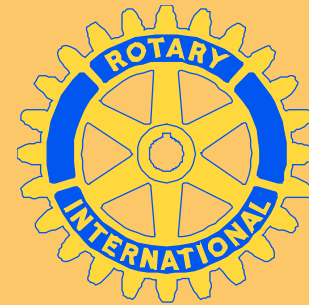


“Service  
Above  
Self”

The History  
of  
Rotary District 7330  
of  
Rotary International  
1916-2010



*A Collection of Historical Happenings  
by  
Past Governor William L. Kern*

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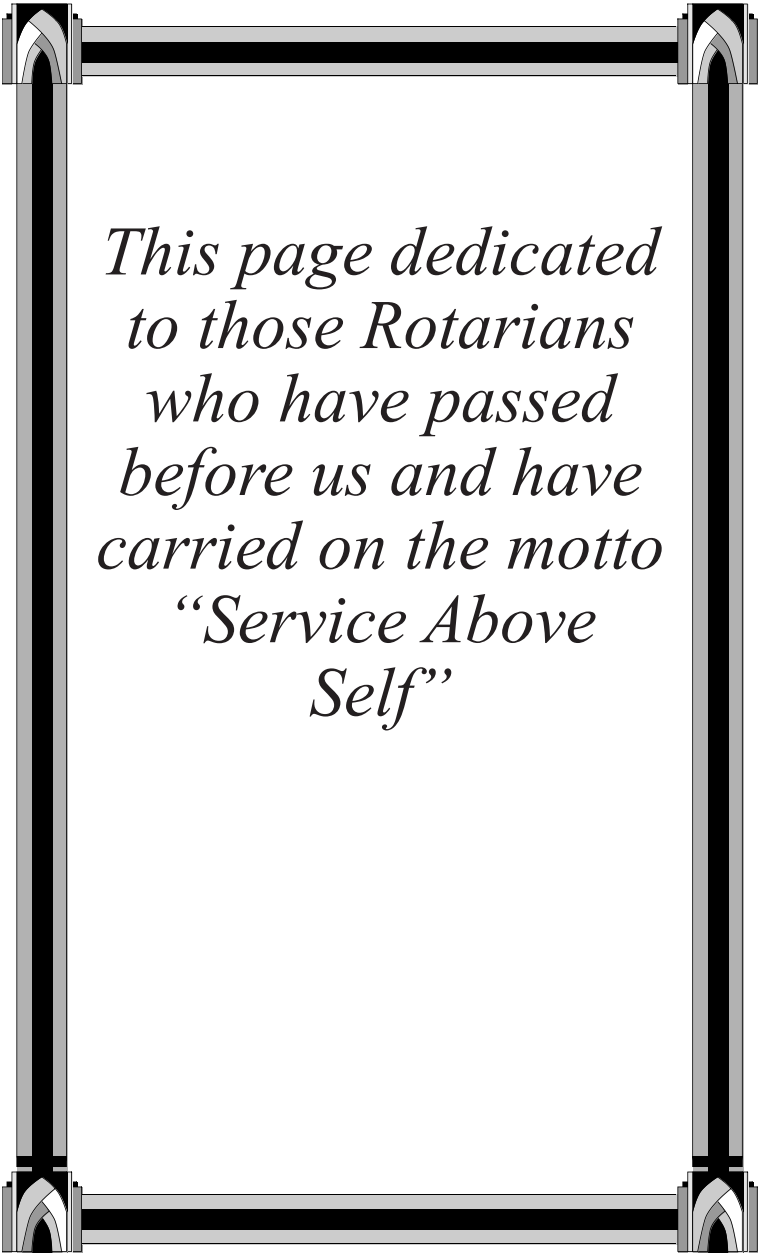
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The thought of putting together a history of District 7330, and all the previous numerical identities, came about after attending the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of our District clubs, appreciating the effort made to document its history.

Through 90 years of Rotary, there have been many changes from the time when the first club in our current District alignment was chartered in 1916. Therefore, an anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate past accomplishments and motivates one to continue service to mankind.

For those clubs that have taken that extra step to record and report the past, we appreciate their effort. It is reflected in much of the writings in this booklet. For those clubs not reporting recollections of the past, we will try to include them if mentioned in other club's activities.

Photographs play an important role in helping to remember the past, particularly for clubs chartered in the early years of Rotary. Several clubs have maintained photos of each past club president and other distinguished individuals. In some instances, photos of youth exchange students have been included in the club history.

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To: CLUB SECRETARIES

Dear Secretaries:

Sadly I report to you I have received the following telegram.

“From: Chicago  
To: H. V. Churchill

PAUL HARRIS DIED TODAY. MRS. HARRIS REQUESTS FLOWERS BE OMITTED. IT WAS PAUL'S SPECIFIC REQUEST THAT INSTEAD OF FLOWERS MONEY MIGHT BE CONTRIBUTED TO ROTARY FOUNDATION FOR PAUL HARRIS MEMORAL. FUNERAL THURSDAY.

Philip Lovejoy”

Sincerely,

(Signed by Vance)

H. V. Churchill, Governor  
176 District R. I.

HVC' /jw



***Paul Harris***  
***1868-1947***

The date was January 27, 1947 when a telegram of Paul Harris's death was sent to District Governor H. V. Churchill. Printed to the right is a replicate of the announcement sent to the club secretaries in the district.

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**It Was 1905**

*A memorable year for Rotary*

Rotary began when four gentlemen met to start the first Rotary Club. They gathered in a small office on Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois.

Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Paul Harris, a lawyer, Hiram Shorey, a tailor and Gus Loehr, a mining engineer, met for the first time on February 23, 1905. It was at this meeting that Paul Harris conveyed his idea of a new kind of club.

Rotary was born that day, and the four business men could not envision that someday their idea would become a world wide organization.

The club met weekly and membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession. As they continued to convene, members began rotating their meetings among their places of business, hence the name Rotary.

After enlisting a fifth member, printer Harry Ruggles, the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago.

By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30 with Schiele as president and Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become its president until two years later.

### **Fallen by the Wayside**

Over the years, a number of clubs for various reasons, no longer exist today. Some of the clubs mentioned in the documented history of other clubs was Cressen, the former Richland Township Club, Hastings, Meyersdale, New Salem, Jefferson, Fredericktown, Carmichaels, Hempfield Township and Penn-Trafford.

