



1954 - 1955

President: JACK KEEGAN
Classification: Picture Theaters

Vice President: VIRGIL A. PICKARD
Secretary-Treas.: SHIRLEY H. BRATTIN

Directors: Melvin E. Berryman, Earl J. Caddy,
William J. Cassettari, O. Wesley Jansen, Oliver F.
Stewart, Carlton G. Thomas, Adolph S. Verlod,
Robert J. Wilson.

President R.I.: Herbert J. Taylor
Chicago, IL

Governor Dist. 164: William E. Jansen,
Auburn, CA

In July 1954, the club Board of Directors voted to send two delegates to the District Assembly at Susanville, California. In April of 1955 Oliver P. Stewart and Robert J. Wilson were appointed to attend the District Conference in Reno, Nevada.

In October, the annual Buck Stew was held in Rough and Ready. The price was \$2.00 per ticket, which included the privilege of bringing a guest. Members arriving without a guest were fined \$1.00.

A year's subscription of Revista Rotaria was purchased for the High School Spanish Class.

A major early decision by the Board of Directors was that "as long as the club followed the directions as set forth by Rotary International as closely as possible, it would not hurt to create new classifications from time to time..." The Board also ordered "perfect attendance" indicators to be attached to membership badges for members with perfect attendance.

In October, plans were underway for building the Bar-B-Que Pit and Building in Memorial Park. Heading that effort were Dolph Verlod and Oliver P. Stewart. In the Spring of 1955 the big event was building the facility at Memorial park. Paying for the Bar-B-Que facility was the big item in June. To quote from the Board minutes..."nothing definite was decided as to the proper means of paying for the facility in Memorial Park. However it was felt by the majority of the Board members that at least part of the bills should be paid at the present time." The bills were finally paid off in the 1955-56 Rotary year.

To raise money for a scholarship fund, it was decided that each member would be requested to donate 10 cents per year to the fund on his birthday. Inflation had clearly not hit in 1955.

The annual Christmas Party was held as usual and a "Sweetheart" Night was enjoyed by the Ladies in February.

Those interested in the local lumbering industry might be interested to note that Frank Ericson and Guy Robinson were among those inducted into the Rotary Club of Grass Valley in 1955. William Durbrow was continued as an Honorary Member for the 1954-55 Rotary Year.

Jack Keegan left a portion of his estate to the Rotary Foundation and was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1974 posthumously.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois May 29-June 2, 1955 with 14,312 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was prepared by Wallace Judd.



*Jack Keegan and Oliver Steward
Building the BBQ at Memorial Park 1954-1956*

1955 - 1956

President: OLIVER P. (Bill) STEWART
Classification: Cattle Raising - Pure Bred

Vice President: JACK KEEGAN

Secretary - Treas.: ROBERT J. WILSON

Directors: Larry Farrell, O.W. Wilson, George Hutchins, Louis Hartman, Sterl Boothby, Earl Caddy, Tabe Bishop.

President R.I.: A.Z. Baker
Cleveland, OH

Governor District 164: Frank Gregory, Carson City, NV

The club year of 1955-56 was highlighted by the completion of the Bar-B-Que building in Memorial Park. Each member was charged a fee of \$25.00 to cover the expenses on the building. Some of the material and labor to finish the building was donated by area merchants and contractors. N.F. Thompson installed the sinks and some of the plumbing. Ace Sheet Metal installed the metal table tops and donated the material.

The club, after considerable debate continued to support the 4H program here in Grass Valley. In addition to various donations to this cause, the club donated \$50.00 in support of the leaders Recognition Banquet, and paid the way to the 4H Convention for nine members at a cost of \$140.00 per person.

The dental program was continued in the area schools, supported by donations from the club of time and money. A Public Awareness campaign was launched in co-operation with the American Dental Association that consisted of newspaper articles and pamphlets. The overall activity in community affairs was kept at a fast pace with the club donating to the High School Bank Uniform program, Boy's State and Boy Scouts, just to name a few.

A picnic was held with George Radue and Wayne Brown as co-chairmen. A joint thanksgiving Dinner was held with the Rotary Club of Nevada City with Hugh Brown as Chairman of the affair. The Christmas Party was held at the Bret Harte Hotel with Lou Hartman as chairman. The money collected from fines was to be given to the Ladies Relief Society for the needy.

There was a lot of activity in the membership areas, the most noteworthy being that Kenneth J. Casper was inducted into the club during the 1955-56 year. Ken went onto become the President of the club and later became District Governor.

Other members taken into the club during the year included George Knox, Veterinary Medicine; Fred E. Nettell, Gold Mining, H. Verne Jones, Department Stores; W. Ramsaur and Robert R. Graham.

A number of resignations were received including Clay Caldwell, Thorp Sawyer and Bud Weaver. Jack Keegan changed his membership from Active to Senior Active.

District Governor Frank Gregory summed up the year in Rotary at a meeting on August 29, 1955. Governor Gregory called upon all Rotarians to become more than "Knife and Fork" members. "The Club is the people, and the stronger the participation by the people the stronger the club. With a strong club the basic goals and standards of Rotary can be achieved and exceeded."

The Rotary International Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 3-7 1956 with 10,003 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above material was provided by Ralph Hockett.



Memorial Park BBQ area 1956

1956 – 1957

President: STERL BOOTHBY

Secretary: BOB WILSON

Directors: Dr. E. J. Best, Leslie Cicogni, Tabe Bishop, John Walker, Alfred Horror, Walter Weiger

President R.I.: Gian Paolo, Lang, Italy

Governor Dist. # 164: Clyde Curtis, Placerville, CA

The Rotary Year began with the demotion and installation at the barbeque area of Memorial Park on July 3, 1956. The barbeque area had been funded by the Rotary Club of Grass Valley the previous year.

Regular meetings were held at the Bret Harte Inn on Mondays. Cost of the luncheons was \$1.50. Rotary Dues were \$25.00. The average fine imposed was \$2.00. District attendance averaged 89.5% during the year.

Many projects were initiated or continued, including the continued support of the Little League and the Babe Ruth Leagues Baseball. Donations of \$100 were given to each. The dental care for needy children was continued. \$98.00 was donated to the local Boy Scout Troop 4. \$50.00 was donated to the high school graduation class to help defray costs for their graduation party. \$201.50 was paid to the local 4-H club to send thirteen delegates to their district show.

Fellowship with the Nevada City Rotary Club was maintained throughout the year. Golf, bowling and softball tournaments were held and great fun was had by all who participated. During the year the club finally purchased their own public address system.

The main project for the year was the furnishing of a room at the new Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. An Elk Stew Dinner was the principal fund raiser with 200 in attendance.

The population of Nevada County was 15,000 with 2,300 Rotarians in District 164. There were 9,218 clubs in 99 countries and 425,000 Rotarians world - wide.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Lucerne, Switzerland May 19-23, 1957 with 9,702 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Dr. LyLe E. Jones.

1957 – 1957

President: ARTHUR H. LOLMAUGH

Secretary/Treas: BOB WILSON

Directors: Walter Weiger, Kenneth Casper, Al Horrer, H. Verne Jones, Glenn Jones, Dolf Verlod, Hohn Walker.

President R.I.: Charles G. Tennent, NC

Governor Dist. 519: Dr. Robert Hall, Marysville, CA

A drop in membership from 55 to 47 was of concern to the club resulting in a concerted effort to reverse this trend.

The main project, for the year was a donation of \$1,000 for lighting at the Nevada county Airport. The first evening that the lights were in operation, a plane, nearly out of gas was able to land safely.

Among other projects supported during this year was dental work for a young girl with severe dental problems, a donation to the 4-H Council and the Christmas party donation to the Ladies Relief Fund.

The club continued the sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop. During the year it became necessary to secure a new Scoutmaster, which was accomplished by September.

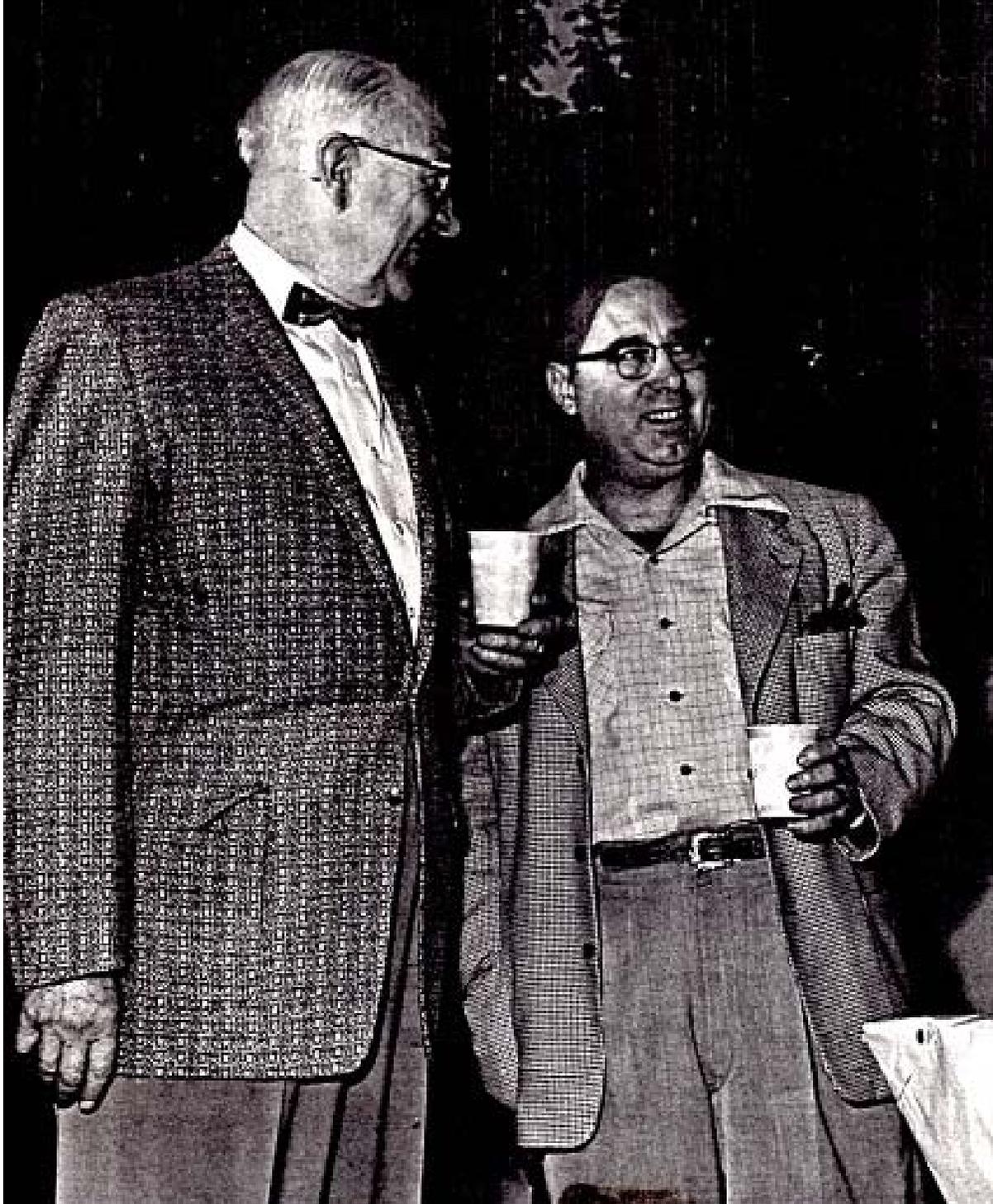
The major controversy for the year was the amount of the fine for missed meetings (\$2.00). Overcoming the arguments against the fine it was continued throughout the year. It was also established that the president would pay \$5.00 for every meeting with 100% attendance. The club president's "tongue in cheek" objections were over-ridden by the membership and the directors.

Discussion was given to the matter of each member contributing a minimum of \$1.00 per year toward The Rotary Foundation. It was decided that the collection would be by the "pan" and remained strictly voluntary.

Shirley Brattin, Frank T. Ericson and Eugene Ingalls were admitted to membership and Earl Shine, Gene Beck and Joe Morgan were also approved. Resignations of Fred Conway and Bill Hilphinstine were accepted.

