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## Chapter 1

### THE BEGINNING AND EARLY YEARS, 1916 - 1919

The Rotary movement, started by Chicago attorney Paul Harris, was little more than 10 years old when a group of Everett professional and business men decided to organize a local unit. In the decade since its origin, the Rotary concept of a service club with members from a variety of vocations had flourished and clubs were being formed across the nation. The Seattle Club was the first in the Pacific Northwest in 1909. Now, Everett community leaders were eager to begin their own group.

It was Friday, December 8, 1916, when twenty-five Everettites met to initiate their club. The community in which the new Rotary would start was just a quarter century old itself. Created as a city of diversified industries in the early 1890s, Everett had been transformed ten years later to a mill town by railroad magnate James J. Hill. Now it was a city whose forest products economy was fueled by mighty stands of cedar, fir and hemlock in the nearby hills and valleys. The waterfront was lined with lumber and shingle mills, each with a plume of smoke bellowing from a stack. A gritty, industrial city of approximately 25,000 people in 1916, Everett proudly hailed itself as the "City of Smokestacks".

Henry M. Prince, a tobacco store proprietor, was the organizing chairman for the December 8 meeting which occurred at Weiser's Cafe, 2824 Wetmore Avenue. After a talk by Prince, several resolutions were adopted which created a "temporary organization of the Rotary Club of Everett" and paved the way for the establishment of a permanent club. Attorney Clayton Williams was elected temporary chairman and Prince was elected temporary secretary. Williams appointed members to committees on constitution and bylaws, membership, and permanent organization. It was decided to limit membership to 50 and charge a \$7.50 admission fee. Also, it was determined the organization would become permanent by the adoption of its constitution and by-laws and the election of officers at its next meeting.

Exactly one week later, the permanent organizational meeting took place. Seventy Rotarians from Seattle and another 37 from Tacoma arrived in Everett to launch the fledgling club. The first order of business was the adoption of the constitution and by-laws. Following this, the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Clayton Williams; Vice President, Ed H. Hatch; Treasurer, T.H.

Bowden; Secretary, Henry M. Prince; and The Board of Directors: William Howarth, H.L. McLaughlin, Rev. E.M. Rogers, Charles R. Frazier and A.M. Chitty.

A list of names, including most attendees at the December 8 meeting and several additional ones, was presented and those individuals were elected charter members. The men on the list represented a variety of professions and businesses, thus reflecting the pattern established by Paul Harris. That list, as it appeared in the first Log, February 23, 1917, is printed in total in this booklet's Appendix. Acting District Governor Ralph A. Shaffer of Tacoma and Leonard Bushnell and Ernest Skeel of the Seattle Club each spoke about Rotary. After a few songs and other general remarks, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Secretary Prince described the evening "a huge success, credit due to Tacoma and Seattle Clubs for their large attendance."

The first regular meeting of the new Club took place at 12:15 p.m. Friday, December 22. The by-laws were read and discussed. President Williams called on members to introduce the eight guests present. William Howarth, a Club director, presented what could be considered the Club's first program. He spoke on "The Golden Rule as Applied to Business." The talk was well received and Howarth, president of the giant Everett Pulp and Paper Company, was a logical choice to give it. He had already distinguished himself as one of Everett's most benevolent business leaders, a reputation that would grow even more over the next two decades. President Williams delivered a few remarks about keeping up Rotary enthusiasm and then adjourned the meeting sharply at 1:30 p.m. Everett Rotary was underway.

Interestingly, the Everett Club was instituted at a time of conflict for both the community and the nation. In November of 1916, the city had been rocked by a violent confrontation between the radical I.W.W. union and the deputies and representatives of the local mill owners. The shoot-out on the Everett waterfront had left at least seven dead and had further widened the long standing community chasm between labor and management. On the national level, the country was being drawn into the armed conflict that had torn Europe apart. When the United States declared war against Germany on April 6, 1917, local attention shifted, along with the rest of America, to the European front.

Even before the declaration of war, the Everett Rotary was initiating its first major project-one which dealt with defense. The Club was instrumental in the sponsoring and founding of the Twelfth Company Coast Artillery Corps, a part of the Washington National Guard, in January, 1917. Several Club members enlisted in the

military and later saw service in World War I. On the homefront, Everett Rotary was deeply involved in any number of activities dedicated to the war effort. The Club ably supported the successful Red Cross drives being led by William Howarth. Banker Robert Moody led the Club in five highly successful Liberty Loan drives. Club members in the armed service were considered present at all meetings. Their dues were remitted and each was empowered to name an associate member to serve in his absence.

Everett Rotary received its official charter on March 1, 1917, as Club Number 272. A month later, the Club made its first local public appearance at a patriotic parade. This created a problem for Clayton Williams, who was also Exalted Ruler of the Everett Elks. Rotary suggested that Williams march at the head of their organization and that a wax image of him could be carried at the head of the Elks contingent. Disappointingly, the record doesn't indicate the resolution to Williams' dilemma. Whatever the case, a month later he was on his way to Atlanta, Georgia, as Everett's first delegate to an International Rotary Convention. A few weeks later, Everett Rotary had its first election of new officers. Robert C. Coffey was elected president but he resigned and was replaced by dentist Jess R. Tidball. The Club held its first picnic at Silver Lake on August 31, 1917. A few months later, the Club, through the efforts of William Howarth and Neil Winter, agreed to sponsor the Everett Boy Scouts of America movement. It was part of a Rotary commitment to youth activities.

The meetings typically featured members talking briefly about their businesses or professions. At a November, 1917 meeting, for example, Carl McKee of Everett's Orpheum Theater, gave a talk apologizing for, and explaining the necessity of, charging \$.20 admission to motion picture shows. The Club continued to meet at Weiser's Cafe, in a balcony room especially built for Rotary. Located just off Hewitt Avenue, the city's major business thoroughfare at the time, Weiser's was a convenient location. Most members' places of work were within easy walking distance.

War drive activities continued as a major emphasis in 1918. The 50 Club member limit was short lived (in fact, the charter list contains 52 names); by 1918, membership climbed to 107. That year also marked the institution of a group that would bring national fame to the Everett Club. Members Joe Torrey, Charlie Twelves, Frank Westlake and Carl McKee formed a singing quartet which first performed at the February District Conference in Spokane's Davenport Hotel. Their stirring rendition of patriotic songs brought down the house and they soon were delivering showstopping performances throughout the Northwest. The zenith was reached in June when they

appeared at the Rotary International Convention in Kansas City. Recalling the event, Past Everett Rotary historian E.B. Wight stated, "Here, amidst tumultuous patriotic enthusiasm - its equal probably never having been seen in a Rotary Convention - the quartet gave Everett the widest and most favorable publicity."

The European war finally ended with the November 11, 1918, armistice. Everett Rotary joined in the celebration and the welcoming home of service men. Along with rest of America, Everett Rotary settled in to practice the art of peace. Clayton Williams, the Club's first president, was elected the District Governor of Rotary's 22nd District. The Club threw its support behind a plan for a community hospital, although it would be another five years before the dream was realized. The election of new officers occurred again in 1918, the second installment in what would become an annual ritual.

By 1919, Everett, and the nation generally, was moving into a period of optimism. E.B. Wight noted, "A business boom was on; industry was running to capacity; prices were rising; employment was widespread; everyone was happy." Four Everett Rotarians attended the International Convention in Salt Lake City. Returning veterans talked to the Club about war experiences and the nation prepared for the noble experiment of a prohibition on alcoholic beverages. The Club joined the rest of the community in saluting the Everett High School football teams, which under the coaching of Enoch Bagshaw, captured the mythical national championship two years in a row. As the new decade arrived, Everett Rotary could look back with pride at many accomplishments during its three years of existence.

## Chapter 2

### PEACE AND PROSPERITY, 1920 - 1929

By 1920, Everett Rotary was maturing into its community role. Historian Wight wrote, "The stripling Club was perfecting its organization, testing its strength, offering its services to worthy efforts of a civic nature, and gradually learning to take its place as the leading exponent in Everett of a better and broader pattern of modern American community life." The Club welcomed the newly organized Everett Lions Club and sent a delegation to the charter presentation for the new Wenatchee Rotary Club.

In June 1921, Past President Dave McIlravy attended the International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland. It marked the first time the convention had been held in Europe. The event had special meaning for McIlravy, who was of Scottish descent. It's reported he received a rousing Everett send off, complete with kilts and bagpipes. That same year William Howarth and John T. McChesney, president of the Everett Improvement Company, were named the Club's first honorary members. For McChesney, the honor was short lived. The man James J. Hill had recruited to transform Everett into a mill town died in 1922.

In other 1921-22 activities, the Club joined in the discussion about an airfield close to Everett. Support continued for the Boy Scouts and their camps at Tyree and Lake Kelcema in the Cascade Mountains. The Club extended a warm welcome to the newly formed Everett Kiwanis Club and helped install the charter for a new Mount Vernon Rotary. Charter member Merwin Maloney died. His funeral cortege was reported to be the largest ever seen in Everett to that date.

E.B. Wight, the oft referenced historian, served as the Club president in 1922-23. During his term, the Club adopted a new constitution and by-laws more in keeping with those of Rotary International. High marks were hit on attendance that year. The Club held a 100% attendance meeting on November 24, 1922; 95% of the members attended the District Conference in Tacoma; and the Club was honored as having the best regular meeting attendance record of any District club with more than 100 members. "Ned" Townsend became the Club secretary on January 1, 1923. It was a post he would hold for many years. Also, during this period, the Club adopted a bed at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle and pledged an annual expense of \$250 for this sponsorship. New Rotary Clubs were begun in Anacortes and Sedro Woolley. Everett members were there to help in the chartering.

The year's highlight for the next president, Jesse Davis, probably occurred at the February 29, 1924, Leap Year Program. It is recorded that Davis, a bachelor, "was accorded a most delicate attention by some of the wives of members." Details are not given but the record states that "Jesse, for one, will never forget it." Both the retiring and incoming presidents attended the International Convention in Toronto that June. It was decided, thereafter, that the incoming president should attend the convention. It is a practice still followed today. Sam Bargreen was singled out for his untiring involvement in the Boy Scout program. The District Conference in Spokane featured an Everett stunt, "The Toonerville Trolley."

By mid-decade, Everett was basking in the general prosperity of the "Roaring Twenties". The lumber mills were operating close to full capacity; the canning of agricultural and fish products had become a \$5 million dollar a year local business; and Everett's waterfront shipping was a booming enterprise. The good times were accompanied by the construction of several major Everett buildings, many of which are still in use today. The Rotary Club was directly associated with at least three of the new structures. The Armory, built at the corner of California and Oakes in 1921, was largely the result of the Club's ability to successfully lobby the State Legislature for a \$100,000 appropriation. Another building which figures prominently in the life of Rotary was the Monte Cristo Hotel, erected in 1925 at the corner of Hoyt Avenue and Wall Street. This beautiful edifice provided the Club with new, more spacious quarters for the weekly meeting. The meetings would continue at this location for several years. The Club also sponsored a room at the General Hospital, the new community owned hospital constructed in 1924 in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue.

During this era, Everett Rotary proudly observed that one of its members, lumberman and past Everett mayor Roland Hartley, had risen to the highest rank in state government. Hartley, a rock ribbed capitalist and staunch opponent of anything smacking of "socialism", was elected governor in 1924 and then re-elected in 1928. The excitement of Hartley's election was tempered by the death of William Boner in February of 1925. Boner, who had directed the local Weyerhaeuser operations to the point of being Everett's largest employer, had also been one of the Club's most active members. In the summer of 1925, the Club joined in the celebration of the Stevens Pass Highway completion. While it's not recorded in the official Rotary annals, it is interesting that Abe Glassberg, young journalist and adventurer, was one of the first people to journey over the future pass in a motor vehicle. Later, Glassberg would serve

as Rotary president and subsequently be selected an honorary member. He passed away in 1994 at the age of 96.

Everett Rotary flourished for the remainder of the decade in a city and nation that continued to experience flush economic times. In the words of E.B. Wight, "These were prosperous days. The Coolidge administration silently reigned in Washington; the bootlegging fraternity plied silently its nightly trade. All were happy. Shoe clerks and school teachers, widows and soda jerkers, played the stock market, and the big days ballooned to the zenith of the New Era." Among its activities, the Club, in 1927, presented a successful Rotary show at the Everett Theater and donated half the proceeds to the Boy Scouts. The Club also entered a team in the chariot race of the North Pacific Livestock Show and Fair, with John Sievers and Spud Weiser handling the reins. The Show was held on the Silver Lake Grounds, a site occupied today by the Lago De Plata Mobile Villa.

The Club participated in the erection of signs at the city limits on the new Pacific Highway. The signs gave the luncheon dates of the various Everett service clubs and were probably an outgrowth of the first joint meeting of the five service clubs on November 23, 1926. The joint meeting would become an annual event. During 1927-28, the Club sponsored and supported a successful campaign to raise funds for the construction of a new Deaconess Children's Home. Approximately \$40,000 was raised to build the facility in the 2100 block of Highland Avenue. While no longer in use for its original purpose, the building is still standing today.

In 1928-29, the Club was instrumental in the founding of a new Rotary Club in Marysville. Dr. Nathan Thompson, Everett Rotary president at that time, was credited with playing a major role in this activity. Everett Rotary also assisted in the creation of a new Club in Port Townsend and initiated a practice of awarding the Rotary Trophy to the outstanding senior class boy and girl at Everett High School.

As the decade concluded, the Club lamented its failure to generate a Community Chest in Everett. There was excitement, however, that member Mon Wallgren, who later would become a U.S. Congressman, Senator and state governor, had won the national amateur billiard championship. Historian Wight closed out his commentary of the 1920s by noting, "We have been blessed with fairly good health, general prosperity, and reasonable happiness. We have been suffused with the sunshine of each others' friendship - and after all - what else is there in the world that is really worthwhile." There was no hint of the trying days ahead.

## Chapter 3

### DEPRESSION, 1930 - 1939

Few decades, if any, in American history convey a gloomier image than the 1930s. Precipitated by an October, 1929, stock market crash, the nation plunged into an economic collapse we now call the "Great Depression." In Everett, as in the rest of the country, business and industry ground to a near halt. The lumber industry, Everett's bread and butter, was particularly hard hit. There was simply no money for people or businesses to build things.

For Everett Rotary, the difficult times were compounded even further by a series of misfortunes to Club leaders. Incoming 1930-31 president Charles Bentley had barely returned from Rotary's Silver Jubilee International Convention when he was stricken at a meeting of the Everett Club. Transported to General Hospital, he put up a valiant fight for life before succumbing on October 18, 1930. He is, to this day, the only Everett president to die while in office. Will Cleaver was scheduled to attend the 1931 International Convention in Vienna when he suffered a sudden attack which nearly took his life. He was saved by emergency surgery. Al Braedt, the 1931-32 president, took ill during the year and eventually spent several weeks in treatment in Minneapolis and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minneapolis. Fortunately, like Cleaver, he recovered and was welcomed back to the Club.

The economic situation, which seemed to worsen by the day in the early 1930s, made it difficult for the Club to retain members. Many of the local Rotarians were struggling to keep their businesses afloat and some were losing the battle. Membership declined to 83. By 1932 there were only eight charter members still in the group. Membership did increase to 88 the next year and remain fairly stable for the next several years. The Marysville Rotary, which Everett had sponsored just five years earlier, folded during the 1933-34 year.

