



The Rotary Club of West Seattle

Chartered November 6, 1947

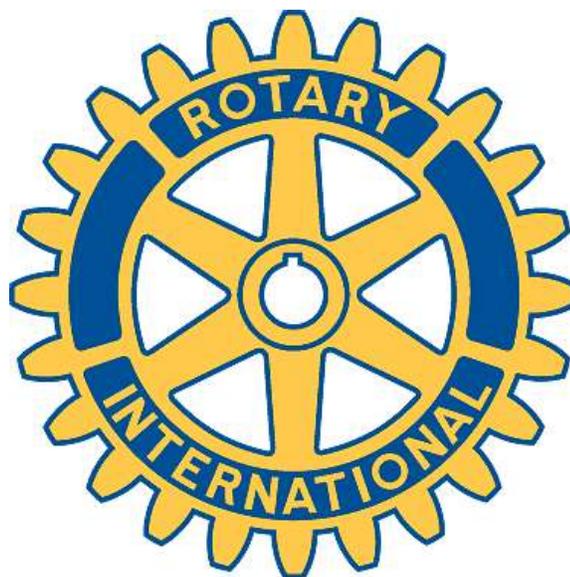
Club History

Some notes on this compilation

The earliest versions of this information and efforts to gather our club's history are attributed to Gordon (Pop) Hannaford, and were gathered in the mid 1970s.

Longtime Rotarian Jack Henderson took on the task of cajoling and compiling the majority of this club's history into the document you hold in your hands. Over the years he pestered Past Presidents to write at least a letter about their memories of their year in office. Jack last copied & disseminated the information in 2001, not long before his passing. Without Jack's significant efforts, the personal reflections of our presidents & much of our history would be lost. You'll note Jack's historical role as editor where his personal reflections are followed by the annotation (*Henderson*).

To recognize our 60th Anniversary as a club, the collection has been reviewed, edited for form, and updated for 2001 – 2007 by Josh Sutton, who is reminded by the effort that history is first for those who wrote it. He made no efforts to fact check or edit Presidential Reports for accuracy. Some historical documentation and photos were also added for this edition.



Charter Night – November 6, 1947



West Seattle Rotary Recognized; Local Members Receive Charter

With a crowd of 250 West Seattle and city businessmen and civic leaders looking on, Rotary Club of West Seattle received its official charter from the international organization at a banquet held November 6 at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

Dr. Decatur N. Lacy, president of the newly-recognized group, accepted the charter, number 6745, from Stanley Long, past president of the Seattle Rotary Club, district governor and international director, and responded on behalf of the club to the congratulatory comments by Leonard Olsen, president of the University district Rotary.

A Rotary wheel in blue and gold, against a background of greenery above the head table, dominated the room and drew attention to the Rotary motto of "service". Pastel flowers on the dining tables heightened the atmosphere of informality.

One of the primary objectives of Rotary, "the development of acquaintance", was fostered at the banquet. Community singing and musical entertainment were coupled with addresses by prominent Rotarians. Visiting Rotary club presidents were introduced to West Seattle men and women who attended by William J. Driver who served as advisor to the "baby" group. Dr Fred Slyfield, who has assisted Driver, welcomed the new members.

Main address of the evening was delivered by Victor A. Graves, president of Seattle Rotary, who discussed mechanics of the organization and the part the new group would play in the whole.

The invocation was read by the Reverend George Poor, Ballard Rotarian.

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Washington Rotary clubs were practical as well as generous in the gifts they presented to the baby club. Among the presents were a call-the-meeting-to-order bell from Seattle Rotary, a gavel from Oak Harbor and a Rotary Wheel from Mount Vernon, a speaker's stand and stand lamp from Centralia and Chehalis groups, and Rotary buttons and container from Port Angeles and Anacortes. Sumner sent a gift register.

Olympia Rotary presented a United States flag and Vancouver, B.C. group gave a Canadian flag. Floral baskets of congratulations were sent by the local Community Club and Kiwanis and Lions Clubs.

Charter members of this baby club, who throughout the evening wore nametags to distinguish them from guests, include some of West Seattle's best known citizens. Among the new Rotarians are Fritz Butzirus, J.A. Clemans, W.L. DeWar, Ted Eggers, Joe Goodrich, Clint Haury, Jack E. Hansen and E.R. Hodson.

Others are R.W. Lingle, J.W. Johnson, Dr. Lacy, William E. Lum, Wade Millard, William E. Miller, Dr. Averly Nelson, Sig Olson, Ralph Park, Louis Pospisil, Jess Pulliam, Dr. O.E. Royer, W.C. Scott, Mace Schooley, S.W. Thompson, C.H. Tice, Gordon H. Tuell, R.S. Wise and Joe S. Whiting.

Officers of the club, besides Dr. Lacy, include Joe Whiting, vice president; S. W. Thompson, secretary, and Wade Millard, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are the officers and J.A. Clemans, Louis Pospisil and Mace Schooley.

(Article from the West Seattle Herald - November 13, 1947)

Photo

Back Row: S.W. Johnson, Fritz Butzirus, Sig Olson, *unknown*, Clint Haury, *unknown*, Jess Pulliam, Ed Royer

Mid Row: Joe Goodrich, W.C. Scott, Ted Eggers, C.H. Tice, Jack Hanson, Robert Wise

Front Row: William Lum, Wade Millard, Bill Driver, Dr. Decatur Lacy, Joe S. Whiting, Louis Pospisil, J.A. Clemans

Rotary View Point (front cover)

Rotary View Point Park was once just another piece of city-owned property, overgrown by weeds and a depository for discarded beer cans and refuse. Voices of protest were heard by Norm Beers, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce Executive and long time Rotarian. He challenged Rotary to do something about it.

The challenge was accepted and during the ensuing years Rotary View Point plans began to unfold, resulting in one of the most colorful view points in the city. The site overlooking the West Seattle Golf Course comprises a sweeping view of the City of Seattle. With the background of the snow covered Cascade Mountain Range, majestic Mount Rainier serves as a beacon to the south of the surrounding landscape.

Project view point park was completed and formally presented to the City of Seattle in August 1976, before a large assemblage of civic dignitaries and community citizens.

Dominating the park is an eighteen foot totem pole, carved by Robin Young, a Northwest Indian. The totem pole symbolizes the early history of Puget Sound Indians. Symbols include the Thunderbird, the Whale, the Beaver and the Raven.

About 1982 the pole required some paint and refurbishing which was done by a local volunteer. Again in 1992 the Parks Dept removed the totem pole to refurbish the base and make it earthquake proof. While it was down, Jack Henderson rebuilt and attached all missing and broken parts. Jack and Pat Henderson then repainted the entire pole before it was again put in place at a special ceremony on the 24th of November 1992.

(Henderson, edited 2001)

Club Membership through the years

Twenty seven members were listed as Charter Members on Charter Night, November 6th, 1947. During its first year the club grew by three members, for a total of thirty to start the second year.

On June 30th 1951 our Secretary/Treasurer announced that only eight of our original thirty members were still active Rotarians (a loss of twenty two). We had gained several members during those years so our membership remained quite stable at about thirty five, which was considered unsatisfactory.

Between 1951 and 1958, thanks to the efforts of strong leadership by Warren Dewar, Dr. Gerald Layton, L.C. Gilmore, Gordon Hannaford, Joe Whiting, Warren Calvin and Chic LeCuyer, our membership increased to fifty eight. This change came because of a more disciplined approach to screening of new members and insisting on regular attendance. All members were expected to make-up missed meetings and 100% attendance became the goal of many of our members.

For the next ten year membership ran between fifty eight and sixty five. Then between 1973 and 1975 an emphasis was once again placed on new memberships and regular attendance. Through this effort the club attained the best record in its history in both areas.

From 1976 through 1982 membership remained quite stable, however during the early to mid 80's there was a drop in attendance and considerable turnover in membership. It wasn't until 1995 that an effort was made to increase membership and attendance which resulted in a very successful year. *(Henderson)*

From 2001 on, the club membership has hovered in the mid sixties, with attendance not reaching historical levels.

Making a Difference in West Seattle and the World

Throughout the presidential letters and notes you will read of the volume and variety of ways that the Rotary Club of West Seattle has made a positive impact on our own community and in other countries.

We have provided hundreds of scholarships to deserving youth from our local high schools and at South Seattle Community College, taken thousands of kids shopping for clothes at Christmas. We have supported Seniors at the Senior Center and the Kenney, children through Pencil Me In For Kids school supplies, and families at the annual Kiddie Parade during HiYu.

In our local community, WS Rotarians have built or invested in many permanent projects. Parks include Rotary viewpoint with the Totem Pole, Cormorant Cove Park on Beach Drive, funds donated to the potential park at the West Seattle Junction. Our club's first significant financial gift was \$1,000 to the West Seattle Family YMCA's first swimming pool in 1953. We also built, refurbished or names are historically attached to no less than five cabins at YMCA Camp Colman (Rotary, Henderson, Calvin, Beers, Bentrout).

Our club has a proud history of partnering with local Rotary Clubs in other countries to create international impact. We have supported books for the blind in Siberia, fresh water projects throughout Africa and southeast Asia, medical supplies to Mexico & Africa. We made significant gifts to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign to eradicate this disease from the world. We have helped with education and medical needs in Africa, twice giving significantly over multiple years – in the 1990's to Aba Aba in Nigeria for a school house and water projects, and in the 2000's to the East African Center in Takaungu, Kenya to buy a vehicle, medical supplies & storage and solar power. In both cases, Rotarians from our club later visited the local townships to see our support in action.

To bring the world closer together we have hosted numerous international students from every continent, sponsored local teachers abroad to India, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars to study in South Africa and welcomed group study exchange groups to club meetings (in one case having their luggage stolen from the Salty's parking lot while we were meeting).

We have sponsored new clubs in Burien-White Center, Vashon Island and SODO to grow Rotary in our district. Rotarians from West Seattle have taken significant district leadership roles over the years, and the 1999-2000 District Governor was our very own Duane Ruud.

Our club members have donated significantly to the Rotary Foundation and Permanent Fund for Rotary International, leveraging hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years for local and international projects. We have also created a Rotary Club of West Seattle permanent fund to support youth in West Seattle, the Brockey Endowment to support students at South Seattle Community College and recently established the Gambriell Endowment to provide scholarships for students in need to complete their post-secondary education goals.

Most importantly, when the 27 members gathered on November 6, 1947 to charter the Rotary Club of West Seattle, they hoped to make a difference in their community and the world for years to come. But they didn't know how much fun we'd have helping others.

Presidential Histories

Decatur Lacy

1947 - 1949

(Excerpts from Archives)

Decatur Lacy, Minister of Tibbett's Methodist Church, was the first President of the West Seattle Rotary Club. He was elected by the membership when the club was chartered on Nov. 6, 1947 and re-elected for the second term beginning July 1, 1948. He is the only President of the club to serve for more than one term.

The officers of the club were Decatur Lacy - President, Joe Whiting - Vice President, S.W. Thompson - Secretary, and Wade Millard - Treasurer. Other members of the Board included: J.A. Clemans, Louis Pospisil, and Mace Schooley.

J.A. Clemans was chairman of Club Services, Fritz Butzirus was chairman of the Classification Committee, Francis Owens was Chairman of the Fellowship Committee and Sig Olsen was chairman of the Roster Committee.

The Bowling team was the first group organized in the club. It continued as a social function for many years.

Tommy Thompson, Lou Pospisil and Wade Millard wrote the clubs first newsletter in 1943. It was named "The Bulletin"

Gordon Tuell

1949 - 1950

(Excerpts from Archives)

The only records remaining for the term of Gordon Tuell are as follows:

Officers of the club for that year were Gordon Tuell - President, Lou Pospisil - Vice President, S.W. Thompson - Secretary, Wendell Scott - Treasurer, Robert Wise - Sgt. at Arms, and Fritz Butzirus - Corporal at Arms.

Other Board Members included Warren Dewar, Gerald Layton, Decatur Lacy, Francis Owens, and Alfred Peters.

Warren Dewar

1950 - 1951

(Excerpts from Archives)

The only information to be found concerning this term was a change in the name of the Club newsletter. It was changed from "The Bulletin" to "West Seattle Roto-Teller". Joe Whiting, Lou Pospisil, and Tommy Thompson edited the newsletter.

Warren Dewar was a very popular president who insisted on good attendance. He held a 100% attendance record from the day he joined Rotary until he had to resign because of health problems.

(Henderson)

E. Gerald Layton

1951 - 1952

(Excerpts from Archives)

The Officers included Gerald Layton - President, Irvine Johnson - Vice President, Wendell Scott - Treasurer, S.W. Thompson - Secretary, Robert Florer - Sgt. at Arms, and Ted Eggers - Corporal at Arms. Other Board members were Joe Barr, Warren Calvin, Warren Dewar, Armour McDougall, and Robert Wise.

Gerald Layton wrote in 1976:

I have little factual information from my term however; I did enjoy my term as President. I had an excellent Program Chairman in Russ Pearson who later became the Chairman of the Seattle Transit Board. He had interesting programs throughout the year that helped bring up our attendance record.

The birthday committee (of which I was the only member) had fun dreaming up special gifts for those who had birthdays during that at year.

The bulletin again changed its name to 'Rotary Club of West Seattle'. The editor was Clyde Dunn Jr.

I had an enjoyable year.

Gerry Layton had a great sense of humor, which was shown by his choice of gifts for those who celebrated their birthday at Rotary. As an example, for my birthday he presented me with a five-pound cast iron dumbbell with instructions to take it home so I could be part of a matched set. *(Henderson)*

L. C. Gilmore

1952 - 1953

(Excerpts from Archives)

All that was available for this year are the names of the Officers and Board of Directors as follows: L.C. Gilmore - President, Joseph Barr - Vice President, Albert Green Jr. - Treasurer, Bill Barcus - Secretary, Mason Ramey - Sgt. at Arms, and H. Lindholt - Corporal at Arms. Other Board members were Warren Calvin, Gerald Layton, and Chic LeCuyer.

L.C. Gilmore was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He was very calm by nature and often called the Flying Ace from Moosejaw, Canada, his native home. He obviously enjoyed his term as President and gave excellent leadership by example. *(Henderson)*

Gordon Hannaford

1953-1954

(Excerpts from Archives)

Gordon Hannaford wrote in June 1976:

Back in 1954 the members did not elect a President. Members elected seven members to the Board of Directors and these members decided which of them would be President. When we seven met right after the election, the other six promptly stated that they would not serve as President. That left me.

It wasn't long after that the Club members decided there must be a better way to choose a

President and our Constitution was accordingly changed.

This year was the opening of the drive to raise funds to build a community swimming pool at the YMCA. Our Club contributed \$1,000 dollars. This was the Club's first major contribution.

Gordon Hannaford was an outstanding person with excellent leadership ability. He was great at spotting problems and finding ways to correct or relieve the situation. Gordon Hannaford was a man who would have been an outstanding District Governor. *(Henderson)*

Joe Whiting

1954-1955

(Excerpts from Archives)

The only written information about Joe Whiting is that he was a Charter Member and the seventh President of the West Seattle club.

Officers of the club included: Joe Whiting, President, Jack Henderson, Vice President, Francis Owens, Secretary, and Al Green Jr., Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors were: Fritz Butzirus, Gordon Hannaford, Francis Kinch, and Frank Lewis.

One thing that should be remembered about Joe Whiting is that our club sponsored the Burien-White Center Rotary during his term in office, with J.A. Clemans as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. Thanks to the efforts and determination of J. A. Clemans the Burien-White Center Club was organized.

It was about this time that Joe Whiting decided he would help the members sing the National Anthem by playing his baritone horn during the rendition. It was a thing to behold and the members took advantage of every opportunity to make jokes about his musical talent. It did, however, add a special flavor to the meetings. *(Henderson)*

Warren Calvin

1955-1956

(Excerpts from Archives)

Unfortunately most of the records from Warren Calvin's term were lost with many others. All that is available is an incomplete list of the Officers and Board Members. They included Warren Calvin, President, J. A. Clemans, Vice President and the Board Members were: Harold Badcon, Bruce Burton, Frank Lewis, Joe Whiting, and Robert Wise.

The bulletin was renamed "The Bulletin" with Pete Campbell as Editor.

The installation dinner was held at the Benbow Inn.

Warren Calvin was one of the most liked and enjoyable Presidents to stand at the podium. His humor and wit was always proper and appreciated. He held several Firesides during his term to help new members understand the purpose of Rotary. He was an excellent example of a Rotarian. *(Henderson)*

Robert E. Florer

1957-1958

(Excerpts from Archives)

Bob Florer wrote in April, 1970:

I could remember very little that happened during the time I was President of the West Seattle Rotary Club. As the days rolled by I remembered a few things but I feel that this will just scratch the surface.

