had "joined up" and were placed on our Honorary list.

With from 10 to 20 Rotarians making up with us through the summer, we were seriously crowded. On occasion some of our members dined, standing up on the back porch. When Phil Blake, manager of the Golf Course, offered the club free use of the kitchen and dining room facilities there, on condition that we would pay the fuel, we were glad to accept. We continued there each summer until we entered the present Headquarters.

On July 26th we were at Murray McKown's for the clambake; 65 were there at a \$2.25 price. Ladies Night was at Shore Lodge in Southport; the speaker was Dr. Charles Gilkey, prominent summer resident.

A new high school was being agitated and a project to make use of expected federal funds at the war's end. There was talk of 50% federal, 25% state and 25% local money. We named five of our members to a study committee: Principal John Abbott, Paul Abbott, Phil Blake, Cliff Buck and Jim Perkins. Should it be a one-, two-, or three-town setup? A senior or junior-senior high? Where could a suitable site be found? Suggested sketches of buildings were available. Nothing happened.

Dissatisfaction with our building grew. Consideration was given to rent-

ing the upstairs room in McKown's grocery. Nothing came of it. In March the directors named a committee to conduct a search: Hank Harrington, President Abbott and Bill Simpson.

At Christmas we had the usual exchange of simple gifts but interest was broadening; hearing that a local family of five had been deserted by the father, we voted to send a bag of toys. The Christmas packages we had wrapped for the men in the armed services contained a photograph of Dr. George Gregory, crossing Bank Square alone. We sponsored a used clothing drive in February.

Youth service has always been our major interest. We hosted the high school boys basketball team in the Methodist vestry on March 21; a chicken dinner was enjoyed by 55, with Ken Pinkham and Norman Greenleaf as waiters.

Joe Dodge's Year—1946-47

The club numbered 33 on July 1; Marsden Richardson, to become our song leader for many years, was among the new members.

Norman Hodgdon, Jr., had joined the club in June and when it came time to plan the clambake there were those who thought we should do the job ourselves. Norman invited us to meet at his yard which we did the last of August. We had our own waiters and paid Harold Jordan \$10 for putting on the bake. The price was \$2.50 and there were 80 diners but I find no other reference to finances.

We held Ladies Night at Shore Lodge Hotel September 5th; President Charles Phillips of Bates College was the speaker. We hosted our wives at the Golf Course on June 19th; Judge Max Pinansky addressed us.

The churches had sponsored Scouting at various periods and when a new sponsorship was needed Rotary took it over and it has been our proudest element of service to the present day. The troop and their leader were our guests for Charter Night on March 27th.

Each spring a District Conference is held which, along with the social activities, is a workshop for incoming presidents and other officers. Rotary International and the current District Governor always urge attendance. This year it was held at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec and with the war well over, a sizeable delegation went, several couples by car. My wife and I, and others, took the Maine Central to Portland and then the Grand Trunk.

Saul Hayes' Year—1947-48

There were 37 club members on July 1; among others Earl Gaw had joined and would serve as president.

In late July a Conference Assembly for Maine Clubs was held at Old Town and Saul, Clifford and Win Furber were invited to be present to add some lively music. This we did and very effectively, pulling Rotarians into the meeting hall early and then finding that they had rather sing than listen to a speaker. Older members of this club remember Saul as a first class song leader, often closing with his "signature", ROAMIN' IN THE GLOAMIN.'" Lew Haskell, Lewiston-Auburn Rotarian, delighted to be with us; he and Saul teamed up, arms about each other, to lead SWEET ADELIN and other old favorites.

On August 7th, 83 attended a clambake at Norman Hodgdon's yard; the price was \$2.50. District Governor Ray Collett made his official visit on the 21st. An innovation was tried on the final Thursday of the month: visiting Rotarians, with advance planning, conducted all aspects of the 90-minute period. Leaving the Golf Course, we were back at Headquarters on September 25th.

We observed Ladies Night on October 23 at the Pythian Opera House with 70 present; tickets were \$2 of which \$1.75 went to the Sisters, 25c to the building fund. Hon. Sumner Sewall was the speaker. On December 4th, 42 paid \$1.50 for dinner at the Methodist vestry where we hosted the high school boys basketball team.

In early January a club was established at Winthrop and a good delegation attended from our club; Hayes and Clifford had charge of the music. Bath Rotary had a bowling team and they came here for a contest February 12th; 54 Rotarians dined that evening at the Methodist vestry but there is no record of who the winner was. On the 19th we had dinner in the home economics room and Katherine (Lewis) Cook, music supervisor, provided a program by grammar grade pupils. We met in the vestry again on March 18th for Scout Charter Night with 67 present.

In April we held an attendance contest with Old Town; they hit 98.418 while we were at 97.989; I find no record of "payment". On the 24th of June we observed Ladies Night at the Oake Grove Hotel, guaranteeing 75 tickets and made it; a Mr. Potter was the speaker.

We finished the year with \$485 in the building fund and bonds worth \$45 at maturity.

Phil Blake's Year—1948-49

The club now numbered 41. New members included Charles Anderson and Charles Wade, future presidents. Scouting continued our major service. A leader was needed for the summer camporee and since he'd be taking time off from his regular employment, members and guests were invited at a July meeting to make a contribution; most contributed \$1. Charter Night was held in the Methodist Vestry on March 17th. We had instituted the ruling that if group guests of the club numbered 10 or more, each dinner ticket cost \$1 extra, the added dollar to be paid by those not present. That night the ticket cost was \$3. Directors voted \$62 for registration, the magazine for 30 scouts and other related items.

Our interest in youth was emphasized when we entertained the high school football and basketball squads at a meeting in the Pythian Opera House on December 30th; President William S. Newell of B I W showed slides of the Bikini bomb tests. On June 9th we had the girls softball team and coach, Knox-Lincoln champs, as our guests. We had our own more youthful days; we had gone to "Scottie" the previous August for an afternoon softball game. Anderson and Abbott were the battery; we lost 10 to 11 and later dined with them.

The '48 clambake was held at Norman Hodgdon's on July 29th and was turned into a money raising event. It was the era when Old Town sent a delegation. The menu: clams, chips, lobsters, rolls, butter, corn, watermelon and "free drinks", presumably beer and ale.

Visiting Rotarians Night was August 26th. To raise money for a building the program became an INFORMATION PLEASE QUIZ. If you had the right answer, you received a penny; if you failed, you paid \$1.50. The net take is not recorded.

Returning at summer's end to our "improved plumbing shop," we realized that it was filled to capacity by our own members. There was concensus that something must be done. Leon Marson reported a house that might be purchased; it fell through. We might build on a vacant American Legion lot if it could be acquired; nothing came of it.

We learned that the Mudge property, between Oak Street and the Avenue, was held by a bank. It was investigated and a favorable report was made. Members, by written ballot, voted to buy it and the mortgage was purchased. The directors named Abbott, Marson and Tilton as trustees of the property. They established a building committee: Abbott, Ernest Pilman and Anderson. The building fund stood at \$1,516; the trustees were authorized to borrow \$2,000 to start work. Insurance of \$12,500 was placed on the property and contents.

The house had a privy and summer-service water. There was much that unskilled workmen could do, such as cleaning bricks from the foundation and

the cistern which had to be removed to make room for a furnace. The building committee presented a job layout: an addition downstairs to make a suitable dining hall, and an apartment upstairs. Presently they made a list of items and projects: electric hot water heater, \$150; \$75 to complete the cellar drain; exterior paint \$500. Members who were merchants sold materials and equipment at cost. The first detail was at work on Sunday, November 24th with 12 men present. Many such afternoons and evenings followed. Chairman Abbott, eventually giving full time to the project, was paid \$10 a day towards the end and was authorized to hire carpenters and painters.

Phil Gregory had withdrawn from active membership and had become an honorary Rotarian. He provided our Thanksgiving dinner for which we paid the usual \$1.50 and put the money in the building fund. The records mention many donations from members ranging from \$1 to \$10. Doc Nevens sent \$50. Rotarian Les Strong contributed \$37 and then \$50 a month later. Win Furber, who received the STAR, sent \$100. Visiting Rotarians helped. Other clubs often had trouble securing a good meeting place and were interested in our efforts; Bath and "Scottie" each sent \$50. Frank Pierce of Monhegan became interested; he loaned us \$9,000 at 2%. I find no record of the exact cost of Headquarters.

On April 28th we sang Ault Lang Syne at the close of our final session in the plumbing shop. The following Thursday we held Ladies Night in the new and beautiful headquarters. We were proud and happy and our wives shared the sentiment.

I quote from a treasured brochure, published for the affair. "With a high percentage of members working weekdays, evenings and Sundays, trenches were dug for water intake and sewage outlets, the cellar wall was repaired, the original chimneys were taken down, the foundation was set for a 22' by 24' addition, the annex was put up, and extensive renovations and installations were made inside, including furnace, toilets, restaurant-type kitchen on the first floor and a 6-room apartment above."

Clifford Buck's Year—1949-50

New members had brought the total to 44; among them were Alfred Sherman and Charles Wade, future presidents. President Cliff, Hayes and our pianist were at the midsummer assembly, Belgrade Lakes.

The clambake was at Brown Brothers for the first time; tickets were \$2.50. Old Town sent 22 men and a gift of \$25; there were 12 men from "Scottie", 22 others, 37 of our men and 31 friends. I note a first mention of beer sales with a net profit of \$11.71.

Other groups were asking to use Headquarters. It was voted not to allow

"general public" use, and to charge \$5 for specific groups. I find these estimates in the secretary's records: upkeep, \$200; debt service \$290; insurance \$140; heat \$200; gas, \$40; lights, \$75; water, \$35; taxes \$135; depreciation, \$600. The upstairs rent was bringing in \$45 a month. Succeeding records indicate use of Headquarters by the Lions and many other organizations, rarely by an individual. We needed a small lot of land toward Oak Street and bought it for \$300.

On December 13th we were at "Scottie" for their 25th and our 10th anniversaries. The Bath club met with us this month, to see our new facilities. At Christmas we exchanged simple gifts. A Ladies Night was held in the spring, with Captain Elliott Winslow as speaker.

Rotarian Harry Abelon offered a dental clinic which was continued annually until he moved his practice to Brunswick. He did \$150 worth of dental work for needy children and we paid \$75 toward his costs.

Blenn Perkins' Year—1950-51

We started the year with 49 members; Jack Brown and Louis Paine had joined and would become presidents. The 76 diners at the July 6th meeting included 24 visiting Rotarians.

On August 3rd, 100 attended the bake at Brown Brothers, including 32 make-up men. We paid an accordion player \$7.50 to make music. Rides on the BALMY DAYS and the ARGO brought in \$20 in contributions, the beer sale netted a mere \$3.01, and the building fund profited by \$99.45. We were paying off our indebtedness at \$750 a year.

Would it be nice to have a fireplace in that broad north end at Headquarters? Some thought so, including Win Furber. At the August 17th meeting he spoke on the subject, collected \$37.85 from 20 visiting Rotarians and contributed \$50 himself. Bob Maxie gave \$25. It was love's labor lost. Mindful of the many meetings in the Methodist vestry, we gave \$100 toward rebuilding after the fire.

District Governor Paul Thurston was with us September 14th. He spoke on the four areas of Rotary activity: club, community, vocational and international service.

October 12th was Charter Night for our scout troop. Paul Abbott, Jr., Neil Dodge and Albert Marshall were presented as Eagle Scouts. We heard a report on the summer jamboree. For some years we helped on their collection. We headed the community drive for the Pine Tree Council, Scouting, and \$391 was collected.

On the 26th Margaret Chase Smith addressed Ladies Night, with 67

present; she spoke on current Congressional matters. Rotarian Forrest Littlefield offered grace.

We took a forward step in December. We asked Dr. Phil to provide his annual turkey dinner at Christmas instead of Thanksgiving; we would add an extra 50c to our dinner ticket and use the money to buy toys for needy children. We had 160 gifts for 141 children in 45 families.

Charles Anderson's Year—1951-52

We began the year with 51 members and 6 on the honorary list. Ward Logan, Kenneth Marshall and Alfred Sherman, future presidents, had joined. Our clambake was at Hodgdon's, with \$32.10 taken for the building fund.

A tragedy occurred on August 30th. Vice-President Leon Marson was presiding, the musical period had ended and Rotarians had begun the meal. Suddenly it was evident that Lee was in trouble. He died within 5 minutes of a massive heart attack. It was Abbott's sad duty to take the word to his widow. Most of us were at the Marson home for the funeral, Saturday afternoon.

Ladies Night was January 17th with 67 present for a roast beef dinner at \$5 per couple. Rotarian Stephen Merrill of Brunswick, magician, entertained us and a local orchestra provided music.

We had started the year with a 2-month intra-club attendance contest; in March the winners dined on roast beef, the losers on baked beans. Records from time to time announce: "Rotarian is awarded the Century Pin for his first 100 consecutive meetings."

We collected \$618 for the Pine Tree Council and contributed money to send our troop to Camp Hines. Cub Scouts had a picnic at Headquarters on June 7th.

An assembly on June 5th voted unanimously to raise our annual dues to \$15 and to set the price of the meal ticket at \$1.75, of which 25c would go to the building fund. We were paying Chef Laura Hodgdon \$10 a week and her assistant \$3.

Gordon Harrington's Full Year—1952-53

After serving three months in 1943, Gordon, known universally as Hank, had been called into uniform. He started his current term with 46 members; 8 had dropped out in the previous year and 4 had joined; among them was future president Clayton Dodge. Four former members and one friend had been made Honorary Rotarians: Philip Gregory, Forest Littlefield, Thomas Proctor, Edward Sprague and Frank Pierce.

At the first meeting members, visiting Rotarians and guests numbered 60. Scouts were to camp at Bomazeen, the hat was passed, and \$24.75 contributed. Club members would convey the boys.

The clambake was at Pierce & Hartung's for the first time, with 87 present, tickets were \$2.75 of which 25c went to the building fund. Those who enjoyed the free ride on Charlie Wade's BALMY DAYS gave \$36.90. When the season ended he offered a free ride to Pemquid for the Rotarians and wives; 27 went.

With approval of the directors, the trustees insulated the apartment upstairs for \$228 and added \$5 to the rent. Later in the year the usual \$750 was paid on the mortgage.

We had a float in the Armistice Day parade. At Christmas we enjoyed Dr. Phil's dinner and wrapped toys for needy children. Richardson proposed a New Year's party at Headquarters; 60 attended for a happy time with a 3-piece local orchestra and a buffet lunch.

Semi-annual dues were paid to International Headquarters, \$4 for each of 45 members, \$1 for the Honorary men.

On January 22nd we had Father-Son Night for the first time, with little league movies. On March 12th the basketball men were our guests; Edmund Coombs, BHHS '37, Bowdoin Coach was the speaker. On April 30th we had the girls basketball team, coach and cheerleaders; fathers also brought their daughters. Members added \$1 to the ticket price. We honored the boys baseball team on June 11th; 82 sat down at the table.

The Boothbay Region Lions Club was formed in May. President Hank was at their dedication, presented our \$15 gift for equipment, and reported a turnout of 95. He could announce in June that we had won the district attendance contest.

Delmont Tilton's Year — 1953-54

We began with 47 members; new men included Donald Harriman and Carl Lewis, future presidents. In the fall the Lions contracted to use Headquarters, paying us \$12 a night; this continued for many months.

Larrabee of Bath put on our clambake at Pierce & Hartung, August 6th. We had guaranteed 80 diners and had just made it; 29 were visiting Rotarians. The piano had been trucked over; Banjo Win Furber, our pianist and many lusty voices filled the harbor with melody. The sum of \$116.41 went into the building fund.

On October 22nd an inter-city Rotary forum was held in the old Augusta House and a number of our men attended. Hayes and Richardson had been asked to lead the singing. I have a clear memory picture of Saul and Richie, ranging up and down the aisles, arms swinging, shouting back to me the name of the next song, and then the walls fairly bulging with melody. Letters of appreciation came from the Augusta president and the district governor.

On September 24th Senator Smith addressed 95 at our Ladies Night.

Harry Abelon's Dental Clinic helped 33 children. To keep in shape ourselves we accepted a challenge from the Lions for three softball games; we tied the first, won the second, lost the third. We had the usual gifts of toys for needy children at Christmas.

Both basketball squads, with coaches and cheer leaders, were our guests on March 25th. In May we forwarded \$649.95 to Pine Tree Council. At year's end we voted transportation, board and room, for the president, the secretary and their wives at the District Assembly.

Someone had the idea of a much better heading for our STAR paper. Artist Laurence Sisson was contacted and he kindly designed the outline of the harbor which adorned our copies for over 40 years.

Earl Gaw's Year—1954-55

We opened the year with a membership of 44. A trustees' report for the preceding 12 months listed income: \$600 from the rent; \$1,323 from the 25c per dinner ticket, fines at \$236, and miscellaneous for a total of \$2,340. They had paid \$750 on the mortgage and \$135 on miscellaneous items. An incomplete treasurer's report indicated income of \$4,509; \$652 was paid for kitchen help, \$129.68 for paper and postage on the STAR.

The clambake was at Pierce & Hartung's, which Clayton Dodge had taken over from Cliff Hartung. "Scottie" sent 21 men, Old Town 9. Laura Hodgdon, our chef, had baked 240 biscuits and 160 donuts for the affair.

We showed our strong spirit and poor judgement by playing three games of softball with the Lions and losing all three; after losing four bowling matches to them, we had the Lions for dinner at Headquarters, with 66 men seated at the tables.

International Service is one of Rotary's four major objectives. At this level it chiefly operates a scholarship program which sends promising young people for a year of study in some country of their choice. It is supported by donations from Rotarians around the world. In the mid-1950's Rotary International urged contributions of \$10 per member. Our ambitious club sought a 100% response; when \$484 had already been given, the directors voted enough from the general fund to reach the goal.

At Christmas we enjoyed Dr. Phil's dinner and had 140 gifts for children in 40 homes. We continued to support Abelon's dental clinic, paying \$75 which produced \$194 worth of work for 15 children. On February 3rd high school senior boys were our guests. On May 12th the girls basketball team, Knox-Lincoln champs, were with us. Forest Littlefield was the speaker.

We collected \$744 for the Pine Tree Council. We sent 20 youngsters to the Shrine Circus in Lewiston. We voted \$25 for the new Pony League.

This year's records contain several references to Harlow Russell, a retired summer resident, once a Massachusetts Rotarian, who took a lively interest in our club. On July 2nd he was our speaker, dealing with early experiences in radio broadcasting. On October 14th he sent us \$100 toward our mortgage. Many more such gifts were to follow. He was made an honorary member in 1955.

On February 25th I find the first reference to assessing a \$1 fine for members whose photograph appeared in the press. A month later it was suggested that members planning trips in this country and abroad should take some of our banners with them, to exchange. It became a major factor in our magnificent display. Writing this, I'm uncomfortably aware that there had been no previous reference in the STAR or other records about our banners; the first were produced years ago in Jack Dorr's shop.

Visiting Rotarians appear to feel that we are strong in fellowship. At our final December meeting Secretary Scott announced that we had had 314 make-ups by visiting Rotarians during the year. He had taken addresses and a special edition of the STAR, headed TO THE MEN WHO MAKE UP WITH US, was mailed to 134.

John Dorr's Year—1955-56

The year opened with 46 members; Vaughan Hathaway, a future president, had joined. At this point I find a complete report by Treasurer Nat Grover covering 1954-55.

GENERAL FUND

Balance, 7/1/54	\$ 539.81
Supper Tickets	2 ,761.30
Dues and Fees	737.50
Kitty	253.83
For Rotary Foundation	175.00
Scout Collection	50.29
Miscellaneous	140.55
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	\$4,658.28

Kitchen help	\$ 637.00
Food	1,671.87
STAR	166.95
Boy Scouts	63.60
Cleaning	25.00
Sales Tax	49.86
Rotary Dues, (etc.?)	412.00
Donations	137.00
Social Security	24.44
Rotary Foundation	176.00
Miscellaneous	490.56
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	\$3,854.28

Balance \$804.00

BUILDING FUND, Treasurer Paul Abbott

Balance, 7/1/54	\$ 546.25
Rent from Apartment	600.00
Rent from Clubroom	301.00
Dinners at 25c	1,254.65
Gifts, Fine Barrell, etc.	296.11
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	\$2,998.01
Mortgage	\$ 750.00
Interest	120.00
Insurance, Taxes	284.88
Fuel	322.80
Utilities	311.17
Maintenance	274.18
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	\$2,063.03
Balance	\$934.98

The clambake was held August 4th at Pierce & Hartung's with 99 present at \$2.40; the sum of \$110 went into the building fund. Later, the Ladies Night committee hired a magician from Portland; income was \$162 and outgo \$240. At Christmas 130 gifts went to children in 30 families; here I find the first reference to Christmas eggnog, and \$13.50 paid to Milkman Richie for the makings.

District Governor Bill O'Brien made his visit on August 25th, addressing the club and then conferring with officers and chairmen. His warm and dynamic personality is still remembered. The Region had four outstanding young people graduating from college in 1956, each interested in a Rotary Scholarship to study abroad. The directors selected Albert Marshall and pushed his candidacy to no avail. About this time a District scholarship program was established to which Rotarians were asked to contribute \$1 per member annually; we did our part.

In December high school students left the old 1876 building. Rotary took the lead in organizing free trucking to move equipment, books, records and other items into the new high school.

At the May 21st meeting Charter Member Harold Clifford, retiring after 31 years as superintendent of schools and changing his classification to Literature, was presented with an unabridged dictionary and stand, a very thoughtful gift which he has used countless times during the succeeding years. Our club won the District Attendance trophy again this year.