California	1945, March 31	28	176	Brownsville
Murrysville-Export	1945, August 27	29	176	Turtle Creek
Ebensburg	1946, November 8	30	176	Johnstown
Portage	1947, May 29	31	176	Johnstown
Windber	1949, July 22	32	260	Johnstown
Mountain View	1957, March 11	33	733	Greensburg
Norwin	1963, May 24	34	733	Jeannette
McMurray	1965, June 15	35	733	Washington
Conemaugh Twp.	1973, April 25	36	733	Johnstown
Uniontown-Chestnut Ridge	1986, August 22	37	733	Uniontown
New Stanton-Youngwood	1989, March 4	38	733	Mount Pleasant
Indiana Midday	1990, February 23	39	733	Indiana
Northern Cambria	1991, November 18	40	733	Ebensburg
Delmont -Salem	1999, January 20	41	7330	Murrysville-Export
Donegal-Laurel Highlands	2001, February 21	42	7330	Mount Pleasant
Westmoreland	2002, April 5	43	7330	Greensburg
Richland Township	2009, September 15	44	7330	Johnstown

Johnstown also sponsored:  
Cressen, 1925; Hastings, 1949; and Richland Township, 1949.

Connellsville sponsored Meyersdale February 29, 1924

## *Rotary Clubs and Charter Information*

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Chartered</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Greensburg	1916, September 1	1	3	Pittsburgh
Johnstown	1917, June 12	2	3	Pittsburgh
Washington	1918, June 1	3	6	Pittsburgh
Uniontown	1919, October 1	4	6	Greensburg
Brownsville	1921, March 1	5	6	Uniontown
Latrobe	1921, May 1	6	33	Greensburg
Monongahela	1921, May 1	7	33	Washington
Indiana	1921, September 1	8	33	Johnstown
Scottdale	1921, November 7	9	33	Greensburg
Charleroi	1922, April 1	10	33	Brownsville
Monessen (Rostraver)	1922, November 25	11	33	Scottdale
Donora	1922, May 1	12	33	Uniontown
Connellsville	1923, March 13	13	33	Scottdale
Blairsville	1923, May 21	14	33	Pittsburgh
Mount Pleasant	1924, March 21	15	33	Scottdale
Masontown	1924, May 2	16	33	Brownsville
Somerset	1925, January 2	17	33	Johnstown
West Newton	1925, March 28	18	33	Monessen
Belle Vernon	1933, February 6	19	33	McKeesport
Canonsburg-Huston	1935, March 31	20	33	Washington
Point Marion	1937, April 2	21	176	Masontown
Waynesburg	1937, June 3	22	176	Carmichaels
Republic	1937, September 7	23	176	Masontown
Jeannette	1938, February 18	24	176	Swissvale
Ligonier	1939, June 20	25	176	Latrobe
Rockwood	1942, December 16	26	176	Meyersdale

### *Rotary Clubs and Charter Information (Cont.)*

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Chartered</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Smithfield	1943, August 2	27	176	New Salem

An earlier club was chartered in the Youngwood area, known as Youngwood-New Stanton, but was later disbanded. The Youngwood-New Stanton Club was organized with hopes of substantial growth in the area related to the planned construction of the Chrysler assembly plant near New Stanton. The New Stanton-Youngwood Club, chartered in 1989, has been more successful.

Meyersdale was one of the more recent clubs to disband due to lack of growth potential. At the time the club's charter was removed most members were thought to be over the age of 80.

Penn-Trafford failed to grow in an area that was experiencing significant residential growth, but could not secure a favorable meeting site and meeting time, and perhaps other factors. Various attempts were made to reorganize, but were unsuccessful.

It is interesting to note that the Rotary Club of Carmichaels was responsible for chartering the Rotary Club of Waynesburg in 1937.

## Outstanding Leaders

Every organization, and its success, depends on those individuals that step to the forefront to distinguish themselves above others. They have the ability to view what is needed to reach a higher level of success, and most of all were dedicated to “Service Above Self.”

From the beginning, when the first Rotary clubs were formed, the geographical area of the District was much larger. During the early years, several past governors assumed roles of leadership at the international level, including president.

John Poole, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., served as president of Rotary International from 1918-19, the same year the Rotary Club of Washington, Pa. was chartered. Poole was a district governor prior to 1915.

George W. Harris, also of Washington, D.C., was District 3 governor in 1915 and later became director in 1943-44.

Closer to home, H. V. Churchill of New Kensington, PA., was District 176 governor in 1946. He later served on the Rotary International Board as Vice President in 1950-51. (Past District Governor Ted N. Shaffer, a member of the Murrysville-Export Club, remembers delivering newspapers to the home of H. V. Churchill when he was a youngster living in New Kensington.)

Karl M. Knapp, a member of the Pittsburgh Club served as District 260 governor in 1949, and as RI Director from 1958 to 1960.

Our most distinguished leader was the 1963 District 733 Governor, Charles C. Keller, a member of the Rotary Club of California.



1989-1992	William L. Kern	le Mountain View
1992-1995	Douglas Corteel	Co nnellsville
1995-2004	Randy Mundel	Un iontown
2004-2007	Warren E. Lemley Jr.	Wa shington
2007-	William B. Blaney, Uniontown	

The Secretary-Treasurer office was established sometime in the sixties. Records were not available to identify others holding the office, however, it was believed that PDG James W. Knecht of the Meyersdale Club may have held the office at one time.



CHARLES C. KELLER

He later served as Rotary International Director from 1974 to 1976 and as President of Rotary International in 1987-88. Later, Keller served as Rotary Foundation Trustee and eventually Chairman.

As of this writing, Keller continues to serve on various Rotary International committees, including the effort to eradicate Polio.

### *Clubs and Their Activities*

The first club in our current district was the Rotary Club of Greensburg.

The seed was planted in 1916 when Frank B. Miller, an official

of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company of Greensburg,, traveled to Toledo, Ohio on a business trip. While there, he was invited to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Toledo. He was invited by Frank L. Mulholland, a member of the Toledo Club. Mulholland previously served as the fifth president of Rotary International in 1914-15.

Frank Miller returned to Greensburg with the idea of organizing a Rotary Club. His recruitment efforts resulted in 22 interested men attending initial meetings and soon an application for a charter was submitted.

October 4, 1916, the Rotary Club of Greensburg became club #250. On that date District Governor Stewart C. McFarland, a member of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, was present to award the charter to newly elected Club President Frank B. Miller.

In making the charter presentation, Governor McFarland used the following fourfold theme:

What is Rotary?

What is a Rotary Club?

What is the Goal of Rotary?

What is the Destiny of Rotary?

Over the years the Greensburg Club has maintained a membership of more than 100. At one time, the club had nearly 150 members.

