

The
ROTARY CLUB
of
Spartanburg
South Carolina

A Brief History



1916-1979

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FOREWORD

Great credit is due Dr. C.C. Norton — former Club President, Rotary District Governor in 1958-59, and Professor-Emieritus of Wofford College — who compiled the history of the Spartanburg Rotary Club from its origin in 1916 to the year 1968. At the time, he expressed his special indebtedness to J. Frank Collins — retired architect, previous Club Secretary, and at the time only living Charter Member — for his very supportive help.

In his Foreword, Dr. Norton quoted Dr. Henry N. Snyder, early Club President and former President of Wofford, as saying,

“Any institution that completely forgets its past is likely to come upon a time when its past will not be worth remembering.”

This updating of the club’s history expands upon “CC’s” eloquent text and naturally includes numerous additions — some from the distant past but mostly from the intervening years since 1968.

Rotarians Don Huntington and Tom Smith edited the history with additional counsel from Lionel Lawson and Mabrey Vannerson, both Past-Presidents and long-time members. Thanks are also due to the Club Secretary’s office for research assistance and to the Reprint Company, Publishers for help in preparing the text for printing.

We hope this updated account will prove a source of pride and further inspiration to each Spartanburg Club Rotarian, present and future. *It is presented with our compliments!*

Club History Committee

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I

ORGANIZATION OF THE SPARTANBURG ROTARY CLUB

The Spartanburg Rotary Club was organized on March 21, 1916, and became the second South Carolina club following Greenville which was organized January 7, 1916. The Spartanburg club was the 215th in the world organization which now numbers over 18,000 Rotary clubs in over 150 countries with approximately 850,000 total membership. The initial club was started in Chicago by founder Paul Harris and associates in 1905.

Alfred W. Horton, one-time headmaster of the Wofford Fitting School and later a local lawyer, laid the groundwork for Rotary in Spartanburg. He had visited a brother in Roanoke, Virginia, and went with him to a luncheon meeting of the Roanoke Rotary Club. The idea and ideals of Rotary so impressed him that he was determined to interest leaders in Spartanburg in the organization. Among the business men of Spartanburg he interested was John B. Cannon, cashier of the Bank of Spartanburg.

Horton and Cannon brought together a group of Spartans on March 8, 1916, to discuss the possibility of forming a local Rotary club. Horton had received all the necessary literature and had written assurances from the district governor and the president of Rotary International that a charter would be granted if a club was organized in Spartanburg. With this information and assurance, the group of nine men decided to move ahead.

On March 15 they met again with nine additional business and professional men and at this meeting formed a preliminary organization with temporary officers. A committee on bylaws and a constitution, headed by C.O. Hearon, editor of the *Spartanburg Herald*, reported to the group and an organizational dinner was scheduled for March 21. Kendall Weisinger, of Atlanta, was appointed by the district governor to represent Rotary International; a program for the dinner meeting was arranged; and the Rotary Club of Greenville was invited to attend in a body as the sponsoring club.

The organizational dinner was held in the Gresham Hotel on Magnolia Street, which later became the Morgan Hotel. An elaborate six-page program was printed for the occasion. Listed in this program were the twenty-seven charter members of the club whose names are listed in the Appendix to this history. So impressed was the club secretary with the occasion that he reported "no minutes can give any idea of the spirit that was manifested in the meeting."

Boggs, local contractor, served as toastmaster and was also elected first president of the club. Guests from Greenville were greeted by Hearon and D.E. McCuen, from Greenville responded to the Spartanburg hosts. Weisinger made an impressive address on the role of Rotary and Spartanburg's Dr. H. Snyder, president of Wofford College, gave the final address "The Rotations of Rotary."

Other officers elected to assist President Boggs in his leadership of the young club were: L. Wardlaw Smith, vice-president; Alfred W. Horton, secretary; John B. Cannon, treasurer; and H. Ligon, sergeant-at-arms. The first directors were: H.N. Snyder, H. Frank McGee, Ellwood F. Bell, Charles E. Band, C.L. O'Neal and the officers of the club.

