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SALEM ROTARY CLUB: A BRIEF HISTORY
1918 ~ 2018

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings.



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About Rotary

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers. Rotarians see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than a century, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

Rotarians Are People of Action

Rotary connects passionate people with diverse perspectives to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships, and, above all, take action to change the world.

What Rotary Does

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Its 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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Our Beginning

On the evening of January 8, 1918, 22 prominent Salem business and professional men sat down to dinner at the Roger Conant Inn and formally organized the Salem Rotary Club.

Forming a rotary club was an achievement in 1918 that challenged the behaviors of the time. The largest being the custom for businessmen to go home at noon for what was known as dinner. Additionally, the formality of the period forbade the intimacy of addressing a colleague by his first name. The concepts of service and camaraderie of Rotary challenged these customs and caused these men to adjust their habits.

There were 30 charter members of the Salem Rotary Club. The first officers were: President George W. Ashton; Vice President J. Clarke Brown; Secretary Robert W. Hill; and Treasurer Robert P. Butterick. Directors included: S. Fred Smith, Aubrey Nelson, Arthur Palmer, and Lawrence Pedrick.

The charter was delivered to the Club by Rotary Deputy Governor Lester Winchenbaugh of Boston on April 9, 1918. On June 11, the original 30 members had increased to 53. At this time, women were not permitted to join the Salem Club.

PAUL HARRIS

Chicago attorney Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

When Harris worked to expand Rotary beyond Chicago in 1908, some members resisted, not wanting the additional financial burden. Harris persisted, and Rotary expanded to several other major U.S. cities by 1910.



Rotary Founder Paul Harris

Upon his death in 1947, there were 5,638 Rotary Clubs in 75 countries, with more than 259,000 members.

The Early Years: 1918 ~ 1939

- 1918** First issue of the "The Spoke," the Club newsletter, was published on Tuesday, February 26, by co-editors Bill Lavender of the *Gazette Press* and Ed Witham of the *Salem News*. On that same date, the first classification talk was given by George W. Hooper, who made a very interesting presentation on the "Laundry Business."



*Senator
John W. Weeks*

The first important public meeting of the Salem Rotary Club was held on April 24, when an at capacity audience heard Senator John W. Weeks encourage the support of the Third Liberty Loan program to aid the United States in World War I.

Also during this first year of operation, parents and relatives of Salem boys fighting in France were assembled on Salem Common by the Rotary Club, and motion pictures were taken and sent to France for viewing.

- 1919** On January 7, the Directors voted that members be required to wear name badges at every meeting, and that failure to do so would result in a fine of ten cents. This led to additional fines for coming into a meeting after the president dropped the gavel, or for any member calling another member "Mister." Fines in these instances were also ten cents, and the money was placed in a contingency fund.



*Congressman
Wilfred W. Lufkin*

On June 3, the Directors passed two resolutions, one which opposed the repeal of the Daylight Savings Law, and the other in favor of the repeal of the Luxury Tax. Both resolutions were sent to our two United States Senators and to Congressman Wilfred W. Lufkin.

The wives of Salem Rotarians were guests during the meeting on May 20, and presented the Club with its first banner, handmade by the ladies themselves.

1920 The Club was host at the Saltonstall School for a gathering of "New Citizens." Advertisements were taken in the *Salem News* and in the French and Polish newspapers. The featured speaker was Massachusetts Governor John Calvin Coolidge.

1921 At a Directors meeting on May 27, Frank Poor and George Hooper were given the responsibility of getting a group together for the purpose of building a first class hotel on the site of the Franklin building. Their activities were later transferred to the Chamber of Commerce of which Hooper became president.

At the New England Spring Conference at Hartford, Bob Hill of the Salem Club, organized 21 Rotary Clubs, including Danvers, Gloucester, Ipswich, Marblehead, Medford, Stoneham and Wakefield.

1922 Help for children of "backward vision" was given in the form of a piano and a month's supply of milk.

The Christmas committee gave toys and clothing to 1,300 Salem children.

1923 When the Franklin building was torn down for the purpose of constructing the Hawthorne Hotel, meetings moved to the Salem Club at 29 Washington Square, where 89 meetings were held from November 6, 1923 to July 21, 1925.



Hawthorne Hotel Under Construction, 1924

- 1923** Salem Rotary helped form Clubs in Ipswich, Danvers, Marblehead, and Gloucester. Bob Hill became the first Salem Rotarian to be elected District Governor.
- 1924** Rotary raised \$400, which started the fund to build Salem High School's stadium, Bertram Field.
- 1925** On Tuesday, July 28, the Salem Rotary Club held its first meeting in the Hawthorne Hotel, with Bill Lavender presiding. The speaker that day was Charles Littlefield of Lynn, who spoke on "Group Assemblies." There were 56 members present, 31 visiting Rotarians, and 45 wives who showed up unannounced.
- The Club sent the High School Debate Team to Salem, Oregon during this year.
- 1926** In order to show its interest and enthusiasm for the event, the Rotary Club provided a float for Salem's Tercentenary Parade.
- 1927** The end of the Club's first decade was marked by educational forums in which most members participated. The Club excelled in attendance having many times led the District in monthly tabulations.

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Not 'Foreigners'—Friends!

By Maurice Duperray
President, Rotary International

THE ANCIENT SAGE said: "Know thyself." Excellent advice, but, in this modern world, scarcely sufficient. Paraphrasing our Rotary slogans, we might put

Exchanging sons and daughters is a favorite Rotary activity, notably among Europeans.



History of the Rotary Youth Exchange: The Early Years

1928 The first Spring District Conference was held in Salem, and every member of the Club had a task to perform. It was a success.

During Boys Week, high school boys visited different industries under the auspices of the Club.

1929 The Club seemed to function quite normally during the Great Depression, but in the minutes of a Directors meeting, there was a vote to eliminate the soup course as a substitute for increasing the cost of the weekly luncheons.

To foster international understanding, letters were exchanged with the Club of Norwich, England.

An informal vote of confidence was given to the editor of "The Spoke" with authority to use his own judgment in the management of the Club's weekly newsletter.

1930 For Salem's part in the "American Boys Abroad for 1930" National Rotary program, \$1,530 was collected to send two sons of Rotarians to Denmark. Upon their return, they gave their impressions of the trip and praised the people of Denmark.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- Application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life
- Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

COMMEMORATING ROTARY IN STAMPS

For more than 80 years, countries around the world have honored the work of Rotary with commemorative stamps.

The first appeared in 1931, when Austria created an overprint over an officially issued stamp in honor of the Rotary International (RI) Convention in Vienna. Other RI conventions were commemorated with stamps, including those held in 1940, in Havana, Cuba; 1961 and 1978, in Tokyo, Japan; 1981, in São Paulo, Brazil; and 1987, in Munich, Germany.

For Rotary's 50th Anniversary in 1955, 27 nations, including the United States, issued commemorative stamps. Many featured familiar Rotary imagery such as the gearwheel. Images of Paul Harris and common scenes from the issuing country were also popular.

Stamps have marked the anniversary of Rotary in individual countries and depicted projects and humanitarian activities. A 1960 Bolivian stamp bears the Rotary emblem and commemorates a children's hospital sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Paz. A 1976 stamp honors 40 years of Rotary in Fiji by highlighting a club project that raised money to purchase an ambulance.