Bill Stewart was sent as Delegate to the Rotary International Convention held in Dallas, Texas June 1-5, 1958. There were 14,035 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Edwin H. Gregg, Jr



*Jack Keegan
(1954-1955)*

*Sterl Boothby
(1956-1957)*

1958 – 1959

President: WAYNE BROWN
Classification: Public Safety, County

Secretary/Treas: Jack Best

Directors: Art Lolmaugh, Larry Farrell,
Clete Osterholt, Glenn Jones, Al Horrер,
Harold Hedman.

President R.I.: Clifford A. Randall

Governor Dist. 519: Ed Combatalade
Sacramento, CA



My first meeting was held on July 2, 1958 at the Bret Harte Inn. We remained there for the entire term. The various committee chairmen were appointed and we were off to a good Rotary year. Lou Hartman was accepted for membership, making a total of 45 members.

From standpoints of bubbling enthusiasm, intensity of interest and excellence of educational observations, our members could understand the selection of Susan Bishop and Roger Mock to attend Girl's State and Boy's State in Sacramento. Program Chairman "Tab" Bishop presented the two enthusiastic students as guests speakers and they described their experiences at the conference. This program was on July 14, 1958.

Les Cicogni, one of our more active and popular members died very suddenly on October 24, 1958. His passing was a great loss to the club and the entire community.

District Governor Ed Combatalade arrived at 11.00 a.m. on December 1st for his "Official Club Visit." A very spirited meeting was held with the Governor giving an inspirational talk on "The Meaning of Rotary." An evening dinner meeting was held at the Office and our Committee Chairmen discussed and submitted their written reports to the Governor.

The Christmas Party was held on December 22nd with the usual "Christmas Cheer." Good fellowship and fines prevailed with fines running a little higher than usual. This resulted in a generous donation being made to the Ladies' Relief Society.

Among our Community Service activities the club helped sponsor the graduation party for the Senior Class graduates. We also furnished the Grass Valley Police with reflectors to be issued to bicycle owners and also sponsored a group of 4H delegates to their convention.

A representative group of club members journeyed to Sacramento on February 4th, 1959 to attend a meeting with the Rotary club of Sacramento. The Rotary international President Clifford A. Randall was the featured speaker.

Glenn Jones and Shirley Brattin were Co-Chairmen at my demotion party. An elegant party was held on Monday night, June 29, 1959 at the Bret Harte Inn. My demotion was great fun with Glenn and Shirley providing the entertainment, thus ending my Rotary year as President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The Rotary International Convention was held in New York, N.Y. June 7-11, 1959 with 15,475 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Wayne Brown.



David Maltman

Wayne Brown

Larry Farrell

Art Lolmaugh

1959 - 1960

President: ELDRIDGE H. BEST, MD
Classification: Internal Medicine

Secretary/Treas: Wayne Brown

Directors: Gil George, Harold Hedman, O.P. Stewart,
J.E. Keegan, Larry Farrell, Earl Caddy

President R.I.: Harold T. Thomas
Auckland, New Zealand

Governor Dist. 519: John Lee, North Sacramento, CA



Elbridge "Jack" Best, M.D. presided over the Rotary club of Grass Valley during the 1959-60 Rotary year. Jack was raised in Grass Valley, attended the local schools at the turn of the century. He attended the University of California at Berkeley. He received his medical degree from the U. of C. in San Francisco, Jack ran track at Berkeley and has been running a good race ever since. He still maintained an active surveillance of the Rotary club of Grass Valley from his home in San Rafael until his death at just short 100 years of age in 1987.

Dr. Best joined the club in 1935 after returning to Grass Valley with his wife Elsie. He had practiced Internal Medicine for many years in San Francisco and the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy. He pioneered many things in medicine and was the attending physician for "Ishi" the last known Indian of his tribe. Dr. Best will always be remembered as being the first Paul Harris Fellow in District 519.

The Grass Valley Rotary Club was \$10.00 in the red at the start of Dr. Best's term of office. By June of 1960 the club had \$628 in a checking account and \$250 in a savings account. After all of the bills were paid for the year there still remained \$535.00 in the bank.

Several new members came into Rotary that year. They included Dallas Cook, Ralph Hockett, Joseph Nagle and Paul Paye. Ralph and Paul are still with us (as of August 1987). During the Rotary year 1959-60 Fred Nobs passed away. Fred was the last charter member of the club, having become a member on March 16, 1925. He was known in the club for his vast knowledge of mining.

Fourteen Boy Scouts were sponsored by the club to go to Squaw Valley to assist with the 1960 Winter Olympics held there in February.

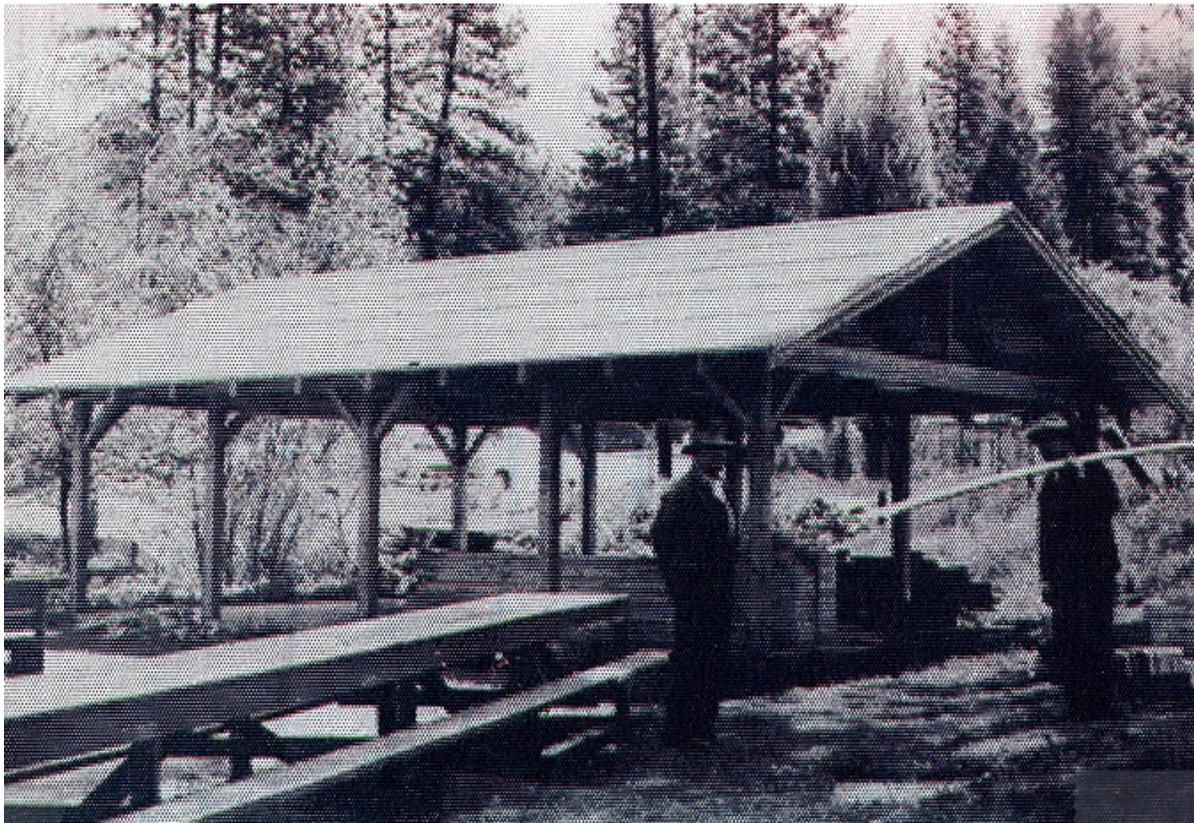
The principal project for the year was the Condon Park Little League baseball diamond. This diamond has provided our youth an opportunity to exercise both body and mind. The clearing for the diamond was begun in January of 1960. Several lumber yards donated lumber for the stands. By the spring of that year, the ground was cleared. Due to the Government bureaucracy the fence and stands weren't completed during President Jack's year in office.

Other activities for the year included an "Inter-Club" meeting with the Rotary Club of Nevada city held at Conner Summit, building new Rotary signs at the Grass Valley City Limits and a Christmas party that was held at the Legion Hall.

On Monday June 27 the term of President Jack Best came to an end with the installation dinner which was held for Glenn Jones who would be serving as the club president for the ensuing year.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Miami Beach, Miami, Florida May 29-June 2, 1960 with 11,354 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Mark Paye, DDS.



BBQ Shelter – Memorial Park

1960 – 1961

President: GLENN T. JONES

Vice President: DR. ELBRIDGE BEST

Secretary/Treas.: VERNE JONES

Directors: Wayne Brown, Dallas Cook, Larry Farrell,
Harold Hedman, Carlton, Thomas, Herb Toudy,
Gordon Wright.

President R.I.: J. Ed. McLaughlin
Ralls, TX

Governor District 519: Bob Annis, Reno, NV

The year started with the installation at the Bret
Harte Inn, with installing officer Lloyd Meagar, from
Sacramento.



All enjoyed a fine steak dinner for \$3.00. The year began with a membership of 42 and finished with 47 members. The average attendance calculated out of 93.38% including 13 100% attendance meetings. Cash on hand for the start of the year was \$901.73.

The club had a problem with where to meet as kitchens either closed or were being remodeled. Cooks quit, without notice. During the year we met in 8 different places: Bret Harte Inn, Golden Hotel, Elks Club, Donner summit Lodge, Nevada city, Gold Nugget, Legion Building and Memorial Park. Members quipped, attendance was so good because you didn't care miss or you wouldn't know where the next meeting would be held. The "Spoke" stated several times, "check Wednesday's paper for the next week's meeting place".

During the year some members objected to the price of lunch being increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

To raise money for projects a drawing was started called "Fund for Projects", of which half of the money went to the person with the winning number and the other half for Projects. The club was trying to reach the 200% plateau in the Rotary Foundation but with 5 new members we would be a few dollars short. Ken Casper suggested to the Board that the \$10.00 Birthday donation which each member gave each year should only be used for The Foundation. The Board agreed and it was started immediately.

A Ladies Night was held at the Rotary Bar-B-Que in Memorial Park. A joint meeting with the Rotary club of Nevada City was held in Nevada City at Thanksgiving and a Tri-club meeting with Nevada City and Truckee at the Donner Summit Lodge.

Club projects for the year were many and varied and included the following:

- Installation of a Drinking Fountain in Memorial Park.
- The club sponsored and aided in establishing a Little League baseball team in Condon Park.
- Revista Rotaria and three other Spanish Magazines were subscribed to and sent to the High School Spanish Class for the year.
- Sponsored one-quarter of the cost of the High School Graduation Breakfast.
- Sent cash donation to the American Legion Auxiliary to assist in the purchase of a Portable Iron Lung.
- Participated with Nevada County Conservation Council for the landscaping of the new Nevada Union High School grounds.
- New Rotary road signs were installed at three entrances to Grass Valley.
- A truck load of food was provided for the Donation Day Parade.
- Secured a shelf in the City Library for Rotary bulletins and magazines.
- Many of the members participated in building a fence and backstop on one of the ball diamonds at Condon Park.
- Four-Way Test stickers were supplied to all members to be placed on the back of all business correspondence. Plaques were also installed at Nevada Union High School.
- During the Rural-Urban Day meeting a scholarship award was set with the High School with several members having students working for them in their businesses.
- The club helped make the 4H Future Farmers Auction at the Fair a success by purchasing a lamb in the name of the Grass Valley Rotary Club.
- Throughout the year, Mel Berryman, DDS, gave free dental aid in the name of the Rotary Club, to needy children.

The attendance record, with 13 - 100% meetings, was unequalled. There was an attendance contest in the District and also one in the club. During September and October we had 3 - 100% meetings each month, with only one person absent on the 4th meeting, giving the club a monthly average of 98.88%. The District only recorded 12 - 100% meetings because the 13th was sent in after the District calculations were made. We had two members who were travelling and often we would not know for weeks if they were made up. Major Herb Lewin was stationed in Asia and Tac Spoor travelled five western states for the Polled Hereford Association. Tac would show up every four or five weeks with a fist full of make-up cards.

At this time the policy for a 100% meeting was to fine the President \$25.00. After the first four, the Board voted to waive the fine for the rest of the year.

A letter of commendation was received from Rotary International, commending the club on its outstanding spirit and organization, capable leadership and particularly our excellent attendance record and very fine community programs and projects.