The charter of the club was received April 1 and soon thereafter the club received the following letter from Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary:

To the New Members of Spartanburg Rotary Club:

Greetings and felicitations! I greet you because you are newly come into this world we know as Rotary. I extend felicitations because I am sure that Rotary will bring you many happy days, reveal to you new depths of human friendship, and make your lives richer and better world living. The greatest wonders of the eternal cosmos are those which pertain to the inner man. One by one they are being brought within the scope of our understanding.

As we come to better know ourselves, we approach the goal of our ambition — happiness. We shall profit from Rotary in the measure of our knowledge of its teaching and conformity to its practices.

Rotary has been and is a potent influence in the establishment and maintenance of friendly relations not only between individuals, but also between cities.

There is a great work cut out for the various Rotary Clubs of each State and Province. It is the work of promoting better feeling between our respective communities.

Differences arise from conflicting viewpoints. Rotary promotes friendliness, gives us broader vision and thereby reduces the chances of disagreements.

Let us make of Rotary an instrumentality for the cementing of friendships and the development of the spirit of service throughout the length and breadth of the state of South Carolina.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul P. Harris

The first regular luncheon meeting of the Spartanburg club was held April 4, 1916, at the city YMCA, located then at 231 East Main Street. Members of the club provided the program giving short talks on "My Conception of Rotary." At this first meeting a number of visitors from the city were presented, several of whom would become members of the club. One visiting Rotarian from Augusta, Georgia, was introduced.

It was decided early that the club should have a bulletin and a committee composed of Hearon, Snyder, Band, A.M. Chreitzberg, and Martin Crook undertook the publishing of a four-page monthly paper. The paper called "The Lyre" was first printed in August, 1916. Publication continued for several months until Hearon found himself virtually a one-man staff. Already being the editor of the daily newspaper, he decided editing two papers was too much. The climax came when Band brought to the club his own edition of the paper which he named "The Liar," a replica of "The Lyre" except beyond the title were four blank pages.

In 1920 when Frank Collins became secretary of the club, he began publishing a bulletin which he called "The Sextant." He continued this publication for some time. Later, "The Rotary Spokes" came as a weekly bulletin which continues today as an adequate and well-edited club organ.

The Rotary Club of Spartanburg had a good beginning. Growth was gradual, beginning with the twenty-seven charter members and climbing to a high mark of 167 members in the mid-sixties. This number dropped some in 1966 when the Spartanburg club sponsored the organization of the North Spartanburg Club following urging by a succession of district governors and some members transferred membership. Today membership stands at 144.

II

CLUB MEETINGS, MEETING PLACES AND OFFICERS

To visitors, Spartanburg had a strange lunch hour at the time Rotary came to the city. The colleges and public schools ended their class schedules at two o'clock, resulting in a late lunch hour for most Spartans. The Rotary Club adopted and maintained the two o'clock lunch hour until January, 1923, when the time was changed to half-past one. This meeting time was considered satisfactory for more than thirteen years. On July 1, 1946, the club decided one o'clock would be a more feasible time and the meeting time has remained the same ever since. The first meeting day was Tuesday, later changed to Monday, then to

Wednesday, and finally back to Tuesday, the present day.

As has been previously mentioned, the first Rotary luncheon meeting was held April 4, 1916, in the old YMCA on East Main Street. The next meeting was held at the Finch Hotel, which faced on Liberty Street behind the Franklin Hotel. On May 2, 1916, the club moved its meeting place to the Gresham Hotel. Meetings remained there until March 9, 1917, when the Board of Directors voted to move the club to the Cleveland Hotel and voted to pay sixty cents for the luncheon "in order to get the kind of meal we want." The Cleveland continued as the meeting place until June 3, 1930. Then, at the suggestion of the men's committee, the directors voted for a one-month trial at the Franklin Hotel. The Franklin then continued as the meeting place for fifteen years until its top floor dining facilities were closed in 1945. Rotary moved back to the Cleveland where it remained until 1965, with the exception of a short interlude at the Elks Club while the Cleveland underwent renovation. On August 10, 1965, the last change of the meeting place was made when the club moved to the new YMCA Family Center on Pine Street where it meets today. For over ten years, the YMCA Family Center prepared and served food from its own kitchen but for the past several years meals have been catered by outside sources.