Rotary's 75th Anniversary was honored with stamps from Benin, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Ghana, Iran, and others. The postal service of the Netherlands Antilles issued postcards and stamps as well as a postage cancellation stamp in the shape of the Rotary emblem. The Maldives issued a series of stamps based on Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants. In 2005, Rotary's centennial inspired stamps from nations including France, Ghana, Peru, and Togo.



Issued in 1955, this is the sole Rotary Stamp issued by the country in which Rotary was founded. — Rotary e-Club NY1

- 1932** A special committee was created called the Birthday Fund. Members made contributions to the fund on their birthday, and accrued funds were used for local charitable purposes, usually in emergency situations. Since then, families have been assisted with these funds following fires, floods, and accidents, receiving items such as stoves, refrigerators, clothing, and furniture, including beds and bedding. This fund and tradition continues today.
- 1933** Boston served as the host city for the Rotary International Convention for the first time. Many of Salem's members were in attendance. At the age of 65, Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, was the featured speaker. He spoke for eight minutes, and his words were recorded and broadcast by radio.

Nicknames were included for the first time in the roster of Salem Rotary Club members.

The wives of Salem Rotarians held their first meeting on May 16, at the East India House. A luncheon meeting, 23 wives attended, while 17 additional were interested but unable to attend. "Salem Rotary Women" was the name decided upon by the group, and bylaws were approved.

- 1934** Christian Lantz, father of the American playground and a Club member, submitted a detailed report of the Community Service Committee to the Board of Directors. As the result, Rotary gave \$750 to Salem's Park Department to operate and maintain a model playground on May Street for one summer.
- 1935** The longest meeting in the Club's history took place on Tuesday, December 17. The speaker was J. Chester Crandell, who spoke on the Social Security Act. The meeting didn't adjourn until two o'clock.

With money from the Birthday Fund, the Club assumed the financial responsibility of providing milk for the children of the Center School.

- 1937** In front of a Rotarian from Japan, a prominent Chinese gentleman strongly denounced the Japanese while presenting on the Japanese-Chinese War. Club member embarrassment ensued, but the visiting Rotarian was a good guest. He stated that there was a difference of opinion and that Rotary International may someday help such matters.

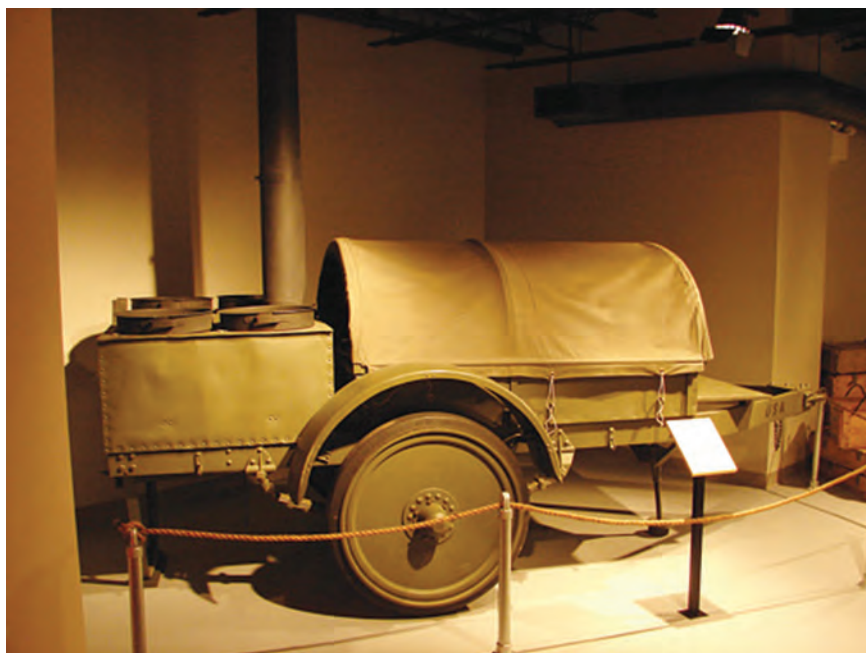
World Events & International Understanding: 1940 ~ 1969

- 1940** On Tuesday, October 8, the Board of Directors voted to grant Honorary Membership to any Salem Rotarian who went into the service. During their service, the members' classifications were held open for them, and when they returned, they were invited to assume their former Club classifications.

The war period brought speakers from England who told of their experiences during this trying time. Other speakers during the year discussed the foreign policy of the U.S.

- 1941** Rotarians headed many city-wide committees to raise funds for the Red Cross, Civilian Defense, Harbor Patrol, and more.

On February 16, the Directors voted to spend \$1,500 for the purchase of a "Rolling Kitchen" to be shipped to England for the war effort. A representative from the British Relief Association came to a meeting and spoke about the Rolling Kitchen they received.



Liberty Rolling Field Kitchen

- 1942** A box was set on the head table in order to accept donations for the Rotary Relief Fund. Books were also collected and sent to service men.
- 1943** The Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary on January 25, with an evening dinner meeting that included wives and guests. Officials from local government and organizations as well as neighboring Rotary Clubs were present. Concerts and plays were put on to raise funds for the war effort.
- On February 13, the Directors voted to send a letter of thanks to the Salem Kiwanis Club, the Salem Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Hawthorne Hotel for the flowers sent for the anniversary celebration.
- 1944** On October 10, a speaker from the Massachusetts State Department of Health "gave a very interesting talk on the cause of the present condition of the North River."
- 1945** At an evening meeting of the Board on August 14, it was announced that Japan surrendered right after 7 p.m. There was so much noise in the street outside the hotel that it was too difficult to conduct the meeting. It adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service locally and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which serve as the foundation of club activity:

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and to contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

1948 At the start of the Rotary Foundation, Committee Chairman Everett Lavender put an announcement in the "The Spoke" for the membership to come to the meeting on May 11 prepared to make a \$10 minimum contribution in honor of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, who passed away in 1947. He raised \$1,000 in one day.

1950 Funds were allocated for apparatus for the Salem Hospital, tents for the Boy Scouts, and sponsorship of a Little League team, in order to help combat Juvenile Delinquency. The Club also provided supervision of the league the first year and authorized the Youth Service Committee to recruit business sponsorships for at least three other teams.

1951 The International Service Committee sponsored an essay contest in the schools.

1954 Salem Rotary aided the North Shore Retarded Children's Heritage Training Center by providing funds and many articles needed in their workshops.

On August 17, a Special Projects Committee requested permission, starting August 31 and continuing for 7 weeks, to sell chances on some worthwhile object at 25 cents each, the purchase of the same to be voluntary. These weekly raffles continued for 37 years.

1955 On May 10, the Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Rotary International with a banquet and a suitable program.

The refreshment booth operated by the Club at the Topsfield Fair yielded enough profit to furnish air-conditioning for the children's ward at the hospital.

1956 The Directors voted to purchase 50 Salem Rotary Club miniature banners bearing a sketch of the House of Seven Gables for \$1.55 each.

On September 11, at the suggestion of State Teachers College at Salem President Frederick A. Meier, autograph books were presented to new members for the purpose of gathering the autographs of other members, as part of the process of becoming acquainted. Prior to this date, a legal-sized sheet of paper was used.



Rotary International Board Meeting, 1949 ~ 1950

- 1956** In the fall, under the direction of President Bill Bursaw, the Club adopted a refugee family from Germany. Rudy and Ina Knochenhauer and their daughter Dagmar were provided an apartment on Liberty Street completely furnished by members of the Salem Rotary.

- 1957** Money raised at the Topsfield Fair was distributed to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Salem Fraternity, and Little League.