Alfred Sherman's Year— 1956-57

On July 5th membership numbered 49; 73 sat down to dinner of whom 23 were visiting Rotarians. A week later the figures were 70, 24. It was noted that the building debt was down to \$4,500 at 2%; the fund held \$876.

At the clambake on August 2nd at Pierce & Hartung's, 103 paid, of whom 40 were our own members. Caterer Larrabee got \$2.50 and 25c went into the fund; we made \$30.20 on the beer and a total profit of \$55.

We had a big affair on our 17th birthday, December 13th. Doc Nevens was present and gave the history of our beginnings. Nat Grover explained our early problem with meeting places. Paul Abbott told the story of our present headquarters. Joe Dodge reported on our varied service activities. Saul Hayes plugged attendance. Cliff Hartung and Hayes received 17-year numerals for perfect attendance.

Retired Nurse Gertrude Stewart of Ocean Point presented the painting CRESTING WAVE, in honor of one of our members; it has adorned our walls ever since. The club sent her a \$25 check and a card of appreciation.

The granting of \$5 for Hungarian Relief brings back the brutal Russian crackdown. International service was emphasized on April 4th when Joe Dodge presented views of John Foster Dulles, Jack Dorr spoke for Sir Anthony Eden, Blenn Perkins for Egypt's Nasser, and Maynard Dodge for Israel's Ben Gurion.

Christmas was marked with the usual gift program, followed by a New Year's Party. The Pine Tree Council netted \$1,066; we honored Dick Dill, Scout Master for 10 years, with a plaque.

The teachers of the four towns were our guests on January 11th; Prof. Paul Hazeltine of Bowdoin was the speaker. On March 28th we entertained the boys basketball team.

In March a long step was taken in Youth Service. The only scholarship aid for local college students was an annual grant from the Summer Residents Association. We established a scholarship fund for any worth while post-high school education and set up a committee to interview students and recommend grants to the directors. A money raising project was planned with a combined Beauty Pageant and Ball in the high school auditorium and a Portland orchestra; at least some Rotarians wore tuxedos. Income was \$616, costs \$593.

Clayton Dodge's Year — 1957-58

It was a godsend that "Clayt" had saved 18 years of STAR issues, which he placed in my hands. We started with a membership of 49 and the first big event was our clambake at Pierce & Hartung's on August 22nd. Seventeen came from Old Town, 6 from Lewiston and 6 from Rangeley. The building fund profited by \$14.42.

In October the directors named a scholarship committee: Harold Clifford, Harris Delano and Al Sherman. Earlier, Harlow Russell had sent us \$50 and then \$100, to help a student at Farmington through our club. The records of this committee exist through 1964. In May they interviewed eight seniors and awarded \$100 each to a boy and a girl.

A partial financial report by Treasurer Jack Brown reveals that in 1955-56 we paid \$2,059 for food; in 56-57, \$2,180. The STAR had cost \$147, stationery and postage, for a year. We were paying our chef Laura Hodgdon \$10 per week; her assistant received \$3.

On October 19th many members met after the program to consider the need for bringing more navy repair work to Bath and some to our own shipyards; evidence of concrete results is lacking. Later the directors voted to let the Chamber of Commerce use Headquarters twice a month for \$12.

The club took important action December 12th when they voted to hold a fund-raising auction in the summer. When spring came they decided to take over Lobster Time, a feed on the Boothbay Common, previously a project of the Boothbay Center PTA. The records contain references to committee assignments and related matters.

At Christmas we paid \$151.40 for toys for 78 children. On January 15th we had a program by Ruth Dodge of the high school faculty; she was in charge of the new Driver Education course; several of her pupils spoke. Our troop charter night was January 30th. Rotarians on the troop committee were Al Sherman, chairman, Abbott, Les Scattergood, Scott, Tilton and Marshall. Dwight Paine was scoutmaster; John Arsenault and Keith Swett were assistants.

Rotary took the lead in sponsoring the national observance of Theodore Roosevelt Day on April 18th. For the first time the entire senior class at high school was entertained at our meeting. Father-Daughter night was May 15th; the program was given by Eleanor Miller and her young puppeteers. Father-Son night was June 26th, with 18 boys present.

Charles Wade's Year—1958-59

Membership was now 43; Wollcott Webster, future president, had joined. On May 27th the retiring and incoming officers had met after the program and made assignments for the first LOBSTER TIME and AUCTION. Men were named to head publicity, construction on the Common, set-up-and-clean-up, procurement of food and drink, parking and auction details. Concessions on the Common were to pay 25% of net proceeds. The price was set at \$1.50 for 1 lobster, \$2.25 for 2. Cliff Huskins was to cook. The Register presently was running advertisements.

The big event took place on Friday, July 26th. The next week's STAR held a glowing account but no copies are extant. Apparently the project netted \$896. In January chairmen were named for 1959: Gaw and Clayton Dodge for LOBSTER TIME, Lewis and Erwin Dodge for the AUCTION, Clifford and Harriman on publicity.

The clambake was held at Hodgdon Brothers Yard in East Boothbay; 100 were served at \$2.75, of which 25c went to the building fund.

On September 30th Rotarians from Camden, Damariscotta-Newcastle and our club had met at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and heard Dr. Strider of Colby College. This led to an attendance contest in April which "Scottie" won. On May 28th 13 Camden men and a big delegation from the Boothbay Region paid \$2.75 for a roast beef dinner in Damariscotta at which 29 of "Scotties" 31 members were our guests. Academy girls served. Prof. Paul Hazeltine of Bowdoin was the speaker.

We hosted the high school football team, state champions, on December 11th; Colby's football coach was the speaker. On May 15th the senior class was with us, to be addressed by two Rotary Scholarship young men, Thomson of Scotland and Lidi of Sweden, from M.I.T.

On December 18th we had paid \$2.50 at Dr. Phil's gift dinner and bought toys for needy children. At various times through the winter the scholarship Committee approved grants of \$50, \$200 and \$300 for students "away at school," and made two \$150 grants in June for the fall.

In March it was proposed to the directors that the club honor a senior citizen in connection with Patriot's Day each year. After discussion it was voted to lay the matter before the entire club. A committee was named to draft details which were presented and later approved.

Carl Lewis' Year—1959-60

The club began the new year with a membership of 46. Robert Grover, to follow his father in the presidency, and Horace Lee, treasurer for many years, attended their first meeting on July 2nd.

We paid \$3.25 for the clambake at Hodgdon Brothers on July 23rd; the building fund profited by \$40. Student Aid Day was August 14th. The Register carried an advertisement: WANTED, 1,000 diners on the Common, 300 bidders at the Auction. The STAR printed the names of 27 members actively involved in the big day. The net proceeds are not recorded.

District Governor Irvine Lavine was with us September 23rd; after his address and the close of the regular meeting 18 chairmen and others stayed for a lengthy work session. We proudly reported on Scouting, Student Aid, Christmas toys, the dental clinic, hosting high school groups, sending boys to youth camps, contributions to local charity drives, making headquarters available to organizations, money for Rotary Foundation and district scholarship programs.

On April 14th the club made its first Lifetime Service award. It went to Judge John W. Brackett. In his 90's, he was unable to be present, but several family members were with us. Friends made brief speeches honoring him and his career. A carefully worded citation, printed at the Register office, was read aloud and sent to him. Sonny Hodgdon made the handsome plaque which holds the names of recipients.

There had been a simple, pleasant Ladies Night at "home" on January 14th with a program by high school musicians. Upon the opening of Fishermans Wharf, a gala night was held on June 2nd. Thirty-eight Rotarians and 4 honorary members with their wives, 14 Lions and their wives, were only part of an attendance of 140. Governor John Reed was the speaker.

In mid-winter the directors approved a recommendation of the scholarship committee for \$200 to a senior at University of Maine. In June \$600 was awarded among four high school seniors.

Our spirits were high. On May 5th, instead of a program, members took rakes for outside work, brooms, mops and cloths for inside work and did a first class spring cleaning job. We held a 2-month attendance contest; it resulted in 8 perfect meetings among the next 9. For the third quarter of the year 28 men had made perfect attendance. President Carl took the record to the District Conference and brought home the award.

Wollcott Webster's Year—1960-61

The year opened with 43 members. Our clambake was at Hodgdon Brothers on August 4th; the 95 present included 15 make-up men. Student Aid Day was evidently a success for a September entry indicates a net of \$1,025. Always through the years individual members and many others have contributed \$5, \$10 or more. This year permanent tables were built; money was taken from the building fund, to be repaid over five years from the proceeds, and carefully stored.

I quote from the STAR for December 22nd: "President Wolcott read an appropriate grace and then under Richie's leadership we burst into song; the girls in the kitchen were called in to share in the carols. We enjoyed the first class Christmas dinner supplied by Phil Gregory and our ticket money had bought 115 toys for children in 42 families; the Congregational Guild and the Brownie Troop had added gifts. Tables at the rear were heaped with toys and wrappings to which members adjourned after the meal. A dozen men would be delivering on the 24th."

Our interest in youth continued high. The Scouts were registered in January, 24 boys and 9 adults. The high school seniors were our guests April 6th, with a program on England. Father-Son night was the 20th. The sum of \$250 was given a senior, and a sophomore at Orono, and \$300 to a girl at Radcliff. We paid \$24 for 3 boys at the YMCA camp.

We rated high in attendance. On March 16th we were guests of "Scottie" at the Cheechako, having won a contest; 39 of the 69 present were our men. Numerals were awarded in May, 21 years to Hartung and Hayes, 19 to Abbott and Scott. The directors voted to make perfect attendance awards at 5 years, with a numeral annually thereafter. A delegation attended charter night at the Scarboro club, with a \$15 gift. The June 29th meeting was given to a report by our men who attended the Conference at Murray Bay; they brought home the attendance award.

On April 13th the club had honored Charles Pinkham with the Lifetime Service Award. Townsmen and family members spoke. The citation refers to "leader in town planning, fire department, water system, Memorial Library, Grange, Chamber of Commerce, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, postmaster for 39 years." The directors voted to establish an album with photograph and copy of the citation for each recipient.

Donald Harriman's Year—1961-62

Enrollment stood at 46; Arnold Brewer and Kenneth Honey, future presidents, had joined.

The clambake at Hodgdon Brothers was priced at \$3.25, of which 25c went to the building fund. Attendance was 114; 12 Rotarians had signed their names at Headquarters, to insure their make-up.

At the auction, August 18th, 206 items brought in \$592; 20 cash donations to the Youth Fund, from \$1 to \$25, totaled \$203. Brud Pierce, auctioneer, had been paid \$10. Receipts from the Lobster Time were \$760, expense \$581, net of \$179. Hence, \$919 from Youth Fund Day.

In the fall the directors voted to raise the pay of the kitchen staff from \$13 to \$18 per week. They authorized purchase of the screen for the showing of slides.

We paid \$58 in December to register 26 scouts and adults; Charter Night was March 13th. We had solicited \$900 for the Pine Tree Council. At our Christmas meeting we had gifts for 83 children in 30 homes. We had contributed 100% to Rotary Foundation for scholarships.

We held Ladies Night on February 8th, with waitresses from the Junior class at high school; Prof. James Storer of Bowdoin was the speaker. The burning of the mortgage seemed a fitting occasion for another Ladies Night on May 3rd, with 87 present; the program consisted of historical bits from our past twenty two years, given by several members. A week later we were advocating an addition to provide a "women's room"; several members gave \$5 to start a building fund.

We presented the Lifetime Service Award to Everett Vannah, with his wife, children and grandchildren present: postmaster and storekeeper for 24 years, 20 years as manager of the Goudy & Stevens shipyard, and the G-S & Hodgdon Brothers combined firm during the war, trustee of the Cemetery District, Notary Public and Justice of the Peace for 35 years, fireman for 45 years.

Louis Paine's Year—1962-63

The year began with 47 members; Chester Fossett had joined and would become president. At the July 12th meeting the 60 present included 14 visiting Rotarians. The hat was passed and \$33.50 was collected toward the scout troop expense at Camp Bomazeen.

The clambake was held at Hodgdon Brothers on August 2nd with 99 present. Our piano had been trucked to the wharf as usual and I quote from a STAR: "Banjo Win and the pianist held forth for an hour preceding the serving with varied participants in song about the sound truck; it was followed by a final quarter hour's display of vocal effort at 9:00, climaxed by SWEET ADELINE. Hearts were warm enough to contribute \$37.50 under Richie's leadership to gifts next Christmas for unfortunate children at Pownal." The major topic of conversation was the imminent arrival of President Kennedy and entourage; our August 9th session was at the high school cafeteria, as the presidential staff had asked the use of Headquarters.

At Student Aid Day, August 17th, auction sales netted \$617 and donations added \$373. On the Common income was \$805, outgo \$452. Thus, \$1,342 for Youth Service.

At our anniversary meeting, December 13th, 34 young women with a wide range in age, were our guests at Father-Daughter Night. A week later, with no program, we wrapped toys for 102 children and various members undertook delivery Christmas Eve. The current issue of the STAR was addressed: "To those club-serving, vocationally ethical, community minded, world orientated ROTARIANS who have bolstered their attendance records by making up with us the past year . . ." It was mailed to 128. Virginia Ross (Barter), school secretary, was getting out the STAR; I note payment of \$30, apparently for 10 weeks.

We held Ladies Night at Fisherman's Wharf on October 11th, with 56 present. We met again at Headquarters on February 28 with 71 present; a demoiselle from France, the Region's first American Field Service student, was the speaker. We took up a collection for the high school waitresses.

On April 18th our Lifetime Service Award was given to Grace T. Carlisle in recognition of her charitable and devoted efforts in building a better way of life for the present and future generations, teacher, school board member, library trustee, 49 years in the Monday Club, 45 in the Eastern Star, garden club, D.A.R., and other organizations. Thirteen relatives and close friends were present.

We held Past Presidents Night on May 9th with memories of those who had died and bouquets for the living. Later in the month the scholarship committee, Gaw, Hathaway and Delano, interviewed 15 seniors; they recommended \$150 to four, which the directors approved, along with \$50 for A.F.S. and \$32 to send 4 to the YMCA Day Camp.

Ward Logan's Year—1963-64

We began the year with 48 members; dues remained at \$15 and the entrance fee was \$10. Our first big affair was the clambake at Hodgdon Brothers where 115 paid \$3.50. Many of our 39 men brought business associates, friends and employees; 13 of the 22 visiting Rotarians came from Lewiston. From the STAR: "Out-of-Staters were fascinated to watch Caterer Larrabee lay the bed of seaweed, dump lobsters by the bushel, follow them with clams, corn and hot dogs, and cover all with canvas to retain the steam." We made \$44.15 on the tickets, \$38.25 on Jack Brown's boatripe, and some profit on \$70 worth of drinkables.

On August 15th we adjourned as soon as the meal was over and most of our members went to the Center to set up the auction and Lobster Time. I quote: "Carl and Erwin had abundant help in arranging everything for the morrow's auction; the boys were back in good season Friday morning, ready for the bidders. Ken and Arnie, with their own crew, found Sonny directing Don L.'s men in setting up tables; they were on hand Saturday morning, for the dismantling. Clayton's truck saw much use." Items sold for \$654 and donations were \$180. Auctioneer Brud was paid \$15. Costs were \$50, and so a net of \$784. Lobster Time receipts were \$758, costs were \$463, a net of \$295, and a total for the day of \$1,080 for the Youth Fund.

We collected \$47 to send the scout master to Bomazeen and the directors put \$13 with it. Charter Night was February 20th, when views of scouts at Mt. Katahdin were shown. We paid \$56 for the troop registration, 26 boys and 7 adults. We collected \$800 for Pine Tree Council.

We awarded \$600 in scholarships this year and contributed 100% to the Rotary Foundation. We continued our Christmas gifts.

On November 21st we held an informal Ladies Night at Headquarters with 64 present and "white table cloths, flowers, turkey." Here I find first mention of a song that became popular, MY DREAM OF THE U.S.A. On March 5th we held Father-Son night; the speaker was an A.F.S. boy from Turkey. The seniors were our guests May 7th.

We gave the Lifetime Service Award to Walter Farmer on April 23rd, Master Mariner commanding 2-, 3-, 4-, and 5-masters freighters and colliers under steam, the final skipper of the VIRGINIA, plying between Bath and the Boothbay Region.

This was a year of maintenance and forward planning. The directors approved the trustees' plan to give the exterior a coat of paint; it went to bids and apparently the job was closed at \$465. In January Richardson took the chairmanship for cleaning and renovating the interior. A March 12th notation refers to "20 members on 18 nights providing 240 hours of work. Material cost \$200."

At long last the club was ready to build the needed addition, enlarging the kitchen and improving toilet facilities. The trustees recommended a \$3,000 job, to be paid off over a 10-year period, interest at 10%, work to start in the fall. The favorable vote was unanimous.

Vaughan Hathaway's Year—1964-65

There were 49 members on July 1. On the 2nd the speaker was Carl Blake, son of Past President Bill Blake, BHHS 1943, M.I.T. grad, college instructor, now with Lincoln Lab; he discussed electronics.

Student Aid Day was July 17th, with a net of \$808 from the auction, donations, and \$346 from Lobster Time, a total of \$1,154. The clambake was at Hodgdon Brothers on August 13th. I quote from the STAR: "Our committee had guaranteed 100 and Clambaker McMann brought lobsters for 125, with a few spares for his own crew; he couldn't buy the usual chickens, 2 per customer, and had to bring 1 1/4's, some 1 1/2's. His 258 crustaceans ran out with No. 132 man and the last diners had to be content with clams, etc., but no charge. Ken and Ron, in charge of beer, flipped the last bottle cap at 7:30, leaving only coffee to assuage a thirst."

On October 18th, 33 daughters attended with their fathers and Arlene Pizzi was the speaker. We had our wives present for our anniversary in December; Cliff Hartung was honored with a 25-year pin and Harriman took pictures. The speaker was Brunswick Rotarian Philip Wilder of Bowdoin. A week later, at the Christmas dinner, I find first mention of providing clothing rather than toys. The New Year's party produced \$11 for the building fund.

Our annual Scout Night was February 11th; we had earlier collected \$61 to send the scout leader to Bomazeen with the boys. On March 14th 17 sons were guests of their fathers; the speaker was an A.F.S. lad. Our beautiful lectern was constructed by master craftsman Paul Abbott and presented at this time.

The 1965 Lifetime Service Award was given to William MacCormick, career Y.M.C.A. man, "In recognition of his kind, friendly, and sincere service to mankind, educationally, socially, spiritually and recreationally."

There was emphasis on International Service throughout the district and our club was tied with Bethune, France; we exchanged some correspondence. America was becoming more deeply involved in Southeast Asia and we had a debate on May 6th; Rotarian Allen Broyles argued that it was a mistake and

Clifford approved our "assistance" . . . on which he changed his mind a few years later.

We hosted the senior class on May 20th and they provided a musical program; Banjo Win Furber was present and added to the melody.

Many club decisions are automatically in the hands of the directors and do not come before the membership. They sent \$15 to the new club in Lisbon. They voted \$32 to the YMCA Day Camp and the same sum again in the late spring. With the payment of \$500, our debt on the addition was reduced to \$2,487. They purchased 75 song books. The Lincoln County Home received \$25.

A club assembly in June came to grips with the subject of awarding scholarships. The Boothbay Region Scholarship Fund, Inc., had now been set up with Rotarians numbered among the officers. After considerable discussion it was voted to place \$600 in the Fund each year and perhaps make one or more grants on our own.

Kenneth Marshall's Year—1965-66

At the beginning of the year, 48 men were Rotarians. It had seemed best to hold Student Aid Day later in the summer and the clambake was set for July 29th. Meanwhile we had an outstanding session on July 15th with fellow member Harry Nickel, President of the Maine Archeological Society, telling of the Maine digs and showing artifacts. Ellen Fowler, Miss Maine of 1965, was with us in connection with Windjammer Day.

The attendance at Sonny's yard for the clambake hit another high with 145 present; it included 37 visiting Rotarians and the same number of our men. I quote: "With the piano in Clayton's truck and Banjo Win present, song leader Arnie and a large choral group made the welkin ring before the tarpaulin was hauled, and long after the meal was finished. Skipper Jack of the WHISTLER boated a score of enthusiasts between the East Side and East Boothbay, then another group up the river to Fort Island."

At the auction, \$700 was taken in, the largest item being \$80 for a Sisson painting. Lobster dinners on the Common hit an 'all-time high. Donations came in, topped by \$100 from Russell.

The promised \$600 was given to the Region Scholarship Fund. The aggregate of our individual contributions to the Rotary Foundation for international scholarship was no \$1,088.

Our Ladies Night on October 14th with 101 present, at \$4 a couple, (we had to borrow chairs) was addressed by Ronald: Richardson, son of Rotarian

"Richie", BHHS 1955 U. of M. grad; he spoke on his 17 months of Radar Communications on the Black Sea in Turkey, with comments on the country and its people.

At Christmas we paid the usual \$2.00 and dined on Dr. Phil's turkey dinner, then wrapped gifts for needy children. Hearing that Artist-Nurse Gertrude Stewart needed a record player, we purchased one and loaned it to her.

On January 27th the Lions met with us for a baseball film; and again in late May. We had Father-Daughter night on March 24th; an A.F.S. student spoke. Ladies Night was April 23rd and Senator Smith was the speaker. We held Scout Charter Night as usual; we had collected \$39 to send the leader to Bomazeen and we continued to collect for the Pine Tree Council. The seniors were our guests on May 26th; an A.F.S. girl from South Africa was the speaker.

We presented the Lifetime Service Award to Percy W. Coombs, school board member, selectman, member of the water board, hospital trustee, library committee member, an administrative career with Central Maine Power.

Erwin Dodge's Year—1966-67

I print here the financial report of Treasurer Lee, covering the preceding year.