Not all was bleak. At the same time Marysville was surrendering its charter, Oak Harbor was receiving one. A delegation from Everett journeyed to the Whidbey Island community for the charter presentation. Member Howard Wright provided transportation via his yacht "Kaleta", one of the better known vessels in the Everett harbor. During this era, the "Kaleta" often was used for junkets to Rotary activities. Another yacht also used for Club outings was Bennett Baldy's "El Dorann." The two vessels were used for special inter-city trips to Tacoma and Victoria in 1933-34. Both

Wright and Baldy were expert yachtsman. Wright guided "Kaleta" to victory in the International Cruiser race from Olympia to Nanaimo, B.C. and the "El Dorann", under Baldy's direction, won the Bellingham-Vancouver, B.C. race.

Despite the tough economic times, the Club carried forward with its benevolent and charitable work. Throughout the decade there was continued endowment, under the leadership of Bill Pilz, of the bed at Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Generous donations of food were given to the Deaconess Children's Home. Christmas parties were conducted for the youngsters at the Parkland Lutheran Children's Home. New teachers in the Everett School District were entertained and the championship Everett High School football and basketball teams of 1939-40 were honored. The achievement plaque program for outstanding high school seniors was continued. The local Boy Scout movement was still being sponsored by the Club. In addition, the Board of Directors supported a variety of community causes ranging from golf and fishing derbies to club councils.

Perhaps the most notable of the Club's activities was the decision to actively support a program of seeing eye dogs for the blind. Incoming 1937-38 Club president Charlie Hampton heard about "Seeing Eye Incorporated" of Morristown, New Jersey, at the Rotary International Convention in Nice, France. On the voyage home, Hampton became acquainted with Hazel Hurst, a blind girl who had addressed the convention. "Sightless people do not want sympathy", she had said, "just an opportunity for self-reliant usefulness." Inspired by her words and story, Hampton convinced the Club Board of Directors to organize an effort to help the blind through seeing eye dogs. Steve Saunders and Jack Hartford were instrumental in a campaign that ultimately included Rotary Clubs from Bellingham to Sumner. Sufficient funds were raised from the clubs to send nine sightless young men and women from Western Washington to the Seeing Eye Institute in Morristown for training with dogs.

The opening of a new Everett Public Library in 1933 was another highlight in a generally dismal era. The Club noted that member George Gunter chaired the Library Board and that Leonard Howarth, brother of Club charter member William Howarth, had provided the \$75,000 bequest which made the new facility possible. The Club also observed, with pride, that member Mon Wallgren, was elected in the fall of 1932 to represent the local congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Programs of this time included both local and out of town speakers. Bill Pilz, executive at the Everett Pulp and Paper mill in Lowell, appeared at least three times to

tell of his travel experiences in Europe. Ralph Bell, president of the United Savings and Loan Association and Superior Court Judge, was another of the hometown presenters. Historian Wight, however, lavishes his greatest praise on Frank Drake Davison, who delivered to the Club a 1939 speech entitled "Facing Present Realities." Wight stated, "His reputation for erudition, for clear painstaking thought, for well chosen topics and concise, trenchant diction is well merited and is spreading in the land. May we have him oftener through the years." Another program high point was the recognition of Civil War veteran Comrade Tift at the 1939 Memorial Day meeting. At age 98, Tift was the sole G.A.R. survivor in Snohomish County. Another highlight occurred on March 17 of that year when the Club's first president Clayton Williams was presented an honorary membership.

No description of this, or the subsequent era, would be complete without a tip of the hat to E.B. Wight. Throughout his term as Club historian he enriched the reporting of Club history by placing it in the context of local, national and international happenings. As his tenure increased, so did his personal observations about the ever-changing events of the time. Thus, his text, which is a basic foundation for this work, provides marvelous insights into the inner thoughts of at least one Rotarian. During this particular period, he focused first on America's economic plight, proposed political remedies and the role Rotary should play in this setting. In 1932, for example, he wrote, "It is difficult for me to be cheerful with business and professional practice melting away, banker and landlord clamoring, family in actual want, and the phantom of false morning dying again in the East. Yet courage and fortitude are needed now more than ever before.....Everett Rotary Club will survive these perilous times. The Club and its members alike, tried in the crucible of adversity, will be better and stronger, more resourceful, broader of vision and more tolerant, for having passed the test." He later shared his views on the New Deal - not entirely complimentary, even though Mon Wallgren was a part of it. By the end of the decade, with the depression waning, he shifted his attention to the international scene. In 1939, he noted that Rotary International had been dissolved in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Italy. Describing the Nazi march across Europe and the rise of Japan he concluded, "The future is grim, confused and uncertain. If we have no hope, we have nothing. Let us have faith in the future of America." As a chronicler of Rotary history, this writer is indeed indebted to E.B. Wight for his reporting of fact and his interpretation of the times.

## Chapter 4

### WAR AND RECOVERY, 1940 - 1949

In contrast to the domestic despair of the 1930s, America was focusing on the international scene as the 1940s began. It appeared inevitable the country would be drawn into the war raging in Europe and Asia. On the local scene, Paine Field, the south Everett airplane field constructed with W.P.A. funds in 1936, was being readied for transformation to a military base.

Meanwhile, Everett Rotary was moving forward with its program of charity and service. A Community Chest campaign, talked of earlier but never instituted, became a reality. Rotarians Joe Reeves and Ray Dalton were chosen Community Chest Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Budget Committee, respectively. The new enterprise was to merge the fund raising efforts of the various charitable organizations into one campaign. The Club itself had no role although many of the members were personally involved. The first drive raised \$41,500, a worthy amount, but short of the desired goal. On a sad note, the Club observed the death of Clayton Williams. This first Everett Rotary president and Past District Governor was described by E.B. Wight as "our best loved, most cherished elder member. His place in Everett Rotary and in Everett can never be filled."

The war which America had expected, exploded with fury on December 7, 1941. The Japanese attack on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in the Hawaiian Islands thrust the country into the conflict with Japan and the Axis powers. For the next three and a half years, every aspect of American life would be consumed by the war. Everett Rotary was hard pressed to concentrate on its Silver Jubilee celebration, which occurred just 12 days after the Pearl Harbor attack. Seven Everett Rotarians were soon serving in the military. Those seven, listed here, were given honorary member status for the duration of the war: Lt. Col. Bert Vanderwilt, Lt. (JG) Hans Culmback, Radio Technician Ed. J. Christie, Capt. Harold J. Gunderson, Capt. Plott M. Medford, Corporal Harold Sievers and Lt. Herbert T. Neve. In an unrelated move, the Club shifted its meeting place in 1941 to the Y.M.C.A. and then the Everett Elks lodge. This ended 16 years of meeting at the Monte Cristo Hotel.

The war brought major changes to Everett. A gigantic Naval shipyard opened on the waterfront, replacing Weyerhaeuser as the city's largest employer. The lumber, shingle and pulp industries struggled for employees when workers left the mills to take

better paying jobs in the defense industry. The job shortage of the depression was replaced by the labor shortage of the war. Most of the young men who would have comprised a part of the labor force were in the military service. A huge federal housing project was built in northeast Everett to house the new workers and military personnel recruited here. Women entered the work force in mass for the first time and the term "Rosie the Riveter", was coined to describe the female employees at Seattle's Boeing aircraft plant.

While the Everett Rotary continued many of its traditional programs, there was a shift of emphasis to the homefront war effort. In addition to activities like the Seeing Eye Guide Dog program and the bed at the Orthopedic Hospital, the Club gave money to the Y.M.C.A. to help provide lodging quarters for transient servicemen and sent magazines to servicemen and women in Africa. Rotarians Bill Pilz and Tom Paul were leaders in the ever present War Loans campaigns. Club members were assisting with the local U.S.O. At meetings, a Club Service Flag was flown to commemorate the Everett members serving in the armed forces. Club membership grew steadily as the city population swelled. By 1944, there were 110 members, the most since 1929. It was during this time the Club initiated its first scholarships. Two \$100 scholarships were awarded to Everett Junior College students. Thus began a program, which in time, would represent the Club's greatest financial commitment to service.

Programs frequently related to the war. Often the speakers were servicemen who shared their recent combat experiences. Major Edward Nollmeyer, later a Snohomish County Superior Court Judge, told of his adventures as one of General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers in the China Volunteer Flying Corps. "Bud" Bortner related tales of his many missions over western Europe supporting the big planes headed for Berlin. The harrowing stories of the returning veterans, the weekly reports of Everettites killed or wounded and the knowledge that six million young Americans were locked in battle, spurred E.B. Wight to even greater editorial commentary. His historian reports through the war years, and after, are one fourth Rotary and three fourths other news and opinion. He is particularly critical of the homefront population whose discomforts are mere nuisances such as travel restrictions and rationing stamps. "We Americans, here at home," he opines, "have been spared the horrors of war. Vacation, recreation, gratification, fill our days. Borrowing from the future, we are growing corpulent upon war's spoils."

At the war's beginning, the United States was on the defense, struggling to hold its own. By 1944, the tide had turned as America flexed its ever increasing industrial and military muscle. The Normandy Landing in June of that year was a beginning of the end for Germany. Within a year, Berlin had fallen and Germany surrendered. In August of 1945, the dropping of atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima brought Japan to its knees. The great conflict was finally over.

Everett Rotary Club joined in the victory celebration and prepared for the return of peace time America. The eight men represented by the Service Flag - Colonel Les Holcomb had been added - had all survived, without injury. Club programs still included war time activities but there was a new emphasis on the post war scenario such as Commander Charles Fribie's presentation on the readjustment and rehabilitation of servicemen back into civilian life. "Selling Everett and Its Industries" was a program presented in serial form at several consecutive meetings by leading Everett businessmen.

Member Mon Wallgren, who had moved from the U.S. House to the Senate, resigned from that body in 1944 to run for state governor. He was elected to that post and served until 1949. Young Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson, on his way to becoming Everett's favorite son, was elected to the U.S. House for his fourth term in the fall of 1946. Meanwhile, Club membership was increasing slightly every year. But the Club was concerned about the constant turnover of membership. A continual stream of new recruits was necessary to replace the unending attrition. Also, the issue of attendance received attention. Throughout the decade, typical meeting attendance hovered just over the 80% mark.

In January of 1947, Everett joined the rest of the Rotary world in mourning the passing of Paul Harris. The Rotary movement he had started in Chicago 42 years earlier had spread to over 70 countries with some 300,000 members in more than 1,000 clubs at the time of his death. In his memory, Everett Rotary, two years later, contributed \$1,350 - an average of \$10.00 per member - to the Rotary Foundation Fund.

During 1946-47, the Club experimented with meetings in different locations. The American Legion Hall, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Floral Hall at Forest Park, and the Masonic Temple were among the meeting spots. This was also the year that members resumed foreign travel - the first peace time ventures into war torn Europe. Bill Pilz visited several countries. George Culmback traveled to Denmark and Ivar Nelson to

Sweden. An interesting intra-club contest saw members Howard Bargreen and Ross Earlywine battling each other for a State Senate position. In a close race, Earlywine prevailed.

The next year marked Everett's first serious attempt at a new nickname since the origin of the city. Eager to shed its image as a smelly, industrial smudge pot, the city dropped the "City of Smokestacks" mantle. Henceforth, it would be "The Evergreen City." In Club activities, Ned Townsend started his second quarter century as Club Secretary and Nels "Rosie" Weborg was acknowledged for his umpteenth year as editor of the Log. The Club also took the step of inviting Everett Junior College to select a student to attend the Rotary meetings. The student would be a personal emissary and liaison between the two entities.

By 1948-49, Everett had 137 members, with five father-son teams - the Chaffees, the Lewises, the Torreys, the Townsends and the Westmorelands, whom E.B. Wight labeled as "Big Ben" and "Has Been". There were two honorary members, "Dad" Conner and Chris Culmback. Two new Club procedures were introduced that year. Pictures were included in the roster and Abe Glassberg, managing editor of the Everett Daily Herald, would preview and capsulize the news scheduled to appear in the paper's evening edition. This year also marked the end of E.B. Wight's distinguished service as Club historian. He concluded his term in classic style. He lambasted the state electorate as being "noted for its imbecility", railed on the state legislature and the "eighty-worst" U.S. Congress for irresponsible fiscal dealings, chastised defeated G.O.P. presidential candidate Thomas Dewey for his weak speeches of "glittering generalities" and panned President Harry Truman for his crude, vulgar manners. Whatever his views, Wight had left an indispensable chronicle of Everett Rotary and the world around it.

At the end of the decade, the Club could reflect on a productive ten years. Membership was at 140, an all time high. Sponsorship of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital bed; ongoing support for Deaconess Children's Home, Boy Scouts, Junior College, Boys State Convention at Central Washington College; and the continued annual award to the outstanding graduates of Everett High School were among the Club's good works. Programs had covered a variety of topics and had included regular performances by Everett High School musical groups under the direction of staff members like Ray and Florence Howell, Rosa Zimmerman and Kirsten Clumback. The state institutions of higher learning, particularly the University of Washington, had

supplied a great number of the luncheon speakers. Rosie Weborg was still the Log editor and Ned Townsend the Club Secretary. And Abe Glassberg was well entrenched with his "News and Views of the Day". Rotary was well positioned for its move into the 1950s.

## Chapter 5

### MOVING AHEAD, 1950 - 1959

E.B. Wight's replacement as historian was Loren Baker, manager of the West Coast Powder Company, an explosives manufacturer located south of Silver Lake. In 1949-50, the first of his annual historian's report, he expressed humility at attempting to fill the void left by Wight. He proved, however, to be a more than capable replacement. Less verbose than Wight, he was nonetheless, perceptive in his views, clever with the written or spoken word and quick of wit. He was also bald as a billiard ball - a source of self deprecating humor - and he had the habit of slowly passing his hand from the front to back of his shinning pate when he shared an especially cogent observation. A gentle soul, with a crackling sense of humor, he evolved into a Rotary legend over the next forty years.

In that first report, Baker reviewed the years happenings and suggested that a little more humor might help the programs. If there was to be levity, Baker himself would set the tone. Commenting on the program about the "psychopathic" cases at Northern State Mental Hospital in Sedro Woolley, Baker observed that no Everett Rotarian had taken advantage of the invitation to visit that institution. "Some of the members were afraid to take any chances, even on a visit," he related.

By the next year, the grim "Cold War" which followed the Allied victory had burst into a hot one. For the next few years, the United States would be part of the United Nations "Police Action" in Korea. It was part of the plan to stop the spread of Communism. Historian Baker noted that despite the outbreak, the world had entered a new era with startling advances in fields like science, medicine and engineering. "We are on the threshold of opportunity", he stated, "and through Rotary International, Everett Rotary will play a part in this coming age and help to the extent of its ability."

Membership declined slightly to 135 in 1951 and concern was expressed about the high turnover. 14 members had been lost and 11 members gained. Death had claimed seven during the year, including long time secretary Ned Townsend and honorary member "Dad" Conner. Fred Spurrell replaced Townsend as secretary and Chris Culmback was left as the only member with honorary status. Four charter members still survived: Bill Pilz, Joe Torrey, Sr., Rosie Weborg and E.B. Wight.

The 1950-51 year also marked the change of Everett Rotary meeting day. Since its origin in 1916, the Club had met on Friday. After considerable debate, members

approved moving the meeting time to Tuesday noon. This was also the year the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation was formed within the Club. The object of this new organization was to concern itself with youth welfare in the community. Loren Baker opined that the Foundation "was a worthy enterprise and should be backed solidly by the Club". His suggestion was heeded and over the years the Foundation developed into a major repository and dispensary of funds for youth betterment. In other activities, the Club once again supported Children's Orthopedic Hospital and the Deaconess Children's Home.

Death continued its grim toll over the next two years. E.B. Wight and long time active member John Kohne died during 1951-52. Bill Pilz was elevated to honorary member status in that same year and then passed away a year later. The following year, Jack Westland, the district's representative in the U.S. House - and the U.S. National Amateur Golf Champion in 1952 - was named an honorary member. Also, charter member Joe Torrey became Club Secretary and Rosie Weborg was still pumping out the Log.

