



HISTORY

DISTRICT 709

1911 - 1980

A HISTORY
OF
DISTRICT NO. 709
Rotary International

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INTRODUCTION

The first edition of this history was commissioned by the Clubs of District 169 in 1942. It was revised and enlarged for District 248 in 1953. The first and second editions were prepared by Past District Governor Daniel F. Lincoln, Jamestown, N.Y. In 1969, J. Lawrence Runnalls, Historian of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines joined Dan Lincoln in production of the third edition.

Now, in keeping with the spirit of the 75th Anniversary of Rotary International, and following the recommendations of the previous authors, we present the fourth edition, which was prepared by Past District Governor Charles M. Fogel, Buffalo, N.Y.

Commissioned by District (709) Governor Bert Boone (1980-81) through his District Director of Club Service, Martyn Dabner, the History Committee has endeavoured to produce an accurate first class publication. Should there be errors or omissions, please accept our profound apologies — but please advise us so that corrections may be made in the next edition.

Thanks must go to the Past District Governors and to the Secretariat in Evanston, Ill. for their kind co-operation in supplying needed material. The appendix has been up-dated and expanded, with a new map inserted showing the District outline and location of all Clubs.

We sincerely hope this publication will provide a ready reference of general information for many interested Rotarians.

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PREFACE

In the presentation of this material you will find that the first three years described very large areas of states and provinces, a small part of which is now named as District 709. At that time there were no Districts and the early Clubs of this present District were located in those large sections. Beginning in 1915 our District organization of Rotary International was established and the territory now comprising District No. 709 was located in three different districts due to borders which were arbitrarily established in the creation of those Districts.

In 1918, a new International District (No. 4) was created and although the number changed several times through the ensuing years, the territory involved was altered from time to time.

Maps of these changes will be helpful in watching the change of District areas as more and more Clubs were established to make it a necessity that the area of a District be made smaller and smaller. With a few exceptions, there have been about the same number of Clubs in the area throughout the fifty-eight years.

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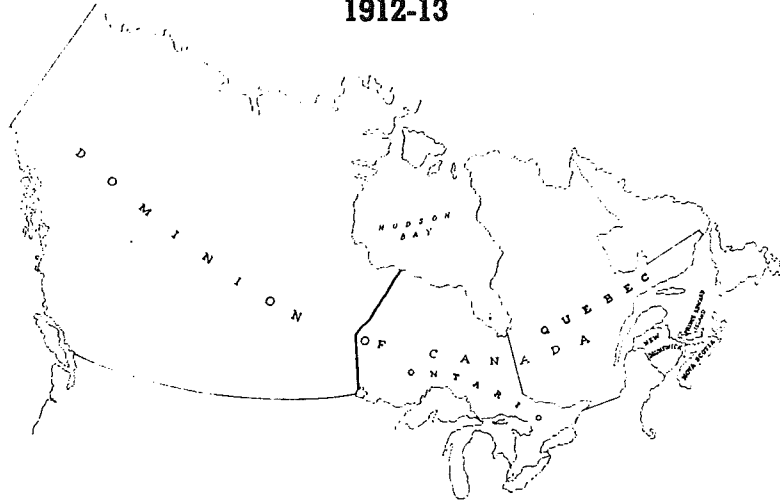
The Rotary movement first was established in this area now known as District No. 709 when Rotary International Charter No. 28 was granted to the Rotary Club of Buffalo on August 22, 1911. Rotary that year had its second Annual Convention at Portland, Oregon where 149 persons elected founder, Paul P. Harris, to his second term as President of the organization. Winnipeg, in Canada, Dublin in Ireland and London in England were the only Rotary Clubs outside the United States at this time.

The Buffalo Club was the initial Club of this District and was founded by members of the Rotary Club of New York (which had been established in 1909).

Burton E. Pfeiffer (Men's Furnishings) was the first President and Thomas H. Noonan (Referee of the Supreme Court) was the Charter Secretary. President Pfeiffer was appointed by R.I. President Harris to serve as a member of the R.I. Committee on Inter-City Relations.

In these early days of Rotary there was little thought of Districts as we know them. The year 1912-13 brought a realization of the need for supervision however, and the Vice-Presidents of R.I. were assigned in charge of sections of the world. The Canadian Section was under Vice-President Walter J. Clubb, a member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg,, Manitoba. His home Club was the only Club in Canada but the area he supervised was later to be a part of District No. 709.

1912-13



Canada and Eastern Canadian Section of Rotary International,
1912 to 1915



Eastern United States Section of Rotary International,
1912 to 1915

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Theme</i>
1962-63	Nitish C. Laharry	Kindle the Spark Within
1963-64	Carl P. Miller	Guidelines for Rotary in the Space Age
1964-65	Charles W. Pettengill	Live Rotary
1965-66	C. P. H. Teenstra	Action, Consolidation and Continuity
1966-67	Richard L. Evans	A Better World Through Rotary
1967-68	Luther H. Hodges	Make Your Rotary Membership Effective
1968-69	Kiyoshi Togasaki	Participate
1969-70	James F. Conway	Review and Renew
1970-71	William E. Walk, Jr.	Bridge the Gaps
1971-72	Ernst G. Breitholtz	Good Will Begins With You
1972-73	Roy D. Hickman	Let's Take A New Look -- And Act
1973-74	William C. Carter	A Time for Action
1974-75	William R. Robbins	Renew the Spirit of Rotary
1975-76	Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello	To Dignify the Human Being
1976-77	Robert A. Manchester III	I Believe In Rotary
1977-78	W. Jack Davis	Serve to Unite Mankind
1978-79	Clem Renouf	Reach Out
1979-80	James L. Bomar, Jr.	Let Service Light the Way
1980-81	Rolf J. Klarich	Take Time to Serve

<i>Year</i>	<i>International Convention</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>President Elected</i>	<i>His Address</i>
1962	Los Angeles	22302	Nitish C. Laharry	Calcutta, India
1963	St. Louis	10779	Carl P. Miller	Los Angeles
1964	Toronto	14661	Charles W. Pettengill	Greenwich, Conn.
1965	Atlantic City	9368	C. P. H. Teenstra	Blaricum, Netherlands
1966	Denver	12929	Richard L. Evans	Salt Lake City
1967	Nice, France	19362	Luther H. Hodges	Chapel Hill, N.C.
1968	Mexico City	11840	Kiyoshi Togasaki	Tokyo, Japan
1969	Honolulu, Hawaii		James F. Conway	Rockville Centre, N.Y.
1970	Atlanta, Georgia	10,803	William E. Walk, Jr.	Ontario, California
1971	Sydney, Australia	16,646	Ernst G. Breitholtz	Kalmar, Sweden
1972	Houston, Texas	13,287	Roy D. Hickman	Birmingham, Alabama
1973	Lausanne, Switzerland	17,187	William C. Carter	Battersea, London, England
1974	Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota	10,015	William R. Robbins	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1975	Montreal, Quebec	12,975	Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1976	New Orleans, Louisiana	13,935	Robert A. Manchester II	Youngstown, Ohio
1977	San Francisco, California	14,168	W. Jack Davis	Hamilton, Bermuda
1978	Tokyo, Japan	40,155	Clem Renouf	Queensland, Australia
1979	Rome, Italy	14,692	James L. Bomar, Jr.	Shelville, Tennessee
1980	Chicago, Illinois	18,743	Rolf J. Klarich	Helsinki-Helsingfors, Finland
1981	Sao Paulo, Brazil		Stanley E. McCaffrey	Stockton, California

THEMES OF R. I. PRESIDENTS

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Theme</i>
1955-56	A. Z. Baker	Develop Our Resources
1956-57	Gian Pado Lang	Keep Rotary Simple; More Rotary in Rotarians; Learn More About Each Other
1957-58	Charles G. Tennent	Serve
1958-59	Clifford A. Randall	Help Shape the Future
1959-60	Harold T. Thomas	Build Bridges of Friendship
1960-61	J. Edd McLaughlin	You Are Rotary
1961-62	Joseph A. Abey	Act

During this same year the United States was divided for purposes of supervision into Sections under the direction of a Vice-President of R.I. Eastern United States Section included what is now a part of District No. 709 and comprised a total area of six states. Vice-President Robert W. Clark (life insurance), a member of the Rotary Club of Boston had been elected to the Board of Directors at the Duluth Convention of 1912 and was in charge of the Eastern United States Section. There were 13 Clubs at that time in his area, Buffalo being the only one in the present 709 District.

1913 - 14

In 1913 at the Buffalo Convention (Rotary's 4th Annual and the first of four to be held in this District) the delegates elected W. A. Peace (life insurance), Toronto, Ont., as one of the Vice-Presidents. Bill had served as the Charter President of the Toronto Club since its chartering early in the year 1913. His territory of a Canadian Section was reduced to include only the five eastern provinces of Canada instead of the entire country (refer to Map No. 1). And for a second year that section contained only one Club — this time Toronto. But before the year was over Charter No. 82 was granted on August 1st, 1913, to the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario, through the efforts of Vice-President Peace.

Russell F. Greiner of Kansas City, Missouri, President of R.I., had appointed Russell T. Kelley, Hamilton's first president, to serve on the R.I. International Education Committee that year. Russell was later to be elected Governor of the 4th District. Vice-President Peace was re-elected at the Houston, Texas, International Convention.

That same year Buffalo's charter president, Burton E. Pfeiffer was elected as a Vice-President of R.I. and placed in charge of Eastern United States Clubs which numbered 18.

Thomas H. Noonan, Buffalo's first secretary, was elected a Director of Rotary International.

Past Vice-President Pfeiffer was made an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Buffalo.

1914 - 15

Eastern Canada was again under the supervision of Vice-President W. A. Peace of Toronto following the Houston Convention of 1914. The number of Clubs in eastern Canada had increased to 4. The area remained the same. Frank Mullholland of Toledo had been elected President of R.I., and again a member of this District was appointed to serve on important Rotary Committees. Dr. Bruce A. Carey of Hamilton was selected for two duties — as a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and of the Official Publication Committee.

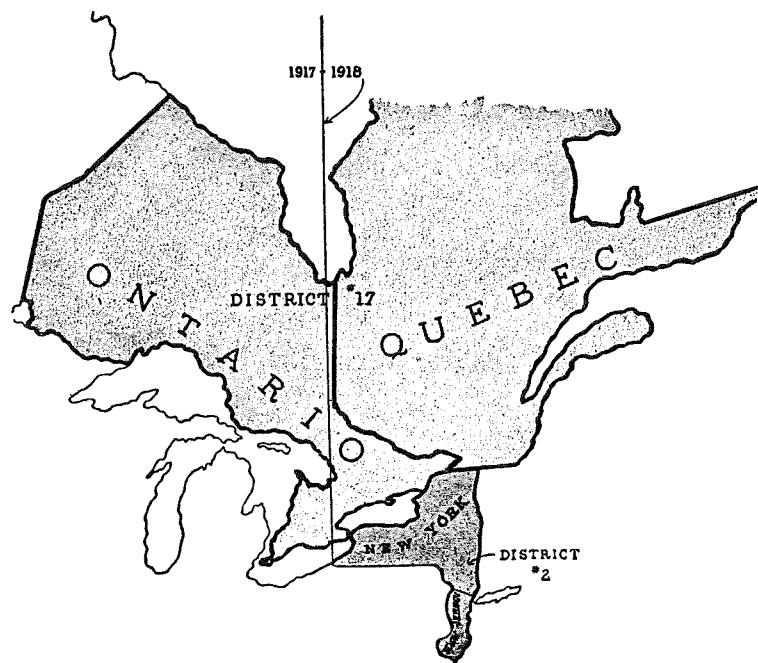
Eastern United States was under the direction of Vice-President E. J. Bertlet (commercial trucks, gasoline and trailers) of the Philadelphia

Rotary Club. The number of Clubs in his Section had been increased to 25 although no new Clubs had been chartered in the present area of the 709th District.

This year marked the first District (or Section) Conference of which there is a record. It was held in New York City in August, 1914. A second meeting was held at Philadelphia in February, 1915.

1915 - 16

Rotary's sixth Annual Convention was held at San Francisco in July, 1915. It was a momentous gathering, for a new step was taken in the creation of Districts within the Rotary organization. Each District was to have elected to supervise activities within its area, a District Governor as an officer of Rotary International. This 709th District at that time was included in two separate Districts, one in the United States and one in Canada. Allen D. Albert of Paris, Illinois, was the President of R.I. during this first year of changing administrative policy.



District No. 17 and No. 2 of Rotary International, 1915 to 1918 — Light shading indicates District 17, an all-Canadian District. Medium shading indicates District No. 2 (New York and New Jersey). The present 709th District includes parts of these two areas.

Year	International Convention	Attendance	President Elected	His Address
1923	St. Louis, Mo.	6779	Guy Gundaker	Philadelphia
1924	Toronto	9173	Everett W. Hill	Springfield, Mo.
1925	Cleveland	10216	Donald A. Adams	New Haven, Conn.
1926	Denver, Col.	8888	Harry W. Rogers	San Antonio, Tex.
1927	Ostend, Bel.	6412	Arthur H. Sapp	Huntington, Ind.
1928	Minneapolis	9428	I. B. Tom Sutton	Tampico, Mexico
1929	Dallas, Tex.	9508	M. Eugene Newsom	Durham, N.C.
1930	Chicago	11008	Almon E. Roth	San Francisco
1931	Vienna, Aust.	4296	Sydney W. Pascall	London, England
1932	Seattle, Wash.	5128	Clinton P. Anderson	Albuquerque, N.M.
1933	Boston	8430	John Nelson	Montreal
1934	Detroit	7177	Robt. E. Lee Hill	Columbia, Mo.
1935	Mexico City	5330	Ed. R. Johnson	Roanoke, Va.
1936	Atlantic City	9907	Will R. Manier, Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
1937	Nice, France	5790	Maurice Duperry	Paris, France
1938	San Francisco	10432	Geo. C. Hager	Chicago
1939	Cleveland	9241	Walter D. Head	Teaneck, N.J.
1940	Havana, Cuba	3713	Armandode Arruda Periera	Sao Paulo, Brazil
1941	Denver, Col.	8942	Tom J. Davis	Butte, Mon.
1942	Toronto	6599	Fernando Carbajal	Lima, Peru
1943	St. Louis, Mo.	3851	Charles L. Wheeler	Woodside, Cal.
1944	Chicago	403	Richard H. Wells	Pocatello, Idaho
1945	Chicago	141	T. A. Warren	Bournemouth, England
1946	Atlantic City	10958	Richard C. Hedke	Detroit
1947	San Francisco	14678	S. Kendrick Guernsey	Jacksonville, Florida
1948	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	7511	Angus S. Mitchell	Victoria, Australia
1949	New York City	15958	Percy Hodgson	Pawtucket, R.I.
1950	Detroit	6939	Arthur Lagueux	Quebec City
1951	Atlantic City	8453	Frank E. Spain	Birmingham, Alabama
1952	Mexico City	6804	H. J. Brunner	San Francisco
1953	Paris, France	10107	Joaquin S. Cibils	Montevideo, Uruguay
1954	Seattle	8015	Herbert J. Taylor	Chicago
1955	Chicago	14312	A. Z. Baker	Cleveland
1956	Philadelphia	10003	Gian Paolo Lang	Levorno, Italy
1957	Lucerne, Switzerland	9702	Charles D. Tennant	Ashville, N.C.
1958	Dallas, Tex.	14035	Clifford A. Randall	Milwaukee, Wis.
1959	New York City	15475	Harold T. Thomas	Auckland, N.Z.
1960	Miami	11354	J. Edd. McLaughlin	Ralls, Tex.
1961	Tokyo, Japan	23366	Joseph A. Abey	Reading, Penn.

District Number	Year	Place	Attendance
709	1964	Niagara Falls, New York	1,119
709	1965	Hamilton, Ontario	999
709	1966	Buffalo, New York	1,183
709	1967	Hamilton, Ontario	843
709	1968	Niagara Falls, New York	1,017
709	1969	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,337
709	1970	Niagara Falls, New York	1,250
709	1971	Niagara Falls Ontario	1,406
709	1972	Buffalo, New York	1,241
709	1973	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,133
709	1974	Buffalo, New York	1,214
709	1975	Hamilton, Ontario	1,225
709	1976	Niagara Falls, New York	1,195
709	1977	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,028
709	1978	Niagara Falls, New York	1,328
709	1979	Toronto, Ontario	1,019
709	1980	Niagara Falls, New York	637
709	1981	Toronto, Ontario	

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<u>Year</u>	<u>International Convention</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>President Elected</u>	<u>His Address</u>
1910	Chicago	60	Paul Harris	Chicago
1911	Portland, Ore.	149	Paul Harris	Chicago
1912	Duluth, Min.	598	Glen C. Mead	Philadelphia
1913	Buffalo	930	Russell F. Geiner	Kansas City
1914	Houston, Tex.	1288	Frank L. Mulholland	Toledo, O.
1915	San Francisco	1988	Alben D. Albert	Chicago
1916	Cincinnati	3591	Arch L. Klump	Cleveland
1917	Atlanta, Ga.	2588	E. Leslie Pidgeon	Winnipeg
1918	Kansas City	4145	John Poole	Washington, D.C.
1919	Salt Lake City	3038	Albert S. Adams	Atlanta, Ga.
1920	Atlantic City	7213	Estes Snedecor	Portland, Oregon
1921	Edinburgh, Scot.	2323	Crawford McCullough	Fort William
1922	Los Angeles	6096	Raymond M. Havens	Kansas City

DISTRICT NO. 2 District Governor WILLIAM J. O'HEA (TELEPHONE SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Rochester, New York

With the area of the District reduced considerably by the creation of separate Districts, the actual number of Rotary Clubs in the District totalled 17 due to the extension efforts during the past year. In addition, four new Clubs were added during the year under Governor O'Hea's supervision. None of them however were in the present territory of the 709th District. A District Conference was held at Atlantic City. Registration figures are not available.

DISTRICT NO. 17 District Governor THOMAS G. WELLS (TELEPHONE SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Montreal

This first Canadian District operated under Governor Wells' supervision with 3 Rotary Clubs in these two provinces. No record of a District Conference is available. With such a small number of Clubs none was probably considered of sufficient use.

1916 - 17

DISTRICT NO. 2 District Governor THOMAS K. SMITH (LAWYER)

Rotary Club of Syracuse, New York

The Cincinnati Convention designated Governor Smith to supervise the 21 Clubs now constituting District No. 2. During his year 9 new clubs were added to the District including two of the present 709th District. The Buffalo Club served as sponsors for both the new Clubs which were at Niagara Falls, New York, and a joint Club of The Tonawandas. Niagara Falls was chartered No. 260 on December 1st, 1916. F. A. Lidbury (phosphorus manufacturing) was the first President and Charles Woodward (general insurance and bonds) the charter secretary. C. G. Grauer of the Buffalo Club acted as Governor Smith's Special Representative. Frank Coupal, also of Buffalo, was the Special Representative in organizing The Tonawandas Club which was chartered on June 17th, 1917, and received Charter No. 318. Its first president was Henry P. Smith (banker). Stanley Rand (fire insurance) served as the first secretary.

The District Conference was held at Binghamton, New York. The attendance of delegates from 22 clubs at this Conference is the first record of registration of which we have cognizance.

R.I. President Arch Klumph of Toledo, Ohio, had appointed Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to serve as Rotary's Official Representative at the District Conference. Guy was to be elected President of R.I. seven years later. Fred VanAmburgh was elected as District Governor at the Binghamton Conference to succeed Governor Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 17
District Governor
BRUCE A. CAREY

(MUSICAL EDUCATION)
 Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario

Having previously served on two major R.I. Committees in 1914, Dr. Bruce A. Carey was elected to succeed Governor Wells of Montreal. There were six Clubs in the District at the beginning of the Rotary year. A District Conference was held at London, Ontario, at which William A. Martin of London, was nominated to succeed Governor Carey. The International Convention was held at Atlanta, Georgia.

1917 - 18

DISTRICT NO. 2
District Governor
FRED D. VANAMBURGH

(PUBLISHER)
 Rotary Club of New York, N.Y.

There were 4,178 Rotarians in 30 Clubs constituting the 2nd District when Governor VanAmburgh assumed office following his election at the Atlanta Convention. This was the last year that District No. 2 was to have a continuing geography, as a complete redistricting throughout Rotary was to take place at the end of the year.

E. Leslie Pidgeon of Montreal was the President of Rotary International, the first from outside the United States. Samuel B. Botsford of Buffalo Rotary Club was also elected as a member of the Board of Directors of R.I. and its Third Vice-President for this Rotary year 1917-18.