GENERAL FUND

Income	
Balance	\$ 720.81
Petty Cash, Scott	50.00
Suppers	3,782.50
Kitty	253.62
Dues	744.00
Miscellaneous	161.65
Student Aid	773.49

Petty Cash	80.00
Rotary Foundation	20.00
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	\$6,586.07
Outgo	
Kitchen Help	\$ 950.00
Food	2,150.29
Rotary STAR	275.74
Social Security	95.84
Sales Tax	162.24
International Dues	404.00
Miscellaneous	598.86
Garbage Disposal	17.50
Student Aid	773.49
Petty Cash	80.00
Petty Cash, Scott	50.00
Donations	107.00
Rotary Foundation	48.00
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	\$5,712.96
Balance	\$837.11

BUILDING FUND

Income	
Balance	\$ 505.42
Rent	1,440.00
Dinner Tickets	2,232.00
Depositors Trust Loan	2,,487.40
Miscellaneous	160.98
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	\$6,825.80
Outgo	
Fuel	\$ 857.51
Utilities	774.44
Maintenance	428.31
Insurance	459.20
Bank Service Charge	9.48
Taxes	216.20
Interest	216.33
Capital Improvements	3,237.49
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	\$6,226.45
Balance	\$599.35

Membership was 57 at the start of the year; future presidents Robert Carbone and Robert Irvine had joined. The clambake of July 22nd at Sonny Hodgdon's Yard was its usual success, with 171 paying, which included 38 make-up men. The price was \$4.00 and \$83.52 went into the building fund. Student Aid Day on August 12th brought in \$690 at the auction, with many donations, and a good sum at the Lobster Time. Christmas was celebrated in the usual way with gifts of clothing for children. We had Father-Daughter Night December 29th, 35 members and 37 guests, with a roast beef dinner.

Scout Night was February 9th; we had paid \$2 each for 35 boys, \$1 for 11 adults as registration. We contributed \$56.16 toward sending the leader to camp and had solicited \$906 in the community.

In February the directors voted \$85 for a serious dental case, a high school girl. The seniors were our guests on May 19th. Rotary has a junior branch, INTERACT, in high school; as the year was ending consideration was given to establishing a unit here, but nothing came of it.

On April 13th we gave the Lifetime Service Award to Ralph Boyd, teacher, selectman, town manager, Chamber of Commerce president.

We had contributed \$300 to the YMCA drive and \$15 to the Salvation Army. As Conference time drew near, we appropriated \$200 for our delegates and \$25 for the District delegate, Waterville's president, to the International Conference at Nice.

Kenneth Honey's Year—1967-68

The year started with 52 members; future president Chester Poole had joined. Our first major event was the clambake at Sonny's yard; 175 dined at \$4, including 26 visiting Rotarians. \$38.44 was netted from the beer concession.

August 15th was Student Aid Day. Lewis, heading the auction and Chase directing the Lobster Time spoke of the splendid cooperation of fellow members. The net income of \$1,562 was the highest realized to date.

Costs of the STAR were increasing. Virgie Irvine, school secretary, had been putting out each issue for a modest sum and could not continue. A used addressograph was purchased from one of the banks for \$30; its use was shortlived. A local printing firm quoted from \$594 a year to \$373 for various types of service. Finally an arrangement was made for the secretaries of certain Rotarians to cut the stencil which was sent to Mrs. John Chipman at her store where, for \$150 a year, she would print, stuff and mail the STAR in the 86 envelopes that Secretary Scott would address.

District Governor Frank Hinckley was with us October 2nd, meeting our

Jack Brown's Year—1968-69

leaders at Headquarters at 5:30; after his inspiring address 20 officers and chairmen stayed for an hour's reporting and discussion.

We observed Ladies Night on October 16th; the speaker was Miss Gay, the Black lady heading the Job Corps project at Poland Spring. Twenty-nine daughters were guests of their fathers December 29th. Eight basketball men and 8 cheer leaders were with us March 28th. On April 11th 34 sons were guests of their fathers; the program was a world series film. We hosted 48 seniors on June 6th.

Twenty-five of the 36 scouts went to Bomazeen; we collected \$55.50 for the leader. On November 20th 10 scouts in uniform, with Silver Beaver Ray Temple in charge, provided the program. Two mothers pinned the Eagle Badge on their sons. Charter Night was February 15th and 33 scouts were present. It was our 21st year of sponsorship. We had collected through the winter for the Pine Tree Council.

Scholarship Awards were now almost wholly in the hands of the Region Fund, Inc., where Rotarians were members and officers. In addition to our own annual contribution we sent them the \$500 check that Mr. Russell wished to go through our club. We continued our personal giving of \$1 each to Rotary Foundation and the district Scholarship program. We gave the YMCA \$500 and the local American Field Service group \$500. We had bought and given clothing for needy children at Christmas.

Costs were increasing and a committee was named to look into the matter. They reported on December 21st; in the past 10 years fuel had advanced 63%, utilities 100%, insurance 50%, kitchen costs 23%. We were now paying the chef and assistant \$25. They recommended that the upstairs rent be increased from \$60 to \$75, our dues from \$15 to \$25 and meals from \$2.00 to \$2.50 of which 50c would go to the building fund. Whenever there might be 10 or more "guests of the club", each member, present or absent, must pay \$1 extra. Each member absent from a meeting and thus not buying a ticket, was to pay 50c for each absence. It was noted that Rotary International had ruled that members over age 65, with 20 years of membership, might miss meetings without it affecting the monthly attendance report sent the district governor.

Violet Smith was given the Lifetime Service Award this year, teacher, principal, organist and choir director, 4H club leader, community worker. Her two daughters and one of her sons, with spouses and grandchildren were present.

We opened with 52 members. The first big event was the clambake on August 1st; we were back at Pierce & Hartung's. Of the 208 diners at \$4.50, twenty-two were Lewiston-Auburn men, 12 were from Winthrop, 7 from Waterville. Charter member Cliff Hartung, who had 27 years of perfect attendance before his health failed, was wheeled to the site, to our applause. We made \$80 on the ticket sale, \$40 from "refreshments", and \$15 on President Jack's boatride.

Senator Edmund Muskie was our speaker on July 25th: he had addressed us years before when he was running for governor. He didn't know that within a month he would be the Democratic candidate for Vice-President of the United States.

Youth Fund Day on August 16th was a success. Articles numbering 222 brought about \$1,000 and the net profit on this occasion was about \$1,550. It was decided to build a suitable booth for Lobster Time, to be taken down and stored after the event; free labor and \$300 for materials were involved.

We owed \$1,500 on the annex. Harlow Russell offered to donate half if we would supply the balance. We took \$200 from current revenue and borrowed \$550 from the Youth Fund.

On September 26th 40 Lions met with us and 95 diners filled our hall to capacity. We were at their building on March 12th for a roast beef dinner in honor of Congressman Stanley Tupper.

At Christmas we enjoyed Dr. Phil's banquet and wrapped gifts for 57 children. Charter Night for the scouts was February 13th; 32 boys were present. Ray Temple was inducted into the order of Veteran Scouters, with suitable beard, neckerchief and hat. We had solicited for the Pine Tree Council as usual. We sent 4 young people to the YMCA Day Camp at \$72.

Twenty-nine boys were guests of their fathers on January 2nd, the dads paying an extra dollar for each. On April 24th we met and dined at the Y and then enjoyed a program by young people from Grades III through IX, tumbling, vaulting, balancing, using parallel bars and rings. The senior class was with us on May 15th and we had to borrow an extra table.

We voted to sponsor a Little League team. I note at this time that liability insurance was doubled to \$100,000. Presently the STAR carried an appeal: "To those of you who have taken surplus food home and have failed to bring back the dishes: THEY ARE NEEDED!"

On May 8th we honored Harold Dodge with the Lifetime Service Award: chief of the fire department, building and plumbing inspector, water commissioner, trustee and treasurer of the Memorial Library, on the planning board for the sewage disposal system.

The new Rock Tide Motel and Restaurant had just opened and on June 12th we were guests of the management. Secretary Scott collected our usual \$2.50 which we donated to charity.

Ronald Calhoun's Year - 1969 - 70

We opened with an enrollment of 52. Our clambake was at Pierce & Hartung's on July 31st. We had ordered for 200 but only 178 diners showed up, the beginning of a decline that has continued. Individuals bought the surplus crustaceans, preventing a deficit. Our men numbered 41; there were 39 visiting Rotarians.

District Governor Dan McCaughey was with us on August 14th, meeting at 5:30 with our officers and delivering a stirring address, along with his leadership of ALOUETTE. Then members adjourned to the Center where the new serving booth and signs were admired. The weather was perfect as usual for Youth Fund Day. Auction sales of \$1,145.15 and \$52 in gifts minus expenses of \$35.04, netted \$1,162.11. Lobster Time tickets were \$1,100, other income \$159.74, costs were \$660.86, and thus a net of \$598.88. We placed \$1,760.99 in the Youth Fund.

In the early autumn, teen Rotarians from the Spring Lake-Brielle Club in Pennsylvania met with us and one of their members was the speaker, telling about their area. We observed Ladies Night at Rock Tide October 2nd with Franklyn Lentall as speaker. Charter member Cliff Hartung and his wife were among those present. On the 16th our Little League team, 17 boys, was with us; five teams and 115 boys had been playing.

Our directors agreed to ask our members for \$1 each, to assist a hospital project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madura, India. We were contributing the usual \$1 each for Rotary Foundation's scholarships and those offered by our district.

A shelter-stop for waiting school children at Highland Park was provided with money from our Youth Fund.

Four charter members were present for our anniversary program on December 11th. Perkins spoke on the intangibles of Rotary in the fields of friendship and service. Clifford told of the club history and the problems that had been surmounted. Century pin holders, called to their feet, were a majority of those present. A week later \$177 was available to purchase winter clothing for 25 children in 12 homes.

Thirty-one daughters were present with their fathers on February 12th; the speaker, Tony Papas, A.F.S. student, showed slides of his native Crete and Greece. Scouts assisted in the ceremonies on Charter Night, the 19th. An Eagle

Certificate went to Douglas Hathaway and a citation to Scout Kennedy whose resourcefulness had saved his sister from drowning. Chick Anderson was invested with the Veteran Scouters Award.

The varsity basketball squad with managers, cheer leaders and coach were our guests on April 9th, to hear Morse High Coach Dick Whitmore. Two weeks later 36 Rotarians were among the 85 diners at the Lions Den where Spencer Apollonio of the Sea and Shore Fisheries spoke on Earth Day. I note from the STAR: "Many a glass was raised on high, numerous friendships retouched, new acquaintances made. Fellowship reigned supreme."

On May 14th the Lifetime Service Award was given to Dorothy Abbott, "one of the Region's outstanding women, wife and mother, whose brief but highly successful teaching career had been followed by years of service, leadership and cooperation in nearly every worth while organization and activity: church and Sunday school, YMCA, Memorial Library, Monday Club, Parent-Teacher Association."

At year's end Rotary was sponsoring a senior for Girls State. A note of thanks was received from the Region Scholarship Fund for our \$600 and the \$500 that Russell had sent through us. As the new officers took charge, a new secretary began selling tickets and entering attendance. Ralph Scott, retiring after 27 years, with 28 of perfect attendance, was honored and presented with a \$100 bill.

Robert Irvine's Year—1970-71

The year began with an enrollment of 51; Howard Friant, future president, had joined. Our annual clambake was still attracting Rotarians from other clubs. The July 16th affair at Pierce & Hartung's drew 28 from Lewiston-Auburn among the 195 who participated. \$80 went into the building fund. Youth Fund Day on August 14th was held under nearly perfect weather conditions, with a net of \$1,417.

On July 30th we were addressed by Dr. David Eastwood, son of Rotarian Walter; he dealt in depth with the field of economics, the regulation of the national economy, and the roles of monetary and fiscal policy.

Ladies Night was held at the Lawnmere on September 17th, preceded by an hour's boatripe on Don Leavitt's LINEKIN. We enjoyed a roast beef dinner, followed by a talk from Lou Colby of WCSH. I quote from the STAR: "It was evidently his judgement that the ladies and gentlemen in his audience would be best pleased with forty minutes of humor, basically dealing with fecal matter and cohabitation." Dancing followed.

The Lions met with us on November 12th and the diners responded heartily with song under the leadership of Arnie and Richie. Robert Wagner, Bath's

police chief, was the speaker. On January 13th 33 of our men were among the 80 in the Lions den to listen to Lincoln County Legislators.

For Dr. Phil's Christmas banquet we set our dinner price at \$2.50. The proceeds weren't quite enough to pay for the clothing piled on the table, the hat was passed, and another \$95 was picked up.

Scouting continued our major youth service. Charter Night was February 11th: Scout Master Joe Stover was with the boys who provided much of the program. Former leader Dick Dill was initiated into Veteran Scouters. In May the final call was given: "Get in those Pine Tree Council Envelopes. We're close to \$1,000!". We closed the year on June 24th when Robert Boyd, Gerald Gamage, and David Sampson, with their parents, were guests of the club; their mothers pinned on the Eagle Scout emblem.

On June 3rd the young people of the senior class were our guests, 53 in number, with teachers Arlene Pizzi and Diane Crocker. Dr. Eastwood gave a half-hour address in 12 minutes: "Failures are caused by backing away from difficulties; work brings personal and vocational satisfactions; involvement in the active world about is essential."

The Lifetime Service Award was given to Marjorie McGlaulin on May 20th: teacher at our high school for 40 years, assistant principal, active in church, Eastern Star, Little Theatre Group, a library trustee.

During the year \$200 was given for the YMCA drive. Andrew Dolloff, senior class president, was sent to Junior Foresters Camp for two weeks. A serious dental case was helped by \$200. We gave the usual \$600 to the Region Scholarship Fund and we gave \$100 scholarship on our own. We donated \$200 to A.F.S. and \$25 for the Red Cross swim program. A skating rink at the Boothbay Common was being planned; we awarded \$350 toward the project if it proved feasible and it did. We gave \$100 toward the War Memorial on the library lawn. \$500 was granted to the Jesse Albert Dental Clinic to be held in the old Bath railway station. The aggregate was \$2,862.

A commercial-size mixer was available from St. Andrews and the directors purchased it. They pushed liability insurance to \$500,000. The roof on the main building needed shingling and Holmes was given the job. Our banners were in demand by visiting Rotarians and our own traveling members took them away to exchange; a local seamstress agreed to make 100 at \$1.60 each.

On April 15th a club assembly came to grips with a problem: there must be more financial income, or less outgo, meaning less good meals. It was voted to raise the price of dinner tickets to \$2.50.

We won the district attendance contest, due in no small degree to the dedicated work of attendance chairman Fred Pratt.

Robert Grover's Year—1971-72

We opened with 55 members; future president Robert Walter was among the new men. The clambake on July 29, at \$7 was its usual success. Before the trapaulin was pulled, Banjo Win Furber and Rotarian Charlie Heino with bull fiddle had joined the pianist in the truck; Richie and Arnie drew many popular songs from the surrounding crowd. Chairmen Clayton Dodge and Ken Honey had guaranteed 175 tickets; 204 came but the caterer had hoped for an overrun and had brought extras. A week later at Headquarters they thanked the crew that had picked up the piano and then returned it before the dews of the night, the men who set up the premises including the one-holer and then dismantled everything Friday morning, the pair who kept the non-returnables on crushed ice, those who drove to Newagen Inn to borrow tables and took them back. The sum of \$135 was realized from the ticket sale, \$35 on "tonic," for the building fund.

Youth Fund Day on August 17th went over finely; the auction was chaired by Temple, Lobster Time by Holmes. Something over \$1,500 was cleared. Ladies Night was held at Ocean Point Inn, September 16th, following a boatripe on Leavitt's LINEKIN. The roast beef dinner cost \$6. The program was by a couple from Young's Travel Agency in Portland.

District Governor Ralph Margeson was with us October 28th, meeting with officers at 5:30 and then addressing the club. Half our membership stayed for the assembly, most till 10:00 p.m., as he presented ideas and our members reported and discussed in able fashion.

On December 23rd we voted to pay \$3.50, to meet the cost of Christmas clothing for 49 children, aged 12 or under. After a 5-year lapse a New Year's Party was held at Headquarters, attended by more than 30 couples at \$5, with socializing, dancing and a buffet supper at midnight, chaired by Vice-president Brewer.

Forty of us were at the Lions den on January 12th, where 90 men listened to State Police Chief Parker Hennessey; he handled many questions well. Scout charter night was March 30th. Boys did much of the preliminary program and 7 scouts attained Tenderfoot status. Dennis Prefontaine, scout executive from Rockland, was the speaker.

On April 20th 29 boys, aged from 2 years to 30, were with us for Father-Son night. We entertained the senior class on May 25th.

Our directors, meeting on many occasions, voted \$100 for the YMCA drive, \$25 for the Red Cross swim program, \$50 for a senior to Girls State, \$110 for Head Start, \$200 for American Field Service, \$200 for Little League and the annual \$600 to the Scholarship Fund. In the fall we had been subscribing \$2 for Rotary Foundation and \$1 for district scholarships.

Spring cleaning had indicated that new modern-style windows and doors were needed; a member could supply them at cost, \$360. But we still owed \$225 on the annex. Would members subscribe a window at \$20? Six did at once, Furber sent \$20 on reading the STAR, and eventually the entire cost was met in this manner.

Arnold Brewer's Year—1972-73

Membership continued at 55. Arnie's first official duty was to present retiring president Bob Grover with the past president's pin. It proved to be the identical pin his father had received 30 years before; in it was set his mother's engagement diamond. The awarding of a 13-year perfect attendance numeral was almost an anti-climax. It recalled the emphasis with which this club started and has sought to maintain: to cooperate in successful functioning of the club, to maintain high ideals and a successful operation in our respective careers, to serve our community with special attention to youth, and to develop understanding and good will among the peoples of the world.

We had guaranteed 200 for our clambake in July at \$7.50. We fell short a few, with 37 of our members present, 20 from Lewiston-Auburn. Youth Fund Day on August 11th with well over \$1,000 at the auction and 419 lobsters cooked, netted an all-time high of \$1,942.

Many members of this era rate our Ladies Night at Ocean Island Inn on September 7th as the best ever. At \$5 a plate we chose between roast beef and baked sole. One hundred two were present. For a program we watched Lonnie Sisson set up his easel and proceed to sketch the Beach Scene which has adorned Headquarters ever since. With Lonnie at the piano, Charlie Heino with his bull fiddle, and Buddy Bennett on the drums, dancing began at 10:30 and lasted nearly till midnight.

What to do with a beautiful painting? Presumably, auction it off in the summer and put the money in the youth fund. Presently Dan DeRepentigny offered \$300 toward club purchase; others followed suit at a slower pace and eventually \$770 went into the fund. It is insured for \$1000.

Thirty-nine daughters were guests of their fathers on November 16th. We paid \$3.50 for the Christmas dinner, then wrapped clothing for children, to be delivered Christmas Eve. Student Guest Chairman Bob Walter suggested that we have student groups with us once a month, to be sponsored by individuals at \$1 each. Five members of the Student Council came in January, 4 industrial arts boys in February, 5 commercial students in March. On June 7th 47 seniors were with us. Charter Night had been February 8th with 25 scouts present.

Song leader and accordionist George Bedall, serving a year as Sgt.-at-Arms, asked for a clarification of fines. After some discussion the fol-

lowing schedule was approved: \$1 for a photo, 50c for a missing badge, 25c for late arrival or early departure.

Gov. Paul Cote on his visit suggested that members be invited to contribute a small sum each night, the eventual total to go to the district for international service. The piggy bank that had held fireplace contributions of some years back was put in a conspicuous place. It was opened February 1st; of the \$76.48 within, \$60 was sent to Cote. Few remember the night when Les Strong suggested that we pass around at each meeting a "kitty" in which we might put a coin we'd never miss, this had been going on for years. The kitty on March 22nd had picked up \$9.41; the average was about \$6.50. The money went to the building fund.

On April 11th 46 Rotarians met with the Lions at their den to hear John Rafter of Wiscasset, retired pilot with Pan-American Clippers.

The STAR at this period was being printed at MAINELY BOOKS and the cost for materials, labor and postage was over \$500. Our dues were \$25. We were collecting at midyear \$2 and \$1 for Foundation and district scholarship. Rotary International reported that as of December 31st world wide Rotarians had contributed \$1,173,587 in the first half of the year.

The directors sent our \$600 to the Scholarship Fund, Inc., and passed on the \$500 from Mr. Russell; \$200 to A.F.S., \$126 to Head Start, \$40 to the YMCA for a narcotics pamphlet, \$25 for the Salvation Army, \$25 for the Red Cross, \$15 for the new club at Wells-York. A new walk from Headquarters to the Avenue was needed; the \$500 was taken half from the building fund, half from the general fund.

At year's end, 8 couples were planning on the Conference at Murray Bay.

Chester Fossett's Year—1973-74

We began the year with 61 members. The clambake at Pierce & Hartung's was held July 19th; the price was \$7.75. Remembering the turnout the year before, the committee guaranteed 175; 40 of our members, visiting Rotarians and guests numbered only 160, the first strong evidence of a decline that has continued. Some other clubs were now putting on their own bakes. The caterer compromised at 170 and the club had to pay for only 4. The beer concession brought in \$43.

Youth Fund Day on August 10th found a 21-foot one-design yacht in front of the town hall, the gift of a summer resident; it brought \$700. Chairman Chase reported that Auctioneer Brud did a great job. Other sales and gifts plus \$550 from Lobster Time made a net total of \$1,927.