On March 29, 1917, the club adopted the following resolution endorsing the measures taken by the Federal Government to protect our citizens and defend our rights on both land and sea, and during World War 1, three members of the club saw active service

The club has been active in many ways including a contribution of \$22,500 to support the Polio/Plus

### **DISTRICT 7330**

1991 Richard A. Kovach, Latrobe  
1992 William L. Kern, Mountain View  
1993 Theodore N. Shaffer, Murrysville-Export  
1994 Robert A. Hillberry, Washington  
1995 Ronald A. Kikta, Ebensburg  
1996 Theodore C. Shaffer, Point Marion  
1997 Edward L. Olsavicky, Jr., Uniontown  
1998 Stephanie Urchick, Califorina  
1999 Harry J. Kaufman, Chestnut Ridge  
2000 Thomas Drewitz, Washington  
2001 George N. Wood, Mount Pleasant  
2002 Donna Vesely, Charleroi  
2003 George J. Omiros, Chestnut Ridge  
2004 Thomas Uram, Washington  
2005 Colleen Wood, New Stanton Youngwood  
2006 Leonard Brown, Washington  
2007 Gwen Ridgely, Donora  
2008 Mary Berge, Johnstwon  
2009 Frank Aiello, Norwin

In line to be governors, are Walter Olshanski, Jeanne A. Morrison, and Maria Fetock

### ***Secretary-Treasurer Register***

1965-1975 Robert F. Nicely  
Greensburg  
1975-1976 Thomas H. Hudson, Jr.,  
Uniontown  
1976-1977 Eugene L. Ghost  
Connellsville  
1977-1980 Thomas Milinovich  
Waynesburg  
1980-1983 John Cupp  
Connellsville  
1983-1986 William F. Johnson  
Brownsville  
1986-1989 John A. Fiesta

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onnellsvil

- 1953 Harold V. George, Johnstown
- 1954 Clarence E. Hess, Republic
- 1955 David G. Slear, Washington
- 1956 Thomas Malpass Jr., Belle Vernon

**DISTRICT 733**

- 1957 Harry S. Irvin, Uniontown
- 1958 H. Andrew Horchner, Meyersdale
- 1959 David J. Honsaker, Masontown
- 1960 John D. Low, Washington
- 1961 John H. Dunn, Uniontown
- 1962 Peter T. Dumbauld, Somerset
- 1963 Charles C. Keller, California
- 1964 George W. Gage, Johnstown
- 1965 James B. Vance, Smithfield
- 1966 Merle A. Beam, Windber
- 1967 James W. Knecht, Meyersdale
- 1968 Eustace H. Bane, Uniontown
- 1969 Robert F. Nicely, Greensburg
- 1970 Arthur M. Dawson, Johnstown
- 1971 Thomas F. Lansberry, Somerset
- 1972 John G. Alex, Uniontown
- 1973 Roy R. Gillespie, Washington
- 1974 James A. Fleming, Ligonier
- 1975 Eugene L. Ghost, Connellsville
- 1976 Azel Meadows, Greensburg
- 1977 James L. Dudley, Norwin
- 1978 Samuel R. Morosco, Washington

**DISTRICT 733 Cont.)**

- 1979 James D. Walko, Murrysville-Export
- 1980 Robert L. Woodard, Indiana
- 1981 Albert Ferrari, Monongahela
- 1982 Bernard T. Kelley, Brownsville
- 1983 Thomas G. Milinovich, Waynesburg
- 1984 Joseph C. Duval, Ligonier
- 1985 Andrew G. Uram, Washington
- 1986 Lawrence L. Dalla Betta, Jeannette
- 1987 Harry L. Callahan, Point Marion
- 1988 Stephen A. Peters, Uniontown
- 1989 Robert L. Blum, Mount Pleasant
- 1990 John A. Fiesta, Connellsville

In 1991, District 733 became 7330, simply by adding a "0" after the 733.

campaign, financial support of eye camps in India and collected medical equipment for Argentina.

More recently the club aided the Rotary Club of Kansas with a tornado disaster relief donation of more than \$10,000. On several occasions the club has sent a team of volunteer workers to Kansas to assist with activities related to the recovery.

Several accomplishments the club is proud of is the placement of a Rotary Town Clock at the Westmoreland County Court House, a sizeable contribution to help erect the amphitheater in St. Clair Park, and an installment of a LED message board on East Pittsburgh that is used to promote community events.

In conjunction with the distribution of dictionaries to third grade students in the Greensburg area the club sponsors an annual Spelling Bee competition for the students. Activities includes ringing bells for The Salvation Army, hosting of local high school students at weekly meetings, coordinating the Multiphasic Blood Screening, and managing a food booth during the Twin Lakes festival in July.

Soon after Rotary was introduced to the Greensburg area, several more Rotary Clubs were chartered by 1920.

The Rotary Club of Johnstown was chartered in June 1917, followed by the Rotary Club of Washington, in June 1918. The Rotary Club of Uniontown was chartered in October 1919.

Organization of the Johnstown Club took place at the Fort Stanwix Hotel. Johnstown was Club # 314, with a membership of 34 men. That same year the club quickly grew to 72 members. Governor McFarland participated at

the first organizational meeting.

Over the years the Johnstown Club was active in sponsoring other clubs. In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, one must visualize what it was like to communicate with, or travel to nearby communities.

Since its inception, the Johnstown Club has aided the community in many ways. It has always responded to the motto, "Service Above Self." In 1920 the club joined with the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs to organize the Boy Scout Council in Johnstown. In 1921 the club extended aid to the Children's Christian Home, and for many years after entertained the children at Christmas and provided needed clothing.

More recently the Johnstown Club is involved in numerous activities. One such event is sponsoring a Sports Celebrities Dinner that has raised more than \$100,000 for the Laurel Highlands Cancer Program. Another project was providing international flags for display at the Incline Park.

Rotary in Johnstown can also be proud of its support to academic excellence by high school seniors by sponsoring the Annual Salute to Area Scholars dinner. Over the years the club has given more than \$75,000 in scholarships to high school seniors .

The Rotary Club of Washington was the third club chartered in our district as we know it today. The charter was issued June 1, 1918. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh. The Washington Club later sponsored the Monongahela, Canonsburg-Houston, and McMurray Clubs. Over the years the Washington Club has produced 10 district governors.

The Uniontown Club became the first club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greensburg. The charter date was October 1, 1919. The club had 28 members, including Dr. Fred C. Robinson, who was still a member when the club celebrated its 50 year anniversary. By the time the Uniontown Club celebrated 50 years, it had grown to 95 members. Charles

- 1920 Richard Aspinall, Buckhannon, W. Va.
- 1921 Roy Neville, Sharon

### **DISTRICT 33**

- 1922 Anthony W. Smith Jr., Pittsburgh
- 1923 Fred Stover, Butler
- 1924 Emmett C. Bailey, Oil City
- 1925 Wm. Charles Wallace, New Castle
- 1926 George T. Buchanan, Indiana
- 1927 Charles F. Uhl, Somerset
- 1928 Harry Whyel, Uniontown
- 1929 David E. Thompson, Blairsville
- 1930 Bert H. Smyers, Pittsburgh
- 1931 Harry White, Indiana
- 1932 Clifford Shafer, McKeesport
- 1933 Levi H. Beeler, Grove City
- 1934 Albert T. Smith, Johnstown
- 1935 W. Franklin Harkey, Washington, Pa.
- 1936 John M. Pfeil, Swissvale