The Conference of the 2nd District was held at Newark, New Jersey, with 220 Rotarians registered. R.I. President Pidgeon was the Official Representative attending.

DISTRICT NO. 17
District Governor
WILLIAM A. MARTIN

(WHOLESALE COAL)
 Rotary Club of London, Ontario

At the Atlanta Convention this District was reduced in size by deleting western Ontario from the eastern part which with Quebec now constituted District No. 17. Six Clubs continued to constitute the roster of Clubs in the District.

It was under Governor Martin's supervision that the Rotary Club of Brantford, Ontario, was chartered, No. 348, on December 12th, 1917, with Bruce A. Carey of the London, Ontario, Club, serving as the Governor's Special Representative. J. M. Young (dry goods) was the Brantford Charter President, and W. B. Preston (publisher) its first Secretary. It is an interesting historic note that R.I. President Pidgeon signed the Brantford Charter in his official capacity, and then 25 years later was present as the Honor Guest at the Club's Anniversary held in 1942.

The District Conference was held at Toronto, Ontario, with 35 delegates from the 6 Clubs registered.

District Number	Year	Place	Attendance
27	1929	Erie, Pennsylvania	981
27	1930	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,350
27	1931	Buffalo, New York	1,418
27	1932	Hamilton, Ontario	1,311
27	1933	Jamestown, New York	551
27	1934	St. Catharines, Ontario	1,224
27	1935	Niagara Falls, New York	1,297
27	1936	Toronto, Ontario	1,647
27	1937	Erie, Pennsylvania	680
169	1938	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,006
169	1939	Buffalo, New York	1,098
168 & 169	1940	Hamilton, Ontario (Joint Reg. 1,628)	503
168 & 169	1941	Toronto, Ontario (Joint Reg. 1,689)	1,091
168 & 169	1942	Niagara Falls, Ontario (Joint Reg. 710)	578
168 & 169	1943	Toronto, Ontario	233
169	1944	Buffalo, New York	820
169	1945	No Conference was held.	
169	1946	Buffalo, New York	767
169	1947	Hamilton, Ontario	1,155
169	1948	Buffalo, New York	674
169	1949	Niagara Falls, Ontario	856
248	1950	Buffalo, New York	1,246
248	1951	Hamilton, Ontario	1,004
248	1952	Jamestown, New York	803
248	1953	Niagara Falls, Ontario	
248	1954	Buffalo, New York	1,300
248	1955	Hamilton, Ontario Report Not Received	
248	1956	Buffalo, New York	1,581
248	1957	Hamilton, Ontario	1,199
709	1958	Buffalo, New York	1,351
709	1959	St. Catharines, Ontario	997
709	1960	Buffalo, New York	884
709	1961	Hamilton, Ontario	1,393
709	1962	Buffalo, New York	1,001
709	1963	Niagara Falls, Ontario	1,072

DISTRICT GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)

1965-66	District No. 709, Paul D. Williams, Buffalo, New York.
1966-67	District No. 709, Herbert C. Hardwick, Oakville, Ontario.
1967-68	District No. 709, Gordon C. Robinson, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
1968-69	District No. 709, Gerald R. Wooll, St. Catharines, Ontario.
1969-70	District No. 709, Marvin E. Samuelson, Batavia, New York.
1970-71	District No. 709, John B. Irving, Simcoe, Ontario.
1971-72	District No. 709, Daniel C. Mitchell, Amherst South, New York.
1972-73	District No. 709, Dr. Clarence L. Bates, Dundas, Ontario.
1973-74	District No. 709, Charles M. Fogel, Buffalo, New York.
1974-75	District No. 709, Dr. Hugo T. Ewart, Hamilton, Ontario.
1975-76	District No. 709, Edwin L. Pfohl, Grand Island, New York.
1976-77	District No. 709, John R. Morris, Burlington Lakeshore, Ontario.
1977-78	District No. 709, Donald H. Swift, Middleport, New York.
1978-79	District No. 709, Terrance R. Williams, Kitchener, Ontario.
1979-80	District No. 709, Orville W. Johnston, Olean, New York.
1980-81	District No. 709, Albert E. Boone, Galt, Ontario.

* Deceased

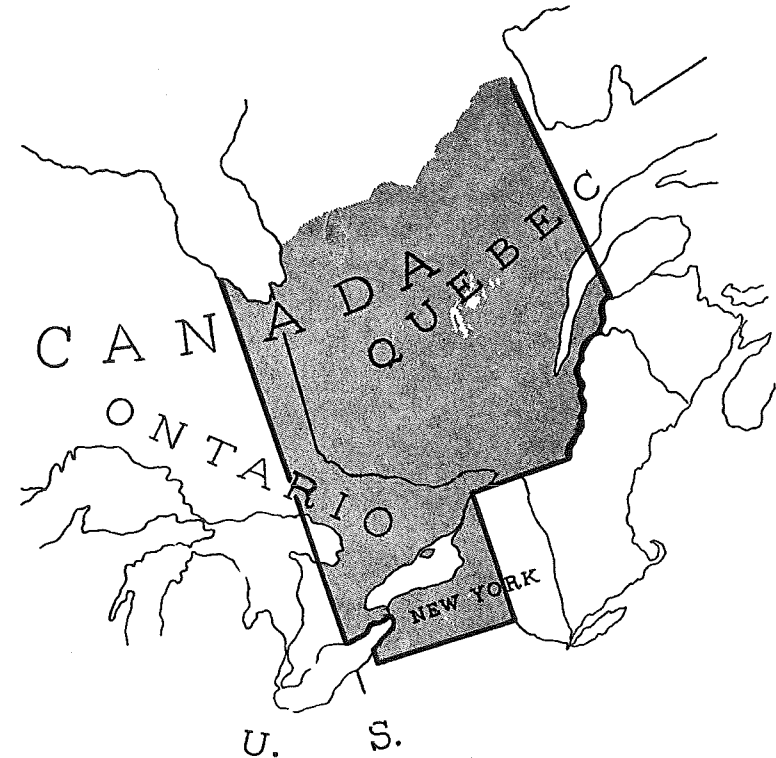
DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Note: Before 1919 each of the separate Districts which made up the present 248th District held separate Conferences. This list begins with the old 4th District's Conferences as it is the first year that a single District included this present territory.

District Number	Year	Place	Attendance
4	1919	Hamilton, Ontario	315
4	1920	Buffalo, New York	888
4	1921	Ottawa, Ontario	914
4	1922	Rochester, New York	1,235
27	1923	Toronto, Ontario	1,183
27	1924	Buffalo, New York	1,517
27	1925	Hamilton, Ontario	1,204
27	1926	Niagara Falls, New York	1,083
27	1927	Jamestown, New York	1,090
27	1928	Toronto, Ontario	1,376

1918-19

DISTRICT No. 4



District No. 4, Rotary International, 1918 to 1922

The indicated area remained the same throughout these four years except that in 1921 "the City of Owen Sound (Ontario)" was added to the District shown.

District Governor

S. A. LUKE

(FURNITURE)

Rotary Club of Ottawa, Ontario

This year's tenure of the District Governor was interrupted at an early date when Governor Luke died early in November, 1918. He was succeeded by Russell T. Kelley (advertising) of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario. Governor Kelley had previously served as a member of the International Education Committee of R.I. in 1913-14 and was the Charter President of the Hamilton Club that same year.

The year proved to be of tremendous significance in Rotary History as it marked the creation of the first truly International Districts in the organization composed of parts of New York State (U.S.) eastern Ontario and western Quebec (Canada). During this year also three new Club of the present 709th District were chartered — a record equalled only three times during the tenure of any Governor to date. There were 19 Clubs and 2,930 Rotarians in District No. 4 at the beginning of the year.

The Rotary Club of Lockport, New York, was chartered No. 465 on May 1st, 1919, with A. J. Abels of the Rotary Club of Buffalo acting as Governor Kelley's Special Representative. C. A. Upson (wallboard manufacturing) was the Lockport Charter President, and George C. Lewis (attorney) served as the first Secretary.

Batavia, New York, was chartered No. 491, on June 1st, 1919. The Rochester New York Rotary Club was the sponsor and John Bradey of that Club served as the Governor's Special Representative to organize the new Club. Carlton M. Sleght (retail books) was Batavia's first president and Arthur G. Hough (plow manufacturers) its first Secretary.

The third new Club now in the District was at Jamestown, New York, where the Buffalo Rotary Club through the Governor's Special Representative, Herbert L. Hart, presented Charter No. 507 on June 17th, 1919. Charter President at Jamestown was A. P. Richardson (ball bearing manufacturing), and the first Secretary was I. Leonard Daye (mercantile agency).

The District Conference was held at Hamilton, Ontario, with a registration of 315. The official representative of Rotary at the Conference was Albert S. Adams who was elected President of Rotary International in 1923 at the Kansas City, Missouri, International Convention. The June, 1919 Convention was held at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Past Governor Kelley was elected as a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee for 1922-23 and served as a member of the Cleveland (1939) Nomination and Election Committee of R.I.

1919 - 20

DISTRICT NO. 4

District Governor

F. AUSTIN LIDBURY
(PHOSPHORUS MFG.)

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, New York

With the election of Governor Lidbury at the Conference in Hamilton, a precedent was begun in this international District of electing Governors in alternate years from alternate sides of the international border. This procedure has been followed to the present date with only one exception.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)

1927-28	District No. 27, *David M. Wright, Stratford, Ontario.
1928-29	District No. 27, *Robert C. Turnbull, Bath, New York.
1929-30	District No. 27, *Charles W. Buchanan, Toronto, Ontario.
1930-31	District No. 27, *Rev. Dean Miller, Bradford, Pennsylvania.
1931-32	District No. 27, *Charles E. Willox, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
1932-33	District No. 27, *Rev. Philip W. Mosher, Niagara Falls, New York.
1933-34	District No. 27, *Dr. Grant Leslie Bird, Oshawa, Ontario.
1934-35	District No. 27, *James S. Dunwoody, Erie, Pennsylvania.
1935-36	District No. 27, *Stanley C. Forbes, Brantford, Ontario.
1936-37	District No. 27, *George A. Barber, Batavia, New York.
1937-38	District No. 169, *Thomas J. Patton, North Bay, Ontario.
1938-39	District No. 169, *Harry W. Rockwell, Buffalo, New York.
1939-40	District No. 169, *Gerry Moes, Hamilton, Ontario.
1940-41	District No. 169, Daniel F. Lincoln, Jamestown, New York.
1941-42	District No. 169, *W. M. O. Lohead, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.
1942-43	District No. 169, *Lincoln Beale, Buffalo, New York.
1943-44	District No. 169, *Frank H. Leslie, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
1944-45	District No. 169, *LeRoy Phinney, Kenmore, New York.
1945-46	District No. 169, *Frank M. Barker, Buffalo, New York.
1946-47	District No. 169, Gordon E. Perdue, Oakville, Ontario.
1947-48	District No. 169, *Arthur E. Beck, Eggertsville-Snyder, New York.
1948-49	District No. 169, *William Calder, Woodstock, Ontario.
1949-50	District No. 248, Lyndon Hulbert, Springville, New York.
1950-51	District No. 248, *A. Tom Minnis, Lewiston-Queenston, Ontario.
1951-52	District No. 248, Frank O. Henshaw, Westfield, New York.
1952-53	District No. 248, *Hugh Heasley, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.
1953-54	District No. 248, *Earle J. Hamlin, Albion, New York.
1954-55	District No. 248, *Paul A. Fisher, Burlington, Ontario.
1955-56	District No. 248, *Eugene F. Lerch, Buffalo, New York.
1956-57	District No. 248, *Harold A. Valentine, Brantford, Ontario.
1957-58	District No. 709, Chester H. Peterson, Cheektowaga, New York.
1958-59	District No. 709, Arthur C. Beach, St. Catharines, Ontario.
1959-60	District No. 709, John Scheller, Eggertsville-Snyder, New York.
1960-61	District No. 709, W. Ross Rodger, Hamilton, Ontario.
1961-62	District No. 709, Elmer L. Sleeper, Kenmore, New York.
1962-63	District No. 709, *Harold Jackson, Simcoe, Ontario.
1963-64	District No. 709, *Fred C. Root, The Tonawandas, New York.
1964-65	District No. 709, Michael Ledwith, Milton, Ontario.

DISTRICT ROTARIANS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES
(CONTINUED)

Chester H. Peterson, Cheektowaga, N.Y. – District Institute Council (1964-65)
 John Scheller, Eggertsville-Snyder, N.Y. – District Institute Council (1964-65)
 Elmer L. Sleeper, Kenmore, N.Y. – District Institute Council (1964-65)
 Paul D. Williams, Buffalo, N.Y. – District Leadership Forum Moderator
 (1967-68), International Assembly Group Discussion Leader (1967-68, 1973-74),
 Extension (1969-70), Study of R.I. Constitutional Documents (1979-81)
 Gerald R. Wooll, St. Catharines, Ont. – International Assembly Group Dis-
 cussion Leader (1968-69, 1969-70), Membership Development (1970-71),
 Districting (1973-76), being Chairman (1975-76), Consultative Group (1976-77),
 Extension (1977-80), Nominating Committee for President of R.I. (1976-77,
 1980-81), Review of R.I. Committee Structure (1980-81)
 Charles M. Fogel, Buffalo, N.Y. – International Assembly Group Discussion
 Leader (1978-79, 1979-80), Consultative Group (1980-81)
 John R. Morris, Burlington Lakeshore, Ont. – Consultative Group (1978-79)
 Donald H. Swift, Middleport, N.Y. – Research Advisory Group (1979-80), Youth
 Activities (1979-80)
 Terrence R. Williams, Kitchener, Ont. – Research Advisory Group (1979-80),
 Chairman of Youth Exchange Officers (1978-79), Rotary Foundation
 Consultative Group (1979-80)

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

(of District 709 and other previously numbered districts comprising this area)

1915-16 District No. 2, *William J. O'Hea, Rochester, New York.
 District No. 17, *Thomas G. Wells, Esq., Montreal, Quebec.
 1916-17 District No. 2, *Thomas K. Smith, Syracuse, New York.
 District No. 17, *Dr. Bruce A. Carey, Philadelphia, Pa.
 1917-18 District No. 2, *Fred D. VanAmburgh, New York City.
 District No. 17, *William A. Martin, Esq., London, Ontario.
 1918-19 District No. 4, *S. A. Luke, Ottawa, Ontario.
 District No. 4, *Russell T. Kelly, Hamilton, Ontario.
 1919-20 District No. 4, *F. Austin Lidbury, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 1920-21 District No. 4, *Harry G. Stanton, Toronto, Ontario.
 1921-22 District No. 4, *Hart I. Seely, Waverly, New York.
 1922-23 District No. 27, *Edward C. Bull, Buffalo, New York.
 1923-24 District No. 27, *Andrew H. Wallace, St. Catharines, Ontario.
 1924-25 District No. 27, *John T. Symes, Lockport, New York.
 1925-26 District No. 27, *Sidney B. McMichael, Toronto, Ontario.
 1926-27 District No. 27, *Rev. Joseph R. Hanley, Perry, New York.

Thirty-four Clubs now constituted the list in the 4th District and one additional Club was Chartered within the present confines of the 709th district. Past Governor Russell Kelley of Hamilton acted as Governor Lidbury's Official Representative and chartered Rotary Club No. 644 at Welland, Ontario, on April 1st, 1920. The Club's first President was Lynn B. Spencer (attorney-at-law) and the first Secretary was F. P. Gormely (calcium carbide).

The District Conference was held at Buffalo, New York, with an attendance of 888. Here also a precedent was established which has continued up to the time of the present war. In alternate years the District Conferences have been held on alternate sides of the International border (with only two exceptions). R.I.'s official representative at the Buffalo Conference was Raymond M. Havens. Harry G. Stanton was nominated as District Governor. The International Convention was held at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Estes Snedecor of Portland, Oregon, was elected President of R.I. at that Convention.

1920 - 21

DISTRICT NO. 4

District Governor

HARRY G. STANTON

(STOCKS, BROKERAGE)

Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario

With 39 Clubs in the District to begin the year, two additional Clubs in Canada were chartered during Governor Stanton's term of office. Both were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, New York. Niagara Falls, Ontario received Charter No. 840 on March 1st, 1921, with D. N. Fielding (men's clothing retail) serving as the first President and John B. Hallworth (life insurance) as the first Secretary. Arthur Kinzinger acted as the Governor's Special Representative. Robert Turnbull served as Governor Stanton's Special Representative in organizing the new Club at St. Catharines, Ontario. It was chartered No. 929 on May 1st, 1921.

During this year Past Governor Lidbury (Niagara Falls, N.Y.) was serving on the Resolutions Committee of R.I.

The District Conference was held at Ottawa, Ontario, with a registered attendance of 914. The official representative of R.I. was Estes Snedecor, President of Rotary International. Hart I. Seely of Waverly, New York, was nominated as District Governor. This was the first year that an International Convention of Rotary was to be held outside the United States. Edinburgh, Scotland, was the location. Crawford McCullough of Fort William, Ontario (the second Canadian President of R.I.) was elected President.

Past Governor Stanton was elected as a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee for 1921-22 and was appointed the following year to the Resolutions Committee of R.I.



1921 - 22

District Governor

HART I. SEELY
DISTRICT NO. 4
(NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING)

Rotary Club of Waverly, New York

District Governor Seely began an important and useful Rotary career when he began the supervision of the 52 Clubs which constituted the 4th District. Among other significant accomplishments he equalled the number of new Rotary Clubs chartered within the present 709th District during his year as Governor by establishing the Clubs at Albion, New York, Lancaster-Depew, New York, and Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

The Lancaster-Depew Club received Charter No. 1078 on February 1st, 1922, under the sponsorship of the Buffalo Rotary Club with Frank A. Coupal acting as the Governor's Special Representative. Albion and Kitchener-Waterloo were both Chartered on the same day — June 1st, 1922, and were granted Charters No. 1203 and No. 1209 respectively. The Lockport Club with John T. Symes serving as Governor Seely's Special Representative sponsored the Albion Club. Guelph, Ontario, sponsored Kitchener-Waterloo, and Alexander Stewart was the Special Representative.

The 1922 District Conference held at Rochester, New York, was the first Conference in which attendance reached the 1,000 mark. A total of 1,235 persons registered. The Rotary International Official Representative was Crawford McCullough, then President of R.I. Ed. C. Bull of Buffalo was nominated District Governor. (This is the only year in which the alternation between Canada and the United States was not carried out in the selection of District Governor).

The District had representation in Rotary International during 1921-22 as Samuel B. Botsford (Buffalo) served as a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of R.I. and F. Austin Lidbury (Niagara Falls, N.Y.) was appointed as a member of the R.I. Club Badge Committee.

Past Governor Seely since his Governorship served Rotary in more capacities than any other Past Governor. In 1922-23 he served as a member of the Boys' Work Committee of R.I. In 1923-24 he served as Chairman of that Committee. In 1924-25 he was Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the Cleveland International Convention where he was elected a Director of Rotary International and Second Vice-President of the organization for the year 1925-26. In 1929-30 he served as a member of the Resolutions Committee. He served as a member of the Transportation Committee for the Detroit Convention of 1934. In 1934 the Chairmanship of a new Rotary project fell upon Hart's shoulders when he was made Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Promotion Committee and in 1935-36 his membership on that Committee was continued. He served as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Havana International Convention in 1939 and as a member of the 1943 (Philadelphia) Convention Committee.

The International Convention in June, 1922, was held at Los Angeles, California. Raymond M. Havens was elected President of Rotary International at that Convention. It was the first International meeting at which more than 5,000 were in attendance.