For Ladies Night, September 6th, 105 dined at Rocktide. We are known

as a singing club. I quote from the STAR: "We opened on a musical note; Arnie and Richie took over as song leaders for a quarter hour's community singing in which soprano, alto, tenor and bass blended harmoniously. Our pianist continued for another hour with singers picking up the words now and then. Bill Gove of Wiscasset, President of the National Speaker's Association, provided the program." An informal dance followed. Another Ladies Night was held at Tugboat Inn, February 14th, the lounge at 5:30, dinner at 7:00, roast beef at \$6.60, fish at \$6.00 plus salad bar. Frances Hook, artist-illustrator, painted a portrait of Treasurer Lee's wife Donna while the audience watched.

The week of November 11th was Rotary Foundation Week; since its inauguration in 1947, 4,400 young people from around the free world had had a year of college in a foreign country at a cost of \$10,540,000. Annually our members had contributed. We sponsored Robert Wallace for a scholarship but were not successful.

After our Christmas dinner, members wrapped clothing gifts for needy children. I note a call for volunteers to deliver MEALS ON WHEELS. Presently our surplus food each Thursday evening was being taken to the Congregational Church, headquarters for the project. In the preceding 12 months the STAR had cost \$759.05 and 13c envelopes were being forecast; was it feasible to continue mailing our weekly?

Twenty-three Lions met with us on January 24th; Reuben Fernandez of the Lincoln Academy faculty told us what Castro's regime had done to his homeland. Charter Night for our Troop 174 was February 7th; the boys did much of the program. Al Sherman and Tom Proctor were inducted into Veteran Scouters. Ninety-seven members and daughters were together at our session of March 21st. On May 23rd 50 seniors were our guests; John Gould was the speaker. Fathers and sons heard Game Warden Brian Worth and saw his film VIRGINIA DEER on June 6th.

The directors voted the usual \$600 for Scholarships and approved a small grant recommended by our own scholarship committee. In late August they gave \$3000 for the YMCA swimming pool. A sewage disposal job came up, they took \$400 from the general fund to meet the cost. They gave \$100 for little league and \$35 for the scout leader at Bomazeen. They donated \$75 for the Tri-High-Y project and \$25 to the Salvation Army. They bought a fireproof cabinet for our records. In January they advanced the pay of the kitchen staff to \$30 a week. In mid-April the club voted to pay \$3 for meals. Richie called for volunteers to spring-clean the grounds. Only 8 men showed up but he reported, "They worked like beavers".

The Lifetime Service Award was given Ruth Dodge; her husband, children and other relatives were present. Tributes referred to her 35 years as elementary teacher and principal, teacher in our high school, Legislative Committee of the Maine Teachers Association, 9 years a school board member, 5

years treasurer of Region Scholarship Fund, church member and Sunday School teacher, active in Pythian Sisters at local and state levels.

Chester Poole's Year—1974-75

Membership continued at 61. The annual clambake at Pierce & Hartung's was the usual success. While no STAR was printed covering the day, and any secretarial records are lost, a STAR the following week reports that from the \$8 price, \$52 went into the building fund plus \$48.23 from the drinkable concession. Youth Fund Day went over big with \$1,688 from the auction and \$798 from Lobster Time.

For Ladies Night at Rocktide, where the price was what each diner chose plus \$1 for the dance, Chairman Brewer had engaged the Old Smoothies; no STAR covers the affair. Our 35th anniversary was held December 16th. Five charter members were present: Hartung, Dorr, Gregory, Proctor and Clifford. Abbott, Calhoun, Scott and Clifford reminisced happily. Friant presented the club with a Rotary banner. On the 20th winter clothing that cost \$370 was carefully wrapped and tagged, for delivery Christmas Eve.

The directors sent \$600 to the Scholarship Fund, \$500 to the YMCA, \$150 to Head Start, \$100 to Little League, to A.F.S., to Clifford Youth Fund, \$60 for canoe use by our 20 scouts at Bomazeen. Rotary was sponsoring a 4-school Grammar Grade Basketball Tournament and we underwrote it with \$450.

New siding for the club house was needed and Holmes was put in charge of the job. At an assembly members voted to increase dues to \$35. The STAR was costing a lot. After discussion, it was voted to continue it. The sum of \$400 was made available to send our officers to the annual conference. They brought home the attendance prize.

Edward Swett's Year—1975-76

Enrollment was 54 on July 1st. As an historian I rejoiced to find that Ed had kept all the STARs for his regime, and Secretary West's records were intact. The year opened with an assembly. It was voted that new members should contribute \$10 to the Rotary Foundation. It was decided that henceforth a supply of STARS was to be left at several central locations and copies brought to Headquarters; postage was now too high. It was being printed at the Boothbay town office and presently \$75 was paid.

The general fund and the building fund were united. The price of meals

Howard Friant's Year—1976-77

was advanced to \$3.25 and dues were set at \$40. We found the year's schedules of 12 stewards and 12 program chairmen posted on the bulletin board.

The July 17th clambake was patronized by 100; the STAR does not give details. For the first time Youth Fund Day was rained out on Friday, the 7th of August, but was entirely successful the next day. It's not clear whether the \$2,300 "take" mentioned included Mr. Russell's \$500.

On August 21 our Little League team, the Red Sox, were our guests and Eastwood was the speaker; among the 12 players were 3 girls. Ladies Night was at Rocktide on September 25th, \$7 for roast beef or swordfish plus \$1 for tip, 50c for flowers, 50c for the orchestra; Charles Orne spoke on the Yalta Conference.

Betsy Tompkins, senior, spoke to us on October 16th, telling of her A.F.S. summer in Turkey. Rotary sponsored a free blood pressure clinic at the YMCA on December 2nd. At our Christmas meeting the directors had made \$500 available for the purchase of clothing.

It was now international policy to elect the new slate of officers six months in advance and our election was in December. Hartung was made an honorary Rotarian. Our Rotary Foundation contribution was 100%; in 1975 Rotarians around the world had given \$7,000,000.

February 12th was Charter Night for the scouts; Eastwood was inducted into Veteran Scouters. Rotarian Joe Galego's Grammar School basketball tournament in March was a big success; we voted to continue it. With an income of \$309 and cost of \$417, only a little of our \$450 guarantee was needed.

Thirty-six girls were guests of their fathers on March 18th; the program dealt with bicycle safety. We held several meetings related to America's Bicentennial theme. On May 20th we had Ladies Night at Tugboat Inn, \$18 per couple. The seniors were our guests on June 3rd and Afton Haggett was the speaker. A week later the Harbor Grammar Conservation group and their director were with us.

Action by the directors included \$1,500 to the YMCA, \$600 to Region Scholarship, \$50 for Educational Television's Channel 10, \$25 to Salvation Army, \$200 for A.F.S., \$275 to Head Start, \$50 for Camp Bomazeen, \$380 for our students at the State YMCA Model Legislature, \$50 for Camp Bomazeen, \$50 for Retarded Children's Olympics. A memorial pewter plate was sent to Honorary Rotarian Harlow Russell on his 100th birthday. The upstairs rent was set at \$137.50 on March 1 and \$150 six months later.

A community calendar project, proposed by Friant, was adopted by the club and brought in a net of \$863.

We began the year with 53 members. The bake at Pierce & Hartung's was held on July 22nd. The price was \$9.25 and 114 bought tickets; the treasury picked up about \$50 from the 50c hold-out on each ticket and \$23.50 was made on the liquid refreshments. Youth Fund Day on August 13th provided \$1,956 for many good causes.

Ladies Night on September 9th was a happy occasion for those who took advantage of it. Involved were supper on the Argo and a night's lodging for Barbershop Quartet men and their wives. Many Rotarians who had signified their intention to attend failed to show up; a deficit of \$168 had to be met.

Our Christmas meeting was its usual success. Members found a great bowl of eggnog awaiting them; the songs were seasonal. Dr. Phil's banquet was brought in and presently the lady chefs were introduced for their cash gifts. The sum of \$750 had been placed in the hands of the gift committee and at the close of the meal there was little standing room about the 4th table where Rotarians were packing winter clothing into carefully labeled cartons for children.

The second Grammar School basketball tournament, sponsored by the club, was a success from every angle with many members in administrative roles. An outlay of \$569 and receipts of \$706 put an appreciable sum in the Youth Fund.

The high school boys and girls basketball teams each went to the tournament; with their coaches they were our guests on March 31st. On June 9th the seniors were with us and provided a program of song directed by Rotarian Walter.

During the year 13 members earned perfect attendance numerals. 35 years went to Ralph Scott and Paul Abbott, 22 to Clayton Dodge, 18 to Ronald Calhoun and Robert Grover, 16 to Kenneth Honey, 9 to Edward Swett, 8 to Curtis West, 7 to Robert Walter, Ray Temple and Chester Fossett, 5 to Robert Irvine and Horace Lee. In many cases this represented a perfect record since joining.

The directors made Past President Paine an honorary member. They incorporated the club, a formal step which would make the corporation liable for any damage suit, rather than the club and individual members. They placed Mr. Russell's latest \$500 grant in the capital reserve account for needed kitchen equipment. They bought a 100-cup coffee maker. Fifty dollars was provided to send the scout master to Bomazeen. The granting of the usual \$600 plus an award of \$150 reduced the old Student Aid Fund to \$36.64. The sum of \$25 was sent to St. Andrews Hospital in memory of Past President Harrington. They promised the Babe Ruth League \$189 for the coming season.

Treasurer Lee's fiscal report of 1976-77 is given below:

YOUTH FUND

GENERAL FUND

Income	
Balance	\$ 968.52
Meals	7,398.36
Dues	2,473.50
Calendar Sale	750.00
Interest, Checking	22.70
Miscellaneous	244.02
STAR, postage	26.75
Rent	1,750.00
Rotary Foundation	30.00
Initiation fees	10.00
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	\$13,673.85
Expense	
Kitchen Staff	\$1,609.75
Food	3,339.82
STAR	41.80
Dues, National, District	1,195.25
Rubbish Collection	49.00
Russell-Hampton, awards	155.58
Grovers' Hardware	143.29
Flowers	45.00
Fuel	748.91
Utilities	566.99
Real Estate Taxes	525.82
Insurance	500.00
Calendar costs	203.30
Miscellaneous	432.75
Repairs	58.65
Loan Payments	1,125.00
Donations	50.00
District Conference Delegates	200.00
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	\$10,990.91
Balance	\$2,682.94

Income

Balance	\$3,741.82
Youth Day	2,955.60
Basketball Tournament	704.82
Interest	220.67
Xmas gift money	128.00
Calendar sales	42.50
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	\$7,793.41
Paid Out	4,373.16
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Balance	\$3,420.25

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance	\$300.00
Russell Gift	500.00
Interest	42.81
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	\$842.81

No Expenditures

Robert Walter's Year—1977-78

Enrollment at the first of the year was 50. Our new president Peter Cotter conducted the first meeting and then resigned to take up a position at Mt. Sugarloaf. Thereupon Vice-President Robert Walter stepped into the presidency and Robert Carbone was named vice-president. Curtis West was secretary, Horace Lee treasurer. Immediate past president Friant made a fifth member on the board of directors. Director Robert Holmes was in charge of club service, assisted by Fred Pratt for attendance, Walter Eastwood for classifications, Actor Abbott for the STAR, Jack Gimbal for fellowship, Jack Brown for membership development, Gary Howard for song leading, Harold Clifford for Rotary International, Robert Adams as Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph Stover, Gerald Murphy and Paul Lehman as the House Committee.

Director Charles Anderson headed vocational service, assisted by Marsden Richardson for environment, William Bell for the handicapped, Oscar Webb for employer-employee relationships, Paul Abbott for 4-way tests and fireside chats, Donald Wotton for occupational information, Phillips Chase for Trade and Professional relations.

Director Oscar Noah was in charge of community service, assisted by Kenneth Honey for the magazine, Ronald Calhoun for youth services, Joseph Sirois for public relations, Robert Grover for club projects, Edward Swett for sunshine service, Ralph Scott, Clayton Dodge and Blenn Perkins for the Lifetime Service Award, John Davies and Ronald Calhoun for the Youth Fund; Robert Carbone, Ray Temple and George Hodgdon will serve as trustees.

Director Blenn Perkins headed International service with Chester Fossett for international youth projects, Robert Irvine for Rotary Foundation, Thomas Tavenner for world community service, John Heyl and Howard Friant for Interact and Rotaract; Robert Grover, Paul Abbott and Kenneth Honey will constitute the nominating committee.

Rounding out our membership were the following men who have held office in the past or will in the future: Warren Barnes, Louis Carbone, David Colburn, Erwin Dodge, Robert Dyer, Woodrow Kubie, Donald Leavitt, Robert Morse, Lowell Stinson, Wollcott Webster, William Walsh, John Rego, Travis Paine, song leader.

The annual clambake at the usual place went over happily. Youth Fund Day replenished the account with a net of \$2,660. Ladies Night at the Lawnmeer was enjoyed by 96 diners who chose among beef, turkey or fish. Richardson led four-part harmony and at the conclusion of the banquet Kaye Brown provided a lively program of piano music; many picked up her songs.

Rotary joined in the 3-way sponsorship of a big Christmas concert with the high and elementary school choruses, directed by President Walter. After many an evening rehearsal where mature male voices blended with those of the young people, the affair went off at the new school auditorium on December 14th. Despite bad weather attendance was fine and applause was generous. Soloist Anne Marin of New York did her own special numbers and sang at times with the chorus. Rotary's \$200 from the proceeds was the least important good from the affair.

On the following evening our club held its first Family Night. Wives and children brought the total so high that a team rushed out to borrow chairs. At the close of the meal Santa Claus appeared in appropriate regalia and personality to the delight of the younger element and the entire group. A week later Rotarians packaged about \$875 worth of winter clothing for children.

President Walter had proposed that a history of the club be written and at year's end it had progressed to a stage where the directors were considering

publishing problems. During the fall members had been selling the community calendar entries; at the close \$750 was turned into the general fund.

Visiting Rotarians rate us high in fellowship. Our final meeting of 1977 was typical of many. Scott and I arrived at Headquarters at 6:05 to find Secretary Curt at his desk, ready to receive \$3.25 for tickets, plus 50c a meeting for anyone who had missed. Steward Ron and our two attractive cooks were busy in the kitchen. Howard was laying out the calendars for members to pick up and deliver. At 6:25 only 16 had arrived, and then the delegation crowded in from the Turpentine Shop where ginger ale and other refreshments had contributed to happiness. But at the 6:30 gong, 17 were missing, some in Florida, some away with relatives.

President Bob pronounced the grace and Travis led the choral period. The piano music continued till 6:50 and occasionally a member would drop knife and fork and raise his voice in song. Waiters Actor, Bob Holmes and Bob Morse, with the Steward, brought in the dinner. The tables were cleared soon after 7:00.

Program chairman Ray was seated at the head table but the evening was devoted to a club assembly. Fellowship Chairman Jack Gimbel found a banker as guest, Walter's son, and his own two boys. Funny stories were told at the expense of two members. Our indefatigable Stg.-at-Arms Bob Adams was absent and no fines were assessed. Paul gave an indoctrination charge to new members Bob Dyer and Jack Rego.

The report of the nominating committee was approved and the following men were elected for 1978-79:

President, Bob Carbone

Vice President, Horace Lee

Secretary, Curt West

Treasurer, Don Wotton

Directors, Gary Howard, Lowell Stinson, Bob Walter.

Erwin was named to the Trustees, Actor to the Youth Fund Committee and Blenn Perkins to the Lifetime Service Award committee.

The Youth Committee's recommendation that we sponsor for five years a Philippine boy under the Foster Parent Plan was approved. To ensure some continuity, the by-laws were amended so that hereafter one member of the nominating committee shall be named for a 3-year term.

President Bob reviewed the major happenings of the half year. The continuance of the clambake was discussed at length, since fewer than half the members have been attending. He mentioned the possibility or likelihood of events during the second half year: husbands and wives to the Mariners, the

Icecapades, something special for handicapped children, a day for high school pupils in a business or professional establishment, continuance of the basketball tournament, a past-presidents night, a spring Ladies Night, a Lifetime Service Award, a Father-Daughter-Son Night, an evening for 4-A students. This profitable evening lasted till 8:30.

To start 1978, Program Chairman Ed will bring us Roger Lajeunesse, Head of Maine's Mental Health and Corrections Department. Waiters with Steward Dave will be Gary, Howard, Travis and Richie. Treasurer Horace will be picking up our \$20 semi-annual dues, \$2 for the District Scholarship program and \$4 for Rotary Foundation.

The enrollment on December 31, 1977 was 54 members and the honorary members were Alan W. Furber, Tom E. Proctor, Philip Gregory, Harlow Russell and Louis E. Paine.

Some, but not all, of President Bob's possible service projects were carried out. Youth was quite properly emphasized. The Third Annual Basketball Tournament was played, with general satisfaction. The "special class" at the Elementary School and their teacher were our guests; they gave us an interesting and moving program. The "Straight A" students at High School were guests of the club on one occasion and in June the Seniors attended in a body. We held a Father-Daughter Night.

Several modest scholarship awards were made supplementing grants from the Region High School Scholarship Association. A young singer was assisted for the Fred Waring course. The Little League received \$100.

To earn a little money we undertook a pancake breakfast at Headquarters on Memorial Day morning; patronage was low. The annual community calendar project brought in a substantial sum.

We observed Past President's Night; several former presidents who had dropped from the rolls attended.

The Lifetime Service Award was made to Cecil Pierce of Southport with several speakers paying tribute.

The club history was nearing completion. Bids were asked on 300 copies and Harbor Printshop was low bidder at \$470. The Directors gave much thought to financing the project and finally decided to take the sum from general revenue rather than putting a price-per-copy tag on the booklet, or soliciting members for contributions.

Actor Abbott had withdrawn from the club, due to prolonged illness; he returned to membership with Bruce Lewis and Robert Colby joined during the year. We concluded with a well-attended Ladies Night at Upstairs-Downstairs restaurant run by Rotarian Joe Sirois. Members had trucked our piano to the site, and there was singing as the crowd gathered, after the gong sounded, and at dismissal. An excellent meal was served and then guests adjourned to the lower room for music and dancing.

Robert Carbone's Year – 1978-79

Our first meeting of the new Rotary year was devoted to a club assembly. The financial picture at the end of June indicated that our ticket price of \$3.25 was not meeting the cost of the meal. It was voted to raise this to \$4.00. We raised our annual dues from \$40 to \$50; this left us still in a lower category than most clubs. Table #1, nearest the piano, was designated a no-smoking table.

For a year and more the STAR had been left at three stores and brought to the meeting, to be picked up by members, already a week old for many. At the District Conference for incoming officers the importance of a weekly sheet was emphasized. President Bob recommended that we mail the STAR, despite the high cost of postage. Harold Clifford resumed the role of editor, the manuscript was mailed to the Elementary School where a secretary supplied a stencil and skilled labor at no cost, because of the many services rendered to Youth by the club. Clifford and Ralph Scott addressed the envelopes, about 70, and took them to the club meeting where Clayton Dodge picked them up, went to school Monday P.M. for the STAR copies, stuffed and posted them. This has worked well, with some changes in personnel.

Youth Fund Day was held on August 11. Early figures indicated \$2000 from the Auction, with between \$500 and \$600 from Lobster Time. The clam-bake, with steadily diminishing attendance by our own members and Rotarians from other clubs, was altered. It was held at Boothbay Region Lobstermen Inc., on September 7 with 72 members and guests present, preceded by an hour's boat ride on Don Leavitt's LINEKIN. It was considered a success.

Another club assembly was held October 19th. Concern was expressed about slow payment of dues. It was found that RULES state, "after 30 days delinquencies a member has lost his membership". It was decided not to plow the driveway from Oak Street. It was voted to elect the Directors who work with the officers to form the board to 2-year terms, to provide more continuity.

Our meeting of November 30 was saddened by the announcement that past president Clayton Dodge and his wife had been instantly killed in an automobile accident in Edgcomb.

Chairman Gary Howard's health Clinic at the YMCA was held on November 18th. Our 39th anniversary, December 14 to the day, was observed as our second Family Night with 40 children, 29 mothers and grandparents. Santa Claus had real gifts to present to the youngsters. On the 21st we wrapped \$700 worth of winter clothing for needy children, after disposing of Dr. Phil Gregory's Christmas dinner, and apples from Rotarian Whitehead of Virginia.

On February 22, the 21 Lions who met with us filled the fourth table, and we listened with deep interest to five men, dressed in the costumes of the "Revolutionary War, with appropriate weapons. They told us something of the disas-

trous Penobscot Bay Expedition of 1779, which rendezvoused here in Boothbay Harbor, and the planned observances.

We vigorously supported a local candidate for one of Rotary's scholarships, but unsuccessfully. We continued sponsorship of the Grammar School Basketball Tournament.

A player piano went on sale and the club bought it for \$200, retiring the \$25 piano bought from Rotarian Hartung a generation before. It was a great improvement for accompanying the choral numbers for which our club is famous.

On April 21 our Lifetime Service Award was given Chester Swett, a former Rotarian, with tributes from friends. On May 31, sixteen Scouts were present for a suitable program. Fifty-seven seniors were our guests on June 7. On the 14th, the Special Children's class, with their teacher and her assistant, did the program for us.

Rotary's great International Scholarship Program is being given added support by the PAUL HARRIS FELLOW project, in which a club may designate a member and honor him with a \$1000 grant to R.I. The Directors announced early in the year that the club would name three men, as yet not to be publicly known. The secret was kept till the meeting of June 21. Then, combining a tribute and a roast, Ken Honey spoke for Paul Abbott, Bob Grover for Harold Clifford, and Marsden Richardson for Ralph Scott in absentia. Upon contribution of \$100 each to R.I., these men became Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows, with the remaining sum hopefully to be contributed later.

During the year, the Directors had acted on many matters not named above. They changed the fuel oil contract to Lewis Oil Company, now owned by a Rotarian. In May they voted \$300 to the Big Brother-Sister program, \$100 for the Special Children Class, \$200 for the summer's Little League team. At year's end they raised the two cooks \$250 each.