### **DISTRICT 176**

- 1937 F. DeWitt Zuerner, Braddock
- 1938 Willard A Griffin, Brownsville
- 1939 Andrew T. Benson, Pittsburgh
- 1940 Clarence B. Nixon, Carnegie
- 1941 Bertram H. Kenyon, Turtle Creek
- 1942 Ralph W. Peacock, Canonsburg-Houston
- 1943 R. Donald Yauch, Uniontown
- 1944 Neal G. Mowry, Rochester
- 1945 Robert H. Wilson, Pittsburgh

### **DISTRICT 176 Cont.)**

- 1946 H. V. Churchill, New Kensington
- 1947 Arthur C. Manning, Wilkinsburg
- 1948 Raymond T. Barner, Brownsville

### **DISTRICT 260**

- 1949 Karl M. Knapp, Pittsburgh

### **DISTRICT 261**

- 1950 Samuel F. Powell, Johnstown
- 1951 L. Robert Adams, Penn-Trafford
- 1952 Paul N. Walker, California

provided information about their special activities and club history. Due to space limitations, only a sample of activities has been included in these writings. Nonetheless, Rotarians in District 7330 have set the pace for all Rotary Clubs to follow in the future.

For those reading this booklet, please encourage the leadership of your club to continue recording special events and projects to be included in future writings, and particularly for special occasions when we celebrate 100 years of Rotary in the District..

### *Register of Past Governors*

#### **DISTRICT 3**

1915 George W. Harris, Washington, D.C.  
1916 Steward C. Macfarland, Pittsburgh  
1917 Harold N. Rust, Wilkes Barre

#### **DISTRICT 6**

1918 Fred O. Blue, Charleston, W. Va.  
1919 Edwin C. May, Pittsburgh

W. Pattengill, who served as Rotary International President in 1964-65, was the keynote speaker at the anniversary celebration.

Uniontown's 75th anniversary celebration was held April 1, 1995. Ed Olsavicky was club president, Randy Mundel was master of ceremonies and John T. Capps III, a Past Governor from Morehead City, North Carolina was the featured speaker.

Capps became a popular and interesting figure in District 7330. First, as a president's representative when Richard Kovach was governor, and as the three-time keynote speaker at the annual Foundation Dinner.

In 1921, a group of local business and professional leaders from Brownsville approached the Rotary Club of Uniontown to assist with forming a new club in Brownsville.

On March 21, 1921, under the Uniontown Club's sponsorship, the Brownsville Rotary Club was chartered as Club # 825. D. K. Orr, Superintendent of the Monongahela Railway, was elected president to complete the Rotary year and was reelected to serve a full term the following year. Of the 24 original members, 10 of them served as club president in the ensuing years. The Brownsville Club sponsored three other Rotary Clubs, Charleroi, Masontown, and California.

The club has been active in many ways, including the Multiphasic Blood screening program, placing American flags throughout the community on major holidays, sending students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards events and the World Affairs Institute. With assistance from the local Interact Club, the club has been one of the leaders in the District for the Youth Exchange Program.

In 1996, when the club celebrated its 75 Anniversary, Rotary International Director, Dr. Walter Gary Romp of Sandusky, Ohio, was the guests speaker.

The Rotary Club of Latrobe, receiving its charter May 1,

1921. The first official meeting, after receiving the charter, was held May 15 at the Miller Hotel. The charter membership totaled 24 of Latrobe's outstanding citizens. At the first meeting, sixteen members were present, and four visitors from the Greensburg Club, the sponsoring club. The Greensburg Club members gave short talks outlining examples of procedures followed by the Greensburg Club.

Even though May 1, 1921 was the charter date for the Latrobe Club, it was not until July 11, 1921, that charter Number 965 was formally presented at a meeting held at the Loughner Farm near Ligonier. Attending the event was twenty-three members together with 30 members and guest from Greensburg, sixteen from Scottdale, three from Pittsburgh, four from Uniontown, and one from Dallas, Texas.

Club Secretary Charles S. Miller recorded in the minutes, writing that Club President Sipe welcomed the visitors and after singing "America," the president called on Frank Miller of the Greensburg Rotary Club, to present the charter. Thomas Whiteman on behalf of the Rotary Club of Latrobe accepted the charter, after which Greensburg demonstrated their music ability with a song. District Governor Roy Neville of Sharon spoke to the group, followed by some humorous comments by Reverend Donald Johnson of Uniontown.

For the first several months the Latrobe Club did not have a regular meeting place, instead club members alternated among member homes, with meals served with the help of member volunteers. Meeting locations over the years included the Plaza Hotel on Main Street, the Hines Hotel, the American Legion Home, the Sons of Italy, the Latrobe Country Club, the Elks Club, and more recently DeNunzio's located at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

It is interesting how travel to another state has inspired the beginnings of a new Rotary Club. During one of his trips to the West Coast, Theodore M. Byers became a guest at one of the Rotary Clubs. He was impressed with work of Rotary and upon his return to Monongahela in 1919, spread the good news between some business and professional men of the city.

In the early years, when the geographical area of our assigned district extended beyond our current seven counties, conference site information was not available. However, the 1929 conference, then District 33, was held at the Coliseum at Greensburg. The Coliseum no longer exists. Other conferences at Greensburg were held at the Penn Albert Hotel, Mountain View Inn (Chuck Keller's conference in 1964), and the Four Points Sheraton in 1993.

The principal speaker at the 1929 conference was Almon E. Roth, then Rotary International Vice President. Roth later was RI President in 1930-31.

Other known conferences have been conducted at Johnstown, Seven Springs Resort, Lakeview Resort at Morgantown, Southpoint at Canonsburg, Nemaquin Resort, Gettysburg, and Mountaineer Resort at Chester, West Virginia.

Each conference hosts a representative of the Rotary International President which is normally honored at a special dinner prior to the official start of the conference. In recent years several prominent leaders such as RI presidents James Bomar, Frank Devlyn, and Richard King have attended conferences.

## *A Special Thanks*

A special thanks goes to the clubs who

Understanding. James Harrold (Greensburg Club) exemplified his dedication to the Youth Exchange Program through hosting and serving as Youth Exchange Officer in his club for many years. James Harrold was the first recipient. Other honoree's include Tom Wallace, Uniontown (06), Colleen Radebaugh from Jeannette (non-Rotarian in 07) and Johnstown Rotarian Howard Bernstein and his wife Tammy in 2008.

Some notable exchange students include a young man who went on to become a multi millionaire (through internet companies), a young lady who built her career on her YE experience and a young man who died within a week of his return to his native Austria but whose name lives on with a permanent memorial at Mt. Pleasant High School.

### *The District Conference*

The district conference provides time for fellowship, fun, information, and recognition for service provided by clubs to our local and world community. Although the district conference at one time was held in the fall, a spring time conference has been the trend in recent years. The desire is that each conference be well attended.

Through these reports many of the men had receptive ears for J. Mac Jones of Washington, and thus was appointed a special representative to organize a Rotary Club in Monongahela.