The smartest thing I ever did was to ask Rolf Johnson to be the Program Chairman. He did a wonderful job in that regard. I also remember the faithfulness of Bob Wise in leading the singing. As I recall the outstanding social event of the year was a very nice Christmas party which we had at the Gradwahl House downtown. This was a dinner followed by an entertainer and, I believe dancing followed that.

We also furnished transportation for a boy who was crippled to get to and from school where there were ramps and a one-floor building. I believe the school was Asa Mercer. This continued for the entire year.

We also continued to furnish the usual scholarships.

One of the outstanding events was the trip to Victoria for the District Conference. We had a pretty good turnout for this event. I do remember Tommy Thompson and his wife, Ken Wise and his wife, and several other couples I do not recall. We learned a lot about Rotary and had a good time doing it.

Chic LeCuyer

1956-1957

(Excerpts from Records and Archives)

Records show the Officers and Board members as follows: Chic LeCuyer, President, Bill Barcus, Vice President, Otto Krueaer, Secretary, and Fritz Butzirus, Treasurer. The additional Board Members were Warren Calvin, J. A. Clemans, Sam Hart, Averly Nelson, and Louis Pospisil.

In July 1970 Chic LeCuyer wrote:

This was the first year to my knowledge that the West Seattle Rotary Club put on a major fund raising drive so that we could participate better in Youth Projects. We had a Christmas tree sale with lousy trees, it snowed heavily and it was bitter cold. Still we had lots of fun and grumbles. Sam Hart and Ken Wise were the big doers and I did my bit along with several other members. We also had a rummage sale, same hard workers, and same big doers. It was successful too! Same grumbles and fun.

The club reviewed all organizational documents and found By Laws improper for our club because of R. I. Constitution. Yours truly rewrote the By Laws almost entirely and except for nominating procedures they still stand the same today. Finally I got it passed by the club one and one half years later.

New boundaries of the club were negotiated with the Seattle #4 and they were voted in by both clubs. Our area became larger and the boundaries remain the same today.

The clubs first outline of filled and unfilled classifications was completed by Gordon (Pop) Hannaford and disseminated to pertinent committees. It stood up as a format and guide for many years.

We had two dinners, one stag for members so we could explain the club Constitution and By Laws, outline of classifications and Rotary's Classification principle. Most members probably remember because some got well "oiled" at the preceding cocktail hour—more fun and grumbles—mostly

giggles and burps as I remember.

We had another first, I think, a club social function, hard liquor, cocktail hour, dinner, a main speaker at the Sand Point Naval Air Station. The club has been depraved ever since. We had a good turnout-even some guests-lots of giggles, bumps, burps, and some grumbles, as usual.

Averly Nelson

1958-1959

(Excerpts for Archives)

It was during the Presidency of Averly Nelson that the club began a Girl of the Month program. During that year, Averly's son was a high school senior. One evening while Averly was at home, his son was entertaining some high school students. One of them, a girl, challenged Averly by asking why since the Lions Club sponsored a Boy of the Month, no one had ever thought of honoring girls. That started it all.

(Henderson)

Frances Owens

1959-1960

(Excerpts from Archives)

Club Service: Stan Kasperson, Director

Attendance: John Miglorie, Frank Woessner

Classification: Ted Eggers, Forrest Johnson

Club Bulletin: Ferris Ketcham, Warren Dewar

Fellowship: Averly Nelson, Bob Able, Harold Badcon, Bill Lien, Lou Pospisil, Bill Tervo

Historian: Tommy Thompson

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians: Warren Calvin

Magazine: Sam Hart

Membership: J. A. Clemans, Bill Barcus, Al Olson

Program: Dominic Megale, Dale Bennett, Bob Florer, Otto Krueger

Public Information: Joe Whiting

Roster: Bruce Peterson

Rotary Information: Frank Lewis, Rolf Johnson

Sgt. at Arms: Sam Rodway, Ken Wise

Sports: Bill Barcus, Lou Pospisil, Ed Royer, Ken Wise

Vocational Service: Joe Davis, Director

Committee: Chet Patton, Jack Hansen, Irv Johnson, Bill Meyer

Community Service: Jess Pulliam, Director

Committee Survey: Jim Stewart, Herb Carroll, Clyde Dunn

HIYU: Fred Egge, Ken Wise

Projects: Bob Osborne, Fritz Butzirus, Fred Egge, Bill Emery, L. C. Gilmore, Bill Jones, Ed Royer

Scholarships and Awards: Gordon Hannaford, Sig Olson

Youth and Students Guests: Jack Henderson

International Service: Bill Jones, Director

Committee: Chic LeCuyer, Clint Haury, Armour McDougall, Tom Reeder, Bob Wise

Stanley N. Kasperon

1960-1961

(Letter from Archives)

Stan Kasperon, in May 1976 wrote with regard to the Rotary history:

I realize that I am beginning to slip into the outer fringes of senility. I cannot remember much of my glorious year as President; however, I believe that is explained by the fact that we had little in the way of goals and virtually nothing in the way of accomplishments.

The club seemed to have a greater vibrancy and more genuine life than now. Whether the club is fading or my enthusiasm, I don't know, but I remember how much fun we had with Warren Calvin during my presidency. He had just completed his year and had become his verbal best while on his feet. There were other characters in the audience, such as Joe Whiting, who usually had a fifteen-minute announcement. There were members like Averly Nelson, who could talk for fifteen minutes, but no one could understand. Averly also played the piano and the same could be said about his music.

J. A. Clemans was in his prime and as I recall when he wasn't selling his business, he was organizing total strangers into Rotary Clubs.

In those days Warren Dewar was big in the program department. He could always be counted on for an interesting program. Chic LeCuyer was being groomed for president. In summary I would say that all the old timers who were members at that time seemed to be just a wee bit more involved with the club and the camaraderie and humor was a little bit above the usual "You forgot your badge".

As I recall we attended a Rotary assembly convention or whatever in Victoria and several members were present. In those days none of the affairs that were held out of the city were poorly attended and we had an excellent time. I can recall fishing trips with Bill Jones, Herb Carroll, Ken Wise and other Rotarians were great fun. There was an emphasis on scholarships and an attempt to identify any particular project. I believe we may have had a Christmas sale or rummage sale, but that was about the extent of our organized activity.

I found that everything that had to be done was done by the president, including in many instances procurement of programs. Our spiritual leader was Francis Kinch. It was later noted that I had only set Rotary back about five years.

Stan's quick wit and sense of humor, along with his leadership ability made him one of the favored presidents of all time. He was M.C. at my installation dinner and made it a night I shall always remember. (Henderson)

Bob Abel

1961-1962

(Excerpts from letter dated April 1976)

My memory gives quick recall of some of the events which occurred during our great year of 1961-1962.

An historical dedication by West Seattle Rotary for the location of one of the first cabins of the early pioneers was held. A plaque recording this historic event is located in concrete, bulkhead at 53rd Avenue SW and Alki Avenue SW. The prime mover on this project was Bob Wise and we did receive excellent Newspaper and TV publicity covering this dedication.

Our means of raising money that year was primarily through the rental of the Granada Theater for a weekend during which time the Virginia City slayers gave a production of "The Drunkard".

Harold Badcon headed up this very successful project.

We also received very good newspaper and T V. coverage for our donation and installation of \$2,000 worth of playground equipment at the High Point Housing Project. Herb Edwards was most helpful on this important project.

It was during this year that the Worlds Fair opened, which led to many interesting guests at our luncheon meeting. Our club was also active with other clubs in the District keeping Rotary Fellowship flowing at the Rotary booth located on the Fair Ground.

Our officers for that year included: Bob Abel, President, Bob Wise, Vice President, and Walt Malone, an outstanding Program Chairman.

Other significant events and accomplishments took place during that year, and in addition our club was always treated to the full wit and charm of the presiding officer.

It was a most enjoyable year.

Bob Abel had a fine singing voice but he deliberately sang off key to irritate the other members and guests. Everybody knew he was good because you have to be good to be that bad. *(Henderson)*

Rolf Johnson

1962-1963

(Excerpts from letter dated November, 1998)

After thirty five years it becomes difficult for me to recall what occurred in 1962-1963, the year I was President of the West Seattle Rotary Club. I now have difficulty remembering my name or where I put my glasses. But I will try.

What I do remember quite vividly were the wonderful introductions of our guest by Stan Kasperson, who should have been a stand up comic instead of an attorney. They always set the tone for good fellowship and his dry humor created lots of laughs.

Ken Wise was just beginning to fine anybody who entered the door and Warren Calvin organized a well-attended golf tournament, which was held on a beautiful sunny day.

Our projects that year included a pancake breakfast, Christmas tree sale, and we had several well attended dinners with our wives.

I also remember that as long as I was an active member of West Seattle Rotary I looked forward with warm pleasure to attending our meetings at the West Seattle Golf Club. It was a special group of men. There were no women members in those days but many wives belonged to the Rotary Anns group and gave of their time to help with many projects.

I remember it well because shortly after my term ended I was transferred to Los Angeles and missed the Rotary fellowship I had enjoyed so much for so many years.

Dominic Megale

1963-1964

(Excerpts from letter dated 1998)

With the help of the Board and a very supportive membership we had a very gratifying year. Of course we carried on the normal fund-raisers to keep the Club solvent and carry on our regular projects. In addition, however, we decided on a new and very ambitious program. Our new endeavor was to be the establishment of a dental clinic at the Brisco School for boys in Kent, Washington. Drs. Royer and Megale were appointed co-chairmen.

For many years charter member Joe Whiting had taken care of the dental needs of the children at the school by passing the hat at Rotary meetings during the Christmas season and making up the difference personally to cover the expenses. The Clinic was opened in early 1964 with a Rotary meeting and luncheon hosted by the Brisco School.

The clinic consisted of two chairs and auxiliary equipment and supplies, and Dominic Megale was the only volunteer dentist at the clinic.

During the development of the clinic Beryl Ash was the largest individual contributor to the program by donating a new air compressor.

Upon the death of charter member Joe Whiting the clinic was renamed in his honor as the Rotary Whiting Clinic.

When the school was closed the clinic was moved to the High Point Housing Project in West Seattle and has served the needs of its residents since that time. The staff has now increased to five dentists and several dental assistants and hygienist that all donate their time.

This clinic is still used as a teaching facility by the University of Washington School of Dentistry.

Over the years this facility has involved many non-Rotarian volunteers in a program of "Service Above Self".

Robert S. Wise

1964-1965

(Excerpts from records on file)

Officers of the club were: Bob Wise - President, Harold Badcon - Vice president, Vern Thompson - Secretary, Otto Krueger - Treasurer, and Sgt.-At-Arms - Tom Gilky. Other board members included: Fred Gilky, Dom Megale, John Miglorie, Dick Oslin, and Chet Patten.

During the year the club made donations to: The West Seattle Committee on youth affairs, The West Seattle High School Choir, The West Seattle Boys Club, El Tore-adore Drum and Bugle Corps, and Chief Seattle Council of Boy Scouts for those who attained the rank of Eagle.

The District Governor said "I was very much impressed with your Youth Service program with specific reference to the proposed Juvenile Court Conference Committee, your scholarship program, your Girl of the month program, and your Eagle Scout program. Think you have great possibilities in your International program and I did enjoy seeing the Totem Pole your club and several others are sending to New Zealand. I have used your bulletin as a model throughout the district as one to be used as an example. Your community service programs are excellent with such events as the Family Concerts. And your method of greeting guests at the door is outstanding."

Bob Wise wrote:

One of our most memorable events was the award given to John Hinderlie, son of member Don Hinderlie, as a Rotary Foundation Fellowship scholar for the academic year of 1965-1966 at the University of Marburg in Germany.

Last Tuesday, December 8th, Bill Bennett was not in attendance, but instead at Pier 91 aboard the Ice Breaker North-Wind, receiving a citation from the entire crew in parade dress for making it possible, with his ham radio equipment, to keep in touch with their families during their six-month arctic cruise. He was showered with gifts, but the one he valued most was his appointment as an honorary member of the crew. "Service Above Self" - the Rotary motto and a way of life.

This year we made a substantial increase in tickets sold for Hy Yu. Last year we sold 23 tickets and this year we sold 265. Congratulations!

We held another salmon bake at the park with Ken Wise in charge. He was assisted by many other Rotarians. All members were asked to bring other foods to be used as a buffet. This made for a wonderful variety of dishes and everybody had more than they could eat. It was another wonderful Fellowship program.

President Bob returned from the Rotary Institute with a great report and was pleased to announce that all but five of our members were in attendance. This is the first year to receive an award for having the most members at the institute.

The West Seattle YMCA sent a letter of thanks to the club for their generous gift to help with camperships at Camp Orkila for children who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Seattle Pacific College also sent thanks for funds sent for scholarships. These were only two of our contributions for community service during the year from funds we raised on special projects. We did have a good year in terms of service. This was a great year and I want to thank the club for this opportunity to serve.

Fred Egge

1965-1966

(Excerpts from letter dated April, 1976)

Officers were: Fred Egge-President, Pete Campbell-Vice President, Vern Thompson-Secretary, and Otto Krueger-Treasurer. Other Board members included: Beryl Ash, Harold Badcon, Bill Bennett, Walt Malone, John Miglorie, and Bob Wise.

Fred Egge wrote:

Recalling my year at the helm, 1965-1966, it was to have been a year when we planned to make every effort to let the people of West Seattle know that Rotary was a strong community organization. We had a very successful rummage sale which at that time was the best way to raise money. We then made a careful survey of the community so that we could decide where we could do the most good with the money we had made from our fund raising projects.

We found that the Highpoint Housing Project was in need of playground equipment so we approached the Director of Housing for the City of Seattle and received permission to install equipment on that site. He said that it was a most important gift because of the number of children living there and the lack of equipment for recreational activities. As I recall we spent about

\$2000 for heavy duty playground equipment and had work parties to put it in place. It was a very successful and gratifying project. We received both newspaper and television coverage of the dedication program and later a plaque was placed at the site recognizing the Rotary Club for the gift.

Herb Edwards, manager of High Point at that, time, told me he was so impressed by the generosity of the Rotary club that he would like to be considered for membership. Later that year he became a member and became President in 1973. One more thing I remember about that year is how the fines increased in amount and number. It had been customary to level fines of 50 cents to a dollar but they were now increased considerably and members and guests alike were "soaked" with heavy fines for any small infraction of our rules---or just for fun.

Oh yes, Averly Nelson played the piano in those days but often came in just before the opening bell so sometimes we had a few tense moments but he usually made it.

Bill Bennett

1966-1967

(Excerpts from records on file)

Officers for the year were: Bill Bennett-President, Beryl Ash-vice President, Jerry Harden-Secretary, and Otto Krueger-Treasurer. Other Board members included: Tom Abel, Carl Blake, Fred Egge, Jack Garrett, and Don Hinderlie.

The club had sixty one members during this year and held a very good attendance record. Under the leadership of Vern Thompson the club collected and rebuilt hearing aids and then sent them to Africa and other impoverished countries. This was an excellent International program.

Unfortunately most of the records from this year were lost and a letter was never received from Bill Bennett, expressing his feelings about his year as President. He was a powerful and dynamic President who left his mark of leadership in many ways. Bill was a President who lived by the Rotary "Four Way Test." He had a good year. *(Henderson)*

Beryl Ash

1967-1968

(Excerpts from letter and records on file)

Officers for the year were: Beryl Ash-President, Ken Wise-Vice President, Jerry Harden-Secretary, and Otto Krueger-Treasurer. Other Board members included: Harold Badcon, Bill Bennett, Jack Garrett, and Dick Hendrickson.

Beryl Ash, in August 1976, wrote:

During the year the usual Youth Programs were continued, such as: Girl of the month. Eagle Scouts and contributions to the local YMCA's.

The Rummage sale was the main money raising function.

The Rotary cabin at Camp Colman had its beginnings. Many times, credit is not given to people who contribute a great deal to bring a project to completion. The idea was generated by Normie

Beers and Jack Henderson. It was their thought that the Rotary club would purchase the materials and donate labor to build the cabin. The Rotary Board accepted the challenge. The cabins, as designed, were made of poles and heavy timbers which required an expertise not generally possessed by Rotary members. Dan Calvin volunteered to work with the Fauntleroy Camp committee to build a more conventional cabin which Rotary member could erect. Dan succeeded in his efforts.

Ron Andre, whose business was building prefabricated cabins, manufactured the parts and provided them at a cost which would have had the net result of a major donation on Ron's part. Approximately 65% of the money to pay for the cabin was turned over to the next administration, during which time it was erected.