During the year, serious cumulative illnesses and operations had made it necessary for Ralph Scott to end his 37 year perfect attendance record and withdraw from active participation in club activities. During 1978-79 Leroy Yereance and Robert Colby joined the club, Robert Adams and George Bedell rejoined. Gerald Murphy withdrew and Clayton Dodge died.

Horace Lee's Year – 1979-80

We opened the Rotary year with a membership of 52. Our meeting of July 12th was a club assembly. The directors reported recent and earlier actions. The upstairs rent was to go from \$150 to \$175 on October first. The club would continue sponsoring the Filipino boy. A summary of the previous year's finances was given: the general fund had started with \$1486 and ended with the \$2387; the youth fund from \$733 to \$952; the capital improvement fund from \$800 to \$726.

Donation of items for the Youth Fund Auction came in well, and on August 9th the net sum realized was \$1,821.45, despite inclement weather. The Lobster Time Feed on the Common was postponed till the next day, the weather did not clear, and for the first time ever it was given up. Weeks later a lobster stew supper was held in the Methodist vestry at which \$194 was cleared.

The annual clambake, at which the promised boatribe was rained out, was held September 6th at Ken Gray's place on the old Eastern steamship wharf. Thirty club members and forty guests enjoyed the \$9.50 feed. President Lee, who had bought the old Rotary piano, had it trucked to the wharf, pianist was present, George Bedell played his accordion, Auctioneer Brud Pierce provided spoon rhythm while Travis Paine and Tom Tavenner led the lusty singing.

On October 9th Ladies Night was held at UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS, Rotarian Joe Sirois, host. Sixty were present for the meal and dancing with the Jack Russell trio. School personnel who put out the STAR were guests of the club.

On October 25th Past District Governor Dom Tardiff was with us to explain Rotary International's 75th birthday project, in which each Rotarian (800,000 world-wide?) was invited to contribute \$15 for HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY. During the following months there were frequent mentions of these meetings, but the idea did not catch on well. Only a few members cooperated; eventually \$287 was sent to RI.

This could have been because of a much larger project sponsored by Rotary International for the Rotary Foundation. The previous year Paul Abbott, Harold Clifford and Ralph Scott had been named Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows, with \$100 each contributed by the club. On December 6th the club's 40th birthday was celebrated by the announcement that the three members were now full PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS; the remaining \$2,700 had been sent to RI, a portion from contributions, the rest from the General Account. The Fellows were awarded a lapel button and a badge, with appropriate remarks by Charter Member Blenn Perkins.

A week later Rotarians partook of the Christmas feast provided by Charter Member, now honorary Rotarian, Philip Gregory, and then wrapped \$750

worth of winter clothing for needy children. The club's third Family Night was held on the 20th with 28 children and grandchildren, 21 mothers and grandmothers as guests of the club. A tree had been set up, parents had brought a gift for each child, and Santa Claus presented them after the meal, with the help of members.

The Grammar School Basketball Tournament was held February 8th and 9th, with administrative assistance from many members. It was the usual big success and netted \$312 for other youth activities.

Our parent club, Damariscotta-Newcastle, observed Rotary's 75th with a gala banquet and program on February 23rd; 13 couples from our club attended. On the 27th, 28 of our members met with the Lions at their Den to hear Col. Allen Weeks, Head of the State Police, speak on the work of his department.

In an unusual session, Rotarians left Headquarters after the meal on March 27th and went to Paul Luke's Shipyard for a tour of the plant. On April 10th the Lions were with us. Seventy-seven men were seated and heard Capt. William Cade of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department speak on crime prevention.

In late May the club put on a Pancake breakfast at the Congregational vestry; members had contributed to the cost of materials, and \$325 went into the treasury. The Seniors from the high school were guests on June 5th; Rotarian Walter Eastwood addressed them. The Lifetime Service Award was given to retired teacher Edith Dodge of Boothbay, with letters from former students, tributes from several speakers, and a citation. Twelve relatives were also guests of the club. The year ended on a happy note with Ladies Night again at UP-STAIRS-DOWNSTAIRS on June 26th.

The Directors during the year had approved grants for numerous projects, some of which had been recommendations of the Scholarship Committee; \$1000 on the YMCA drive, \$400 for an Oxygen Analyzer at St. Andrews Hospital, two \$300 scholarship awards, \$300 to a student nurse, \$100 for Little League, \$200 to send one of our officers to the District Conference, \$25 to American Field Service, a \$25 gift to the Filipino boy we sponsor, \$25 to the Salvation Army, \$70 for a local boy's week on cruise ship, \$70 for a student to Girls' State, a \$20 gift to a new Quebec Club. Our club banners were low; 200 were ordered at \$1.90 apiece. The annual Community Calendar project had brought in \$645.

The Club has sponsored Scouting for many years. The will of Dexter Hodgdon had given a lot on Holton's Hill to the Scouts; it became the property of the Pine Tree Council which oversees Scouting in western Maine. Much thought and effort during this 12 months went into recovering it for local Scouting.

During the year Robert Adams, Robert Colby, Jack Gimbel, Robert Grover, Woodrow Kubie, Ralph Scott, William Walsh and Oscar Webb withdrew from

membership. The following men joined the club: Howard Cowan, David Gaecklein, Roger Nolin, Dennis Rice, Karl Phillippi, Bruce Tindal, Stanley Tupper, Jr., Charles Weeks, and Carl Williams. We ended the year with 55 members.

Walls at Headquarters bear several District Attendance Plaques awarded for the highest percentage of attendance during the year. The club has done less well recently. Issues of the STAR during this year bear the following names of members awarded a numeral for perfect attendance: Paul Abbott, 38 years, Robert Grover 20, Kenneth Honey 19, Edward Swett 11, Ray Temple and Curtis West 10, Chester Fossett and Robert Walter 9, Horace Lee 8, and Woodrow Kubie 6. David Colburn and Paul Lehman were awarded the Century pin for 100 consecutive meetings.

Curtis West's Year – 1980-81

The new Rotary year opened with 55 members. The first meeting was a club assembly at which the financial report of the preceding year was examined and discussed. Clubs that had not strongly supported Rotary International's HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY project at \$15 per member were urged to do so this year. Our final \$425 indicated 28 members.

A successful Youth Fund Day was held on an August Friday with Past President Ed Swett in charge of the Auction and Past President Bob Carbone directing Lobster Time. Close to \$4000 was realized for a wide range of community service.

The revised clambake, under the chairmanship of Travis Paine, was held in September at Gray's bake on the old Eastern Steamship wharf; many took the Argo for a ride around Southport and others enjoyed a sail on Past President Jack Brown's yacht. \$60 was realized for the treasury.

David Colburn chaired a very successful Ladies Night later in the month at Rotarian Joe Sirois' Upstairs-Downstairs Restaurant. Father-Daughter Night was observed on November 6th with 30 daughters and granddaughters present. When Rotary International later in the year called for a simple meal, ticket price to be sent in for the Scholarship program forwarded our \$3.50 for each diner. (\$.50 of each dinner ticket goes to our general fund)

At the Christmas party on December 11th, chaired by Ray Temple 43 children were guests, and many mothers. A tree, Santa Claus, and a gift brought from home resulted in a very successful evening. A week later Rotarians wrapped \$800 worth of winter clothing for needy children, to be delivered Christmas Eve.

Rotarians who make up at our club are much impressed with our liveliness and warm fellowship. We have a fine piano, our pianist has been at the job since the club was organized in 1939, and we have three excellent song leaders:

Gary Howard, Travis Paine and Past president Bob Walter. With six or eight numbers to start the evening, we consider ourselves one of the singiest clubs in the District. A steward, serving for a month, is assisted by several waiters appointed for the night. Cooking is by a hired chef and assistant. This planning and serving of our meals, in our own headquarters appears to be a big plus. The fining of members can be a bore, an irritation, or a lot of fun; Sgt-at-Arms Dennis Rice added greatly to the enjoyment of all throughout the year with his lively technique.

The annual invitation Grammar School Basketball Tournament has become an important project. Chaired by Past President Ken Honey, it was a big success athletically, socially, financially. The \$455 realized (sale of brownies, cakes from our ladies accounted for \$125) went into the club's Youth Fund.

On February 12th 23 Lions met with us to hear Admiral E.A. Rogers of Maine Maritime Academy. Soon after, Lions and Rotarians met on the basketball court for a community benefit. The Lions won 43 to 41; Big-Brothers-Sisters won \$130. We were with the Lions in their Den on April 18th, when a lady spoke on Skyward Clinic, a project for women alcoholics.

The materials for Rotarian Gary Howard's school Dental Education project, costing \$92, were paid for from the Youth Fund.

On April 30th our annual Life Time Service Award was given to Nurse Mabel Brackett, whose father, Judge Brackett, had received our first award. Doctors, a nurse, a sister-in-law, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary paid tribute.

On June 4th the Senior Class members were our guests. Rotarian Howard Cowan was the speaker.

Should Headquarters be enlarged? This came up for discussion at the final Assembly of the year. It had been noted that at Family Night in December Rotarians arriving at 6:30 found the room already so crowded that they turned around and went home. The highly successful Ladies Nights and New Year's Parties held in Headquarters when the club was smaller were recalled. Ray Temple had careful drawings and estimates for us. At a cost of \$26,000 we could have more room for our large meetings, for money-making projects, better kitchen facilities, a second toilet. With high interest to be paid on a loan, perhaps a sharp increase in the cost of our dining ticket, the final vote was no.

Rotary protocol requires that most decisions be made by the Board of Directors, rather than after discussion and voting at regular club meetings. As a result of consideration and action, it became possible to buy from the Pine Tree Council the Scout Lot on Holton's Hill. The purchase price of \$3000 was contributed by many individuals. Rotary set aside \$100 to improve the lot. The club became an incorporated body in February.

Many service grants were made during the year, some on recommenda-

tions of the Youth Committee. Three scholarships of \$300; \$200 to the local R.I.F. program; \$300 to Big Brothers-Sisters \$1,500 to the YMCA drive; \$900 for Christmas clothing for needy children; \$60 toward Rotary's float at the Tournament of Roses; a \$25 Christmas gift to our foster son in the Philippines; \$300 toward the hospital roofing; \$600 toward the cost of shipping surplus library books to South America; \$150 to Little League and Babe Ruth League. At year's end the cost of meals was raised from \$4 to \$4.50.

During the year George Bedell, Paul Lehman and Karl Phillipi withdrew from the club. Carl Griffin III, Kenneth Gaecklein, Charles Heino, Thomas Prouty and George Traquair joined club.

Our club is almost always close to the top in monthly attendance ratings. During the year numbers were awarded members as follows: Paul Abbott, 39 years of perfect attendance; Ronald Calhoun, 22; Kenneth Honey, 20; Edward Swett, 12; Curtis West, 11; Chester Fossett, 12; Horace Lee 9.

Donald Wotton's Year - 1981-82

This Rotary year started with a club assembly. Treasurer John Davies passed out the financial statement for the previous year. Discussion centered on food costs, the possibility of acquiring a freezer. Should food be purchased in larger quantities? A motion to raise the meal cost to \$5 was defeated.

On July 23rd District Governor Gerard Pecteau of Quebec made the annual visit to our club.

Youth Fund day, the first Friday in August, netted \$2932. Edward Swett chaired the auction; Joseph Stover was in charge of the Lobster time. Rotary's ladies had a food stand near by. The weather was fine.

On September 3rd Rotarians took their wives to Lawnmere Inn. Rotary Lady Virgie Irvine wrote up the affair for the STAR. She reported an excellent meal and an entertaining talk by Charles Heino. Kay Brown was at the piano, Heino played his bass fiddle and Robert Walter led the singing. Ticket price was \$10.50.

The annual clambake had ceased to provide complete satisfaction. Some years had elapsed since the big bakes at Pierce & Hartung's, with 75 or more visiting Rotarians and the club piano trucked to the site, men surrounding it with our pianist and Banjo Win Furber leading favorite old songs. Marsden Richardson proposed a Rotary Outing and Howard Friant offered his Boston Island estate. On Saturday, September 12th, about 40 members reached the site on Jack Brown's or Stanley Brower's crafts, or in their own boats for a lobster and steak bake, with volley ball and horse shoe pitching following. \$5 apiece paid all costs and \$104 for the Youth Fund.

With Christmas coming, the annual clothing gifts for children was reviewed. It was decided to provide clothing as needs appeared, rather than continue the Christmas gifts which occasionally had been duplicated by gifts from other agencies.

On December 12th Family Night was observed at Headquarters, chaired by Ray Temple. Forty-three children and most Rotary wives were present to enjoy a turkey dinner, with a Christmas tree in the background. Ethan Stevens was Santa Claus, passing out to the children the gift their parents had brought.

A week later the club celebrated its 42nd birthday. A smorgasbord meal was served after Rotary Fellow Paul Abbott had given a talk on the club's history. On January 25th Ladies Night was observed at Headquarters with High girls to wait on tables. A musical program was given by two young semi-pro musicians.

This club has a major commitment to youth. On February 4th 20 Scouts of the Region and recently organized Southport troop were guests of the club. The Grammar School Basketball Tournament of January 26 and 27 was a social and lively success, netting \$240 for the Youth Fund. The club has continued to sponsor a boy in Indonesia.

On March 26th Father-Son night was a success with 27 boys present. On April 14th Rotarians were guests of the Lions for a Ladies Night at the Elementary School cafeteria. A program was presented by Principal Joseph Testa of the High School and a senior young man dealing with the proposed substance-free Senior Party after the Graduation Ball. The Directors donated \$200 to the cause. On May 6th the members of the High School Student Council were our guests. On June 10th the seniors were our guests.

The Lifetime Service Committee consisted of Joseph Stover, Fred Pratt and Blenn Perkins. They proposed to the Directors that the rules governing the award, making it available only to non-Rotarians, be changed for this year only. The Directors approved but they felt it best to contact every member, finding unanimous approval. On May 27th Harold Clifford, charter member, Star editor for 30 years and pianist since establishment of the club in 1939, was presented the award. Several members spoke encouraging words.

The Directors met frequently after the Thursday night programs; in many of the sessions they voted service grants. In the fall they granted \$1,500 to the YMCA budget drive. The Big Brother-Sister project received \$200. A \$500 award was set up for the best all around senior in the graduating class. In December Marsden Richardson was appointed kitchen monitor to check details of expenditures. A new contract was made with the two cooks at \$2,300 per year; each received a \$20 gift at Christmas.

In February they voted \$300 toward the YMCA Road Race. A public supper, chaired by Chip Griffin, brought in \$215 for the same cause. Gary

Howard asked for 8 five dollar prizes to be given for poetry on the subject of dental care" in grades II to VI; it was granted. They voted \$75 for a Student Council Trip.

The Book Award project, instituted a score of years before by five Rotarians, gave at Class Day 20 books selected for the school library by faculty members; a bookplate named the donor and the student with highest scholastic record in humanities, science-math, foreign languages, Industrial Arts, Home Economics I, II and Commercial Studies III and IV. The Directors were asked in May to take over the project which they did, sending \$160 to the school. They voted \$320 to replace a budget out from the Speech Pathology work at the school.

On May 13th Paul Abbott was honored with the numeral 40, perfect attendance since joining in 1942. Ralph Scott's will provided a \$10,000 grant to the club. The money is in a bank with interest currently at 14.7. The interest may be used for Youth Fund projects if needed; otherwise it will be added to the principal.

These 12 months began with a membership of 56. Lowell Stinson withdrew from membership. New members joining during the year were George Curtis, Robert Campbell, William Frysinger, Floyd Outhout, Felix Rosen, Michael Perquette, Thomas Nadeau and Mark Gimbel. Paul Lehman rejoined. Thus membership in June was 64.

The treasury general account opened with a balance of \$648; income was \$27,774, outgo was \$2,774, income was 27,156. The Youth Fund started with \$3,420; \$1,547 was taken in during the year and \$1,784 spent. The Capital Improvement Fund had \$1,010 available and \$1,000 was spent, leaving a balance of \$10.

Actor Abbott's Year – 1982-83

The "staff" for this year, assisting the president, consisted of Tom Tavenner Vice President, Horace Lee Treasurer, Roger Nolin Secretary, Howard Cowan, John Heyl, David Gaecklein, David Colburn, and Donald Wotton as Directors. Travis Paine, Robert Irvine and Philips Chase as the Board of Trustees.

This year opened with a well-patronized Ladies Night at Ocean Gate Motel under the chairmanship of David Colburn and Paul Lehman. Entertainment was provided by Keni Cohen who "practiced" medicine and mime in unusual fashion.

A club assembly was held July 15th. The preceding year's financial statement was submitted by John Davies. The General Fund has a beginning balance of \$648; \$27,774 was expended with a June 30 balance of \$30. The Youth Fund started with \$3420 in July, \$1748 was expended, and the June 30, 1982

balance was \$3183. The Capital Improvement Fund had opened with \$692. \$1000 was paid for insulation and the June balance was \$10. A \$17,000 General Fund budget was adopted. It was voted to set the dinner price at \$5 of which \$1 goes to the Building Fund; members missing a meeting must still contribute the dollar.

On August 6th Youth Fund Day was held, with the auction in the Boothbay Hall, and Lobster Time on the Common. Chairmen Philips Chase and Joseph Stover chaired the project. George Curtis handled publicity. The net proceeds totaled about \$2700.

On August 12th Governor Andrew Longley of Newburyport made the annual visit. He read a prepared speech dealing with the ideals of Rotary with emphasis on service.

Occasionally the club has adjourned after the meal to some other site. On August 19th men visited the Marine Resources Laboratory at McKown's Point.

On September 1st the club played a softball game with the Lions and lost 9 to 1. On the 9th the second Club Picnic was held at Howard Friant's Boston Island with games, a lobster feed, an entirely happy occasion.

Wednesday evening, October 5th, Rotarians and wives, Lions and their wives attended the Carousel Theater for an evening of music, featuring excerpts from Oklahoma.

Father-Daughter night was observed on November 4th. The speaker was Capt. Roger Duncan of Little River; he showed slides of Friendship sloops and the annual race.

Family Night, chaired by Ray Temple, was a complete success on December 16th, with 31 children and many mothers present, a tree, Santa Claus and gifts which dads had brought from home. The previous program of Christmas clothing for needy children had been abandoned, with "gifts as needed" on specific suggestions from the school nurse.

The club's individual bit of international service consists in sponsoring a boy in Indonesia at \$22 a month. At the January 3rd meeting a letter from him was read.

Vice-President Thomas Tavenner found it necessary to resign. In January the officers for 1983-84 were elected with Stanley Brower as Vice-President.

Boy Scout Night was observed on February 3rd; 20 Scouts, Scout Master Daren Graves and Assistant Ethan Stevens were present. The brief program was presented by the boys.

The club's annual Grammar School Basketball Tournament was held on January 25th and 26th in the elementary school gym, a social and financial success.

At the same location on March 11th Rotarians and Lions met on the basketball court with a win by the Lions. Ticket-buying fans contributed to the Big Brothers-sisters Fund Drive.

At the March 24th meeting Program Chairman Chip Griffin had a series of classification talks by new members George Curtis, Robert Campbell and William Frysinger. A week later his speakers were Felix Rosen, Mark Gimbel, and Thomas Shevenell.

Ladies Night was observed at UPSTAIRS- DOWNSTAIRS on April 28th. In May the program consisted of "roasting and toasting" the club's oldest charter member, pianist, editor, Paul Harris Fellow whose 90th birthday was May 21st.

The Boothbay Region High Seniors were guests of the club on June 9th.

During the year the Directors gave considerable thought and effort to the establishment of a Rotary Club in Wiscasset, but without success. In March attention was given to installing a fire door with panic bar behind the present head table, and then moving the table to a more central position. This was approved but action was not taken till the next year.

The Scholarship Book Award project at the high school and grades VII and VIII involving 25 books selected by faculty members and librarians taken over by Rotary last year was named the Harold Clifford Book Award.

Looking ahead to Youth Fun Day, 1983, Auction Chairman Frysinger proposed that a big tent be rented and set up on the Common at \$450 for the auction, that two deputy sheriffs be employed to handle traffic, and that Auctioneer Brud Pierce be paid \$35. The Directors approved this.

The records show a steady flow of cash grants. Five scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$500 were given, \$8 for glasses for two children, \$50 for Special Olympics, \$200 for Big Brothers-Sisters, \$150 for Little League, \$213 transportation costs for used books sent to schools in Brazil, \$380 for Basketball Tourney Shirts, \$1500 for the YMCA annual drive, \$300 for the Senior Class Drug-free graduation party, and other small sums. \$1 per member was sent to Rotary International's float at the Tournament of Roses.

Membership on July first had been 63. During the year Charles Heino, Edward Swett and Thomas Tavenner left the club; Robert Morse died. Six men joined: Jared Holden, Timothy Ohman, Michael Finnegan, Irving Pinkham, Edward Henderson and Jack Hansen.

Stanley Brower's Year – 1983-84

The first special activity of the year, outside Rotary's weekly programs and service projects, was a July softball game with the Lions which Rotarians won. A second game in August, with fewer Rotarians playing, was won by the Lions.

This club receives many friendly comments from men who are making up with us. We are one of very few clubs in all Rotary International that owns its own home. That enables us to exhibit the magnificent display of worldwide banners. They note our club service program in which a member serves a month as a steward, with three or four waiters each week. We sometimes mention that two dollars of the \$6 dinner ticket goes to building maintenance, to which the upstairs rent also contributes.

The club's annual Youth Fund Day in August, with Auction and Lobster Time had a new feature. William Frysinger, Auction Chairman, suggested that we rent a big tent for \$400. Joseph Stover chaired Lobster Time. Members served generously in many capacities and some of our "summer-long" make-up friends helped.