By 1953-54, the promise of the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation was beginning to be evidenced. The high school Rotary Achievement Award winners each received a \$100 scholarship to go with the award. Two scholarships totaling \$250 were given to Everett Junior College students. Incoming Everett High School senior Bill Prochnau, later a distinguished journalist and author, had his way paid to Boys' State, an American Legion sponsored government training program for young people.

Loren Baker was, by now, the purveyor of "Viewing the News". Operating first for Abe Glassberg, he soon inherited the job full time. Members anticipated his weekly quips and the longer historian report which he delivered annually.

Attention was given to the tenure of members and those with 100% attendance during the year. In 1953-54, seven individuals were recognized for having 30 years of Club membership. Forty-four members were honored for perfect attendance. And it was observed that 15 past presidents still were in the Club. Membership edged back to 140 in 1954-55 and historian Baker expressed confidence the city could support a membership of about 150. Henry Newton was the Everett High School senior boy selected for the Rotary Achievement Award that spring. Twenty-seven years later he would be a local attorney serving as the Everett Rotary President. Among its many activities, the Club undertook the construction of a building at Forest Park.

In 1955-56, concern still was being expressed about the high turnover in membership. It was noted that 60% of the membership had joined the Club since 1950. The loss and gain of 14 members during that year alone was indicative of the situation. Loren Baker urged the Club to actively recruit new members and restated the goal of reaching 150.

Two highlights of the 1956-57 year were the 40th Anniversary party on December 12 and Ladies Day on April 23. Loren Baker wondered about the number of Rotarians holding the hands of their wives at the latter event. "We're not sure why," he mused. "There is a suspicion in some cases." Henry M. Jackson, by now a U.S. Senator, spoke to the Club about Russia. He had already established himself as an expert about our "Cold War" enemy and the need to deal firmly with the Soviets. Other top programs that year were presented by Leo Lassen, long time radio announcer for the Seattle Rainiers baseball team, and Martha Knight, Everett Junior College instructor, who shared her personal views of Russia after touring that country. The Club closed out the Forest Park project and appropriated \$3,500 to help build a swimming pool for Camp Sevenich, the Boy Scout camp at Lake Connor. In an ongoing saga, a junior college student was again attending Rotary meetings, although the program would conclude the next year.

Membership slipped from 145 to 141 in 1957-58. Loren Baker bemoaned the unfilled classifications and once again pushed for the 150 membership goal. Venerable Rosie Weborg, both a charter member and an honorary member, died. Herb Lohr, who started his Rotary career elsewhere in 1918 and joined Everett in 1946, was now serving as Club Secretary. In assessing the year's programs, Baker made special mention of the cancer film shown by Dr. Jim Otto. "Several members had some stomach troubles during the running of the film," he remarked.

As the Club marched toward the end of the decade, it could look back on ten years of progress. Membership was creeping toward the 150 mark. Rotary committees had achieved many notable Club goals. A myriad of programs, from discussions of the world food supply to consideration of the prospects for the University of Washington football team, entertained and informed the members. And the establishment of the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation had positioned the Club for an even more active support of youth programs. It had been a good ten years.

## Chapter 6

### TURMOIL AND PROSPERITY, 1960 - 1969

Everett Rotary, like the rest of America, rolled into the 1960s with no inkling of the turmoil ahead. A presidential assassination, the killing of two other national leaders, a controversial Southeast Asian war that fractured the country into "hawks" and "doves", civil rights unrest and accompanying inner city riots, youth revolt with students of some colleges literally taking over the institutions, man on the moon and back - all contributed to a decade that would be one of the most eventful and cataclysmic in American history.

Club membership was at 143 by 1961. Joe Torrey, Sr. was the only charter member still living. He; Clarence Lasher, who entered the Club in 1925, and Congressman Jack Westland, a 1948 entry into the Club, were the three honorary members. Henry M. Jackson would be accorded that honor the following year. By that time, he had been in the United States Senate for 10 years.

One of the leading Club events of the early 1960s was the "Country Store", organized by Herb Lohr. Held at the armory, "Country Store" was a huge rummage sale. In the 1961-62 year, it brought nearly \$3,300 into Club coffers. The scholarship program for deserving students was being carried forward. The 1961-62 Everett Junior College recipients were Bobby Bishop and Nancy Elsbree. Also, Everett Junior College representatives were back attending Club meetings on a regular basis. The Club had branched into further international connections. Alberto Arriaz, a Venezuela exchange student, was being hosted by the Club and Ralph Quaas, an Everett Junior Chamber of Commerce activist, was sponsored for a Rotary trip to England.

Loren Baker continued to inform and entertain with his inimitable wit. In regard to Bernie Webber, Chairman in 1961-62 of the Special Events Committee, Baker recorded that, "Bernie put on one of his special events in early spring and now there are eight little Webbers." Baker also observed the value of Club members' classification talks and suggested they could be expanded to include veteran members. In particular, he mused that Industrial Electric Company president Harold Patchett could speak on "How Shocking Can You Get?" and urologist Rollie Wyrens could discuss "Old Organs".

The 1962-63 year was notable in that no members were lost to death. This was the first such year in the last 15. This was also the year Loren Baker dubbed the Ron

Bodey presentation as perhaps the greatest Rotary program of all time. While Baker doesn't elaborate, the newspapers of the day give us a clue as to his observation. Bodey was called upon as a speaker because of his sensational success that year in catching the usually elusive king salmon. Bodey's prolific record - and reputation - were more than tarnished when it was discovered he was pilfering his catch from a local cannery. From Baker's comment, we can assume the cannery revelation came after the Rotary talk. Regardless of program faux pas, attendance reached a high point in April, 1963. Responding to a challenge from Bellingham, Everett Rotary achieved 96% attendance that month. This also was the first year of awards going to Cascade High School students. After 70 years as a one high school town, Everett now had the Cascade Bruins as a sister school to the Everett Seagulls.

In the fall of 1963, the country was rocked by the assassination of youthful President John F. Kennedy. It was the first, and most shattering, of the history making episodes that jolted the decade. In his year end historian report, Loren Baker made no specific reference to the assassination. He did decry the rise in crime, decline in moral standards, and the "let George do it" mentality of many citizens. He finally concluded, "There appears to be more people of high intelligence because of educational opportunities and from this nucleus we can hope that effective control of the direction our society takes may be had." He added, "Rotarians have a job to do, particularly with the younger generation." It was a more somber Loren Baker than usual.

J.K. Johnson was added as a honorary member in 1963-64, bringing the total to five. The exchange student program was cited as perhaps the Club's most effective outlet. The 1963-64 student was Silvia Enriguez, who spent her year with the Rod Berg family. The major effort of the year was directed to the acquisition of a suitable vehicle for the Mountain Rescue Unit. Abe Glassberg, initiator of the "News and Views" which Loren Baker so ably carried on, served as the 1963-64 president. Herb Lohr was secretary and D.A. Baker, editor of the Log.

1964-65 was another busy Club year. For the first time, membership hit 150. Thirty members were recognized as "Pioneers", that is, having been in the Club for 20 years or more. By now, 37 Everett Rotarians were classified as "Senior Active". Essentially, the qualifications were 15 or more years of Club membership and 60 or more years of age. Weekly programs were varied and interesting. Ralph Mackey gave two that year: one an inside look at the National Republican Convention and the other a riveting description of his climb up Mt. Acojagua in South America. Paul

Cunningham, son of 1964-65 Club President Jim Cunningham, was the outstanding boy student from Cascade High School that year. His qualifications can be attested to by this writer, who, in his first year of teaching in 1959-60, had young Cunningham in class. The sad note of the year was the death of honorary member J.K. Johnson.

By 1965, the country was being ripped by civil rights unrest, changes in social mores, an influx of illicit drugs, youth revolt, and an increasingly divisive war in Viet Nam. In the opening paragraph of his annual report, historian Baker stated, "We are in the midst of a revolution, in the arts, the sciences, in education, in personal relations and in personal thinking." In the spring of 1966, another sort of revolution would hit Everett when the Boeing Company announced plans to build a giant plant in southwest Everett for production of the new 747 aircraft. Mill town Everett, most of its lumber and shingle mills already gone, was changing to an economy largely dependent on the aircraft industry.

While the leadership changed annually, Herb Lohr was still serving as Club secretary, Loren Baker as historian and deliverer of "News and Views", and D.A. Baker as Log editor in 1965-66. Sadly, however, the Club lost one of its greats. Joe Torrey, Sr., last of the Club's charter members, died that year. He missed the Club's Golden Anniversary by just a few months.

Most appropriately, the president during the 1966-67 Golden Anniversary year was attorney Parker Williams, whose father, Clayton Williams, also an attorney, had been the Club's first president. In this year of Boeing and mini-skirts, the Club took time to celebrate its 50 years of service. And, of course, it was Loren Baker to whom the Club turned for a recollection of the previous half century. Baker likened his task to the little boy who after the first day at school, burst into the house inquiring of his mother, "What's sex?" The mother, who had long prepared for this dreaded query, launched into a lengthy explanation. When she finally finished, the boy pulled an enrollment card from his pocket and asked "How do I get all of that in this little square?" "So," Baker wondered, "How can I get 50 years of Everett Rotary into one little square?" He succeeded, however, in typical fashion. His 50 year summary is included as an appendix to this record. In his usual annual report, he noted that Everett Rotary was part of an International movement that embraced 12,775 clubs in 132 countries with 610,000 members. And Everett Rotary, at the 50 year mark, had an all time high membership of 166.

1967-68 was another year of national upheavals and Baker's annual report ended with reference to the turmoil. On the local scene, he pointed with pride to the involvement of Rotarians in a wide variety of community service activities. The Club participated in youth programs, American Field Service, exchange student projects, and the Youth Foundation by way of the Hasler Scholarship Fund. Programs again covered a vast array of topics - from Spada Lake to Viet Nam. Special tribute was given to Secretary Herb Lohr and to Log editor D.A. Baker for his use of humorous anecdotes to enhance reporting of the usual Rotary news. The latter is illustrated by the story of the Methodist minister who sent an urgent telegram to his district superintendent, "WIFE DIED PLEASE SEND SUBSTITUTE FOR WEEK END".

National turmoil continued but Everett basked in prosperity in the latter days of the 1960s. The 747 - both the plant and the plane - were unqualified successes. Furthermore, the Everett site looked like the logical production facility for the planned Boeing Super Sonic Transport. These were heady times. Everett Rotary had settled in at about 170 members - or in the words of Loren Baker "about the size this club should be". There were two honorary members by 1964; Senator Jackson and Dr. Ross Earlywine. Orrel Rumbaugh was awarded that status in 1967-68 but he died that same year. There were 39 "Pioneers" (20 or more years of membership) and 12 past presidents in 1968-69. Rotarians, individually and collectively, were participating in just about every community organization (except P.E.O. and W.C.T.U., Loren Baker noted). In its 50 plus year history, Everett Rotary had firmly established itself as one of the city's prime social institutions and service providers.

## Chapter 7

### CHALLENGE AND CHANGE, 1970 - 1979

The national turmoil which characterized the 1960s was carried to some degree into the 1970s. The trauma of the Viet Nam war was unabated until America withdrew the last of its troops in 1975. Youth unrest, essentially a college phenomena when it began in the 1960s, had filtered down to younger students. Many adolescents were questioning authority and challenging social institutions such as schools, churches and government. At the local level, however, a deteriorating economy was becoming the greatest area of concern. Boeing, easily the largest employer in the Puget Sound area, trimmed its work force from a 1968 high of 101,000 to around 37,000 by October, 1971. Airlines, caught in a slump, simply weren't buying airplanes and the Super Sonic Transport program was scratched by the Congress. The Boeing cutbacks rippled into every Puget Sound community and unemployment hit levels not seen since the 1930s. The scenario was perhaps best captured in a now famous billboard which read "Will The Last Person To Leave Seattle Please Turn Off The Lights?"

Despite the dismal economic situation, Everett Rotary experienced much success in the early 1970s. Membership in 1970 rose to 172. The Club listened enthusiastically as Senator Jackson, Congressman Lloyd Meeds and Everett Mayor Bob Anderson discussed the Halprin Plan, a new blueprint for Everett's land development. Club members, also, were intrigued by Chamber of Commerce President Lloyd Eastman's description of a potential mall in downtown Everett. Meeting attendance reached 91% in November, an all time high. For the entire 1970-71 year it was 87.5%. Members and their wives, known as Rotary Anns in those days, enjoyed a number of Club couple activities such as a dinner dance at the Everett Golf and Country Club. The Club was pleased to be involved in the rebirth of a Marysville Rotary. Everett President Ralph Dolloff was leader of the Club contingent present at Marysville's Cedarcrest Restaurant for the chartering ceremonies.

One of the most popular programs that year featured Dixie Lee Ray, Director of the Pacific Science Center. The lady who would later be Washington State's first woman governor, spoke on "Seacoast Ecology." By now, Loren Baker was Club secretary. He continued his always appreciated "News and Views" in addition to his other duties. In recognition of his 15 years as Log Editor, D.A. Baker received special tribute and a pin. That editorship role now passed to Abe Glassberg.

Membership edged up to 178 in 1971-72 and it was noted the average age of an Everett Rotarian was 53.2 years. Eighty-nine were under the age of 53; 83 were over 53; and six were exactly 53 years old. The Club opposed a proposed redistricting of Rotary Districts 502 and 504 because of the impact on south Snohomish County clubs. At the community level, Everett Rotary joined with Everett Kiwanis in a joint Thanksgiving week meeting. The tradition was carried on for several years. Alberto Arrais was the Club sponsored foreign exchange student in 1971-72 and he proved to be very popular with the members. He lived with the Steve Saunders' family during his stay. Two issues which repeated frequently as Club concerns evidenced themselves in 1972: the problem of "early outs" who left just as the speaker was being introduced and a decline in meeting attendance. During the year, attendance dropped one month to 75.1%, placing the Club 33rd out of the 55 units in the District.

Programs during the early 1970s, in keeping with the long established pattern, covered the gamut of topics. Rising concern over drug and alcohol abuse were reflected in several programs dealing with addiction and treatment. Another recurring program theme was the ongoing intra Club rivalry between University of Washington and Washington State University alumni and/or devotees. Because of its proximity, the UW provided more Club programs. However, it was not uncommon to have WSU students, faculty and coaches for programs, also. The ribbing by and of members was relentless. After an excellent performance by a WSU musical group, one of the Husky devotees conceded the "udder" school had sung pretty well. Retorted a Cougar, "It's nice to know there's one school that can do something besides sports." Bob Polachek, 1970-71 president, remembers that Cougars and Huskies weren't the only antagonists. "We had two minister members, Bob Warren (Presbyterian) and Don Miller (Episcopal) who got after each other as much as Rubatino and Rainville do now," he recalled recently.

The Club maintained its ongoing support of many activities, especially those oriented to youth. By late 1972, though, Loren Baker was urging the Club to expand its vision. He suggested a joint venture with other Everett service organizations on some kind of major community project.

By 1973, the local economy was improving. As Boeing sales increased, workers were being recalled to produce more airplanes. Now a new national crisis emerged - energy. Block long lines formed at gas stations. A mideast oil embargo demonstrated the country's dependence on imported fuel. Senator Jackson, who addressed the Club

at least once a year, focused his January, 1974 remarks on the energy situation. "We must find solutions to make us independent of imported petroleum," he emphasized.