The work parties included many of those who were ready volunteers for most projects. Some of them were Ken Wise, Fred Egge, Herb Edwards, Boyd Bentrrott, Dick Bennett, and Jack Henderson.

This was an outstanding success and a wonderful addition to the Camping program.

Ken Wise

1968-1969

(Letter dated Aug, 2000 and records)

Officers were: Ken Wise-President, John Miqlorie-Vice President, Jerry Harden-Secretary, and Otto Krueger-Treasurer. Other Board members were: Beryl Ash, LeRoy Calbom, Dick Hendrickson, Jim Lambrect, and Frank Lewis.

Accomplishments were many and great during this Rotary year.

Ken Wise and two other Rotarians attended the District Conference in Campbell River.

The Rotary club manned the Coffee booth at HiYu and our Rummage sale netted \$715. We also had the salmon bake at Lincoln Park. A new event was the West Seattle Service club Golf Tournament put on by Pete Campbell. It was a great success.

We were host to two Exchange students from Argentina and we sponsored our own Exchange student, Chris Batol from Chief Sealth High School, whose tour was in La Pas, Bolivia.

Our project of Hearing Aids to India was very successful with 65 delivered in one week and a total of 250 during the year. We received good recognition in the paper and on radio.

The Brisco Dental Clinic under the direction of Dora Megale recruited six other dentists to serve the children. Over 120 boys were served during the year. When the school closed it was moved to High Point where it continues to this day. This is one of the outstanding success stories of the club due to the leadership of Dom Megale.

Two athletic banquets were held for student athletes from West Seattle and Sealth High schools during the year. We also promoted a night at the Ice Follies where we had reservations for 75. All proceeds went to the Retarded Children's Fund.

At Christmas all Rotarians were asked to bring wrapped gifts to the meetings. Two large barrels of gifts were collected and delivered to Paul Pruitt to be distributed to needy children at Highpoint. This was the forerunner to what has become the Christmas Shopping Spree.

Another new and interesting program was the Employment Opportunity survey where 15 Rotarian found jobs for 15 Students and eventually 45 during the summer. A very good program.

And now the year of the Rotary cabin at Camp Colman was at hand. During the prior year Norm Beers and Jack Henderson presented the plan to the Board. It was accepted and about 50% of the funds needed for construction were collected by the end of the year. This year we continued the fund drive and planned for work parties.

Thanks to Ron Andre the work was made easier and costs reduced by using pre built trusses made by his company. Dates were set for a building bee and 55 Rotarians and their families gathered on April 19 and 20 to construct the cabin. By the end of two days the cabin was completed except for a few final touches that were finished in time for the opening of the 1969 camping season. This was an outstanding success and the highlight of the year. For this project we received the Rotary Club of the Year Award from the District and were mentioned in the Rotary magazine.

This was a terrific year for West Seattle Rotary, but when the 1969-1970 year came we passed the gavel on.

Frank Lewis

1969-1970

(Excerpts from letter dated 1998)

My year as President of West Seattle Rotary Club was really quite uneventful. It was, however, a very gratifying experience and one I shall long remember.

Immediate past President Ken Wise presented me with the club gavel at the installation dinner held at the Glen Acres Golf Club. It was my pleasure to introduce Board members including Jay Murray-Secretary, Walt Malone-Vice President, and Otto Krueger-Treasurer.

Our best fundraiser for the year was a rummage sale. We had great participation by the members and raised a substantial amount of money to help us meet our financial obligations and continue our community service programs.

Another program of importance was the student recognition program. Each month our club would recognize an outstanding student and the parents from each of the High Schools in West Seattle, at one of our weekly meetings.

I believe the highlights of my year as President were two District Conferences I attended. The first was held in Victoria, B.C. in preparation of my term and the second was held at Ocean Shores during my term. They were both memorable events.

I shall always have fond memories of my years as a member of West Seattle Rotary and especially my year as President.

Walt Malone

1970-1971

(Excerpts from records on file)

Officers for the year were: Walt Malone-President, Jim Lambrect-Vice President, Jay Murray-Secretary, and Jim Benson-Treasurer. Other members of the Board included: Dick Bennett, Wally Berning, Herb Edwards, Dick Hendrickson, and Frank Lewis.

Wally Berning, Director of Club Services had Fritz Butzirus and J.A. Clemans in charge of attendance which meant all members knew that they were expected to make up any meetings they missed. Consequently they had good attendance throughout the year. Beryl Ash was in charge of classifications and as usual Beryl did an outstanding job. Herb Edwards was director of Community services, assisted by a number of capable Rotarians who were: Dan Calvin, Dick Bennett, Pop Hannaford, and Dom Megale. International Service was under the capable leadership of Jim Lambrect, and Vocational service was lead by Dick Bennett.

Unfortunately no other records were available and a letter was never received. It is unfortunate that, more Presidents did not write a letter of their year as President. In this case we had one of the most caring Presidents in the history of our club. Walt Malone was a fine President and had a good year.

(Henderson)

Dick Bennett

1972-1973

(Excerpts from records on file)

Officers for the year were: Dick Bennett-President, Herb Edwards-Vice President, Bill Heathman-Secretary, and Jim Angstead-Treasurer. Other members of the Board included: Connie Aronson, Dan Calvin, Gordon Hannaford, Jim Lambrect, and John Miglorie.

The club held a special program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the club, with special honors to J.A. Clemans and his 25 years of perfect attendance.

The club reactivated regular contributions to Rotary Foundation and reached the 200% level. We also established the Frank Woesner Memorial. We established the scholarship fund and contributed \$600 for that purpose. We also established a short term loan fund at South Seattle Community College. The club provided for an exchange student. A new and interesting project was that of corresponding with a Rotary Club in Gudur, India. We sent representatives to the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA) at Pacific Lutheran University. The club caught the first vision of a Viewpoint Park at 35th Avenue S.W. and S.W. Alaska Street. It was first mentioned by Normie Beers at a Board Meeting. We inducted seven new members during the year. We held a second Monte Carlo night and conducted the first Christmas Shopping program for children in need. This program has since grown into one of the most significant programs of the club.

The Board sent to the Commissioners of the Port of Seattle a resolution supporting the need of a small boat marina.

We also established a policy whereby \$1.00 was added to the lunch fee for club expenses and \$1.00 was charged to each member who did not have lunch for the same purpose. We also polled the membership for ideas of new money raising projects.

Herb Edwards

1973-1974

(From letter dated May 2000)

My year as President was one of enthusiasm, satisfaction and unforgettable pleasure. It was an enjoyable year of working with friends on important causes. It was a wonderful year in my life.

During that year the club accomplished many goals. One of the exciting events of that year was the opening of a new District 503 which included Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Our club sponsored District 503's first assembly Conference at Ocean Shores with Normie Beers and Jack Henderson as directors.

We reached the 200% level in Rotary Foundation starting a growth pattern that has been very successful. Our first International Program was sending \$500 to Bogata, Columbia to help service "Street Children" at Camp Bochika. We also hosted a Foreign Exchange student from Japan named Toyoko Hajiyama.

We donated \$500 to help open a Girls Club of America in West Seattle. We sent students to the Rotary Youth Leaders Assembly. (RYLA). We winterized, the Rotary Cabin at Camp Colman with Ken Wise and Dan Calvin in charge.

We established Warren Calvin Day—when Kenney Home residents visited the club for lunch. We continued to contribute \$600 to the short term loan fund at South Seattle Community College.

We inducted thirteen new members under the leadership of Walt Malone. Dan Calvin started the design work on the View Point Project.

We continued the Christmas Shopping program under the leadership of Boyd Bentrott. This year we took six needy children from the Highpoint Housing Project to shop at South Center. Each child was given \$15 to buy gifts for siblings and parents and was then given a nice gift of clothing from the sponsoring Rotarian.

Other events during the year included the Salmon Bake at Lincoln Park, a fireside at Bill Bennett's' where we had conversation with Rotarians in Suva, Fiji over Bill's Ham Radio - a very interesting hit. Cirque Theater Dinner Party, Bowling Team championship, Golf Party, Halloween at Hiawatha Field House and the first Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.

We also rewrote the By-Laws and adopted new Account Definition **stand articles**; for succeeding treasurers. In addition the history of Women in Rotary became an issue and we were part of it, though we were unsuccessful at the time. Fred Egge's piano and Normie Beers songs added fun to our meetings and Pop Hannaford produced a lively bulletin.

These memories and the lively contributions by our total membership are unforgettable. "We were TIGERS"

Herb Edwards has been one of the most capable members of Rotary and should have been our District Governor. *(Henderson)*

Jack R. Henderson

1974-1975

(Excerpts from files on record)

What an interesting year! One of challenge, excitement, and satisfaction. Yes it was a good year.

The officers and Board members were: Jack Henderson-President, Jim Angstead-Vice President, Bill Heathman-Secretary, Gordon Fisher-Treasurer, Boyd Bentrott, Herb Edwards, Jack Farmer, and Dick Hendrickson. New committees were: Historian-Pop Hannaford, Ways and Means-Bob Ochsner, New member indoctrination-Sid Porter, Attendance-Bill Bennett and Chaplain-Don Henderlie. All did outstanding work.

Community accomplishments attained this year include: Raising 50% of the funds required to build the Normie Beers cabin at Camp Colman, The continuation of the Christmas shopping program which started during Dick Bennett's term, continued and improved during Herb Edwards' term and doubled by including children from Cooper school during this term. It has since become one of the most significant service programs of this club.

Other programs started this year: Sonics night-promoted by Bob Ochsner; Chic LeCuyer, Herb Edwards and I developed a program to make "New Members-Active Members". Following induction each new member was assigned to a committee under one of the avenues of service and was required to work with that committee for the entire year. They were also given a card outlining nine requirements to be fulfilled before they would receive their Blue Badge. We also encouraged them to bring a friend to a meeting (at the club's expense) whom they would like to see become a member. It Worked!

We also made a substantial contribution to the YMCA camp in Bochika, Columbia to rebuild their Swimming Pool. We supplied manually operated sewing machines to the Suva Rotary Club in Fiji for distribution by their club. We made contributions to the Fautleroy and West Seattle YMCA's and made great progress toward the development of the Rotary View Point through work parties, planning, design, and cooperation with the Park Dept. This project was first mentioned during Dick Bennett's term, well promoted during Herb Edwards' term, work started during this term and finally finished during Jim Angstead's term. Since 1975 it has been a handsome addition to the West Seattle community.

Attendance and New members were our highest priorities. Three times during the year we raised our goal and three times we made the new goal, ending the year with nineteen new members. In addition our attendance made steady progress as noted by excerpts from the club bulletin written by Pop Hannaford. In Aug. our attendance was 85.4%-Pop's comment was "That's not very good" Sept. our attendance was finally over 90%. It was 91.12%--comment, "somewhat better". Oct. we were fourth in the District and by Nov. we were third in the District at 93.4% "not Bad", and finally we ended the year with an average of 85% which made it easy to set a new record of 107 attending the Annual meeting with fourteen of the nineteen new members present. Real Progress!

Our record of nineteen new members has stood for many years.

2 July 1974 *Herb Ellison*, Fuel Distribution; *Jim Granson*, Banking; *Joe Steiner*, Publishing

30 July 1974 *Robert Martin*, Commercial Banking

6 August 1974 *Gordon Fisher*, Savings and Loan

1 October 1974 *Ray Christopherson*, Public Schools

8 October 1974 *Gene Faye*, Commercial Banking

15 October 1974 *Dan Snyder*, Appliances; *John Alcaide*, Hospital Administration

22 October 1974 *Gene Daughters*, Moving/Storage

13 November 1974 *Lincoln McCoy*, Commercial Banking

26 November 1974 *Steve Huling*, Auto Sales
31 December 1974 *Bob Sleem*, Manpower/Employment
3 June 1975 *Bill Fazekas*, Realty; James Webb, Realty
17 June 1975 *Ken Wood*, Eng. Dev. Co.; Neil Paulson, Title Insurance
22 June 1975 Art *Hornberg*, Scouting; Norm Sandberg, Telephone

This year as president was an honor and a privilege, one I shall always remember. I hope those who served with me feel as much warmth from the experience as I do. I feel that our efforts built and strengthened the club whether or not we received recognition or publicity for what we accomplished. It was a good year!

Jim Angstead

1975-1976

(Excerpts from files on record)

Officers for the club were: Jim Angstead-President, Jack Farmer-Vice President, Herb Ellison-Secretary and Gordon Fisher-Treasurer. Other members of the Board included: Lowell Anderson, Boyd Bentrrott, Jack Henderson, Lowell Knutson, and Earling Oakland.

So many, things happened during this year that I will only comment, on those of most importance.

As usual we held many annual events that have been popular with our membership, including the following: We manned the coffee and cold drink booth at the HiYu picnic at Lincoln Park picnic. We took care of a booth at the Halloween Party held at the Hiawatha Field House. Warren Calvin day at our club meeting was again a very enjoyable meeting where we were host to members of the Kenney Home. We held the second Sonics night with Bob Ochsner again in charge and again we had a great time and a great turn out. As usual the Mother's Day Pancake breakfast was well attended and a very pleasant program with many happy helpers.

In addition we had many other successful events during the year. Roy Morse from the downtown club and our own Dick Bennett painted the front wall of our meeting place to be used as a projection screen--WHAT A DIFFERENCE. We also furnished sleeping bags to the Neighborhood house to be used in their summer camping program. Boyd Bentrrott. started a project of sending books to Ghana which met with outstanding success and required, more and more books to meet the need. Very successful and very much appreciated. Our Rotary Foundation rose to over 300% and Lowell Knutson directed the fourth Christmas Shopping spree taking care of about ten children of need.

The Joe Whiting Dental Clinic has now become a member of the Southwest Medical-Dental Services, Inc. It has since been renamed Neighborhood Health Centers of Seattle. This is an outstanding program thanks to the efforts of Dom Megale, Charlie Anderson from the Downtown club and our own Bob Sleem showed the bronze plaque to be placed in the Rotary cabin at Camp Colman. It states that the cabin is a service gift from the West Seattle Rotary Club.

Other interesting activities of the year included: A night out at the Cirque Theater for dinner and a stage play. Secretaries day was a great success when the members brought their secretaries, partners, friends or anybody else they could find to join them for lunch. It was a very satisfying and enjoyable meeting.

Dr. Robert Smith, President of S.S.C.C. was present to receive a gift of \$600 for the scholarship fund. We also paid the balance of \$514.00 for the Norman Beers cabin at Camp Colman.

However, the biggest and most gratifying project of the year was the work done on the Viewpoint Park. Although it was started and planned during the past two administrations, most of the work was done during Jim Angstead's term as president. A great job and a beautiful new park for West Seattle.

The success of this year is due to the Officers, Board members and a supportive membership.

Jack Farmer

1976-1977

(Excerpts from records on file)

Officers for the year were: Jack Farmer-President, Boyd Bentrott Vice President, Jim Angstead-Past-President, Herb Ellison-Secretary, and Bob Martin -Treasurer. Other members of the board included: Sid Porter-Club Service, Lowell Knutson-Community Service, Bob Ochsner-International Service, and Bill Dickinson Vocational Service.

Each year Rotary spends a great deal of energy maintaining and developing programs of worth. This year was no different.

We continued to observe Warren Calvin Day by inviting residents from the Kenney home to have lunch with us as our guests. We had an enjoyable luncheon with our wives at a special Christmas meeting and had the Christmas Shopping Spree for nine children of need. We continued to help at the Hiawatha Field House Halloween party. Another Fishing party for Rotarians was held at West Port in July. The Salmon barbecue at Lincoln Park was another successful event. Helping at the Coffee booth at Hi Yu is always a pleasure and addition of corn on the cob by Rotarians was a new treat. Again we hosted the Hi Yu princesses at our meeting and introduced our own Princess, Julie Roberts, as our candidate. Cirque Theater Party was another success for the year, and of course Sonics night was again a lot of fun. The pancake breakfast was a great success this year with a take of about \$1,400.

Other important projects included our Scholarship program, and our Rotary Foundation reached a new high of 600%. Warren Dewar was honored as the oldest living Past President and presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award.

This was a big year for the Viewpoint Park project. The Totem Pole was put in place, shrubs and flowers were planted, and a three ton boulder was sand blasted and placed as a marker. The dedication took place on August 10th. Normie Beers gave the history of the Park, Jack Farmer presented the Park to Mayor Uhlman who accepted it in the name of the City. Dave Towne Park Dept. Supt. pledged help in finishing and maintaining the park. We received excellent T.V. and newspaper publicity of event. Following the dedication there was still much to do. More planting, placement of park benches, and most of the general landscaping.

At the District Assembly we had a display of the park and West Seattle received the district Community Service Award. And, to top it all, a tree was planted in the Paul Harris Forest: in Haifa, Israel, to honor West Seattle Rotary Club's Community work on the Park.