- 1957~1958** Bill Bursaw and John Quinn alternated the Chairmanship of International Weekend. A typical weekend started with a sign-up by students from abroad who frequented the International Student Center in Cambridge. Club members opened their homes for the weekend, and the format consisted of tours of Salem on Saturday afternoon, a banquet at the hotel on Saturday night, and a Sunday morning brunch at the home of Eleanor and Ivan Martin. At one of the weekends, there were students from 21 different countries, and many long-lasting friendships were made.

- 1958** The sale of fruit cakes began "to make some money."

- 1962** The German couple who were sponsored by the Club in 1957 were guests at the meeting on April 17. They were now citizens and told of their accomplishments since their arrival.

- 1964** The International Information Committee celebrated “World Understanding Week” with a brief sketch of Bolivia – its geography, history, and economy. Three young, Bolivian ladies spent six months as guests of the district, living at the homes of Rotarians and working in offices elsewhere. This was part of the Rotary Exchange Program.
- 1966** Fred W. Lacey, Executive Director of the Salem YMCA, was the second Salem Rotarian to be elected District Governor.



57th Annual Convention of Rotary International, 1966

- 1968** The Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary under the leadership of President William L. Ives. Following a dinner, Joe Newmark chronicled the first 50 years of Salem Rotary. The highlight of the evening consisted of the first, and only, production of a musical comedy under the direction of Harold Griffin, called *Roticut Follies*. The cast in order of appearance was Harold Griffin, Norm Kennedy, Norm Welch, Jim O'Shea, Art Cuneo, Frank Moore, Bob Raiche, John Quinn, Lou Pocharski, Bill Ives, and Vaughn Woodbury. Technician was Jim Robinson, stage manager was John Hooper, and music was by Salvy Cavicchio.

1968 Salem Rotary was ahead of its time with a public service program presented in the auditorium of the State College at Salem. The program was without charge and featured Attorney General Elliot Richardson, who spoke on the effects and dangers of drug use. Every seat was taken, and all standing room was occupied.



AG Elliot Richardson

ROTARY FOR YOUNGER GENERATIONS

EARLYACT

The Salem Club sponsors an EarlyAct program at the Phoenix School in Salem. A school-wide service club for elementary students, ages 5 to 13, EarlyAct provides an increased awareness of the local community and the world. Salem EarlyAct runs an ink cartridge recycling program and collects change in the "Change For Changing Lives" program to support the North Shore Moving Market. EarlyAct officers make regular presentations to Salem Rotary.

INTERACT

In 2010, the Salem Club established an Interact Club at Salem High School. A Club for students ages 12-18, Interact helps students develop a global perspective and leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Salem Interact meets with local Rotarians to explore job options and to participate in community service events. Students are also offered the opportunity to spend a year studying abroad through this program.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY (RYLA)

RYLA is a weekend of leadership development for high school students ready to advance their leadership skills. While the program is run by Rotary District 7930, each activity is carefully planned and facilitated by returning seniors from prior RYLA years. Salem Rotary sends three to five students to RYLA each year.

ROTARACT CLUBS

Rotaract is a global movement of young leaders developing solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. It brings together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. Salem Rotaract re-launched this year and is active and growing.

Rotary International Paul Harris Fellows

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (RI). Established in 1957, it shows appreciation for, and encourages substantial contributions to, what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, then-District Governor Vann Taylor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. Many notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, such as U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached one million in 2006.

Salem Rotary Club Paul Harris Awards

Since 1974, the Salem Rotary Club has bestowed upon its special members, past presidents, and non-Rotarian community leaders, the distinction of being noted as the Salem Club's individual of the year.

For these very special designees, the Salem Rotary Club donates \$1,000 in the individual's name to the Rotary Foundation. By doing so, the Club not only honors the individual, but contributes to Rotary International and its great causes. Rotary International uses the funding to accomplish many positive things in the world, such as eradicating polio, providing clean drinking water, supporting corrective surgery for cleft palate victims, and much, much more.

The Salem Rotary Club has awarded 72 Paul Harris Awards in the first 100 years of its existence, recognizing those individuals who have risen above as leaders of the community, both from within the Club and outside of it.

Salem Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellows

1974	Fred W. Lacey	1998	Robert T. Lutts
1975	Robert K. Eastman	1999	Deborah McNulty
1978	John E. Quinn	2000	Robert Diamond
1979	James A. Robinson	2000	Owen Meegan
1980	Paul E. McKeigue	2001	Thomas Leonard
1980	Nicholas Xanthaky	2003	David Gendall
1981	Harry S. Lefavour	2003	Dana McIntyre
1981	Harold H. Griffin	2004	Juli Ann Lederhaus
1982	Arthur E. Arnold	2004	Bruce Whear
1983	John B. Hooper	2005	Frederick (Trip) Mason
1983	Frank P. Sweeney	2005	Arthur D. Michaud
1984	William L. Ives	2005	Christopher Zorzy
1985	Edward A. Lohnes	2006	Richard Blazo
1985	Patrick J. Cloherty	2006	William Kielbasa
1986	Donald J. Clarke	2006	Joan C. Hooper
1986	Donald L. Lavender	2007	Elizabeth M. Alexander
1986	George P. Vallis	2007	Kenneth Steigler
1987	Richard F. Moore	2007	Richard Eisner
1988	John P. Fisher	2007	Frank Campbell
1989	William J. Lundregan III	2007	David Ives
1989	David C. Schaejbe	2008	Timothy F. Clarke
1990	Michael R. O'Keefe	2008	Malia Griffin
1990	Robert P. Alexander	2008	Nancy D. Harrington
1991	Raymond Hodge	2008	Jeffrey N. Shribman
1991	Mark R. Shaw	2008	Kathie Strout
1992	William S. Follett	2010	Robert Conley
1992	Raymond G. Lavender	2010	David Wescott
1992	Arthur W. Webster	2011	Mary Ann Lyons
1992	Jacob S. Segal	2011	John Hall
1992	Vance M. Smith, III	2014	Judge Sam Zoll
1993	Paul J. Lyons	2014	Mark Leavitt
1994	Brian C. Cranney	2015	Elizabeth Bradt
1995	Robert C. Sears, Jr.	2016	Brenda Smith
1995	John J. Walsh	2016	Cynthia Napierkowski
1996	Ellen DiGeronimo	2016	Franklin Moore
1997	J. Michael Ruane	2017	William Henning
1997	Leo O. Pelletier		

FRIENDS FOREVER

Robert (Bob) Raiche founded Friends Forever in 1986, when he brought a group of five Protestant and five Catholic boys from Northern Ireland to the United States, to provide them with the opportunity to build friendships away from the pressures and division they faced back home.

In founding Friends Forever, Bob was not afraid to put an idea into action and to do what was needed to make it work, especially when that idea had the potential to empower young people to make a change. He asked the Salem Rotary Club to support the Friends Forever initiative, and the Club has done so every year since the beginning of the program.



Friends Forever's first youth delegation, 1986.

For his lifetime of service and for his work with Friends Forever, Bob received numerous awards and recognitions including the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Award, the Paul Harris Fellowship and, most recently, a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. A long-time Rotarian, Bob also received two of Rotary International's highest honors: the Service Above Self Award and the Donald MacRae Peace Award.

The impact of Bob's life can be felt around the world 27 years later. After Bob's passing in 2014 at the age of 85, the Robert Raiche Fellowship was established to encourage alumni to carry on Bob's legacy of compassion, initiative, and commitment to improving the lives of young people the world over.