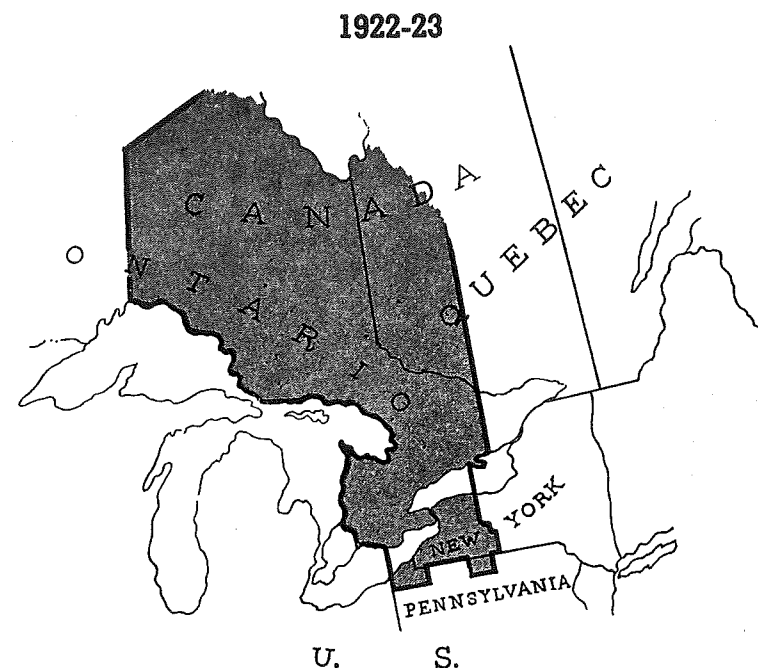
DISTRICT ROTARIANS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

- Burton E. Pfeiffer, Buffalo, N.Y. — Inter-City Relations (1911-12) (1922-23), Convention Credentials (1938-39)
- Russel T. Kelley, Hamilton, Ont. — Education (1913-14), Canadian Advisory (1922-23), Convention Credentials (1938-39)
- Dr. Bruce A. Carey, Hamilton, Ont. — Constitution and By-Laws, and Publication (1914-15)
- Samuel B. Botsford, Buffalo, N.Y. — Constitution and By-Laws (1921-22)
- F. Austin Lidbury, Niagara Falls, N.Y. — Resolutions (1920-21), Club Badge (1921-22)
- Harry G. Stanton, Toronto, Ont. — Canadian Advisory (1921-22), Resolutions (1922-23)
- Harry I. Seely, Waverly, N.Y. — Boys Work (1922-24), Convention (1924-25, 33-34, 38-39, 42-43), Resolutions (1929-30), Chairman of Rotary Foundation Promotion (1934-36)
- Andrew H. Wallace, St. Catharines, Ont. — Canadian Advisory (1924-25)
- John T. Symes, Lockport, N.Y. — Convention (1924-25, 28-29), Chairman of Classification (1925-26), Vocational Service (1927-28), Chairman of Canadian Advisory (1928-29), North American Economic Advisory (1930-31)
- David M. Wright, Stratford, Ont. — Community Service (1928-29)
- James S. Dunwoody, Erie Pa. — Vocational Service (1934-35)
- Stanley C. Forbes, Brantford, Ont. — Extension (1936-37), Convention (1936-37, 44-45), Magazine (1937-43), Being Chairman (1940-41, 42-43)
- Norman Sommerville, Toronto, Ont. — Chairman of Council on Legislation (1939-40)
- Daniel F. Lincoln, Jamestown, N.Y. — Procedure of Nomination of U.S. Directors by Zones (1941-42), Techniques and Mechanics of Rotary from Standpoint of a Rotarian (1942-43), Chairman of Youth (1943-44), International Assembly Group Discussion Leader (1943-44), Extension (1944-45)
- Gordon E. Perdue, Oakville, Ont. — Canadian Advisory (1941-42), Extension (1947-48), International Assembly Group Discussion Leader (1943-44) Election Arrangements (1948-49), Canadian Advisory (1948-49), Districting (1947-48), International Assembly Group Discussion Leader (1943-44), election Arrangements (1948-49), Canadian Advisory (1948-49), Districting (1948-51), being Chairman (1950-51), Plenary (1967-69), Planning (1969-70)
- Frank H. Leslie, Niagara Falls, Ont. — Canadian Advisory (1949-50), Nominating for President of R.I. (1950-51)
- William Calder, Woodstock, Ont. — Constitution and By-Laws (1949-50)
- Arthur E. Beck, Eggertsville-Snyder, N.Y. — Convention (1949-50)
- Hugh Heasley, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. — International Service Consultative Group (1953-54)
- Eugene F. Lerch, Buffalo, N.Y. — Rotary Information Counsellor (1956-57) International Assembly Group Discussion Leader (1956-57), Consultative Group (1961-62)
- W. Ross Rodger, Hamilton, Ont. — Club Service Consultative Group (1961-62) District Institute Council (1964-65)

*Niagara Falls, Ont.	1921	*St. Catharines –	
St. Catharines	1921	*St. Catharines South	1968
Lewiston-Queenston	1938	Salamanca	
*Oakville –		Olean	1928
*Milton	1946	Little Valley	1944
Oakville Trafalgar	1978	Simcoe –	
Preston-Hespeler-		Delhi	1970
Galt	1964	Springville –	
Cambridge North	1974	Eden-North Collins	1940
		Williamsville –	
* Joint Club Sponsorships		Amherst North	1980
For Hamilton Mountain:	1975	Woodstock –	
Burlington, Burlington Lakeshore,		Tavistock	1948
Dundas, Hamilton, Oakville,		Tillsonburg	1950
Hamilton-E. Wentworth, Milton,			
Waterdown			
For Grimsby:	1976		
Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, (Ont.),			
Port Colborne, St. Catharines,			
St. Catharines South, Welland			
For Kitchener-Westmount:	1981		
Kitchener, Kitchener-Conestoga,			
Waterloo			

DISTRICT ROTARIANS ON R.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1912-13	Divisional V.P. Robert H. Clark, Boston, Massachusetts Divisional V.P. Walter J. Clubb, Winnipeg, Manitoba
1913-14	Divisional V.P. Burton E. Pfeiffer, Buffalo, New York Divisional V.P. William A Peace, Toronto, Ontario R.I. Director Thomas H. Noonan, Buffalo, New York
1914-15	Divisional V.P. E. J. Berlet, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Divisional V.P. William A. Peace, Toronto, Ontario
1917-18	R.I. Director and Third V.P. Samuel B. Botsford, Buffalo, New York
1925-26	R.I. Director and Second V.P. Harry I. Seely, Waverly, New York
1926-27	R.I. Director John T. Symes, Lockport, New York
1928-29	R.I. Director David M. Wright, Stratford, Ontario
1948-49	R.I. Director Gordon E. Perdue, Oakville, Ontario
1972-74	R.I. Director and Treasurer (1973-74) Gerald Wooll, St. Catharines, Ontario



District No. 27, Rotary International, 1922 to 1930

In 1923 a small area in New York State was removed and five Counties in Ontario transferred to District 152.

In 1928 the eastern boundary of Ontario was moved westward from Meridian 77 degrees 30 minutes to Meridian 77 degrees.

In 1929 Warren County in Pennsylvania was added to the District.



DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

EDWARD C. BULL

(AUTOMOBILE GASOLINE)

Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York

Governor Ed Bull was the first of a long series of District Governors to lead the activities of the 27th District as it was constituted beginning in 1922. A complete redistricting of all of Rotary had been effected at the end of Governor Seely's year. The new 27th District retained the international character at the insistence of all Rotarians in the area by including parts of the states of New York and Pennsylvania and parts of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Thirty-three clubs made up the new District. One additional Club of the present 709th District was chartered during the year. The Lockport Rotary Club with John T. Symes acting as Governor Bull's Special Representative organized the new Club at Medina, New York. Charter No. 1490 was granted on June 4th,

1923. Their first President was C. A. Upson (wallboard manufacturing). George C. Lewis (attorney) served as the charter Secretary.

The District Conference was held at Toronto, Ontario, thus continuing the alternation between countries as the locale for these meetings. A total attendance of 1,183 was recorded. Rotary's Official Representative was John Turner. Andrew H. Wallace of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Ontario, was nominated as District Governor for 1923-24.

During the year Russell T. Kelley was a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee of R.I. The International Convention was held at St. Louis, Missouri. Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was elected as President.



1923 - 24

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

ANDREW H. WALLACE
(OPTOMETRY)

Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Ontario

Beginning the year with 41 clubs and 3,015 Rotarian members Governor Wallace found a 27th District changed somewhat in geography from the previous year. A corner of Steuben County (New York) had been removed from the District. In Ontario the counties of Lambton, Kent, Middlesex and Elgin were removed from the District.

Two new Clubs were organized through Governor Andy's efforts. Club No. 1701 was chartered on April 10th, 1924, at Kenmore, New York. The Buffalo Rotary Club sponsored this new Club with George C. Diehl serving as Governor Wallace's Special Representative. Kenmore's first President was Frank C. Moore (general law practice) and its first Secretary was Benjamin A. Keeney (building construction). The second new Club for the year was at Woodstock, Ontario, which was chartered No. 1800 on June 16th, 1924. Donald M. Sutherland (physician) was the Club's first President and James Carnwath (concrete pipe manufacturing) its first Secretary.

The District Conference was held at Buffalo with a registered attendance of 1,517. This was the largest attendance ever recorded at a Conference of the District held in the United States and the first with more than 1,500 registration. The Official Representative of Rotary was John Bain Taylor. John T. Symes of Lockport, New York, was nominated as District Governor to succeed Governor Wallace.

The International Convention was held at Toronto, Ontario. Everett W. Hill of Brookline, Missouri, was elected President.

* Jointly by Hamilton, Burlington, Burlington Lakeshore, Hamilton-E. Wentworth, Dundas, Oakville, Milton, Waterdown

** Jointly by St. Catharines, St. Catharines South, Welland, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls (Ont.)

*** Jointly by Kitchener, Kitchener-Conestoga, Waterloo

GENEALOGY OF ROTARY CLUBS IN DISTRICT 709

AS OF JULY 10, 1980

Clubs Sponsored by Clubs Now Outside District

<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>
New York City	1911	Guelph	1922
Toronto	1913	Stratford	1924
London	1917	Toronto	1925
Rochester	1919	Kitchener	1924
Buffalo		Woodstock	1925
Hamilton		Oakville	
Brantford			
Batavia			

Clubs Sponsored by Clubs Within District

<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>
Albion —		*Burlington —	
Holley	1935	*Burlington-Lakeshore	1972
Batavia —		*Dundas —	
Leroy	1940	*Waterdown	1955
Elba	1946	Ancaster	1978
Brantford —		*Hamilton —	
Simcoe	1925	*Welland	1920
Buffalo —		Dundas	1948
Niagara Falls N.Y.	1916	Burlington	1951
The Tonawandas	1917	*Hamilton-E. Wentworth	1959
Lockport	1919	Jamestown —	
Jamestown	1919	Westfield	1929
Lancaster-Depew	1922	Falconer	1938
Kenmore	1924	Lakewood	1973
Salamanca	1926	Kenmore	
Fredonia	1927	Orchard Park	1952
Springville	1933	Grand Island	1959
Dunkirk	1936	*Kitchener —	
Amherst South	1937	Preston-Hespeler	1926
Hamburg	1942	*Waterloo	1963
Cheektowaga	1948	*Kitchener-Conestoga	1971
South Shore	1948	Lockport —	
West Seneca	1950	Albion	1922
*Fort Erie	1953	Medina	1923
East Aurora	1954	Williamsville	1925
*Port Colborne	1955	Middleport	1938
Clarence	1960	Niagara Falls, N.Y. —	

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Charter No.</u>	<u>Sponsor Club</u>	<u>Date Chartered</u>	<u>Governor's Representative</u>
1941-42	Hamburg	5463	Buffalo	Jan. 14, 1942	S. L. Land
1944-45	Little Valley	5812	Salamanca	July 21, 1944	T. C. Moore
1946-47	Elba	6430	Batavia	Nov. 29, 1946	Geo. Barber
	Milton	6448	Oakville	Dec. 14, 1946	Dunbar Haddle
1947-48	Cayuga	6798	Simcoe	Jan. 5, 1948	W. D. Stalker
	<i>(Charter surrendered Aug. 2, 1974)</i>				
	Cheektowaga	6861	Buffalo	Mar. 5, 1948	Fred Phillips
	Blasdell	6862	Buffalo	Mar. 5, 1948	Fred Phillips
	<i>(Later re-named South Shore, on April 21, 1966)</i>				
	Dundas	6958	Hamilton	May 27, 1948	J. L. Colburn
1948-49	Tavistock	6998	Woodstock	July 14, 1948	Frank Hogg
1949-50	West Seneca	7417	Buffalo	Jan. 23, 1950	Fred Phillips
	Tillsonburg	7558	Woodstock	June 9, 1950	A. J. Mulligan
1950-51	Burlington	7742	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 1951	Allan Lancefield
1951-52	Orchard Park		Kenmore	May 9, 1952	Geo. L. Seifert
1952-53	Fort Erie		Buffalo	Mar. 20, 1953	Fred Phillips
1954-55	East Aurora		Buffalo	July 10, 1954	Fred Phillips
	Port Colborne		Buffalo	Mar. 23, 1955	Fred Phillips
	Waterdown		Dundas	June 9, 1955	John B. Flatt, Jr.
1956-57	Franklinville		Buffalo	July 20, 1956	Fred Phillips
	<i>(Charter surrendered November 12, 1962)</i>				
1958-59	Hamilton-E. Wentworth		Hamilton	May 29, 1959	A.T. Hallman
	<i>(Re-named from East Wentworth, July 5, 1977)</i>				
	Grand Island		Kenmore	May 29, 1959	E. W. Trecn
1960-61	Clarence		Buffalo	Oct. 18, 1960	Fred Phillips
1962-63	Waterloo		Kitchener	June 7, 1963	H. J. Heasley
1963-64	Galt		Preston-Hespeler	Mar. 23, 1964	C. A. J. Wilson
1967-68	St. Catharines South		St. Catharines	Feb. 15, 1968	P. D. Williams
1969-70	Delhi		Simcoe	May 5, 1970	Elmo L. Riddle
1970-71	Kitchener-Conestoga		Kitchener	March 22, 1971	David Sandrock
1971-72	Burlington-Lakeshore		Burlington	June 30, 1972	Herbert Stoneham
1972-73	Lakewood		Jamestown	June 7, 1973	Charles W. Sanderson
1973-74	Cambridge North		Preston-Hespeler	April 23, 1974	Peter R. Sturdy
1975-76	Hamilton Mountain		*	Sept. 24, 1975	John Morris
	Grimsby		**	May 13, 1976	Edward R. Telenko
1977-78	Ancaster		Dundas	Feb. 15, 1978	Robert Begin
	Oakville		Oakville	June 6, 1978	James A. Duncan
	Trafalgar				
1979-80	Amherst North		Williamsville	Jan. 30, 1980	Jack Rombough
1980-81	Kitchener-Westmount		***	March 1981	Jack Duffy

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1924 - 25

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

JOHN T. SYMES

(COMMERCIAL BANKING)

Rotary Club of Lockport, New York

Governor Symes was to have an enviable record in District No. 27. During his year as Governor he organized as many Clubs that are still in our 709th District as any other Governor. He was also to serve International Rotary in many capacities. There were 43 Clubs in the 27th District and 3,256 Rotarians when Governor Symes began his term of office.

Simcoe, Ontario, was the first new Club organized in the District and received Charter No. 1981 on April 9th, 1925. Brantford, Ontario, was the sponsor Club and Spencer Large acted as Governor Symes' Special Representative. Dawson F. Aiken (life insurance) was Simcoe's first President, and Bruce M. Pearce (newspaper publishing) its first Secretary. The second new Club was at Oakville, Ontario. Toronto, Ontario, sponsored this Club which received Charter No. 1998 on April 22nd, 1925. George Stronach was the Governor's Special Representative in organizing the Club. At Oakville, W. A. Chisholm (law) was the first President, and Arthur S. Forster (newspaper publishing) was the charter Secretary.

The District Conference was held at Hamilton, Ontario, with a large attendance of 1,204. John E. Norman was Rotary's Official Representative at the Conference. Sidney B. McMichael of Toronto, was nominated as District Governor for the next year.

Serving in committee offices of the International organization during Governor Symes' term was Andrew Wallace of St. Catharines, a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee.

At the Cleveland International Convention Donald A. Adams of New Haven, Connecticut, was elected as President of R.I. for 1925-26. Hart I. Seely of Waverly was elected as a Director and Second Vice-President.

Past Governor Symes has served Rotary in the following offices since his Governorship — 1924-25: Member of the R.I. Convention Committee; 1925-26, Chairman of the R.I. Classification Committee; 1926-27, Director of Rotary International; 1927-28, Member of the Vocational Service Committee; 1927-28, Member of the Minneapolis Convention Committee; 1928-29, Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee; and in 1930-31, a member of Rotary's North American Economic Advisory Council.



1925 - 26

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

SIDNEY B. McMICHAEL

(ELECTRICAL PROTECTIVE SIGNALLING DEVICES)

Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario

With a steady increase in number of Clubs and Rotarians and with no change in geography the 27th District showed a roster of 49 Clubs and

3,454 Rotarians when Governor Sid took office.

Two new Clubs were added to the Roster when one each side of the border were chartered which are still in the 709th District. On January 11th, 1926, the Buffalo Rotary Club with Perry A. Little serving as the Governor's Special Representative chartered Club No. 2200 at Salamanca, New York. This was Buffalo's eighth new Club in this present District, Philip H. Bourne (physician) served as the charter President. Louis G. Quackenbush (chamber of commerce) was the first Secretary. The second new Club was No. 2330, organized on April 26th by Kitchener-Waterloo at Preston, Ontario. Bill Lohead was the Special Representative for the Governor. P. R. Hilborn (office furniture manufacturing) was the Preston Charter President. Harry W. Steel, Jr. (shoe shanks manufacturing) was the first Secretary.

Going back across the border for the Conference meeting, a total registration of 1,083 was recorded at Niagara Falls, New York. Joseph R. Hanley of Perry, New York, was nominated as District Governor to succeed Sidney McMichael. Another Rotarian of outstanding prominence attended as R.I.'s Official Representative — Arthur Sapp, who two years later was elected as President of Rotary International at the Ostend, Belgium Convention.

During the year John Symes (Lockport) was serving as a member of the Classification Committee of R.I. The International Convention was held at Denver. Harry H. Rogers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected President of Rotary.

Past Governor McMichael had served the previous year as a member of R.I.'s Convention Committee. He also served in that capacity in 1927-28 (Minneapolis). He was Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee in 1928-29 and was a member of the North American Economic Advisory Committee in 1930-31.

1926 - 27

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

JOSEPH R. HANLEY

(LECTURER)

Rotary Club of Perry, New York

With the District growing steadily on both sides of the border Governor Joe took 51 Clubs under his supervision following the Denver International Convention. There were 3,553 Rotarians in the District.

One new Club was added to our present 709th that year when on March 19th, 1927, the Rotary Club of Fredonia, New York (Charter No. 2513) became the Buffalo Club's ninth "baby". Perry A. Little served as the Governor's special Representative in organizing the Club.

Breaking precedent for the first time in the international District's history, the District Conference was held in the United States a second year in a row, this time at Jamestown, New York, where a total attendance of 1,090 was registered. S. Kendrick Guernsey was Rotary's Official Representative at the Conference. David M. Wright of Stratford, Ontario, was elected District Governor for 1927-28.