In addition the club carried on with other projects such as a Plant Sale, contributions to club 385 in the Philippines to help after the recent disaster, we amended the By-Laws, we set up a Boyd Bentrott Memorial Fund and a Scholarship in his name, started selling belt buckles to raise funds, and encouraged members to attend the Rotary International Conference in San Francisco.

It was a busy and satisfying year, well worth the effort and experience I shall always remember.

Lowell Knutson

1977-1978

(Letter dated Aug. 18, 2000)

Members of the Board included: Lowell Knutson-President, Carl Blake-Vice President, Jack Farmer-Past President, Herb Ellison-Secretary, Al Bernahl-Treasurer, Sid Porter-Club Service, Angus Coghill-Community Service, Linc McCoy-International Service, and Eugene Faye-Vocational Service.

Twenty three years of living has dulled my memory of my year as president of the West Seattle Rotary Club. Some events, however, are etched in my memory. The untimely death of Boyd Bentrrott moved me into line to the president without the benefit of being broken in as the Vice President. In my brief couple of years as a member of the club I had observed that the president of the club ran his own show. With my clergy background, I noticed that, the opening rituals (particularly the prayer) tended to put everyone's mind into neutral. I was probably wrong in my observation and somewhat judgmental but I was the president. I decided to do something about the opening of our meetings. The ringing of the bell meant to continue to sit as we would be led in community singing. On appropriate occasions and meaningful days nationally and locally we would have the flag salute and prayer. The bell ringing and remaining seated was tough to handle but I do believe the observances and prayers were meaningful to all. There was little residual effect on the club however as the next year the opening ritual was back to normal.

Programs followed the usual format with speakers from every level of government: local, county and state. We did have debate on Seattle's desegregation plan, a hot issue of the day. We excitedly watched film on the King Dome and its construction. We also had an interesting program on the revitalization of the Pike Street Market. We had a number of memorable speakers but none more important than the legendary Royal Brougham. Royal was the nationally known sports writer for the P.I. Seattle Pacific University's sports building is named after him.

The projects of the year followed the established endeavors: corn-on-cob at HiYu, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, and Christmas Shopping Spree for children, Halloween Carnival at Hiawatha, and the annual West Port Fishing Party. We either started or continued a new emphasis on Paul Harris sustaining members with the club furnishing the first \$100 and the member committing to finish the needed \$900. Minutes noted that Bob Ochsner made his initial payment. (I hope he's completed it by now). This is also the year Herb Edwards attended the International Rotary Convention in Tokyo, Japan.

My year as president was one that I thoroughly enjoyed because of the relationships and commitment to Rotary principals of service. In my swan song to the club I confessed that I enjoy being the president of Rotary so much that I would probably be depressed most of the next year not being able to run the show.

F. Carlton Blake

1978-1979

(Letter dated August 17, 2000)

Following the Honorable Reverend Lowell Knutson I became the 32nd President of the West Seattle Rotary Club. Any success for this year is due to a dedicated Board and a receptive membership. The Board members included: President-Carl Blake, President Elect-Dan Calvin, Secretary-Wally DeLong, and Treasurer-Al Bernahl. Other Board members were: Ron Wallace, John Enger, Gene Faye, and Bill Hanot.

We continued to hold our meetings at the West Seattle Golf Club. This year was special when Dom Megale's daughter became the West Seattle Hi Yu Princess. Again our club managed the "Corn-on-the-cob" booth at Hi Yu.

We completed the Normie Beers cabin at Camp Colman and held the dedication of the cabin Sunday July 30th followed by a Salmon barbecue at Camp. We also had our annual Salmon barbecue in the park on Sept. 7th.

In an attempt to increase attendance at meetings we held a drawing for a free meal. It required that the winner must have attended or made up the three meetings prior to the draw. In July our attendance was 72%. Bill Bennett set a goal for a 100% meeting the next month with a buddy system to help the attendance. This resulted in an increase to 93% for the meeting. However in March attendance had dropped again to 82%.

We held a Bike Rodeo at Westwood Village and had great participation from our membership. We also sponsored the Halloween night at Hiawatha Field House. In October we celebrated our 31st anniversary with Charter members Ed Royer, J.A. Clemans, Fritz Butzirus and Joe Goodrich in attendance.

Rotary Foundation week was celebrated with six members becoming sustaining members. On Dec. 14th we attended South Pacific at the Second Stage Theater. Midge Megale announced the program and sang several selections from the show. It was a great hit.

We had a delightful Christmas luncheon for our wives and guests, followed by entertainment from West Seattle High School and Roxhill Grade School. We also continued with the Christmas Shopping Spree.

The Board decided to pay expenses for the Pres. Elect to the District Conference as well as the Registration fee for other Rotarians attending.

Other successful events for the year included: the Sonics Stag Party and the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, which netted over \$700. The Belt Buckle sales program continues to be a good fund raiser.

Work continued at the View Point Park with repairs to the Totem Pole by a local volunteer. The View Point is busy with many visitors.

We contributed over \$400 to a High School student to participate in a humanities program "Amegos de Los America" in Latin America.

The year ended with a wonderful installation banquet at the Glen Acres Golf Club on June 5th.

This was a year of learning and growth. I was counseled at the beginning of the year—"Take your responsibility seriously but don't take yourself seriously. Remember, it is but one year in the life of the club and nothing you can or will do can permanently harm the club" Good advice, and I believe that.

I shall always remember this year and be grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Dan Calvin

1979-1980

(Letter dated July 17, 2000)

The West Seattle Rotary year started for me in May of 1979 at the District Conference in White Horse of the Yukon, Territories. Mary and I and several West Seattle Rotarians flew to Juneau, Alaska and boarded a passenger ferry that sailed up the Lynn Canal to Skagway. There we boarded a narrow-gauge, open-car railroad train that took us to Whitehorse on the Yukon River. I began to realize the responsibility and duties of a Rotary Club president.

Upon return I was able to enlist the following members, and we began to work on our agenda.

The Board of Directors was made up of the following members: President-Dan Calvin, Incoming President-Sid Porter, Past President-Carl Blake, Secretary-Wally DeLong, Treasurer-Don Butler, Directors-Merrill Bruneau, Henry Gratrix, Bill Hanot and Bob Hurst.

We were duly installed on June 5, 1979, at Glen Acres Country Club following an afternoon of golf followed by the installation dinner. We met monthly at Wally DeLong's Law Office at 6032 California S.W. for our Board meetings.

One of the Boards first decisions was to continue the marketing of Rotary belt buckles by purchasing a new inventory of brass and silver buckles for resale to Rotarians.

Meetings continued to be held at the West Seattle Golf Club House. This was an ideal meeting place, except that the kitchen was tiny and also had to service a substantial luncheon at the same time. The result was Rotary meals prepared hours in advance of the meeting (some times days). Normie Beers was often called upon to lead an opening song with piano accompaniment by Fred Egge, followed with a blessing.

Father John Schaffer was the District Governor who made attendance an important part of his program. As a spoof, I arranged for 90% of our Rotarians present to get up and leave early. He was flabbergasted, but they returned on cue and all was forgiven.

We continued to support the Joe Whiting Dental Clinic, as suggested by Dom Megale. Money was provided to install newly donated equipment.

Herb Edwards did an outstanding program on the Rotary Foundation. He then followed up with information and explanations of how the Foundation works and highlighted its many accomplishments. Several West Seattle Rotarians decided to participate as a result of his efforts.

Incoming President Sid Porter arranged a West Seattle Rotary visit to the Cirque Dinner Theater. Dom's wife, actress Midge was often a member of the cast.

During the year we held a meeting at Gill Centioli's Kentucky Fred Chicken drive-in at 35th SW and Avalon. This took place before the restaurant opened as a "dry-run" for employees and a change for the Rotarians. Well known TV weatherman Harry Wappler was the speaker.

Tuesday landed on both Christmas and New Year's Eve, so the president and other West Seattle Rotarians had an extended three week vacation from Rotary meetings during the holidays. We hosted a Kids Shopping Night at Westwood Village for needy children, with Bill Heathman's leadership and the facilities of the Fautleroy YMCA.

Support for the Rotary Loan Fund and Scholarships were continued with the guidance of South Seattle Community College President Jerry Brockey and Erling Oakland. We had an outstanding turnout for

the Mother's Day Pancake breakfast where we served more than 500 meals and managed with Ken's auction skills to sell leftover supplies to non participants.

The year mercifully came to an end for this administration at the installation banquet on June 3, 1980.

Sid Porter

1980-1981

(From letter dated July 13, 2000)

Officers for the year were: Sid Porter-President, Bob Ochsner -President Elect, Bill Hanot-Vice President, Dan Calvin-Past President, Marshall Hjelde-Secretary, Dan Buttler-Treasurer. Other members of the Board included: Bob Seiverts, Ray Christopherson, Mike DeFaccio, and Bill Heathman.

I was probably the only President of Rotary ever to take office while drawing Unemployment Compensation. After two jobs with companies that either went Bankrupt or failed I went to work for Boeing for ten years. However my work schedules made it impossible to continue as President so I had to resign and join a Club that met in the mornings.

While in office I enjoyed leading the club in the construction of playground equipment at Gatewood Elementary School. Henry Gratrix was in charge and pulled together many work parties to install the equipment. Bob Hurst was the project coordinator. It was soon vandalized and the club had to replace much of the equipment.

The most summer fun was enjoyed by the members who attended the fishing party with Ken Wise on July 17th at Westport. We enjoyed catching, eating and taking fish home. Quite a party!

Another highlight of the summer was the election of our club candidate Colleen Good as Queen of the Hi Yu celebration. Again the club hosted all of the princesses at a club meeting where we bought our Hi Yu buttons from Colleen.

Other activities we enjoyed included the Salmon Barbeque at Lincoln Park in September, the Halloween Party at Hiawatha Playfield, Warren Calvin Day at Rotary where we hosted the residents from the Kenney home for lunch, a special meeting where the Lutheran High School choir and bell Choir entertained us, December 18th we held the Christmas Shopping Spree, again we held a Sonics night, in April we had a Cirque Dinner Theatre presentation, and in May we held our annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. We served 540 people.

We had a great turnout for the District Conference at Victoria, B.C. where we stayed at the Empress Hotel. We also chartered a bus for the trip which added to the enjoyment. We had to meet at several different places during March while the clubhouse was being remodeled. When we returned the lunch price was raised to \$5.00.

June 16th finally came and Bob Ochsner was given the gavel for the coming year. Dan Calvin arranged for the dinner and program and we enjoyed a wonderful meeting.

I thoroughly enjoyed my year as President even though there were many disruptions during the year. I felt we had a very good year.

Bob Ochsner

1981-1982

(Excerpts from letter and records on file)

As I stroll down my Rotary memory lane I think of the people involved and the programs and projects we were involved in. It was a most interesting year.

First I must give credit to the fine Board and committee members that made this year a success. Our Board members included: Bob Ochsner-President, Bill Heathman-President elect, Bill Hanot-Vice President, Bill Barcus-Secretary, and Angus Coghill-Treasurer. Other members of the Board were: Al Bernahl, Ray Christopherson, Bill Fazekas, and Marv Titterud.

Jerry Riehl presented a project to the Board initiating the development of an amphitheater at the Viewpoint and planting trees from S.W. Alaska St. to 35th Ave. S.W. The idea of the amphitheater gave way to the tree planting project which brings back memories of one of the most exciting events during my year as President. We planned a tree planting meeting and ceremony on the 11th of May. We invited Lt. Governor Joel Pritchard, Mayor Charles Royer, the City Council, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and the West Seattle High School Band. Naturally, for such a program we should have the streets blocked off on S.W. Alaska St. to 35th Ave. S.W., and on 35th Ave. SW from the top of the hill past the viewpoint and past the golf course. So I called our new member Bill Kramer, Assistant Police Chief for Seattle, with my request. His immediate answer was---"No way", so we went ahead as planned contending with normal traffic and confusion. But it was great. At the meeting our club presented Mayor Charles Royer with a plaque reading: "The Rotary Club of West Seattle presents to the City of Seattle 38 Norwegian maple trees planted along Alaska Ave S.W. to 35th Ave S.W." The gift was graciously accepted and the project was successfully completed.

Another thing that crossed my mind was-the discovery that our club had inadvertently failed to pay our pledge to the Y.M.C.A. for the past year. We made the payment and moved forward. We installed an answering service at the Joe Whiting Dental Clinic, initiated the Rotarian of the month program, presenting a plaque to one member each month for outstanding service. The members so honored were Connie Aronson, Bill Barcus, Normie Beers, Bill Bennett, Herb Edwards, Dave Faraca, Pop Hannaford, Lowell Knutson, Jim Lambrect, Chick LeCuyer, John Miglorie, Jerry Riehl and Ken Wise.

Of course we again carried on with the popular Christmas Shopping Spree, continued the College Loan Fund, held another fishing trip, hosted the Hi-Yu princesses, held the annual Pancake Breakfast, and the Salmon Barbecue. We also attended a Sonics Game and had a Theater Party.

All in all it was a very productive and enjoyable year. One I shall always remember.

Bill Heathman

1982-1983

(Excerpts from letter dated 1992-1993)

As I look back at my year as President of West Seattle Rotary I recall the challenge I felt being President of such a fine group. I followed Bob Ochsner as president and found many well organized procedures in place. This and the help from a supporting Board and willing membership made it possible to establish and attain lofty goals.

Through some proven fund raising projects we were able to increase our support by 50% to several community organizations including the Boy Scouts, Camp Colman scholarships and specific YMCA programs.

We tried to alert the community to the importance of the Rotary Viewpoint and the contributions Normie Beers made to West Seattle over the years.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at the West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse. The lunch consisted of spaghetti and garlic bread much to my embarrassment.

Bill Hanot

1983-1984

(unattributed)

Being President of West Seattle Rotary Club was one of the most memorable and fulfilling experiences of my retirement years.

Probably the most lasting event that started during my term as President was the Strawberry sale. Our first club strawberry sale was held in the spring of 1984 and is still a very successful fund raiser. John Keener spearheaded this project and was assisted by a host of fellow Rotarians.

Other things of lesser importance include my design and Board approval of the Rotary Banner on which other club banners were displayed each week. I personally built the storage cabinet for this equipment. What ever happened to our banner collection and the Viewpoint Banner to display them? One more question-what happened to the "wheel" used to fine members who missed meetings? It raised a few bucks and called attention to the laggards.

Most remembered of my term might be my abuse of the bell. It was an attention-getter and I think it should be used more often. Personally, I get very annoyed at those who talk during the program. That habit is very rude and disruptive.

You may remember I became a R.I.N.O. in 1984 when we motor-homed around the U.S. and Canada, then for seven months in Maui while our home was being built in Arizona. From there we lived in Bremerton in 1990 and finally moved to Horizon House in Seattle.

I miss the association with all my Rotary buddies and hope to be part of the group again in the near future.

Wally DeLong

1984-1985

(Excerpts form letter dated Sept.1997)

During my term as President, 1984-1985, the club continued to meet at the West Seattle Golf Clubhouse. I believe we were served spaghetti and meatballs at least every other week. I followed Bill Hanot as President and one thing I remember is that I put the gavel and the bell away.

One of my outstanding memories of my year as President was the immediate and positive response I always received from the Board or any member when I asked for assistance on a project or any matter relating to Rotary. During this Rotary year we attained our established goals for new members, community and international service. The District Conference the year before my term was held at Ocean Shores. Our club was well represented.

During my year as President Our Rotary District included parts of Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Dan Calvin and I attended the conference in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. That was a very interesting experience.

I must thank Bill Barcus for another year as Treasurer. This year we concentrated on fellowship and firesides. Our most successful fundraiser was the strawberry and raspberry sale. We raised enough money to meet the needs of our community service projects.

Our Installation banquet was held at Glen Acres Golf Club. This was a year I shall long remember.

Bill Fazekas

1985-1986

(From letter dated May, 2000)

I don't know if it has been said but what takes a lot of time to complete is probably too long anyway.

My year started in July—funny how that happens in Rotary!

I was truly blessed with the past performance of previous Presidents, of which I think there were 36. As I was able to follow their example I was in good stead. I found out there was considerable objection to a person of my stature becoming President of West Seattle Rotary, so I brought a little stool to the meeting so everybody could see me, but more importantly so I could see them.

Let's recall the wonderful things that happened during my term as President. We moved out of the dining room of the venerable old West Seattle Golf Club House where food was suspect, to the shores of Elliot Bay and Salty's where food was, as it turns out suspect but with a view. Who cares!

We established some innovative funding programs at the South Seattle Community College, discontinued—that is — cancelled the Mothers Day pancake breakfast; mothers were delighted, some Rotarians resigned. We continued the Lincoln Park barbeque and everybody was happy again.