Several meetings followed with several members of the Washington Club and five members from Monongahela. After three meetings it was definitely decided to proceed and on May 10, 1921, the installation meeting was held with twenty-five members of the Washington Club attended and gave the new club an enthusiastic send-off. There were 20 charter members in the new club.

During the early days of the Monongahela Club, local government officials were invited to meetings to hear about the needs and concerns of Monongahela. Projects were outlined and thus Rotary Club members offered their support for projects that would benefit the community.

One of the outstanding achievements of the Rotary Club of Monongahela was the purchase and improvement of the High School Athletic Field.

The first organizational meeting of the Indiana Club was May 21, 1921 with 25 prospective members in attendance. Johnstown was the sponsoring club. The club received its charter September 1, 1921 as Club Number 977. Early district leadership came from the Indiana Club with George Buchanan being governor in 1926, and later Harry White in 1931. Robert L. Woodard later became governor in 1980.

Projects of the Indiana Club provided support for a Crippled Children's free orthopedic clinic, the purchase of Radium for the local hospital, a free tonsillectomy clinic, and presented an orthopedic table to the hospital. Other projects included a banquet to honor high school sports participants, and initiated a travelogue series. The club is also active in providing scholarship awards, the Multiphasic blood screening (the first to try it in the district), continued support of the Rotary Foundation, and programs related to Youth.

Later that same year, 1921, the Rotary Club of Scottdale was chartered. The Greensburg Club was the sponsoring club. It

was noted previously that many of the future Scottdale Rotarians were in attendance at the Latrobe charter event. Not much is known about the early years of Rotary in Scottdale, although the club was instrumental in sponsoring the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant in 1924. Scottdale Rotarian John G. Gaut acted as the organizer of the Mount Pleasant Club.

The Rotary Club of Charleroi was sponsored by the Brownsville Club. J. Hadden Claybaugh of Brownsville was given the assignment to determine the potential of forming a club in Charleroi. One of the first persons contacted in Charleroi was Dr. Edwin W. McKay. Dr. McKay was appointed chairman of the organizing committee, resulting in the selection of a group of local business and professional men to meet to discuss the possibility of organizing a Rotary Club. The meeting was held December 16, 1921 when it was decided to proceed with organizing a Rotary Club. On January 25, 1922, the first organizing meeting took place with 13 men in attendance, and on April 1, 1922, the charter was granted, although an earlier typed document in the club file indicated a charter date of February 15. One year later the membership of the club had doubled, suggesting the activities of the club inspired others to join.

One of the early programs of the Charleroi Club resembled one of the goals of Rotary as we know it today. The program was called "The Americanization of our foreign-born Citizens." The program, which proved to be successful, was designed to create a better understanding between American and those born in foreign countries.

The Rotary Club of Monessen was chartered in 1922, having been sponsored by the Scottdale Club. More recently, the club expanded its name to be called Monessen-Rostraver, due to the expanded service area of the club.

The club's activities include preparing Easter Baskets for personal care homes in the area, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and delivering Meals on Wheels. The club also

Pleasant lumber yard, spoke to the Rotarian owner about the youth exchange program his District 728 was involved with. That owner liked what he heard and in the summer of 1976 District 733 began its involvement with the Rotary International Youth Exchange program.

District 733 was admitted to the multi District program of Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) in July of 1976. Since that time countless students from almost every Rotary country in the world have called the District home. Over the years the program has had its ups and its downs but the program was the strongest in the early nineties when from 1991 through 1995, the District averaged 23 inbound students and 15 outbound students.

Since its beginning in 1976, the District has had 14 District Chairs. The following Rotarians served as District Youth Exchange Chairs: Brett Kranich (Johnstown), Mike Mullholand (Waynesburg), Robert Blum (Mt. Pleasant), Joseph Milazzo (Blairsville), Richard Radebaugh (Jeannette), Susan Campbell (Latrobe), David Wensel (Mt. Pleasant), Linda Bellich (Murrysville-Export), George Wood (Mt. Pleasant), Katy Doran (Greensburg) and Ivar Berge (Johnstown). Robert Blum and George Wood went on to serve the District as Governors. Others who were involved in the

Youth Exchange Program that went on to serve as Governors include Richard Kovach, Donna Vesely and Colleen Wood. George Wood is currently the Vice Chair of ESSEX.

In 2004, during Rotary's Centennial Year, the Youth Exchange Committee established a new award to honor those who have served the youth exchange program but were not currently a part of the district committee or never served on that committee. The award is given to Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. The award is named the James Harrold Award for World Peace and



Ambassadorial Scholar was recognized, and since then nearly 90 outstanding people have been awarded the opportunity to study abroad.

Generous giving by Rotarians have produced more than 2,700 Paul Harris Fellows, while many have become Major Donors, Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society Members of the Rotary Foundation.

In 2009, the District had the honor of having its first Rotary Centers for International Studies student selected to enter the program. She is Lydia Humenycky.

The Group Study Exchange Program has been popular among the clubs in the District. The first exchange in the District occurred in 1965-66. The exchange, normally lasting for four or five weeks provides opportunities for young professionals to visit sites with similar business interest in the host country.

One tradition of the District has been the Annual Foundation Dinner held each year during Foundation Month. The first event was held in 1989, the idea of then governor Bob Blum. The speaker for the first event was Past RI President Carlos Canseco. Over the years, invited speakers included Past RI Director Bill Ives, Jack Blane, a distinguished Rotarian from Illinois, and on several occasions, PDG John Capps from Morehead City, North Carolina.

### ***History of District 7330 Youth Exchange***

by PDG Colleen Wood

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program came to District 7330 by way of a vocational route. A roofing salesman, making a routine visit to a Mt.

distributes dictionaries to third grade students, awards the Ernest Coccari Award to an outstanding student, and provides scholarships to outstanding students. Financial contributions are made each year to various community organizations.

In 1922, the Donora Club had its beginnings when a group of businessmen and managers from various vocations formed the Rotary Club of Donora. Donora was sponsored by the Uniontown Club. The membership included bankers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, the mayor, insurance men, and business owners. They joined together as Rotarians to take pride in their community, and to promote their vocations to all and share a concern of giving back to their community.

Activities includes the support of the Interact Club at Ringgold High School, Toys for Tots, a Thanksgiving food drive, and adopt a highway. The club also assists with the Red Cross blood drives, distributes dictionaries to third grade students, sponsors an essay contest for Donora Elementary School students, and awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors.

The Mount Pleasant Club received its charter March 21, 1924, following several organizing meetings that took place earlier at the National Hotel. Eugene Warden was appointed temporary president, and G. Wylie Overly temporary secretary. Sixteen prospective members were present at the first meeting. At a second meeting, seventeen members and eighteen guests from the Scottdale Club were present. At this meeting, the constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The charter meeting for the Mount Pleasant Club was held May 8 at the National Hotel dining room with 100 Rotarians and guest attending. It was reported that District Governor Fred Stover of the Butler club gave a "real" talk on Rotary, and then presented Charter No. 1683 to club president Warden.