Another 1973-74 program which left an impact on Club members was presented by Snohomish physician Leon Aller and his wife. They reported on their medical missionary work in Ethiopia, Africa. It was the first of several times the Allers would impress the Club with their benevolent work in Third World Countries. Club members also heard about "Expo 74", Spokane's world exposition, and the "inside view" of the 747 from member Bob Hummel, a Pan Am pilot. Izak Bosman of South Africa arrived as the incoming foreign exchange student in 1974 and the previous year's student, Lilian Beatriz Vacotto returned to her native Argentina. The 1973-74 year ended on a somewhat disappointing chord when the Club lost its year long attendance contest with Bellingham.

At the mid decade point, the local economy was continuing its recovery and the energy concerns had subsided. For the Club, there were many highlights. In October, 1974, Loren Baker was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship for his long and devoted service. 1974-75 President Bob Freidenrich, Paul Hansen, Bob Hereford, Bob Humphrey and Bob Trosvig were participants in the tribute to Baker. The Club was still meeting at the Elks Club with Baker as Secretary and Abe Glassberg as Log Editor. Among his many activities, Baker produced a "Wheel of Fortune" which members could spin to determine the amount of their fines. Virtually every Log of this era recounts the fate of the various Wheel spinners. This was the year too, that Bernie Webber, member and artist par excellence, designed a new Club banner featuring a Boeing 747. For Webber, the banner was one of countless projects he produced for the Club. Art work for raffles and auctions, giant illustrations as backgrounds for programs, designs for mementos - they were all part of his never ending contribution to the welfare of the Club and its members.

Diane Ward of Australia was now the foreign exchange student and Izak Bosman of the previous year wrote a long, touching letter back to the Club. The Club helped with the chartering of the new Burlington Club in December, 1974. Membership crept up to 183 by April, 1975 and attendance improved a bit to 76.16% that month.

The Club was excited about its sponsorship of the September, 1975 "Up With People" program at the Everett Civic Auditorium. This upbeat offering by a talented group of young singers was well received in the community and generated a profit of

more than \$1,200 for the Club. There was excitement, too, about the new domed stadium in Seattle and the Seattle Seahawks professional football team that would play there. Everett Rotarians had a chance to tour the new facility in January, 1976. A few months earlier, they had heard about the Seahawks from Vince Lombardi, Jr., son of the legendary Green Bay, Wisconsin, football coach.

Diane Ward returned to Australia in January, 1976 and a new foreign exchange student Paulo Vasconcelos arrived from Brazil the next month. Meetings were still at the Elks Club and meal prices were increased to \$2.75. Rev. Si Erickson, minister of Central Lutheran Church, frequently led the singing and he often was accompanied by Roy Larsen on the piano. In a special ceremony, long time member Edwin Johnson, minister of Trinity Lutheran Church, was awarded a Paul Harris' Fellowship in May, 1976. The life of this immensely popular Everettite was reviewed by Bill Ryder. Club members helped Harold and Edna Patchett celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and enjoyed a spring dance at the Everett Golf and Country Club. 1975-76 President Bill Evans recalls that in the final meeting of the year each member who brought in someone new that year re-introduced that member. "It reinforced the District Governor's objective to add quality members that year" Evans stated.

In 1976-77, a raffle was held to raise money for Club activities. Everettite Dave Little won first prize - an automobile - and Sanford Wright, local building contractor, got \$100 as the Club's top ticket seller. The raffle netted \$2,339.96. Sherron Walker, 1975 Everett High School graduate, was a special guest in July, 1976. She had won a spot as a long jumper on the U.S. Olympic team that year.

As usual, programs varied during the year. Dr. Chuck Guildner, local physician who was instrumental in bringing CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) to the community, appeared for a second time within two years to discuss that technique and its impact. He praised the local emergency medical system and stated that "Everett - not Seattle as reported in the media - was the best place in the world to have a heart attack." Response time, portal to victim, averaged 2.2 minutes here and the "save rate" was around 40%. Another popular program was presented by William Ruckelhouse, Weyerhaeuser Company senior vice president, who had resigned on principle from his post as Deputy U.S. Attorney General in the tumultuous weeks prior to President Nixon's resignation. In his remarks to the Club, Ruckelhouse expressed relief at "speaking into a microphone you can see."

One of the year's highlights occurred on December 14, 1976, when the Club celebrated its 60th birthday. Tacoma Rotary, which sent a delegation when Everett Rotary started in 1916, participated in the festivities. Ninety-one year old Harry Brown, who had been a Tacoma Club member since 1913, remembered the start of the Everett group. Dr. Franklin Thompson, Tacoma Rotarian and retired University of Puget Sound president, was the main speaker. "If Everett Rotary Club has existed for 60 years, it has the values and derive to carry on for another 100," he said.

The Club lost one of its legendary members when David McIlravy died on October 4, 1976. In failing health in recent years, he had joined the Club in 1918 and had served as president during 1920-21. Two new Australian exchange students, Heather McNamara and Lynne Saunders, arrived in early 1977. Membership had climbed to more than 190, but by April, 1977, weekly meeting attendance had slipped to 70%. The attendance concern didn't dull the humor, which was an integral part of the Club fabric. Al Bennett, for instance, wondered about Ed Rubatino's optimistic reference to the year. "What does it mean," he asked, "when a Garbologist says 'It's been a good year'?"

By the spring of 1977, there was increasing discussion about the advisability of admitting women to Rotary. It was noted the issue was likely to be brought up at that year's Rotary International Convention. A poll of Everett members showed 62 in favor of admitting women and 40 against.

In an end of the year action, the attendance committee finally decided to tackle attendance concerns with a multi prong approach. Noting that Everett attendance was 5% lower than the district average, they initiated a plan which included Wednesday phone calls to those who had missed the previous day's meeting, car pools for rides to other clubs for make-up and a strong reminder about Club attendance requirements.

The 1977-78 year brought several innovations. A practice called "Happy Dollars" or "Happy Bucks" was initiated to accompany the "Wheel of Fortune" as a means of raising money and increasing camaraderie. Ed Rubatino, president during that year, credits Bob Hummel with hatching the idea. "We wanted a fining system that would be fun and increase fellowship." So, beginning in the fall of 1977, members were paying to share their good news. Superintendent of Mukilteo Schools Rod Hermes, for instance, was happy about a smooth school opening. Some were happy about new babies; more were happy their wives weren't pregnant. Kase Vanden Ende, a visitor, even joined in the fun. He speculated that he must be married to his sister

because every night his wife sighed, "Oh, Brother." The money from these self inflicted fines went directly to the Rotary Youth Foundation. The "Happy Dollar" concept soon spread to other Clubs. Today, it is practiced throughout the District.

The "Wheelers" got started this year too. It was a group of the 12 newest members and was set up to help educate and integrate folks into the world of Rotary. Today, the Wheeler concept is still an important part of a new member's entrance into the Club. This was also the year of learning how to do CPR. At four consecutive meetings, Chuck Guildner instructed members on the technique. Along the way, he explained that communities without CPR in place usually have a "save rate" of 10% to 15%. In Everett, the "save rate" was now approaching 50%. Another major commitment was the decision to sponsor a house that would be built by carpentry students of the Everett School District. A lot in the 3400 block of Kromer was purchased for \$20,000 from Mrs. John Gorin, wife of a deceased Club member. With Sanford Wright providing direction, the project soon was underway.

In other developments, David Bartnik, another Australian, was the new exchange student in early 1978. Club membership dipped to 176, the lowest in recent years. And the controversy over women in Rotary continued to heat up. The Duarte, California club, with three females among its 21 members, was battling with Rotary International, which re-emphasized Rotary was an all male organization.

Attendance improved to 75% by the beginning of the 1978-79 year. It was pointed out, too, the average age of Everett Rotarians was 52.15 years. New President Tom Rainville noted there were only three Paul Harris Fellows in Club history: the late Herb Lohr, Ed Johnson and Loren Baker. Soon, Ed Rubatino was heading up a Paul Harris Campaign. By December, 1978, eight members had signed up for the \$1,000 fellowships. Jim Cunningham bought one for his wife Inez and she became the Club's first woman Paul Harris Fellow. When the year ended, there were 14 sustaining members.

The picnic to Hat Island was a great success in September. Participants were transported on the sail and power boats of Club members.

"Happy Dollars" had firmly established itself with members sharing all kinds of experiences and stories. One story concerned the governmental agency which bragged about its work day fire drill in which it took four minutes ten seconds to evacuate its building. An astute bystander observed the same building was evacuated in two minutes flat at quitting time.

Many of the programs in 1978-79 dealt with changes occurring and expected in Everett and Snohomish County. The turmoil of the late 1960s and early 1970s was gone and prosperity was returning to the local economy. Boeing, and a myriad of emerging communications and electronics firms, were the wave of the future. The end of mill town Everett was symbolized by the closure of Weyerhaeuser's giant Mill B sawmill in 1979. Three pulp operations remained but of those, only Scott Paper Company would survive into the 1990s. Club speakers like Larry Hanson (twice), Bernie Siegler, and Everett Mayor Bill Moore described Everett and Snohomish County as being on the verge of tremendous growth. Moore noted that City of Everett business permits had reached 600 in 1978, an all time high. By January, 1979, 1,867 Everett housing units had been planned, nearly double that of 1978.

The year ended on a high note. Membership was nearly 200. At the June scholarship ceremonies, two \$600 awards and two \$150 awards were given. At a June 9-10 open house, members smiled approvingly as they viewed the completed energy efficient home at 3420 Kromer. The house was purchased by Club member Howard Johnson, who lived across the street. The project was an unqualified success. Everett School District students received invaluable "on the job" training and the Club netted between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Coupled with \$8,000 earned from parking cars at the Paine Field Air Fair (Tom Rainville had signed the contract and then told the members - because they needed a project), it was a great way to end a decade.

## Chapter 8

### GROWTH, 1980 - 1989

The 1980s seemed to usher in a new era of stability in America. The election of Ronald Reagan in 1980 and his re-election four years later gave the country its first full two term president since Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 1950s. A national recession and cut backs at the Boeing plant kept the local economy sputtering during the early 1980s, but the predicted population growth was materializing. Snohomish County would grow tremendously during the decade; Everett's population would soar to nearly 70,000, a 28% increase from 1980 to 1990. The U.S. Navy announced in 1983 that Everett was a finalist for a new Homeport. That started a dizzying ride of ups and downs which finally saw the new waterfront facility well on its way to construction by the end of the decade. Boeing surged back by 1985 with record breaking sales and then hit new levels of production and income for the next several years. By the late 1980s, County unemployment dropped to less than 5%. The real estate market boomed and the people poured in. Not since the late 1960s had Everett seen such prosperity.

Everett Rotary sailed into the 1980s on the successes of the house building and Air Fair parking project. The Club enthusiastically entered into another house construction venture with the school district but this time it proved to be disastrous. The losses nearly wiped out the profit of the previous year and the Club regretfully bowed out of the house building business. Air Fair involvement would continue throughout the decade. Income vacillated greatly. Concerns about Everett's "fair share" spawned seemingly endless negotiations with Lynnwood Rotary, the Air Fair sponsor. For sheer camaraderie, however, the Air Fair may be unequalled in Everett Rotary history. Nearly everyone participated and each had his favorite tale of woe or hilarity. There was all 6'6" of Mark Nesse atop a tiny Honda Spree motor scooter darting around like a frustrated Evil Knevil. Marc Baker was barking out a never ending litany of instructions to the few who would listen. Kirke Sievers, commissioned to slice onions for the hamburger stand, instead sliced his finger. Henry Newton, who had never commandeered a motor home, had no difficulty in showing the RVers just where and how they should park. Air Fair stories could fill an entire volume - or more.

The Club changed its meeting place in the early 1980s from the Elks Club to the new Everett Pacific Hotel, located on the east end of Pacific Avenue near the I-5 freeway. Members from that era recall the move being prompted by dissatisfaction

with the Elks food as much as anything. The Club office for most of the 1980s continued to be located at 2521 Wetmore, a house which was leased from the wife of a deceased Club member. A source of unending upkeep and maintenance requirements, the place had its unique characteristics - such as an unheated bathroom which froze up during the winters. After numerous work parties, the Club in late 1988 accepted an offer to move the office to the Wall Street Building at Wetmore Avenue and Wall Street. The new quarters eliminated many problems and provided a more appropriate setting for the computer hardware and software, which Loren Hole had been instrumental in acquiring for the Club. To the delight of Club members, Loren Baker was still serving as secretary and delivering his "News and Views" in the early 1980s. Then in his mid-eighties, he was slowed by arthritis, but as quick of wit as ever. One member from those days recalls Baker being asked a question by an extremely attractive woman. As the comely lass walked away, Baker stroked his bald pate and lamented, "Oh, to be 70 again." Baker's age and health concerns were finally catching up with him by 1983 and he resigned his secretary position. Early the next year, the Club decided to award an annual scholarship in his name. Initially, it would be \$1,000 a year for four years. Baker's health continued to deteriorate over the next three years and he died peacefully on January 3, 1987, at the age of 90. Rotarians attended the funeral services en masse, paying special homage to this man who had left an indelible mark on the Club.

Earle Mackey was another Club member who received special recognition during this era. Associated with a pioneer Everett industry, Washington Stove Works, Mackey had been an Everett Rotarian for 54 years when he was elevated from past service to honorary membership in 1983. When he died two years later, the Club joined with the rest of the community in mourning his passing.

No event in the 1980s shocked or saddened Club members more than the sudden death of Senator Henry M. Jackson. The seemingly indestructible Jackson collapsed and died of a massive heart attack on September 1, 1983. Long an honorary member of Everett Rotary, he had earned the reputation as Everett's favorite son. His rise to national and international prominence had never dimmed his sense of roots and his devotion to his hometown. A mournful Everett citizenry knew they would not see the likes of Scoop Jackson again.

Perhaps no Club topic stimulated more discussion in the 1980s than the raising and expenditure of funds. The unpredictability of Air Fair income spurred the consideration and implementation of numerous projects, centered around the

proposition that projects should benefit the community and bring recognition to Rotary. The Club was involved for a couple of years in an "On the Water Boat Show", which failed to generate much income or interest. Among the many other schemes were a huge rummage sale in the old Penney's auto store, sale of Everett Giant baseball team tickets and participation in the Snake River Rodeo at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. One fund raiser, started in the 1980s and continued today, was the sale of chances on state Lotto tickets at the weekly meetings. One of the most successful income producers was provided by Club member Frank Cooper, a nationally recognized motivational speaker. Several times during the decade, Cooper presented Rotary sponsored seminars to which community members were invited. These seminars raised many thousands of dollars for Everett Rotary. In appreciation of his efforts, the Club presented Paul Harris Fellowships to Cooper and his wife and named him an honorary member.

For sheer dollars raised for a specific purpose, however, nothing can compare with the Polio Plus campaign of 1987-88. Club Past President Tom Rainville was District Governor that year. He discussed with Dr. Dick Lyons, Everett president-elect, the District Polio Plus program, part of a 120 million dollar Rotary International plan to eradicate the disease of polio from the earth. Rainville indicated the goal for Everett was \$25,000. "I told him not to mention that to anyone," Lyons relates today. Lyons had agreed to chair the local campaign and his goals were much more ambitious. He recruited former Rotary International President Ed Cadman, a Wenatchee orthopedic surgeon who had spent time treating African polio victims, to inspire Everett Rotarians. Club member Jim Pinkham, also an orthopedic surgeon, added to the cause by spending several weeks of service to polio victims in Malawa, Africa. The Polio Plus drive was undertaken through the enrollment of Everett Rotarians as Paul Harris Fellows. The enthusiasm of Rainville, Lyons, Cadman, Pinkham and others was contagious. When the campaign wrapped up in June, 1988, more than \$150,000 had been given or pledged to Polio Plus. It was a fine hour for Everett Rotary.