CHRONOLOGICAL 709th DISTRICT HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Charter No.</u>	<u>Sponsor Club</u>	<u>Date Chartered</u>	<u>Governor's Representative</u>
1911-12	Buffalo	28	New York City	Aug. 22, 1911	
1913-14	Hamilton	82	Toronto	Aug. 1, 1913	
1916-17	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	260	Buffalo	Dec. 1, 1916	
	The Tonawandas	318	Buffalo	June 17, 1917	
1917-18	Brantford	348	London	Dec. 1, 1917	Bruce A. Carey
1918-19	Lockport	465	Buffalo	May 1, 1919	A. J. Abels
	Batavia	491	Rochester	June 1, 1919	John Brady
	Jamestown	507	Buffalo	June 17, 1919	H. L. Hart
1919-20	Welland	644	Hamilton	April 1, 1920	R. T. Kelley
1920-21	Niagara Falls, Ont.	840	Niagara Falls N.Y.	Mar. 1, 1921	A. Kinzinger
	St. Catharines	929	Niagara Falls N.Y.	May 1, 1921	Robt. Turnbull
1921-22	Lancaster-Depew	1087	Buffalo	Feb. 1, 1922	F. A. Coupal
	Albion	1203	Lockport	June 1, 1922	J. T. Symes
	Kitchener	1209	Guelph	June 1, 1922	Alex Stewart
			<i>(Re-named from Kitchener-Waterloo, June 6, 1963)</i>		
1922-23	Medina	1490	Lockport	June 4, 1923	J. T. Symes
1923-24	Kenmore	1701	Buffalo	Apr. 10, 1924	A. H. Wallace
	Woodstock	1800	Stratford	July 15, 1924	
1924-25	Simcoe	1981	Brantford	Apr. 9, 1925	Spencer Large
	Oakville	1998	Toronto	Apr. 22, 1925	Geo. Stronach
	Williamsville	2026	Lockport	May 6, 1925	W. H. Upson, Jr.
1925-26	Salamanca	2200	Buffalo	Jan. 11, 1926	P. A. Little
	Preston-Hespeler	2330	Kitchener-Waterloo	Apr. 26, 1926	W.M.O. Lohead
			<i>(Re-named from Preston, Nov. 26, 1945)</i>		
1926-27	Fredonia	2513	Buffalo	Mar. 19, 1927	P. A. Little
1928-29	Olean	2980	Salamanca	Oct. 26, 1928	W.W. Whipple & L. G. Quackenbush
	Westfield-Mayville	3160	Jamestown	June 4, 1929	R. J. Barroes
1933-34	Springville	3299	Buffalo	Dec. 28, 1933	L. E. Parmenter
1934-35	Holley	3830	Albion	June 4, 1935	Clarke Tallman
1936-37	Dunkirk	4077	Buffalo	Dec. 7, 1936	Fred Phillips
	Eggertsville-Snyder	4163	Buffalo	Mar. 1, 1937	Fred Phillips
			<i>(Re-named Amherst South, February 24, 1969)</i>		
1937-38	Middleport	4570	Lockport	Feb. 11, 1938	D. M. Wright & A. P. Root
	Lewiston-Queenston	4687	Niagara Falls N.Y.	Apr. 20, 1938	C. Z. Braden
1938-39	Falconer	4888	Jamestown	Nov. 23, 1938	D. S. Wilkins
1939-40	LeRoy	5241	Batavia	May 27, 1940	Geo. Barber
	Eden-North Collins	5252	Springville	June 18, 1940	Geo. Schuster

APPENDIX

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ROSTER OF CLUBS

Membership as of July 1, 1980

Albion, N.Y.	50	Lakewood, N.Y.	27
Ancaster, Ontario	26	Lancaster-Depew, N.Y.	51
Amherst North, N.Y.	25	LeRoy, N.Y.	32
Amherst South, N.Y.	74	Lewiston-Queenston, N.Y./Ontario	35
Batavia, N.Y.	124	Little Valley, N.Y.	20
Brantford, Ontario	133	Lockport, N.Y.	75
Buffalo, N.Y.	369	Medina, N.Y.	27
Burlington, Ontario	64	Middleport, N.Y.	24
Burlington Lakeshore, Ontario	48	Milton, Ontario	31
Cambridge-North, Ontario	41	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	132
Cheektowaga, N.Y.	38	Niagara Falls, Ontario	69
Clarence, N.Y.	53	Oakville, Ontario	87
Delhi, Ontario	23	Oakville-Trafalgar, Ontario	34
Dundas, Ontario	81	Olean, N.Y.	38
Dunkirk, N.Y.	60	Orchard Park, N.Y.	32
East Aurora, N.Y.	32	Port Colborne, Ontario	34
Eden-North Collins, N.Y.	43	Preston-Hespeler, Ontario	83
Elba, N.Y.	20	St. Catharines, Ontario	145
Falconer, N.Y.	30	St. Catharines South, Ontario	34
Fort Erie, Ontario	22	Salamanca, N.Y.	23
Fredonia, N.Y.	66	Simcoe, Ontario	90
Galt, Ontario	63	South Shore, N.Y.	36
Grand Island, N.Y.	32	Springville, N.Y.	28
Grimsby, Ontario	35	Tavistock, Ontario	24
Hamburg, N.Y.	83	Tillsonburg, Ontario	42
Hamilton-E. Wentworth, Ontario	53	The Tonawandas, N.Y.	72
Hamilton, Ontario	269	Waterdown, Ontario	34
Hamilton-Mtn., Ontario	53	Waterloo, Ontario	68
Holley, N.Y.	21	Welland, Ontario	36
Jamestown, N.Y.	136	Westfield-Mayville, N.Y.	45
Kenmore, N.Y.	126	West Seneca, N.Y.	34
Kitchener, Ontario	214	Williamsville, N.Y.	82
Kitchener-Conestoga, Ontario	77	Woodstock, Ontario	107

During the year Past Governor John Symes (Lockport) was serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International. The third international Convention to be held outside the United States met in June at Ostend, Belgium, with nearly 7,000 registrations. Arthur H. Sapp of Huntington, Indiana, was elected President.

1927 - 28

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

DAVID M. WRIGHT

(DINING ROOM FURNITURE)

Rotary Club of Stratford, Ontario

Governor Wright had the distinction of being the first Canadian Governor elected at a District Conference held in the United States. This was a situation which was to continue until the time of World War II. No new Clubs were added to our present 709th District this year which began with a total of 55 Clubs and 3,656 Rotarian members.

Past Governor Symes (Lockport) was serving Rotary as a member of the Vocational Service Committee, and Past Governor McMichael (Toronto) was a member of the R.I. Convention Committee (Minneapolis). At the Minneapolis Convention I. B. Sutton of Tampico, Mexico, was elected President of R.I. He was the third man to be so honoured from outside the United States.

Toronto for the third time entertained the District Conference and a total of 1,376 Rotarians attended. Robert C. Turnbull of Bath, New York, was elected to serve as Governor for 1928-29.

Past Governor Dave was a member of the R.I. Community Service Committee in 1928-29 and a member of the Board of Directors of R.I. in 1929-30.

1928 - 29

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

ROBERT C. TURNBULL

(COMMERCIAL BANKING)

Rotary Club of Bath, New York

Governor Bob began his year with 59 Clubs in the 27th District and added two more to what is now the 709th, before he completed his term of office.

Olean, New York, was the first new Club chartered when on October 26th, 1928, Charter No. 2980 was granted to this Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salamanca, New York. Willis W. Whipple and Louis G. Quackenbush served as Governor Bob's Special Representatives. The first President of the Olean Club was Ernest C. Hornburg (general law

practice). Their first Secretary was Fern B. Monson (boy's work organizations — scouts). A second new club was Westfield, New York, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jamestown, New York, of which R. Jay Barrows served as the Governor's Special Representative. Charter No. 3160 was granted on June 4th, 1929. The Club's first President was Harry M. Eaton (education — public schools) and its first Secretary, Merle H. Brumagin (grape growing).

The District Conference was graced by the presence of Robert E. Lee Hill as Rotary's Special Representative. Rotarian Hill was elected as President of Rotary International 5 years later at the Detroit Convention. This District meeting was held in Erie, Pennsylvania and the attendance was 981. Charles W. Buchanan of Toronto, was nominated District Governor to succeed Governor Turnbull.

Active on International Committees during the year was Past Governor David Wright (Stratford), a member of the R.I. Community Service Committee. The International Convention was held at Dallas, Texas. M. Eugene Newsome of Durham, North Carolina was elected President.



1929 - 30

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

CHARLES W. BUCHANAN

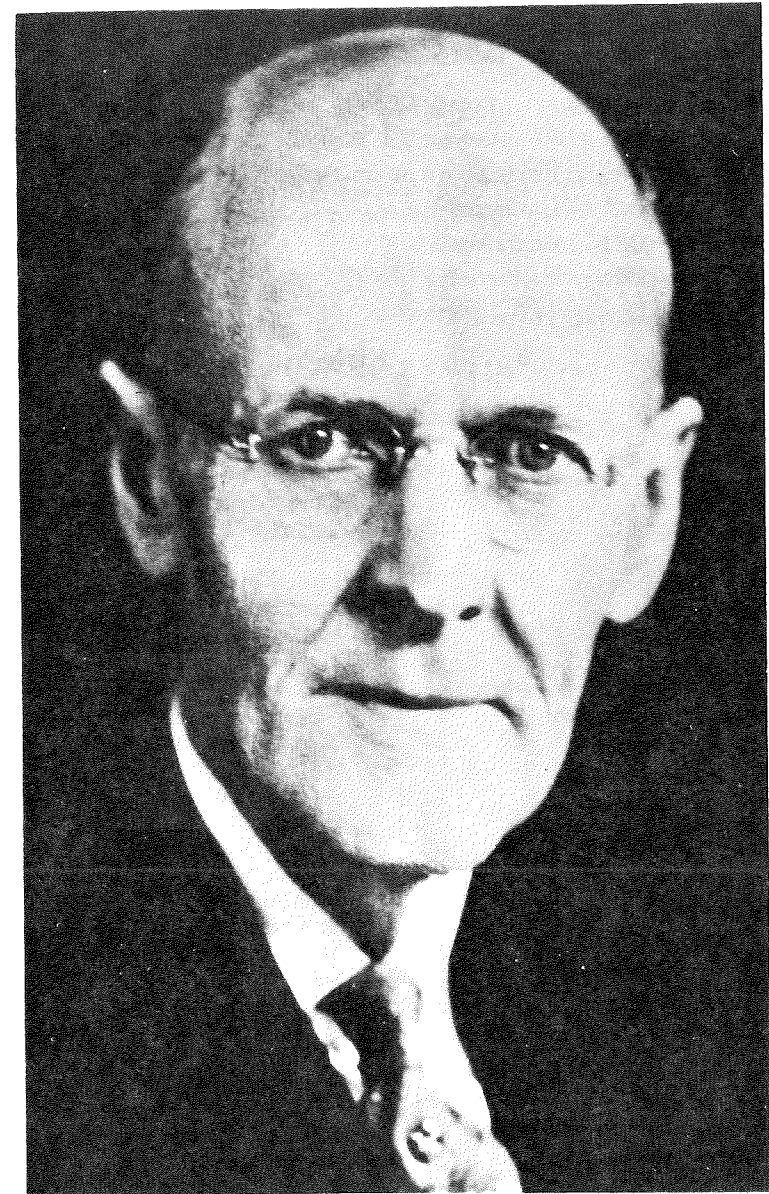
(COLLECTION SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario

When Governor Buchanan took office following the Dallas Convention the total membership of Rotarians in this District for the first time reached the 4,000 mark. There were 64 Clubs to be serviced and in addition the County of Warren in Pennsylvania had been added to the District area thus completing a group of three counties in northern Pennsylvania.

Another large attendance was recorded at the District Conference held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, where 1,350 were registered. It was under Governor Charlie's promotion that the plan for financing the District Conferences with a per capita contribution was established. It has proven highly efficient and effective. All surpluses from such contributions are turned over to the District Fund. At this Conference the R.I. Official Representative was Raymond J. Knoeppel.

Rotary had now "become of age" and its 21st Convention returned to Chicago — the scene of its birthplace. At that meeting Almon E. Roth of San Francisco, California, was elected to the Presidency of Rotary International.



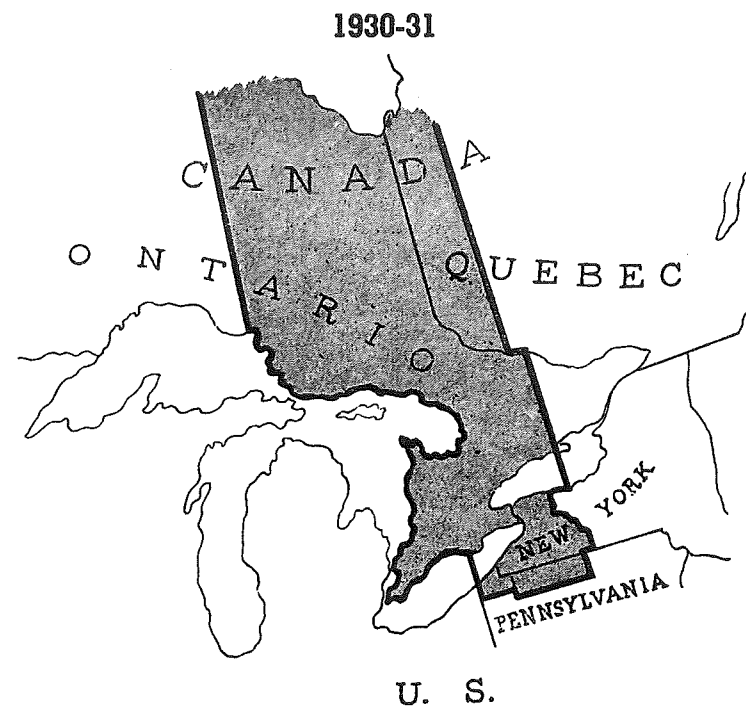
PAUL P. HARRIS

Founder of Rotary

ity Service, has done it again. It had two vans airlifted to Dominica loaded with medical and school supplies weighing over six tons and valued at more than \$20,000. On April 30, R.I. President Rolf Klarich is coming to that Club to help celebrate its 60 years of Taking Time to Serve.

The R.I. Convention is in Sao Paulo, Brazil this year, May 31-June 3, and more than 70 are planning to go on the District tour. Stanley E. McCaffrey of Stockton, California will be elected President for the year 1981-82.

Three Rotarians of the District have been serving on Rotary International Committees this year: P.R.I.D. and Treasurer Gerry Wooll has been a member of the Committee to Review the R.I. Committee Structure, P.D.G. Paul Williams has continued for a second year on the Committee to Study the Constitutional Documents of R.I., and P.D.G. Charlie Fogel has been a member of the Consultative Group.



District No. 27, Rotary International, 1930 to 1937.



DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

DEAN MILLER

(PROTESTANT CHURCHES)

Rotary Club of Bradford, Pennsylvania

As Governor Miller took office the geography had been changed slightly with a deletion of a portion on the west border of the District in the Province of Ontario. There were 63 Clubs and a total of 3,920 Rotarians.

R.I. President Roth had appointed one member of the present District to serve on International Committees. Past Governor Symes (Lockport) was active on the North American Economic Advisory Committee. The International Convention was Rotary's fourth outside the United States and was held in Vienna, Austria. Considerable recognition was given the event throughout Europe, some countries even issuing special postage stamps in honour of the occasion. At that European meeting Rotary's first English President was elected — Sydney W. Pascall of London, England — the fourth President selected from outside the United States:

The 27th District Conference was held at Buffalo, New York, the third time it had been held there. Charles Willox of Niagara Falls, Ontario, was nominated District Governor for 1931-32. Again a Rotarian destined to be President of Rotary International was the Official Representative of R.I. at the Conference meeting when Clinton P. Anderson attended in that capacity. He was elected President of R.I. in 1932 at the Seattle, Washington, Convention.



1931 - 32

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

CHARLES WILLOX

(IMMIGRATION SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Sixty-one Rotary Clubs and 3,702 Rotarians greeted Governor Charlie when he returned from the Vienna Convention to his own 27th District.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton, Ontario (their third time as host) and the excellent attendance totalled 1,311 registrations. The Official Representative of Rotary International was Joseph W. Jackson. Philip W. Mosher of Niagara Falls, New York, was elected as District Governor to succeed Governor Charlie.

The International Convention was held at Seattle, Washington, Clinton Anderson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was elected President of Rotary.



1932 - 33

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

PHILIP W. MOSHER

(EDUCATION — PRIVATE SCHOOLS)

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, New York

Although the number of Rotarians had decreased slightly to 3,322, the number of Clubs rose to 64 when Governor Mosher took office in the 27th District.

The District Conference was held at Jamestown, New York, in the extreme southern corner of the District. The attendance was 551. Grant Bird of Oshawa, Ontario, was nominated Governor for the year 1933-34. The Official Representative of R.I. in attendance at the Conference was Frank T. Mulholland, a Past President of Rotary International (1914-15).

The International Convention was held at Boston, Massachusetts. John Nelson was elected as President of Rotary at that meeting.

International Assembly.



1980 - 81

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

ALBERT E. BOONE

Rotary Club of Galt, Ontario

Bert Boone, like his predecessor Orv Johnston, is a real estate broker. He is a member of The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and The Canadian Institute of Management. He was President of The Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, a Director of The Ontario Chamber for five years, Chairman of The Cambridge Social Planning Council, and Director of The Regional Social Resources Council.

Bert has been a Rotarian since 1957 and a member of four different clubs in three districts. He is a charter member and Past President of the Galt Club. He served for several years on our District Council and, prior to his election as District Governor, was Co-ordinator of the Area Representatives.

This is being written before the District Conference on April 3-5 in Toronto. Everything indicates another wonderful affair. Past V.P. Jules P. Flock of Mantua, Ohio will be the President's Special Representative. A significant feature will be presenting a charter to a new Rotary Club, Kitchener-Westmount, which is being sponsored by the Clubs of Kitchener, Kitchener-Conestoga, and Waterloo, led by Jack Duffy. The Governor's Representative reports indicate a charter membership of 40! A new club may also be formed in Woodstock, Ontario; but that will have to await future developments.

"Serve and Grow" has been Bert's personal theme this year and to accomplish its goal, he has emphasized planning and administrative responsibility. In keeping with this, he conducted a seminar early in the year for committeemen and Area Representatives to help finalize plans for serving the needs of the District. Council meetings have been well attended, effective sessions. The Group Study Exchange team led by John Graham, which had gone to France, came back this summer after a wonderful experience, and the District now is awaiting eagerly the team coming this April from Israel. The St. Catharines Club, always extremely active in World Commun-

An active community leader, Orv has served as President of the Olean Board of Realtors, an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Olean, and member of the District Boy Scout Council, Bi-County Manpower Committee, Board of Directors of the Hornell Area Children's Camp, and Board of Directors of the Olean YMCA. Prior to his Rotary service in our District, Orv was President of the Rotary Club of Hornell in District 712.

This was the year of the Health, Hunger, and Humanity Fund, known as 3-H, conceived as a means to celebrate Rotary's Diamond Anniversary by raising and using the Fund to alleviate human suffering in the world. Our District contributed \$32,000. We also started the Dominica Sawmill project to reclaim lumber and rebuild homes in Dominica, which had been leveled by hurricanes. Our contribution of \$21,500 was supplemented by funds from other Canadian districts as well. District membership this year surpassed 4,300. Helping this membership total was the chartering of the new Rotary Club of Amherst North. Carl Smith was Charter President and Jack Rombough of the Williamsville Club was the Governor's Representative. Another achievement of the year was having 45 Rylarians in the leadership development seminar, a new high. Nearly every club carried out a 75th Anniversary project extending special service to its community and/or to the world at large. Another great year in Rotary-giving to the Rotary Foundation was achieved, \$71,413, through the leadership of Foundation Chairman P.D.G. Terry Williams and D.G. Orv. Terry's continuing efforts on behalf of the Rotary Foundation have been of such high quality, its Board voted to give him its highest honor, "The Distinguished Service Award". It also recognized the services of Vern Asmussen of Kitchener-Conestoga, giving him a "Citation for Meritorious Service".

The District Conference on April 25-27 was held in Niagara Falls, N.Y. with 637 in attendance. It was honored by the presence of the President's Representative Dr. Hiroji Mukasa of Nakatsu, Japan. A member of the R.I. Board of Directors, Hiroji later was selected to be President of Rotary International for 1982-83.

The International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, the birthplace of Rotary was a great extravaganza. Attendees numbered 18,743. Rolf J. Klarich of Helsinki-Helsingfors, Finland was elected President for 1980-81.

Serving Rotary at the international level this year were three Past District Governors. Paul Williams became a member of the Committee to Study the Constitutional Documents of Rotary International, Past Director and Treasurer Gerry Wooll continued his service on the Extension Committee, and Charlie Fogel was invited back to be a Group Discussion Leader a second time at the



1933 - 34

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

DR. GRANT BIRD

(SURGERY)

Rotary Club of Oshawa, Ontario

One new Club was added to the District Roster during Governor Bird's term to bring the total to 66 during this Rotary year.

The new Club was another sponsored by the active Buffalo Rotary Club under the active supervision of Governor Bird's Special Representative, Lewis E. Parmenter. The new Club was at Springville, New York, and received Charter No. 3299 on December 28th, 1933. Its first President was Lyle G. Palmer (superintendent of schools) and its charter Secretary, Orion H. Stearns (banking — commercial).

The District Conference was held at St. Catharines, Ontario, with an attendance of 1,224. R.I.'s Official Representative was John J. Allen.

In June the International Convention was held at Detroit, Michigan, where Robert E. Lee Hill of Colombia, Missouri, was elected to the office of President of Rotary International.



1934 - 35

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

JAMES S. DUNWOODY

(MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Erie, Pennsylvania

Following the Detroit Convention Governor Jim came back to administer the 66 Club which constituted the 27th District with its 3,569 Rotarian members. He installed one new Club during his term of office at Holley, New York, which the Albion, New York Club had sponsored. Clarke Tallman was the Governor's Special Representative in this extension effort. The Holley Club received Charter No. 3830 dated June 4th, 1935. C. E. Padelford (physician) was Holley's first president and Lewis Cole (lumber retail) was the first secretary.

The District Conference was held at Niagara Falls, New York, with an attendance recorded at 1,299. Rotary's Official Representative at the meeting was Robert F. Phillips. Stan Forbes of Brantford, Ontario, was nominated as District Governor at the Conference for the following Rotary year.

The fifth International Convention of Rotary to be held outside the United States came this year when Mexico City was the locale. Ed R. Johnson of Roanoke, Virginia, was elected as the President of R.I.