The annual clambake in August had drawn less and less support. It was replaced by Past President Howard Friant's invitation to meet for a Saturday in September at his Boston Island site up-river. Boat owners ferried members and friends, and excellent out-doors dinner was served, various mild sports followed. It has become a prime recreational event of Rotary's year.

In September the Directors gave thought to insurance coverage and raised the figure from \$66,000 to \$72,000.

Governor Ranger of the Brunswick Club proved to be one of the ablest leaders of many years in his address at our meeting and his monthly bulletins were outstanding.

Our long-time member Marsden Richardson, seriously ill, had withdrawn from membership. Directors made him an honorary member. Our speakers usually give their addresses from the head table. Many times they cannot be heard as well at the rear of the room. With this in mind, Richardson presented the club with a loud-speaker system which became a definite improvement. He was made a Paul Harris Member in the spring, with \$1,000 going to Rotary International for Service.

For some years our Community Calendar drive has been handled by the vice-president in the fall months. It has never met with a full-hearted support, but has been responsible for needed income.

Our Rotary Star had been "printed" in various offices of members each summer until High School opened, when it was done by the commercial De-

partment. This year it was taken over by Rotarian Carl R. Griffin, III at his office with excellent results.

Our Family Night in mid-December, with wives and children as guests, a tree, and Santa, was its usual big success.

Our February Basketball Tournament for Grammar School young people has become an important project. Leadership has been in the hands of Past President Robert Carbone. Various junior high teams have been invited for Friday evening and Saturday; in some cases visiting team stay over night with their new friends. The project has been self-supporting financially and some years had brought a profit to the Youth Fund.

In Mid-February the Directors voted to replace the weekly paper sheets on the tables with formica tops, installation to be done by volunteer members. It was a big improvement.

On March 23rd Rotarians and Lions played a basketball game at the Elementary School gym for the benefit of Big Brothers-Sisters. On the 29th the Girls High School Basketball Team, state winners in Class C, with coach and cheerleaders, were the honored guests at Rotary.

District Governors hold a "workshop" each spring for incoming officers. Our 1984-85 president, vice-president, secretary and editor attended a profitable all-day meeting in Waterville on April 7th.

In our earlier years, with smaller membership, Ladies Nights were sometimes held at Headquarters. With the current 60 or more members, it is no longer possible. The April 26th Ladies Night was held at Southport Town Hall.

On May 3rd our Life-time Service Award was given to Ethelyn Giles, with a career in Real Estate Sales and leadership in community projects. On June 7th the Senior Class, room teacher and principal, were guests of Rotary; our annual \$500 award to the outstanding man went to Justin Webber.

At various times in the year the Directors had voted awards: \$245 to the YMCA Halloween Party, \$50 for the Nurses' walk-a-thon, \$25 for the High School "chemical-free" graduation party, \$300 for Boothbay Region summer baseball, \$249 for compasses at Chewonki Foundation, \$300 for expenses of officers at the Balsam Spring Conference.

The club lost six men from membership for various reasons. New members included Robin Reed, Jack Gimbal, James Kaiser, Jay Zeamer, Charles Kinney and Richard Smith.

Fred Pratt's Year – 1984-85

On July 5th Past President Stanley Brower and incoming President Fred Pratt were seated at the head table and members cheered as the gavel was passed to Fred. He spoke enthusiastically of his attendance at the District meeting for incoming presidents and secretaries, which had the characteristics of a workshop. Treasurer Horace Lee presented finance figures for the previous year. The general fund has started with \$4804 and ended with \$3243; the Youth Fund: \$2621 and \$3780. The capital improvement fund: \$50 and \$904.

The annual Youth Fund day at Boothbay Common was held on August 3rd, William Frysinger in charge of the auction and Thomas Prouty directing the lobster feed. A net of \$2303 was realized.

The club continued to have a fine attendance record; the monthly report always finds this club among the top ten of the 60 clubs in the District. On August 9th the program consisted of classification talks by new members Robin Reed, James Kaiser, and Irving Pinkham.

On September 13th 98 Rotarians, wives and friends met at Flagship Restaurant for Ladies Night. Chairman Elliott Smith introduced Pat Ryan and Ray Cave, managing editors of People's Magazine and Time Magazine, arranged by Rotarian Marsden Richardson.

On the following Saturday Rotarians were guests of Past President Howard Friant at his Boston Island cottage. Boats left Brewers Yard in mid forenoon for a happy feed and assorted games, which included horseshoes, volleyball, and darts. The modest cost left \$100 for the Youth Fund.

This is known as a singing club. Former member George Curtis, joining the Old Town Club, found no piano and no singing. On September 27th the singers put a 20-minute concert on tape and forwarded it.

November 15th was father-son Night. Members bringing a son paid \$1. Past president Curtis West was honored for achieving 15 years of perfect attendance.

On December 13th the club observed Family Night with wives and children present, a simple dinner, a tree, with gifts which parents had brought for each child, and Santa Claus. The club's leftover food each week was taken to Meals-on-Wheels by a member; at year's end, St. Andrews took over the project.

This club was 45 years old on December 20th. No particular action was taken.

On the 27th the 1985-86 officers were elected. Ira Amesbury and Robert Pike gave classification talks.

January 3rd was devoted to a club assembly. Members noted an excellent map of our land and the possibility of more parking space which the Christian

Science Church would like to use on Sunday. The care of the club's driveway, with costs to be shared by other abutters was discussed. Should the kitchen be re-arranged? One member had earlier done some work there for \$914.

On January 9th Rotarians met with the Lions at their den. The speaker dealt with New England Telephone policy.

The annual Grammar School Basketball Tournament was held at the Elementary Building February 1 and 2, with past president Robert Carbone in charge.

The song books had become somewhat ragged. A new set was ordered from Rotary International. They came, were considered, and returned, as undesirable. A local firm placed new covers on the old books.

It was noted that Headquarters is now insured for \$102,000.

A club assembly was held on March 21. Attention was centered on care of the property, more work in the kitchen, modernizing electric outlets, renewal of the gutters. It was voted to take \$3000 from the general fund and to borrow \$3000. Cost of meals was advanced from \$5 to \$6, of which \$2 would go to the building fund. The \$1 to be paid to the fund when members are absent was continued.

David Shelley, an English Rotarian, wrote a history of Rotary, THE GOLDEN WHEEL. The club bought a copy and placed it in the hands of editor Harold Clifford who used many excerpts in editions of the STAR.

On May 4th incoming president George Hodgdon and incoming vice-president Thomas Prouty went to the Portland workshop. They gave the club an excellent report.

Ladies Night was celebrated May 9th at the Boothbay Harbor Inn with a musical program supplied by director Dominic Garvey and his "summer singers".

On May 30th the High School Senior class was guest of the club. Rotary's annual gift of \$500 for the outstanding senior man went to Merrill Barter.

During the year, \$490 was awarded as a scholarship: \$25 to the Salvation Army, \$20 as a "starting" gift to the new Waldoboro Club, \$100 to the Humane Society, \$10 for the YMCA's Halloween Party, \$50 to Muscular Distrophy, \$150 for the Police Safety program, \$25 for National Special Olympics, and \$1500 for the annual YMCA Fund Drive.

This year opened with 61 members. New members were Edwin Bliss, Merrill Adams, Robert Pike, Ira Amesbury, Robert Spofford, John Hauptfleisch, William Logan, Alex Demitrief and Robert Mitchell. Members who withdrew were Jack Hansen, Thomas Nadeau, Actor Abbott, Jared Holden, Felix Rosen, Michael Parquette, Mark Gimbel, and Henry Sirois.

George Hodgdon's Year – 1985-86

Rotary's annual Youth Fund Day at Boothbay Common was held on August 2nd, with Fred Pratt chairman of the auction. Approximately \$3000 was added to the Youth Fund.

For many years this club had an August "Clambake" which many Rotarians from other clubs attended. It eventually petered out and was replaced with an early-September get-together of members and friends at Boston Island as guests of Past President Howard Friant, a hearty meal and a variety of sports. Boating Rotarians did the ferrying.

There had been some discussion about quality of food and its cost; in the fall it was voted by the Directors that Past President Robert Carbone should be in charge of the food supply.

On October 12th many Rotarians were at the YMCA Day Camp at Knickerbocker Lake to put away the equipment for the winter. They returned in the late spring to reset them.

On October 13th District Governor Sarando P. Giftos of Cape Elizabeth visited the club and gave an outstanding talk on Rotary service.

On October 23rd Rotarians met with the Lions at their den, which had once been the West Harbor schoolhouse, with Vice-President Thomas Prouty heading the delegation.

In late October, Past President, Harold Clifford withdrew as editor of the STAR because of his wife's illness and Chip Griffin took over the editorship. Clifford resumed as editor January 9th.

The Thanksgiving dinner of November 21st was supplied by President Hodgdon. For many years Charter Member Philip Gregory had provided the food. At his death, Hodgdon took it over.

For many years the club had sponsored Boy Scouts and many members were active in the organization. Gradually youth interest declined with Scout Masters hard to find. Many activities were offered at the YMCA. Interest was revived this year and the Directors voted to sponsor the new Cub Scout group.

Attendance at Family Night had become so large that Headquarters was no longer suitable. On December 12th it was held at Southport Town hall with the usual carols, tree, gifts and Santa Claus.

Past President and Paul Harris Fellow Paul Abbott, with more than 40 years of perfect attendance, found it necessary to resign because of poor health. He was made an honorary member.

In January the 1986-87 officers were elected: Thomas Prouty, President; David Gaecklein First Vice-President; Bruce Tindal, Second Vice-President; William Frysinger, Secretary.

The late-January Elementary School Basketball Tournament, chaired by Robert Carbone, with Gary Howard in charge of the gym and Paul Lehman handling refreshments, was its usual success with 150 young people participating.

The club assembly of February 6th dealt chiefly with heating in the toilet, repairs to the windows, and the care of the driveway and sharing of maintenance by abutters. It was voted to raise the rent for the upstairs apartment from \$175 to \$200 per month.

In February 15th the Lions were guests of Rotary. The speaker was Admiral S. A. Scoarl, head of Maine Maritime Academy.

The club took action on the Samantha Smith World Peace Letters project, offering \$100, \$50 and \$25 for the best letters from local students, which were eventually awarded.

It is essential that incoming presidents and secretaries, whose duties are so important, should attend the needed workshops and conferences. The sum of \$400 each was granted Prouty and Gaecklein to help with expenses.

On June 5th the High School seniors were guests of the club at the East Boothbay Masonic Lodge. The annual gift of \$500 for the outstanding senior student was awarded to Susan Carbone.

The Directors from time to time made assistance grants. These included \$207 for library books in the Elementary School; \$200 to Brothers-Sisters; \$350 for the Baseball Club; \$50 for Girls State. On Clifford's birthday the Directors voted \$100 to the Clifford Youth Fund to enable children in low-income families to have some of the health and character-building activities at the YMCA. Two club members donated another \$70.

Financially, the club had begun the year with a balance of \$373 in the General Account and closed in June with \$2537. The Capital Improvement Fund started with \$42 and ended with \$453. The Youth Fund opened with \$1640 and ended with \$2587. Ralph Scott's grant had been \$10,000; interest had added \$6489.

Six new members joined the club during the year: Robert Hunter, Robert Spurgin, Douglas Harley, Joseph Klenk, Franklin Poe, Thomas Nadeau. The following men withdrew: Paul Abbott, Howard Cowan, Michael Finnegan, Jack Gimbel, James Kaiser, Oscar Noah.

Thomas Prouty's Year – 1986-87

President Tom Prouty was supported by Vice-President Elect David Gaecklein, Vice-President Bruce Tindal, Secretary William Frysinger and Treasurer Horace Lee.

The first meeting of the new year was devoted to a club assembly. The president gave an enthusiastic report on the annual conference, which he the secretary, with their wives had attended. Plans were advanced for the auction on Youth Fund Day. Discussion was resumed on the subject of the driveway entrance and the relationship of abutters who use it.

Youth Fund Day on the Common August 1, was a Success from every point of view: weather, public support, and auction interest. Chairman Fred Pratt of the auction committee and Robert Hunter of Lobster Time and their many helpers were thanked by the club. An early estimate of income was \$3100.

On August 7th Ward Logan, a former president of the club, spoke on details of changes and development at St. Andrews Hospital, which included a new wing and a nursing home. The club voted financial support.

The gathering of Rotarians and friends at Past President Howard Friant's Boston Island on an early September Saturday has become an important gala. On the 6th food and games were enjoyed by a large number.

The meeting of August 21 was marked with two distinct events. A number of "Summer Rotarians" were with us for the entire season and they like the club. Four of them replaced our waiters and served the meal. The speaker was District Governor Joe Hahn of Bath who gave us reports and challenges. He called to our attention that increase in the number of clubs had made this District too large for a single Governor to serve as it should be served. Should this District be split?

Rotarians and Lions give strong support to the YMCA. On Saturday September 27th four Rotarians and five Lions were at Knickerbocker Lake to haul out the floats and set in place the new ways, under the direction of Past President Ronald Calhoun. In late spring a similar group prepared the area for summer use.

Rotarians and Lions hold two joint meetings a year. On October 8th 36 Rotarians were at the Lion's Den where Gary Howard directed a choral period. The Lions presented \$100 to the Clifford Youth Fund for children in low-income families at the YMCA. The speaker presented New England Telephone matters.

On October 16th the club observed Ladies Night at Boothbay Harbor Inn, tickets for two at \$28.50. On that occasion Past President Erwin Dodge and Ray Temple were made Paul Harris Fellows, with \$2000 going to Rotary International for inter-nation scholarships. A cabaret show entertained during the

meal and then the mother of Samantha Smith spoke on the Smith Foundation. A contribution was made.

November 20th was Thanksgiving Day dinner. For many years Charter Member Dr. Philip Gregory had supplied the banquet. At his death Past President George Hodgdon took over the gift making.

On December 18th it was decided that Family Night had become too large for Headquarters. It was held at Southport Town Hall and the room was well filled. Philips Chase and Rotary waiters served the meal. Primary age children played assorted Christmas roles and suitably clad they went in turn to the tree and crèche on the stage with tributes. Presently Santa arrived, with a gift for each youngster.

The Grammar School Tournament, chaired by Gary Howard on January 30 and 31 was a big success, despite bad weather. Many club members participated in a wide range of services. Wives contributed generously with brownies and cookies.

Rotary International recommends the "Fireside Chat", when new members are invited to an evening with leading club meetings for a discussion of many elements in the institution. After a lapse of several years such a gathering was held at the Hodgdon home and was well attended.

On Father and Son Night, March 5th the speaker was Neil Verge who spoke on the new development at Knickerbocker Lake.

The annual Rotary-Lions basketball game was played in the Elementary School gym with generous attendance. Ticket sale income was given to the Senior Substance-free graduation party.

The June 4th meeting was held at the East Boothbay Masonic Hall, with the senior class as guests. Harold Clifford outlined the major purposes of Rotary and Walter Eastwood presented the growth of character and personality.

Rotary's interest in Youth had resulted in the formation of a Cub Scout unit which was present at the meeting of June 11th with Assistant Cub Master, 20 boys, and several Den Mothers. Four dens were represented and each demonstrated a successful project.

At a Club Assembly on June 18th approval was given to the club's pledge of \$5000 from the Ralph Scott fund for the St. Andrews project. Discussion on care of the driveway continued. Our oldest member urged that that the "welcome words" to new members be extended with a statement of what Rotary offers and what it expects of members.

During the year the club was saddened by the death of two active members, Richard Smith and Elliott Smith.

This club takes seriously the importance of regular attendance. Twice the

Boothbay Club won the District Award for highest attendance. Keeping in mind the 40-year perfect attendance record of Past President and Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Abbott, now retired due to poor health, we list members who were called to the head table to receive the next numeral: Calhoun, 28; Honey, 26; West, 17; D.Gaecklein, 7; K. Gaecklein, 6; Griffin, 6; Williams, 6; Amesbury, Hunter, Pike each winning the Century Pin for first 100 meetings without a miss.

Secretary Frysinger's records of the meetings by the Board of Directors cover an extensive range: our driveway, care and upkeep of the building, consideration of men proposed for membership, and a variety of smaller items. Many requests for financial aid were considered. Nine scholarships were granted for \$3,100. Other items included \$1,700 to the YMCA drive, \$200 for muscular dystrophy, \$200 for Girl Scouts, \$100 for Chamber of Commerce, \$200 for Big Brothers-Sisters, \$150 for the Senior graduation party, \$264 for the Indonesian boy supported by the club, and several smaller items.

A financial report, submitted for the year indicated that the General Account opened with \$2,537 and closed 12 months later with \$2,264. The Youth Fund, \$2,587 and \$9,422. Capital Improvement Account, \$453, \$119. Scott Fund at \$15,439. Members admitted during the year, in order of admission were Robert Sisco, William Kautzmann, Joel Morley, John Hayes, Kurt Maynard, Actor Abbott, David Duggan.

Members who withdrew: Robert Irvine, Alex Dimitrieff, Edward Fenderson, Joel Morley, Travis Paine, Robin Reed, Jay Zeamer.

David Gaecklein's Year – 1987-88

On July 2, 1987, the gavel passed to David Gaecklein from Tom Prouty, who had served as President for 1 1/2 years and who was now waiting on tables and washing dishes! Later in July, President David announced that we had won the District Attendance Award for a previous month, a common achievement for our Club.

On July 30, Harold Clifford announced his recent publishing feat, publishing two historical novels set on Monhegan Island. This Superintendent, Teacher, Historian, Writer, Lecturer, Gardener, Past-President, Paul Harris Fellow, and Life-Time Service Award Recipient, had only recently relinquished the editorial duties of the past 40 years for the STAR. Harold was honored at the Maine Writers Association, which our Club noted at our March 17, 1988, meeting.

Following Auction Chairman Tom Prouty's call at the August 6, 1987 meeting for "all hands on deck", we launched the most successful Rotary Auction and Lobstertime ever, total gross receipts exceeding \$7,800, and net proceeds just under \$6,000.

Visiting Rotarians "the old man slowly arose" Hank Conn and southern octogenarian Paul Whitehead, Sr., who have told jokes at the Clubhouse for decades, competed head-on at the August 13, 1987 meeting, a draw being declared.

In September, we were grieved to have the loss of Erwin Dodge, Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, loyal and loved member, who had graduated from the Boothbay Region High School in the class of 1930, had served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, and had worked as manager of the First National for 23 years, and the Dodge Shoe Store for 26 years, until his retirement in 1978, when he worked for his step-son, Bob Barter, at Bob's Photo.

Word must have reached Scotty of our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner, when 4 Scotty people made up with us. Family Night at the Southport Town Hall was enjoyable with Santa handing out toys to the tots.

Father-Son Night on January 21, 1988 was a boisterous affair, with Harold at the piano and extra voices booming, prior to discussing the upcoming basketball tournament on January 25.

Club spirit was rowdy for the Annual Rotary/Lions joint meeting, this time at our Clubhouse on February 11, 1988. You could hear those Lions roar throughout our Club!

They were the best of times; they were the worst of times. On April 14, 1988, we gathered for the first time without Harold Clifford's piano and wit to ever grace our halls again. No more "Boys!". We continued, however, with a piano player, music, and singing which Harold would have enjoyed. Many Rotarians responded to Blenn Perkins' call to attend Harold's huge Memorial Service at the High School. Chip Griffin began reading Harold's history to the Club; all members have continued to give generously to various youth activities as Harold's living legacy.

Brud Pierce received the 1988 Lifetime Service Award, becoming the subject of a lively program on April 28, 1988. "King Brud" was on his throne that evening, receiving from the Club hot-dog pants which he wore every week and at our Auction, which he has auctioneered for years.

June wound up David's year with Ladies' Night at the Tugboat on June 2, with featured speaker and future Rotarian, B.R.E.S. Principal, Gloria Walters, and June 8 was Seniors' Night at the Masonic Hall.

Donations included gifts to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Camp Kieve, Chamber of Commerce, Boothbay Region Food Pantry, Boothbay Region Baseball teams, Foster Parents Plan, Youth Scholarships, BRES and BRHS Library Book Funds, Girls State, Chemical-Free Graduation, YMCA Endowment and Operating Funds, YMCA Halloween Party and Swim championship, and Vacation Bible Camp.

David's year ended at a hectic pace with Road Committee Chairman Phil Chase plowing ahead with the repaving of the driveway and parking areas during the last week of his reign.

Bruce Tindal's Year – 1988-89

Bruce Tindal took over the yoke as President at a time of change in the Club. Representative of the more fluid community, there have been more incoming and outgoing members than prior decades. Some neighbors were upset at the driveway and parking changes outside the Clubhouse. Members were concerned about the impending influx of women into the Club.

A new fund raiser, the Club Jackpot, was passed around the Club for the first time, on September 8, 1988. It has proven a tremendous source of fun for our Club and funds for our youth.

Led by Charlie Weeks, our Club raised the astounding sum of \$8,000 for the Polio Plus campaign and in honor of new Paul Harris Fellows Jack Brown, Bob Carbone, Horace Lee, and Ron Calhoun (the other Paul Harris Fellows being Harold Clifford, Blenn Perkins, Paul Abbott, Ritchie Richardson, Ray Temple, and Erwin Dodge).

In November, Jane Conley became the first woman Rotarian. By the end of Bruce's year, she had been joined by Gail Clark, Karen Fiducia, and Gloria Walters. Some earlier apprehensions had mostly dissolved.

The Rotary Invitational Basketball Tournament was the best ever, chaired by Gary Howard, who unfortunately had to resign in 1989.

The Rotary and Lions had a boisterous meeting in February, cramped in our crowded Clubhouse, competing for noise and fines. We made the Lions bring their own tables!