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant has very been active in sponsoring Youth Exchange Students, providing scholarship

money, making contributions to various needs in the community, and supporting the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Masontown was chartered May 2, 1924 with Brownsville being the sponsoring club. Later, the Republic and Point Marion Clubs were sponsored by the Masontown Club. The club's activities include the Multiphasic Blood screening program, Route 21 highway cleanup, and for fifty years have sponsored children's races at the local Independence Day gathering. The club contributed toward the purchase of land for a youth baseball league, the building of the local library, and assisted with the building of three pavilions at the community park.

Rotary in West Newton had its beginnings in the fall of 1924 but the club was not chartered until March 1925. It all began when a member of the Monessen Club, Ed Frantz, invited J. Q. Waters of West Newton to a Rotary meeting in Monessen. After the meeting J. Q. told his host, he was impressed by what he witnessed.

With assistance of Ed Frantz, a list of potential members in the West Newton area, and their classifications, was submitted to Rotary International to obtain approval to organize a Rotary Club.

Governor Emmett E. Bailey of Oil City appointed Frantz as his deputy to finalize a charter list of members. The Charter became official March 28, 1925, but not formally presented until May 7, 1925 at a celebration at Angelo's Banquet Room. Nearly 100 Rotarians and guests were present from clubs in Monessen, Clairton, Charleroi, Monongahela, McKeesport, Greensburg, and Scottdale.

The West Newton Club works with other clubs and organizations in the community as a partner in service. For example, it approved the creation of a Community Fund, assisted the American Legion in the erection of a Soldier's memorial. The club has helped support Little and Pony

when chartered the Club was meeting at "A Touch of Country Restaurant" in Delmont. The original charter membership had 24 members.

The Club's fundraisers include an annual steak fry and golf outing, and a raffle of Penguin and Pirate uniform jerseys. Community involvement consists of distributing third grade dictionaries to the Metsger Elementary School in Salem Township, provided clowns and face painters as well as organizing children's games at Delmont's Community Days. The Club has adopted a Clean the Highway project, collected monthly supplies for "A Child's Place," provided financial support to the Senior Center, Library, Veterans, Fire Department, and both the Boy and Girl Scouts. The Club has annually been a supporter of the Rotary Foundation, and has contributed to the Sand Filter project.

A new concept for a meeting was established when the Rotary Club of Westmoreland was Chartered April 2, 2002. Greensburg was the sponsoring club. The idea was to have an early evening meeting, beginning at 5:30, and without having the usual dinner.

The most recent club to be chartered in District 7330 was the Rotary Club of Richland Township. The Club was sponsored by the Johnstown Club, and received its charter September 15, 2009. As a provisional club, the club's activity included a project with the YWCA, planning a Rotary Scholarship at Richland High School, provided assistance at Saturday's Kitchen, and has made a commitment to become an "Every Rotarian Every Year" Club giving to the Rotary Foundation.

### ***The Rotary Foundation***

Beginning in 1971, when the first Paul Harris Fellows were recognized in the District, support of the Foundation and its programs have been good. As early as 1950, the first

numerous Group Study Exchanges, and sponsored Youth Exchange students. Being a college community, the Club has sponsored several inbound scholarship recipients from South Korea and Japan.

The Rotary Club of Northern Cambria was chartered November 18, 1991, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ebensburg. Richard Kovach was governor at the time. There were 31 charter members. The Club has been active in many areas of the community, but probably most important was cosponsoring two seminars in 1992 to assist and provide information to displaced workers in the community, primarily mine workers. The Club also sponsored an education fair for those same workers that need additional skills. One of the early events featured by the Club was hosting a Trivia Night, which turned out to be a fun time, as well as providing funds to support other various projects.

The Northern Cambria Club sponsors an annual golf tournament fund raiser to support scholarship for outstanding students in the nearby school districts. Other projects include giving dictionaries to third grade students, provides literature material to kindergarten students and their teachers, provide donations to three food pantries.

One significant project that garnered recognition for both the Northern Cambria and the Ebensburg Clubs was being a partner with other organizations in the "Cooler for Haiti" project, and in 1997 the cooler which was delivered to Haiti provided a means to store meat to keep it from spoiling.

The Delmont-Salem Club was chartered January 20, 1999, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export. The Club is a morning club that is meeting at Kings Restaurant near the interchange of Routes 22 and 66, but

League sports, and aided the academic, musical, and athletic undertaking of the public schools.

In the early part of the 20th century, the road system did not provide easy access to other communities as it does today. One such story is the creation of the Somerset Club. Initial plans called for the Connellsville Club to organize a Rotary Club in Somerset, but later it was decided Johnstown would take over the organization due to its closer proximity.

Somerset received its charter January 2, 1925 and planned a celebration scheduled for January 30, 1925 at the Somerset Country Club. It was a cold winter night and snow drifts in this "rooftop" community prevented many from out of town from attending the affair. Only half of the 150 people planning to attend made it to the charter night event. Busses were used to transport guests from town to the country club.

The Connellsville Club, interesting enough, was the sponsor of the Meyersdale Club in 1924. The Meyersdale Club no longer exists. It is assumed that the railroad played a part in getting the two communities together. Meyersdale is on the main rail line between Connellsville and Cumberland, Maryland.

The Rotary Club of Point Marion began organizing March 9, 1937, being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Masontown. The organization meeting was conducted in the First Methodist Church with thirty-six charter members listed. The charter was presented by District 33 Governor John M. Pfeil on April 15, 1937, at a dinner at the Methodist Church. The charter night banquet was attended by 170 Rotarians and guests.

An article in an early newspaper after the club was formed, reported many worthwhile projects that included inter-city meetings, Christmas lighting for the business section of the community, a Boy Scout Troop, a community forum, and building the Community Honor Roll in front of the former Point Marion High School. Later, the club established a student loan fund to assist deserving young people to attend

college.

Other projects have been support of the Halloween Parade, and sponsor for the Senior Citizen's Banquet. A \$7,500 contribution was made after the flood in 1985 to the Point Marion Park Commission for restoration after the flood and for the creation of a new stage at the community park. Since the flood, the Rotary Club has sponsored the annual Albert Gallatin Regatta, under the leadership of David Callahan and Phil and Karen Rishel,

The Point Marion Club has had a number of meeting places, such as the Methodist and Christian Churches, Houze Cafeteria, Colonial Hotel, Chemon and Erjavek's Restaurants, and the Point Marion Apostolic Church.

A number of clubs have faithfully recorded their history over the years. The Waynesburg Club, chartered June 3, 1937, is one of those clubs. The club even adopted a fiftieth anniversary song to be sung at their celebration in 1987. The song was named "O Waynesburg Rotary" with words composed by J. E. Victor Carlson.

The club has maintained photos of past club presidents, and youth exchanged students, and numerous photos of special events and club activities.