Past Governor Dunwoody served as a member of R.I.'s Vocational Service Committee during 1934-35 by appointment of R.I. President Johnson.



1935 - 36

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

STANLEY C. FORBES

(AUTOMOBILE DISTRIBUTING)

Rotary Club of Brantford, Ontario

With the second largest number of Clubs to constitute the 27th District (67), Governor Stan administered the District in a way that fitted him well for the many important Rotary posts he was to receive following his Governorship.

The year following his Governorship he was made a member of the R.I. Extension Committee and a member of the Credentials Committee of the Nice, France, International Convention. In 1937-38 he was appointed to a 3-year term on the Magazine Committee of R.I. by President Will R. Manier. During 1940-41 he was reappointed to the same office by R.I. President Pereira. In the first year of his second term the Committee elected him Chairman. In 1941-42 he continued on the Committee. During these years of service on the Magazine Committee it should be pointed out that THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE was improved in many ways as a further service to members of Rotary.

The District Conference held at Toronto, Ontario (for the fourth time) set an all-time record for attendance when 1,647 persons registered. Will R. Manier was the Official Representative of Rotary International and again proved to be a Representative of which the District could be proud for he was elected President of R.I. at the Atlantic City Convention the month following the District Conference. George A. Barber of Batavia, New York, was nominated District Governor to succeed Governor Stan.

Past Governor Jim Dunwoody (Erie) served as a member of R.I.'s Vocational Service Committee during this year. The International Convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey (Rotary's 27th) elected Will Manier Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee as President of Rotary.



1936 - 37

DISTRICT NO. 27

District Governor

GEORGE A. BARBER

(EDUCATION — PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

Rotary Club of Batavia, New York

This year too proved to be significant in the 709th District as it was the last year of the old 27th which had become so well known to Rotarians of the area. This was also a year to mark the largest number of Clubs ever to constitute this District. These 74 Clubs also had enrolled the second largest number of Rotarians on record in the District.

Terry's interest in the Rotary Foundation and his respect for Rotarian McClure were matched by the feelings of Rotarians in Area 8, resulting in the clubs in that Area honoring Rotarian McClure by making him a Paul Harris Fellow. Probably the greatest highlight of the Conference, however, was the Sunday morning ecumenical service. A total monetary offering of \$770.20 was collected, all of which was used to adopt a child in the name of District 709, this being the International Year of the Child.

District 709 had the honor once again to host a Group Study Exchange team. This time it was a delightful team from French District 168. They were led by Rotarian Denis Levy.

Terry Williams led a special contingent of 45 to the International Convention in Rome, Italy. Other Rotarians from this district joined them there, and the total attendance was 14,692. James L. Bomar of Shelbyville, Tennessee was elected President for 1979-80. An eloquent and dynamic address on the 3-H program and the blind was made at the convention by Sir John Wilson of Sussex, England, himself blind. Pope John provided an extra highlight to the convention by giving a special audience with the Rotarians.

During the year, several Past District Governors took an active part in R.I. affairs. Gerry Wooll continued his service on the Extension Committee, John Morris was a member of the Consultative Group, and Charlie Fogel was a Group Discussion Leader at the International Assembly in Boca Raton.



1979 - 80

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

ORVILLE W. JOHNSTON

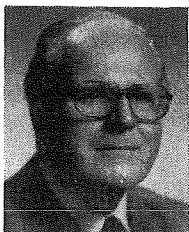
Rotary Club of Olean, N.Y.

This was the 75th Anniversary Year for Rotary, and it was a banner year of service commitment in District 709, led by D.G. Orv. He was born in Iowa and graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College. He also graduated from the Eden Theological Seminary and attended Oxford University in Oxford, England. A real estate broker and managing partner in the Town Crier Voorhees Realty Company, he also teaches Real Estate licensing courses at Jamestown Community College and the Olean Business Institute. He was previously a Dean of Continuing Education and Extension at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, N.Y.

The District Conference in Niagara Falls, New York was attended by 1,328. We were particularly honored in having President Nominee of Rotary International James L. Bomar, Jr. of Shelbyville, Tennessee as the President's Special Representative. Guest speaker was the Reverend Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. of Beaumont, Texas. Frank A. Branscombe of Niagara Falls, Ontario was awarded a "Citation for Meritorious Service" by the Rotary Foundation.

Tokyo, Japan was the site of the largest Rotary International Convention ever held. There were 40,155 in attendance. It was a wonderful occasion in every respect. Clem Renouf of Queensland, Australia was elected President for 1978-79.

Gerry Wooll, P.D.G. and Past Treasurer of R.I. served as a member of the Extension Committee of R.I. for the first of three years.



1978 - 79

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

TERRENCE R. WILLIAMS

Rotary Club of Kitchener, Ont.

If all Welshmen are as warm and dedicated as Terry Williams, Wales must be a great place. We thank Llangyfelach, Swansea, South Wales, his birthplace, for releasing him to Kitchener, Ontario. The Royal Air Force was his home from 1941 to 1946. Upon his return to civilian life, he was selected to be the plant manager of a sweater manufacturing company. After 14 years, he chose to become the president of his own company, Terry Williams Knitters, Ltd., the position he still occupies. Terry was President of the Canadian Institute of Management in 1956. Kitchener Rotary Club welcomed him into membership in 1962. His photographic and travel interests did not prevent him from becoming involved in many civic and service ventures: Charter Member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in 1969, Director of the Kitchener YMCA since 1976, Member of Rotary Crippled Children's Centre Board since 1968 and its Vice President in 1978-79, the year he was our District Governor.

The District Conference was held in Toronto, April 20-22, 1979. This was the first time since 1943 that it was held outside of our own district. In that year, it was a joint conference with the Canadian district north of us. This time, we did it on our own and had an attendance of 1,019. R.I. Director Artemas (Art) P. Richardson, a landscape architect from Brookline, Massachusetts was the President's Special Representative, and Dr. Robert McClure, former moderator of the United Church in Canada, was the keynote speaker.

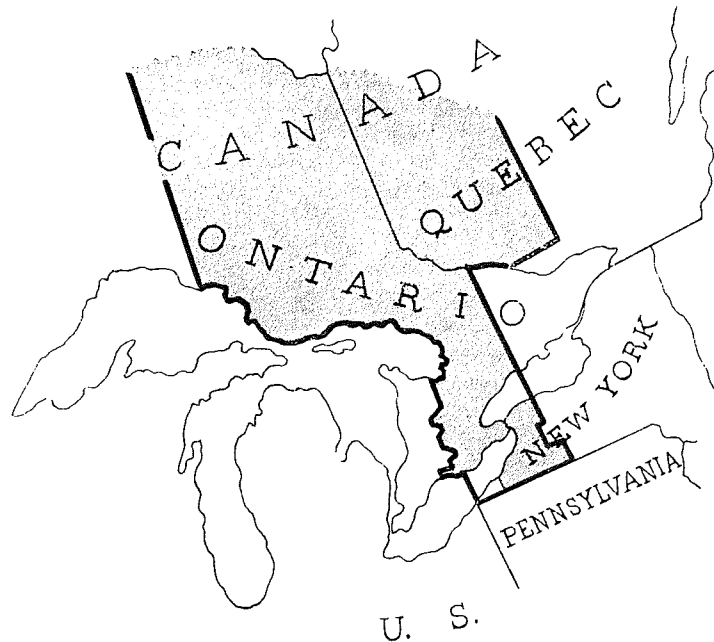
Governor George installed two new Clubs of the present 709th District during his year in office. Frederick Phillips of Buffalo was his Official Representative in both cases — the Buffalo Club acting as the Sponsor Club. The first was at Dunkirk, New York, where on December 7th, Charter No. 4077 was granted. Clifford C. Cain (coal — retail) was the first president and Cloyd Steinmetz (Chamber of Commerce) was the first secretary. The second new Club was the Rotary Club of Eggertsville-Snyder, New York, where Charter No. 4163 was granted on March 1st, 1937. The charter president was Carl H. Kumph (education — public schools). The first secretary was Vernon Stanley (pedodontist). In addition to these two Clubs now included in the District, Governor Barber set an unusual record of also chartering 8 other Clubs not now within this District boundaries.

The District Conference was held at Erie, Pennsylvania, with an attendance of 680. R.I. Director Richard C. Hedke of Detroit, Mich., was Rotary's Official Representative at the Conference. Tom J. Patton of North Bay, Ontario, was nominated Governor for 1937-38. The matter of redistricting the present area was a subject of deep consideration. An area on both sides of the border was insisted upon by all Clubs to be included in the new District to be known as No. 169.

During the year Past Governor Stan Forbes (Brantford) was serving as a member of the Extension and Credentials Committee of R.I. Rotary Conventions for the sixth time in their history were moved outside the United States — this time to Nice, France, where nearly 6,000 Rotarians elected Maurice Duperrey of Paris as the President of R.I.

1937-38

DISTRICT No. 169



District No. 169, Rotary International, 1937 to 1939.

1937 - 38

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor
TOM J. PATTON
(REAL ESTATE)

Rotary Club of North Bay, Ontario



Governor Patton's term of office marked the beginning of the 12-year history of the 169th District. A complete change in area was made. Three counties were removed in the New York State area. All parts of Quebec were deleted in the first plan but after the year was over a portion of the northwestern area was again added to the 169th. Three counties in Pennsylvania were also shifted to another District. Only the city of Erie was left in the new area.

The year was significant with the chartering of an unusual new Club. A Club with actual representation from both sides of the international border had been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, New York, with Charles Z. Braden serving as Governor Patton's Special

Jamaica. The Kitchener-Waterloo Crippled Children's Christmas Party was another highlight event of the year.

San Francisco, California was the location of the International Convention. The 14,168 attendees would agree that it was another in the long annals of great conventions. W. Jack Davis of Hamilton, Bermuda was elected President for 1977-78.



1977 - 78

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

DONALD H. SWIFT

Rotary Club of Middleport, N.Y.

Don Swift was born and raised in Akron, New York. A graduate of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Buffalo, he has been a partner of the Peterson Drug Company of Western New York since 1946. He has managed the Elba and Middleport stores and most recently the Akron store. Don has been a Senior Trustee at St. Stevens RC Church for some 20 years, on the Board of the Royalton Hartland Central School for 10 years, a Boy Scouts of America Committeeman and Merit Badge Counselor for 25 years, chairman of all fund drives in his community at one time or another, and active in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. This indicates the busy life Don has led but he has never been too busy for Rotary and especially for youth service. It may have been his own six children that conditioned him to it or his great help-mate, Dolly, but he was known far and wide as "Mr. Rotary Youth Exchange" in 709 when he became District Governor.

The highlights of the year were many. First, however, must be the chartering of two new Rotary clubs. Norman Johnson was the Charter President of the new Ancaster Club, formed under the leadership of Bob Begin and the Dundas Club, while Jim Duncan and the Oakville Club led the formation of the Oakville-Trafalgar Club, with Bill Barnes its first President. An Interact Club was also chartered in St. Catharines South. Many clubs had excellent programs during the year highlighting the fine qualities of Canada, under the heading "Operation Canada Program". A Business Ethics Week was introduced for the first time in the district and an inspiring informative District Institute was held, led by P.D.G. George Kocher of Lima, Ohio. International understanding was greatly assisted by the presence of a Group Study Exchange Team from District 745, West Australia. That must have given a great boost to donations for the Rotary Foundation because a total of \$17.87 per capita was reached.



1976 - 77

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

JOHN R. MORRIS

Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore, Ont.

John Morris had his schooling and early business experiences in London, Ontario. Insurance was his calling and, at the time he became District Governor, he had been president of his own business in Burlington for about 20 years.

John was a Rotarian for the first time in Amherstburg, Ontario from 1946 to 1950. He joined Rotary again in 1961 in Burlington, where he served assiduously and became President of the Club in 1969. Active as the Governor's Representative in the formation of a second Rotary club in Burlington, the Lakeshore Club, he became its Charter President in 1972. Both his own life and Rotary have been enriched by his attendance at R.I. Conventions and his hosting of a Group Study Exchange team from Japan, an Exchange Student, and current, past, and Incoming District Governors visiting our District.

The District Conference was held April 22-24 in Niagara Falls, Ontario with 1,028 in attendance. It was extremely effective and enjoyable, and it was appropriately referred to by V.P. Keith O. Burnham of Rotary International and Newport Beach, California, the President's Special Representative, as a "Showcase Conference". The Hon. Joseph Clark, Leader, Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Canada's Parliament gave a major address. Terry Williams of Kitchener and Franz Alfeis of Lockport were recognized by the Rotary Foundation for outstanding work and they received a "Citation for Meritorious Service".

The District contributed a record \$77,000 to the Rotary Foundation, and the year's climax was the presentation of 20 Paul Harris Fellowships to members of the Niagara Falls, Ontario Club by incoming R.I. President Jack Davis. The World Community Service Committee continued its active work, among other efforts arranging a matching grant from CIDA for over \$26,000 for the Bilharzia project in St. Lucia. It also was instrumental in receiving from the Rotary Foundation a special grant of \$2,500 toward another District W.C.S. project, the Workshop for the Handicapped in Kingston,

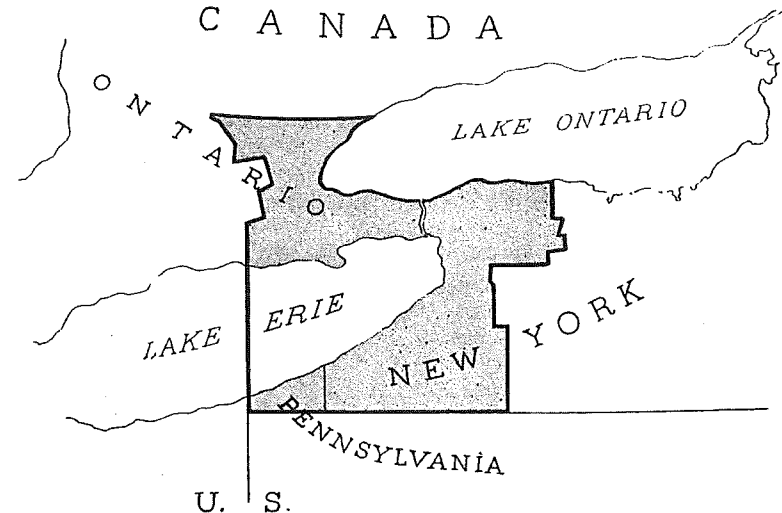
Representative. The club was given Charter No. 4687 on April 30th, 1938 and was known as the Lewiston (New York)-Queenston (Ontario) Rotary Club. The first president at Lewiston-Queenston was George Dworschak (news bureaus) and its first secretary was Edmund Nixon (Christianity — protestantism). Earlier in 1938 another Club had been added to the District roster with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Middleport, New York, on February 11th. Middleport was given Charter No. 4570. The Rotary Club of Lockport, New York, was the sponsor club with two members of that Club serving as the Governor's Special Representatives — David M. Wright and Arthur P. Root. The first president at Middleport was Warren Snell (banking). The first secretary was Leo J. Coleman (insecticide manufacturing).

The first District Conference of the 169th District (by that designation) was held at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attendance reached 1,006. R.I. Director James M. Walker was Rotary's Official Representative at the meeting. Harry W. Rockwell of Buffalo, New York, was nominated as District Governor for the following year.

The International Convention was held at San Francisco, California, with attendance for the third time in Rotary's history going beyond the 10,000 registrations. George C. Hager of Chicago, Illinois, was elected as President of Rotary at the San Francisco meeting. During the current year Past Governor Stan Forbes had served as a member of the Magazine Committee of R.I.

1938-39

DISTRICT No. 169



District No. 169, Rotary International, 1939 (Effective 1 March) to 1942 — In 1941 one addition to the indicated area was made by the inclusion of "Oxford County" (Ontario).



District Governor
HARRY W. ROCKWELL
(EDUCATION—TEACHERS' TRAINING)
Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York

During this year another complete redistricting was carried out. Of historic significance was the meeting held at Toronto on November 19th, 1938, when the R.I. Redistricting Committee met with present and past governors and club representatives to discuss the splitting of the District. The area (600 miles from north to south), and the number of Clubs (54) had made the Governor's task an arduous one with the result that qualified and capable men able to accept the responsibility of the position was found to be limited. As a result of the meeting, and effective March 1st, 1939, the old 169th District was cut in approximately half. A new District, No. 168 — an All-Canadian District, was created from the north half, and the southern area constituted the new 169th, a continuing international District by insistence of the Clubs on both sides of the border.

One new Club was Chartered during Governor Rockwell's term of office. The Jamestown Rotary Club sponsored it at their neighbouring village of Falconer, New York. Dayton S. Wilkins served as Governor Rockwell's Special Representative. The new Club was granted Charter No. 4888 which was dated November 23rd, 1938. This brought the District total to 55 Clubs. The charter President at Falconer was Frederick Mattison (funeral directing). The first secretary was Harold Knappenberger (protestantism).

Governor Rockwell held the District Assembly at Chautauqua Institution, New York, with the Jamestown Rotary Club serving as host. The meeting was significant and stimulating with the appearance of the immediate past president of Rotary International, Maurice Duperrey, who spoke at a large public gathering held in the large amphitheater as well as at small groups attending the Rotary Assembly.

The District Conference was held at Governor Harry's home Club — Buffalo, New York. There were 1,098 registrations. The Official Representative of Rotary at the Conference was R.I. District Robert C. Huen. Gerry Moes of Hamilton, Ontario, was selected as Governor nominee.

The Convention of Rotary International was held at Cleveland, Ohio, Walter D. Head of Montclair, New Jersey, was elected President of R.I. for the year 1939-40. President Walter was a past president of the Buffalo Club, but at present a member of Montclair, New Jersey.

During the current year Stan Forbes continued as a member of the Magazine Committee of R.I. Past Governor Kelley (Hamilton) served as a member of the Credentials Committee of the Cleveland Convention.

In Rotary, Ed was President of the Grand Island Club in 1967-68, an Area Representative, a member of the District Governor Nominating Committee, and a member of the Group Study Exchange Committee, being its chairman for two years. A great Group Study Exchange team was sent to Districts 349 and 357 in Japan in 1974, and Ed was chosen to be the Governor's Representative and Team Leader. With this background, he was very well qualified to serve as our District Governor in 1975-76.

The District Conference, April 9-11, was the first held at the new Niagara Falls, N.Y. Convention Center. P.D.G. Harold Passmore of Brockville, Ont. in District 704, also a former G.S.E. Team Leader, was the President's special Representative. A major highlight was a club project display, which enabled the sharing of experiences among the clubs. Another highlight was the awarding by the Rotary Foundation of a "Citation for Meritorious Service" to Dan Lincoln of Jamestown and Hunter Reid of Oakville.

A very successful Rotary Information Institute was held; it was the largest such event of any district in North America. A Canadian-U.S. family exchange took place between clubs on both sides of the border within District 709. A District Council Manual was developed that established a district organization to assist the clubs more effectively. An important step in serving youth was taken in the initiation of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). To establish this new program on a strong foundation, Dave Sandrock of the Kitchener-Conestoga Club was sent to Australia to study the program that had been started there so successfully. He returned to organize and then chair the RYLA program for two years. Two new Rotary clubs were chartered this year: Hamilton Mountain on September 24 and Grimsby on May 13. John Morris of Burlington-Lakeshore and Ed Telenko of St. Catharines South were, respectively, the Governor's Representatives in their establishment while Don Laverty and Harold Snow were, respectively, the Charter Presidents. Fourteen neighbouring Canadian Clubs were sponsors of these two clubs. (See the Chronological 709th District History.)

There were 13,935 in attendance at the International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana where Robert A. Manchester II of Youngstown, Ohio was elected President for 1976-77.

P.R.I.D. and Treasurer Gerry Wooll was Chairman of the R.I. Districting Committee, having served as a member of the Committee the two previous years.

District. This Club also helped the very active Rotary Club of Tillsonburg to form an Interact Club in its community. P.D.G. Dan Lincoln and the Jamestown Club came up with an innovative idea that proved to be very successful. Ten Rotarians of the Club committed themselves to contribute \$100 a year to the Rotary Foundation for 10 years. Each year a name was drawn and the lucky winner received a Paul Harris Fellowship that year instead of having to wait the 10 years until his total contribution was completed. A major highlight of the year was the visit of R.I. President-elect Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello of Brazil to the Rotary Club of Preston-Hespler to start the celebration of that Club's 50th year of Rotary service. At that time, Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to 17 men of Area 8, one of the areas that has always shown progressive leadership in the District.