Editor Bob Sisco, who had taken the quill from Tom Nadeau when Bruce Tindal began his tenure, also took on the responsibility of our Club's 50th Anniversary Brochure, gathering photos of all members.

We enjoyed Son Night and, as usual, favored Daughter Night with a particularly uplifting program in June with the High School Choral Group. Couples Night at the Boothbay Dinner Theatre was another enjoyable event, entertained by the Junior High students.

We hosted a visiting delegation of Rotarians from Augusta who added energy and frivolity in May, in sharp contrast to our District Governor who had advocated the unpopular District line division between Boothbay Harbor and Bath.

We honored the twelve Students of the Month in May and the Seniors in

June. We donated to the Chemical-Free Graduation Party as well as to the usual BRES and BRHS Library Book Funds and Youth Scholarships.

Artist Lonnie Sisson, who had designed our ROTARY STAR and had contributed the Beach Scene painting which adorns our wall, visited us after a respite of almost 20 years.

Skip Williams's Year – 1989-90

Skip Williams received the *President's Gavel* for the '90 - '91 Rotary year at a time of worldwide shattering of walls: the Berlin wall came tumbling down and Rotary came pouring into such eastern bloc nations as Poland, Hungary, and even the Soviet Union. The Rotary theme for the year, "*Enjoy Rotary*", became reality abroad and at home.

In its 50th year, the Club continued to read at its weekly meetings the club history written by Harold Clifford. We grew together, sharing our rich heritage. Bob Sisco printed the 50-year anniversary brochure of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club. Bill Logan and George Traquair organized the December 21 fifty-year anniversary party, featuring the Bellamy Jazz Band. Our District Governor, President of the Damariscotta Rotary Club, and numerous widows of Past Presidents joined us and our spouses at a local restaurant, celebrating the event. Letters were read from fellow Rotarian Paul Abbott (with 42 years attendance) and from our Rotary International President (R.I. marking its own 85th anniversary this year).

Club members enjoyed Rotary through fellowship in club and community activities. We had our usual success with the Rotary Auction and Lobstertime in August. Howard Friant's Boston Island event was a spectacular day in September for volleyball, horseshoes, and a feed of lobster and steak. We gathered to haul the floats at the YMCA's Camp Knickerbocker on an Indian Summer day in October, returning in April for painting and launching the floats and clearing the trails. Our annual Christmas party was a great success, with over ninety (90) members and friends participating in a night of Christmas cheer at B.R.E.S. In February we sponsored the annual R.I. Boothbay Harbor Invitational basketball tournament, Gary Howard organizing our tasks of concessions, tickets and foul-shooting. In May a great turnout of members, led by President Skip, resulted in a new front ramp and deck as well as a back porch and stairs to the clubhouse, with side effects of a general cleanup and fun time.

Our four women members presented Classification Talks in January, our notable editor, David Duggan, remarking on the "different occupations with a common thread of striving to meet the needs of the people in their community". Also in January a hearty fireside chat was held at David Gaecklein's, Bob Walters

and Ron Calhoun adding spice to the old tales and encouraging us all in a continuing commitment. David Gaecklein reached the ten-year perfect attendance milestone and Curt West attained the twenty-year mark. Gary Howard rejoined the Club, and new members included Jeff Curtis and Albert Brown. Kurt Maynard began his tenure as secretary succeeding the three year term of Bill Frysinger.

We said sad farewells to the ready smile and friendly welcome of Louis Carbone, a Rotarian since 1947, and to the energy and enthusiasm of Paul Harris Fellow and Past President Jack Brown, a Rotarian of 39 years. The Jack Brown Fund was established in January of 1990.

A new fund-raising activity was needed. Actor Abbott in December of 1990 volunteered to lead a game project. Swiftly organized and after much work, the *Boothbay Regionopoly* games arrived in May, destined to bring in thousands of dollars during the following months.

Particularly memorable speakers included Colonel Alan Weeks, former head of the Maine State Police, who shared humorous anecdotes from his early days as Trooper in Rumford; Mrs. Maine Jill Rabine, articulate and intelligent and attractive and a formidable pool player; Secretary of State Bill Diamond, tripped up by the forbidden SAMPLE license plate; Dowser Dick McKenzie, who discovered the vein of flowing water extending from the Secretary's desk to the piano; Admiral Jack Hayes who related his personal involvement in the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and BRHS senior Andrew Morley who viewed student concerns and discussed the student walkout protest.

Rotary contributions to the community included \$3,000.00 to the construction of the Harold Clifford Community Playground, \$1,500.00 to the YMCA building expansion and other activities, \$550.00 to Camp Knickerbocker, \$1,200.00 in college scholarships, \$1,000.00 Senior Award, and \$1,000.00 to St. Andrews Hospital. Other donations went to Junior Olympics, YMCA Bible Camp, Camp Kieve, AFS foreign exchange student in Belgium, junior high school field hockey, Babe Ruth Program, Brownies and Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program, DARE (Drug Awareness) Program, Project Graduation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters (including use of the club house), Boothbay Region Humane Society, Girls State, Lincoln County Learning Disabilities, nurse training, US Coast Guard Eagle cruise, Boothbay Dive Rescue Team, high school Choral Group, Foster Parent Program, and Harold Clifford Book Fund at the school libraries.

David Colburn's Year – 1990-91

President Dave received the gavel from Skip on July 5, 1990. Secretary Kurt Maynard and Treasurer Horace Lee continued in their roles for another year.

The club recognized, as a special need, its reorientation toward the clubhouse. For years, the House Person, Ritchie Richardson, had led in this area, ably assisted by many others. Gail Clark agreed to take on these duties. Under her leadership, the trim was painted and the banners were replaced. The clubhouse also became more orderly and clean. Skip Williams led a gang of eighteen on August 25 with a porch repair party, including removal and replacement of two decks, window frame repainting, brush and tree limbing removal, closet clearing, and house cleaning. Another group, on September 29, finished the railings, paved the entryway, patched the gutters, and worked on the back deck. Jane Conley and her crew improved the landscaping by planting bushes and relocating others. All of this was done in good fellowship, amidst coffee and donuts, banter, and tall tales.

Perfect attendance recognition pins included five years for Ira Amesbury, six years for Bob Pike, seven years for Bill Frysinger, ten years for Chip Griffin, thirteen years for David Colburn, eighteen years for Horace Lee, thirty years for Ken Honey and thirty-two years for Ron Calhoun.

Bill Logan revised the by-laws which were approved by the club.

Classification talks by new members included Al Brown, Rollie Hale, and Jeff Curtis. Other new members included Bev Hanks and John Hanks.

Memorable programs included businessman Bob Reny on small business, Spencer Appolonio on Canadian relations, Colonel Alan Weeks on stories from his years in the Maine State Police, Tom Nadeau's video encounter in the Maine woods with a bear and her two cubs, Paul Nergaard on an Eskimo village, Jane Barter and Gwen Cole on the SEA Team, Mary Patrick on Renaissance, Don Dilworth on Optical Telescopes, Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood on Law Enforcement, Bigelow scientist, Janet Campbell on satellite imaging, and general Bill Evan on events of the Gulf War.

Special guests included the ambulance crew in November and the Boothbay Harbor Police Department and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department in March, organized by Community Service Director, Gloria Walter.

Fun Rotary events included the annual Boston Island outing in August with over fifty people; outrageous attire night on September 27; hauling the floats at Camp Knickerbocker in October, and especially pushing them back in again in April; hosting the Winthrop Rotary Club on October 25; meeting in Damariscotta with the Damariscotta/Newcastle Club on November 13, and listening to District Governor Dan Moores and celebrating once again our 50th

and Scotty's 75th anniversaries; hosting the basketball tournament on February 1 and 2, led by Gary Howard; meeting with the Lion's Club in the Lion's Den on May 8; hosting the Augusta Rotary Club on May 23; and hosting the high school seniors on Senior's Night on June 6, when Reverend Stinson spoke to the class and Katie Welch won the Rotary Club Scholarship Award.

We also shared in our sorrow, saying good-bye to summer resident, Todd Ross, from Bad Axe, Michigan, who had been a constant companion and dependable helper at our Rotary auctions. We also mourned the loss of charter member, Paul Abbott, who had maintained 42 years of perfect attendance, and was the builder of our present clubhouse. We were shocked by the twin losses of George Traquair, who had died after a lengthy illness; and summer Rotarian, former Superintendent of the Detroit School System, Chuck Wolfe, who died suddenly in an automobile accident in Florida in December. On January 31, the Board of Directors voted to establish one Memorial Fund, for money received in memory of deceased Rotarians.

Our clubhouse was used by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual dinner and by the Boothbay Region Art Foundation, Student Art Show. The prestigious Lifetime Service Award went to Jim Stevens, who had spent his early years sailing and logging and, of course, spent many decades in the ship building industry in East Boothbay, as well as a founder of the Boothbay Region Historical Society.

The Regionopoly games, organized by Actor Abbott, yielded over \$10,000.00. The annual Rotary Auction took place in torrid temperatures, but yielded high results, approximately \$4,000.00, thanks to the help of many business donations.

The Rotary calendars, organized by Bill Frysinger, had the most successful results ever. These very successful fundraisers helped generate substantial contributions to the YMCA building fund and operating fund, and for the YMCA Camp Knickerbocker multi-purpose court. Other sponsored activities included YMCA Camp Knickerbocker Scholarship, YMCA operating fund, YMCA swim team, Portland School of Art Scholarship for a local student, DARE, RIF, high school booster club, high school Bates College symposium, computer for college selection at the high school, Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, Camp Kieve SEA Team, Boy Scouts (including repair of the cabin and lean-tos), scholarships, Renaissance program, elementary school Arbor Day, Project Graduation, school co-op program, Fourth of July, District Intercultural Nursing, and Christmas clothing program.

This year marked Rotary's embracing the environment and ecology as a strong emphasis of Rotary. The theme for the year was "Preserve Planet Earth". We participated in Arbor Day projects.

We began the move back to District 778 on January 3, 1991 when Just Wold, former president of the Damariscotta/Newcastle club met with the Board

of Directors, who approved this move. The club strongly endorsed this at its club assembly on January 10, 1991. The process, if successful, would take well over a year to complete.

Occasionally we would read from the club history with Chip and later Ken Honey supplying humorous anecdotes. A number of past presidents were recognized.

Jeff, Bill, Chip, and Dave travelled to the District 779 conference, in Quebec. The club received the Presidential Citation Award for participation in a range of activities.

Bill Frysinger's Year – 1991-92

President Bill came aboard and delivered an "acceptance speech" on June 27, stating his goals to be more focus on community activities and continuing with some international projects. During our semi-annual club assembly the following January, he repeated this community focus, being pleased with the growth of funds in the Youth fund and the number of community-oriented projects. The blessing of Rotary's annual rotation of presidents is the diversity of concentration and variety of leadership styles.

Horace Lee continued to serve, his last year, as Treasurer. Jeff Curtis served as secretary for the first half until his resignation when Bev Hanks finished the year. Bob Pike continued his role as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Club-sponsored projects included Reading is Fundamental, youth senate at Bates College, Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund (which had been spawned by our Rotary Club years earlier), BRES, PTA Art Smart, Hansel and Gretel production for students, Odyssey of the Mind, student opera project, student drug awareness, and AFS. Also we contributed money and dugouts for Babe Ruth league, Y Halloween party, Brownies to Boston Science Museum, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts (one member pointing out that most club members were unaware that our club owned land dedicated for Boy Scouts and youth activities). We also contributed to senior citizen transportation. Our Rotary-sponsored international foster child changed from a child in Indonesia to a two-year-old boy in Haiti.

Our club directors voted to discontinue the time-honored tradition of using poker chips as evidence of dinner payment at our weekly meetings! Outgoing president, Dave Colburn, urged us to discontinue the past precedent of saddling the outgoing presidents with heading up the auction. Lengthy and largely fruitless discussions centered on the rights to the driveway.

We drifted through the Rotary season, from July's changing of the guard to August's auction and from September's Boston Island to October's pulling of the floats at Camp Knickerbocker. Doug Harley sparked our club by intro-

ducing a fruit sale, proving very successful with the help of many Rotarians and Diane Harley and Debbie Prouty, and continuing for many years. December's family Christmas pageant capped the end of the calendar year, with little fund-raising or special events in the second half of the year.

The Lifetime Service Award was presented to Harold "Sonny" Simmons for his years of service to the community. Other memorable programs included Charlie Haskell describing his expedition down the wild Rio Roosevelt in Brazil, Joseph Ricci on the litigious history of Scarborough Downs Racetrack, Sportsman Bill Green on numerous bloopers, Education Commissioner Eve Bither, Artist Jim Wade on "wet on wet" oil painting, Richard Hilton on the development of Edgcomb Pottery, Ed Donohoe on the training of sailors in the 1930s, Sonny Hodgdon on club tales and antics over the past 35 years, and frequent speaker Col. Alan Weeks on the state police and other stories.

Twenty Quebec Rotarians joined us for our annual Boston Island clam-bake at Howard Friant's, and an equal number of Boothbay Harbor Rotarians traveled to Augusta when Senator Sumner Lipman announced his bid for re-election. Many Augusta Rotarians reciprocated, traveling down river in the spring.

The Star reported perfect attendance marks of 31 years for Ken Honey, 11 years for Chip Griffin, and 1 year for Gloria Walter. Many others continued to compile similar records. New members included Brian Heyworth, George Wolf, John and Beverly Hanks, Charlie Haskell, Bob McCarthy, and Vivian Daniels.

Our bid for switching from District 7790 (Quebec and northern Maine) to District 7780 continued to be a long, but successful, process. Our club directors and club approved the switch in September. Despite the controversy, the 7790 conference at the Samoset in Rockland approved by a 40-14 vote in November. R.I. approved this in March, followed by the consent of District 7780 in April.

Chip Griffin's Year – 1992-93

Chip began his year on July 2, when Walter Eastwood delivered one of his many 90-second invocations, which were very thoughtful and helpful in reminding us why we were attending each week. Bev Hanks stayed on as secretary for another year, and Dave Duggan started his long tenure as treasurer. Actor Abbott started as club scribe, continuing his long legacy as club wit. He painted an accurate portrait of our experienced Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Pike, as the following selections from the Star of this Rotary year reveal: "benevolent dictator," "seldom does any good to dispute his judgments" (it never has in any of his capacities!), "our very own leprechaun out of his cage to reign terror," "always diligent and never merciful," "Commando-at-Arms," and "lean, mean money machine"!

A president, more than any other, sees how much each member contributes to the club. Many members were recognized this year for their contributions. Plaques went to outgoing President Bill Frysinger, Dave Duggan for three years as club editor, and Horace Lee for an incredible 31 years as club treasurer. Two Paul Harris Fellow awards, our most prestigious honor, were bestowed on Howard Friant and Sonny Hodgdon. The Lifetime Service Award, for only the second time, was given to a club member, Walter Eastwood (the first being Harold Clifford). Honors were extended to Fred Pratt for his many years of maintaining the past presidents and lifetime service award plaques hanging on the clubhouse walls. Recognition was extended to many members: Bob Walter for past presidents organization and advice, Gloria Walter for Australia Group Study Exchange visit to our area, Gary Howard for spouses' night, Bruce Tindal for his long attention to our building maintenance, Howard Friant for our annual Boston Island outing, David Colburn and Sonny Hodgdon for international and club fireside chats respectively, Jeff Brown for a splendid job on our new club signs, Bev Hanks for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter dinners for community residents who were alone, Gary Howard for the basketball tournament, Doug Harley for the fire escape stairs, and Ken Honey for reading a year of our club history during many of our weekly meetings. Many members, such as the following, were recognized for their continued perfect attendance: Gloria Walter (century pin for 100 consecutive meetings), Ira Amesbury (7), Bob Pike (8), Dave Gaecklein (13), Horace Lee (20), Curt West (23), and Ken Honey (32). Our club was one of the best in the district in club attendance, a distinction we had earned more often in years past.

New members included Bob Jacobson, Jack Tourtelotte, Jim Stone, Murray Keene, and Elaine Edwards. A regular visiting Damariscotta Rotarian, Steve Burton, appeared in July for a lobster dinner, earning a distinction that he has not been able to shake for many years. We shared dinner twice, as always, with the Lions Club; and we engaged in friendly competition for shared goals: Camp Knickerbocker hauling and launching of floats (we always win) and Red Cross blood drive (they always win).

We recognized the top four students from each high school class and also top math and science students in the elementary school, each time with proud parents in attendance. As always, we gave generously to scholarships and other academic and athletic activities.

Our club donated money to such organizations as the Genesis Fund for low income housing, Boothbay Fire Department, YMCA and Camp Knickerbocker (over \$1,000), college scholarships (over \$2,000), St. Andrews, Parent Resource Center, Cancer Treatment, Aids, DARE, Science Olympiad, Scouts, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Food Pantry, BRHS Renaissance, Girls and Boys State, and Hearing Clinic. We donated sweat to Camp Knickerbocker's woods and floats (where Curt West was baptized again).

We donated more time, talent, and money to various international projects:

visiting adults from Australia on the Group Study Exchange, two Paul Harris Fellows, Hurricane Relief in south Florida, People to People, District Assembly, Fireside Chat, World Peace and Understanding Dinner, and District Conference. We gave many blankets for Bosnia.

We re-caned our numerous chairs. Other club repairs included sewer line repair, fire escape stairs, and beginning work on the foundation, railing, and roof. New songbooks, like new hymnals, earned admiration from many and skepticism from some. New leases for the tenants and a new catering contract for Robin Graham (Joyce Durfee having retired after eight years) were worked up. The menus had changed from old-fashioned Yankee cooking to novel, exquisite gourmet cooking, some grumbling but most ecstatic.

Fundraising was headed once again by the Auction and Lobster Time, this time at the Boothbay Railway Village, where it had a short-lived tenure. The club raffle continued to rake in more than \$700.00 each year. We also had a public raffle of a Honda scooter, a retreat from the auction, given back by visiting Rotarian Paul Whitehead. The fruit sale became still more successful. Even the Boston Island Clambake resulted in money for our club, community, and international goals.

Our horizons were expanded, as always, by our club speakers. We enjoyed many excellent programs: Genesis Fund for low income housing; CMP's rate structure and history; Josie Giles on Aids; Charlie Heino on "Cousin Eben"; Ruth Adams on her years of foreign service; Robert Pratt on the upcoming highway bypass; Bob Skoglund, the "Humble Farmer," on Maine humor; Leo Martin, the Maine Commissioner of Education; Hillary St. Clair, the Maine Director of Tourism; a Rotary Aids film which evoked some personal testimonies from some members; Susan Domeyer on the Bath-Brunswick Cancer Treatment Center and how many of us would be directly affected (and how her words became reality later); Charlie Haskell on his Dr. Stanley Livingstone adventure to Aftica; and Sonny Hodgdon on the history of Hodgdon's Shipyard. We also enjoyed programs of pure fun focusing inward: children's night, significant others' night, Christmas pageant, seniors' night, and Bob Campbell's Balmy Days cruise.

Bill Logan's Year – 1993-94

As Chip Griffin passed the gavel to Bill Logan, many members groaned about a two-year tenure of lawyers at the helm. Bill and Secretary Gloria Walter effectively ran the club. Curt West reached 24 years of perfect attendance. We mourned the loss of Walter Eastwood, a beloved member of many years' service to the club and our community.

We lost many valuable members during this period, largely due to relocations, reflecting dramatic changes in our peninsula contrasted to three decades

ago. But we were infused with new blood: Mike Thompson, Rick Elder, Topy Keene, Tom Perkins, Tom Prouty (a retreat who introduced the springtime golf tournament this year and who has excelled in service before and more recently), John Alden, Bob Morse, and Dan Giles.

Memorable club programs included trips outside the club to inspect the new Department of Marine Resources, our Boy Scout property (many members visiting the site for the first time), and Hodgdon Yachts to inspect the commuter boat under construction. Other excellent programs were new principal Jack Tourtelotte and new superintendent Mark Keegan, Gubernatorial candidates, Sumner Lipman and Angus King, Mark Ishkanian from CMP, a representative from BNAS, the new Sea Dogs team, and Trudy Florini for People to People.

President Bill's focus became the club focus: improving the building integrity and fostering club activities. We voted to contribute ten percent of all funds raised for our general fund. We added a new hot water heater, which sterilized our dishes, and we paved the way for a new commercial dishwasher. We completed our foundation repairs and worked on repairing the roof and porch. Club activities included children's night in October and at Christmas, spouses' night in February and June, Boy Scouts in January and Girl Scouts in April, hosting the Lions in March and visiting Scottie in March, Seniors night in June and bestowing the Lifetime Service Award to Al Sherman in April.

We gave to St. Andrews, Art Smart, Harbor Children's Center, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Camp Kieve, PTA Technology Fair, Boothbay Fire Department, RYLA, a food voucher for a needy family, and \$1,000 to People to People. We also sponsored the \$26,000 "loan" for a two-classroom building at the high school.

As President Bill's year concluded, we could look with pride at our headquarters' refurbished exterior and interior, as well as reflect on another fun and productive year for our club.

Gary Howard's Year – 1994-95

Before Gary took over the gavel, we paused to mourn the loss of David Colburn, who had ably served as president a mere three years previously and who had been an active Rotarian for over fifteen years with perfect attendance. Later that year we lost another pillar, Blenn Perkins, who had been our last Charter Member, a good friend of every Rotarian, a leading lawyer, and a rock-solid leader of our community for the past half century since his return from service in World War II.

We bestowed a Paul Harris Award on Fred Pratt, a member since 1947, coming aboard only nine months before construction of our new headquarters

building started later that year of 1947. Perfect attendance recognition included Ron Calhoun for 36 years and Ken Honey for 34 years. The Lifetime Service Award was given to Dr. John F. Andrews, the evening devoted to testimonials and humorous stories and capped off with his barbershop quartet singing some fine tunes.