I became ill in Feb. 1986 so Al Bernahl filled in admirably and he didn't need the stool.

We were off to Anchorage for the District Conference, the last conference held with the Alaskan Rotarians. The District Governor was the Past President of the U of A, Fairbanks. We even won some awards. Jerry Riehl was left to finish work not completed.

Jerry Riehl

1986-1987

(Information from Holland, Rayner, and Vertrees)

Officers for the year were: Jerry Riehl-President, Vice President-Tom Russell, President Elect-Al Bernahl, Secretary-Bruce Sillers, Treasurer-Ken Sill, and Past President-Bill Fazekas. Other members of the Board included: Don Olson, Mark Braseth, Bob Rayner, and Steve Howard. The District Governor was John Henry who announced at our meeting that Rotary had finally inducted its 1,000,000th member. Quite an accomplishment.

We had a very busy and gratifying year of fundraisers, special events and contributions to meaningful causes. Our fundraisers included the Strawberry sale, Poinsettia sale, and a new fundraiser, the "Order

of Santa". The Bathhouse theatre was not only a great special event but turned out to be a substantial fundraiser as well.

Other special events included a baseball game, the Christmas Shopping Spree, assisted by a generous gift by the Police Guild through our member Bill Kramer, several firesides, a Golf tournament, the picnic in the Park "Ken Wise in charge", a Mariners game, Sonics night, and a memorable District Conference at Whistler.

New members for the year included: Jim Lamtarect, Ken Eastlack, and Tom Wise. Jim Lambrect also became a Paul Harris Fellow. Our Exchange Student for the year was Kaoko Faukuoka, who was hosted by the Endbergs, Rayners, and Somerville families.

An historic event came to pass during this year as women were finally allowed, by order of the courts, to become members of Rotary clubs. Many clubs immediately accepted the ruling of the court and inducted new women members shortly thereafter.

Another interesting new venture was our attempt to help the Vashon Island club get started. Some of our members decided to visit the new Vashon club for its meetings but were discouraged when they found that it was a breakfast club meeting at 7:00 A.M.

All in all it was a good and satisfying year.

Al Bernahl

1987-1988

(Excerpts from letter dated 1997)

These are highlights of the Rotary year 1987-1988. I have undoubtedly left out some items and should apologize to anyone, inadvertently left out, who had helped make this year such a great success.

POLIO PLUS BEGINS - At the President Elect Training Seminar each club was given an assignment of what their club would be expected to raise for this important project. The total goal was \$108 million dollars to eliminate Polio worldwide. Our goal was set at \$21,500. This seemed to be an overwhelming amount of money for us to raise, but I asked Beryl Ash to head a committee for this purpose and by the end of the year we had collected over \$22,000 and still maintained most of our club activities.

WOMEN IN ROTARY - For several years some Rotary clubs had considered inviting women into their membership but Rotary International had advised against it. In 1987 the Supreme Court ruled that women could not be excluded from membership so shortly thereafter Lessie Woodruff was nominated for membership and became our first woman member. Of course there were some complaints and several members said they would drop out if women were admitted. However, we lost no members for that reason.

INTERACT PROJECT - During the year we became involved in the Interact program through a West Seattle Rotarian visiting in Mexico. When he visited a Rotary club on his trip he discovered that they were in the process of building a hospital and needed equipment. At this time the Kenney Home was replacing their hospital beds and night stands so we were able to collect this equipment and ship to the Mexican border where members of the Mexican club met the truck and delivered the equipment to the hospital. Unfortunately we have never heard what happened to all the equipment we collected for them.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE - We served 80 children during the shopping spree this year. As usual Ken Wise put on a great Santa performance. The teachers as well as the children truly appreciated this event.

PICNIC - The club had a wonderful picnic this year including a visit from the Fire Dept. Ken Wise and his crew had such a fire going that a neighbor on the hill thought the Park was on fire and called 911. This was also the day that Tom Russell arranged for Helicopter rides, approved by the FAA but not the Park. More excitement!

Thomas C. Russell

1988-1989

(Information from Holland, Rayner, and Vertrees)

Officers for the year: Tom Russell - President, Don Olson - Vice President, Frank Vertrees - President Elect, Mark Mangold – Secretary, Dan Fazio – Treasurer. Other Board Members: Bob Rayner, Frank Holland

1988-1989 was an ambitious year for projects. Our club sponsored the first "District" auction to raise funds to buy an Ergys machine to be placed at the West Seattle Hospital for use by spinal cord injured patients to maintain muscle tone and cardiovascular fitness. Lessie Woodruff chaired the project and we obtained limited support from other clubs for the auction which was held at the newly opened Union Station.

Herb Edwards continued to raise funds for Polio Plus, a project begun the previous year to eradicate Polio worldwide. Primary fundraisers for the club were the annual berry sale and a "Walk-a-thon" at Alki.

The annual Children's Shopping Spree continued to be our clubs biggest community service project. At least 90 needy children were taken to Sears where they were outfitted with clothes, fed breakfast and lunch and given a chance to meet Santa.

Other traditional events continued this year were the Kenney Home day, where residents from the home are invited for lunch. We also had a Sonics night which included a dinner gathering prior to the game. New this year was a day spent at Long Acres watching the ponies.

Our new member of the year was Jeannie Arvidson. It was a good year with several notable accomplishments.

Frank Vertrees

1989-1990

(Excerpts from letter dated 1999)

1989-1990 was a rebuilding year. Treasurer, Sue Goertzen began her work in April, 1989 and restored organization to the club treasury. New members that year included Greg Whitney, Walt Patterson, David Cox, Kate Carmel (Formerly Kathy Hunter), and Bob "Coach" Roach.

Our club continued to support the RI Polio Plus program begun during Al Bernahl's year to eliminate Polio in the world through vaccinations. Herb Edwards continued to promote Rotary Foundation awareness in the club.

We continued to support the Ergys Machine the club placed at West Seattle Hospital with the cooperation and support of hospital director Dr. Pesch. The Ergys machine was used to maintain muscle tone in spinal cord injuries, by electrically stimulating leg muscles to operate what appears to be a sophisticated exercise bike.

Also with the cooperation of Dr. Pesch, our club was instrumental in a project that provided surplus hospital beds for a facility in Mexico.

Our club continued the tradition of the annual "Kenney Home Day" by inviting residents of the Kenney Home to enjoy lunch and fellowship with our club members. West Seattle Rotary also hosted the first Past Presidents' Luncheon, allowing our members to get better acquainted with our club's past by meeting several former members who were early leaders in our club.

Our primary fundraiser was the annual strawberry/raspberry sale. An additional fundraiser was provided by Ken Wise who offered a salmon dinner for eight at their waterfront Arroyo Beach home. We auctioned one pair of dinners per week to the highest bidder. Over \$1,000 was raised and a great time was had by all.

Our biggest community service project once again was the Kids Christmas Shopping Spree. We invited 100+ needy children from area elementary schools for a morning of shopping for essential clothing. We included breakfast, lunch and the traditional visit from "Santa" Ken Wise.

Monetary support was provided for many local projects including support for the West Seattle Y.M.C.A., Fauntleroy Y.M.C.A. "Camps", the Kenney Home and the West Seattle Senior Center and student scholarships to South Seattle Community College as part of our student of the month program featuring outstanding students from the three area high schools.

We had an outstanding Board including the following members: President-Frank Vertrees, Vice President-Bob Rayner, President Elect-Don Olson, Secretary-Mark Mangold, Treasurer-Sue Goertzen. Other members of the Board were Jody Weaver, Alan Schmitz and Don Hammer.

It turned out to be a great year. One that I shall always remember.

Don Olson

1990-1991

(Excerpts from letter dated 1999)

When I stop to think about Rotary many memories flash through my mind.

I do remember a dark moonless night, walking our Lab along California Ave. when I came upon Police cars standing in the street with lights flashing. I saw a figure lying in the street covered with a blanket and across the street a small foreign car with the windshield broken out, the roof half caved in and glass everywhere. It was a very hushed moment as it dawned on me what had happened. I was stunned when I read in the morning paper that the figure under the blanket was Pop Hannaford. Now you are picking up where Pop left off 24 years ago. Good luck on this very important project.

During my watch as Prez. I had hoped to get a Past Presidents group started, motivated in part by concerns about the rising cost of dues, meals, etc. and the impact it had on some of our younger members and those on fixed income. I felt that such decisions should involve the entire membership,

rather than a Board decision. But it didn't happen. When I received my Past Presidents card I realized the Past Presidents group was finally a reality.

Following are a few things that happened (I think) during my term 1990-1991:

We staged the first luncheon to honor Past Presidents by inviting all we could locate. Chic LeCuyer had 3 ftX4 ft ink drawn portraits of the deceased Past Presidents displayed along the head table. Many Past Presidents then gave a summary of the events during their term in office. We had also arranged for Gordon Tuell, our second President from 1949-1950, to call us from Salt Lake City during our meeting so he could be a part of this celebration. It was a very informative meeting and enjoyed by all.

Bobbie Roach introduced the ABBA project to send typewriters to Nigeria, a new international project. The project was adopted by the membership and started during my term although it expanded over the years. First the typewriters were shipped, and then we built a school house for the typewriters, then a water system for the village followed by a power supply to pump the water to the school and give light so the students could see what they were typing. ABBA is now finished, over, complete, but it was a very satisfying project.

Another memorable incident was our Picnic at Lincoln Park. We were building the fire for the salmon barbecue. We wanted a good bed of coals so we heaped more wood on until we had an inferno. Smoke was pouring up through the trees, catching the eye of the Ferry Capt. who called the fire Dept. Suddenly we heard fire trucks, the firemen hurrying to our location. Fortunately they had a sense of humor and decided that we really did have everything under control and the group was probably harmless.

Another exciting event was our participation in the all city Rotary Auction held at the Union Station. Lessie Woodruff was our coordinator and the event was quite a success even if we didn't make any money.

Then came our dinner at the Sonics game (hot dogs under the stands right next to the court). Darned near everybody won something except me and we earned a little extra money. With the little extra money we almost broke even. But it was fun. We also put on a pancake feed for the West Seattle American Legion in their hall. We supplied everything and did all of the work including setup and cleanup. It was a good project.

I think we set a record for the number of kids taken on the Christmas Shopping spree, about 115 from 9 elementary schools.

It seems that after eight years memories do fade so that will be all for now. That was truly a memorable year in my life and I want to thank the entire membership and especially the Board members for all they did to make a successful year.

Bob Rayner

1991-1992

(From letter dated June 1999)

The Rotary year 1991-1992 was characterized mainly as of one of memorable programs and one initiative-the first annual auction. The auction raised about \$16,000 and substantially increased the clubs financial ability to support community and international activities.

Programs this year, with Shelley Rotondo as chairperson, were consistently outstanding. Beginning in July, with Capt. Al Haines, the United pilot who crash landed a DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa. Nearly every week produced something of interest: Ron Sims- County Councilman/youth advocate, Brian Boyle-State Land Commission, Don Bennett- a double amputee who climbed Mt. Rainier on crutches, Cliff M. Grath-S.P.U. Soccer Coach, Representatives of the Huskies, Mariners, and Sonics, Experts debating the pros and cons of the then hot issue (an initiative permitting "death with dignity")

The year included a number of well-attended social events - a day at Longacres, the annual summer picnic, Sonics night with dinner at Vince's Italian, a dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of Puget Sound, Mariners night, dinner and theatre with Midge Megale, and theatre night at Burien Little Theatre.

The club was active in Community Service programs, including: Bagging 28,000 lbs. of onions for First Harvest, having collections of food and money at every meeting for local food banks, initial participation in Hi-Yu kiddies parade, participation in a new initiative - a Russian Food program.

So many things that are memorable to me may seem like small matters to most, but I will never forget:

- Connie Aronson leading the members in God Bless America
- Lowell Knutson's shortest invocation on record
- A bus load of members visiting the Snoqualmie Valley club for breakfast
- Lunch meetings at Westside Presbyterian Church as well as one week's return to West Seattle Golf club for old times sake
- Dom Megale dressed up as the "Energizer Bunny" for the benefit of the Rotary Foundation
- Presenting a "Service Above Self" award and honorary membership to Bernice Showalter, our long time dedicated greeter and cashier

Finally, the most memorable meeting of all - St. Patrick's Day, with green food, green beer, green decorations, Frank Ricco and Don Olson dancing in kilts (I have the pictures), and finally, Midge Megale and David Cox bringing tears to our eyes with their wonderful voices singing "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling".

All in all a very satisfying year, thanks to a great membership directed by a Board and Service Chairs who included: Frank Holland, Duane Ruud, Alan Schmitz, Walt Patterson, Don Olson, Bob Patten, Dennis Olson, David Scares and Bobbie "coach" Roach

Thanks for this wonderful year of memories.

Frank Holland

1992-1993

(Excerpts from letter dated 1998)

I looked forward to my year as President with enthusiasm and excitement.

The Installation dinner was held at the Rainier Golf and Country Club where my daughter, Katharine, entertained us on the piano before dinner and the Chief Sealth High School Choir offered several

selections for our pleasure after dinner. Jerry Brockey, Master of Ceremonies, called on David Cox to give the invocation and lead us in singing. He then introduced Chief Imo and his wife from Nigeria. Chief Imo is our Rotary contact in Nigeria for our school project.

At our traditional spring meeting at Duane Ruud's home, the beautiful day was enhanced by the presence of the Hi-Yu princesses. The "Rotarian of the Year Award" was presented to Bob Fatten by Bob Rayner and Jack Henderson gave a progress report on the Totem Pole project.

At our first "Helping Hands" project with First Harvest we tested and repacked 20,000 cans of fruit juice. We had several such work parties during the year. Wes Franklin, Board member of First Harvest presented our club with the First Harvest Recognition Award for our help and contribution of \$20,000. Some of our members joined the R.O.A.D. project, collecting food and supplies for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Christmas in April was co-chaired by Bob Patton, Randy Berg and Shelley Rotondo.

A host of Rotarians supervised by several skilled craftsmen cleaned, painted and refurbished the house inside and out for the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bernis.

District Governor, Ron Dunlap, presented his major goals for the year, including his expectations of our club. Our Board adopted those goals which included an increase in Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, Preserve Planet Earth, Group Study Exchange and the Ambassadorial program. He also said we should increase our membership by 10%, earn a Presidential Citation and increase our attendance at the District Conference.

Other accomplishments of the year include the Picnic at Lincoln Park, the Rotary Auction, the Strawberry Sale, development of a new picture roster, rededication of the refurbished Totem Pole (recognizing Jack and Pat Henderson for their work on the project), completing the Abba, Nigeria school project, the Christmas Shopping Spree and the Poinsettia sale. All projects were extremely successful.

At our Club Assembly the service Directors presented their goals for the year and Duane Ruud displayed a new jacket with a Totem Pole embroidered over the pocket. It has been great for club identification at the District Conference and other special events.

The Club's 45th anniversary was celebrated by Charter member, Fritz Butzirus recalling the early days and giving some advice to all members---"make up or miss out".

Other speakers for the day were past Presidents Al Bernahl, Dorn Megale, John Miqlori, Carl Blake and Herb Edwards. Bob Roach was nominated for District Governor at our Christmas Luncheon. Herb Edwards received the "Service Above Self" award at the District's 88th Birthday celebration.

The year ended with another Installation dinner at the Rainier Golf and Country Club. Again we had the pleasure of having Katharine Holland play the piano before dinner. It was a delightful evening.

During the year we installed the following new members: Linda Dupar, Arron Gillespie, Tom Bolser, Jacob Ellis, Lynda Kyle, Vincent Smith, Brad Weresterling, Doug Blacklow, and Lincoln Ferris.

Thanks to a tremendous Board and Service chairpersons including: Duane Ruud, Sue Goertzen, Alan Schmitz, Bob Rayner, Randy Berg, Jeannie Arvidson, Bob Patton, and Bob Roach, and a very cooperative membership we had a great year for which I shall be eternally grateful.

Thanks for this wonderful opportunity of service.

Duane Ruud

1993-1994

(Excerpts from letter dated Sept. 18, 2000)

"Cruising on the International Highway of Life"

The Installation Dinner was held at the Rainier Golf and Country Club with Bob Rayner presiding. It was a delightful dinner enhanced by Katherine Holland playing the piano before dinner and the Chief Sealth group "The Second Glance" entertaining after dinner. As Frank Holland turned the office of President over to Duane Ruud, Duane was presented with a new gavel. Duane said he would follow the theme for the year as stated by RI President Robert Barth, "Believe in what you do, do what you believe in." Duane then introduced the Board of Directors for the year as follows: President-Duane Ruud, Pres. Elect-Sue Goertzen, Vice Pres.-Ken Olsen, Secretary-Karl Neiders, Treasurer;-Jim Angstead, Club Service-Ken Eastlack, Vocational and Youth-Jeanne Arvidson, Community-Shelley Rotondo, and International-Greg Whitney. Upon the resignation of Sue Goertzen, Ken Olsen became Pres. Elect and Ken Eastlack advanced to Vice Pres.