The District Conference, April 25-27, was attended by 1,225 people in Hamilton, Ontario. We were honored and inspired by the presence and remarks of the President's Special Representative Charles (Chuck) Keller of California, Pa., a member of the R.I. Board of Directors.

The International Convention was in Montreal, Quebec. In attendance were 12,975 Rotarians and guests. Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was elected President for 1975-76.

P.R.I.D. and Treasurer Gerry Wooll continued his service to Rotary International by his membership during the year on the Districting Committee.



1975 - 76

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

EDWIN L. PFOHL

Rotary Club of Grand Island, N.Y.

Ed Pfohl made the long trek from Buffalo, the site of his birth, to Grand Island in 1947 while still a youth. He graduated from Syracuse University and the University of Buffalo, and operates the E. L. Pfohl Insurance Agency on the Island. He was chairman of the Grand Island United Fund and of the Sea Scout Troop, and in 1963, President of the Memorial Library Board, of which he was a member for 10 years. In 1976, he was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as the Citizen of the Year.



1939 - 40

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

GERRY MOES

(ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING)

Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario

Governor Moes was the first Governor to administer the revamped 169th District following the creation of the 168th District from the northern area of the first 169th territory. Jerry also equalled the extension record of the District by organizing three new Clubs during his term of office. The District at the beginning of the year had only 32 Clubs which was the smallest number since Past Governor Russell Kelley (Hamilton) held the office in 1918-19.

The first Club chartered this year was at Wesleyville, Pennsylvania where Charter No. 5224 was issued on April 23rd, 1940. Co-sponsors were the Rotary Clubs of Erie, Pennsylvania and of Titusville, Pennsylvania (District No. 175). Past Governors of these two Clubs (and Districts) — Jim Dunwoody (Erie) and John Linton (Titusville) were Governor Moes' Special Representatives. The charter President of the Wesleyville Club was R. Todd Lloyd (education — public schools) and the first secretary was Don Peck (insurance — general).

The second Club was the result of the sponsoring of the Batavia, New York Club and the Special Representative Past Governor George Barber of that Club in chartering Club No. 5241 at LeRoy, New York, on May 27th. Jesse F. Moulton (feed manufacturing) was the LeRoy Club's first president and Clinton E. Rose (boy scouts) its first secretary.

Eden-North Collins, New York with Charter No. 5252 issued on June 18th, 1940, was the third Club. This was organized through the efforts of the Rotary Club of Springville, New York, and Special Representative George Schuster. Charter President at Eden-North Collins was William F. Phelan (education — high schools). The first Secretary was Walter Wightman (commercial banking).

The District Conference was held at Hamilton, Ontario, as a Joint-Meeting with the 168th District. Total attendance was 1,628, second highest in the District's history. There were 1,091 registrations from the 169th District and 537 from the 168th. R.I. Director Richard C. Hedke of Detroit, Michigan, returned as the Official Representative of Rotary International. He had also served in that capacity in 1937 at the Erie Conference. Daniel F. Lincoln of Jamestown, New York, was selected as Governor Nominee to succeed Governor Moes.

The International Convention had been scheduled by Rotary's Board of Directors to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but the war conditions necessitated its transfer to more friendly waters. The convention was held at Havana, Cuba. Armando de Arruda Pereira of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was elected President of R.I. He was the sixth President from outside the United States to hold that office.

Past Governor Stan Forbes (Brantford) was serving as a member of the Magazine Committee of R.I. and Norman Sommerville (Toronto) was the Chairman of the Council on Legislation at the Havana Convention.



1940 - 41

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

DANIEL F. LINCOLN

(FUNERAL DIRECTING)

Rotary Club of Jamestown, New York

Thirty-five Clubs and 2,241 Rotarians constituted the District's roster during Governor Dan's term of office. The Rotary Club of Woodstock, Ontario, had petitioned Rotary International for a transfer from District No. 152 back into the 169th District from which they had been removed due to redistricting in 1937. This petition was granted during the current year and became effective July 1st, 1941.

The District Conference held at Toronto, Ontario (in the 168th District) was again a Joint-Conference with that District and was held for the second successive year in Canada due to war conditions making travel for Canadians extremely difficult. The attendance was the largest on record with a total of 1,689 registering. 661 were from the 169th District and 1,186 from the Host District. The Official Representative of R.I. at the Conference was Tom J. Davis, then President Nominee of R.I. for 1941-42 and one of the most inspiring leaders of Rotary ever to visit the District. W. M. O. Lohead of Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario, was nominated as Governor for the year 1941-42. As a result of conservative financing by the Host Club (Toronto) the District made a cash contribution of \$400 to the Rotary Relief Fund from a surplus of Conference Funds.

During the year Past Governor Stan Forbes was Chairman of the R.I. Magazine Committee publishing THE ROTARIAN and REVISTA ROTARIA.

The Rotary International Convention was held at Denver, Colorado. A previous arrangement had scheduled the locale as Toronto, but war conditions again interfered and it was transferred to Denver — a host to the International Convention for the second time (previously in 1926). The Denver Convention elected Tom Davis as President of R.I.

Past Governor Dan was to serve Rotary International in a number of important capacities during the years following his governorship in this District. In 1941 R.I. President Tom Davis appointed Dan as a member of a committee "To Study the Procedure of Nomination of U.S.A. Directors by Zones" and also to serve as a member of the Election Committee at the Toronto Convention. In 1942 he was appointed by President Carbajal to be a member of the R.I. Committee "To Study the Techniques and Mechanics of Rotary from the Standpoint of a Rotarian". President Wheeler appointed Dan to the Chairmanship of the Youth Committee of R.I. in 1943. In 1944 President Dick Wells named Dan to serve on the R.I. Extension Committee for USCNB (Eastern Section).

at the International Assembly for a second time, and Gerry Wooll, P.D.G., served as Director and Treasurer of R.I. and began the first of three years as a member of the Districting Committee of R.I. P.D.G. John Irving was the representative of the District to the Council on Legislation in Minneapolis-St. Paul.



1974 - 75

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

DR. HUGO T. EWART

Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ont.

For 23 years, Hugo Ewart was medical superintendent of the Hamilton Health Association and lived on the grounds of the Chedoke Hospital. He helped to focus attention on the city by his progressive and innovative attitude toward medicine. In 1970, he retired from the post and moved to Dundas. For the next few years, though nominally in retirement, he was President of the Ontario Tuberculosis Association, member of the boards of the Ontario Hospital Association, the Children's Aid Society, and the Chamber of Commerce, and an executive of the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Tuberculosis Association. In 1972, he was general chairman of the very successful Hamilton theatre-auditorium fund-raising campaign.

Hugo joined the Rotary Club of Hamilton in 1951 and became its President in 1968. Although he had not had the opportunity to participate in district-wide activities before his election as District Governor, which he heartily recommends that prospective DG's do, he proved his leadership qualities in the role.

The spring floods of 1974 in the Grand River valley caused millions of dollars of damage, mainly in the Cambridge, Ontario area. Through the generosity of sizeable contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Brantford, Galt, Kitchener, Preston-Hespler, and Woodstock and from District funds, \$20,000 was raised for flood relief, and this amount was matched dollar for dollar by the Province of Ontario. The District welcomed a fine Group Study Exchange team from the Philippines in the spring of '75. Wayne Campbell of Woodstock and his committee did a tremendous job in preparing for and handling the visitation. The Interact Club of Burlington showed its initiative by preparing the first directory of officers and committee chairmen of all the Rotary clubs in the

Charlie became a Rotarian in the Buffalo Club in 1954 and was President in 1958-59. He served on the local boards of many organizations, the Boy Scouts, National Training Directors and Jewish Family Services, to name just three. He also was President of the Research and Planning Council for Community Services of Greater Buffalo and Vice President of the United Jewish Federation of Buffalo.

The 1973-74 Rotary year in the District started at full speed with 9 clubs participating in hosting three young men from Monaco for three weeks. They came, Rotary sponsored, to see how their counterparts in Canada and the U.S. lived and worked. Later in the year, we sent a wonderful Group Study Team under Ed Pfohl's leadership to Districts 349 and 357 in Japan. President Bill Carter honored District 709 with a visit and a stirring address at a gala gathering of Rotarians and Rotary Anns. Peter Sturdy and the Preston-Hespler Club fathered the new Rotary Club of Cambridge North, and Steve Glithero took over the helm as President. The Burlington Interact Club gave a scintillating performance all year, including providing help to organize a new Interact Club in Niagara Falls, Ontario. International understanding and the Rotary Foundation were stressed throughout the year; the number of Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members more than doubled. Other highlights were an ambulance to Montero, Bolivia as a World Community Service project, Frederick "Pop" Phillips of Buffalo honored by his own Club and the ten Rotary clubs that he organized in the district, the joy and understanding brought into all of our homes by the youth exchange students,

The District Conference was held in Buffalo May 3-5, 1974. There was warmth, fellowship, and inspiration, thanks to all 1,249 who attended and participated; but particularly to Past V.P. Jules P. Flock of Mantua, Ohio, who excelled as the President's Special Representative, and Bill Kirkpatrick, the Conference Chairman, who put on Showtime-1920's and was a superb organizer. For outstanding community service throughout the year, the Woodstock Club was honored at the Conference, and so was the Niagara Falls, New York Club for its record in international service. It was the latter club that proposed and aided a district committee in working for a Pan American Conference for Youth. It did not come to fruition, but it was a great idea nevertheless.

The International Convention was held in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota with 10,015 in attendance. William R. Robbins of Fort Lauderdale, Florida was elected President for 1974-75.

Paul Williams, P.D.G., served R.I. as a Group Discussion Leader



1941 - 42
DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor
W. M. O. LOCHEAD
(LIFE INSURANCE)

Rotary Club of Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario

On July 1, 1941 the addition of Oxford County, Ont. (in which Woodstock, Ont. is located) added a new Club to the District on the opening day of the year. A second new Club was added to the area with the chartering of the new Club of Hamburg, New York, February 24th, as Club No. 5463. The Rotary Club of Buffalo was the sponsor of this Club at Hamburg. Rotarian S. Lewis Land was Governor Lochead's Special Representative.

The District Assembly was held in Brantford, Ontario with an attendance of 64. For the third consecutive year, because of war conditions, the District Conference was held in Canada at Niagara Falls with an attendance of 58 representatives of the 169th District. The 168th District also met jointly with us and sent 132 representatives from their All-Canadian District to the north. Arthur S. Fitzgerald, the Canadian Third Vice President of Rotary International, was the official representative of R.I. at the Conference. Lincoln Beale of Buffalo was named as Governor-Nominee for 1942-43. Three District Rotarians served on official committees of Rotary International by the appointment of President Tom Davis. Gordon A. Perdue served as a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee, Stanley Forbes was a member of the R.I. Magazine Committee publishing "The Rotarian" and Dan Lincoln served on a committee To Study Procedure of Nomination of U.S.A. Directors By Zones.

The International Convention was held at Toronto by special arrangements with the government during these war times. 6,599 persons registered and they elected Fernando Carbajal of Lima, Peru as President.

1942 - 43
DISTRICT NO. 169
District Governor
LINCOLN BEALE
(MARINE INSURANCE)

Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York

This year was another year of war conditions for the District and all meetings, assemblies and travel were held to a minimum. District Governor Lincoln Beale held his District Assembly in two sections, the first in St. Catharines, Ontario for Canadian Clubs which was attended by 24, the second in Batavia, New York for Clubs of the United States which was attended by 39.

The District Conference was again held in Canada and again jointly with District No. 168. An attendance of 233 from this District met in Toronto where Rotary International's official representative was Ray Tiffany, first Vice President of R.I. The Conference elected Frank H. Leslie of Niagara Falls, Ontario as District Governor-Nominee.

President Carbajal appointed two District Rotarians to serve in the official family of Rotary International this year. Stanley Forbes was chairman of the Magazine Committee for the second time and Dan Lincoln served on a committee "to study the techniques and mechanics of Rotary from the standpoint of a Rotarian".

The Rotary International Convention convened at St. Louis, Mo., with an attendance of 3,851. Charles L. Wheeler of San Francisco, California was elected President.

1943 - 44

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

FRANK H. LESLIE

(PRINTING)

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Again wartime restrictions limited activity within the District although all Clubs were especially active in community affairs which dealt with national activities in support of the war effort. District Governor Frank Leslie held his District Assembly at Niagara Falls, Ontario and the District Conference was held in Buffalo, N.Y., with an attendance of 820. The official representative of Rotary International was Kenneth Guernsey, chairman of the 1945 Convention Committee. LeRoy Phinney of Kenmore was elected as District Governor-Nominee for the coming year.

During the year R.I. President Charles Wheeler named Dan Lincoln as chairman of the Youth Committee of Rotary International and Stanley Forbes as a member of the 1945 Convention Committee.

During the year the District lost two Clubs when Erie, Pa., and Wesleyville, Pa., were transferred by action of the Board of Directors of R.I. to District No. 175 (all-Pennsylvania District).

A small Convention of Rotary International was held in Chicago, there being only 403 delegates present. Richard H. Wells of Pocatello, Idaho was elected President.

1944 - 45

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

LeROY PHINNEY

(PAST SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Kenmore, New York

District Governor LeRoy Phinney held his District Assembly at Kenmore where 58 representatives attended. On July 21, 1944, the Rotary Club of Little Valley, N.Y., was chartered No. 5812. The sponsor was the Salamanca Rotary Club with Thomas C. Moore as special representative. The President was Philip T. Champlin (cutlery mfg.) and Secretary William Dunstan (Christ. — Prot.)

The District Conference was cancelled by official action of the Board of Directors of Rotary International due to war conditions. A mail

The District Assembly, held in June 1973 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, was attended by 185 Rotarians. A major innovation in District programming was the holding of mini-conferences in various areas of the district. Area 8 held the first one on November 8, 1972 at Waterloo Lutheran University. It was a great success with 40 Rotarians participating in presentations on vocational service, youth service, membership development, and international service. The club presidents of Area 1 also held a constructive joint meeting in Lakewood, New York on November 4, 1972. Lakewood was in the news this year for another very important reason. A new Rotary Club was chartered there on June 7, 1973 with the aid of Charles W. Sanderson of Jamestown, the Governor's Representative. D. Wayne Petrie was Charter President. Another highlight of this year was the formation of an Interact Club in Burlington on April 4, 1973. It proved to be very effective for many years and a great stimulus to the formation of other Interact clubs in the Canadian section of the district.

The International Convention convened in Lausanne, Switzerland, with 17,187 in attendance, and William C. Carter of Battersea, London, England was elected President for 1973-74.

Gerry Wooll and the District were greatly honored by having him serve this year, for the first of a two-year term, as an R.I. Director. Our last representative on this Board was Gordon Perdue, of Oakville, Ont. in 1948-49.



1973 - 74

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

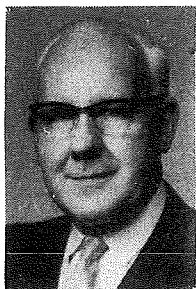
CHARLES M. FOGEL

Rotary Club of Buffalo, N.Y.

Charlie Fogel started his professional life teaching science for four years in several Buffalo high schools. In 1941, he was invited to join the faculty of the Physics Department at the University of Buffalo. Except for two years away as a research engineer in industry he has been continuously employed by the University. He rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Engineering; but while teaching, he also progressively served as Assistant Dean of Engineering, Director of the Division of General and Technical Studies, Director of the Industrial Liaison Office, Special Assistant to the President, and, at the time he became District Governor, assistant Executive Vice President.

a celebration by the entire District. The Group Study Exchange team this year was from Finland. In the words of D.G. Dan: "They were great." Dan initiated a program of sending get-well messages to Rotarians who were ill in hospitals around the District. This was very much appreciated and remembered by the recipients, and it was a fine way to put into practice the year's theme of R.I. President Ernst Breitholtz, "Good Will Begins With You".

Houston, Texas was the site of the International Convention. Roy D. Hickman of Birmingham, Alabama was elected President for 1972-73.



1972 - 73

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

DR. CLARENCE L. BATES

Rotary Club of Dundas, Ont.

Dr. Clarence Bates, Kay to everyone, was born in Mount Hope, Ontario and has lived all his life in the Mount Hope – Hamilton – Dundas area. He received his M.D. degree from McGill University and in 1935 began the practice of general medicine in Dundas. His office is a Dundas landmark because it has been a doctor's office without interruption since 1830. An outstanding member of his profession, Kay was President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine, member of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and its President in 1969-70. His warm personality and hard work in a wide range of activities and community services led one of his community colleagues to speak of him as "the most generous, dependable, and fair person he has ever met".

Kay was Charter President of the Rotary Club of Dundas, was director of all its service committees and chairman or member of all its major committees, and at the time of his election as District Governor had 22 years of perfect attendance and had attended seven International Conventions of Rotary International.

The District Conference attracted 1,134 to the Sheraton-Brock in Niagara Falls, Ontario. R.I. Director Edward (Ted) H. de Joux of Upper Hutt, New Zealand was the R.I. President's Special Representative, and Joe Connel was a featured speaker.

election was held in the District which resulted in the election of Frank M. Barker of Buffalo as District Governor-Nominee. His candidacy was supported as a successor Governor from within the United States due to the travel restrictions in Canada.

The Rotary International Convention was again held at Chicago with a limited delegation of 141. Tom A. Warren of Wolverhampton, England was elected President. During the year R.I. President Wells had named Stan Forbes to continue as a member of the 1945 Convention Committee of R.I. and also appointed Dan Lincoln to serve as a member of the Extension Committee for U.S.C.N.B. (Eastern Region).

The R.I. President's Award was won by the Jamestown, New York Club as a new procedure in Club administration. Competition of the basis of Club activity within each District provided the basis for the award.

1945 - 46

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

FRANK M. BARKER

(PAST SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York

With the war at a close there was a renewed activity in Club interests throughout the District in 1945. Governor Frank Barker held his District Assembly at Buffalo which 78 attended.

On November 26, 1945 the Preston Rotary Club received approval from the Board of Directors of R.I. to change its name to Rotary Club of Preston-Hespeler, Ont. This was to give official recognition of a number of members from Hespeler.

The District Conference was held in Buffalo with an attendance of 767. Past R.I. Director Fred L. Haas was the official representative of Rotary International. The Conference elected Gordon E. Perdue as Governor-Nominee for the coming year.

A large International Convention was held at Atlantic City where 10,958 persons registered. Richard C. Hedke of Detroit, Mich., was elected President of R.I.



1946 - 47

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

GORDON E. PERDUE

Rotary Club of Oakville, Ontario

Gordon Perdue presided over a very eventful year with a very large District Assembly of 99 club representatives attending at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Two new Clubs were chartered. Elba, N.Y., chartered on November 29, 1946 with Batavia as the sponsoring Club had been established by Past

Governor George Barber serving as special representative. The Club received charter No. 6430 at a presentation on the 11th of December. Its first President was Hugh W. Vanderhoof (education) and Charles Gay (acct. serv.) was the first Secretary.

A few days later, on December 14, 1946, the Rotary Club of Oakville, with Dunbar M. Heddle serving as special representative, organized the new Rotary Club of Milton, Ont. Charter No. 6448 was presented to the first President, Kenneth Y. Dick (gen'l law). Denis O'Leary (education) was the first Secretary.

During the year the competition among the Clubs for the R.I. President's Award was very keen. The Rotary Club of Batavia was finally selected as the District winner. A very successful Conference was held at Hamilton, Ont. with an attendance of 1,155. The official representative of Rotary International was Walter Head, Past President of R.I. The Governor-Nominee to succeed Gordon Perdue was Arthur Beck of Eggertsville-Snyder.

The International Convention of Rotary was held at San Francisco, Calif., with an attendance of 14,678. S. Kenneth Guernsey of Jacksonville, Fla., was elected President.



1947 - 48
DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor
ARTHUR E. BECK
(INSURANCE)

Rotary Club of Eggertsville-Snyder, New York

Arthur Beck's year as District Governor proved to be another one of a series of successful ones for the District. Another larger than usual Assembly was held at Niagara Falls, N.Y., with 141 in attendance and this year three new Clubs were chartered in the District. The first Club was Cayuga, Ont., who received their charter No. 6798 dated January 5, 1948. The Rotary Club of Simcoe, with W. D. Stalker acting as special representative, was the sponsoring Club. The first President was John L. Murdock (beer dist.) and the first Secretary was W. Ross Peirson (feed and grain dist.)

Fred Phillips of Buffalo served as special representative in the formation of two Clubs which his Club sponsored in their neighbourhood area. Both were chartered on March 5, 1948 with the presentation ceremonies being held on April 1st. Cheektawaga, New York received charter No. 6861. Its first President was Arthur J. Oberkircher (cemeteries) and its first Secretary was Kenneth C. Reiman (auto—ret.)