At election time a slate of sixteen members were nominated, of which eight were elected. From the eight the club elected the Officers and the remainder were Board members. The Vice-President was the immediate past president. One wanted to remain as secretary, two were Past-Presidents, two felt they might be transferred, two flatly refused and 1 ended up being, the Club's youngest President at the age of 35. I felt this was not the way to select a President so we decided that hereafter the Vice-President would be the President-elect. This way he would have a year to plan ahead for the many things that happen to a President. We suggested this method to the District Governor and wrote to Rotary International asking, for a By-Law change, while explaining the many advantages of this system. Other clubs, as we found out, were doing this, but it was many years before Rotary International adopted this method.

I quickly learned that being President was not only a privilege but a fun-filled, learning and lasting experience.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Tokyo, Japan, May 28-June 1, 1961 with 23,366 Rotarians and Guests in attendance. This was the largest convention that Rotary had held.

The above information was supplied by Glenn Jones.

1961 - 1962

President: GORDON C. WRIGHT

Vice President: GLENN T. JONES

Secretary/Treas.: ARCH McPHERSON

Directors: Ray Doran, Dallas Cook, Kenneth Adams, Lou Hartman, Harold Hedman, Herbert Toudy, Cletus Osterholt

President R.I.: Joseph A. Abey
Reading, PA

Governor Dist. 519: Linne E. Nelson, South Lake Tahoe, CA

During the year 1961-62 Presidential term of Gordon D. Wright the club consisted of 46-50 members. The opening event of the year was the installation of officers conducted the evening of June 25th. Other significant gatherings were Ladies nights held September 11 for a steak dinner at Memorial Park, attended by 98 and a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20, along with Nevada City Rotarians, a the Gold Center Club. A golf tournament and dinner was enjoyed by all who attended on May 14th. Aside from the many interesting presentations at the regular Monday meetings held at the Gold Center Club, District 519 Governor "Nets" Nelson made his official visit to the club August 21 for a very special time together.

The club placed four signs regarding the regular meeting time and place in various notable spots including the front of the Gold Center Club. Banners were designed and made available for exchanging with visiting Rotarians and for the Grass Valley members to take with them to meetings attended out of town.

Numerous worthwhile projects were considered by the club and among those participated in were community safety programs; landscaping of a garden plot at Nevada Union High School, providing a fence and backstop for the new Little League baseball diamond at Condon Park; donating books for the Public Library and the High School's Library. The club also contributed toward furnishing the kitchen of the Boy Scouts' Tahoe Area Council Camp. An interesting note is that a good portion of the funds for these community activities were obtained through various vending machines situated throughout the town and maintained by the club for this purpose. They had ten pen vending machines and twenty four nut and candy vending machines.

The club contributed \$150.00 to a fund being raised locally to send Felicia Schaps to Argentina under the International Foreign Youth Exchange Program. It is interesting to note her remark about her goal on this program ... "My goal is to promote understanding and tolerance among peoples... this calls for me to know where I stand, and yet be respectful, open minded, interested and sympathetic towards others."

The Rotary International Convention was held in Los Angeles, California June 3-7, 1962 with 22,302 Rotarians and Guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Charles Gratner.



Bill Cassittari

Fred Krabs

Alfred Kramm

Geo. (Doc) Shirkey

1962 - 1963

President: CLETUS E. OSTEBOHOLT
Classification: Groceries, Retail.

Vice President: W.W. "TABE" BISHOP
Secretary/Treas.: DR. H. ARCH McPHERSON

Directors: Harold Cox, Ray Doran, Louis Hartman, Arch McPherson, Paul Paye.

President R.I.: Nitich Laharry
Calcutta, India

Governor Dist. 519: L.A. "Bert" Bertagna Carmichael, CA

The club began the year with 46 members. They met at the Gold Nugget Cafe for a short time, then moved to the Elks Club in July and finally moved to the newly renovated Bret Harte Inn early in October.

Rotarians participated in the livestock auction sale at the County Fair, made 36% of the buys and spent \$4,882.00 to further the work of the 4H club and the Future Farmer boys and girls.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley hosted the Truckee and Nevada City clubs for a Tri-City Bar-B-Que at Memorial Park in September. Wayne Brown was the master chef, assisted by Tabe Bishop as bartender.

The annual Ladies Night on December 3rd was an outstanding success. Don Baggett brought along his High School chorus of 22 girls to provide the entertainment.

Felicia Schaps, the club's student selection to go to Argentina writes regularly telling of her experiences. For a short time she was living with a family on a 1,250 acre cattle ranch, she transferred to a regular farm, where she helps with the haying and loading sacks of oats. She writes that she particularly likes the Argentine cooking, and there is no lack of rural entertainment.

After 44 continuous days of winter sunshine it finally snowed on January 28th. Winter felt like it had finally arrived.

In February, the club took action to sponsor the second concert of the Marine Band. They will not perform until September 1964 but available dates for the Band are filling up fast.

As Spring approached, renewed efforts resulted in the completion of the Little League Ball diamond at Condon Park. The grass is growing and the backstop is complete. Ready for play this coming season.

After contributing \$75.00 to the Ladies Aid Relief Society, \$50.00 to David Casper to help defray expenses on his trip as representative of Future Farmers of America, where he was awarded the coveted title of "American Farmer", Renovation of the Little League Ball Diamond, and support of the Boy Scout Camp, the club ended the year with a little over \$1,000.00 in the treasury, and 48 members.

The Rotary International Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri June 9-13, with 10,779 Rotarians and guests in attendance

The above information was supplied by Orton E. Goodwin.



Relaxing with Past District Governors

Ed Witter (1953-1954)

Ed Combatalade (1958-1958)



1963 - 1964

President: W.W. "TABE" BISHOP

Vice President: DR. H. ARCH McPHERSON

Secretary/Treas: P. COY MILLER

Directors: Ralph Hockett, Harold Cox, James Harding, Dr. Bob Ross, Jr., Elmer Lindley; P. Coy Miller.

President R.I.: Carl Miller,
Los Angeles, California

Governor Dis. 519: Fred Bartlett, Reno, NV

On July 1, 1963 I picked up the gavel as president of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley with enthusiasm and anticipation. Glenn Jones was a fine Master of Ceremonies, with his usual display of humor. Past District Governor Bert Bertagna was introduced. As an innovation, Glenn presented Mrs. Grace Raymond Porter, our pianist, with a special name button to wear at our meetings. Glenn also presented a 25 year plaque to Gus Helback and Jack Keegan honoring their 25 years of membership. Eddie Tinloy was presented a diamond pin for his thirty years of membership. We opened this term with 47 members.

In August we travelled to Truckee in a chartered bus and enjoyed a great night of fellowship and a delicious steak dinner.

At the opening day of our Nevada County Fair, our club paid for all the children's tickets.

September 15th was Ladies Night at the Bret Harte Inn. Cocktails and a delicious dinner followed. Bert Bertagna and his Rotary-Ann, Freida, along with a large turnout from Grass Valley and Nevada City enjoyed an outstanding evening of entertainment. The highlight of the evening for my Rotary-Ann, Alyne, was the presentation of a Rotary compact by Bert and his wife.

Our Christmas Party began with "Yuletide Eggnog" before the meeting. During the entire meeting, Christmas fun and cheer prevailed, and as a result; a generous donation was collected for the Ladies Relief Society for their Donation Day. After the adjournment of the meeting, Jack Keegan hosted an afternoon social hour at his home across the street.

In January, the club moved from the Bret Harte Inn to the Office. Even though we didn't have a great deal of space, we continued with a good attendance and very good food.

At the last meeting in April, we celebrated "FARMER'S DAY". The club and their invited "Farmer Guests" gathered at the Horsemen's Clubhouse to hear an interesting speaker from the State Legislature on recent laws affecting the farming industry.

The final social event of the year was a Ladies Night at "OUR" Bar-B-Que pit at Memorial Park. The fine steak dinner and all the trimmings were prepared by Wayne Brown and Frank Gallino.

In lieu of our noon meeting for the last meeting in June, the demotion Party and Installation of the officers was held on the following Saturday night at Alta Sierra Clubhouse. This was a Ladies Night with a good attendance. We had visitors from Auburn and Nevada City. After cocktails and the delicious dinner, Harry Rosenberry, from the Auburn Rotary Club, attended to his hilarious duties as Demotion Officer. A large bouquet of red roses was presented to my wife from Harold Shay of Sacramento. The new officers were sworn in and Dr. H. Arch McPherson assumed his duties as President for the next year.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada June 7-11 with 14,661 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Tabe Bishop.



Fran and Ray Duran, et al



1964 - 1965

President: HIRAM A. McPHERSON
Classification: Orthodontist

Vice President: GEORGE HUTCHINS
Secretary/Treas: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Lou Hartmari, Ray Doran, Herb
Troudy Harold Hedman, Dr. 'Robert Ross Jr. ,
Glenn Jones.

President R.I.: Charles W. Pettengill
Greenwich, CT

Governor Dist. 519: John V. Lemmon.
Sacramento, CA

President "Arch" assumed his duties on Monday, July 6, 1964 at The Office Restaurant in Grass Valley. Membership stood at 45 members at the beginning of the year and the club ended the year with 44 members.

Planning started immediately for the First Annual Rotary Horse Show which was held on Sunday, September 6 at the Barbara Busch Ranch. Jeff McGren was in charge of advertising; Heine Basbet trophies; Harold Hedman, parking; and a team of gate attendants was led by Ray Doran. General chairman Lou Hartman reported 128 horses entered in nine classes. All of the participants were well pleased and State and National officials complimented our management of the event.

The first Ladies Night of the year was held at Alta Sierra Country Club on Monday, November 2, 1964. All attending this regular meeting enjoyed the steak dinner, door prizes and dancing to live music till the wee hours. \$5.00 covered the tab.

District Governor Vince Lemmon visited the club on December 7, 1964 and presented a very inspirational message on "Service ~ The Opportunity and Challenge for Each Member". He also reminded the club that with our District attendance at 88.35%, only 2 more points would put us in the top ten. He noted that Grass Valley was already 10th in the District with 89.19% attendance.

The Christmas luncheon, held on December 21 was a marked success. Heine Basbet and his assistants: Harold Hodman and Harvey Wearne, using stethoscope and syringe, bared the unpublished life of each Rotarian. With all the medical instruments available, Heine converted the contents of wallets into a nest egg for the Ladies Relief Society's campaign to help the needy in our midst - what a magician!

One of the highlights of the year was the successful nomination of Allen Haley, then attending Harvard, for a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. Haley returned to Nevada City to become an attorney and eventually became a winery owner as a result of an interest in wine making, developed while he was in Germany.

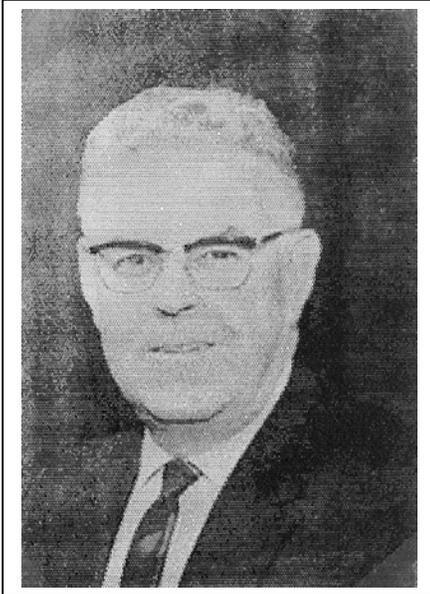
In early March, Rotarian Wayne Brown arranged a mid-day tour of the new County Courthouse in Nevada City. Rotarians found it to be a beautiful building, very well designed. The new jail, the last word in handling prisoners - aroused much interest.

Throughout the year Grass Valley Rotarians continued their support for local projects and community service by devoting time and money toward such worthwhile activities as continued improvements to the Bar-B-Que at Memorial Park, book covers for the elementary school, the Jerry Magonigal foreign project, the American Field Service, Grass Valley Recreation Department, and the High School Seniors Graduation Party. The club was very close to breaking through the 300% level for contributions to The Rotary Foundation as the year closed.

April 26, 1965 marked the first 100% attendance meeting of the year and planning was beginning for the Demotion Party to be held on June 28th at Alta Sierra Country Club. This evening, shared with the ladies of Rotary, was a splendid finnish to Arch McPherson's year as President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 30 - June 3, 1965 with 9,368 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Ken and Evelyn Casper were delegates.