Since 1986, Friends Forever International has worked with youth leaders from neighborhoods in Belfast. Over 1,200 students from across Northern Ireland have traveled to the U.S. for the two-week skill building phase of the program. Friends Forever now works with adolescents from the Arava, Haifa, and greater Nazareth regions in Israel, and work has begun to start a third program in Uganda, Africa.

Growth in Numbers & Diversity: 1970 ~ 1992

- 1975** This year, the hotel developed a sufficient number of problems, causing the Club to move its meeting place to the second floor of the Beef & Oyster House. Many of the members found it difficult getting upstairs, and the meeting room was not only cramped, but the walls and ceiling were covered with blue mirrors, creating an atmosphere that was harsh, and hardly conducive to good fellowship.
- 1978** Due to the great blizzard of '78, Salem Rotary found it necessary to cancel two meetings in a row; the only time in Club history that this was done. The Valentines Ladies Day, scheduled for one of the weeks, was eventually held in April.

The first Home Show and Car Raffle was held in August at the Salem Armory, requiring 100 percent participation of membership. A total of \$10,000 was raised for scholarships.

During the Spring Conference that year, District Governor Claude L. Hanley made a presentation of the Club Service Award to President James A. Robinson, Jr.



Friends Forever group visits Salem Rotary from Israel, 2016



Salem Rotary Club President Dick Moore traveled to Dallas, Texas for the annual Rotary International Convention and received this banner, 1982

- 1982** The Salem Rotary Club moved its meeting place back to the Hawthorne Hotel on January 5, after a seven year absence.

In "The Spoke" dated June 15, this observation was made on the progress, "These are exciting times we live in. We have turned thermostats back to 68, speed limits back to 55, the voting age back to 18, and the stock market back to 1929."

In addition to the successful raffle that was conducted at the Topsfield Fair, President Dick Moore noted that much had been accomplished during his year. Programs were of good quality, visibility in the community improved, there was a net gain of 10 members, and \$8,000 was given to scholarships and various charitable projects in the community.

- 1983** During the presidency of John Fisher membership reached and surpassed the 100 mark! At the end of his term, there was a record 103 in the roster, an achievement that has never been beaten. In the following year, one member resigned and four died, bringing the membership to 98. The Club has not exceeded the hundred mark since.

- 1986** During the term of office of President Bill Lundregan, and with the assistance of Pastor Fred Guthrie of the Immaculate Conception Church, the Salem Boys and Girls Club moved from its headquarters on Central Street to the building on Hawthorne Boulevard that was once St. Mary's School. Rotary projects during the year provided a completely furnished kitchen for the club's new headquarters, as well as transportation in the form of a new van, which is still in service today.

1987 For the first time in the Club's 70 year history, women were admitted into membership. Maureen Johnson and the late Anne Farman shared the honor of being the first women members of the Salem Rotary Club, and Ray Hodge had the good fortune to be the Club's presiding officer.

Hodge's Fundraising Committee raised over \$40,000 of which \$5,000 went to Polio Plus and \$19,500 went to scholarships.

A group of members donated, prepared, and served a meal to the homeless of the community at My Brother's Table.

Two famous firsts included the increase of the fine from one to five dollars for not signing a new member's autograph book, and two tables were set aside for non-smokers.

1992 In the presidency of Vance "Salty" Smith III, Salem won the District Softball Championship. The winning team included Charlie Angelakis, John Bitner, John Canty, Dan Gauthier, Dick Ives, Bill Kielbasa, Mitch Michaud, Dick Moore, Don Provencher, Dave Schaejbe, Ed Schaejbe, Mark Shaw and John Walsh.

The annual auction, chaired by John Walsh, raised \$18,000.

On May 5, the membership voted the Salem Rotary Scholarship Foundation into existence. Scholarships totaling \$15,000 were presented as the results of the Club's efforts during the year.

On May 16, the Community Service Committee embraced Project SHARE.

1992~ Although an early Salem Rotarian, Christian Lantz, was
1993 recognized nationally as the father of the American Playground, no park in the city of Salem had ever been named for a Salem Rotary Club President until 1992. On September 12, after the culmination of months of effort and expenditure of time, money and material on the part of the president and more than a score of Rotary volunteers, Salem Mayor Neil J. Harrington formally recognized Rotary President Brian "Bear" Cranney by renaming Willows Park in his honor. As part of the dedication ceremony, a solid oak key on a teak background was presented to Bear, announcing that from this day forward the area would be known as "Bear Park."

ROTARY AND POLIO

Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. In 2007, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in its commitment to ending polio.



Since 2013, the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1, up to \$35 million per year. With these matching funds, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Rotary's advocacy efforts have also played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort. In 2016, just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide, a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.



Rotaract and Rotary members immunize children in Nepal, 2008

Now, only three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, require eradication efforts. The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict, and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

More than one million Rotarians have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotarians work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotarians work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

Now in its eighth year, Salem's home District, Rotary District 7930, holds an annual Polar Plunge in February to raise funds to support this important work. Hundreds of people district-wide plunge each year. With a total of \$683 thousand already raised, the District goal is to raise \$1 million for polio eradication by its tenth year.

Rotary also has a growing roster of celebrities and public figures serving as ambassadors in the fight against polio in its "This Close" public awareness campaign. The list includes: Bill Gates; actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi; WWE star John Cena; supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action star Jackie Chan; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman, Angelique Kidjo, and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan.



Salem Rotarians join District 7930 Assistant Governor Amy Luckiewicz, facing front, at the Polar Plunge, 2016

A Quarter Century in the Words of Presidents: 1993 ~ 2018

1992 ~ 1993: BRIAN CRANNEY

When I look back at my year as President of the Club, it was a great opportunity and pleasure to work with such a great group of Rotarians. To pick one item out of that year is easy for me.

There was a park located at Salem Willows that was originally set up by the City of Salem to provide a place for special needs boys and girls. The city had let the park go into disrepair, and it had been closed for several years. Salem Rotarians decide to roll up their sleeves and bring it back to life. This included carpentry, roofing, masonry, plumbing, electrical, flooring, painting, and landscaping. Every Rotarian, young and old, worked together and bonded as a group of one in bringing this project to a success. The icing on the cake was our last day when we had a cookout to celebrate what we had accomplished. As we sat down on the picnic tables to eat, a coach pulled up from the Hogan Regional Center. They had heard that we were re-building the park, and they asked if they could use it. As the bus unloaded, there were tears of joy from all of us to see how this project had brought so much happiness to this group. I will never forget that day.

1993 ~ 1994: MARK SHAW

I am pleased to share my thoughts on my Presidential year of the Salem Rotary. It was not a great economy that year, actually a mild recession to tell the truth. What is more impressive is that our Club rose to the occasion of raising a bunch of money to take care of those individuals locally and worldwide who are less fortunate than ourselves.

In 1992, Bill and Jane Lundregan helped file the Salem Rotary Club Scholarship Foundation with the IRS as a charitable entity, qualifying for a 501(c)(3) status. The Club's vision of providing for the future leaders of our community to obtain college degrees and vocational training assistance for their career dreams lives on today.

With the help of Dan Gauthier, our Club built a youth soccer field and snack bar off Marlborough Road, which is still flourishing today for Salem's youth.