President Gary was ably assisted by Secretary Gloria and directors Alex Logan, Jeff Brown, Neal Murphy, and Bob Jacobson. Bob Pike continued another year as Sergeant-At-Arms, being a role model for new member Stevie Colburn. We lost members Bev Hanks, Toppo Keene, and Bill Logan. We recognized three new honorary members: Sonny Hodgdon, John Heyl, and Howard Friant.

The August auction kept its time-honored date of the first Saturday in August, and it was held at the Boothbay Railway Village for the third consecutive and final year, before its return to the Boothbay Common. The club purchased a forty-foot long storage trailer to enable collections of items year-round, a decision which helped to dramatically increase the profits.

The Annual Clambake had been hosted by Pierce and Hartung on the East Side (near the footbridge) for many years. Beginning in 1981, for thirteen years, we traveled by boat to Howard Friant's place on Boston Island for our annual bake. This year, 1994, began our clambakes at Neal Murphy's at the end of Back River, near Oven's Mouth. Another good time was had by all.

Brand-new song books were acquired from the Camden Rotary Club in September. The club turned down the directors' suggested social hour, with alcohol, in the club headquarters. Instead the Turpentine Club continued at Gaeckleins' Donald S. Sewall Co. on Oak Street, just as it had been since 1980. Before that, the Turpentine Club had been located in the basement of Grover's Hardware, where it had picked up the name as members sipped their drinks next to the turpentine.

We hosted our Boy Scouts, whom we had sponsored since 1947. Traditionally, each year we host the Boy Scouts for a program and presentation of the Charter.

During the winter months, Jeff Brown assembled an effective display of our club's accomplishments in the community. Jeff hung the attractive display on the window of P & P Pastry. Most members probably did not realize that this was the building where our club had met for most winter meetings during the five winter seasons between 1943 and 1949.

The club approved \$2,400 to replace the chimney and \$2,500 to re-roof the building of our headquarters. Skip Williams and Neal Murphy did most of the work. Foundation and sewer work were completed. We held two worthwhile work parties around our headquarters and had three club assemblies.

We enjoyed many fine programs: Scott Foyt on the Red Paint archaeol-

ogy, Dr. Rich Langton on marine estuaries, Phil Conkling on the islands of Maine, U.M.O. education Dean Robert Cobb on the philosophy of education, a trio of Monmouth Academy teachers on the academic decathlon programs, Nancy Giles on the Chrysallis program for needy young women, Micronesia Ensemble with the Lions Club, Gerry Generio on the Veterans for Peace on getting aid to injured young people in the Bosnian War, Neville Garrett on Devon, England, and Mary Brewer on Boothbay Region history and the need for more year-round employment. We also savored Dean Charles Weeks (son of our member) on the Maine Maritime Academy, Representative and former member Charles Heino on legislative concerns, Ken Honey's Trivia Fair, Bob Walter on Lifeline, Alex Logan on the YMCA, Don Keller on St. Andrews, Tony Heyl on the Ovens Mouth acquisition by the Boothbay Region Land Trust, Detective Daniel Bradford on the drug world, Kathy Bean and Faith Healy on Home Health, Tom Wilcox on the Bath Maine Maritime Museum, and Toby LeConte on Special Olympics. We also had Dr. Linda Mercer on the Department of Marine Resources, Gil Charbonneau on ships in bottles, Charles Haskell at Seniors Night; and we attended the Portland Sea Dogs game and Balmy Days cruise. We also enjoyed two socials organized by Robin Reed as Christmas and Valentines Day.

On November 1 we hosted Scottie, on November 4 we competed with the Lions in the annual blood drive, and on November 6 we joined with the Lions at a work project clearing the paths at Ovens Mouth. In early December many Rotarians traveled to Lewiston to help with the Channel 10 Telethon and were delighted to let Governor-elect Angus King assist us. On March 30 we traveled to Damariscotta to meet with the Scottie club.

We again gave freely to our community. For example, we gave to Fifty-five and Alive, Basketball Tournament, Lions-Rotary dugouts, portable classroom building for the school, auction, Oven Mouth's stewardship, Maine Audubon, youth scholarships, RIF, Chrysalis, YMCA, community Halloween party, Parents Resource Center, clothing for needy people, DARE, Camp Kieve, Healthy Kids, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the annual books awards, and the \$1,000 annual senior award.

We helped outside our community as well. We pitched in for the relief for Oklahoma City bombing victims, Veterans for Peace in Bosnia, a youth scholarship in New Zealand, Group Study Exchange for visiting Germans, Rwanda relief, and our foster child in Haiti. We also signed up nine sustaining Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Members and organized the first Golf Tourney for July 9, the profits to be used for international projects.

Bob Campbell's Year – 1995-96

Bob Campbell generally wielded the gavel at 6:30, by his watch, evading the ever-vigilant clock-watcher, Fred Pratt. We bade Actor Abbott good-by as he moved south to Florida. Actor had been a tremendous support to the club, even after his stint as president, as club editor for many years adding his wit and humor. He was frequently a director and had spearheaded the successful Regionopoly game fund-raiser a few years earlier, and we presented him with a game autographed by all members.

We also mourned the loss of Past President Sonny Hodgdon, who had been a vital member of this club for many decades. His pranks and stories would be sorely missed, and so would his knowledge of local lore, shipbuilding skills, and hand-carved plaques for the clubhouse walls.

But fresh energy continued to flow into our club: Doug Bevins, Sheila King, Ron Bouffard, and Art Ridlon, who made Boothbay Harbor his third Rotary home and who lectured us his very first night on the importance of Boothbay Center's Civil War monument. We crowned Charlie Weeks and Al Brown with the mantles of honorary members. Rotarians with perfect attendance noted in the Star included Ken Honey at 35, Horace Lee at 22, Chip Griffin at 15, Bob Pike at 11, and Doug Harley at 3. We had 21 visiting Rotarians on July 20.

We had a new secretary, Bob Jacobson. We also had a new Sergeant-at-Arms, Neal Murphy, much to the relief of many of us. New club directors were Elaine Edwards, Gloria Walter, Rick Elder, and Tom Nadeau. President Bob, along with Elaine and Bob Pike, attended a District-sponsored conference on club membership. We met with the Lions twice as usual. We competed with them in the biannual blood drive and biannual Camp Knickerbocker floats hauling and launching.

We obtained a dishwasher for the kitchen and painting of the building. After four years of haggling over re-caning versus replacing of chairs and debating the type and color of them, we finally purchased new chairs. Many humorous comments were made, possibly also because our president knew how to fall asleep in them and even to fall out of one, during particularly boring speeches.

The Boy Scout building was town-owned and located on nearby McClintock Street. It was in such a great state of disrepair that many worried that the town might demolish it. Nothing was done at this time.

Fundraisers included the Golf Tournament in July, headed by Tom Prouty; the Auction in August, chaired by Neil Murphy, back at the Common (and with forty auction T-shirts as proposed by Gary Howard); the South Carolina vacation raffle in November, headed by Neal Murphy; the calendar sale in Septem-

ber organized by Robin Reed; and the fruit sale in October organized by Doug Harley.

Notable programs were the following: Suzanne Weiss on the Chocolate Church, John Williams on Outward Bound, Dawn Kidd on the Indiantown archaeological dig, Bob Boyd and Donna Phinney on the Botanical Garden, Pocket Opera (La Traviata), Lynn Gibson on the Watershed Center, Hodgdon Yachts tour with Timothy Hodgdon, Harry Ridlon and Liz Allen on the St. Andrews Retirement Community, an AFS student from Bavaria, and Judge Tom Berry on the Probate Court.

We gave to many projects, including St. Andrews Hospital, Boosters Club, BRSAF, YMCA's multi-purpose court, Camp Kieve, RIF, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Science Olympiad, and St. Kitts hurricane relief. The most substantial commitment was the promise to pay \$6,000 for the YMCA's multi-purpose court, \$2,000 paid during Bob Campbell's year and \$2,000 for each of the following two years.

Robin Reed's Year – 1996-97

President Robin began his extremely successful year, with his vintage-loud bang of the gavel, when he announced his theme of Rotary education. His year had a distinctively international flavor from the first July meeting when he announced the introduction of a Rotary relief project, spearheaded by our club, for the Caribbean island of Montserrat, which had been devastated by volcanic activity. A week later we held a Golf Tournament and a month later the Auction; both fund-raising events were dramatically improved over prior years. Many Rotarian wives, led by Ann Reed, pitched in with selling pies at the Auction. The fall calendar sale similarly eclipsed prior efforts. The new chairs were finally in place in July, our popular new caterer, Kim Mills, was hired, an air conditioner and water cooler were ordered, club attendance was markedly improved, and life was good.

We mourned the losses of Dr. Carl "Rus" Griffin, local surgeon and family physician who had dedicated his life to the community for the past 36 years; and Jim Plummer, summer Rotarian for many years, hailing from Pennsylvania and helping each year in our Rotary auction. We also lost Alex Logan through resignation.

New members flooded in: Ernie Carver, Kevin Burnham, Barbara Myers, Dick Alden, Alan Wells-Goodwin, Ron Bouffard, Todd Szczech, David Patch, Mike Moulitis, Cy Seifert, and Holly Stover.

Programs were planned well in advance and were very popular and educational. Club-focus programs included membership, the four avenues of service, and club assemblies. An important vocational program was student work

placement. Community avenue programs included Town Park, Ed Donohoe on the Sherman Zwicker, Cy Seifert on Dollars for Scholars, Art Ridlon on the Civil War, Pocket Opera La Boheme, Mike Moulitis on twenty years of Marine Patrol, Chris Bailey on the Morris Farm, and George King on the steamer Sabino. International programs were plentiful and informative: Bill Skinner on World Community Service in Honduras, Sarah Luck on Group Study Exchange in Argentina, Northern Irish high school students visiting on the Friends Forever program, Sheila King on the Para-Olympics, three programs dedicated to relief efforts on Montserrat, an Australian youth trip, and the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris. Social programs included Southport speaker and humorist, Jack Flannery; renowned Maine humorist Joe Perham; Christmas programs; Bowl Night to buy soup and pottery bowls and to support the Watershed; and a trip to the Portland Sea Dogs.

Twice we held spouse's nights, met with the Lions, visited with Scottie, pushed Camp Knickerbocker's floats, and organized building and grounds cleanup parties.

For the first time we delivered Christmas wreathes to the Rotarian widows and held a Widows' night. We inaugurated the Share Program, introduced by Tom Prouty, a community-based food distribution program. We bestowed the Lifetime Service Award on Katherine Cook, coaxed to the Boothbay Region by Rotarian and Charter member, Harold B. Clifford in 1947 while he was still superintendent of schools; she continued as music director and later community band leader for the next 50 years.

Our club won significant awards at the international level, being one of only five clubs to receive the Governor Trophy Award. We added an unbelievable six new Paul Harris Fellows: Gary Howard, Chip Griffin, Bob Walter, Doug Harley, Oscar Jacobson (posthumously by son Bob), and David Gaecklein. We started the Montserrat Relief project, and less than a year later, with the help of our District and a New York district and others, we had moved thousands of dollars and hundreds of thousands of dollars of medical equipment and supplies to the volcanic-torn Caribbean island of Montserrat.

We contributed money to Montserrat, Friends Forever, and the Rotarian float in the Rose Bowl Parade. As always, our highest proportion of giving was community-focused: high school addition, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Christmas gift deliveries, Harbor Children's Center, YMCA bike trip, Boys' and Girls' State, BRES Opera Camp, Parents Against Tired Truckers, Boothbay Region Humane Society, Child Reach, Book Award Program, Adopt a Tree Program, Camp Kieve, University of New England, and Project DARE. We contributed volunteers to wiring the school for computers. We received the final payments for the school's mobile classrooms.

President Robin inaugurated a "Rotarian of the Year" award, the first recipient being Neil Ames.

Bob Pike's Year – 1997-98

As Hong Kong became part of China, Bob Pike became part of Rotary's leadership group of club presidents. Fred Pratt, a member for 50 years, commented that this year was one of his favorite years in the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club.

We gained new members such as Foster Stroup, Harvey Cornell, and Neal Groton. Resigning members included Ron Bouffard, Barbara Meyers, Tom Nadeau, and Dick Alden. Perfect attendance records included Horace Lee (27 years), Ken Honey (37 years), and Ron Calhoun (39 years). We hosted 16 members from the Hampton, NH Rotary Club and 26 local Lions. The Auction broke yet another record, with auctioneer Bob Foster in charge.

Club programs had a local flavor this year, but were sprinkled with international seasonings as well: The Scout building idea was presented to the club, after many months of work by our club Scout Committee, on August 21, 1997, receiving unanimous support. Donna Phinney and Bob Boyd spoke on the Botanical Gardens; Liz Hall on the St. Andrews Village Retirement Community plans; Al Sherman on his year as club president in 1956-57 with many former presidents (some former Rotarians) in attendance; Alan Wells-Goodwin tickled our funny bones with "Biblical and Religious Humor"; and we listened to the plans for the new Bath bridge construction. Doug Harley presented a history of blacksmithing; Louis and Joan Rioux talked about the Teen Help Program; Leah Sample and Pat Wheeler discussed Meals on Wheels; Doug and Theresa Bevins moved us with their mission and dental work in Mexico City; and Peter Johnson discussed the Rotary Group Study Exchange in Poland and Sweden.

Money was donated to the BRHS Auditorium's seats, Red Cross, Camp Susan Curtis, Project Graduation, Harbor Children's Center, BRHS Cheerleaders, Kenyan Hospital Project, medical supplies to Romania, Rose Bowl Parade, Boothbay Region Humane Society, and Boys and Girls State. We contributed 8 members' labor to shingling Camp Sunshine, gave to Toys for Tots, and continued the Share/Serve program.

Club editor Bob Sisco engaged in an informative and fun "Rotarian of the Week" program, featuring a special Rotarian for many weeks this Rotary year. Here are some samples for each featured Rotarian: Robin Reed: "integrity and good humor," Don Wotton: "modest man," Al Brown: "59 years as a Rotarian," Neil Ames: "hard, diligent, dedicated work," Tom Perkins: "carries on the spirit and enthusiasm of his father for Rotary," Gloria: "always been there when needed," I. J. Pinkham: soft-spoken gentleman . . . enjoys the admiration of the entire club and community," Bob Campbell: "service he has rendered to the tourist industry," Curt West: "five beach head invasions in the Pacific . . . and awarded the Bronze Star," Fred Pratt turned 80 and "at the shop every

working day," Gary Howard: "a dentist by trade, he still finds time to serve his community in many capacities," Doug Harley: "when do you want it done," Ira Amesbury: "a sense of humor despite the many ribbings and one-liners directed his way," Ken Honey: "easy-going manner and willingness to listen . . . fair in his judgment," Bob Jacobson: "a sense of good humor and a warmth to share the joys of life with a smile and an interesting story," Alan Wells-Goodwin: "his smile, sense of humor, and understanding of human nature," Mike Thompson: "aplomb, . . . good nature, fairness, friendly smile, . . . good work," Tom Nadeau: "vast talents yet to be divulged" and "man with deep convictions," Chip Griffin: "inspirational leader in the club and has earned Kudos for his services," Rick Elder: "distinguished himself early in his professional and Rotarian career," Vivienne Daniels: "dynamo in the community," Bob Walter: "our heartfelt thanks" and "youth activities," Tom Prouty: "if it needs to get done, see our Rotarian of the Week," and Bob Pike: "well-versed in the activities of the club."

Our Rotary club continued its service to club, vocational, community, and international ideals. The club continued to be even more than the sum of its members, accomplishing a great deal of service to the local community and wider world. The outstanding Rotarian of year was David Duggan.

Gloria Walter's Year – 1998-99

Gloria Walter, one of the original four women nominated in the fall of 1988 and inducted during Bruce Tindal's year of 1988-89, took the helm as club president. A former secretary of the club, she had proven herself as one of the best, if not the best, Rotarian worker in all four avenues of Rotarian service. She also demonstrated her leadership abilities from the outset, clearly articulating her goals: club membership recruitment and attendance, clubhouse maintenance, Scout Building construction, and emphasis on senior citizens, environmental, SERVE, and several international projects. Most of the goals were met.

Our club attendance was second in the entire district in January. Doug Bevins was presented in March with an award for making 200 consecutive meetings. Bob Pike reached 14 years of perfect attendance. Chip Griffin, Dave Gaecklein, Ken Honey, and Ron Calhoun received similar perfect attendance awards.

We gained some excellent new members bringing fresh ideas and vitality: Judy Collins, Allison McCrady, Foster Stroup, Peter Gardner, Bud Harrington (who later resigned), Mike Powers, and Dan Jameson. The new members did a splendid job in many areas, and single-handedly managed the Watershed Bowl Night, the most successful ever, with soup and salad donations from members and proceeds from the dinner and purchase of pottery bowls aiding the local Watershed Project.

We lost a long-time friend and Rotarian, Bob Campbell. He served to the end: he was program chairman in November, introducing our Coast Guard Chief, Ken Gibson, who gave an excellent presentation on November 12. Bob served as a waiter on December 12 and traveled to Florida later that month. After his return, we and his entire family proudly presented a Paul Harris Award to him in a special ceremony at our clubhouse in January of 1999, Bob dying of a heart attack peacefully in his sleep later that night. A Past President in 1995-96, he was a special Rotarian and friend who had previously earned several patents for work on the Patriot missile at Raytheon and operated for the past quarter-century his ferry business, carrying passengers around the Boothbay Region and to Monhegan. He had been very active in many community activities and graced us all with his smile and stories.

We also mourned the loss of former Rotarian Bob Hunter who had served the town of Boothbay in many capacities, most recently as EMT for the Ambulance Service, requiring him to leave Rotary a few years earlier.

In addition to Bob Campbell, other Paul Harris recipients this year were Jane Conley (posthumously), with her whole family present as well, Ken Honey, and David Duggan. Honorary members (and former Paul Harris recipients) were Horace Lee and Howard Friant. Rotarian of the Year was David Duggan.

Club programs were interesting and fun. Bob Jacobson continued his legacy of sprinkling humor at the meetings with his Darwin Awards tales. Skip Williams organized the October 1 outing at his Southport cottage. We had a program devoted to membership under the guidance of Dave Gaecklein, followed by a Fireside Chat at the home of Neil Ames in November. Neil organized the Valentines Night for February. Other programs of note included David Patch on Maine technology, Noah Beck on missionary work in Argentina, Don Perkins on the Gulf of Maine Aquarium, Ed Donohoe on the history and 1998 trip of the Sherman Zwicker to Nova Scotia, Don Perkins on the Gulf of Maine Aquarium in Portland, Bob Ryan on the Schooner Museum and Boothbay Railway Village, young Ruth McNutt on the "Cost of the Constitution," Admiral James B. Perkins III on his 35-year Navy career. We also celebrated in May the fiftieth anniversary of our Rotary clubhouse, being the only one in the district for the past fifty years, and we enjoyed the celebration night with an historical brochure and many of the former presidents and even more widows of former members present.

Club members were especially busy with projects. Doug Bevins led the auction to the best year ever, grossing over \$19,500; Doug Harley and Tom Prouty set new records in the fruit sale; Bob Jacobson beat all records with the calendar sale; Jeff Brown inaugurated the very successful Vidalia Onions sale in the spring; and Foster Stroup forged ahead with other club members carving out trails at the Botanical Gardens. Bob Walter valiantly led the effort to clean up the Pat's Pond park area, but encountered too much local resistance, and the project was dropped. Tom Prouty and Curt West continued to head up the

SERVE project. I.J. Pinkham again organized the March Rotary Basketball Tournament for elementary school boys and girls. Neil Ames led the Boy Scout construction project. Doug Bevins procured an ambulance and won a Rotary Foundation matching grant to eventually deliver the ambulance to a needy town in Honduras. Doug also headed up our delegation hosting the Dominican Republic members of the Group Study Exchange.

Contributions included the following for community projects: St. Andrews Free Bed Fund, BRES Arts in Education, Botanical Gardens, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Boys and Girls State, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Project Graduation, United Cerebral Palsy of Maine, BRSAF, Senior scholarship, Bob Hunter and Bob Campbell memorial funds, Watershed, BRES Reading is Fundamental program, and local Food Pantry. The truly remarkable project was the continued construction of the Scout Building, which was almost completed during Gloria's year, at a cost of a few thousand dollars and countless volunteer hours, including those of contractors Neil Ames, Robin Reed, and Tom Prouty, and assisted by Scout Committee Chairman, Alan Wells-Goodwin. During Gloria's year, the Scout building was improved, and the well, septic, and parking lot were installed at the Scout site.

Contributions for international projects included Rotary Rose Bowl Parade float, Friends Forever, Dominican Republic Disaster Fund, local AFS student to Iceland, Macedonia and Albania Refugee Relief, Balkans Relief, and Polio Plus. The most remarkable international project, led by Doug Bevins, was the matching grant for the ambulance to Joro, Honduras, our club's first matching grant ever.

We awarded our first vocational-avenue Associate of the Year Award to Manon Lewis. This is a new award for our club and shows our appreciation for a local employee who demonstrates commitment to community and lives according to the Rotary four-way test and motto of service above self. Our annual Lifetime Service Award, now in its fourth decade, went to Florence Harrold of Boothbay Harbor.



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Charter Members

Standing Left to Right: Walter Dunton, Cliff Hartung, Phil Gregory, Wesley Hyde, Arthur Greenleaf, Saul Hayes, Reginald Harris, Wilder Blake, Blenn Perkins, Norman Greenleaf. Sitting Left to Right: Arthur Jellison, Leslie Blake, George Nevens, Harold Clifford, Tom Proctor, Nathaniel Grover. Missing: Jack Dorr, Cliff Reny.