The above information was supplied by John Dickerson.



1965 - 1966

President: GEORGE. O. HUTCHINS
Classification: Telephone Service

Vice President: RAY DORAN
Secretary/Treas: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Coy Miller, Fred Conway, Victor Huber, Harvey Wearne, Harold Hedman, Ken Casper

President R.I.: C.P.H. Teenstra,
Hilversum, The Netherlands

Governor Dist. 519: Gordon D. Moyer,
Tahoe City, CA

The club started the year with 55 members and ended the year with 53 members, the new officers for the 1965-66 year were installed by Past District Governor Ed Best after a dinner party for Rotarians and Rotary Anns at the Alta Sierra Country Club on Monday July 5th. Attendance appeared to be a problem in 1956. On September 27th District Governor Gordon Moyer (now in our club) noted that the Grass Valley Club had dropped from 13th to 22nd in the district. The club changed meeting locations from The Office to the Nugget Inn on Monday, October 4th. On May 16th another move was made to the Bret Harte Inn.

The club had a number of special events during the year. The first Ladies Night of the season was held at Memorial Park on August 23rd. Sheriff Wayne Brown prepared one of his outstanding Bar-B-Ques and the club celebrated the 10th anniversary of its construction of these facilities on October 25th. A Buck Stew evening dinner was prepared by Sheriff Brown at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building., Rotarians invited male guests only to this function. November 22nd found the club sponsoring another Ladies Night at the Alta Sierra Country Club. A dance band was hired for after-dinner entertainment.

In March, two outside events were successful. The Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Free Meal was held at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building and a Rural-Urban Day organized by Rotarian Ken Casper resulted in sixty "rural" guests for the club.

Outstanding programs during the year featured George Wilson, Past President of the California Farm Bureau, on Rural-Urban day, George Betts, the State Treasurer, and a program on types of supersonic aircraft presented by Chuck "The Right Stuff Yeager.

The club treasury began the year with a balance of \$922.57. The only other record available for the year indicated that this balance had increased to \$1,357.37 by March 15th.

Contributions were made to the following organizations during the year- The International Foreign Youth Exchange Program, \$150.00; The Governor's Conference for Children and Youth, \$50.00; the Nevada Union High School Senior Class, \$50.00; the American Field Service \$100.00, and the new Rancho Cordova Rotary Club, \$50.00.

The major project for the Rotary Club of Crass Valley for the year was to help support Condon Park. Toward this goal the club constructed a Little league baseball diamond at the Park.

Eleven members had perfect attendance during the year and the club was at the 200% level in support of The Rotary Foundation.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Keegan, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver P. Stewart and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Casper attended the Rotary International Convention held in Denver, Colorado June 12-16, 1966 with 12,929 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Two outstanding events of the convention were to see and hear the first Astronaut speak and show slides of his trip and to see and hear the 600 member Mormon Tabernacle Choir as they sang for the Convention.

The above information was supplied by George Cook.



Past District Governor Edward Best and President George Hutchins



1966 - 1967

President: RAY DORAN
Classification: Department Stores

Vice President: KEN CASPER
Secretary/Treas: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Alfred Dayton, Michael Good Glenn Jones, Robert Long, Robert Rosa, Robert Vessey

President RI.: Richard L. Evans,
Salt Lake City, UT

Governor Dist. 519: William Schultz,
Carson City, NV

The membership of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley started the 1966-67 year with 60 members. Six new members joined the club during the year. Luncheons were held at the Bret Harte Inn and the cost was \$2.25 per meal.

The major project for the year was the sponsorship of the United States Marine Band. This band was contracted for a year in advance. The event was held at the Veteran's memorial Building on October 17, 1966 with a matinee in the afternoon for school children and also in the evening for adults. The club used the proceeds from this event (\$2,307.00) to help with the financing of the purchase and restoration of the Nevada City Theater.

During the Rotary year the club donated funds to the following causes: \$15.00 to the American Field Service for 1966; sent Allan Haley, our Rotary Foundation student in Freiberg, Germany, \$25.00 for Christmas; \$50.00 to the-High School Senior Class party; \$50.00 to a Youth Conference; \$50.00 each to two members to attend the Convention of R.I.; and \$100.00 to the American Field Service for 1967.

During the year the club voted to increase the dues by \$1.00 per year.

The Christmas Party for the members was held at 4.00 p.m. on December 12th. Each member was fined \$5.00 and the money was given to the Ladies Relief Society for the purchase of additional food in the baskets for those in need in our community. A party was held on February 13th for the Ladies with a Valentine Party.

The District 519 Conference was held at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. The club's bulletin editor won an award for the best bulletin. Dr. Elbridge Best has done an outstanding job for the club for many years.

The district 519 Assembly was held in Ely, Nevada and Kenneth Casper and his wife represented our club. The most important business was the raise in the annual District dues to \$5.00 per member.

The demotion party was held at the new home of Ivan and Linnea Branson on Indian Springs Road. Ivan and Linnea had just completed their new home -and invited the club for the demotion of Ray and the installation of Ken. A court trial was held for Ray and of course he was found guilty. What a great play or skit was put on for the members and guests by George Hutchins and his crew of Rotarians of the demotion of a fine Rotarian, Ray Doran. Ivan and Linnea did a fine job for the Grass Valley Rotary Club and all the ladies got to see their new home. Ken and Evelyn had some friends come all the way from Yorba Linda, California, where Ken originally joined Rotary; to see him installed as President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Nice, France, May 21-25, 1967 with 19,362 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Past District Governor Gordon Moyer (a member of the G.V. Rotary Club since July 1984) was in attendance as a member of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee and as a member of the Sergeant at Arms Committee for the convention.

The above information was supplied by Richard Campion.



Fran and Ray Duran



1967 - 1968

President: KENNETH J. CASPER
Classification: Cattle Raising

Vice President: ROBERT ROSS, JR.
Secretary/Treas: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Victor Huber, Richard Merritt, Coy P. Miller, Carl Roberts, Roger Sanford, Harvey Wearne.

President R.I.: Luther Hodges,
Chapel Hill, NC

Governor Dist. 519: Hilman Kjorlie
Nevada City, CA

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley started the year with 57 members. The average attendance was over 90% for the year.

During the year each speaker was given a small pine tree as a remembrance or in appreciation of his being our program. The tree was in a can with the Rotary emblem on it.

The Rotary year started with the demotion and installation at Ivan and Linnea Branson's new home on Indian Springs Road. Ivan and Linnea did an outstanding job at a cost of \$5.00 per person. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Evelyn, Ken's Lady of Rotary, sent a birth card to each Rotarian on his birthday and an anniversary card to the home of each Rotarian on their wedding anniversary.

The club held one meeting at the Washington Ridge Youth Conservation Camp and presented them with an American Flag as a token of our day spent with them. We also held one club meeting at the John Woolman School on Jones Bar Road. This was a private school for the Quaker religion here in Nevada County. At one meeting, we invited the Soroptomist Club to be our guests. A fun day for both clubs. We held a Ladies night at Memorial park on August 12th to enjoy the Bar-B-Que area put in by the Rotary Club of Grass Valley in 1955-56.

The club also held a Ladies Night at Alta Sierra to honor our returning Rotary Foundation Student, Allen Halley. On November 11 we held a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Nevada City which was a "Buck" stew dinner, costing \$1.00 per person. On March 18th we held our Rural Urban Day and each Rotarian had as his guest a farmer from the area and we had the State President of Farm Bureau as the speaker.

Raffle tickets were sold at 25¢ each and a winner was drawn for a cash award of from \$7.00 to \$11.00 and one free lunch at the next meeting. The largest number of visitors was on September 30th when we had 24 from the following Rotary Clubs - The Bronx, New York; Reno, Nevada; and the following clubs in California - Riverside, Thousand Oaks, Avenal, Roseville, Colusa, Santa Barbara, Nevada City and Auburn. During the year Ken had to pay two \$10.00 fines for 100% meetings. The club met at the Bret Harte Inn the first half of the year and at The Office for the second half.

There was \$1,329.22 on hand at the start of the year and the year ended with \$1,133.28 in the treasury. Some of the major expenditures for the year were as follows: Purchase of a lamb at the Fair; gave money to UNICEF; Money for awards at the Science Fair; funds to start the Grass Valley Mining Museum in the Golden Rule Store; Ladies Relief Fund; Nevada General Hospital (television set); District 519 T.B. Hospital at Senango, Zambia, South Africa; Little League lights; Nevada Union High School Senior Party; and \$327.00 to The Rotary Foundation to reach the 300% plateau.

The main project for the year was the money and time given to the Historical Society for the start of the Grass Valley Mining Museum in the Golden Rule Store on Mill Street in downtown Grass Valley. Many of our members and their wives worked evenings to fix up the old store for a museum. The Historical Society had collected many artifacts and there was a lot of interest in making sure that these artifacts would be properly displayed. The museum operated in the Old Golden Rule store for a year and a half and then a large donation of artifacts was given to the City of Grass Valley. Since the store was not large enough to house the additional material, a permanent location was found with the city purchasing the Pelton Wheel site, where the museum is now housed.

The demotion party was held in the Elks building. Ken was dressed as an Arab Sheik and had to ride one of the "Pony" rides brought to the hall for Ken to ride while everyone enjoyed the food. The head table was decorated with a barn, bull and cows with Ken's brand on them. Esther Ross played several pieces on the piano and Ken was demoted and Dr. Robert Ross, Jr. was installed as president of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley for the 1968-69 Rotary Year.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Mexico City, Mexico, May 12-16 1968 with 11,240 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross attended the convention as representatives of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The above information was supplied by Kenneth J. Casper.



Stan McCaffrey
Pres R.I. 81-82

Al Simonet
D.G. 78-79

Helm Kjorlie
D.G. 67-68

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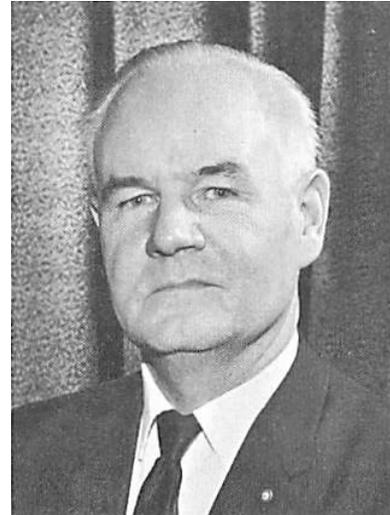
President: ROBERT L. ROSS, JR
Classification: Optometry

Vice/President: COY MILLER
Secretary/Treas: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Robert L. Long, Richard Merritt, Carl Roberts, Rober Sanford, George Hutchins

President R.I.: Kiyoshi Togasaki,
Tokyo, Japan

Governor Dist. 519: Joe Svilich
Carmichael, CA



During the 1968-1969 Rotary year the Rotary Club of Grass Valley held its regular Monday meetings at the Bret Harte Inn and at The Office. Meals were \$.2.25 and \$2.50 during the year.

There were 56 members on the club roster and attendance averaged around the 90% figure.

Highlights of the year included a very successful visit to the club by District Governor Joe Svilich in late August. His planning conference left the club with many and varied challenges to improve our world of Rotary.

At the Junior Market Livestock Auction, sponsored by the Nevada County Purebred Beef Breeders Association, at the Nevada County District Fair, 44 of the 135 assorted beef, lambs and hogs were purchased by Rotarians. The club purchased a ewe lamb, which was given to a deserving FFA lad.

On Valentine's Day, the club had its big social event of the year, "Governor Joe's Night" at the Alta Sierra Clubhouse. All of the District 519 officers present were recognized and honored. The demotion party was another big one, with a large attendance at the Rotary Bar-B-Que center in Memorial Park, with Sheriff Wayne Brown's crew serving steaks and delicious food.

In May 1969, at the District Conference in The Nugget, Sparks, Nevada, our club's weekly bulletin "The Spoke" received the First award and top recognition went to editor Dale Boothby.

The Rotary Project for the year took place November 8, 1968 at the Veterans Memorial Building. General Piatoff's Cossack Chorus and dancers of 25 men sang and performed to the delight and thrill of a packed house. They had given more than 6,000 concert performances in 25 years, in most of the world's countries except Russia, as they are White Russian emigrants who fought Communism during the Russian Revolution. The troop cost \$1,800.00 and about the same amount was cleared by the club and was used to develop and landscape a one mile nature and hiking trail in the woods south of Lyman Gilmore School.