"Happy Dollars" was an ongoing tradition which provided both revenue and frivolity. Al Bennett frequently sang (literally) the praises of Nebraska and took great offense when someone suggested the "N" on the University of Nebraska football helmet stood for knowledge. Past Presidents Ed Rubatino and Tom Rainville regularly exchanged barbs. Don Senter often critiqued the hotel food - fortunately after the meal. Not noted for being frail of flesh, Senter also reported that in his annual physical examination, bulimia had been ruled out as a concern. But of all the "Happy Dollar"

contributors, Andy Suzuki was the most special. This oft traveled Rotarian, who sometimes disappeared for months, always surfaced with new insights and commentary.

For incoming presidents, the Rotary International Convention continued to be a highlight. In particular, those fortunate enough to attend in a foreign country prized the experience. Dick Lyons, for instance, fondly remembers his trip to Munich, Germany, and the "home hosting" in a castle that had been built in 1636. He and his wife Kay also recall getting lost in Venice and being assisted by a young lady who they discovered was there on a Rotary scholarship. The student exchange program was another ongoing program. Monica Loftgren of Sweden was among the several foreign visitors, who typically entertained the Club at least once during the year with a description of their country. Chuck Bovey, son of member Dan Bovey, was an outgoing student to Germany in 1985.

The matter of women in Rotary, which had been discussed since the mid 1970s, finally reached fruition in 1987. At least one Washington Rotary Club was locked in an embarrassing law suit on the issue when a group of Everett past presidents met with President Dick Lyons and President Elect Mark Nesse. To a person, the group agreed that women should be admitted to the Club. The final straw came when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that women had to be admitted into Rotary in California because of that state's public accommodation law. The similarity between California and Washington law made it obvious the ruling would apply to this state. In the words of Past President Henry Newton, an attorney, "When the Supreme Court rules, you don't sit around deciding if you want to abide by the ruling." So, on June 8, 1987, the Board of Everett Rotary unanimously approved the admission of women to the Club. Shortly thereafter, local bank executive Barbara J. McCarthy became the first female in Everett Rotary. She soon was followed by several others, including Kathy De Tuerk and Norma (Lou) Denny, who, along with McCarthy are still members today. Of the 228 members listed in the 1996-97 Roster, 29 are women.

At the same time the Club was admitting its first female members, it also was honoring a woman who had rendered much service to the Club. Eunice Mosley, who served many years as the Club's executive secretary, was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship and named an honorary member. Everett Rotarians, who to a person had benefited from Mosley's contributions, joined in thanking her and wishing her the best.

"Early outs" and attendance, those perennial sources of irritation, continued to receive attention in the 1980s. A "Scooter Button" plan, with accompanying fee, was introduced to help stem the tide of those who left just before the program started. The failure of more than one fourth of the membership to meet the 60% requirement was one factor that led to an all out 1986-87 attendance contest with Bellingham Rotary. The Club pushed its attendance well over the 80% mark in claiming victory over its Whatcom County rival. As spoils, Everett received a \$1,000 check which was used to purchase a Paul Harris Fellowship in the name of the late Senator Jackson.

By 1985, the influx of people into the area spurred discussion about the possibility of more local Rotary clubs. So, after nearly 70 years as the only Rotary in town, the Club set about to spawn new ones. On June 17, 1987, there was a provisional meeting of a new breakfast Rotary unit in Everett. Thus, the Port Gardner Rotary Club, which still has the breakfast format, was born. Soon, a new South Everett/Mukilteo Club also was in existence. And farther south, a Mill Creek Club - in a different District and under other sponsorship - was formed. The new Clubs would be considered by some a mixed blessing. They provided more people with an opportunity to be Rotarians but they also reduced members and prospects from Everett Rotary.

Programs remained the centerpiece of the weekly meetings. The annual visits from first Senator Jackson and later Slade Gorton were always appreciated. The yearly hosting of the players in the high school East/West All Star Football game offered a preview of future college stars and was a Club favorite. While most programs were excellent, there were occasional exceptions. For instance, who could forget the mini-trampoline salesman, who bounced as he talked. He kept heads bobbing and stomachs churning. Then, there was Michael Jackson, the former Seattle Seahawks player, who worked himself to near frenzy in his remarks about youth, football and life. When President Mark Nesse handed him a note explaining that time had expired, Jackson wadded it up and hurled it in his face. "Who was going to tangle with a riled up ex-pro linebacker?" Nesse recalls. A program which took on special meaning was the annual "changing of the guard." Old officers were ushered out with appropriate - or inappropriate - tribute and new ones were sworn in. Cream pies were often a part of the dignified ceremonies. In his departing comments, 1982-83 President Henry Newton asked if anyone had noticed he wore the same suit to every meeting that year. In a sure sign that Everett Rotary did not yet include women, the Club members said

they hadn't noticed and didn't care. Newton then discarded his suit to reveal his swim trunks and a T-shirt emblazoned "Everett Rotary". Boeing executive Terry Lewis, the outgoing 1983-84 president, was treated to a Pat McClain/Larry Hanson audio tape which captured the flushing sound of the restroom facilities in the new 767 aircraft. Another high class endeavor.

Service was still the core of the Club's existence and there were notable accomplishments in the 1980s. The scholarship program grew to around \$13,000 in annual gifts by the end of the decade. Considerable discussion was directed to the question as to whether scholarships should be awarded on the basis of financial need or academic achievement. While need was to be considered, the fundamental criterion remained achievement. Numerous other worthwhile causes also were supported. In the early 1980s, the Club contributed \$5,000 to the Open Door Theater, a professional theater group that used plays to present the delicate topic of sexual abuse to school children. It was the beginning of an ongoing commitment to the program. Many other youth activities received support. Substantial gifts were given to Marvel Industries, a local non-profit business which employed the handicapped.

A long time interest in identifying a major local project for the Club resulted in the Club seeking input from the community. After much deliberation the Club, in 1989, committed \$50,000 to the Everett Park Department's "Rotary Trail Project." The project would feature a Snohomish River waterfront park near Lowell and over 3,000 feet of trail along the river. There were many hurdles to overcome and it would be more than six years before the money finally was handed over to the City of Everett.

Much had been achieved in the 1980s, with a good mix of fellowship and service. It was a prelude to even bigger accomplishments in the 1990s.

## Chapter 9

### SURGING AHEAD, 1990 - 1996

Everett's red hot economy showed little signs of slowing in the early 1990s. The Boeing Company undertook a massive expansion at the Everett plant to make room for production of the new 777 aircraft. Frequently, it was two steps ahead and one back, but slowly the Navy Homeport moved ahead. By mid-decade much of the facility had been completed. Supporters, who had encountered many scares, felt the last hurdle had been overcome when Everett didn't appear on the possible navy base closure list in spring, 1995. Everett's downtown, which had slowly sunk while the south end grew, surged back in the 1990s with several new and restored buildings. Boeing cutbacks were a concern by mid-decade but fundamentally, Everett and its environs appeared to be in healthy condition.

For Everett Rotary, the 1990s were a time to capitalize and expand on the previous decade's accomplishments. Membership hit 254 in 1990 and the Club committed to \$18,500 in scholarships for that spring. A May, 1990, golf tourney dinner and auction featured notable Everett High School alumnus Dennis Erickson, head coach of the national champion University of Miami football team. Excited about the prospects for Rotary Park, the Club participated in a huge clean up of the area that same spring. The excitement was tempered when Snohomish River flood water swept several feet deep over the site that winter. One Club member quipped that Rotary Park was the largest in the county. "It's spread all over Port Gardner Bay," he observed. The episode did point out the necessity of developing the park with flood consequences in mind.

In a decision reflecting the times, the Board approved a motion that prohibited smoking during the Club meetings. The action was to be effective December 4, 1990. One can only wonder what Henry Prince would have thought. He was one of Everett's leading tobacconists when he was the organizing chairman of Everett Rotary in 1916. The Air Fair saga continued into the 1990s. The fellowship was always there but the money was another matter. Nearly \$16,000 was netted in 1991 but then it was downhill. Lynnwood Rotary finally withdrew from sponsorship and the Everett Club, frustrated in its conversations with the new organizers, decided in 1993 to not participate. Members would miss the fun but they needed more dependable and profitable fund raising means. In another fund raising scheme, however, the Paul

Harris Art Box generated \$22,000 for International Rotary Foundation. And, in a different vein, the Club initiated a winter food drive, which has resulted annually in several tons of food for the local food bank. Frank Cooper was still conducting his seminars and raising thousands for Club work.

The uncertainty of Air Fair was no doubt a factor in two important 1991 developments. First, Len Roberts chaired a committee which proposed a new major fund raising approach. Essentially, there would be one major fund raiser a year. It would be an internal (no outside selling) raffle for a trip to an exotic location. All members would participate; proceeds would not be shared with other organizations; and the goal would be \$50,000. It provided the framework for the Regatta the Club conducts today. The other development was the establishment of a Vision Statement and Strategic Goals: 1991-1995. The statement and goals, listed below, grew out of a Club survey which identified the need for direction. Adopted by the Club, the fund raising plan and the statement and goals provided a foundation for much Club success.

### Vision Statement

*The Everett Rotary Club is dedicated to fellowship and service above self.*

*The members value service to youth, education, integrity, patriotism and fun.*

*The Club undertakes and sustains activities which are consistent with the needs of the community, Club members and Rotary International.*

*Each member is expected to practice the ROTARY 4 WAY TEST and participate in meeting the Club's goals and objectives.*

### Strategic Goals - 1991-1995

- *Service: Develop partnerships with private and public sector organizations to improve the quality of education and youth services (e.g. Phase II of the Snohomish County Needs Assessment Project).*
- *Resources: Annual contributions of \$500 cash or 50 hours of service (or a combination) from each member. Maintain membership at 250-260 level.*
- *Fellowship: Sponsor quarterly fun activities that provide an opportunity for total membership participation. Average 85-90% meeting attendance. 100% of membership participate in committee activities. Each committee participate in one major club function annually.*
- *International: Sponsor one international project annually. Provide an international scholarship candidate annually. Increase the number of Paul Harris Fellows by ten percent annually.*

In other 1991 happenings, the Club bestowed an honorary membership on the long active Sanford Wright, Sr. This occurred on March 12 and just eight days later Wright died. Several Rotarians spoke at the funeral services. A few months later, Dr. Sanford Wright, Jr., local neurosurgeon, offered \$1,000 per year to be matched by the Club, for a scholarship in his father's name. The offer was accepted and each year since, that scholarship has been presented to a deserving high school senior.

Also, in 1991, the Club accepted the resignation of Earl Smiley, who had served as secretary since Loren Baker's 1983 retirement. Smiley would be back, however. In 1994 he agreed to take the post again and he is still there today. That wasn't the only 1991 personnel change. Eunice Mosley, the executive secretary with one brief interruption since 1970, retired. She was replaced by Wendy Adams who still holds the post today.

On the service side, the Club instituted a Career Day for students in the fall of 1991. Larry Torgerson, Everett School District administrator, played a major role in this activity. Still carried on today, it filled a void in the avenue of Vocational Service. In the avenue of Club Service, the Club adopted a new get tough policy on attendance in November, 1991. Those whose attendance dropped below the 60% mark now had to maintain 85% attendance for the next six months. Results were immediate and positive. December attendance hit 81.49% and January's was over 83%.

Club life was already on the upswing when a February, 1992 gift of unprecedented proportions thrust the Club into new opportunities for service to young people. Anthony G. Bozich, unknown to most Everett Rotarians, presented to the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation a stock portfolio worth approximately \$490,000. The earnings from the stocks were to be used for scholarships to students majoring in fields of mathematics, engineering, science or other related subjects. Bozich, who initially planned the gift to a major university, directed the fund to Rotary at the suggestion of Club member Jack Decker, a stock broker. Bozich, the living example of Horatio Alger, had acquired his wealth through the wise investment of his earnings as a waiter in an Ohio golf and country club. The AGB (Anthony G. Bozich) fund, to which Bozich later added another \$25,000, now annually provides scholarships of \$3,500 a year for four years for eight recipients. For his generosity, Bozich received a Paul Harris Fellowship and honorary Club membership. He also is a gleeful participant in the annual May "Scholarship Day."

The major fund raising project, now officially dubbed the Regatta Passport for Adventure, also was implemented in 1992 with great success. The goal of \$50,000 was achieved and Len Roberts was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his role in the process and the product. In subsequent years, Club members would associate the Regatta with J.B. Switzer and his accomplice Don Senter, posing as Lord Flushbottom. The AGB fund and the Regatta lifted Club charitable donations and scholarships to new levels.

The year 1992 also marked the change of meeting places. After more than a decade at the Hotel, the Club was suffering the frustration of being squeezed into too small meeting quarters or having to find alternative locations when the Hotel had conventions or special events. The Club experimented with April 21 and 28 meetings at the Everett Yacht Club Building. The meal was catered in. The experiment succeeded and soon the move was permanent. A little over a year later, the Club office also was moved to the Yacht Club Building. Greg Tisdell requested those with strong backs and weak minds help with the move. The Log editor suggested there should be no problem finding candidates to meet the latter qualification. The strong back requirement, though, might be a challenge.

A 1992 Paul Harris Fellowship was presented to Ralph White for his many video productions of Club activities. He was honored particularly for his efforts on the Air Fair and Career Day. The resources for these fellowships were now being provided by a special Paul Harris fund that had been established under the auspices of the Rotary Youth Foundation.

International service received considerable attention in the 1990s with Ralph Quaas taking a leading role. Generous contributions were directed to the Rotary Club of Uganda, which on at least one occasion sent a representative to Everett. The Club was back supporting its old friend Leon Aller, who had started a medical service program in a remote section of Guatemala. The student foreign exchange program was continuing.

The ever elusive Andy Suzuki popped up in extraordinary ways. Dropped for lack of attendance at one point, he re-emerged with a staggering stack of makeups and lobbied his way back into the Club. Later, he was collaborating with Japan and Costa Rica to form a Rotary Club in Cuba. That idea was squashed by Rotary International but it didn't discourage Suzuki, who merely turned his energy to other endeavors - many of which were hard for him to explain and hard for others to understand.

In addition to those already mentioned, several other innovations occurred in the 1990s. The Club encouraged a "Partners in Excellence" program whereby members or their companies could donate to scholarships. "Pioneer Day" was instituted in 1994. The fourth Tuesday of each month was designated as a time when one veteran member would share about his Club experiences. Bernie Webber, Steve Saunders, Al Petershagen, Jim Cunningham and Harold Gunderson were among the several presenters. Ever present Ralph White captured their presentations on video. In 1995, the Club, under the direction of Jack Corcoran, sponsored a new Probus Club for retired business and professional people. Dues were equalized for all members (excluding honorary) in 1994. And in 1995, Bill Carpenter, no longer able to attend the meetings because of health reasons, was named an honorary member.

"Happy Dollars" was still a highlight at each meeting. Often there were "birthday celebrants", such as the 50 year old who had noted four changes since reaching the half century mark: 1) his mental abilities improved; 2) his physical capacities increased markedly; 3) his sexual prowess showed dramatic gains and 4) he lied a lot more. The Rainville/Rubatino feud showed no signs of diminishing and Clyde Pitcher shared the newspaper ad which read, "Lost. One eyed, three-legged dog, recently castrated; Answers to the name Lucky." Bob Drewel reported on the Palestinian and his Norwegian wife who named their first born, "Yassir Ya'betcha." Relentless corn and great fun!

Programs, following the long established tradition, were varied and interesting. One time Club members might be learning the secrets to stock market success only to hear the next week how a tiny scrap fish could solve the world hunger problem. Several programs focused on the crisis in the health care system. Out of this, Everett Rotary was instrumental in the formation of a community committee to address the problem.