The other Club to receive its charter at the same time was Blasdell, N.Y., No. 6862. Edward F. Moss (education) was the first President and Michael J. O'Meara (banking) was the first Secretary.

The annual R.I. President's award this year was presented to the Rotary Club of Brantford, Ont.

The District Conference, held in Buffalo, was attended by 674 persons. Richard Vernor, Treasurer of Rotary International, was the official representative of R.I. William Calder of Woodstock, Ont., was



1971 - 72

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

DANIEL C. MITCHELL

Rotary Club of Amherst South, N.Y.

The record of the Amherst South Club shows that you do not have to be a large club to produce many fine District Governors for Rotary. Dan Mitchell was the third D.G. from this club in its 34 year history, being preceded by Art Beck in 1947 and John Scheller in 1959, years when the Club was known as Eggertsville-Snyder.

Dan prepared for his professional life by getting an engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first job, for du Pont in Tennessee, was interrupted six years later by active duty in the U.S. Army. Entering as a 2nd Lt., he was released to the reserves at the end of the war as a Lt. Col. He returned to du Pont and about a year later was transferred to their Buffalo operations as Industrial Engineering Supervisor. He continued until retirement on December 31, 1971, the year of his governorship. In 1974, he moved to Sun City, Arizona where he has continued to be very active both in the local Rotary Club and in community affairs.

While in Amherst, he was called on to be a leader for many community endeavors. For 17 years, he was a member of the town's Planning Board. He was also chairman of two church building programs and a building fund drive for the Northeast Branch YMCA, to name just a few of his efforts. His Club recognized his achievements with a Service Above Self Award in 1966.

The District Conference was in Buffalo, N.Y., May 5-7, and the President's Special Representative was Frederic H. Nickels of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Chairman of the R.I. Publications Committee in 1971-72 and an old friend of D.G. Dan. He gave a very well organized, challenging address. "America at the Crossroads" was the topic of the Conference guest speaker, U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp, a former Buffalo Bills quarterback. Total attendance at the Conference was 1,241.

A major highlight of the year was the formation of the Burlington-Lakeshore Club, which was chartered June 30. Herbert Stoneham of the Burlington Club was the Governor's Representative in its formation and John Morris was the Charter President. The Kitchener Club reached the ripe age of 50 during this year, and its anniversary party was a very happy event for members of that Club and neighbouring Rotary Clubs. The service history of the Club justified

ications during the Winnipeg Flood Disaster. When he moved to Simcoe in 1951, he formed Norfolk Electronics Ltd., a company of which he has been President and Manager. He continued his full life of service in this new community including active participation with the Ontario Retail Merchants Assn. and the Chamber of Commerce.

John joined the Rotary Club of Simcoe in 1955 and, in 1963-64, was its President. He was an Area Representative for four District Governors, helping them very capably in administering to the needs of the five clubs in Area 9.

In his year as District Governor, John continued the International Aid Fund previously started by P.D.G. Gerry Wooll. Clubs were asked to serve soup and sandwiches on the day of the official visit and to contribute the difference to the Fund. The amount raised was \$4,900, and it made a big difference to Pakistanians affected by a flood that year and to Peruvians who were left homeless after an earthquake. About \$1,000 was used to supply material to build six looms and supply eight sewing machines to a mission that operated a rehabilitation workshop for homeless people in District 380 of the Philippines. World Community Service continued its great work and completed the hospital project in Montero, Bolivia. The District enjoyed the companionship of a Group Study Exchange Team from Finland and learned a great deal in the process.

A great new club, Kitchener-Conestoga, was chartered on March 22. David Sandrock of the Kitchener Club was the Governor's Representative and Vern Asmussen its Charter President.

The District Conference, held in Niagara Falls, Ont. on March 26-28, will long be remembered by the 1,406 attendees. A Scottish theme was maintained throughout the Conference with Scottish entertainment and the 48th Highlanders provided the music for the Governor's Ball. D.G. John looked just great in his kilts. Also attending was a team of Rotary curlers from central and eastern Canada who had toured Rotary Clubs in Scotland and who had had John as their Captain in November 1970. Very appropriately, the President's Special Representative was from Canada. He was William G. Lohead of Forest, Ontario, a former R.I. Director.

The International Convention in Sydney, Australia attracted 16,646 attendees. Ernst G. Breitholtz of Kalmar, Sweden was elected President for 1971-72.

P.D.G. Gerry Wooll served for the year as a member of the R.I. Membership Development Committee.

elected District Governor-Nominee to succeed Art Beck. During the year Gordon E. Perdue had been named to serve on the Rotary International Extension Committee by R.I. President Ken Guernsey.

The International Convention was held at Rio de Janeiro with an attendance of 6,511. Angus S. Mitchell of Melbourne, Australia was elected President.

For the first time in many years a director of Rotary International came from District 709 when Gordon Perdue was elected as a member from Canada of the Board of Directory of Rotary International.



1948 - 49

DISTRICT NO. 169

District Governor

WILLIAM CALDER

(PAST SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Woodstock, Ontario

The District Assembly was conducted by Governor Calder at Woodstock, Ont., with 161 in attendance (which proved that a successful attendance could be secured even in the marginal Clubs of the District).

During the year Rotary International committees found representation from our District when Gordon Perdue served as a member of the Canadian Advisory Committee and Art Beck was appointed to the 1950 Covention Committee.

Two Clubs received their charters this year. Although the Rotary Club of Dundas, Ont., was officially chartered on May 27, 1948, the presentation was not made during the Rotary year. The Rotary Club of Hamilton sponsored the Dundas Club with John L. Colburn serving as special representative. The charter was No. 6958 and was presented to Dr. Clarence Bates (surgery) who was serving as the first President. Wallace C. Cattel (fun. dir.) was the first Secretary.

On August 31st, the Rotary Club of Tavistock, Ont., received charter No. 6998 which had been officially issued on July 14th. The Rotary Club of Woodstock was the sponsor with Frank Hogg serving as special representative. L. Howard Zimmerman (box mfg.) was the first President and Carl Seltzer (education) the first Secretary.

The District Conference was held at Niagara Falls, Ont., with 856 persons in attendance and had the distinction of being the first Conference in ten years at which all Clubs of the District were represented. The official representative of Rotary International in attendance at the Conference was Charles W. Pettengill. Lyn Hurlburt of Springville, N.Y., was elected as District Governor-Nominee to succeed Bill Calder.

Rotary's International Convention was held this year at New York City with the largest attendance ever recorded when 15,958 persons registered. Percy Hodgson of Pawtucket, Rhode Island was elected President.



1949 - 50
DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor
DR. LYNDON HULBERT
(PHYSICIAN)

Rotary Club of Springville, New York

The Board of Directors of Rotary International this year made a sweeping change in redistricting throughout Rotary which resulted in the renumbering of this District. With no geographical changes we were assigned No. 248 in the new District designations.

District Governor Lyn Hulbert initiated a very successful new plan of District Assemblies this year by calling an early meeting in Buffalo which was attended by 113 Club officers of the District and then a later Mid-Winter Assembly at Niagara Falls, Ont., at which 109 were present.

Rotary International President Percy Hodgson named four R.I. Committee members from the 248th District to serve this year. Frank Leslie was on the Canadian Advisory Committee, Bill Calder served on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Gordon Perdue served on the Districting Committee of R.I. and Art Beck continued his services on the 1950 R.I. Convention Committee.

A new Club at West Seneca, New York, was chartered on January 23, 1950 when again the District's "unofficial" special representative Fred Phillips organized the new Club with Buffalo as sponsor. The charter No. 7417 was presented on February 16th to the first officers, President Alfred W. Goodreds (education) and Secretary Dr. Eugene Wallace (gen'l med.)

A second new Club, Tillsonburg, Ont., was issued an official charter dated June 9, 1950, No. 7558 which was presented at installation ceremonies on June 27th. The Rotary Club of Woodstock was the sponsor and the special representative was A. J. Mulligan. The President was Richard A. Norman (shoe mfg.) and the Secretary was William E. Aldworth (Christ. - Prot.)

The District Conference was held at Buffalo with an attendance of 1,246 and for the second year in succession all Clubs in the District were represented. Rotary International's official representative was Frank Spain of Birmingham, Ala., a member of Rotary's Finance Committee. The Conference elected A. Tom Minnis of the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Queenston as Governor-Nominee for 1950-51. The International Convention, held at Detroit, attended by 6,939 persons, elected Arthur Lagueux of Quebec, Quebec as International President.

Among the highlights of the year was the establishment of the Rotary Club of Delhi, Ont. Simcoe was the sponsoring Club and Elmo Riddle of that Club was the Governor's Representative. Rev. William (Bill) Hudson was the Charter President, and P.R.I.D. Gordon Beaton of Markham, Ontario was the principal speaker at the chartering party. The first Group Study Exchange Team to our District came that year. The team was from England. The success of this Exchange and the good relations and understanding that developed led our District subsequently to engage in many more such Exchanges. This was also the year that the financial aspects of district organization and operation were formalized with the establishment of the office of District Treasurer, a Finance Committee, and an annual audit procedure.

William E. Walk, Jr. of Ontario, California was elected President of Rotary International for 1970-71 at the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. There were 10,803 in attendance.

P.R.I.D. Gordon Perdue of Oakville served Rotary International once again this year, this time as a member of the Planning Committee. P.D.G. Paul Williams of Buffalo was a member of the R.I. Extension Committee, and P.D.G. Gerry Wooll was invited back a second consecutive year to be a Group Discussion Leader at the International Assembly.



1970 - 71

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

JOHN B. IRVING

Rotary Club of Simcoe, Ont.

A native of Scotland, John Irving received his early schooling in Edinburgh and Galachiels. He came to Canada in 1921, settling in the Province of Saskatchewan where he acquired and operated successfully a large farm of 715 acres for some 20 years. He was very active in his community, being a member of the municipal council for seven years, president and director of several community and cooperative associations, and a member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Association. He was also a Sunday School Teacher and Church Elder. In 1924, he became very interested in radio, and in 1950, he was awarded a public service citation for maintenance of radio commun-

the cost of the meal then might be turned over to the fund. It was reported that by the time of the 1969 Conference close to \$7,000 had been collected.

During the year, District Governor Gerry instituted a contest which took in two factors, attendance and growth in membership. He agreed to award a "Go-Grow-Go" trophy to the winning club at the District Conference. The winner was the newest club, St. Catharines South.

District Governor Gerry was the only member from District 709 who took an active part in R.I. affairs during the year. He served as a discussion leader at the International Assembly at Lake Placid in May 1969.



1969 - 70

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

MARVIN E. SAMUELSON

Rotary Club of Batavia, N. Y.

Marv Samuelson has been our only District Governor in the moving picture business. He grew up in Ohio, so it was natural that he should start his professional life in that state. He rose through the ranks to become the Vice President in Charge of Film Booking for the Warner Theatres in Cleveland before going to Pittsburgh for the same company. In 1959, he went to Batavia, N.Y. as Vice President and General Manager of the Dipson Chain. He served in many community and church offices. Among them were President of Family Counseling Services of the Genesee Area, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post, and member of the Arts Council Board. Marv was eligible for the American Legion position because he served with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific during World War 2.

Marv had been a Rotarian in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, but had been unable to continue his membership when he went to Pittsburgh. He rectified this, however, when he got to Batavia. He rose quickly through the ranks to the Presidency, and became our District Governor for the year 1969-70. That same year, the Rotary Club of Batavia celebrated its 50th year of service.

The District Conference was a real fun affair, readily attested to by all 1,250 who attended. P. D. G. Frank J. Quigley, Jr. of the Rotary Club of Atlantic City, later an R.I. Director, was the President's Special Representative to the Conference.



1950 - 51

DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor

A. TOM MINNIS

(BANKING)

Rotary Club of Lewiston-Queenston, Ontario

District Governor Tom Minnis held the District Assembly at Niagara Falls, N.Y., with an attendance of 101 Club officers.

The new Club of Burlington, Ont., was officially chartered on the 26th of March, 1951 as No. 7742. Its charter was presented on April 11th. Hamilton was the sponsoring Club with Rotarian Allan Lancefield as special representative. The first President was Paul A. Fisher (fruit growing) and Robert McFarlane (lumber dist.) was the first Secretary.

During the year two Canadian Rotarians were serving on International Committee of Rotary as Arthur Lagueux appointed Gordon Perdue to the Districting Committee and Frank Leslie as Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International.

The District Conference was held at Hamilton, Ont., with an attendance of 1,004. The official representative of Rotary International was the Chairman of its Aims and Objects Committee, Charles G. Tennent. Frank O. Henshaw of the Rotary Club of Westfield was elected District Governor-Nominee for 1951-52. The International Convention of Rotary was held at Atlantic City with an attendance of 8,453. Frank E. Spain of Birmingham, Ala., was elected President.



1951 - 52

DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor

FRANK O. HENSHAW

(INSURANCE)

Rotary Club of Westfield, New York

Frank Henshaw held the District Assembly at Lancaster, N.Y., with an attendance of 101 (which was identical to the previous year's meeting).

A new club was organized in the District at Orchard Park, N.Y., when on May 9, 1952 a charter was issued under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Kenmore. George L. Seifert was the Special representative assisting in the organization. Arthur A. Rauch (carpentry) was the first president, and Paul C. Willet (capital investments) was the initial secretary.

The District Conference was held at Jamestown with an attendance of 803. Hugh J. Heasley of the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., was elected District Governor-Nominee to serve for 1952-53. Leo Golden, past director of Rotary International, was the official representative of Rotary International.

At the suggestion of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, the per capita tax for the District Conference had been raised at the last District Conference by action of the Clubs. With this increase and as a result of careful financial planning, an operating surplus of \$2,200 resulted from this Conference. The Conference Committee recommended a gift of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation from this surplus fund.

The International Convention of Rotary was held at Mexico City, 6,804 persons attended. H. J. Brunnier of San Francisco was elected President.



1952 - 53
DISTRICT NO. 248
District Governor
HUGH HEASLEY
(PAST SERVICE)

Rotary Club of Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario

The District Assembly, conducted by Governor H. J. Heasley, was held at Niagara Falls, Ont., which was also chosen as the site of the District Conference. Due to the scheduling of the Rotary calendar, the District Conference had been moved ahead by two months and March 8 - 9 - 10 were established for the 1953 Conference.

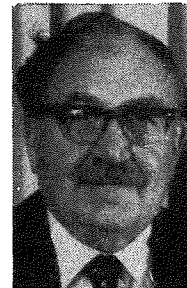
For the second year in succession (and the first time that this has happened) the International Convention of Rotary was held outside the United States. Originally planned for London, England, the locale was moved to Paris, France because of conflicts with the Coronation arrangements in England.

Another new club was organized in the district through the efforts of Fred Phillips of the Buffalo Club (who has certainly set a new all-time record for organization in this area — this being his sixth new club). This time it was an international affair when the U.S. club of Buffalo sponsored a new club across the border in Ontario at Fort Erie.



1953 - 54
DISTRICT NO. 248
District Governor
REV. EARLE J. HAMLIN
Rotary Club of Albion, N.Y.

Earle Hamlin became a Rotarian in March, 1926, filling the classification, Religion — Protestant Churches. He was the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Albion. Ever active in community work, he served in official capacity in the Red Cross and Child Welfare work. He was President of his club for the year 1949-50, having at that time completed eleven years of perfect attendance.



1968 - 69

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

GERALD R. WOOLL

Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Ont.

District Governor Gerry Wooll, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines, has been very much "up in the air" in his lifetime. A native of Peterborough, he learned flying before World War II and at the start of the war he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and became a pilot. When his plane was forced down over Switzerland he was interned for a time. When he was able to reach Britain, he became a test pilot and at one time he was forced to bail out over Toronto from a height of 20,000 feet. After the war he helped to organize Genaire Limited, an aeroplane repair and service firm. He has been an Associate - Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute and Chairman for 1968 Air Industries Association of Canada.

Gerry joined the Oshawa Rotary Club while residing there and on moving to St. Catharines he joined the St. Catharines Club. Since then he has had 18 years of perfect attendance. He became President for 1959-60. His classification on joining was Aeroplane — Overhaul and Repair.

His home is in Old Niagara where he has been very active in community affairs, becoming Lord Mayor in 1961-64. He helped found the Niagara Foundation and has been active in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In 1965 he was named Citizen of the Year.

The District Conference was held in Niagara Falls, Ont., March 21 - 23, 1969, with an attendance of 1,337. Leslie V. Phillips, of Wellington, N.Z., a Past Vice-President of R.I. was the President's Special Representative. Another feature speaker was Stanley Burke, a regular news broadcaster on the C.B.C. Dr. Jim Alley, in charge of the Montero, Bolivia, project was present and gave a description of his work there.

A Leadership forum was conducted on October, 1968, at Niagara Falls, Ont., and a District Assembly at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on June 18, 1969.

The International Convention was convened at Honolulu, Hawaii, in May, 1969. At this Convention, James F. Conway of Rockville Centre, N.Y., was elected President for the year 1969-70.

At the District Conference in 1968, a District Governor's International Aid Fund was inaugurated. This fund was to take care of emergency calls for special help from other lands. A committee was set up to assist the District Governor to manage the fund. Each club was asked to have two special projects during each year in aid of the fund. District Governor Gerry suggested that one of these be an austerity luncheon in place of the usual meal at the time of his official visit. The saving in



1967 - 68

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

GORDON C. ROBINSON

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gordon Robinson, District Governor for 1967 - 68, is a Canadian by birth, having been born in Stamford (Niagara Falls), Ontario. He graduated from the University of North Carolina with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce. He became Vice-President of Case-Elderfield Inc., of Niagara Falls, N.Y. At the time he was District Governor, he held the classification Senior Active but his former classification was Industrial Supplies. He first joined the Rotary Club of Lockport, N.Y., and became its President for the year 1949 - 50. He later joined the Club at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and became its President for 1963 - 64. His community interests include the Chamber of Commerce, the Y.M.C.A., and Wyndham Lawn Home for Children, Lockport.

The District Conference was held at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on March 22 - 24, with 1,027 present. The President's Representative was Thomas A. Card of Cleveland.

A leadership forum was held in St. Catharines and a district assembly at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The International Convention was held in Mexico City with 11,840 in attendance. Tiyushi Togasaki of Tokyo, Japan, was elected President.

At the District Conference it was decided to phase out the Student Fund. The programme had grown of less importance during the previous years. This left a balance in the fund. So \$1,000 went to the District 709 Youth Exchange Programme, \$500 to District 709 Group Study Exchange Programme and the balance to the Rotary Foundation. The amount so transferred was to be credited to individual clubs on a per capita basis.

Again there was a surplus above the \$5,000 limit in the District Fund. Therefore \$500 was sent to the Montero, Bolivia, Hospital. This brought the total to date for this project to about \$20,000.

An International Aid Committee was to be set up with a proper governing body with the aim of taking care of urgent calls for help from around the world.

The St. Catharines South Club was chartered on April 15, 1968, with the charter presentation on April 23. The Special Representative was Paul D. Williams. The first President was Wilfred Smith (Engineering Consultant) and Secretary Reginald Myers (Insurance, General).

During the year, Paul D. Williams, P.D.G., served as Leadership Forum Moderator and as a leader of an International Assembly discussion group.

The District Conference was held in Buffalo on February 21 - 23, 1954 with A. Z. Baker, who was later to become President of R.I., as the President's representative. Attendance at the Conference was 1,300.

No new clubs were formed during the year.

The International Convention was held in Seattle, Wash., with an attendance of 8,015, at which time Herbert J. Taylor, of Chicago, was elected President.

Hugh J. Heasley, P.D.G., served during the year as a member of the Consultative Group for International Service.



1954 - 55

DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor

PAUL A. FISHER

Paul Fisher is the only farmer to hold the office of District Governor in this district. His classification, Fruit Farmer, indicates the branch which he pursues. He has been a life-long resident of Burlington, his family coming from Pennsylvania about 1830. His Rotary service has been in the Rotary Club of Burlington of which he was Charter President in 1951.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton at the Sheraton Connaught Hotel. The attendance has not been recorded nor other details concerning it.

The International Convention took place at Chicago with an attendance of 14,312. A. Z. Baker, of Cleveland was elected International President.

Early in Paul's year, the Rotary Club of East Aurora, N.Y., received its charter. The charter was dated July 16, 1954. The Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buffalo, with Frederick Phillips as the Special Representative.

This was followed by two other new clubs. On March 23, 1955, Port Colborne Club received its charter. It, too, was sponsored by Buffalo with Frederick Phillips as Special Representative. On June 9, 1955, Waterdown, with Dundas Club as its sponsor, received its charter. John B. Flatt Jr., was the Special Representative.