In October, we received a request from our sister city of Salem, India, which needed to build a new school. They also solicited several other Salem's around the world. Our Club built one of the classrooms, and a picture of the membership of the time was taken by Mike Skerry. The entire building rose from the "Salem" Clubs' donations with a match from Rotary International. Our Club's picture appears outside our classroom door there today.

In those days, the weekly newsletter "The Spoke" was printed by Minuteman Press and mailed to members. That task was done by our revered member Dr. John Quinn. That year we also had a fundraising booth at the Topsfield Fair from which the proceeds were given to the district to pass onto Rotary International for agricultural projects in underdeveloped countries.

As you can read from the above, a lot of hard work by a great bunch of men and women over a year's time to benefit others. They made me look pretty good, to the extent of the Club being awarded the Presidential Citation for the four avenues of service being attained. Those members certainly deserve the credit for all accomplished during my year as President!

1994 ~ 1995: JOHN WALSH

I took over as President of Salem Rotary in July of 1994. My installation dinner was held at the Salem Country Club and was well attended.

My year was preceded by my attendance at the International Convention held in Taiwan. I was joined at the convention by my wife, Kathie, my daughter, Amanda, and my son, Adam. One of the highlights of the trip was the last night when Adam was asked to be a bat boy at a professional baseball game.

I remember having a very active year and a successful auction that raised a nice sum of money for our scholarship activities. We had a number of popular speakers during the year and had a lot of fun doing it.



A Rotary Wheel greeted Rotarians outside the Taipei World Trade Center, Taiwan, 1994

1995 ~ 1996: JAMES JERVINIS

What stands out for me is the “Meeting on the Bridge.” During the construction of the Salem-Beverly Bridge, we had a joint meeting with the Beverly Club, with the mayors from Salem and Beverly. The bridge was not completed, so we were half way out, with nothing connecting the two segments. Tables were set up on the incomplete bridge. It was a beautiful day, and we conducted our usual weekly meeting. Bear Cranney arranged for a helicopter to fly overhead and take aerial photographs, which I still have today. It was great fun, and certainly was the highlight of my year.

1996 ~ 1997: ROBERT T. LUTTS

The highlight of my year was the design, purchase, and construction of the Rotary Community Sign that is now in front of the parking lot by Starbucks in downtown Salem. This sign is used to promote any community activities in town and has been used so since it was installed. I recall attending many meetings with the Design Review Board – the sign I originally designed changed many times with the help of the architect’s and others on the board.



Other highlights were the continued growth of the Salem Rotary Scholarship Fund which started in 1993 with a \$7,000 gift from former President Salty Smith. Today the fund has approximately \$770,000 in assets, and all proceeds help our annual scholarship program. Other notable events were an active softball team and many fellowship events. Overall it was a good year of service.

1997 ~ 1998: DEBORAH MCNULTY

Greetings from Sarasota! Serving as the first female president of the Club was not without its challenges, but it does and always will remain one of my proudest achievements.

During my year, we had several fun and well-attended fellowship events. We introduced new and fun ways to raise money, most notably the “weight loss challenge.” In an effort to gain more visibility in the community, we enjoyed a busy day participating in Salem Heritage Days with a dunk tank. We accomplished a lot and had a great time doing it.

1998 ~ 1999: TRIP MASON

Just a brief note about my stewardship of the Salem Rotary Club. It was quite a different Club "back in the day." Many members are no longer with us. What a hoot to look at the Roster book and review the "Flag Room" from my year as President.

The most notable achievement of my year has been described to me by a few senior members in varying tones. As the Mass. Department of Transportation was completing the new Salem-Beverly Bridge, the speaker committee thought it would be fun to have a meeting on the bridge. We met for lunch at the apex of the bridge, sun shining, with our tables, chairs, flags, podium and of course our rotary bell. The Hawthorne Hotel did a marvelous job of catering this event with box lunches and all the Rotary paraphernalia. Speakers from the Governor's office and MassDOT were there, and of course the project engineers and builders of the bridge. After a great meeting and learning a lot about bridge building, we broke up, and the hotel crew gathered all our gear.

At the next meeting, the bell was nowhere to be found. No one remembered putting it in the truck to return to the hotel. No one has found it (to my knowledge), and a replacement was purchased. I became the first President to lose the Club bell.



1999 ~ 2000: JEFFREY SHRIBMAN

When I think back on my presidency of the Salem Rotary Club, there are two things that stand out, for better or worse.

First, Polio Plus was in its infancy, and I tried to make the Club a large contributor towards the cause. My father was a polio survivor, and I brought a crutch every week to Rotary and placed it next to a bucket where members would weekly throw in bills and loose change. I believe we raised thousands by just leaving a bucket next to a crutch for an entire year.

The second event was the tragic death of fellow Rotarian Stephen M. O'Grady in September of 1999. Stephen was barely 30 years old and killed by a drunk driver. Despite his young age, Steve had already made a difference in the lives of the youth of Salem as Boys and Girls Club Director and his involvement in Salem Little League. Our major fundraising donations for the year were in memory of Steve and donated to the Boys and Girls Club. His memory lives with all of us who knew him.

2000 ~ 2001: MALIA GRIFFIN

In 2000, I was honored to be the second woman President of the Salem Rotary Club, a mere three years following the first, President Deb McNulty... my how far we've come!

I attended Rotary International's Annual convention held in Buenos Aires, Argentina...a 14 hour flight!



Malia Griffin

A fun item at the Annual Auction Fundraiser that year was a "Name the Rotarian" Booklet which held baby, childhood, and high school graduation pictures of participating Rotarians. It was a hoot trying to put names with some very old photos.

My most major accomplishment was acquiring and holding on dearly to many lifelong friends!

2001 ~ 2002: DAVID GENDALL

I have many fond memories of my year as President of the Salem Rotary. I had excellent coaching from some of the finest long-time members, most notably John Quinn, Jim Robinson, Ray Hodge, John Fisher, Mark Shaw and many others. At our annual auction, past President Michael O'Keefe graciously acted as our master of ceremonies and auctioneer and helped raise more than \$50,000, which was used to support many worthwhile programs in Salem. John Keenan chaired our Scholarship Committee and awarded \$34,000 to 37 deserving high school seniors. Along the way, we



*Salem Rotarians with
The First Muster Monument, 2002*

managed to take a group picture in the hotel lobby, recognize the 84th anniversary of the Club, host meetings at the Middleton Jail and PEM (under construction), and fund the monument on the Salem Common commemorating the "first muster" of troops in 1637....the birthplace of what we know today as "the National Guard."

Sadly we lost two “giants” of the Salem Club. Robert “Bucky” Alexander and Vance “Salty” Smith III, passed away in November 2001, within 24 hours of each other. Bucky and Salty exemplified the ideals of Rotary’s Four Way Test and defined what it means to give back to your community. They were extremely generous and in true Rotary spirit, quick to volunteer, never refusing to help. The Salem Rotary Foundation was renamed in their honor.

I can’t conclude my reflection as Rotary President without mentioning Ray Hodge and his help in pulling together the Rotary Raffle Calendar. The calendar fundraiser was an idea that Ray had been anxious to implement. While the first edition of the Rotary calendar was produced in my year as President, it was Ray Hodge who made it happen. He worked tirelessly on



Ray Hodge, right, greets fellow Rotarian John Quinn at a meeting

reviewing old pictures at the PEM, meeting with the printer, developing a numbering system, selling advertising space, and tracking the sale of the calendars. No small feat, and he did all of this when he wasn’t feeling well. If Salem Rotary had a hall of fame, my first vote would be for Ray Hodge...he was awesome.