In all, the Club was well positioned by the mid 1990s. Even the "early out" problem subsided when it was finally decided to not acknowledge there was such a thing. Quite simply, fewer folks left when they weren't given the opportunity. Past President Don Senter completed a successful year as 1994-95 District governor. Kathy De Tuerk made history in 1995-96 as the Club's first woman president. The Club presented a \$50,000 check to the City of Everett for the long postponed Rotary Park in June of 1995. The Regatta produced more than \$60,000 in 1996 and the June, 1996 Scholarship Day saw more than \$70,000 presented to deserving candidates. Club

membership hovered around 230 by this time and incoming president "Buzz" Miller instituted measures to increase membership and restate the now expired Club strategic goals. In the fall of 1996, the District responded positively to an Everett Club recommendation and selected J. B. Switzer as District Governor Elect. The Club was on the path of continued service. Much had been achieved since the 1916 beginnings and the Club was prepared for its march into the 21st century.

## Chapter 10

### INTO THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY, 1997 - 2016

Everett Rotary launched its ninth decade with a robust 1996-97 year. The annual Regatta raised \$61,000. Assets in the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation (ERYF) now exceeded one million dollars. The Club presented \$70,000 in scholarships. Twenty-three youngsters were honored as Students of the Month and 200 high schoolers attended the Club sponsored Career Day. The December Food Drive, with Rotarians stationed at the entrances of local super markets, netted 13,700 pounds of groceries and \$2,100 in cash. The Club committed for three years to a YMCA “Connections” program that brought law enforcement personnel and youth together in a three day retreat to forge positive relations. Membership remained fairly steady with 24 recruits and 25 resignations. On December 3, 1996, the Club noted its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special “Celebrating 80 years of Service” program. Dr. Harold Gunderson, who had joined in 1938, was honored as the Everett Rotarian with the most years in the club. Sadly, two former Club presidents – Jim Cunningham and Bill Moore – died during the year. Another past president – J.B. Switzer – was nominated to be the Rotary District 5050 Governor. On the technological front, District 5050 was recognized as having a new website. Weekly meetings continued at the Everett Yacht Club building and the June 24, 1997 session was determined to be the Club’s 4,107<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The 1997-98 Regatta brought in \$63,049, but it would be the last one. The Club had adopted a new set of Initiatives that called for development of a signature event that would yield at least \$100,000 annually by 2001, and promote fellowship with fund raising. After considerable discussion, the Club decided to drop the Regatta and sponsor a Rotary Run. The Run would take place within the City of Everett and would feature a competitive half marathon, a 10 kilometer race, and a family and youth run/walk. The latter activity was held entirely within Everett Memorial Stadium and the two other races started and ended at the Stadium. Unlike the Regatta, the Run required substantial preparation and a volunteer work force equal to the entire number of

Club members. With President-elect Marc Baker in charge, the first Run was held on Saturday, June 5, 1999. Net income was \$48,233 with an anticipation that both participation and income would rise over the next few years.

As the calendar moved toward a new century and a new millennium, the Club charged ahead with its many activities. Weekly meetings were still being held at the old Everett Yacht Club, which by now was known as the Marine View Conference Center. Good programs continued to be a hallmark of the weekly meetings. In one memorable 1998-99 meeting, Captain JJ Quinn of the Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier wowed the audience with his description of Lincoln activity in the Persian Gulf. The Club welcomed a Group Study Exchange group from Australia and member Warren Burns (appropriately a fire fighter by profession) was a Group Study Exchange representative from Everett. The commitment to youth was evidenced in many ways. The Holiday Season was marked by gifts to Deaconess and Cocoon House young folks. Local businesses boosted the annual scholarship program by \$56,000 as "Partners in Excellence." In the spring of 1999, 29 local students were awarded a total of \$134,000 in scholarships. "Happy Bucks" continued as a source of revenue and laughter. One member shared his frustration in attempting to buy an exotic sports car. When the agency didn't have a Ferrari, they offered a Lamborghini; the potential buyer demurred, noting that he didn't like Italian food. He finally settled on a Graffiti which the dealer said would be in his garage the next day. On the serious side, the Club always rallied when help was needed. At one meeting, over \$1,800 was raised to help victims of a devastating Central America hurricane. Several members served in District 5050 leadership roles and JB. Switzer was the District Governor in 1998-99.

With President Marc Baker imploring the Club to "...ride into the millennium together" (he the Harley Davidson enthusiast), Everett Rotary rolled into the 2000s. Dire predictions about potential computer and technological problems had folks on edge, but for the most part, few issues developed. Instead, in fact, the Club did go on the internet and *Clubmate* was made operational. Fred Sjolholm, long time Club treasurer, still held that position, and Secretary Don Loken maintained a perfect attendance record that dated back to his 1954 initiation into Rotary. When Judi Edwards was hired as Club Executive Secretary in 1999-2000, it was the beginning of a relationship that continues to this day. Further contributions by Tony Bozich and a surging

stock market propelled the Youth Foundation funds to new levels. The Club awarded \$147,500 in 1999-2000 scholarships, bringing the club's cumulative scholarship donations over the years to more than a million dollars. Three young people, ages 18-24, were sponsored by the club for the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp. The Local Impact Committee awarded more than \$16,000 to 16 local youth programs ranging from Junior Achievement to Housing Hope. Another \$7,000 was donated to Rotary World Service projects in Israel, Guatemala, and Venezuela. One of the best received weekly programs was delivered by local urologist Dr. Tom Cooper. His discussion of the prostate gland was most appropriate in a Club with a preponderance of older males. He did get a "not me" response, however, from one of the woman members when he proclaimed "...all of you are going to have prostate issues."

In the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, weekly Club meetings were still following a long established format – which for the most part – is still in use at this writing., Beginning about 12:08 and concluding at 1:15, the typical meeting proceeded in this order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Opening Song
- Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests
- Announcements
- Happy Dollars / Birthday Bucks
- Raffle / Drawing
- Program
- Closing Remarks

During Jim Haugen's 2004-2005 presidency, the Invocation was changed to the Thought for the Day. President Maddy Metzger-Utt eliminated the Opening Song in 2013-14 but it was reinstated on a limited scale in 2014-2015 by President Mark Valentine. Over the years, the Opening Song has taken many forms including group singing, instrumental and vocal solos, small group performances, and even a whistling soloist. In the early 2000's, Mike Kight, Mark Valentine, Larry Byers, Ed Coon, Tim Hornbecker, Katherine Goforth, John Hopkins, Jack Kelly and Kim Buike (the whistling soloist) were among the many "music makers."

Announcements changed in 2004-2005 with a new policy requiring payment for announcements of non-Rotary sponsored events. The Raffle/Drawing and Happy Bucks were, and continue to be, important revenue generators for the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation. By the time the Club reached its Centennial, the two activities were producing a combined annual income of approximately \$25,000. At one point, Washington State Lottery tickets were the raffle prizes. Later, the raffle prizes were items donated by Club members. While several members excelled as lively "drawing conductors," Amy Norman and Noni LaLone were particularly memorable for the color and innovations they brought to the role. Business was rarely conducted at the weekly meetings unless it was required by the Club Constitution or Bylaws, or was of such a nature that the entire membership needed to be involved. Most business was handled at the monthly Board of Directors meetings. Finally, a key to the success of the weekly meetings was the largely behind the scenes effort of the diligent Sergeant-at-Arms Committee.

The Club was particularly proud in 2001-02, when Past President Kathy DeTuerk served as Rotary District 5050 Governor. Having been the Club's first woman president, she became the District's first ever woman governor. While much would be accomplished at the Club and District level, the striking event of 2001-02 was the September 11 terrorist attack. Nearly 3,000 people died, and thousands were injured when two hijacked airplanes destroyed New York City's World Trade Center, another hit the Pentagon, and a fourth, probably destined for Washington D.C., crash landed in rural Pennsylvania. September 11, 2001 was a regular meeting day for Everett Rotary. Stunned members, reeling from the devastation they had viewed on television that morning, gathered for a somber session that was altered to address the crisis. Mike Holcomb talked of the Red Cross' response to the events. Happy Bucks were dropped, as was the President's usual closing joke. Instead the meeting concluded with a moment of silence. The tragic day that became known as 911 had irrevocably changed America.

With 911 still casting a long shadow, Everett Rotary moved ahead – some things changing and others remaining the same. Treasurer Rich Toyer and Secretary Bill Dobler remained in their roles, offering invaluable service and counsel to the club. Judi Edwards, now designated as Assistant to the President, was involved in virtually every phase of Everett Rotary activities. The

club did change meeting locations over the years. Meetings continued to be held at the Marine View Conference Center until moving to Naval Station Everett Commons in January 3, 2006. The last meeting at the Navy Base was June 25, 2013. The next move was to the Everett Golf and Country Club. Since January, 2015, meetings have been held at Everett's Legion Memorial Golf Course.

Through its many committees, the Club continued its involvement in a variety of projects and activities. The Career Fair, typically serving hundreds of local youth, was an annual event. The Club regularly recruited participants for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Group Study Exchange, and the Ambassadorial Scholarship program. Andy Skotdal was the long-time chair of the latter committee. The Fireside Committee held sessions to promote and foster acquaintance and personal friendship among Club members. Though the Youth Study Exchange program did not occur every year, the Club was both a host to incoming students and a sponsor for outgoing students on several occasions. The Local Impact Committee regularly provided funds and support to organizations such as the Children's Museum, Little Red Schoolhouse, Volunteers of America, YMCA, Campfire, and the Boy Scouts of America. The Wheelers Committee continued with its program to indoctrinate new members to Rotary practices, policies and traditions. An always active Rotary Foundation Committee annually raised significant funds for the Foundation, such as the nearly \$50,000 in 2001-2002. The Environmental Committee annually arranged a work party at Rotary Park where Club members rolled up their sleeves to cut brush, clean up parking areas, and complete minor landscaping projects. It was a time when a member like Janice Ellis, for instance, demonstrated that her ditch digging skills could support her if she should ever decide to leave the legal field.

The World Community Service Committee, which always had financially supported projects, adopted a more "hands on" participatory stance that included ventures to foreign countries. In 2002-2003, Committee Chair Mary Brueggeman headed up a project in which members from the three Everett area Rotary Clubs delivered 280 wheelchairs to individuals in Morelia and Guanajuato, Mexico. In subsequent years, there would be trips to several other foreign locations

including India for a water project, and Puerto Rico for a hydroponics and economic development project.

Also, during this period, certain activities evolved into regular events enjoyed by the membership. Each holiday season, club members would station themselves in front of local grocery stores for a one day food drive. That effort eventually shifted to high school students and Club members instead worked at the local Volunteers of America Food Bank under the leadership of Eileen Simmons and others. Past President Mark Nesse spearheaded a “taxi service” for sailors whose ships were returning from deployment to Naval Station Everett. Parked near the pier, Club members loaded sailors and their luggage into the members’ personal vehicles, and then took them wherever they wanted to go. Destinations ranged from a local pizza parlor to Sea Tac Airport. *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner* became a popular social activity. And each June the Club hosted about 80 high school football players and their coaches from around the state at a regular Tuesday luncheon meeting. The high schoolers – and their enormous appetites - were in town for the annual East / West All Star Game featuring the best high school football players in the state of Washington.

Without doubt, the Rotary Club of Everett became best known during this time for its scholarship program. The year’s highlight was the Spring Scholarship Day Luncheon meeting which in later years was emceed by Randy Hansen. Rotarians, guests, students and parents packed the room for a festive and joyful distribution of awards to elated recipients. In the spring of 2003, 32 local students received a total of \$146,000 in scholarships. That amount included \$36,000 from the Partners in Excellence program where grants from local firms and individuals were matched by the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation. Four students received AGB grants of \$4,000 a year for four years of college. These awards had been made possible through the generosity of Anthony G. Bozich. Sadly, Tony – an honorary Everett Rotarian – died at the age of 95, on August 14, 2003. His contributions to the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation in the 1990’s were instrumental in elevating scholarships to the Club’s premier program. A diminutive but lively individual, he delighted in attending the Scholarship Awards Day. Called to the podium, he would deliver a brief, but powerful message: “Students, set a goal, and achieve it.”

In 2004, the Rotary Run was discontinued as the Club's major fund raiser. The labor intensive event consistently failed to meet its \$100,000 a year goal and its value in creating member camaraderie and increasing Rotary's community presence was questionable. It was replaced by an "in house" campaign with no effort to seek external contributions. At first, it was a members soliciting members approach. Later it evolved into a team effort with captains simply soliciting funds from Club members on their teams. This new fund raising project, always chaired by the president nominee, often reflected the personality or business of the chairperson. The first – in 2005 – was labeled the "Haul of Fame" by Chairperson Rose Goulet in obvious reference to her family's garbage hauling business. From the beginning, this simplified, direct approach raised more money than the Run.

Under the leadership of 2005-06 President Lyle Ryan, the Club elected to commemorate Rotary International's Centennial by helping fund a spray pool project at Everett's Forest Park. The Club contributed \$100,000 to the 60' X 90' water playground for children, which was dedicated on July 3, 2007. Also in 2005, the Club established an Interact Club at Everett High School. Youth Services Chair Julie Willie was a leader in the effort. The new club began with 15 members, three of whom travelled to Mexico with several Club members to deliver wheelchairs. In addition to the Mexico trip, there was an excursion to India to construct 24 brick houses and install 12 wells in the village of Kotalghaska. Sharon Hemmat was chair of the busy World Community Service Committee.

The 2006-07 year marked the Club's entrance into its 10<sup>th</sup> decade. President Rose Goulet shared two distinctions – she was the club's second woman president, and the feminine half of the first father/daughter president combination. Her father Ed Rubatino had served as Club President in 1977-78. In the 10 years since the club's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, much had changed. Membership had dipped slightly from 202 to 190, but the number of women in the Club had climbed from 27 to 48 – an increase of 78%. Funds in the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation had almost doubled since 1996-97 and the amount given annually in scholarships had grown from \$70,000 to \$198,000 – a 182% increase. By the spring of 2007, the Club had awarded a total of \$2,321,000 in scholarships. Bob Bavasi chaired the drive that raised nearly \$66,000 for the Rotary Foundation

and the club sponsored outgoing (Ellie Exum) and incoming (Quentin LeMoigne from France) foreign exchange students.

The Club lost an icon in December of 2006 with the death of artist Bernie Webber. Beloved in the Club and the community, he had been an Everett Rotarian since 1953. His countless artistic contributions and ever present humor were part and parcel of the Club culture. His special relationship with the US Navy was beneficial to the Club. Those who attended still vividly remember the trip he arranged for members on the nuclear submarine - USS Henry M. Jackson. An endowment fund proposed by Past President Marc Baker was created in Bernie's name and an annual Bernie Webber Scholarship is still presented. Another club icon, long time Club treasurer and financial advisor Fred Sjöholm, retired from the Hascal Sjöholm accounting firm in 2006. In recognition of his retirement, the firm presented a check for \$25,000 to the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation to fund an endowed scholarship. The Webber and Sjöholm awards were added to the list of scholarship endowment funds created in honor of or in memory of Club members and/or members of their families. By the spring of 2007, Jerry Dykstra had founded the Adelaide Dykstra fund in memory of his wife, a former Everett High School mathematics teacher; Bill Hoffman had honored his wife, an Everett High English teacher, and the family of Club member Hol Mabley had started an endowment fund in his memory.

2007-08 was a mixed year for the Rotary Club of Everett. Local and world community charitable activities continued, and an all-time high of \$244,000 was awarded in scholarships. There were, however, ominous signs on the horizon. The Boeing Company, Everett's largest employer by far, created local anxiety with an announcement that it would assemble some of the firm's new 787 airplanes in South Carolina. The veiled threat that Boeing was positioning itself to pull out of the Puget Sound area would become an ongoing concern. Also, the community shuddered with the recurring reports that the Navy was considering closing Naval Station Everett, which was the city's second largest employer. The total Everett Rotary Youth Foundation fund balance, which had grown by nearly \$367,000 in 2006-07, slipped by a similar amount in 2007-08. In the fall, the nation would plunge into a morass that became known as *The Great Recession*. It would be the country's worst economic period since the depression of

the 1930s and would negatively impact the Club's finances, charitable programs, and membership numbers.