The year started with a significant deficit making it necessary to be diligent in fund raising and prudent in spending. By doing so we ended the year with a substantial budget surplus. We also adopted club jackets, sweatshirts and polo shirts with a Totem emblem logo which gave easy recognition of our members at the district conference and other special events. An excellent weekly news bulletin was prepared by Frank Holland.

Throughout the year we sponsored a series of successful fund raisers, including: the strawberry and raspberry sale, Poinsettia sale, Entertainment book sale, telephone service sale, and two special dinners hosted by Anne and Ken Wise at their home.

Ken Eastlack organized the club into groups to "Take Stock in Rotary" as a method to improve club participation.

Special events for the year included: the annual luncheon barbecue at Duane's home where the Hi-Yu pageant sparked a debate about the club's sponsorship of a Hi-Yu Princess. We also enjoyed a Mariners game, the Sonics night, a hockey game and a skiing challenge with the Snoqualmie club. We came in second! We also enjoyed our annual picnic in the park where Beryl Ash and Tom Wise manned the barbecue. We held our Holiday luncheon at SSCC where we enjoyed music provided by Becca Duran and Craig Hoyer. Phil Smart was our guest speaker. A very successful Fireside was held at the home of Bob Rayner.

Carol Keaton arranged excellent programs for the year, including: sports figures, educators, politicians, political scientists and community leaders. Some special programs were by Ben Cashman-Political Hotspots, John Keener-Forest Fire Support, Fred Wong-FBI, Bob Utter-Legal Systems in Russia, and many more.

We continued our Community Service Programs including the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree, Hi-Yu Kiddies parade, Unity project at Highpoint YMCA, Southwest Family Services, West Seattle and Fautleroy YMCA Camperships, Rotary First Harvest, Clallam Bay Prison project and others. A new project was Christmas in April where our club refurbished the home of an elderly couple in West Seattle.

The Vocational and Youth Services committee continued the High School Scholarship program, the Bill Bennett scholarship award, and also held the first Student Recognition banquet. We also sent a student to the Rotary Business Week Conference.

Our International Service committee arranged for the hosting of Japanese Exchange students. We continued to work on the Abba program in Nigeria and received \$22,410 from RI as a matching grant to help on this program.

New members for the year included: Lincoln Ferris, Doug Blacklow, Marti Anderson, Bill Moffat, Rita Ingram, and Sotero Ramboyan. New Paul Harris Fellows for the year were: Anne Wise, Ken Sill, Duane Ruud and Frank Holland. Beryl Ash became a multiple Fellow.

The District 5030 conference was held in Bellevue and the RI conference was held in Taiwan with 31,161 in attendance.

Ken Olsen

1994-1995

(Letter dated August 17, 2000)

We had an excellent group of members to serve on the Board, including: President-Ken Olsen, President Elect-Ken Eastlack, Vice President-Greg Whitney, Secretary-Brian Schiffer, Treasurer-Jim Angstead, Club Service-Linda Dupar, Vocational-Mark Bingham, Community-Gary Granquist, International- Jerry Carter/Lesie Woodruff, and Past President- Duane Ruud.

At the start of the year we had 80 members and a budget of \$18,000. Dues were \$150 per year.

New members for the year included: George Frasier, Ed James, Kathy Lohrman, Jim McConnell, James Colburn, Pat Hanulik, James Hoover, William Buckingham, Tracy Harris, Steve Selsh, Annette Vochatzer, and Kimberly Terry.

The District Conference was held in Portland and the International conference was in Nice, France.

The Poinsettia sale, donations for the Christmas Shopping Spree, the Annual Auction, the Strawberry and Raspberry sale and Entertainment Book sale were our most successful fundraisers.

From the \$43,260 raised this year we were able to support many community and international programs. The Christmas Shopping Spree served 120 needy children at a cost of \$17,840. We also supported a Christmas in July project. Our student recognition program for students from West Seattle, Sealth, and Seattle Lutheran High Schools continued with each student receiving a plaque and a check for \$25. At the end of the year one student from each High School was awarded a Scholarship of \$1,000. Other scholarship awards included \$1,200 from the Bill Bennett Scholarship Fund at SSCC. We also sponsored three students to the RYLA Washington Business Week Conference and in addition we supported several Sealth students to the Rotary Youth leadership Conference.

In our international service programs we hit a new high. \$64,000 was sent to Aba, Nigeria to build a school, and water system for the village, so they would have the first running water in their history. Through a Carl Miller grant we were able to send Bob Roach, our member/representative to Aba to meet with the Rotarians of Aba to coordinate the program and at the same time deliver some typewriters to be used in the school.

Other outstanding services for the year included: the purchase of a tree for the Chinese Garden at SSCC to be planted and dedicated in the name of the West Seattle Rotary Club. We also donated over \$25,000 to other programs which included: Sponsorship of the High Point YMCA, camperships to the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCA's, Operation First Harvest, West Seattle Senior Center, Southwest Seattle Literacy Coalition, S.W. Youth and Family Services, TAPP Guild, Clamath Bay Correction

Center, Washington Talking Books, and Braille Library. We also supported the N.W. Burn Foundation, and Transitional Resources'.

We placed an emphasis on the Paul Harris Fellowship program and experienced a significant improvement from our membership. By educating our members about the Paul Harris Fellowship and its possibilities for greater service World Wide we found a great acceptance to the idea. It was very helpful when we were able to tell our members that our club was the recipient of a Carl Miller grant which made it possible for us to send Bob Roach to Nigeria to work on the Aba project. This experience and several others made it easy for some of our members to decide favorably on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

I wish to thank all of the Past Presidents who helped me have a successful year. Those who were especially helpful were: Jim Angstead, Jack Henderson, Duane Ruud, Frank Holland, Bob Ochsner, Bob Rayner, Rod Ash, and the entire receptive membership.

Ken Eastlack

1995-1996

(Excerpts from letter dated Oct. 1998)

My term in office was influenced by a continual decrease in membership and other club activities. It became extremely difficult to recruit Board members and when I finally had a full slate two had to resign because of unexpected circumstances. Finally others volunteered to accept Board membership and ultimately this Board became part of one of the most productive years this club has known.

I felt it necessary to establish a club theme that would reverse the tendency of letting a few members carry the load year after year. It seemed important that we build our membership base and develop a greater sense of camaraderie. It was obvious to me that our main efforts should be to concentrate on Membership and Fellowship and still meet our obligations to satisfy District goals and keep our string of Presidential Citations intact.

At our first Board meeting we established our goals for the year. They included the increase of membership by 15%, 100% Paul Harris Fellowship, and highest attendance at the District Conference, meet all Presidential Citation goals increase opportunities for fellowship, support the Auction and other fund raising projects. We attained or exceeded every goal we set. What a year!

I was apprehensive about reaching such lofty goals, but then I did have Ken Olsen, Mark Bingham, Shelley Rotondo, and Kimberly Terry on my Board plus Bill Moffat and Past Presidents Duane Ruud and Frank Holland to help me. How-could I lose!

From my personal experience as a volunteer I felt it necessary to follow my belief that "If it isn't fun it isn't worth doing" so we proceeded with that in mind. We opened the first meeting with a grand entrance that featured large body guards dressed in dark suits and sun glasses, the playing of "Hail to the Chief" and the announcement---Ladies and gentlemen, "The President"

In the pursuit of meeting our lofty goals I pleaded for new members, and got them. We grew by twenty members and were recognized for that effort.

Early in the year we had our District Governors visit at which time I made one of my rare faux pas. After meeting with him all morning I was to introduce him for our noon meeting. I made a few appropriate comments and then said "Now it is my pleasure to introduce my good friend and District Governor"----I drew a blank and knowing that I was not going to recall his name, I said "Good old what's his name" ..

The howls began, the District Governor took the podium, jabbed a few barbs into my heart and continued. However, at the District Conference, where we won awards for the greatest number in attendance, the Presidential citation and seven or eight other awards he announced, in each case, "and the winner of this award is the club whose President" I do not recall---West Seattle" It was a most memorable District Conference.

We had some bumps in the road. We did have a budget, earned and spent the funds appropriately and carried out our community service goals as planned, but the accounting was something to behold. Even so we met or exceeded all of our goals and left \$3,000 for the West Seattle Rotary Foundation.

So from my perspective and I hope the Districts and especially our membership, this should be considered a very good year. I consider that much of this year's success was due to the efforts of our "Rotarian of the Year", Kimberly Terry. So again special thanks to Bill Moffat, Duane Ruud, Frank Holland, Ken Olsen, Lincoln Ferris, Steve Daschel and Doug Blacklow---a great team.

Thank you Rotary for so much to remember.

Greg Whitney

1996-1997

(Excerpts from letter dated 1997)

I started planning my year as President at the District Conference in Portland, or in 1995. I had lots of help from my roommates, Frank Holland and Duane Ruud.

When I asked Shelley Rotondo to serve as Vice President I was answered with a definite maybe. So I waited until she agreed to accept the responsibility before I asked others to serve on the Board. It was worth the wait and we started the year with an outstanding Board consisting of the following members: Past President-Ken Eastlack, President Elect-Mark Bingham, Vice President-Shelley Rotondo, Secretary-Kimberly Terry and Treasurer-Doug Blacklow. These were the people who were responsible for such an outstanding Rotary year.

We held several pre-term Board meetings so we were well prepared to establish ambitious and attainable goals at our first regular meeting.

Some of the goals, we established were as follows: computerize our accounting system, print monthly statements, document fund raising procedures, use a voucher system developed by Jim Angstead, establish guidelines for community projects, restructure auction procedures, increase Paul Harris and Rotary Foundation support, consider new "Hands On" activities, and stress the importance of New Members. During this year we either met or exceeded each of our accepted goals. I congratulate the Board for a job well done and thank the membership for its cooperation and support throughout the year.

I also want to thank the outstanding work done by each chair of service, including Bill Moffat-Club Service, George Frasier- Community Service, Marti Anderson-International Service and Jim McConnell-Vocational Service. Service Above Self Awards were presented to Ken Olsen, Duane Ruud, Tracy Harris, Rod Ash, Frank Holland, Shelley Rotondo, Kimberly Terry, and Santica Marcovina. The Rotarian of the year Award was given to Bill Moffat.

Thank you for this wonderful experience.

Mark H. Bingham

1997-1998

(From letter dated July 2000)

Serendipity is defined as the faculty of finding valuable and agreeable things not sought for. That word best defines my feelings about my year as president. I will now attempt to record some of those "valuable and agreeable things not sought for".

During the summer of 1997 Gary Schuster, District Youth Exchange Chairman, was speaker for one of our weekly programs. It was an outstanding program where several Youth Exchange alumnae were present, at the conclusion of the program he announced that the district had one Exchange Student from the Philippines not yet assigned to a host club and asked---"would West Seattle agree to host her for the year"? Even though there were several unexpected requirements placed on the club we thought the idea had merit and decided to accept this unforeseen opportunity. Annette Vochaster as Youth Exchange officer, my family, Calvins, Terrys, and Storeys opened their hearts and their homes as host families. Jim McConnell enrolled her in school for the year. Then one day early in Sept. our adopted student, Doryanne Inataagan from Lapu Lapu city in the Philippines arrived. We met her with Rotary banners and she was in a Rotary Exchange jacket. A very significant connection indeed as she touched the lives of many people. She was a gracious and appreciative guest and made many friends. She participated in a celebration in the Philippine community and helped our club develop an Interact club in West Seattle High school. By the end of the school year she had participated in a Y.M.C.A. International Service program traveling to Japan, Manila, Hawaii, and back to Seattle. No we had not sought to host an exchange student, but the experience was both agreeable and valuable.

Other unexpected and pleasant encounters occurred that year, including several Board members meeting with Rotary International President Glenn Kinross at a special meeting at the Tacoma Dome. A few members met International President-elect for 2000-2001 at a banquet. Tracy Harris led our club in a project of building a fence and installing playground equipment at Hickman House, a home for women leaving an abusive relationship. The Past Presidents group planned a gala celebration for our clubs 50th anniversary.

In retrospect, it is people that makes Rotary such a pleasant experience. Ruth Velozzo of Northwest Harvest was a guest at our District Conference at Whistler, where she was pinned as a Paul Harris Fellow for her accomplishments of so many years of service to the community by furnishing nourishing foods for distribution with unconditional respect for individual dignity. Another valuable and agreeable experience not sought for.

The most joy of my year as President was my joy of noble association. Most of the success of the year was because of the work of an outstanding Board and a receptive membership. Greg Whitney as Past President, Shelley Rotondo-President-elect, Bill Moffat-Vice President, Shirley Clough-Secretary, Pat Hanulik-Treasurer, Kimberly Terry-Club Service Chair, Tracy Harris-Community Service Chair, Jim McConnell- Vocational Service Chair, Matt Storey-International Service Chair, Earl Cruzen-Program Chair, Annette Vochtzer-auction Chair, Linda Dupar-Poinsettia Queen, and Ken Olsen-Chief Berry Hustler. They acted as the glue that held this club together and I have the deepest respect for each of them.

Someone may observe this author and fairly accuse him of a "What me worry" approach to life, but the word to me would be serendipity. I never expected the year would be so much fun, but it was!

Shelley Rotondo

1998-1999

(Letter dated June 28, 1999)

I remember our first program when Jeanne, Shirley, Carol, Kimberly, and Earl dressed up like famous women in history. They helped set the tone for what I hoped would be a year of fun. At that same meeting, members of the board shared one word summaries of what we wanted to accomplish in this year fellowship, hands-on, global, leadership, and more fun.

We promoted "Fellowship" in many ways- Rotarian spotlight in the bulletin, classification talks by long term members, special buttons at District Conference, "Dirty Dozen" badges for visiting Rotarian with twelve or more times at meetings, 100% attendance recognition, clowns, World class Pianist at Kenney Home, Christmas lunch at S.S.C.C., picnic at Lincoln Park, and Annual barbecue at Duane's.

"Hands-on" projects were: work at the Hickman House and Bethlehem house, Alki Beach clean up, Hi-Yu kiddies parade, Hi-Yu float at Sequim, Christmas Shopping Spree, Christmas tree ornaments for families at Hickman House, planting trees in community, gift of Grand piano to student of the month by one of our members, Auction, Poinsettia and berry sales, and two garage sales.

"Global"--Hosted our Exchange student from India, hosted our group study group from south India, joined the Rwanda project with other clubs, provided funds for construction of cement block house in remote area of Guatemala, we enjoyed visits from visiting Rotarians from around the World.

"Leadership" was a guiding light—over forty of our members attended the district Conference, gave financial support and work parties for District homeless youth and first Harvest, gave \$6000 in disaster relief for victims of Hurricane Mitch, planted five Japanese maple trees at the S.S.C.C. arboretum. We especially encouraged our leadership in youth with our student of the month program, supported the Youth Hall of Fame program, we continued and strengthened our Interact club.

We developed the Board of the West Seattle Rotary club's Permanent Foundation.

We held firesides, developed a new club roster, made great progress in Public Relations with good news item published regularly in the local newspaper.

I am proud of all our club did this year- we won an International Presidential Citation for each avenue of service. We brought in thirteen new members and brought back two other members on leave. As President I came to appreciate the importance of new members to the long term strength of the club.

In 1998-1999 we realized our vision of fun, fellowship, hands-on, and leadership. We are but a link in the long chain of service to come. We forged a strong link and as we go into the next century we go not alone with a West Seattle Rotarian and District Governor,???? but also as a club with the enthusiasm and membership that it takes to make a better world.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It has truly been an honor.

Bill Moffat

1999-2000

(Letter dated July, 2000)

The Rotary year 1999-2000 was very exciting. For the first time in West Seattle Rotary history, one of our members, Duane Ruud, was District Governor and there was considerable excitement surrounding the millennium celebration.

The R.I. theme was "Act with consistency, credibility and continuity". Carlo Ravizza from Italy was International President.

The West Seattle Rotary Board of Directors for 1999-2000 included: Bill Moffat-President, Kimberly Terry-President Elect, Marti Anderson-Vice President, Shelley Rotondo-Past President, George Frasier-Secretary, Pat Hanulik-Treasurer, Helen Kennedy and Mike Little-International Service, Ron Sower and Ken McKim-Vocational Service, Shirley Clough-Community Service, Mark Lorbiecki-Club Service, and Glenn Krieger-Sgt. at arms.