The Waynesburg Club has been recognized during 1943-44 as club with the most progress, and as the 1992-93 Club of the Year by Governor Bill Kern.

One of the projects of the Waynesburg Club, and numerous other clubs in the district is the Multiphasic Blood Testing Program. The project was the idea of governor Eugene L. Ghost, during his year as governor in 1975. The testing program was initially tried by the Rotary Club of Indiana and recorded as a successful venture in the Indiana community. Health screening as it more commonly known today soon became a favorite project for many Rotary Clubs in the District. The screening provides a series of blood tests for participants and identifies health conditions that may need further evaluation.

developed into a prominent club in District 7330, being named District Club of the Year in 2001, 2002, and 2004. Several members have been named Rotarians of the Year, along with numerous Presidential Citations for their activities. In 2001 and 2002, the Club received special recognition for its public relations campaigns from Rotary International. Other recognition received from Rotary International includes the Significant Achievement Award, the only club in the district being recognized.

One of the projects of the New Stanton-Youngwood Club occurs at Christmas time and involves supplying gifts of clothing and toys for need children in the two communities. Needy children provide a wish list of items and club members, as well as support by teachers from the Stanwood Elementary School, shop and wrap gifts to be delivered to those providing a wish list. The project has grown from 15 families to more than 45 families. A second project is their Awareness Seminars for Teens.

In 1989 a group of Indiana area businessmen and women began meeting with Bob Vargo and PDG Bob Woodard, members of the Rotary Club of Indiana, in hopes of forming a second Rotary Club in the area. The organization of a new club was successful and on February 23, 1990, the Rotary Club of Indiana-Midday was chartered. There were thirty charter members that included President Robert Henkles, Vice President George Cook, Treasurer Larry Garner, and Secretary Gail McCauley.

Fund raising to support programs of the Indiana-Midday club included auctions, raffles, pancake breakfasts, "Night at the Races" and "Late Night Catechism." The first real project was to assist in collecting medical supplies for a District 730 project, supplies that were targeted for use in Argentina. Other projects include support to the Salvation Army, the YMCA, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Alice Paul House, Habitat for Humanities, and the Blind Association.. The Club also sponsors students to RYLA, hosted

Jeanne Morrison as Rotarian of the Year. The first governor from the Club was Jim Dudley, and now current governor Frank Aiello. Jeanne Morrison will serve as governor in 2011.

The McMurray Club was sponsored in by the Washington Club and was chartered June 15, 1965. At the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2005, the keynote speaker, Keith McGough, portrayed the life and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

McMurray's Rotary projects often include assistance from the Girl Scouts and members of the football team at the annual spaghetti dinner held at Peters Township High School. Each year the Club partners with the Township Parks and Recreation and Peters Township Fire Company to hold a fishing derby for elementary school age students at Peterslake Park. In support of Foundation projects, the Club has sponsored a walk event to raise money to fight polio, and has supported the Shelter Box project for needs in Myanmar, Burma.

The second club in Uniontown is a morning club, meeting at the Uniontown Country Club initially. It was named the Uniontown-Chestnut Ridge Club, and was chartered August 22, 1986. The charter membership listed 26 members, and immediately grew to 32 members within the first year. One of the first fund raisers was a sports memorabilia auction that proved quite successful.

As mentioned earlier, the Rotary Club of New Stanton-Youngwood, chartered in 1989, was the second club chartered in the area, the first being disbanded sometime in the early nineteen eighties. The Club was sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Club with active involvement by club members Bob Hauser, PDG Bob Blum, and district membership chair, Bill Kern.

The New Stanton-Youngwood Club has

The Rotary Club of Republic was sponsored by the Masontown Club September 7, 1937. Representing Republic and the nearby surrounds, the club is active in a senior scholarship program, installs street decorations during the Christmas holiday season, and maintains a Rotary Walk in Republic.

The Rotary Club of Jeannette, was chartered in 1938, and was sponsored by the Swissvale Club. The first club president was Donald Birmingham who later became a son-in-law of Ross Perot. Projects by the club included development of a community park, and annual blood screening.

The Rockwood Club was one of several clubs chartered during World War II. The Club's charter night was held at the Merchants Hotel with seventeen charter members present. The club has played a continuing role in the life of the Rockwood community. Its nearby neighbor, the Rotary Club of Meyersdale was the sponsoring club.

The club is active in many ways, hosting the annual Halloween parade, participating in the Youth Exchange program, hosting monthly a school student, and presenting a Community Service Award to a student at graduation. Donations include the Somerset Blind Center, Rockwood Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity. Twice a year the club sponsors a 5K race and ½ marathon.

The Rotary Club of New Salem was sponsored by the Uniontown Club, but no longer exist. However, while New Salem was an active club, several of its members were instrumental in organizing the Smithfield Club. It is an example of how business relationships are often responsible for identifying potential Rotary members in other communities. In this case, Rotarians Walter and Hayden Dearth, owners of the Dearth Funeral Home in New Salem were close friends with O. S. and James B. Vance, owners of the Vance Funeral Home in Smithfield. The Vance's developed an interest in organizing a club and began talking

to business and professional men in the Smithfield-Fairchance area.

After several meetings, officers were elected from a total of 20 members and an application for a charter was submitted to Rotary International. The charter application was approved and the Rotary Club of Smithfield became Club # 5654 on August 3, 1943. One of the charter members, James V. Vance, later became a district governor in 1965.

Charter-night was September 8, 1943 held at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church for a rental fee of \$7.50. The club paid the Smithfield Methodist women \$159.00 for serving 159 dinners at \$1.00 each. Meeting meal costs in 1943 was 75 cents. Similar to the Rockwood Club, the Smithfield Clubs meeting place was at the local Grange Hall, where the food was always good.

When the Smithfield club celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1968, Eustace H. Bane was the district governor. The speaker was PDG Charles Keller. In 1993 at the fiftieth anniversary held at the Mt. Vernon Inn in Uniontown, Governor Ted Shaffer of the Murrysville-Export club attended along with then Past RI President Chuck Keller, who was the event speaker.

Projects of the Smithfield Club include financial support for the Halloween and Christmas parties for the youth. The club also supports the Boy Scouts and Little League baseball. Each year provides the club provides a \$1,000 scholarship, known as the Ivan Rider Scholarship, to a graduating student, and distributes a dictionary and pencil set to third grade students in the Albert Gallatin School District.

The Rotary Club of California was chartered near the end of World War II on March 31, 1945. Charter presentation was May 22, using an antique school bell to begin the celebration. The meal price was \$1.50 for a full turkey dinner. In the beginning, charter members represented a variety of professions, but over the years the business climate of the California community changed with membership growth connected more to growth at the college, and now a university.

Charter night was an interesting event. Governor Neal

dictionaries provided to third grade students at the Mountain View Elementary School. Along Route 30, just east of Greensburg, the club has been active in maintaining a beautification garden project that is visible to motorists passing by. In the seventies and eighties, outings by golf enthusiasts included trips to Pinehurst, N. C., Jekyll Island, Hilton Head, and Calloway Gardens.