Dr. Elbridge J. Best and Mr. & Mrs. Coy Miller attended the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, May 25-29, 1969 together with 14,453 Rotarians and guests. Jack Best was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, being PHF # 284 in the world of Rotary. It was a great honor for him and for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The above information was supplied by Dr. Robert L. Ross, Jr.



"Dr. Bob" Ross

1969 - 1970

President: PASCHAL COY MILLER
Classification: Banking, Savings.

Vice President: ROBERT W. LONG
Secretary/Treas.: MICHAEL L. GOOD

Directors: Roger Sanford, Byron Gordon,
Glenn Jones, Howard Swearingen, Robert
Long, Michael Good, Ray Doran; Coy Miller.

President R. I.: James F. Conway
Sun City, AZ

Governor Dist. 519: Ralph Grosser, Ely, NV



The beginning membership for 1969-70 was 58 to which were added 6 new members as the year progressed.

Projects for the year included the finishing of the Condon Park Little League area, (fence, dugouts, bleachers), the completion of the Nature Trail at the Lyman Gilmore School, the introduction of a local Rotary Handbook complete with pictures of the members; and the promotion of the "Guide Dog for the Blind" program.

In addition to the projects, the club donated \$100.00 to the Department of Social Services for Christmas gifts to children in foster homes, \$2,700.00 to contract with the Marine Corp Band for its' annual concert, \$100.00 to the Boy Scenes, and \$250.00 to the Nevada County Community workshop.

Club meetings were held regularly at The Office. Special meetings included a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Sacramento, a Christmas Party with the Ladies and a joint meeting with the members of the local Soroptomist Club as guests of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

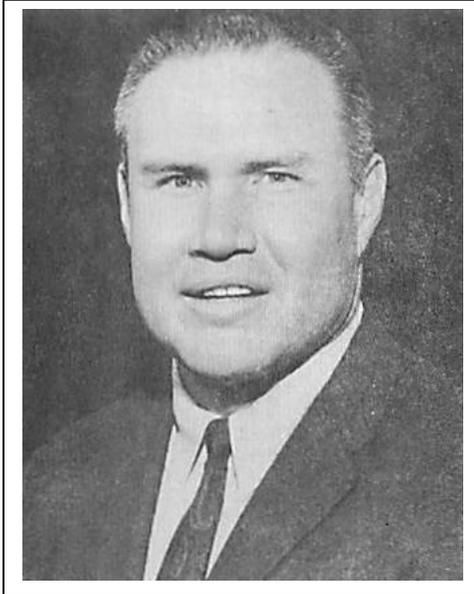
As President-elect, Coy Killer attended the R.I. Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. A successful Demotion celebration was held in the Memorial Park on June 8, 1970.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia May 31-June 4; 1970 with 10,803 Rotarians and Guests in attendance. Past President Ken Casper represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the Convention.

The above information was supplied by Herbert Ambrosius.



Coy Miller with District Governor Ralph Crosser



1970 - 1971

President: ROBERT W. LONG
Classification: Insurance, General

Secretary/Treas.: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Ivan Branson, Roger Sanford,
Fred Conway, Byron Gordon, Roy Killion

President R.I.: William E. Walk, Jr.
Ontario, Canada.

Governor Dist. 519: Robert J. Slobs

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley met at The
Office Restaurant during the year 1970 - 71.

We had a full social calendar. A picnic was held in Memorial Park on September 27th. The wives were in attendance and enjoyed watching Glenn Jones eat. On September 28, the District Governor visited the Club. He was presented with a gold nugget tie-tack (gold was then about \$90.00 an ounce). The Christmas Party was held on December 14th. Our guests were Dan's Trish Hale. Father Jerry Ryle and the High School Chorus. A Ladies night was held on March 15th with a fashion show given my member Fred Conway. Rural-Urban Day was held on May 3rd with Parker Stortz as Chairman. The retiring President took a lot of heat from a "Pseudo" County board OF Supervisors at the demotion. The Demotion took place at Lake Wildwood on June 26th.

The major fund raising effort for the year took place on October 20th. Chairman Harvey Wearne did an outstanding job in co-ordinating our efforts in presenting the U.S. Marine Band to the community with two concerts. The club also sponsored a July 4th Queen contestant, Rori Gallegos.

Because of our successful Marine Band Concert the club was able to provide help to many local causes. The High School Boosters Club received \$100.00; 1100.00 was given to the County Welfare Department for the purchase of toys for foster children; \$100.00 was given to the Soroptomist Club for their help in selling Marine Band tickets- \$60.00 was set aside to pay for ski rental for the Swedish Exchange Student. A savings bond of \$25.00 was given as a prize for the Science Fair.

Each member willingly gave \$5.00 for the Ladies Relief Christmas effort. The Boy Scouts of America received \$100.00. \$50.00 was given to American Field Service. A lamb was purchased at the Youth Livestock auction at the County Fair. A small gift was given to the Rotary Club of Chenandega, Nicaragua for rehabilitation of polio victims.

Our major project purchase was a Dermatome, a piece of medical equipment used in the treatment of burn patients. The gift was given to the local medical community to be used at any of the three hospitals.

During this year our member, Kenneth J. Casper and his wife, Evelyn went of the C Caribbean for Rotary International and Church World Services to make feasibility studies on different Islands in the Caribbean. These studies were to establish different businesses to help them help themselves. Ken was able to establish a clothing factory and a citrus juice factory on the island of Dominica.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Sydney, Australia May 16-20th, 1971 with 16,646 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Robert W. Long.



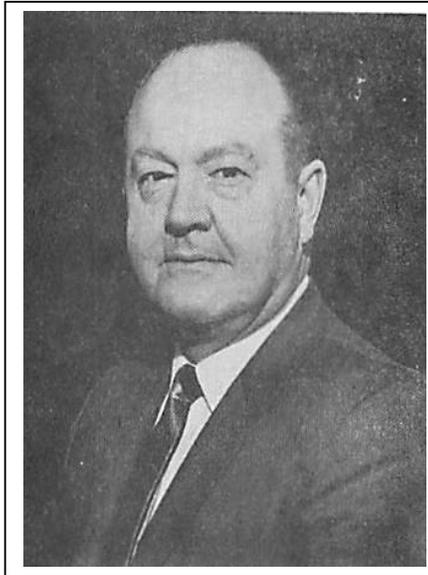
Glenn Jones

Bob Long

Pearl Jones

Ken Casper

Bob Long Demotion Party 1971



1971 – 1972

President: HOWARD SWEARINEN
Classification: Electric Light & Power

Vice President: BYRON GORDON
Secretary/Treas.: MICHAEL GOOD

Directors: Roy Killion, Arch MPherson, Richard Merritt, Cecil V. Tremewan

President R.I: Ernst G. Breitholtz
Nybro, Sweden

Governor Dist. 519: Keith W. Jacob
Rancho Cordova, CA

The year started off with the installation at Lake Wildwood. Dr. Harold Weaver, of Sierra College, was the installing officer. The installation was held in conjunction with, a "regular" County Board of Supervisors meeting, as part of the demotion of Bob Long.

As the year started, there were donations to the City Tennis Tournament, the club bought a lamp at the Fair, and a donation to the American Cancer Society was made in memory of Past District Governor Bob Slobe.

By November, work was already under way for the major project of the year. The installation of light standards in the parking lot on South Auburn Street. The cost of the project was \$1,300.00.

On February 14th A Valentine Party was held for all the members and their Valentines.

In March it was decided to send \$3.00 per member, to the District Governor for his Mexico project. During the Rotary year 1971-72 the regular meetings of the Grass Valley Rotary Club were held at The Office Restaurant.

In April, the Directors voted to give \$100.00 to purchase personal hygiene kits for the girls at North Star. They also gave \$50.00 to the American Field Service. The Light standards will be long remembered as the outstanding project for the year.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Houston, Texas June 11-15, 1972 with 13,287 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Ed and Ruth Doyle represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at this convention.

The above information was provided by Al Alstrand.



Board of Directors 1978 – 1979

Top Row: Al Alstrand, Ed Doyle, Jerry Daugherty, Paul Law

Bottom Row: Brad Elsworth, Al Carver, Bill Thomas, Chuck Elizondo, Vince Seck



1972 – 1973

President: BYRON GORDON

Classification: Escrow Services

Secretary: EDMOND A. DOYLE

Directors: Wally Krill, Floyd Wright, Randy Bullock, Harold Nye, Cecil Tremewan, Bill Schultz, Dick Merrit.

President R.I.: Roy Hickman,
Birmingham, ALA.

Governor Dist. 519: Ernest Newton,
Carson City, NV

A program to honor the "Employee of the Month" starting with October, 1972 and running through June; 1973 was approved by the Board of Directors. An award of a \$25.00 Savings Bond was provided by the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The "Cow Bells" catered the Rural-Urban luncheon at the Veterans Memorial building.

Small flags were ordered for presentation to visiting Rotarians. A portion, not to exceed \$50.00 of the Ladies Relief Fund was to be given to the Foster Children Program for Christmas gifts.

The Christmas party was held at noon on December 18th at The Office. After this meeting it was decided that the club would move to the Empire Hotel for its regular noon meetings.

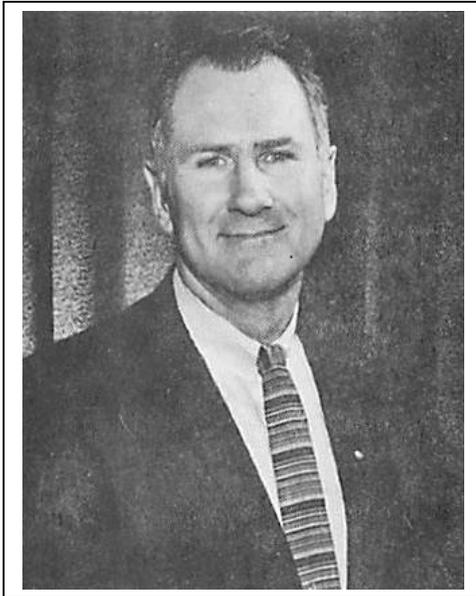
New badges for Senior Active members were ordered. Senior Active members would be assessed \$1.00 when the new badges were received.

A plaque was approved for the Science Fair, not to exceed \$25.00. A "Skin Graft machine" was purchased for Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. \$100.00 was contributed in continued support of the Boy Scouts.

At the March 1973 meeting of the Board it was decided to discontinue the annual contribution to North Star.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Lausanne, Switzerland May 13-17, 1973 with 17,187 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was taken from the minutes of the Board meeting for 1972-73. (Editor).



1973 – 1974

President: RICHARD A. MERRITT
Classification: Arts & Crafts

Vice President: CECIL TREMEWAN
Secretary/Treas: EDMOND A. DOYLE

Directors: Harvey Wearne, Harold Nye,
Bradford Ellsworth, Orton Goodwin, Wallace
Krill, Roger Sanford

President K.I.: William C. Carter, Old
Windsor, England

Governor Dist. 519: Gordon Cinnamond
Marysville, CA

Luncheon meetings were held at the Holbrooke Hotel and the Empire House Restaurant. On February 25th the club started meeting at the Holiday House Restaurant on a trial basis.

A Ladies Night was held at the lake of the Pines on October 25th Orton Goodwin made the arrangements. The Christmas Party was also held at the Lake of the Fines on December 13th. The cost was \$15.00 per couple.

On March 11th the Board of Directors voted to have the 1974-75 District Assembly in Grass Valley. The District Conference was held at John Ascuaga's Nuggets in Sparks, Nevada and the District Assembly was held in Marysville at Yuba College.

At the board meeting on July 18th, 1973 the Pelton Wheel Museum project was approved and the following were selected as team captains: Team #1, John Carruthers; Team #2, Ray Doran; Team #3, Orton Goodwin; Team #4, Willard Schultz. Wally Krill was selected to take care of tize chicken lunches for the evening picnic at the Museum. Other actions taken at the board meeting included donating \$100.00 for the Tennis Tournament. Early leavers fines were increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Wally Krill was appointed Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

The main projects for the year were to restore the Mining Museum and to install rest benches and litter cans in the downtown area. We won the District award for the best Club Project at the District Conference. A picnic was held at the North Star Mine Museum on August 6th.