One of the areas of focus for the year was membership. During the course, of the year, fourteen new members were inducted, including: Jan Secor, Josh Menashe, Ann Liberato, Stephen Garrett, Gerry Hughes, Kirk Duffy, Lanette Draper, Eric Hontz, Jeff Arrington, Bryan Wiebe, Gerry Michael, John Dolin, Terri Templin, and Kathy Paris. I believe this was the largest increase in membership in the club's history. Another highpoint for the year was fundraising. Through a very successful berry sale, auction, poinsettia sale, entertainment book sale, and yard sale the club raised over \$50,000 (net), to fund charitable services. This was the best fund raising year in the club's history.

A number of service projects were accomplished, including:

Community Service - We became deeply involved in the development of Cormorant Park on Beach Drive, donated \$10,000 cash to the project and committed to a large amount of hands-on work. The project could not be completed within this Rotary year and will be continued into the next Rotary year. The club also continued the Christmas Shopping spree by hosting 65 needy children from Cooper, Sanislo and Highland Park elementary schools. That project cost over \$14,000 and involved more Rotarians than in previous years. \$100 honorariums were presented to thirteen West Seattle elementary school principals to defray the cost of school supplies to needy children. We also sponsored and led the Hi-Yu Kiddies Parade and donated money to help sponsor the Rotary International float in the Rose Bowl parade. The club also donated badge cases to the new Kent Breakfast and Fremont clubs.

Vocational Service - The club again hosted "Student of the Month" from all three West Seattle High schools and awarded \$6000 in scholarships, including two Bill Bennett scholarships. We also hosted a "Student Recognition" dinner to honor our scholarship winners.

International Service - The club funded a water project in Fort Cochin, India, and the area our last Exchange student came from. We became heavily involved in the growth of Rotary in Russia by participating in three special events. First we were hosts at a dinner for a group off Ukranians, here to attend the World Trade Conference. Next we had a Salmon barbecue at the home of Ken Wise for a group from Siberia who were quests of the district. The dinner was staffed by our members. The third event was a dinner at the SGA building for a group of Rotarians from Russia, here to attend a conference on "Expanding Rotary in Russia". The highlight of the event was a visit by R.I. President. Carlo Ravizza, the first visit by a R.I. President to a West Seattle function. It was a very special night. We hosted an Exchange student from Brazil and participated in a project to aid a Braille library in Siberia. We also paid to repair a broken radiation machine used for cancer treatment in Nepal, and sent a nurse to the Caribbean to install computers in a health clinic.

Club Service - The club had a Fireside at Camp Long. Our club had the largest attendance at the District Conference, a cruise from Los Angeles to Victoria, B.C., and many social functions. The sad news was that 95 year old charter member; Fritz Butzirus moved to a nursing home and had to drop out of Rotary. Our Rotary got a listing in the phone book and its first Web page up and running. We sent incoming President Kimberly Terry to Argentina for the International Convention, also attended by Lanett Draper, Herb Ruud, Duane Ruud, and Jeannie Arvidson. Marti Anderson kept our Interact club at West Seattle High school running smoothly.

All in all it was a very fun year.

Kimberly Terry

2000- 2001

(notes & letter submitted 2001)

Board of Directors

President — Kimberly Terry, President Elect - Marti Anderson, V.P. - Tom Wise, Past President — Bill Moffat, Secretary - Ann Liberato, Treasurer - Bob Rayner, Community Service - Shirley Clough & Neil Ostlie, Club Service - Lanett Draper & Al Bernahl, Vocational Service - Bill Fazekas, International Service - Helen Kennedy & Mike Little.

Committee Chairs

Berry Chairs - Marti Anderson & Shirley, Program Director - Earl Cruzen, Auction Chair - Ken Eastlack, Fellowship/Social Chair - Ken Eastlack, Membership Chairs -Lessie Woodruff & Shelley Rotondo, Front Desk Chairs - Herb Ruud & Kathy Paris, Foundation Chair - Frank Holland, Newsletter Chair - Al Schmitz, Photographer -Lessie Woodruff, Publicists - Carol Keaton & Lessie Woodruff, Website Chairs - Steve Howard & Al Schmitz, Rotary District Chairs - Brian Waid & Duane Ruud, District Scholarship Chair - Jeanne Arvidson, Cormorant Cove Chairs — Shirley Clough & Greg Whitney, Rotary Youth Homeless - Lanett Draper & Gary Granquist, Rotary First Harvest - Eric Hontz & Kathy Paris, Rotary Minute Chair - Brian Waid, Interact Chair -Marti Anderson, Poinsettia Chair — Linda Dupar, Holiday Shopping Spree — Shirley Clough, Hi-Yu Parade Chair - Shirley Clough

Many thanks to the entire club for accomplishing all the written goals set at the beginning of the year. My focus was to incorporate everyone in the process and for each Rotarian to reconnect with Rotary at a level they could contribute. It was important that I made each member feel appreciated for their work and that I acknowledged their contributions. I tried very hard to promote balance of Rotary, family and work, with the focus on having fun, playing a little. My favorite memories include, visiting Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club, making Valentine Day cards, Vocational Awards Banquet, "Viva La Rotary" Auction, highest fundraising year of \$108,000 gross, Holiday Luncheon, creating Roster books for all the members, bringing in 10 new members and tightening up on attendance for Rotarians. My struggles included losing my auction chair, losing several board members before the year started, and most importantly, having the cost of our luncheon's increased. We pursued and benefited from these challenges.

I hope you will remember me for trying new things, for not being afraid to "laugh and play" at our meetings, for being a little unconventional with our programs and special events. My biggest lesson was when I started focusing my energy on the members, and not worrying about what my year would look like. It was at that time that our club shined the most, when the joy of Rotary came out and when I felt the most connected.

Marti Anderson

2001- 2002

(letter submitted 2007)

Board members for 2001- 2002: Marti Anderson, President; Tom Wise, President Elect; Shirley Clough, Vice President; Bob Rayner, Treasurer; Ann Liberato, Secretary; Helen Kennedy, International; Lessie Woodruff, Club Service; Neil Ostlie, Community Service; Bill Fazekas, Vocational Service.

We formed RITS (Rotarians In Training), headed up by Shirley Clough and Ken Eastlack, to guide and nurture new members through their first year in our club and brought in 7 new members this year.

In 2001- 2002 West Seattle Rotary sponsored at least 1 major event each month.

We started the year with the annual Hi-Yu Kiddies Parade in July and co-sponsored the Pencil Me In For Kids project, including helping to staff a booth at the West Seattle Street Fair

The annual berry sale was in June and July, and our family picnic/barbecue in August.

We will all remember where we were on Sept. 11, 2001. I will also remember that it was a Tuesday, and the emotion that we all felt in coming together as Rotarians that day.

Our Marti Gras Auction was held in Nov. with decorations and music really adding to the festivities. Over \$30,000 was netted for our Foundation projects.

The board felt that there was a need to expand the number of children we take shopping for the annual Christmas Shopping Spree. We sponsored 80 students, from 4 schools.

We sold Poinsettias and hosted our annual Holiday luncheon at SSCC. WHEW December was hectic.

Brian Waid got us organized to support WSHS with a community fundraiser "Have a Heart" where we served lunch and dinner at Angelina's Restaurant. WSHS Music Department was able to totally replace their aging choir robes with the proceeds.

Several members had told me that by May, the year was about over and it was downhill from there - HA! Not with this club: 25 of our members and family members attended the district conference in Whistler. Over 40 attended the RITS 1st annual (I hope) family bowling event. Attendees donated cell phones for a women's shelter and \$210 was donated to Relay for Life and Pencil Me In For Kids. The following week WS Rotary sponsored the Interfaith Conference and Peace Festival. We ended May with the Student and Community Leader recognition luncheon.

We ended the year with 10 of us walking in the Relay for Life at West Seattle Stadium. With the Club's support, were able to donate \$3000 to the American Cancer Society, and had a blast doing it!

Tom Wise

2002- 2003

(letter submitted 2007)

My memories of being President of the West Seattle Rotary Club was that it was well worth the time and effort. There are so many great recollections as President. The most important one for me was being recognized by RI with a \$1000 award for bringing in 12 new members for a Club growth of 12%. We also earned a Presidential Citation and awarded 10 Paul Harris Fellows during the year.

The Club sponsored an Ambassador Scholar Judy Finney and gave out scholarships to students at West Seattle High School, Lutheran High School and Sealth High School. We also had the Sealth Youth Exchange. USA & China youth exchange 3 year grant from the State Dept. and China's Sister City Chongqing students at Nankai School.

Our Club had a great auction call October Fest where I got to wear Lederhosen and show off my great looking legs. We raised money for the Children's Shopping Spree. Sears and Roebuck & Co. also gave \$1000 towards the shopping spree. The Club sponsored 91 children. The Club raised \$15,121 to use for the Shopping Spree.

Another important event that happened in my year was working with the Duwamish Tribe for the Duwamish Heritage Project. This project helped raise money for the Tribal Long House.

Other good memories of my time as President were the Pancake Breakfast, Strawberry and Raspberry sales, Poinsettia sale, Rise and Shine Cancer Family Picnic and our own West Seattle Rotary Picnic.

These are just a few of my memories as President of the West Seattle Rotary Club.

Shirley Clough

2003- 2004

(letter submitted 2007)

The installation dinner was held at The Homestead restaurant on Alki. Board members: Shirley Clough-President; Neil Ostlie-President Elect; Ann Liberato-Vice President; Tom Wise-Past President; Secretary-John Enger; Treasurer-Bob Rayner; Club Service Director-Kim Pierce; Vocational Service Director-Josh Sutton; Community Service Director-Suzanne Goff, International Service Director-Jan Secor. *In August, Ann Liberato was elected President Elect as Neil Ostlie moved out of state, and Marti Anderson took over as Vice President.*

My board was challenged by the number of goals I set forth for the year. But first and foremost we were to have fun and improve our fellowship. The Family of Rotary Committee was established with Marti Anderson as chair and Kim Pierce as co-chair. In August, the Family Picnic was held in Lincoln Park where we were entertained by the lintombi Zilapha Dancers from Guguletu, a township jut outside of Cape Town South Africa. Our annual Holiday luncheon celebrating our members and their families was held at South Seattle Community College. In June, Kimberly Terry organized a Reunion Celebration where dozens of past members and their families joined the club for a special meeting and a walk down memory lane. It was fantastic to meet the people who shaped our club and put faces to the names behind all the wonderful stories we hear. Shelly Rotondo was our host of the event, and special guests included Randy Berg.

Our Directors and Board members provided outstanding leadership for the year, as they worked hard to lay groundwork to form committees for each Avenue of Service.

The International Committee supported several projects this year. First, the club hosted an exchange student, Diego Santiago, from Ecuador. Tom and Wendi Wise were hosts for Diego for the entire year and Josh Sutton was his Rotary counselor. In addition, Jan Secor was responsible for bringing over 40 International visitors from Bulgaria and Russia to our club. Jan also visited Ethiopia to participate in the Immunization Day for polio. We sponsored the Rotary Village in East Africa, Women of Vision in Russia, Land Mine removal in Cambodia and received a matching grant for our Kenya project. In June we hosted a picnic for the Chinese exchange students who were involved in the exchange program with Chief Sealth High School. The club received special recognition at the District Conference for our project for the blind in Novoskobirsk.

The Vocational Committee sponsored Students of the Month, Business Week, The Mesa program and awarded over \$6000 in scholarships. Scholarships went to a student from each local high school, as well as Bill Bennett Scholarships to South Seattle Community College.

The Community Service Committee held three hands on projects this year: the Kiddie Parade, the Shopping Spree and the Rise 'n Shine Picnic. In addition, Community Service supported the ELS project, Seattle Police Department Key lock program, the YMCA's, Camp Coleman, Guide Puppies, Computers for the World, Arts West, Rotary First Harvest, PMIFK, and the Senior Center.

Club fundraising projects were the annual berry sales, the West Seattle Rotary Roundup Auction (Marti Anderson and Ann Liberato, chairs), Pointsettia sales (headed by Ken Olsen) and a gift from Tom's year of \$1000 from the Global Quest Award for projects completed in his year. Al Bernahl headed up the Entertainment book sales again for us this year. Funds were committed from this year to support the Junction Park, and the Eye Glass Project in India. Thank you to Ann Liberato and Marti Anderson for working tirelessly to make the auction a success. Judging by how hard these two had to work, it will be our last auction for years to come!

Duane Ruud and Bill Fazekas helped our club in co- sponsoring a new club, the Sodo Rotary Club. Several of our members attended meeting after meeting to help the Sodo club learn what it takes to become a Rotary Club. They couldn't have asked for better mentors than the members of our club. I am very proud to say that we sponsored a club in a time when recruitment was becoming more and more difficult.

Our District was led by John Jacob Gardiner, who chose the theme of Growing Rotary: Raising the Bar. John was the driving force in leading our district to being the number one district in the USA for membership growth, number of new clubs and per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation. We led the world with \$1.88 million in Bequest Society Commitments and 100% Club Presidential Citations. Our club will never forget hearing from Frank Holland and myself to give, give and give some more! I am sure some of the members would have loved to give me *something* all right! In April, the District Conference was held in Portland Oregon. The club received recognition for conference attendance, International project, Foundation participation, Presidential Citation and the sponsorship of the Sodo Club. Bill Fazekas was recognized for his contribution to membership (he has sponsored and nurtured so many members) and Herb Ruud was recognized for contributions in the Rotary Foundation (Major Donor). Thank you to Pam Fazekas for preparing and providing our gift basket for the conference.

Club meetings were always eventful. We inducted a new member, Susan Christ, at our very first meeting of the year. And, someone won the lottery by picking the black marble. What are the odds that the club can have four winners in a year? Too good, and as Bob Rayner can attest, it breaks the budget! We had the pleasure of meeting the Ethiopian GSE team. However, I am not so sure they will want to see us again, as all their luggage was stolen from their van in Salty's parking lot! In September,

the club held a surprise baby shower for me with lots of wonderful gifts and goodies for our family. I will forever be grateful to my Rotary family for all of the love and support provided to us when our son Wyatt was born in October. Everyone lent a hand and covered meetings, made meals, provided child care and more. The birth of a child is always special, but to have been able to have Wyatt and to be President and serve with such amazing people will always be an honor I cherish.

Our last event, the Installation Banquet for 2004-2005 Year was held at Hokum Hall. Marti Anderson was named Rotarian of the Year. The following people were recognized for contributions this year: Jeanne Arvidson-Ambassadorial Scholar Chair, Kathy Paris-Rotary First Harvest and Rotary Moments, Leo Smith, Steve Daschle, Helen Kennedy-Rotary Moments, Brian Waid-GSE Team Chair, Susan Christ, Brian Schiffer and Lisa Sattler-Sergeant at Arms, Teri Templin-Front Desk Concierge, Sue Lindbloom-Pencil Me in For Kids, Bill Fazekas-Sodo Club Sponsor, Ken Olsen-Jack of All Trades, Duane Ruud-Sodo Club Sponsor and Club House Host, The Wise Family-Exchange Student Hosts, Curt Baxter-The Go to Guy, Kimberly Terry-Rotary Reunion Chair, Ann Liberato and Marti Anderson-Auction Chair, Herb Ruud and Brian Schiffer-Club Ambassadors, Lessie Woodruff-Program Chair, Sarah Hodge-Website and Information Officer.

I am sure I have forgotten many events and contributions of the year, both by our members and our committees. (That is what having a baby while being President will do for you!) However, I do remember how remarkable and fun filled year it was.

Ann Liberato

2004- 2005 - Rotary International's Centennial Year
(letter submitted 2007)

A year of change and a year of celebration.

After many years of having an auction as our major fundraiser we changed in the 2004-2005 Rotary year. We kept our annual berry sale, added a "Phantom of the Auction" fundraiser and a breakfast fundraiser led by Jeanne Arvidson. We also did some pre sale poinsettias and Al Bernahl contributed with his Entertainment Book sales. In total we raised \$55,000 which compared well with previous years. We also started the change to move our fund raising schedule to that club Presidents moving forward know their foundation budget dollars prior to taking office.

Our centennial project, and the highlight of the year in my eyes, was the winterization of the West Seattle Rotary Cabin at Camp Colman. So many people contributed not only their money to this project, but their time and energy. Our team spirit really showed! John, my husband, still cannot believe there was not a trip to the emergency room when Gary Potter of Potter Construction (yes that is a fine, Gary!) taught me how to use the chop saw.