2002 ~ 2003: BRUCE WHEAR

When asked to be President of the Club in the early years of this new century, I deliberated for some time. Ultimately deciding that with a wife, two young boys, a demanding business, with a compliment of employees, and a full plate of civic and business organizations, it would be best for me to decline. I always tell people to go with their gut instinct and thought I should follow my own advice. But it gnawed at me that I had said no.

Fortunately the Committee Chair returned and repeated the request, asking that I reconsider. I felt that I had received a reprieve at this important, valuable calling and gleefully accepted.

Now I consider that Presidency as one of the most important leadership trainings I’ve had so far in my life. It changed all of my relationships both existing and unrealized forever. I love Rotary and am thankful to be a part of this important world organization.



Salem Rotary Hockey Team

2003 ~ 2004: CHRISTOPHER ZORZY

How would I describe my experience as a Salem Rotarian President? AWESOME! I bet you would hear that from most past Presidents. It's a lot of work, but some of the most gratifying work you can do.

My favorite part was giving back to the community with scholarships to high school students, fundraising, and working closely with the Boys and Girls Club to make sure they had what they needed to run their programs. I loved the planning for and running of the hockey game with the Boston Alumni at the O'Keefe Center that was done a couple years in a row to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club.

It's amazing how Rotary brings you up through a volunteer system to one day become President. I loved the friendships that came along through this experience. As I reflect on being President, some 14 years ago, the leadership skills I learned have had a great effect on me as a person. Salem Rotary, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve.

2004 ~2005: DANA MCINTYRE

Congratulations to the Salem Rotary Club on your 100th Anniversary. I had the honor of being your President during Rotary International's 100th anniversary celebration. Some of the highlights during my time as President include the Club raising and giving away tens of thousands of dollars to several local charities and causes: the creation, by way of a \$40,000 donation, of the Salem Rotary Club Youth Center in the basement of the Salem YMCA; the Club's sponsorship of the annual holiday party for children in the state foster care system; and a donation from the Club of \$50,000 to the Rotary Foundation. I believe that 2004-05 was one of the Club's most fruitful years, and we added several new members. The meetings were well-attended, fun with a little edge and a few surprises, and participation in Club activities was high. The fellowship was both enjoyable and stimulating. I made many lifelong friends.

A special mention to past President Rich Eisner for not only your support, but your desire to finish my pet projects during your year and heading with me to the Rotary 100th anniversary convention in Chicago. I will never forget running back stage with you in tow as soon as keynote speaker Ted Turner finished, and you were able to snap a photo with my arm around him before his handlers came, and we were kicked to the curb. Other than that, What happens in Chicago, stays in Chicago.



Rotary International 100th Anniversary Parade, Chicago, 2005



Fellowship at the Kernwood Country Club, 2016, from left, Dick Moore, Bill Kielbasa, Dick Lutts, Rich Eisner, & Bob Anthony

2005 ~ 2006: RICH EISNER

This year marked the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International on February 23, 2005. Our Club had 87 members and 38 committees.

Internationally, the Club continued an initiative begun by immediate past President Dana McIntyre. It was the completion of the Rotary Field of Dreams soccer field in Romania with an underground sprinkler system installed by Dana.

Two members also participated in international service projects. Bruce Whear and his son went on a Rotary mission to Honduras with the Pure Water for the World Association. They brought clean water to the people of Honduras, utilizing a simple and efficient filtering system. Dana McIntyre participated in the Rotaplast Mission to Bolivia. The group saw 93 cases and performed 120 procedures on this journey.

One of the most unique highlights to this year was our exchange student from Jakarta, Indonesia, Isni Marina Khusnul Khasanah. She was 17 years old and was enrolled in Salem High School for the academic year. She was one incredible young lady.

Locally, there were many opportunities for member engagement. Due to 2005 being the Centennial year for Rotary International, each club was expected to develop a Centennial Project. Our project was a \$40,000 donation to the Salem YMCA to help complete their new Teen Center.

In a project with the EarlyAct Club, we revitalized the landscape at the Salem Council on Aging. The Club also assisted the Salem Council on the Aging with the installation of smoke detectors in the homes of Salem's seniors.

The Literacy and Education Committee donated a book to honor a student at each of the five Salem schools and to honor middle school students who demonstrated exceptional leadership. In keeping with previous years, dictionaries were also distributed to each third-grader in the Salem Public Schools. The Club provided financial support to a program at Salem High School called the Unity Program.

The Club continued its tradition of extremely successful auctions and raised over \$42,000. The Annual Salem Rotary Club Golf Tournament was also a success, raising over \$8,000.

Our members enjoyed a unique fundraising event during this year: the Bruins Alumni Hockey Fundraiser, where members of the Club skated against former Bruins greats. They just barely beat us, and \$19,387 was raised to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Salem.

Finally, there were two fellowship events of note: the Texas hold-'em Poker Tournament, organized by David Ives; and the Eight Ball Tournament held at Stella's in Danvers, won by President-elect Frank Campbell.



Salem Rotary Texas Hold-'em Poker Tournament

2006 ~ 2007: FRANK CAMPBELL

Hello from sunny Florida! I had the pleasure of serving as Salem Rotary's 89th President. My personal highlight was meeting John Quinn, a longtime member. John was the President of Salem Rotary in 1957, the year I was born. John's dedication was what all Rotarians looked up to. In the year I served as President, John still had perfect attendance. I instituted a program in which past presidents could serve as president for the day. This allowed new members to enjoy the charm and brilliance of a man like John. It was my pleasure to be involved with such a great group of people!

2007 ~ 2008: JULI LEDERHAUS

The thing that stands out for me during my presidential year was when we rescued the Salem School District from the unexpected budget shortfall due to misappropriated funds. We acted nearly instantly and donated \$20,000 to lead the way in solving the problem. We were able to do this because we had the money available, and that was because we had such an outstanding fundraiser the year before. It made me very proud to be a Rotarian — making a difference when the need was great.

2008 ~ 2009: DAVID WESCOTT

My Presidential year began with a fun evening; a lobster bake at Winter Island. For entertainment we enjoyed a live band, along with the first (and last) time I picked up a microphone and sang a preview of my Presidential year to Frank Sinatra's "My Way."

Some of the most special moments of the year included service events such as the DCF summer picnic, food drives for local pantries, the turkey drive at Thanksgiving, a cleanup of Mary Jane Lee Park, the Salem Public School dictionary program, and the Student Literacy and Leadership Awards.

For fundraising, the Rotary calendar included "before and after" photos of Salem. We also had a successful and memorable auction at Hamilton Hall and our annual golf fundraiser.

Meeting highlights included the visit from Friends Forever Irish students and the Rotary Scholarship Awards. The Rotary District Conference was also hosted at the Hawthorne Hotel this year.

There was much fellowship in my year starting with a welcoming event at the Blazos' home. There was a wonderful Club Christmas

party, generously hosted by the Shaws, and an evening brushing shoulders with celebrities at our Celebrity Bartending event. There was even a little friendly rivalry with the “Biggest Loser” weight loss contest between the Salem and Beverly Clubs.