The initiation fee was increased to \$60.00 for new members and birthday and anniversary fees were set at \$3.00 each. The club discussed donating a bull to India.

In December the club was notified that Past President Ken Casper had been chosen for District Governor for the following year. Ken agreed to give \$500.00 toward a Paul-Harris Fellow award if the club would match it.

New members accepted into the Grass Valley Rotary Club included the following: Jay Cooper, Father O'Reilly, Gordon H. Helwig Jr., William Thomas and Clyde Goodnight.

On January 15th the treasurer reported a balance of \$804.00 in the checking account and \$338.00 in the savings account. A Valentine's Party was planned to be held at the lake of the Pines.

The following appropriations were approved: \$360.00 for trash cans, \$15.00 to the blood bank, \$50.00 each to the Boy Scouts and the 4H Club.

Wally Krill was appointed demotion chairman. The demotion was held at the Holbrooke Hotel. The District Governor, Gordon Cinnamond was the installing officer for the incoming President and club officers.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota June 9-13, 1974 with 10,015 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Kenneth and Evelyn Casper represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the Convention.

The above information was supplied by Selmer Satre.



1974 – 1975

President: CECIL V. TREMEWAN
Classification: Men's Clothing Retail

Vice President: WILLARD SCHULTZ
Secretary / Treas.: EDMOND DOYLE

Directors: Dale Boothby, William Goldman,
Henry Noble, Wallace Krill, Roger Sanford.

President R.I.: William A. Robbins,
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Governor Dist. 519: Kenneth Casper,
Grass Valley, CA

This year started with the demotion of Richard Merritt and I was sworn in as President by District Governor Gordon Cinnamond. Due to the efforts of the Board or Directors and Secretary Ed Doyle we had a busy year. Steig Brage Andersen came to us as a Y.E.S. student and was hosted by 4 local Rotarians and their families. We made further improvements at the North Star Power House project which had been started earlier under Richard Merritt. Brad Ellsworth gave the club a milking Shorthorn bull to be sent to an Agricultural College in India. Unfortunately a change of Generals at Beale Air Force Base cancelled shipping the bully so we arranged to ship several hundred vials of semen from similar stock at U.C. Davis. The bull was returned to Brad Ellsworth who showed the bull at the Milking Shorthorn Breeders Convention in Nebraska where he won Grand National Champion.

Socially, we held several Ladies nights Clubhouse, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Mr. William R. Robbins, Rotary International President, came to Sacramento for an official visit to the District. On January 6th Ken made arrangements to have Mr. Robbins and his wife at the Nacional Hotel in Nevada City to meet the District Officers. Almost 1,000 Rotarians and wives came to Sacramento to hear Bill Robbins speak at the Woodlake Inn. This program was arranged by District Governor, Ken Casper.

On March 15th, 1975 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our club. Clubs attending were: Nevada City, Truckee, Auburn and Placerville. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Henry Sleeper, a Sacramento Rotarian who also made a presentation of a new gavel. Ken Casper, District Governor, made a presentation on behalf of Rotary International. More than 150 Rotarians and wives enjoyed the dinner and dancing at the Elks Club.

Thanks to Past- President Bob Ross, a Trustee at Sierra College, we rode to Sierra College via a college bus to tour the college. We were served a steak dinner before touring the campus.

A 50th Anniversary "History of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley" was published in the Union on March 14th, 1975.

In May, 1975, we went to Sparks, Nevada for the District Conference. Our club was honored for its 50 years in Rotary. Also, the demotion of Ken Casper as District Governor. Ken was honored for his untiring efforts in promoting Rotary in District 519. He was the 1st Rotarian from our club to be honored as District Governor and he set an example for incoming governors to emulate.

In June of 1975 the District Assembly was held at Watt Park Fairgrounds under Ken Casper direction. Many of the members of the Grass Valley and Nevada City clubs helped with the arrangements which were very successful. While the sessions were held, the ladies of Rotary traveled by bus to various places in Grass Valley and Nevada City, which included a tour of Bourn Mansion at the Empire Mine State Park. This was one of the largest District Assemblies ever held in District 519. Even though it was held outside all events were well attended.

My year as President ended July 1st with my demotion dinner, held at the Holbrooke Hotel with arrangements made by Richard Merritt, Fast President. Past District Governor Gordon Cinnamond of Marysville was the installing officer. The year was rewarding to me, thanks to the constant prodding of Ken Casper and our Secretary, Ed Doyle. Our weekly programs were excellent and our club showed a net gain of 13 members.

At the District Conference in 1975 Ken Casper made his wife Evelyn, a Paul Harris Fellow. She was the first wife of a Rotarian in District 519 to become a Paul Harris fellow and the Caspers then became the first Rotarian couple to be Paul Harris Fellows.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada June 8-12, 1975 with 12,975 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Ken and Evelyn Casper represented our club at the Convention.

The above information was provided by Cecil V. Tremewan.



1975 – 1976

President: WILLARD W. SCHULTZ
Classification: Gasoline Retailing
Date of membership: 11-17-69

Vice President: WALLACE KRILL
Secretary/Treas.: ED DOYLE

Directors: Dale Boothby, Bill Goldman, Tedd Gregg, Rodger Sanford, Chris Schaaf, Cecil Tremewan, J Henry Noble

President R.I.: Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Governor Dist. 51.9: Theodore H. Stokes,
Carson City, NV

The demotion and installation program was held at the Holbrooke Hotel with Past District Governor Gordon Cinnamond serving as the installing officer. It was a nice affair and the club continued to meet at the Holbrooke for four meetings before moving to Salomey Jane's in the Bret Harte. After three meetings the club moved back to the Holbrooke for the remainder of the year. Each speaker was given a letter opener in appreciation for his presenting the program for the club. The cost of the lunches went from \$4.50 to \$5.00 during the year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Brad Ellsworth, rural Urban Day Committee Chairman, had a special program when each member of the club invited a farmer as a guest.

The film "Chalk Talk" on alcoholism was reviewed by the club and subsequently purchased the film for the Nevada County Council on Alcoholism.

A great picnic was held in memorial Park with Bill Schultz and Hank Noble doing the honors at the Bar-B-Que grill.

On a field trip to Sierra College a fine dinner and tour of the college was provided by College President Rotarian Jerry Angove. He told about the College and the programs and happenings of the college - an excellent trip.

State Assemblyman Gene Chappie attended our Wine Tasting Party.

Two special work days were set aside for the Mining Museum.

The lamb purchased by the club at the Junior Livestock Auction provided the main course for the Bar-B-Que at the home of Brad Ellsworth.

PROJECTS: The main project for the year was providing \$1,000.00 to the Grass Valley School District for doted circuit television.

Under the Student Guest program a Highschool student was brought to each weekly meeting - his lunch being provided by the club.

Thanks to Glenn Jones all of the trash cans in the downtown Grass Valley area were reconditioned.

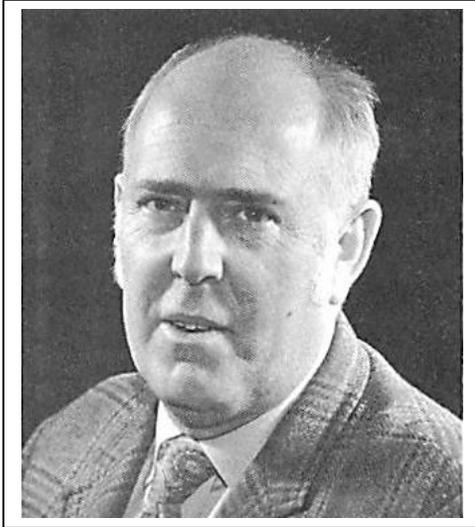
Brian Merrit, son of "Rotarian Dick Merritt, was sponsored by the club as a Youth Exchange Student to India. This proved to be a very interesting experience for both Brian and the club.

MEMBERSHIP: The year started with a membership of 64 and thanks to an effective membership development committee the year ended with 76 members, the average attendance for the year was 91%.

FISCAL: In spite of the fact that the year started with about \$400.00 in the "red" incoming president Wally Krill was able to start his new year with \$1,050.00 in the club's account.

CONVENTION: Ken and Evelyn Casper represented the Rotary club of Grass Valley at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans Louisiana - June 13-17, 1976 with 13,935 fellow Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Willard W. Schultz.



1976 – 1977

President: WALLACE L. KRILL
Classification: Insurance, Casualty

Vice President: CHRISTIAN SCHAAF
Secretary/Treas.: ED DOYLE

Directors: Ted Gregg, Chuck Elizondo, Bob Vessey, Date Boothby, Bill Thomas, Al Carver

President R.I.: Robert A. Manchester II
Youngstown, Ohio

Governor Dist. 519: Maurice Jones
Alturas, CA

Installation of the officers and demotion took place at the residence of Paul and Jean Law at Lake Wildwood. Chef Monk Brown and his associates provided everyone with an excellent dinner at this meeting.

The year began with a joint meeting with Nevada City held at the Grass Valley Memorial Park Rotary area. Over one hundred Rotarians and the wives attended this joint meeting. During the course of the year, several social events were held including our Christmas party at Lake Wildwood and dances at Lake of the Pines.

As a result of problems at The Office eating establishment, a move was made to have luncheon served at the Holiday Village Restaurant. Unfortunately, prior to the first meeting, a fire occurred at the Holiday and as a result, the luncheon had to be moved to the Empire House Restaurant. It appeared to be the first time in the history of Grass Valley that a designated luncheon spot had become unavailable before the very first meeting.

During the summer, the first annual Rotary/Lions softball game was held. Through the sterling play of Jerry Dougherty and Jack Moorhead, the Rotary Club prevailed 21 to 1°. Incidentally; the, Rotary Club was given a seven run handicap that did help slightly. While there were no major surgical procedures required after the encounter the following Monday morning several Rotarians were noticeably absent from their business places and our meeting, due to severe stiffness of joints and the nursing of aches and pains.

During the course of the year, the Reverend Earl Langguth of Grass Valley Rotary Club visited Penzance, England, on an exchange. His counterpart visited several times at our meetings.

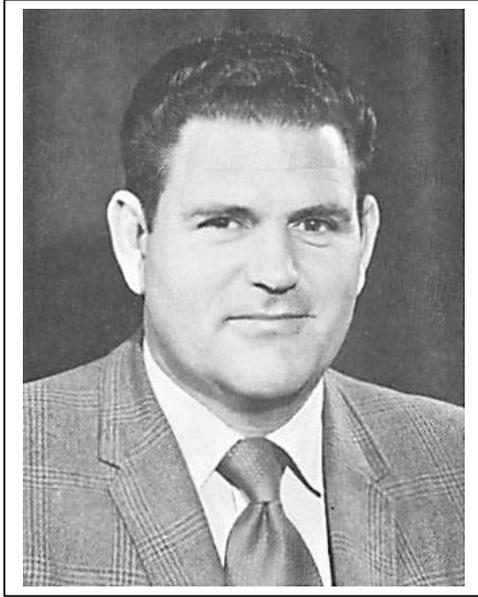
Several Rotarians helped inaugurate the AMTRAK re-dedication of Colfax as a stop. For a number of years, Colfax had not been available to the general public as a station, but a special train was set up for a day trip including a dinner and return the same evening. A number of Rotarians attended the function and all enjoyed it including the dancing and dining on the car enroute to and on return from Reno.

The Club's ongoing project of work at the Mining Museum continued under the direction of Glenn Jones. A number of Rotarians and their wives participated in the cleaning and the planting of ground cover.

Our Law Day Recognition Program in March of 1977 was enthusiastically received. Our club was visited on September 27th by District Governor Mick Jones from Alturas. At the time of his visit, the worldwide family of Rotary consisted of approximately 800,000 Rotarians.

The Rotary International Convention was held in San Francisco, California June 5-9, 1977 with 14,168 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Kenneth and Evelyn Casper represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the convention.

The above information was supplied by Wallace L. Krill.



1977 - 1978

President: CHRISTIAN SHAAF

Classification: Savings & Loans

Vice President: WILLIAM THOMAS

Secretary/Treas.: EDMOND A. DOYLE

Directors: Robert Vessey, Paul Law, Charles Elizondo, Wallace Krill, William Thomas, Al Carver, Brad Ellsworth. Vince Seek, Al Alstrand

President R.I.: W. Jack Davis
Hamilton, Bermuda

Governor Dist. 519: Albert J. Sessarego
Sacramento, CA

The Rotary year started with the demotion party which was held at the home of Paul and Jeanne Law, on the lake at Lake Wildwood. This was held on Sunday afternoon starting at 2.00 p.m. with boating swimming, games and refreshments with a Combo playing music in the background. Dinner was at 6.00 p.m. with the demotion following.