1955 - 56

DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor

EUGENE F. LERCH

Rotary Club of Buffalo

Eugene (Gene) Lerch held the classification Senior Active when he took the office of District Governor. Before that time he was a manufacturer's agent dealing in steel products.

The District Conference was held in Buffalo on February 19 - 21, 1956 with an attendance of 1,581. The President's Representative in attendance was Richard C. Hedke, a former President of R.I.

A District Assembly was held in Niagara Falls on May 7.

Rotary International held its annual Convention at Philadelphia at which time Gian Paolo Lang, of Livarno, Italy, was elected President. The registration was 10,003.

The highlight of the year was the establishment of the District Overseas Student Programme. To begin the programme, each club was asked to pay \$1.00 per member per year. A Student Fund Board of Trustees consisting of five elected members was named to manage the programme. The first student, John Quenton, came from Florence, Italy, in deference to the new President, Paul Lang of Italy.

Prior to this time, the Rotary Club of Buffalo had on its own sponsored a student. The student for the year, Saiyed Rizvi, of Pakistan, who was studying at the University of Buffalo, was present at the District Conference and addressed the gathering.



1956 - 57
DISTRICT NO. 248

District Governor

DR. HAROLD J. VALENTINE

Rotary Club of Brantford, Ontario

Harold Valentine was an educationalist throughout his whole working life. He was a teacher, principal and school inspector before coming to Brantford in 1935 as Superintendent of the Ontario School for the Blind. He retired in December 1955. Prior to retirement he was awarded an Honourary L.L.D. by Queen's University, Kingston. He died November 3, 1964.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton on March 17 - 19, 1957, and was sponsored jointly by the Brantford and Dundas Clubs. The President's representative was Douglas A. Stevenson, of Sherbrooke, P.Q., a past director and past chairman of several committees of R.I. As the opening day of the Conference was Sunday, a very impressive vesper service was held with Rotarian the Rev. Dr. G. D. Johnston, M.B.E., of Brantford in charge.

During the Conference, the presentation of the officers of the newly-formed club at Franklinville was made by Fred Phillips of Buffalo who was the Special Representative in the formation of the club.

The attendance at the Conference was 1,199.

The International Convention was held in Lucerne, Switzerland, with 9,702 in attendance. Charles G. Tennant of Ashville, N.C., was elected President of R.I.

During the year, Eugene F. Lerch, P.D.G., served as Rotary Information Councillor and as a leader in an International Assembly Group Discussion.

in attendance. There, Richard L. Evans of Salt Lake City was elected President.

During the year the ground work was laid for a new club at South St. Catharines. Paul was later named as the special representative in the formation of the club.

Paul's special interest was in developing an awareness of the whole area of World Community Service including student exchange.

International President Sput Teenstra, speaking at Lake Placid, had high praise for the Wells for India project when he said "that of all the matched district projects in the Rotary world, this most clearly and effectively stood out as the premier example of joint action in World Community Service".



1966 - 67

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

HERBERT C. HARDWICK

Rotary Club of Oakville, Ontario

Bert Hardwick was born in Jamaica, the son of a missionary. As a young man he came to Ontario and entered the teaching profession. The largest part of his service was at Appleby College, Oakville.

In 1947, he joined the Oakville Rotary Club under the classification, Education, Private Schools. He was President of his club for 1954 - 55 and was elected District Governor at Buffalo in April 1966.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton on March 31 - April 2, 1967 with an attendance of 843. The President's Representative at the Conference was Cass Piotrowski of Hamtramck, Mich. A second outstanding speaker was A. Gordon Nairn of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. of America.

The District Assembly was held at Niagara Falls, Ont.

The International Convention was held in Nice, France, with an attendance of 19,362, at which Luther H. Hodges, of Chapel Hill, N.C., was elected President.

The highlight of the year was the assistance given to what came to be known as the Bolivian Project. Funds were raised to assist in the building of a hospital at Montero, Bolivia. The hospital was under the charge of Dr. James Alley of Rochester.

The disposal of surplus District funds was accomplished. It was decided to leave \$2,500 in the fund on each side of the border. The surplus of \$600 was donated toward polio vaccine for India and Bolivia.



1964 - 65

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

J. MICHAEL LEDWITH
Rotary Club of Milton, Ontario

Mike Ledwith is one of Milton's leading citizens, being one of the foremost grocery merchants. His classification is Grocery, Supermarkets. At the time of his District Governorship, he was one of three of his Club's active charter members. During the time he was President, he headed a committee that raised \$60,000 to construct a swimming pool in the Rotary Park. His other civic activities included the School Board and Hospital Board. In 1964, he was selected Milton's Citizen of the Year.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton, April 2 - 4, 1965, with a registration of 999. The President's Representative was F. Wayne Graham, of Morris, Illinois, a member of his club since 1932 and a Director of R.I.

The International Convention was held in Atlantic City, with an attendance of 9,368, when C. P. H. Teenstra of Blaricum, The Netherlands, was elected President.

Mike Ledwith's motto for the year was "Enjoy Rotary", and this he did and tried to pass this feeling on to District Members.

The Wells for India project was in the forefront again for this Rotary year.

Past District Governors, Chet Peterson, John Scheller, Ross Rodger and Elmer Sleeper all had R.I. assignments during the year.



1965 - 66

DISTRICT NO. 709

District Governor

PAUL D. WILLIAMS
Rotary Club of Buffalo

Paul Williams chose the legal profession for his life's work. For many years he had employment with the Workmen's Compensation Board as a legal advisor. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Buffalo under the classification Law Practice. Before becoming District Governor in 1965, he became Senior Active.

The District Conference was held in Buffalo on April 1 - 3, 1966, with a registration of 1,183. The President's Representative was Tj (Ted) de Cock Buning of Heemstede, The Netherlands. Ted's father had been a Rotarian who had twice served as District Governor. It was he who was mainly responsible for the introduction of the Rotary movement to The Netherlands. Ted himself became District Governor in Indonesia when he resided there.

A District Assembly was held at Jordan Harbour in June 1966 and several intra-club and regional meetings were conducted in the district.

The International Convention convened at Denver, Col., with 12,929



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CHESTER H. PETERSON
Rotary Club of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Chet Peterson's life work was in the rubber business. He became President of U.S. Rubber Reclaiming Co. of Cheektowaga and on joining the club took the classification, Rubber — Reclaiming. After he relinquished his office as District Governor, he was transferred by his company to Vicksburg, Miss., where he joined the club there.

The District Conference was held on March 16 - 18, 1958 at Buffalo with an attendance of 1,351. The President's Representative was Webb Fallin, a Director of R.I. and Principal of Webb Preparatory School in Tennessee. His topic at the main luncheon was 'Building Better Bridges for Brotherhood'.

A financial report at the District Conference showed a balance of \$2,700 in the District Overseas Student Fund. With expected revenue of \$3,200 it was decided to support two students, one at McMaster University and the other at University of Buffalo. This fund was in addition to moneys raised for the Rotary Foundation.

The International Convention convened at Dallas, Tex., at which time Clifford A. Randall was elected President. The attendance at the convention was 14,035.



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District Governor

ARTHUR C. BEACH
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Ont.

Arthur Beach (Senior Active, with former classification Builders Hardware — Manufacturing) is a native of the Capital City of Canada, Ottawa. While residing there he was in the automotive business. Before coming to St. Catharines to start Skillcraft Limited, he was a member of the Ottawa Rotary Club. He retired from his business immediately before becoming District Governor. He took an active part in civic life and for several years was a city councillor. More recently he has been employed in the fund-raising department of the newly-established Brock University at St. Catharines.

The District Conference was held at St. Catharines on May 1 - 3, 1959 with an attendance of 997. The time of the conference was set forward to coincide with blossom time. It opened on Friday and closed on Sunday. A feature of the Sunday morning programme was a religious service conducted by Rotarian the Rev. George Forsey of the St. Catharines Club.

One of the special speakers at the conference was Phillip Lovejoy, formerly Secretary of R.I. The President's special representative was Francis E. Kettanach of Bayrouth, Lebanon, a past Director of R.I. and a member of the World Relation Committee.

An interesting feature of the conference was the arrival on opening day of Gerry Wooll, Co-Chairman, who came down from the sky in a helicopter.

The East Wentworth Club, sponsored by the Hamilton Club, received its charter on June 18, 1959. The special representative in its formation was A. H. Tallman. The Club's first President was Ralph Hierlehay (Classification — Department Stores).

The groundwork for the formation of a club at Grand Island was laid down during this year.

Rotary International held its convention at New York with an attendance of 15,475. Harold Thomas of Auckland, N.Z., was elected president.

A report at the District Conference on the District Student Fund showed its expansion. At that time a student was studying in each country, one at McMaster University and one at University of Buffalo. \$3,200 was the balance in the fund to begin the new Rotary year. The clubs were asked to raise their donations to \$1.50 per member.



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District Governor

DR. JOHN D. SCHELLER

Rotary Club of Eggertsville-Snyder

John (Johnny) Scheller whose classification is Education, Superintendent of Schools, is a power in educational circles being Principal of Amherst High School. As such, he has been a leader in education in western New York State. At the time of his District Governorship he had been a Rotarian for over twenty years and filled the office of President in 1946 - 47.

The District Conference was held in Buffalo on April 29 - May 1, with 884 present.

The International Convention was held in Miami, Florida, with a registration of 11,354, when J. Edd McLaughlin of Ralls, Texas, was elected President.

One new club received its charter during the year although the ground work was laid during the preceding year. The Rotary Club of Kenmore sponsored the Club of Grand Island and the charter was presented on September 21, 1959. The chief officers were John W. Hanlon, (Toilet Preparations, Distribution) President, and Harold P. Roberts (Architecture) Secretary. E. William Treen was the Special Representative.

An event of special interest during the year was the entertaining on July 21 at Jordan Harbour of Rotary International President Harold T. Thomas and his wife, May, of Auckland, N.Z. This was attended by Rotarians and their wives and was acclaimed a decided success.

raised \$4,436 for this fund. Sixteen clubs in New York State raised \$2,420 and fifteen clubs in Ontario \$3,091 for the Rotary Foundation.

Twenty clubs had 100% meetings during the year. Albion Club, N.Y., with 95.42% attendance for the year had the highest for the District.

Unfortunately Franklinville, N.Y., Club was forced by circumstances to surrender its charter on November 12, 1962.

One new club was chartered during the year. In 1921, the Kitchener-Waterloo Club was formed. With the growth of the two cities it was decided to have a club in each city. So on June 28, 1963, the Waterloo Club received its charter. The Special Representative was Hugh Healey, P.D.G., with Jack Vingoe (Metal Working Industry) as first President.

Hamilton, the pioneer club in the District on the Ontario side of the border, celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 10, with R.I. President-Elect for 1964-65, Charles W. Pettengill, as guest speaker.

The International Convention was held in St. Louis, with an attendance of 10,779 and Carl P. Miller was elected President.



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District Governor

FREDERICK C. ROOT

Rotary Club of The Tonawandas, N.Y.

Fred Root joined the Rotary Club of The Tonawandas in 1939, and at the time he became District Governor he had attained twenty-two years of perfect attendance. He graduated from Cornell University with a Degree in law in 1924. He practised law in Tonawanda serving as City Attorney for two years and City Judge for twenty consecutive years. His civic activities included the North Tonawanda American Field Service Adult Council, the United Community Fund, the Iron Cities Bowling Association and the Masonic Order. He served overseas during World War II. In the forty-six year history of the Tonawanda Club, Fred became its first District Governor.

The District Conference was held in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on April 10 - 12, 1964, with an attendance of 1,119. A District Assembly was conducted on May 2 at Burlington.

The International Assembly convened at St. Louis, Mo., with an attendance of 10,779, at which Carl P. Miller, of Los Angeles, was elected President.

The Rotary Club of Galt was chartered on March 23, 1964, being sponsored jointly by Kitchener and Preston-Hespeler Clubs. C. A. J. Wilson was the Special Representative for the organization.

Perhaps the most interesting project for the year was the Wells for India plan. Our matching District No. 267 in Australia co-operated in this. Both were assisted by the government of Rijasthan, India. More than \$11,000 was sent by our district. The money helped supply well-drilling equipment and expert personnel to train native people. At least 100 wells in parched areas were completed or were well under way. A group of Rotarians went to Jaipur to dedicate two of the wells.

Dentistry until just before becoming District Governor when he became senior active. He has been known in his community as "Mr. Rotary". Doc graduated in 1919 in dentistry from the University of Buffalo and practised in Kenmore throughout his working life. He was very active in civic life, serving for twenty years on the School Board and he did fine service on the Board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. In 1959 he received an award for "Distinguished and Outstanding Contribution to the Public Welfare".

The District Conference was held in Buffalo on May 4 - 6, 1962, with 1,001 in attendance. The President's Representative was Charles W. Pettengill, Past President of Rotary International and at that time a Director.

It was announced at the Conference that District 709 was fourth largest in the world with 3,775 members in 55 clubs straddling the U.S.A. - Canada border.

The International Convention was held in Los Angeles on June 3 - 7 with a registration of 22,302. Nitish C. Laharry of Calcutta, India, was elected President.

During the year, Gene Lerch and Ross Rodger, Past District Governors, were appointed to International committees.

During the year, special attention was given to building up weak clubs. To help in this regard a Leadership Conference was held. Doc's theme for the year was "Rotary is yours — enjoy it", and he lived up to his motto in every respect.



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District Governor

HAROLD M. JACKSON

Rotary Club of Simcoe, Ont.

Hal Jackson has made a name for himself in the food business. A native of Simcoe, he joined the Rotary Club of that town in 1925 with the classification, Ice-Cream Manufacturing. He is President of Williams Preserves Ltd., a jam manufacturing firm in Simcoe. He attended Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, and is veteran of World War I. He has served as President of the Ontario Creamery Association and the Ontario Hospital Association, and has been Chairman of the Simcoe Board of Education.

The District Conference was held on May 3 - 5, 1963 at Niagara Falls, Ont., with an attendance of 1,072. Joseph A. Calder, of Toronto, a former Director of R.I. and Committee Chairman, was the President's Representative. The topic of his address was "Why are we here?"

A Protestant service was held in the salon of the hotel on the final day of the Conference. The attendance award went to Orchard Park Club which mustered 75% of its membership.

The clubs of the District were asked to raise \$1.50 per member for the District Overseas Student Fund. It was reported that the District had four students, two at the State Teachers' College, Buffalo, and one each at McMaster and Waterloo Universities. Forty-four clubs had



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District Governor

W. ROSS RODGER

Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario

Ross Rodger made the profession of banking his life's work. His final position before retirement was manager of the main Hamilton branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada. His classification was Banking — Commercial.

Before coming to Hamilton, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Essex, and had served a term as President. He was always active in community endeavours. Among the organizations with which he was connected were the St. John's Ambulance Association and the Hamilton Down Town Association.

The District Conference was held in Hamilton on April 16 - 18, 1961, with an attendance of 1,393. The President's Representative was Ray R. Jessup of Sudbury. His main address to the Conference was "You are Rotary. Express it. Expand it." The Conference began on Sunday with a light buffet supper followed by a vesper service with Rotarian the Rev. Lorne Mackay, President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton in charge.

A District Institute was held at Waterdown in September, 1960 and a District Assembly was convened on May 17 at Niagara Falls, Ont.

One new Club received its charter during the year. The Rotary Club of Clarence, N.Y., was chartered on November 9, 1960, and was sponsored by the Buffalo Club with Fred Phillips acting as special representative. The Charter President was Curtis H. McKeown (Banking — Commercial), and Secretary Theodore Paul (Stationery — Retailing).

The International Convention was held at Tokyo, Japan, with an attendance of 23,366 at which time Joseph A. Abey of Reading, Pa., was elected President.

District Governor Rodgers lists the following as accomplishments for the year:

Waterdown Club sponsored by "On to Tokyo" theme with the result that 104 went in a group.

Oakville Club built a low-rental housing development for the aged.

Brantford Club opened a clinic for crippled children.

Port Colborne Club sponsored a building for the use of senior citizens and agreed to maintain it.



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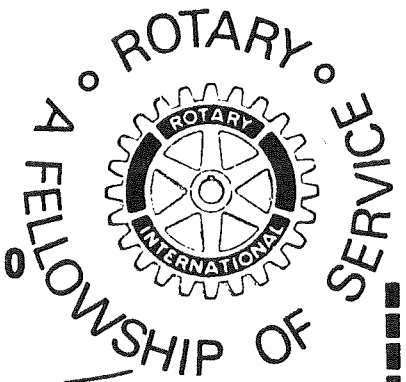
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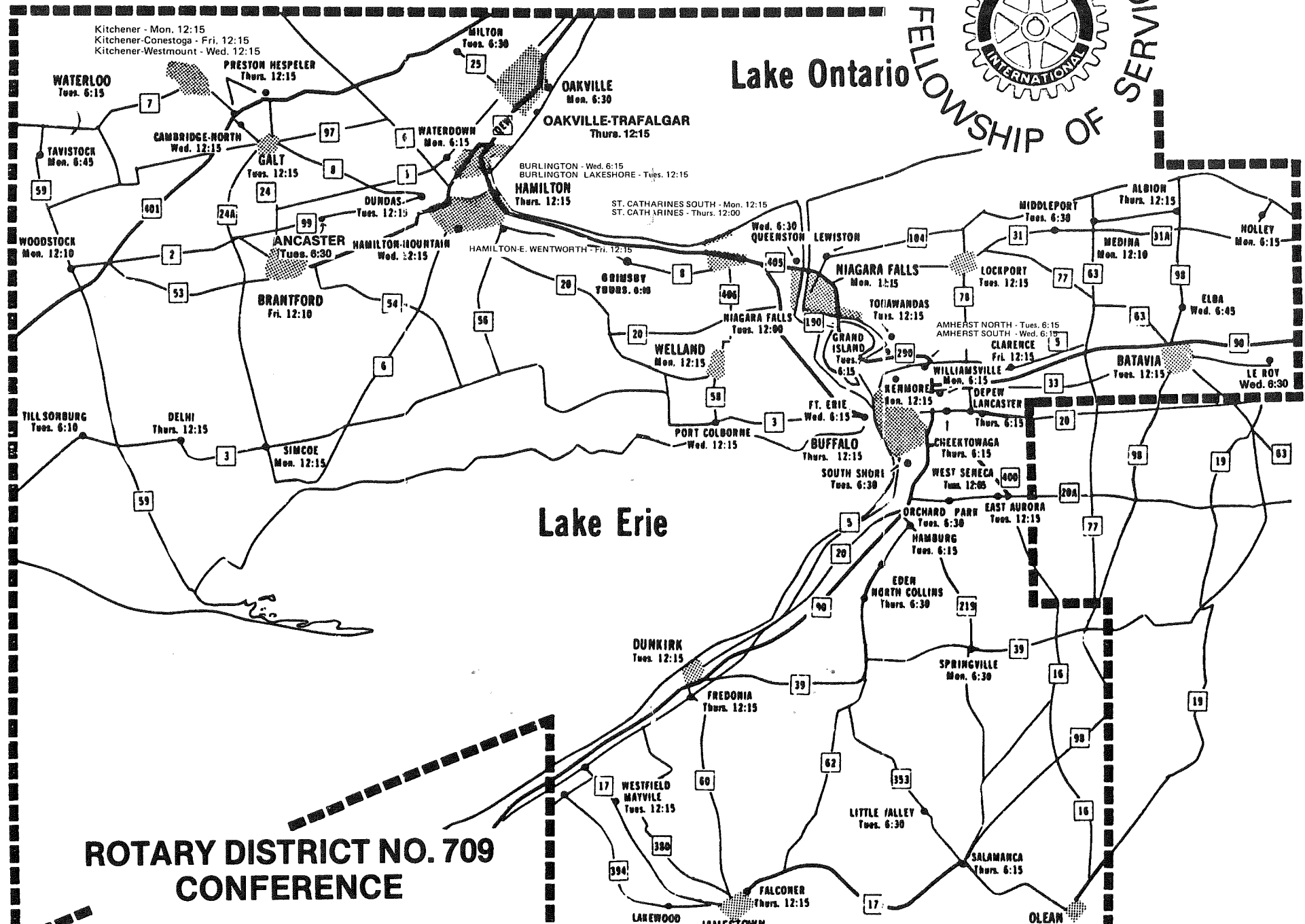
DR. ELMER L. SLEEPER

Rotary Club of Kenmore

Elmer (Doc) Sleeper was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kenmore when it was founded in 1924. He had the classification of



Lake Ontario



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