The Rotary Celebrity Bartending event was a popular fundraiser for many years. The most recent featured, from left, State Rep. Paul Tucker, former President of Salem State Patricia Maguire Meservey, Mayor Kim Driscoll, & State Sen. Joan Lovely, Sea Level, 2016

2009 ~ 2010: JOHN HALL

During my year, I chose a major focus of addressing hunger in our community. Key initiatives included scheduling and preparing meals once a month at Lifebridge in Salem and collecting coins once a month that were donated to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. We collected approximately \$4,200 which allowed them to buy four times that amount, or \$16,400, of food supplies from the Greater Boston Food Bank. I also involved the Phoenix School EarlyAct Club to collect coins. The program was named “Change to Change Lives.” Notably, the children still collect coins from Club members and use the funds to donate to community organizations in need. Also, the Club has continued to serve meals at Lifebridge as an ongoing service project.



The Salem Rotary Club continues the tradition of serving meals at Lifebridge. From left, Chris Casey, Tim Clarke, & Trip Mason, 2016

2010 ~ 2011 BILL KIELBASA

My goal was to simply be focused on the Salem Community. The highlight of my year was the "Past-Presidents" meeting. We found and invited all living past presidents to attend this special meeting. As it is a true honor to serve as President, the fact that they ALL attended is testimony to their high regard for our Club and the impact their tenures as President made in their lives.

This year, there were many projects and firsts, although Salem "History" can be vague without JQ. My President's project was the Ames Hall Restoration and Creative Arts Center Project. We also sponsored a city traffic island, participated in the Salvation Army's Annual Kettle Drive, donated 30 books to the Children's Library, hosted a Boys and Girls Club spaghetti dinner, biked at the YMCA Spin-A-Thon, and cleaned Camp Naumkeag for the YMCA summer program. I am particularly proud of three members who housed foreign exchange students for the year.



Salem Rotary still sponsors a traffic island in downtown Salem.

Startup efforts also took place to increase youth involvement in our Club. Rotaract at SSU, which included other area Clubs, and Salem High School Interact were established this year. We also remained engaged with EarlyAct and RYLA.

Other highlights were a Texas hold-'em benefit for Ames Hall, a Veterans Day meeting with SHS's JROTC Honor Guard, and honoring Roger G. Whear, Korean War Vet, as a Paul Harris Fellow.

2011 ~ 2012: TIM CLARKE

I was President 75 years after J. Clarke Brown, one of the founders of Waters & Brown, served in the role (1936-1937). We participated in many service projects and had very successful fundraisers. Our speaker committee kept us informed and entertained; we had three off-site visits our year to Salem State University, PEM and Café Polonia. We spent a lot of time on the organization and structure of our Club including completion of a strategic plan facilitated by Jack Good.

2012 ~ 2013: ELIZABETH BRADT

Oh what a year it was! I went to the International Rotary Convention in Bangkok with my husband Bart Hoskins.

Brenda Smith ran at least one Iron Man competition that year. The Salem Club received a District Matching grant to build a community space with the North Shore Community Development Coalition (CDC). We mentored students in the YouthBuild program at the CDC, built gardens and lawns in El Punto and also mentored students at the Charter School for at risk high school students. We matched artists with young artists, and pilots with kids interested in aeronautics, and gardeners with kids who wanted to be landscapers.

This was also the first year we participated in the District Polar Plunge (2012). There was so much bad weather that the date changed multiple times, and I plunged to fill in some gaps in the roster. We also had a great auction to raise funds for scholarships and contributed about \$30,000 to Salem students so they could attend college or trade school.



President Liz Bradt survives the Polar Plunge with gusto, 2013

2013 ~ 2014: BRENDA SMITH

My year as Rotary President is one of my proudest years. The day I joined Rotary 14 years ago, I knew that someday I wanted to be Rotary President. The opportunity to lead a Club with such a long, distinguished history was a true honor. During my year I focused on the motto of Service Above Self and emphasized our Partnerships with Rotaract and Interact. It was under the leadership and direction of former Salem Rotary President and District Governor John Hall that we were able to increase membership in the Club and add more female members. As only the fourth female President in the Club's history, this was an important achievement. Salem is one of the best communities in which I have ever lived, and my year as President allowed me to combine my love for service with my love for the community.

2014 ~ 2015: CHRIS CASEY

I look back on my year as President with very fond memories. I was a relatively new member to the Club when I was asked to consider being part of the leadership team. While serving as President, I was amazed at how so many talented Rotarians, who had extremely busy professional lives, some running their own businesses, would pour their heart and souls by giving enormous amounts of their time and talents to run this Club.

Something that stands out personally for me, is that my family and I were blessed to become involved with Friends Forever, an incredible, life changing program. The three Friends Forever events hosted at our home have had a lasting impression on our children and their friends who participated in the fun evenings.



President Casey welcomes a Friends Forever group to his home, 2014



Mark and Joyce Leavitt, Salem Rotary Auction, 2016

2015 ~2016: MARK LEAVITT

During my year as Salem Rotary President there are a few things that were very important to the success of our Club. We had a very dedicated membership that worked extremely hard and accomplished our goals. Everyone participated on the numerous projects and fundraisers we had. Our fundraising efforts and donations from past to present members helped make it a very profitable year, which enabled Salem Rotary to help many organizations and our Scholarship Foundation.

Lastly, our Club started making subtle changes in membership programs and to incorporate new Rotary initiatives to attract younger members. Our meeting format was changed to allow one meeting a month to end 30 minutes early to allow committees time to meet or for other Club related activity. It has evolved to service projects being done during that time now. All changes take time to see the result, and this year under President Jason Consalvo we are seeing positive results in a younger membership and growing corporate members.

2016 ~ 2017: VIKTORIA TALEBIAN

What a fantastic year! In keeping with Salem Rotary's History of Service above Self, this year was truly a year dedicated to service! Club members saw an opportunity for "in meeting" service for the first time. Utilizing both Club and District resources, we committed to feeding 30 children each weekend for 10 months.

This was also a year of Club collaboration, starting off with our dried food packaging event. With local clubs, we packaged meals for 20,000 residents of the North Shore. Salem was also the host location of the District Conference, and our members enjoyed many of the festive opportunities for service, fellowship and learning that beautiful May weekend.



Past Presidents Wescott & Talebian package dried food, 2016

Two programs stand out for a mention from our Speaker Series: Congressman Seth Moulton addressing the Club and Irish Friends Forever students; and our Veterans Recognition Program with Presentation of Colors and recognition of our Club Veteran Heroes.

With the generosity of the membership and community, along with the efforts of our auction committee, we were able, for the second time ever, to give \$50,000 in scholarships to Salem students.

Our fellowship was also in full swing this the year with new events like Sips and Starters, a 99th Birthday party for our Club held at the Bertram House, and recognition of our Club Paul Harris recipients at the 100th Foundation Birthday Party at the Danversport.

Finally, sometimes it's the behind the scenes activities that really define a year. Thank you to the dedicated BOD for their guidance and leadership; and to the dedicated members of our Bylaws and Finance Committees for setting our ship straight and for the new level of professionalism in our bookkeeping.

On a personal note, it is with true pleasure that I attend meetings. I now see the Club, and each of the wonderful members, with enlightened understanding and respect. What a privilege.

2017 ~2018: JASON CONSALVO

My Rotary journey began in 2010 in the Swampscott Club. It was a small club, and it became clear very early that fellowship was going to be a great part of my Rotary experience. I immediately got involved with various activities in Swampscott, and was approached about Club leadership at the time I was transferred professionally to Salem.