The year was started with a membership of 64 and ended with 66 members. We had 19 members with 100% attendance. During the year we gave each speaker a come-apart key ring with the Rotary emblem on it.

The first board meeting was held at the home of President Chris Schaaf where he proposed that for the rest of the year the Board meetings would be held at one of the Board member's homes and that the host home would supply the refreshments and main course for the dinner. The hostess would contact the remaining wives of the board members to supply a staple dish to go along with the dinner. Time for Board meetings would be the 3rd Thursday of each month with Social Hour at 6.30 p.m., dinner at 7.30 p.m. and Board Meeting following. The Rotary Anns would have a social or could work on a special project or whatever they wished to do during the board meeting. The reason for this was to build a better attendance at the Board Meetings and get the ladies to know each other better, therefore building a closer and more compatible working group. Each board member was assigned a meeting night to host. This function proved to be very successful as we are still following this practice today.

During the year we had a soft ball game between the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Lions Club which was won by the Rotary Club. Both clubs split the cost of refreshments 50/50. This function was well attended by the families of both clubs.

During the year tarry Ferrell, Wally Krill and Ed Doyle became Paul Harris fellows. One fireside meeting was held at the home of President Chris, which was well attended. New members for the year were: Tom Rumbal, Charles Gratner, Fred Bandy, Dan Druge, Walt Graham, Lyle Jones, Paul Weaver, Joe Pietroantonio and John Speigl.

Among the many Community Service projects were the following: Three awards were made in the amount of \$500.00 toward Nevada Union High School Scholarships;

The club printed the NUHS sports events programs for all sporting events. The program was on front with the Four-Way-Test printed on the back. This was a give-away card to be placed in businesses to be picked up by their customers. This program was started with the Girls Basketball schedule at a cost of \$250.00.

The club agreed to underwrite the expense for a guide dog pup which will be taken care of by Brad Ellsworth, the cost was \$200.00.

A portable steam table was provided for the Senior Citizens at a cost of \$300.00. A donation of \$300.00 was given to the Mine Museum.

A donation was made to the District Governors Project and to the Boy Scouts, each in the amount of \$100.00.

Four members of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, together with their wives attended the charter night of the Re-Chartered Rotary Club of Truckee. Ken Casper, Bill Thomas, John Richards and Chris Schaaf presented the Truckee club with \$250.00 to help them get started. Ken served as the Special Representative of the Dist. Gov.

In May there was a joint meeting with the Rotary club of Nevada City to host the Group Study Exchange team from Turkey. The costs were split by the two clubs. After the meeting the guests were put up for the night in homes of Grass Valley Rotarians who took them to the Rotary Club of Lincoln for their next stop.

On Law Enforcement Day we hosted all members who could attend from Grass Valley and Nevada City Police Departments and the Nevada County Sheriff's Office.

The annual Christmas party was held at Lake Wildwood. The dinner-dance is always well attended by members and guests.

The major project for this year was "Operation Identification". The project was to identify the room that children or disabled persons might be using by placing a decal in the window that can be seen from the outside of a home or building by the Fire Department or other emergency groups to help in locating them in the event of an emergency. This project was well received by the local fire departments. The projected cost was around \$1,500.00.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Tokyo, Japan, May 14-18, 1978 with 39,834 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above material was supplied by Christian Schaaf.





1978 - 1979

President: WILLIAM F. THOMAS

Classification: Title Insurance

Vice President: CHARLES ELIZONDO

Secretary / Treas.: EDMOND A. DOYLE

Directors: V. Seck, Al Alstrand, Al Carver, Chris Schaaf, Jerry Dougherty, B. Ellsworth, Paul Law

President R.I.: Clem Renouf,
Nambour, Queensland,
Australia

Governor Dist. 519: Al Simonet,
Auburn, CA

The 1978-79 Rotary year could be called different and unusual, speckled with unique happenings and different changes.

We upgraded our by-laws to conform to the mandates of Rotary International. December 1978 became the first time we elected a President-Elect in addition to the usual offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

The club chose to create and change its banner to the one we are presently using.

The club participated in the Youth Exchange Student Program and we accepted a very pretty young lady by the name of Joanne Smith from New Zealand, who spent the next year living with the families of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The club entered into many civic and community projects. Some of the more noteworthy were the Memorial Chapel of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital where the club provided \$1,000.00 cash to back the project, while others provided time and labor. The Rotary Club of Grass Valley provided \$1,500.00 worth of books, shelving and equipment for the Nevada County Public Library. A \$500.00 student scholarship was created at Nevada Union High School. Additional support was provided for the care and feeding of a guide dog for the blind while the young dog was in training.

Through our own Past District Governor, Ken Casper, President-Elect of Rotary International, Stan McCaffrey of Stockton, was invited and did accept to be a guest speaker which was quite an honor for our club.

Perhaps the most impressive and memorable event came as a result of the passing of one of my very dear friends, Johnny Richards, a Paul Harris Fellow and possibly one of the most unforgettable characters you could ever meet. In his honor, a special Paul Harris award was created by the club and within three weeks the one thousand dollars necessary was raised within our club. This special Paul Harris Fellow award was entrusted to a committee which very fittingly presented it to another fellow Rotarian, Wayne Brown, Sheriff of Nevada County, who ironically happened to also be very close to Johnny. As a result of this and other generous contributions of our fellow Rotarians, we increased our percentage in The Rotary Foundation from 3000 to 3300 percent that year.

Under the leadership of Ken Casper, the District Governor's Special Representative, a new Rotary Club was started at Incline. Nevada, being chartered in October 1979. The Rotary Club of Grass Valley donated the Bell and Club Banner to the new Club.

In all a very unique year, filled with pride, happiness, sadness and some accomplishment.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Rome, Italy, June 10-13, 1979 with 14,429 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by William F. Thomas.



*Stan McCaffery
Pres RI 81-82*

*Al Simonet
DG 78-79*

*Helm Kjorlie
DG 67-68*

*Vince Lemmon
DG 64-65*



1979 - 1980

President: CHARLES V. ELIZONDO

Vice President: PAUL LAW

President-Elect: ALLEN CARVER

Secretary/Treas.: PAUL WEAVER

Directors: Vince Seck, William Elliott, Al Alstrand, William Thomas, Brad Ellsworth, Clyde Goodnight, John Raggio completed the year for Vince Seck and Ted Gregg for Brad Ellsworth.

President R.I.: James L. Bomar, Jr.,
Shelbyville, TN

Governor Dist. 519: Frank McBride, Jr.
Sacramento, CA

All four Avenues of Service were well accommodated during this year under the category of Club Service the following activities are to be noted: Two Fireside meetings to inform new members on Rotary information were conducted; Three 100% meetings were held the year; One inter-club meeting was held; A family picnic held at the Ellsworth Ranch and the Christmas party was held the Alta Sierra Country Club; A Rotary International 75th Anniversary dinner dance was held with the Rotary clubs of Nevada City, Truckee and Auburn invited to hear guest speaker; Clifford Dochterman, Vice-President of the University of the Pacific; Father-Son and Father-Daughter luncheons were held; Seventeen Past Presidents were presented with framed certificates honoring them for their year of service.

The regular weekly meetings were held at the Holbrooke with lunches starting the year at \$3.75 and going to \$4.25 during the year. There were 63 members at the end of the year. The average attendance was 93.2%.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley was active in the area of Community Service. Included within this area of service were the following activities: Four bleachers were purchased for use at Condon Park and Union Hill School at the cost of some \$3,700, a part of which was raised by a Pops Concert held at Condon Park; Work days were scheduled at the Grass Valley Mining Museum to change and improve the picnic and park grounds sprinkling system, install picnic tables and Bar-B-Que spaces, re-sod and plant new grass in the park and picnic area and clear brush on the north hillside area; a \$500.00 scholarship was given to a Nevada Union High School student, the funds being raised by a golf tournament held at Lake Wildwood.

Several contributions were made during the year to various organizations: \$50.00 to the Nevada Union High School Booster Club, \$235.00 to the Ladies Relief Society; \$250.00 to the Boy Scouts; \$200.00 for food for a 4-H lamb at the County Fair; a distribution of "Identification" decals to assist the Fire Department in locating bedrooms of children and disabled persons in the event of a house fire.

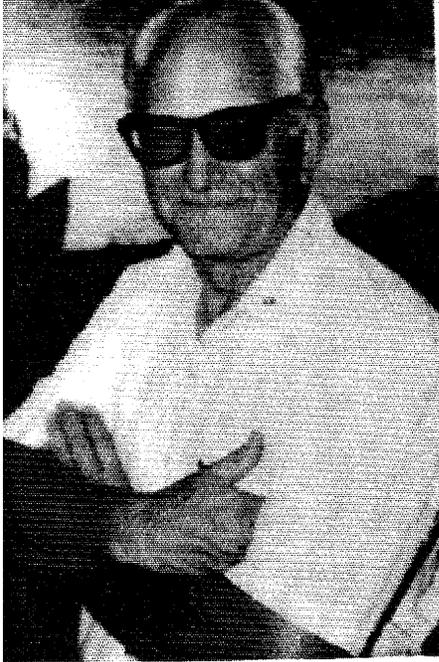
Not to be forgotten was the attention given to the field of Vocational Service: A small business seminar was conducted in a joint project with the Rotary Club of Nevada City. Six sessions were held covering the following topics - Finding the Right Market Place, Federal, State and Local requirements in Accounting, Banking finance and legal, Marketing and inventory, Sales and advertising and an overall summary and review. The Four-Way-Test was printed on Nevada Union High School Athletic schedules. Four programs were given by club members on their vocations. An Employer-Employee day was held during the year.

A helping hand was extended around the world through the support of International Service programs. The club hosted Y.E.S. student Joanne Smith from Auckland, New Zealand, hosted the Group Study Team from West Africa, Contributed \$150.00 to the Health, Hunger and Humanities Program of the Rotary Foundation and ended the year at the 2800% plateau in contributions to The Rotary Foundation

The District Conference was held at the NUGGET in Sparks, Nevada.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois June 1-5, 1980 with 19,309 Rotarians and Guests in attendance. Ken and Evelyn Casper represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the Convention. Past District Governor Gordon Moyer, as a member of the Executive Staff of R.I. arranged for more than 4,300 Rotarians, from around the world, to visit the Central Office of Rotary International. Guides were provided with language capabilities in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and French. Members of the staff were available as needed with speech capabilities in twenty-two additional languages.

The above information was provided by Charles Elizondo.



1980 - 1981

President: ALLEN W. CARVER, Sr.

Vice President: JERRY DOUGHERTY

President-Elect: PAUL LAW

Secretary/Treas.: PAUL WEAVER

Directors: Al Astrand, William Elliott, Walter Graham, Ralph Hockett, Charles Elizondo, John Raggio

President of R.I.: Rolf J.V. Klarich
Helsinki-Helsingfors, Finland

Governor Dist. 519: Larry F. Willison
Arden Arcade, CA

The year started with rousing good fellowship at the demotion party for Chuck Elizondo, held at Rotarian Paul Law's place in Lake Wildwood.

During the year we had a net gain in membership of two members.

Among several projects for the year were the following: The bleachers were installed at the League Baseball field in Condon Park, at a cost of \$2,000.00; A speech contest at the three local high schools based on the Four-Way-Test; Ten living immediate Past Presidents were made Sustaining Paul Harris fellows; A successful Golf Tournament was held at Lake Wildwood Country Club providing funds to award a \$500.00 scholarship to a Nevada Union High School Graduate.

Our Youth Exchange Student, Joann Smith of Auckland, New Zealand gave President Al Carver and her counselor, Vince Seck, some anxious moments as she became quite romantically involved (contrary to R.I. rules for YES) with a young man from Grass Valley. She did however, return to New Zealand as scheduled. She came back shortly to marry the young man and now has a wonderful family. Once again providing the adage that "all's well that ends well".