The Rotary Club of Norwin was chartered May 24, 1963 and celebrated charter night June 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Irwin. Peter Dumbauld was governor at the time. Jeannette was the sponsoring Club and its president Ronald Rigby was in attendance, along with Warren L. Stroud, the governor's special representative. The Club has been active in many ways, maintaining a strong and energetic membership. One of the outstanding projects of the Club was the undertaking of funding of and installation of Cauterization Lab in Kiev. The Norwin Club helped to sponsor the first open heart surgeries there, undertaken by a team from Shady Side Hospital. With support of a Matching Grant project, the Club installed a poison control center in the Ukraine, and participated in a stuffed animal project to India to aid with polio eradication.

Other projects, to name a few, include college scholarships, Interact road cleanups, the Irwin Fire Department, Meals on Wheels, the county food bank, the Norwin High School and Norwin Public Libraries, and Senior Citizens Dinner. The Norwin Club is a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, including the Polio eradication campaign.

The Norwin Club has been recognized several times as club of the Year, or Co-Club of the Year, and

having been sponsored by the Johnstown Club. The Portage Club is unique because the club owns the building where weekly meetings are conducted. Activities include involvement with the Portage Community Summer Fest parade and pancake breakfast.

The Club also presents an Outstanding Citizen Award. When the community of Cressen constructed a monument to honor Admiral Peary, the Rotary Club purchased benches placed at the site. The benches were constructed by students at the Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School in Ebensburg

The Rotary Club of Windber was chartered July 22, 1949, having been sponsored by the Johnstown Club. One of the most memorable events for the district governor's annual visit to the Club was the display of Rotary memorabilia for the governor. Rotarian Kermit Olson's collection was probably the most complete gathering of Rotary photos, publications, and other items found anywhere, except for the archives at Evanston.

The Rotary Club of Mountain View received its charter March 11, 1957 and celebrated their Fifty-Year Anniversary June 25, 2007 at Mountain View Inn. The original meeting place for the Club, Mountain View Inn, also hosted the district conference when Chuck Keller was governor. The Inn was demolished in 2009. Attending the anniversary function was Governor Lee Brown, and numerous guests and members of the club. The Clubs' effort in the community includes Multiphasic blood screening, a highway clean up, scholarship support, and

Mowry, a member of the Rochester Club presented the charter numbered 5946. Attending the festivities were Rotarians from Belle Vernon, Beaver Falls, Brownsville, Canonsburg-Houston, Carmichaels, Charleroi, Donora, Fredericktown, Jefferson, Masontown, Monongahela, New Salem, Republic, Rochester, Pittsburgh, Point Marion, Uniontown, Washington and Waynesburg.

One of the charter members was Ken Rutter, local pastor of the Methodist Church. Reverend Rutter served as club president in 1946-47 and later was president of the Johnstown Club while serving as church pastor in Johnstown. Ken eventually became a member of the Greensburg Club, having served as club secretary for many years.

Service projects over the years have supported many community activities and international related programs of the Rotary Foundation, and the Youth Exchange Program. One key event was leadership in the consolidation of California Borough and East Pike Run Township, a key to municipal development in its area. A second key project was development of California's Area Rotary Park on its 50th anniversary. At the celebration at California University's Natali Students Center, RI President Bill Huntley led the festivities.

The California Club has provided three District Governors, Paul N. Walker in 1952, Charles C. Keller in 1963, and Stephanie Urchick in 1998. It continues in active participation in District and International programs.

On "VJ" Day, August 15, 1945, the organizational banquet of the Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export-Delmont was held at *The House by The Side of The Road*. The club was sponsored by the Turtle Creek Rotary Club and the original charter was dated August 27, 1945. The club became part of RI District 176 with Robert H. Wilson of Pittsburgh as District Governor. There were sixteen members present including club president, G. E. Garber. By the late 1940's and early 1950's the club membership shrank drastically. Nevertheless, the club remained active and even then maintained a strong presence in the community.

In the spring of 1947, the club moved its meeting place to the then Senior High School, currently Newlonsburg Elementary School. The club has always met on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. until the meeting place was moved to *The Lamplighter* when the time was delayed till 6:45 p.m. to accommodate the people from Pittsburgh. In 1952 the name of the club was changed to the Murrysville-Export Rotary Club and a new charter was issued. The object was to establish a club in Delmont, so far not completed.

One of the early projects was Haymaker Park. Haymaker Park originated in 1950 when F.M. Sloan challenged the Murrysville-Export Rotary Club to help establish a standard athletic field. It was necessary to purchase additional property that was required and secured with a unique arrangement. The club had no standing to borrow money, therefore, each Rotarian was requested to sign a promissory note in the amount of \$1000 (or \$500 for the younger members). The Export National Bank, accepted the notes with no other collateral, and advanced the money and the property was purchased. All the notes were paid off by the club through projects such as a Hole in One Contest, sale of rose bushes and fertilizer to new home owners, Easter corsages made by Rotary Ann's and sold and delivered by Rotarians, and other projects. The property was then given to the community

The club has established and supplied leadership to the Franklin Regional Interact Club, supported local students to attend the World Affairs Council and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The club has been very active supporting many community service organizations, donating time to canvass for the Salvation Army, and Multiphasic blood testing along with monetary contributions to many others (currently more than \$20,000 per year). The club made a major contribution

toward the installation of lights at the Franklin Regional Football Field and recently to the children's Reading Room at the new library.

In support of the Rotary Foundation, the club has always been a strong supporter of the Foundation programs, including Polio eradication. Individual member contributions to the program to eradicate Polio was among the highest in the area. The Club has hosted many group study exchange teams from many countries and has also hosted numerous Rotary Youth Exchange students.

In addition to the fund raisers mentioned, The Club has sold fruitcakes, played the senior high school team in basketball, hosted pancake suppers, produced and sold The Murrysville Game (a Monopoly type game), Chicken A-Go-Go, hosted the Murrysville Open golf tournament, and Lotto -Night.

Two members of the Club, Jim Walko and Ted Shaffer, have served as officers of Rotary International as District Governors.

The Rotary Club of Ebensburg was chartered in 1946, having been sponsored by the Johnstown Club. The first organizational meeting included 15 visitors from the Johnstown Club and 20 business men from Ebensburg, Harold V. George was the special representative assigned to the task to organize and prepare the charter list of members.

Ebensburg was the sponsoring club for the Rotary Club of Northern Cambria in 1991, and several Interact clubs that at Central Cambria, Blacklick Valley, and Penn Cambria School Districts. The Club also sponsored the Rotaract Club at St. Francis University. The projects of the Ebensburg Club include a highway cleanup, maintenance and cleanup of the Ghost Town Trail, and support of various district and international projects

The Rotary Club of Portage had it beginnings in 1947,