Suffering from a plummeting stock market and dwindling corporate earnings, the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation (ERYF) fund balance slid downward to \$1,253,808. This represented a total loss of \$646,677 or 34% from June 2007 to June 2009. Despite a relatively successful fund drive, it was still necessary to trim expenditures. The amount awarded in scholarships in 2008-09 dropped to \$228,950. It was the beginning of a decline that would last several years. These were difficult times for businesses and many scaled back or collapsed. Frontier and Cascade Banks were among the local financial institutions that disappeared. Local unemployment soared to nearly 11% by 2010. The tough economic situation affected Club members, and this undoubtedly contributed to a membership decline. By 2010-11, membership had dropped to 175; it hit 151 in 2011-12.

In the dismal economic atmosphere, the Club welcomed the excitement generated by member Will McMahan. On Monday, May 26, 2008, he pedaled his recumbent bicycle out of his yard to pursue a goal of biking across the United States to Raleigh, North Carolina. With head cheerleader Mark Nesse delivering regular reports, the club got hooked on Will's progress. Dillon, Montana; Walden, Colorado; Dixon, Kentucky were among the many stops, which sometimes included attendance at a local Rotary Club meeting. Finally Nesse announced that McMahan was nearing his destination. Club members gathered for a group photograph holding letters that spelled out: "*Congrats! Where there's a Will, there's a way!*" Mark transmitted the picture to the Raleigh Rotary Club, which surprised Will by presenting it, now in poster form, to him. He had done it. Across the country on a bicycle in a total of 83 days – and tracked by an Everett Rotary Club that had shared in his "thrill of victory." Not content with one such venture, Will had just completed another such trip at the time of this writing. He has written a book – *Crossing America* – about his 2008 adventure. Also in 2016, as chair of the major fund-raiser, he titled the event – Pedal to the Medal.

By 2009-10, the value of the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation (ERYF) had begun to inch back. It rose to \$1,344,321 by the end of the Rotary year. Through prudent management, the ERYF Board and Club Board of Directors were able to keep expenditures very close to income. Thirty-four students received \$187,400 in scholarships and the avenues of community and international services supported the usual programs and many causes. Certain activities had become annual social events by this time. Dick Schlosser organized a Hewitt Avenue Pub Crawl, although the street had fewer pubs than when the club was formed in 1916. There were outings to the Everett Silvertips hockey games, usually organized by Jim Staniford, and treks to Everett Aquasox baseball games. From 2009 to 2014, anywhere from 40 to 80 Rotarians and their families gathered on a pre-selected winter evening to view this writer's miniature Holiday Village – modestly called “Larryville” – at his 3310 Grand Avenue home. The writer moved in 2015 and the village was donated to the Everett Mall for display. Club member Glen Bachman, the Mall manager, was the key person in facilitating the move.

As the Club entered the 2010-11 year, a fresh 2010-15 Strategic Plan was adopted. These plans first implemented in the 1990's, were developed with member input and outlined Club goals and objectives for a five year time span. The 2010-15 Plan stated the following vision: “The Rotary Club of Everett is the pre-eminent professional service club, known for its core values, support of youth education, and for successfully identifying and addressing community and international issues.” The plan then identified goals to be accomplished under the umbrella of international, youth, community, and club categories.

The Everett Rotary Youth Foundation was boosted in 2010-11 when member Jim Hayes, through his contacts with the Suskin Foundation, obtained \$25,000 for scholarships and then another \$300,000 of unrestricted funds. Thirty students received a total of \$176,500 in scholarships and continuing an established practice, the club honored youngsters from local high schools as Students of the Month. Once again the Local Impact Committee distributed more than \$15,000 to local agencies, ranging from Housing First to the First Tee. In addition to distributing more than \$18,000 to worthy causes such as helping needy children in Ethiopia, the World Community Service Committee conducted the Club's first ever trip to Puerto Rico. This

venture, orchestrated by Ed Petersen and Todd Morrow, resulted in the forging of a relationship between Everett Rotary and the Rotary Club of Turado in Puerto Rico. On another note, Marc Baker did an excellent job with his own fundraiser, collecting more than \$10,000- via his motorcycle ride to the International Convention in New Orleans. The June 30, 2011 ERYF fund balance of \$1,562,231 was a healthy increase from the previous year.

President nominee Maddy Metzger-Utt chaired a successful annual fundraiser in 2011 with a Rotary Olympics theme. The net of \$65,764 exceeded the budget by more than a thousand dollars. The worse of the "Great Recession" had passed but annual fund raising was impacted by a continued decline in membership. Nevertheless the Club was still able to award \$161,500 in scholarships to 31 worthy local students. By now there was an additional endowment fund in memory of long time member Pat Miller. The fund had been established by his family, including son Steve Miller, a Club member. After her death in 2013, Kay Lyons' name was added to the Hol Mabley endowment fund. The daughter of Mabley, she was the wife of past Club president Dick Lyons. The total amount given in scholarships in club history now exceeded three million dollars.

The community suffered a blow on April 15, 2012 when Kimberly Clark closed its pulp and paper plant on the Everett water front. Founded in the late 1920s as a pulp manufacturing facility, the mill had become Everett's largest single employer after Scott Paper purchased it in the early 1950s and added paper manufacturing. Long after the city had shed its Mill Town mantle, the mill, now operated and owned by Kimberly Clark, continued as one of Everett's major industries. Its closure brought down the final curtain on the community's wood products era and left about 800 employees without family wage jobs. As of this writing, the vacant 60+ acre site sits vacant, although the Port of Everett has expressed an intent to purchase it.

In 2012, the Rotary Club of Everett launched the "Next Generation Project," an ambitious multi-year initiative to enhance post-secondary school opportunities for youngsters who have demonstrated college level potential but face circumstances that mitigate against their pathway to college. To accomplish this goal, the Club linked up with AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a nationwide program that had been implemented in the Everett

Public Schools. AVID is a college readiness system that focuses on “least-served” youngsters in the academic middle who want to go to college and are willing to work hard. Frequently, these students are low income, minority youth with parents who did not attend college. Acting on a recommendation from the Next Generation Project Committee, chaired by Ted Wentz, the Club Board of Directors pledged \$200,000 to the project. This four year commitment was enhanced by other contributors, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing total funding to \$330,000. Initially, the goal was to support 240 AVID high school students. Within two years, the project had expanded to serve 800 AVID youth, grades 3 through 12. Working closely with Everett School District personnel, the Club provides a variety of scholarships, underwrites college visitations, pays tuition for college credit classes offered to high schoolers, funds classroom grants, and makes Rotarians available as career speakers in AVID classes. To date, Next Generation has experienced success and acclaim. In April of 2014, it was recognized as the top service project in Rotary District 5050, which includes 57 clubs in the U.S. and Canada. The AVID program received more recognition and financial support through a first ever “High Five Walkathon” at Cascade High School in the spring of 2015. This event for Rotarians, AVID students, school district staff, and other supporters was repeated in the spring of 2016.

The adoption of the AVID project altered the distribution of scholarships, starting in the spring of 2013. Twenty-one AVID students received awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Another twenty-one students received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$13,500 (over a four year period). The total amounted to \$125,750. On another note (literally), Mike Kight set a musical standard for the opening song with his October 23, 2012 rendition of “If My Nose was Running Money, I’d Blow it All on You.”

The Club had hosted and sent some outstanding foreign exchange students over the years but everyone agreed that Daniel Nielson, the Club’s 2012-13 exchange student from Nyborg, Denmark was truly exceptional. Poised, articulate and mature, Daniel fit in with high schoolers and adults. A leader at Everett High School, he related just as well with Everett Rotarians, displaying wisdom and wit well beyond his years. He has returned for visits at least twice,

where he is welcomed with open arms. Many club members are expecting great things for this remarkable young man.

Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson, a long time Club member, designated February 23-March 1, 2013 as Rotary Week and on April 2, 2013, the Club celebrated its 5000<sup>th</sup> meeting with a review of Everett Rotary's nearly 97 years of history. This writer, as Club historian, presented a slide show dedicated to legendary member Steve Saunders. Born on March 24, 1913, the 100 year old Saunders was the oldest Everett Rotarian and the only current member older than the club itself. President in 1958-59, he had offered wise and appreciated counsel to virtually every president since then.

By 2013-14, the Great Recession had passed but the community was rocked by the prospect that Boeing still might shift a major segment of its 82,000 Washington State employees to locations in other states. At stake, in particular, was the assembly site for the new 777X aircraft. The state of Washington awarded the company \$8.7 billion in tax breaks and the clincher came on January 3, 2014, when the Boeing Machinists Union approved a new contract that virtually guaranteed assembly of both the 777X and its composite wing at the Everett site. It was a joyous time.

The Club and the community were saddened by the death of Steve Saunders on December 2, 2014. This business and civic leader, who had lost his wife Jo six months earlier, was just three months short of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. A Resolution, paying tribute to his many contributions, was read at the January 13, 2015 Everett Rotary meeting by Past President and Past District Governor Tom Rainville. A few months later, the Club received word that it was the recipient of two generous bequests from the estate of Steve and Jo Saunders: \$100,000 for project(s) in the Everett area and \$528,000 to create an endowment fund to support an annual Saunders scholarship(s). Even in death, this benevolent pair was still giving to Rotary. Another Club icon, Don Loken, died on March 29, 2015. This long time Everett businessman joined Rotary in 1954 and served in various roles over the years. Quiet but friendly, he was a devoted Rotarian who had over 50 years of perfect attendance.

The Club had experienced some lean years but by 2014-2015, both the local and national financial picture had improved. The economic upturn and bequests such as the Saunders' pushed the ERYF total equity to \$3,143,948 on June 30, 2015. By this time, the ERYF had eight restricted scholarship funds by donors and four board designated funds: Paul Harris Endowment Fund, Loren Baker Scholarship Fund, Partners Scholarship Fund, and Suskin Foundation Fund. Having negotiated its way through good years and bad, the ERYF Board of Directors decided in 2014-15 to gradually transition the investments into index mutual funds in the future. Other changes also were enacted during this period. A decision was made to serve "students in the immediate Everett vicinity," which for scholarship purposes meant Cascade, Everett, and Sequoia High Schools and Everett Community College. In addition, the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony was changed to an evening event at the Everett School District's new Community Resource Center. There were personnel changes, too. Bill Dobler bowed out after years as Club Secretary and Dale Newman assumed that role. Past President Lyle Ryan served as District 5050 Governor in 2014-15.

During this period, the weekly meetings continued to be sources of information, inspiration, and laughter. Programs covered a gamut of topics. One week members might learn how the AVID program had been founded and then hear the next week from our U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen. Folks like David Beyer, Bob Drewel, and Paul Pitre kept members informed about Everett Community College and the new Everett branch of Washington State University. Mayor Ray Stephanson annually delivered a "State of the City" address. Member Tammy Dunn reported on activities of the Snohomish County Sports Commission and Paula Beatty of the Snohomish County Health Leadership coalition implored members to develop an advance "end of life plan." Commander Giles, director of Everett High School's Navy Junior ROTC program, stirred the membership with his powerful Memorial Day and Veteran's Day messages. Much inspiration came from young people. The Club listened to success stories from Students of the Month, AVID enrollees, and former scholarship recipients. Elizabeth Hassebrock, 2012 winner of a Rotary scholarship, told of her graduation as valedictorian from Gonzaga University and her admission to the Graduate School of Architecture at Stanford University. Club members shared tales of success too. Steve Miller told of his adventures as one of the world's top water skiers and Marybeth Dingledey kept the Club posted on the many activities she has pursued in raising

more than \$120,000 to fight breast cancer. George Petrie entertained with a saga about his fictitious meeting with Paul Harris. Some members camouflaged their real ages with complex mathematical calculations during Birthday Bucks but frequently they rounded it up to \$100 so they could hear the President ring the bell. On a more serious note, members listened with pride to the reports of Rotary International's success in the fight against polio. As a perennial District 5050 leader in raising money for the Rotary International Foundation, Everett Rotary played a significant role in the anti-polio battle. Virtually all Club members had become Paul Harris Fellows or were Sustaining Paul Harris Members. Many members had multiple Paul Harris': Past District Governor Tom Rainville topped the list with 26 as of 2015. A new Club Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 was adopted by the Board on August 27, 2015. All this activity was dutifully reported in The Log, which now reached most members via the internet. Marc Baker, Jim Haugen, and Russ Hermes were among the folks who toiled selflessly on The Log for many years.

The new four year Strategic Plan 2015 focused the Club in new ways. Multiyear projects became a priority for increasing the impact of Club service programs and financial investments. This included a three year grant to the Recovery Café, a program serving mentally ill homeless individuals and a five year plan of international service to Dajabon, Dominican Republic. The Next Generation Project creating college-going pathways for disadvantaged students in Everett Public Schools was extended four more years as the Club's signature project.

By 2014, the Club was giving serious attention to its upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A small Centennial Celebration Committee was appointed that year, and chaired by Past President Mark Nesse, began discussing possible activities and projects. As discussions proceeded over the next year, the committee expanded to 13 members and, with club input, developed specific recommendations. After considerable deliberation, the Club adopted the following Centennial projects proposed by the committee: .

- **Streets Initiative** - \$100,000 to assist in the creation of a Housing First facility for chronic homeless individuals in Everett.
- **Hope Works Culinary Training Program** - \$100,000 to support a program to put homeless youth and individuals on career pathways in the culinary industry.

- **Dominican Republic Project** - \$100,000 to build 100 Commercial Gardens as part of an economic development initiative in this country.
- **Next Generation** – \$100,000 for AVID program students.
- **Scholarships** – \$180,000 in continued funding for our long standing scholarship program.

In addition, two special events were scheduled:

- **Founder's Day Luncheon** – December 13, 2016 at Everett Community College's Walt Price Student Fitness Center – 100 years from the original organizational meeting of our Rotary Club.
- **Gala Celebration** - March 1, 2017 at the Everett Xfinity Events Center -100 years from the date our Rotary Club was chartered.

This historical booklet covering Club history from 1916 to the present will be distributed at the Founder's Day Luncheon and a booklet celebrating 100 year highlights will be distributed at the Gala.

Seeing the 2016-17 Centennial year as a bridge between the past and the future, President Ed Petersen is leading the Club in several new directions. Thirty Five Past Presidents are being featured at Club meetings telling stories about their year as a way for members to celebrate the building blocks for the Club we have become. Commitment to youth is being enhanced with new youth activities. A HOPE Mentoring project with college students mentoring high school AVID students in our Next Generation Project has been started. A process was launched for forming the first ever Rotaract Club in Everett. Incoming (Hugo from France) and outgoing (Courtney to Sicily) Youth Exchange students were sponsored. A new "Ice Cream Social" event for AVID students, parents, and teachers was an inspiring, standing room only event for Rotarians to celebrate the Club's continued commitment to youth development. *The Herald* provided great coverage.