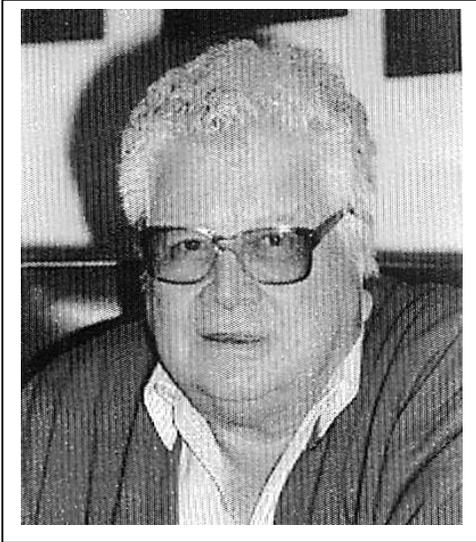
The biggest and stickiest problem of the year was finding a suitable place to meet as the Holbrooke Hotel remodeled us into the basement, nee "dungeon"; we then moved to the Bret Harte Inn, which proved equally unsatisfactory, subsequently we moved once again to the Empire House.

Financial assistance was provided many worthwhile projects throughout the year, ie Gold Country Meals \$200.00; 4H & FFA Livestock Auction \$325.00; Rotary Rose Parade Float \$50.00, Perkins Rotary Club Charter Night \$25.00; Nevada Union Highschool Glee Club Fund Raiser \$200.00; 20 boxes of oranges for the. Ladies Relief Society; American Red Cross \$50.00; and the Nevada Union High School Math Contest \$25.00.

The highlight of the year was attaining number one place in District 519 for the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil May 31-June4, 1981 with 16,459 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Allen W. Carver Sr.



1981 – 1982

President: PAUL LAW
Classification: Real Estate

Vice President: WILLIAM ELLIOTT
President Elect: JERRY DOUGHERTY
Secretary/Treas.: Robert Friebertshouser

Directors: Al Alstrand, Allen W. Carver, J Dr. Walter Graham, Don Unger, John Raggio, Ralph Hockett.

President R.I.: Stanley E. McCaffrey,
Stockton, CA

Governor Dist. 519: Norman O. Olsen,
Reno, NV

One of the new things started this year was in the months with 5 Mondays we had a Ladies Day on the fifth Monday. This has proved very popular.

Our main project for the year was the building of several bus stop shelters. They're still in place, in good shape and look like they'll be there a long time.

Don Unger and Al Carver built a wheel to spin for the fine payment for missed meetings. It was beautifully done in the form of a Rotary Wheel. During the year we added six new members bringing our total membership to 70 members.

Our meeting place was the Empire Hotel. which served an excellent luncheon for \$6.00. Our Christmas party was held at Lake Wildwood with a dance band and a lot of good food. Our demotion party was held at the Law's home on the beach at Lake Wildwood.

During the year the Rotary Club of Grass Valley reached the 3,200% level in The Rotary Foundation. This kept our club at the top of all the clubs in the District 519.

The District- Conference was held in Sparks, Nevada, April 23-25. Ten Rotarians from our club attended. During the year we entertained the Group Study Exchange team from India. They spent May 6th with us and the 7th with the Rotary Club of Nevada City.

The District Governor had a District Project with India for raising money for eye camps and cataract operations. The club raised \$300.00 for this project.

During the year the club also made the following contributions: \$500.00 for a scholarship to Gwendolyn Burkhart; \$500.00 for a golf cart for the Community Workshop; \$250.00 to the Boy Scouts; \$100.00 to the Big Brother and Big Sisters Program; \$100.00 listing for the Ministerial Association; \$386.00 for a lamb at the 4H and F.F.A. Livestock Auction at the Fairgrounds; \$100.00 to Becky Poff; \$115.00 for the District speech Contestants; \$500.00 to the Empire Mine Museum; \$100.00 (\$50.00 each) to Winkle and Laubinger; purchased badges for Nigeria, District 900.

The economy of the country was a little shaky. People were concerned about the high National debt and high interest rates. The prime rate was at 20%. The club had a good year.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Dallas Texas, June 6-9 1982 with 13,222 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Our Past District Governor, Ken Casper and his wife Evelyn represented the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the convention. Ken also served as the chairman of the Livestock Vocational Craft Assembly at the Convention.

The above information was supplied by Paul Law.

1982 - 1983

President: GERALD (JERRY) DOUGHERTY

President Elect: BILL ELLIOTT

Secretary/Treas.: CHRIS SCHAAF

Directors: Paul Law, John Raggio, Walt Graham, Don Unger, Ralph Hockett, Jim Young, Chuck Gratner

President R.I.: Dr. Hiroji Mukasa, Nakatsu Oita, Japan

Governor Dist. 519: James Starr, Marysville, CA

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley started the year with 64 members and ended it with 69 members, a nice net gain of five.

Continuing Grass Valley's tradition as number 1 in District 519, we installed 5 new Paul Harris Fellows - Glenn Jones, Gordon Hover, Bob Friebertshauser, Jerry Dougherty, and Tami Casper.

Fellowship and restoring a sounder cash balance to a depleted General Fund was the number one goal. The wisest move made in that direction was the appointment of Glenn Jones as Sargeant at Arms.

The major club project was the continuation of the bus stop enclosures, a project that had been started by Paul Law.

The demotion was held at the lovely Lake Wildwood home of Paul and Jeanne Law. Ken Casper made his grand-daughter a PHF, another first.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Toronto, Canada June 5-8, 1983 with 16,250 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Gerald Dougherty.

1983 – 1984

President: WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT
Classification: Investment Banking

Vice President: CHARLES GRATNER
President Elect: JOHN RAGGIO
Secretary/Treas.: CHRISTIAN SCHAFF

Directors: Walter Graham, Ralph Hockett, Jim Young, Roy Norris, Jim Tetzlaff, Jerry Dougherty

President R.I.: William E. Skelton, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, VA

Governor Dist. 519: Richard Marshm, Sunset, CA

The 1983-84 year was an active one for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. We started the year with 70 members and ended up with 71. Our average attendance for the year was 89%. Al Alstrand was program chairman for the year and he did a fine job in seeing that all of the monthly chairmen provided quality speakers.

Each weekly speaker received a Rotary letter opener and a folder with his picture in it - thanks to the efforts of David Laird, as a token of the club's appreciation for the time they spent with us. In addition, the speaker, as well as every guest at the meeting, received a "World of Rotary" pamphlet put together by Wally Reid. The pamphlet described what Rotary is all about, membership responsibilities and historical data on our club.

Our weekly club meetings were held at the Empire House. Monday was Ladies Day. Monthly board meetings were held at board member homes on a rotating basis. We had Pot-luck dinners wives attending.

During the year, we held one meeting at Rollins Lake and had a tour of the NID power plant, courtesy of our new member, Gary Kalsbeek. We also had a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Nevada City at the Senior Citizens Center on the evening of hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from England. Earlier in the day we took them on a tour of the Grass Valley Group and the Empire Mine.

One of our first projects was a clean-up day at the Pelton wheel Mining Museum. Mark Paye -was chairman and we had 21 members work most of the day on the grounds and inside the building to make it more attractive for visitors. I thought Paul Paye and Bill Schultz would never quit.

The highlight of the year was the club's first annual Silent Auction in November at the Senior Citizens Center. Each club member donated gifts with a total value of \$50.00, plus "white elephant" items to be auctioned. The wives of Rotarians prepared hor d'oeuvres to be served with wine. With nearly 100% club participation, 225 people attended the event. The club made \$4,500 and was able to purchase two computers for the handicapped class at Hennessey School. Dr Jack Best; our senior member at age 95, donated additional funds to purchase a third computer. As a result of the Auction, our club received a special project award at the District Conference in Sparks, Nevada.

During the year, the club also supported District 519 Mexicali project with the donation of substantial clothing, food and books for distribution in Mexico. We also supported the South Reno Club's project of collecting discarded eye glasses for distribution in India. Through the efforts of Lew Roos and Walt Graham, we collected far more glasses than had been anticipated. The Club also provided a \$500.00 High School Scholarship for a graduating senior attending college and numerous magazine subscriptions to the library and local hospitals.

The club participated in the YES program by hosting Ella Peterson, from Denmark, for one year. The host families were Jim Young, Sam Satre and Jon Peek. Ella is an outstanding person with a great sense of humor and appreciation for what Rotary provided her during the year.

Our club obtained six Paul Harris Fellows during the year and member Ken Casper, PDG, received a Distinguished Service Award from Rotary International for service to the Rotary Foundation.

We held our Christmas Party at Lake Wildwood Country Club. My wife and I ended our year with a demotion party at Paul Law's lakeside home in Lake Wildwood.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Birmingham, England June 3-7, 1984 with 22,452 Rotarians and quests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Bill Elliott.

1984 – 1985

President: JOHN W. RAGGIO
Classification: Electric Light & Power

Vice President: WALTER GRAHAM
Secretary/Treas: CHRISTIAN SCHAAF

Directors: Charles Cratner, Walter Graham, Ralph Hockett, Jim Young, Roy Norris, Jim Tetziuff, David Breninger

President R.I.: Caries Canseco,
Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Governor Dist. 519: Bill Smith, Sacramento. CA

The demotion-installation meeting was held June 24th 1985 at the Memorial Park Bar-B-Que area with Bill Schultz acting as Master of Ceremonies. Bill Elliott was in charge of the arrangements but was unable to be present for the meeting.

Regular meetings were held at the Holiday Restaurant and Cabaret on East Main Street. A letter opener, Key Chain with nail file, and a folder with a picture of the speaker were given to each speaker as a token of appreciation. The cost of luncheons was \$6.00.

A Ladies Day was held on July 30, 1984 in conjunction with our regular meeting. Stan Atkinson, news anchorman for Channel 3 TV of Sacramento was the guest speaker. He gave a very informative presentation on his investigative reporting of the San Salvadore conflict, which was currently being featured on his evening news program.

Our Second Annual Silent Auction was held on November 18, 1984 from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Wine and Hors D'Oeuvres were served by Rotary Anns. Approximately 200 people attended this fund-raising event to finance the cost of our projects during the year.

The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 13, 1984 at the Lake Wildwood Country Club. There were approximately 120 Rotarians with their wives and guests in attendance. A Musical Program along with door prizes, highlighted the evening's entertainment. Dancing later followed to the music of Harmony Ridge.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley celebrated its 60th anniversary on March 23, 1985 at the Grass Valley Elks Club. There were approximate 115 Rotarians with their wives and guests in attendance. An excellent prime rib dinner was served. Guest speaker was B.T. Collins, former Director of the California Conservation Corp. His talk covered his active duty assignment in Vietnam and its effect on his life. Bill Elliott was also made a Paul Harris Fellow, along with Glenn Jones and Wayne Brown being recognized with plaques for their 30 and 34 years of perfect attendance, respectively. Dancing followed to the music of Harmony ridge.

On April 29; 1985 a box luncheon was held at Memorial, Park to celebrate the refurbishing of the Bar-B-Que area. Members and their wives enjoyed super-size, delicious sandwiches prepared by master chef Chuck Elizondo.

A golf tournament steak barbeque was held on May 14th, 1985 at Lake Wildwood to raise funds for our annual high school scholarship award. There were approximately 40 golfers and 80 dinner guests. Wayne "Monk" Brown handled the chef's duties with his capable assistants from the Nevada county Sheriff's Department, including Sheriff Bill Heafy. Overall chairman of this event was Al Carver.

Board of Directors meeting continued to be held during the year, on the third Thursday of each month, at various director's homes. Outstanding meals were prepared by the director's wives and excellent fellowship was had by all. These meetings really developed a close working relationship between the directors, which can be attributed to the club's success. Hopefully, meetings of this type will continue in the future years.

Projects for the year were many and included the following:

- Purchase of a computer and software to equip one English classroom at the Lyman Gilmore School - approximate cost - \$1,700.00.
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- Participation in district 519 International Service Project,, a donation of \$300.00 toward the purchase of an ambulance stocked with medical supplies and clothing to be given to the town of Guaymas, Mexico. Ambulance was on display at the District Assembly in Yuba City, on March 23, 1985.
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- Construction of a display board to be utilized at future District 419 conferences to publicize the club's activities, approximate cost of \$400.00.
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- Refurbishing of Memorial Park Bar-B-Que area. This facility was rededicated at our demotion festivities on June 24, 1985 to Wayne Brown for his many years of community service - approximate cost \$1,800.00.