Joining the Salem Club was daunting. The Club was bigger, the room was bigger, and everything felt a lot more formal. But it didn't take long to realize that Rotarians are Rotarians wherever you meet them. In addition to the fellowship I experienced at my first club, Salem offered community service opportunities that hadn't been available to me before. My early participation in the Scholarship Committee helped me discover a new sense of purpose for my Rotary journey, and my participation in softball got me right on track with the fellowship in Salem! When I was asked to take on a leadership role, and I realized that the opportunity to be the 100th president of such a storied organization was an option, I couldn't say no.

It became clear to me as I advanced through district programming, PETS, and the International Convention, that the focus for my year would be on growing the Club with dedicated members that could serve in a way that fit their personal and professional lives while still engaging them in meaningful service and continuing the traditions that have made Salem a model club in the District.

To that end, we have begun a pilot to allow Corporate Memberships in Salem; resulting in a few new memberships and nearly a dozen new individuals committed to service. We have also chartered a new Salem Rotaract Club, and they are off to a great start!

I am honored to serve alongside a group of dedicated leaders. It has been a great privilege of my life to serve as the 100th President of the Rotary Club of Salem. It is my hope that the final months of my term proceed with all the enthusiasm for service, fellowship, and fun that have been a hallmark of the first half of this Rotary year.



President Consalvo, left, with fellow Salem Rotarians Adria Leach & Patrick Langmaid at a fellowship event, 2016

Past Presidents

1918~1919 George W. Ashton
 1919~1920 Frank D. Tuttle
 1920~1921 Robert W. Hill
 1921~1922 George W. Hooper
 1922~1923 Robert L. Stuart
 1923~1924 John F. Cabeen
 1924~1925 F. Carroll Sargent
 1925~1926 William E. Lavender
 1926~1927 Fred A. Norton
 1927~1928 Laurence Mansfield
 1928~1929 E. Lawrence Howie
 1929~1930 Marquis S. Smith
 1930~1931 Harry S. Lefavour
 1931~1932 Harry S. Perkins
 1932~1933 Joseph D. Newmark
 1933~1934 Bradshaw Langmaid
 1934~1935 Arthur B. Porter
 1935~1936 Clarence A. Mayo
 1936~1937 J. Clarke Brown
 1937~1938 William F. Strangman
 1938~1939 Harry S. Gilcrest
 1939~1940 John W. Archibald
 1940~1941 Austin T. Williams
 1941~1942 George E. Merrill
 1942~1943 John L. Tudbury

1943~1944 George P. Mann, Jr.
 1944~1945 Harley H. Forsythe
 1945~1946 Russell B. Hadley
 1946~1947 Everett L. Lavender
 1947~1948 Richard E. Blake
 1948~1949 Norman J. Welch
 1949~1950 William H. Parker
 1950~1951 Philp D. Bloomberg
 1951~1952 Harold P. Parker
 1952~1953 William E. Coley
 1953~1954 James B. Kidney
 1954~1955 Fred W. Lacey
 1955~1956 William J. Bursaw, Jr.
 1956~1957 John E. Quinn
 1957~1958 Franklin H. Moore
 1958~1959 Frederick A. Meier
 1959~1960 Austin E. Anderson
 1960~1961 Walter K. Anderson
 1961~1962 Harold J. Davies
 1962~1963 Nicholas Xanthaky
 1963~1964 Arthur W. Webster
 1964~1965 Benjamin B. Towne, Jr.
 1965~1966 Wilfred H. Hall
 1966~1967 Donald E. Risteen
 1967~1968 William L. Ives

1968~1969	Harold F. Griffin
1969~1970	Norman F. Kennedy
1970~1971	Robert H. Cushman
1971~1972	Louis A. Pocharski
1972~1973	George P. Vallis
1973~1974	H. Robert Prager
1974~1975	James A. O'Shea, Jr.
1975~1976	Robert A. Trembley
1976~1977	Robert B. Bowman
1977~1978	James A. Robinson, Jr.
1978~1979	John B. Hooper
1979~1980	David C. Schaejbe
1980~1981	Patrick J. Cloherty, Jr.
1981~1982	Richard F. Moore
1982~1983	John P. Fisher
1983~1984	Edward A. Lohnes
1984~1985	Paul E. McKeigue
1985~1986	William Lundregan, III
1986~1987	Robert P. Alexander
1987~1988	Raymond Hodge
1988~1989	Michael R. O'Keefe
1989~1990	Donald L. Lavender
1990~1991	Jacob S. Segal
1991~1992	Vance M. Smith, III
1992~1993	Brian C. Cranney
1993~1994	Mark R. Shaw

1994~1995	John J. Walsh, Jr.
1995~1996	James J. Jervinis
1996~1997	Robert T. Lutts
1997~1998	Deborah McNulty
1998~1999	Frederick (Trip) Mason
1999~2000	Jeffrey N. Shribman
2000~2001	Malia Griffin
2001~2002	David Gendall
2002~2003	Bruce Whear
2003~2004	Christopher Zorzy
2004~2005	Dana McIntyre
2005~2006	Richard Eisner
2006~2007	Frank Campbell
2007~2008	Juli Lederhaus
2008~2009	David Wescott
2009~2010	John S. Hall, II
2010~2011	William Kielbasa
2011~2012	Timothy Clarke
2012~2013	Elizabeth Bradt
2013~2014	Brenda Smith
2014~2015	Christopher T. Casey
2015~2016	Mark Leavitt
2016~2017	Viktoria Talebian
2017~2018	Jason Consalvo

SALEM ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Salem Rotary Club has presented scholarships to graduating Salem students for decades. Most recently, the Club has awarded an average of \$50,000 per year in scholarships to Salem students.

Applicants go through a vigorous selection process, which includes finalist interviews with Rotarians. Applicants must be Salem residents and may not be directly related to a Salem Rotarian or a member from the past five years. The scholarships are available to high school and trade school seniors pursuing college or a vocational trade.



*Beth Stevenson presents the
Robert P. "Buck" Alexander, D.M.D.
Merit Scholarship, 2015*

Several applicants receive Salem Rotary Scholarships, while a few will receive special recognition through named scholarships honoring two very special, well-known Rotarians. They are the Robert P. "Buck" Alexander Merit Scholarship and the Vance M. "Salty" Smith III Scholarship.

Grants are awarded at a special scholarship luncheon held in June every year which includes recipients, their families and esteemed members of the Salem community.



Salem Rotary Scholarship Recipients, 2017

SALEM ROTARY CLUB TODAY

The Salem Rotary Club currently has 76 members. Our membership is comprised of business owners, representatives and residents who take great pride in Salem and in improving our local and worldwide communities. To accomplish our work, we depend on the generosity of our members and support from businesses and the greater community.

On a local level, our Club is recognized citywide for its commitment to students and education. Annually, we award up to \$50,000 in higher education scholarships to Salem students. Often the dollars these students receive are life changing. At the Annual Student Scholarship luncheon, witnessing the familial pride and seeing the direct impact our efforts have on the future success of each student recipient is both powerful and rewarding.

Our Club supports numerous Salem-based community organizations including: Boys and Girls Club, Department of Children and Families, HAWC, Lifebridge, Salem Public Schools, YMCA and many more.

We are also part of an international network that consists of 1.2 million members from over 200 countries. Worldwide, Rotarians are integral in the effort to achieve a Polio-Free World.

The impact of the Salem Rotary Club is profound and can be limitless with the continued support of our members and the community. We thank you for your partnership and look forward to the next 100 years of service together!



*Salem Rotarians celebrate the Club's 99th Anniversary
at the John Bertram House*



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