The Club could look back on many changes as it entered its Centennial year. Chartered as Rotary International's 272<sup>nd</sup> Club, Everett is now one of 35,247 clubs with more than 1,235,000 international members. At the local level, the city of Everett has grown from about 25,000 residents in 1916 to nearly 110,000 in 2016. More than 25% of the 2016 population consists of racial minorities, compared to virtually none in 1916. Mill Town Everett, which could produce over six million red cedar shingles a day, has given way to an economy dependent on aircraft manufacturing. A south Everett site of woods, farms, and open space in 1916 is now the largest industrial center in Washington state, with Boeing alone employing 40,000 workers. The Everett waterfront, once lined with lumber and shingle mills, now houses a large Navy base and the biggest public marina on the West Coast. The Club itself has 149 active and honorary members (about 27% female) compared to the 52 charter members. Technology has transformed Club activities. Members communicate via the computer and smart phone. The Log is transmitted on the internet and for the first time, in 2016-17, the Club Roster was made available exclusively on line. The Club is proud of its many contributions locally and globally. The focus on youth is evidenced by the more than 3.75 million dollars that has been awarded in scholarships over the years. With fund raising efforts that consistently bring in nearly \$100,000 annually and substantially more than \$3,000,000 in the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation, the Rotary Club of Everett is well positioned financially to carry on its good work. The biggest challenge relates to membership, which has slipped about 40% from its high of more than 250 in the 1980s. As of this writing, the Club is mounting a promising membership campaign, with an emphasis on recruiting new younger persons, and increasing the number of women. If history is prologue, there seems to be little doubt that Everett Rotary will rise to the occasion and continue to be the premier service club in the community. The outlook for the next century is bright, indeed.

## APPENDIX

- Exhibit 1 Roster of Everett Rotary Charter Members
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- Exhibit 4 District 5050 (or predecessor Districts) Governors from Everett Rotary
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*Exhibit 1*

**Rotary Club of Everett**  
**Roster List of Charter Members**  
**Closed December 15, 1916**

*Bachelder, Ray I.*, partner, Bachelder & Corneil, Men's Clothing  
*Burke, Albert*, proprietor, Burke Motor Car Company  
*Booth, W.R.*, partner, Hudson & Booth, Real Estate  
*Blain, W.W.*, secretary, Everett Commercial Club  
*Brown, Raymond E.*, president, Home Shoe Store  
*Bargreen, Samuel E.*, proprietor, Imperial Tea Company  
*Bothwell, Samuel C.*, manager, Carsten Packing Company  
*Best, J.B.*, president-manager, The Daily Herald  
*Coffey, Robert C.*, manager, Everett Gas Company  
*Chitty, Arthur M.*, superintendent, P.S.I. Ry. & P. Company  
*Conner, W.R.*, secretary & treasurer, Everett Prtg. & Eng. Company  
*Caldbick, Dr. Samuel L.*, physician & surgeon  
*Durr, Fred A.*, president & manager, Durr Laundry Company  
*Davis, Walter H.*, proprietor, Owl Pharmacy  
*Engelbrecht, H.A.*, proprietor, Paints, Oils & Glass  
*Fell, V.W.*, distributing agent, Burroughs Adding Machine Company  
*Fenwick, A.R.*, editor, Everett Daily Tribune  
*Frazier, Charles R.*, superintendent, Public Schools  
*Goodenow, Dr. N.H.*, oculist & aurist  
*Hatch, Edward H.*, proprietor, Beverages  
*Healy, Charles A.*, proprietor, Plumbing  
*Hochstadter, Bernard*, secretary/treasurer, Grand Leader Dry Goods Company  
*Hartley, Roland H.*, vice-president, Clough-Hartley Mill Company  
*Hooton, Arthur W.*, vice-president & secretary, Boeshar-Hooton Furniture Company  
*Howarth, William*, president, Everett Pulp & Paper Company  
*Jones, Everett A.*, proprietor, E.A. Jones Electric Company  
*King, Clifford L.*, partner, Lucas & King  
*Leonard, Peter J.*, manager, Coast Ice & Cold Storage Company  
*Mapes, W.F.*, agent, Wells Fargo Express Company  
*McKee, C.E.*, proprietor, Orpheum Theatre Motion Picture  
*Maloney, W.M.*, partner, F&M Tire Shop  
*Moody, Robert*, vice-president, First National Bank  
*Neffler, Dr. E.B.*, osteopath  
*Prince, Henry M.*, president, Henry M. Prince, Inc.  
*Powers, Jerome A.*, manager, Farm Products Association  
*Pilz, William A.*, assistant treasurer, Everett Pulp & Paper Company  
*Rogers, Edgar M.*, pastor, Trinity Episcopal Church  
*Schoch, Fred C.*, district agent, N.W. Mutual Life Insurance Company  
*Smith, Wilson H.*, manager, Atlas Dairy  
*Torrey, Joseph P.*, district agent, Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford  
*Tidball, Dr. J.R.*, dentist  
*Vollans, B.H.*, proprietor, Cedar Piles & Poles  
*Weborg, Nels E.*, partner, C. Weborg & Sons

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Closed December 15, 1916 - continued

*Weiser, H.J.*, proprietor, Weiser's Cafe  
*Wight, E. B.*, assistant manager, Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company  
*Williams, Clayton M.*, attorney  
*Zimmerman, Robert*, manager, Western Union Telegraph Company  
*Winter, W.N.*, president, Puget Sound Telephone Company  
*Bickford, W.C.*, civil engineer, Snohomish County  
*Martin, C.O.*, general agent, N.P. Ry. Company  
*Norway, Judd A.*, assistant cashier, First National Bank  
*Witham, F.W.*, secretary, Y.M.C.A.

# Exhibit 2

## Rotary Club of Everett Past Presidents

Dec. 1916-May 1917  
 June 1917-Jan, 1918  
 Jan. 1918-May 1918  
 June 1918-May 1919  
 June 1919-May 1920  
 June 1920-May 1921  
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 July 1963-June 1964

Clayton M. Williams  
 Robert M. Coffey  
 Jesse R. Tidball  
 W.R. (Dad) Conner  
 Edward B. Neffeler  
 David B. McIlravy  
 George S. Aldrich  
 Edward B. Wight  
 Jesse H. Davis  
 Nels (Rosy) Weborg  
 P. Henry Olwell  
 Frank McChesney  
 James E. Sipprell  
 Dr. N.I. Thompson  
 Joseph P. Torrey  
 Chas. W. Bentley  
 Jack D. Williams  
 Albert W. Braedt  
 Raymond E. Cook  
 Lee Carter  
 Ray Dalton  
 R. Laurence Beaulieu  
 William M. Hartford  
 Charles A. Hampton  
 Adam E. McKee  
 Herbert L. Robinson  
 Edward B. Ballinger  
 Charles H. Fickel  
 Arthur W. Hooton  
 Joseph A. Reeves  
 Jud A. Norway  
 R. Wallace Joyce  
 Louis H. Unzelman  
 S. Frank Spencer  
 Clarence Lasher  
 Arthur A. Anderson  
 George Culmback  
 George P. Tostevin  
 Arnold Z. Smith  
 Clarence Callow  
 Fred Heintz  
 Dr. Ross Earlywine  
 Harry F. Stowell  
 T.H. Cockerham  
 Thomas H. Clement  
 Stephen C. Saunders  
 Harold Walsh  
 Adolph Rygg  
 Lloyd Wallgren  
 Stanley Winter  
 A.M. Glassberg

July 1964-June 1965  
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 July 2010-June 2011  
 July 2011-June 2012  
 July 2012-June 2013  
 July 2013-June 2014  
 July 2014-June 2015  
 July 2015-June 2016

J.N. Cunningham  
 Stanton J. Hall  
 Parker Williams  
 Wallace M. Turner  
 Kenneth W. Callahan  
 Ralph E. Dolloff  
 Robert E. Polachek  
 Ross D. Hoagland  
 William F. Ingram  
 William E. Moore  
 Robert A. Freidenrich  
 William B. Evans  
 Cecil M. Cole  
 Ed C. Rubatino  
 Thomas H. Rainville  
 Alfred Muller, Jr.  
 Ronald K. Jacobson  
 Larry L. Hanson  
 Henry T. Newton  
 J. Terry Lewis  
 Carl A. Munding  
 William W. Dobler  
 W. Travis Snider  
 Richard M. Lyons  
 Mark A. Nesse  
 Donald Senter  
 James P. Stark  
 Wade A. Boze  
 Steven A. Juntwait  
 Richard Hanson  
 J.B Switzer  
 Kathy De Tuerk  
 Bardell D. Miller  
 Greg Tisdell  
 Dick Schlosser  
 Marc Q. Baker  
 Dave Surface  
 Lawrence E. O'Donnell  
 Robert Bavasi  
 Frank McCord  
 Jim Haugen  
 Lyle Ryan  
 Rose Rubatino Goulet  
 Roy Yates  
 Larry Byers  
 Kevin Morris  
 Randy K. Hansen  
 Thomas A. Koenig  
 Andrew Hall  
 Maddy Metzger-Utt  
 Mark Valentine, M.D.  
 Deborah Wright

*Exhibit 3*

*Fifty Year History of Everett Rotary (1916 - 1966)*  
*by Loren Baker*

President Parker, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Commemorating our 50th Anniversary, I feel somewhat like the small boy returning from his first day at school; he burst into the house yelling out "Mom, what's sex?" Mom had been dreading the day when this would occur, but dutifully she took the small boy to his room, sat him down on a chair, and proceeded to lecture about the birds and the bees. When she had finished she said, "Now son, do you have any questions?" The small boy fidgeted about, pulled an enrollment card out of his pocket, one of those with the small squares for the answers. He looked at it and then blurted out, "Gee mom, how am I going to get all that in one of these tiny squares?"

How can I put the fifty years of the Everett Rotary Club onto one little square? Every one of those years was different and important.

The year 1916 was different. Woodrow Wilson was elected President over Charles Evans Hughes by only 23 electoral votes. The war was on in Europe in earnest, and the Democrats campaigning on the slogan "He kept us out of war" had to swallow their promises six months after the election, when the U.S. entered the "war to save the world for democracy."

In Everett, 1916 ushered in the "Big Snow". On February first, some four feet of the white stuff lay on the city streets. Labor trouble bedeviled the industries during the summer, culminating on November 5th when the steamer Verona attempted to land some two hundred industrial workers of the world at the city dock. The tragic fight was short and disastrous. Upon this uncertain background forty seven of the city's leading business and professional men gathered on December 15th in Spud Weiser's cafe to form the Everett Rotary Club and petition Rotary International for a Club Charter.

Reading the minutes of the first meeting, one is impressed by the sincerity and strength of purpose of the men who gave life to the early years of club action. This action spearheaded the drive for an armory. With the war on in 1917, the Club led the Liberty Bond Drive and sponsored the Victory Gardens. There are many notes in the minutes citing the need for men to hoe potatoes in the Club garden.

By 1918, the Club was known as a real singing outfit. With a number of excellent voices in the membership, the songs were an essential part of every meeting. The club quartet performed most everywhere, even at Rotary International conventions, with great acclaim. We have somewhat departed from the singing pattern today. We do get through America at each meeting, but it often sounds like we are being run out of the country instead of singing its praises.

Establishment of a bed at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital was effected in 1923. This support continued for almost 30 years. During most of the fifty years, the Club has worked closely with the Boy Scout movement. We honored the national championship football teams which the high school produced about 1920. The Club sponsored action to build the fair grounds at Silver Lake, and in the late 1920's also sponsored the Marysville club. In the 1930s, the seeing eye movement for the blind was instituted here and a number of local people were enabled to secure guide dogs through that program. The Club has given scholarships at the high school since 1930, and has expanded that program as the schools increased. It has assisted with the

exchange student program instituted by the American Field Service. In 1950 we sponsored the Edmonds Rotary Club.

During its history, Club members have experienced World War I, prohibition "The Great Experiment", the boom of the 20's, the stock market crash, the depression, the "chicken in every pot" era, the "New Deal", World War II, the post war boom, the "Fair Deal", and the "Roaring Sixties". We have had in those years from Woodrow Wilson to Lyndon Johnson, five Democratic and four Republican Presidents, and have seen the cost of national government advance more than a hundred fold.

As we thumb through the minutes of Club meetings, we become aware that our membership was the backbone of the city. Just a few who are of particular interest and who contributed much were the Reverend Edgar Rogers, William Howarth, Roland Hartley, D.A. Duryee, Dad Conner, Clayton Williams, E.B. Wight, Steve Saunders, Arthur Hooton, Ned Townsend, Rosie Weborg, and George Culmback.

Everett Rotary has had 53 presidents following in the footsteps of the first one, Clayton Williams. By some peculiar coincidence our present president has the same family name.

There are eleven past presidents still in membership. Dave McIlravy presided in 1920. Thirty years later in 1950 George Tostevin was our leader. (Freida). His big event was establishment of the Edmonds Rotary Club. Next came Clarence Callow at the head man job. (Nora). Five years later Tom Clement became president. (Ruth). The startling occurrence of his term was Jim Otto's showing of the cancer film in all its gory details. Some of the spectators lost a good lunch that day. Steve Saunders was the next presiding officer. (Jo). That year we had the first "Country Store". Next was Harold Walsh. (Evelyn). Perhaps outstanding in that administration was the presence of Dr. Pavamani with us. The following year was the reign of Adolph Rygg. (Mary Ann). The unusual happening in his term was when the table candle in front of fire chief Earl Brower really caught on fire and the volunteer fire department had to be called. Next in the line of presidents was Lloyd Walgren. (Bess). That was the year of the second "Country Store". Following him came Abe Glasberg. (Lucy). Most memorable in Abe's term was Sergeant George Ammons' presentation of the State Patrol's uncensored "Could this be You?". Our next chief was Jim Cunningham. (Inez). Jim brought his old political crony Governor Albert Rosellini to speak to us. Lastly appeared Stan Hall to lead us out of the wilderness. (Ruth). His big time came when Senator Henry Jackson addressed us "How we are doing?". For added revenue during Lloyd Walgren's term, he aided Ralph Dolloff who contributed very generously to the scholarship fund. (Helen). Some three years later Jim Cunningham aided Dr. Tom Hasler in establishing the Hasler Fund for Needy Students. (Marie).

Perhaps the greatest incentive to good membership in any Rotary Club is the acquaintance and friendship pattern which develops in the weekly gatherings. Men sitting together have the opportunity to learn of the interests and activities of other men in the community. There is then fostered common interest in problems, many personal friendships are formed here. To show that this association with others is desirable, we have some 34 members who have been in Rotary for more than twenty years. Of these 34, seven have been around more than 30 years, and six have more than forty years of service. In 1926, Harold Sievers joined the Everett Rotary Club. In 1925, Charles Schucart became a member. Barney Moore also joined in 1925. Alex Kick became a member in 1922. Dave McIlravy joining, in 1918, is our oldest member in years of service to the Club. There is one more who joined the Kirksville, Missouri Club in 1918. When he came to Everett he affiliated with our club. He has been a club president, a district governor, and our efficient secretary for several years, Herb Lohr.

Looking back at the fifty years of our Club existence, its accomplishments and its disappointments, one wonders what lies ahead in the next half century. Certain it is, our future is approaching at a faster pace than ever. Leave us get on with it.

## **Exhibit 4**

### District 5050 (or predecessor Districts) Governors from Rotary Club of Everett

Clayton Williams (1919-20)

Herb Lohr (1960-61)

Tom Rainville (1987-88)

Don Senter (1994-95)

J.B. Switzer (1998-99)

Kathy DeTuerk (2001-02)

Lyle Ryan (2014-15)

## **Exhibit 5**

### Rotary Clubs Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Everett

Marysville, circa 1928 (club disbanded in the 1930s)

Edmonds, May 14, 1951

Arlington, June 20, 1970 (originally North Snohomish County  
Rotary)

Snohomish, July 22, 1982 (club now disbanded)

Marysville, February 5, 1985 (*new* Marysville Club)

Everett/Port Gardner, October 27, 1987

South Everett / Mukilteo, May 16, 1989

## THE 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:

- (1) The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
- (4) The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- (1) Is it the TRUTH?
- (2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- (3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- (4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