Other great projects included:

Led by Carol Coram, Dress for Success, clothing collection
Middle School Career Day

Led by Gary Potter, our annual Kid's Shopping Spree

Led by Josh Sutton and done with Burien/White Center our District Simplified Grant to Westside Baby

Led by Bob Rayner, the Rise N Shine breakfast

Led by Ryan Larson, and the International committee, the purchase of a vehicle for the East African Center, which has already saved lives in this African community. a Cambodian Landmine project, Bolivian water project, Tampal Solar Project

We also helped support the Negro Leagues exhibit "Discover Greatness" at Chief Sealth High School and donated to SW Youth and Family Services for educational purposes

Support of our District Projects is always important so we donated to both Rotary First Harvest and Computers for the World

Members supported the Rotary International Foundation with gifts of \$10,000.

The club gave \$1,000 to the West Seattle Rotary Foundation and \$4,200 was passed onto the next year

The Centennial Service Award went to Gary Thompson a teacher at Chief Sealth High School for his great projects with students.

The club also earned the RI Presidential Citation

Helen Kennedy started the year as our club chair and was the instigator of the club social functions monthly. Our first was at the Totem Pole on 35th Ave and then a walk along SW Alaska to look at the trees the club planted many years ago. It was a great event, with lots of stories and laughs. I was sad to see Helen leave the club and move to Guam. Her legacy still lives with our ongoing monthly socials.

October 12, 2004 was Charter night for the SODO Rotary Club. We co-sponsored the club with Burien/White Center during the 2003-2004 year.

The Rotary year ended with the installation banquet at Fauntleroy Hall. I was roasted to a theme of Viva Las Vegas and emceed by Ryan Larson, who was Rotarian of the Year. I might have re-thought that decision had I known what was about to happen to me! There was a power point presentation with each club member and their contributions to making it a successful Rotary year.

Thanks to everyone in the club for making this a fabulous personal growth and leadership year for me. You are all inspirational!

And now onto Josh.....

Josh Sutton

2005- 2006

(letter submitted 2007)

I wasn't planning to be president anytime soon, but I moved up in the line of succession when Neil Ostlie moved out for the Midwest. Ann Liberato was gracious when she asked, but I'm not sure the club saw it as an upgrade.

When people I knew asked me if it was hard to be president of a Rotary club, I replied that "it's easy to be president of a strong club", and that's what we were (and continue to be). Our board met in June before the year started and we developed a vision for the year:

- Healthy, active and fun club that makes a difference in West Seattle and the World
- Rotarians engaged and owning ideas & projects increases buy-in to the club and retains members

- Help Rotary Club of West Seattle position for long-term future through shift in fundraising timelines, plan for permanent fund & scholarship endowment and adoption of new bylaws, including committee structural changes from RI & implementation of Strategic Planning.

In my year as president, I (mostly) got what I wanted. We built our club for the future by completing the shift to fundraising for the next president's year. In my mind this would require a level of discipline from our board – we would do less this year to do more in the future. But I forgot that a strong club doesn't settle.

I think it was the September board meeting when the board decided to fully fund some programs that I didn't see as a higher priority than shifting the fundraising cycle. But thanks to some extra fundraising with a Wine Tasting event and a new endowment secured by Bob Rayner our club did it all.

We took 91 kids shopping at Sears, funded the new coffee area at the renovated Senior Center with a DSG, joined SODO for a DSG to help with a Skate Park, supported 500 kids with Pencil Me in For Kids school supplies, hosted an international student (Isa from Mexico), garnered a \$3,500 matching grant for the East African Center for solar power & sewing stations, provided scholarships to students from all three high schools, did a water project in Vietnam. I remember the meeting where the Cleveland HS Football coach (they were in the Boren building on Delridge) stopped by to share that their football equipment had been lost/stolen in the move. We raised \$2,500 on the spot, including a \$1,000 gift from Gary Potter (son was a Cleveland graduate). The coach was speechless.

But the days that I remember best are when Brian Waid walked into a meeting in the beginning of September, just after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. He was ashen, and I asked him how things were going in his old neighborhoods. He said the devastation was indescribable. (Then did his lawyerly best to describe it.) I committed to Brian we would do what was needed – and I made that statement based not on my leadership but the strength of our club – that we would rally behind the need we saw. And we did. Brian took on the District Leadership role for hurricane response. He organized clubs throughout 5030 to gather supplies (Bob Rayner and I went to Costco to buy 20,000 1 gallon Ziploc bags!), hundreds of volunteers gathered at the Rotary First Harvest warehouse to stuff soap, shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, etc in each bag, and the district sent +20,000 personal hygiene kits to the Rotary Clubs in the area. Brian was deservedly awarded Rotarian of Year at the District Conference for his leadership, and I saw the power of Rotarians who are united around a cause to make good things happen.

My one regret is that we didn't get Hawaiian Shirts for the District Conference. Being at Whistler, we opted for a red fleece pullover. But we had the highest club attendance, and folks knew the West Seattle club was there.

Throughout the year, I had this written plan that we came back to every few months (some of you teased me about the five page document), and we got most of it done. We wrote guidelines for our (now three) different scholarship funds, we shifted the fundraising cycle. I even got the Past Presidents to agree on rules to access funds from the West Seattle Rotary Endowment (it still hasn't been tapped, and the notes were lost, but they actually agreed). We couldn't have done this financial shift without Bob Rayner, our treasurer and the person I chose as Rotarian of the Year. In June the board claimed victory and got out of the way.

We left the bylaws on the table for John Enger's year.

John Enger

2006- 2007

(letter submitted 2007)

John Enger sends you an Evite to remember his year

Enger's year was bookend by parties in Duane's backyard, from the first regular meeting till a fund raising Fourth of July Party to wrap it up. It should also be noted that the first project of his year was a beer garden at the Junction Street Fair.

Are you seeing a pattern here? What's a guy to do with the Original Party Girl serving as the Club Chair. And party we did as Amy Lee started a new tradition called Fourth Fridays where several club members would gather once a month at a different watering hole around West Seattle. The tradition has carried on, but has now evolved into First Fridays, giving the members the full month to recover.

The year also started and ended with a couple of more very successful Berry Sales, which continues as one of the club's two major fund raisers, but we still had time to party. A rundown of events:

July: Duane's BBQ, Beer Garden, Kiddies Parade

Aug.: Emerald Downs Day and the annual Lincoln Park Picnic

Sept.: Bonfire at Alki with S'mores

Oct.: Golf 'n Goblins

Nov.: Bowling Night, A gathering of Neighbors and a visitation by DG Mike Montgomery and ADG Hal Beals

Dec.: Christmas Party with cutthroat gift exchange held at Southwest Plumbing because the Kenney Home was blacked out, along with the Party Girl. We also enjoyed Voices of Christmas at ArtsWest and held the Annual Shopping Spree.

Jan.: Well, it was President John's 58th Birthday...otherwise kinda slow.

Feb.: Smash hit of the year was Texas Hold'em at the Senior Center, put on by Elizabeth Durand, aka Party Girl II.

Mar.: Gala Fund Raising Breakfast at Salty's and Rotary Community Service Day.

April: District Conference in Coeur D 'Alene, ID, where we had the largest contingency at the conference with 22 members and a total of 35 attendees. Proudly wearing our red 'n blacks, we had 3 first timers join us in celebrating another Presidential Citation year. We also drank more vino on the way over on the wine tour bus than any other club.

May: We joined RC of Vashon Island's 20th Anniversary (we sponsored them).

June: We sponsored the chartering of RC of Lake Union. And all year long we worked with the SODO club on various efforts of theirs (we sponsored them), like a skate park fund raiser at Salty's, with ski film legend Warren Miller. We wrapped the year up with kayaking and our annual effort of helping with the Rise 'n Shine Picnic.

During the year we sent 5 members to the Rotary Academy. Brian Waid's daughter Erin, the reigning Miss Seafair, joined us at a couple of meetings. Ann Liberato (Enger's wing woman) helped us rewrite our by-laws.

Vocational had our regular SOM program and scholarships, plus the Bill Bennett Award and for the first time a possible Gambriell award recipient. Sue Lindblom once again lead the charge for PMIFK and that paved the way towards her winning the club's Rotarian of the Year award. So many of Vocational and Community projects overlap, lead by the strong efforts of Jon Hankins to increase the clubs participation in Partners for Work. Jon was also successful in landing a DSG for a career and literacy project at SWYFS.

International prided itself with new or ongoing projects in Gambia, Pakistan, Viet Nam, Turkey and Kenya. The year saw the formation of a group of 6 Rotarians and 8 other friends or family members that would safari to Takaunga, Kenya for 19 wonderful days in August of 2007. They spent most of their adventure at the East African Center, where the club has sponsored many humanitarian projects and gifts.

We had many outstanding programs brought to us by the hard working pair of Terry Williams and Jim Guenther. Some to remember are Rosie the Riveter, Dorothy Drummond, author of "Holy Land, Whose Land?" and Paul Gamacho, the accountant packin' heat! Speaker Carla Santorno appreciated our applause so much, she stuck around and joined the club.

During the year we lost Dom Megale and Linc McCoy. We almost lost Gina Desfachelles and Bill Fazekas, but we are blessed to have them both healthy and back with us.

The club was proud to hear that Earl Cruzen was awarded the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Service Award.

Many thanks to Enger's Board members for an outstanding year:

Past Pres.: Josh Sutton	Vocational: Sue Lindblom
Pres. Elect: Gary Potter	Club: Amy Lee Derenthal
Vice Pres: Carol Coram	Community: Jon Hankins
Treas: Bob Rayner	International: Gina Desfachelles
Secr: Ryan Larson	Directors-at-Large: Frank Holland & Ken Olsen

A Banner Year for West Seattle Rotary

Duane Ruud

District Governor

District 5030

1999-2000

(notes & letter submitted 2001)

Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity

DISTRICT GOALS FOR. 1999-2000:

To RI President Carlo Ravizza's theme, I added three more "Cs". Challenge, Communication and Change. RI President Carlo Ravizza honored the District with his presence on three different occasions.

*CLUB PARTNERSHIP: All clubs were asked to reach out to other clubs in the district to form a partnership for at least one project. These could be local or international matching grant projects. From the extraordinary number of matching grant, partnerships, many clubs achieved this goal.

MEETING PRESIDENTIAL CITATION:

Each club was encouraged to work towards earning the Presidential Citation. 100% of clubs achieved the goals for Presidential Citations. Of 529 worldwide districts only 18 achieved this benchmark.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY:

All clubs were asked to devote energy to membership growth. I had hoped that each club could add one member per month a net for the district of 500 new members. I urged all new members to become TIGERS ("Totally Involved Generous Energetic Rotarians") and gave them a tiger poster. Members of 2 years, 9 months were invited to the podium and given a compass and asked to stay the course. The net increase in district membership was 117. The Rotary club of Kent led with a net increase of 16 and they also sponsored the new Rotary Club of Kent Sunrise with 30 new members.

*THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

Foundation Chair Don Gregory challenged the clubs to raise \$100 per member. John Gardener asked the members to become Benefactors as a way to support the RI Foundation Permanent-fund. District 5030's total contribution was \$444,396.08. The average giving per capita was \$89.22.

* DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:

208 Rotarians attended the District Assembly held at South Seattle Community College. Rosemary Aragon chaired.

* PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)

RI President Carlo Ravizza attended the multi-district PETS for three days. The event was held at the Doubletree Sea Tac. Ten districts from the Pacific Northwest and Canada attended this highly touted training for Presidents hosted 16 outbound and 14 inbound students. Interact, chaired by Heidi Sheperd, started four new Interact clubs, there are now a total of thirteen clubs in the District.

*CLUB CHARTERS AND MILESTONES:

There were new clubs chartered: Rotary Club of Kent Sunrise, Rotary Club of Fremont, and the Rotary Club of Rush Hour Seattle. The District project for Homeless Youth opened three new homes in the Sand Point area. The District project Operation First Harvest changed its name to Rotary First Harvest.

*Communications:

Jack Rogers edited and published the District Rotary Mews Report. The newsletter was mailed to each Rotarian monthly.

***Matching Grants:**

Ten clubs joined with Seattle #4 to create 10 different matching grants in Russia (District Share Funds-\$2000 each, Seattle #4 -\$1000 each, each club- \$1000) and a RI match. The same collaboration was put together for South Africa with \$50,000 from Seattle #4, \$50,000 from "ten different clubs and \$10,000 from District Share Funds. Sharon Blooms, District Grants Coordinator and member of Seattle #4 Foundation hopes to have South .Africa and RI match both making the total contribution over \$440,000 from Rotarians. Thanks to Rosemary Aragon, International Chair and Sharon Bloome, Matching Grant Coordinator, the District Rotary Homeless Youth, leveraged \$55,000 into over \$1,000,000 in Matching Grant Projects for 1999-2000 year.

*** DISTRICT PROJECTS:**

District 5030 now has three District Projects: Rotary First Harvest, Rotarian Shelley Rotondo Executive Director, and Rotary Homeless Youth, General Chair Rotarian Heidi Shepard. A new District Project was approved at the District Conference, Computers for the World (c4w), Robin DuBrin President. The idea came about as the Rotary Club of Emerald City connected with Garfield High School. Computers for the world are a unique partnership of students, teachers, Rotarians, and Community volunteers. The students refurbish used computers and a team of students take them around the world. They set up labs in schools or orphanages and teach the residents how to maintain and use them. Teams have been to Mexico, Mozambique, Russia and Ethiopia.

***DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:**

Our district, for the first time, initiated a District Leadership program. Assistant Governor Frank Holland was an inspirational and hard working team member and was very important to making 1999-2000 the success it was. The District 5030 Policy manual was reviewed and revised. John Rasmussen was elected to the RI.

Council on Legislation.

***OTHER ITEMS:**

The Zone 23/24 Institute was held in San Diego, Sept. 2, 1999. The

Blue Denim Institute was held in Vancouver, Jan. 20-23, 2000.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 4-7, 2000.

The Rotary Club of West Seattle was honored to have Duane Ruud, a member of this club since 1979, elected as District Governor of District 5030 for the term of 1999-2000.

Reflecting on my years in Rotary, since 1949, I must say that Duane Ruud one of most innovative District Governors in the history of this District. He did a good job in all areas and in addition organized the most popular and enjoyable District conference of all times.

I am sure our entire membership appreciates Duane as a member and a leader. *(Henderson)*

**West Seattle Rotary
Past Presidents**

1	1947-48	Decatur Lacy*	37	1984-85	Wally DeLong*
	1948-49	Decatur Lacy*	38	1985-86	Bill Fazekas
2	1949-50	Gordon Tuell*	39	1986-87	Jerry Riehl*
3	1950-51	Warren Dewar*	40	1987-88	Alan Bernahl
4	1951-52	Gerald Layton*	41	1988-89	Tom Russell
5	1952-53	L.C. Gilmore*	42	1989-90	Frank Vertrees
6	1953-54	Gordon Hannaford*	43	1990-91	Don Olson
7	1954-55	Joe Whiting*	44	1991-92	Robert Rayner
8	1955-56	Warren Calvin*	45	1992-93	Frank Holland
9	1956-57	Chic LeCuyer	46	1993-94	Duane Ruud
10	1957-58	Bob Florer	47	1994-95	Kenneth Olsen
11	1958-59	Averly Nelson*	48	1995-96	Kenneth Eastlack
12	1959-60	Francis Owens*	49	1996-97	Greg Whitney
13	1960-61	Stan Kasperson	50	1997-98	Mark Bingham
14	1961-62	Bob Abel	51	1998-99	Shelley Rotondo
15	1962-63	Rolf Johnson	52	1999-00	Bill Moffat
16	1963-64	Dominic Megale*	53	2000-01	Kimberly Terry
17	1964-65	Bob Wise *	54	2001-02	Marty Anderson
18	1965-66	Fred Egge*	55	2002-03	Tom Wise
19	1966-67	Bill Bennett*	56	2003-04	Shirley Clough
20	1967-68	Beryl Ash	57	2004-05	Ann Liberato
21	1968-69	Ken Wise	58	2005-06	Josh Sutton
22	1969-70	Frank Lewis	59	2006-07	John Enger
23	1970-71	Walt Malone *	60	2007-08	Gary Potter
24	1971-72	Jim Lambrecht*	61	2008-09	Carol Coram
25	1972-73	Dick Bennett*	62	2009-10	Amy Lee Derenthal
26	1973-74	Herb Edwards*			
27	1974-75	Jack Henderson*			
28	1975-76	Jim Angstead			
29	1976-77	Jack Farmer *			
30	1977-78	Lowell Knutson			
31	1978-79	Carl Blake			
32	1979-80	Dan Calvin*			
33	1980-81	Sid Porter			
34	1981-82	Bob Ochsner			
35	1982-83	Bill Heathman			
36	1983-84	Bill Hanot*			

* -- Deceased