In the early years of Rotary in Spartanburg, the club met biweekly. L.W. Perrin, Sr., the club's first district governor made a plea for weekly meetings in 1920. The change was made and the club has met weekly since then. The Board of Directors meet monthly.

Over the years, the club has been fortunate to have the presidential leadership of several prominent families. A glance at the officer list in the Appendix will indicate that L.W. Perrin Sr., and his two sons, L.W. "Buck" Perrin, Jr., and Edward P. "Pat" Perrin, each served as presidents; as did Clyde O. Wells Senior and Junior; brothers Laurens and Newton Walker; and fathers and sons, Troy H. and Kenneth Cribb, and Warren and Wallace DuPre.

Also, the club has been particularly blessed with capable and dedicated men who have given long service to other leadership posts. Mabrey Vannerson was secretary for twenty years prior to being elected president; Charles Lea held the secretarial position for sixteen years; and current Secretary-treasurer Charles W. Ebert has held the post for almost ten years. Early treasurers included John B. Cannon for six years, E.H. Everett for five years, Jim Grier for fifteen years, and Marshal Shearouse for twelve years.

As is the custom with most Rotary Clubs, Spartanburg has for many years had its own miniature banner to exchange with other clubs. In early days this featured the textile industry

which then provided more than seventy-five percent of the county's industrial payroll and also the marketing of fresh peaches wherein the county customarily leads all other counties of the nation. However in 1967, the banner was modified to reflect also the area's numerous institutions of higher learning with the addition of a diploma and mortar board to the banner.

III CLUB PROGRAMS

Early programs of the Spartanburg Rotary Club were generally given by members of the club. These programs were concerned with various aspects of Rotary or talks by business and professional men on their work or personal experiences. Sometimes less serious aspects of a member's work were featured and a series of talks on "Humorous Happenings in My Vocation" proved interesting and entertaining. Today, this tradition is continued as each new member is asked to speak "about himself" at some point in his early Rotary career.

In the early days, if a member had returned from a vacation or business trip abroad, or had experienced an unusual adventure, he could be sure of an invitation to speak to the club. Wofford College President Dr. H.N. Snyder was a dinner guest of President and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and spoke to the club on "Presidents I Have Known," discussing four United States presidents with whom he was acquainted. Today, members of the club or other Spartans with "famous connections" are generally worked into the program schedule at some point.

As the club grew, the programs expanded and attention was given to the areas of interest represented by the club's standing committees. Often the responsibility for programs has been assigned to committees over the period of the Rotary year.

During the two World Wars, large military camps — Wadsworth and Croft — were established near Spartanburg and this afforded the opportunity to hear many distinguished military leaders. Distinguished visitors to the city are asked to speak to the club where scheduling permits and, over the years, the list has included names such as Billy Sunday, Homer Rodeheaver, James A. Farley, Archibald Rutledge, Bishop W.N. Ainsworth, national and international leaders of industry and professional associations, United States senators, congressmen, governors, college presidents, deans, and professors, and many others of similar position.

Various groups around the city have been entertained in the past by the club. Spartanburg police and firemen have been guests of the club; and, for many years, a representative group of farmers from within the county was hosted. Sons and daughters

of notarians at Wofford and Converse Colleges have been guests. Policeman-of-the-Year and Teacher-of-the-Year awards are made annually. Programs during the year are aimed at keeping members abreast of the governmental scene in Spartanburg City and County. With the advent of Interact Clubs, sponsored by Rotary in local high schools, representatives of these clubs are luncheon visitors during the school year. Local Interact presentations have constituted a program. Reports on local high school and college football prospects have become an annual event.

In the early years, the Spartanburg Rotary Club did a great deal of singing. At one point a pianist was employed to assist the music but the time came when members of the club could furnish both the accompanist and song leader. For a time singing was a regular part of the club program but, over the years the club lost its zest for singing, preferring to import musical programs utilizing high school and college glee clubs, performers from Brevard Music Center, and other musical groups from the area. Today club members confine their singing to the first stanza of "America" as their sole unified musical effort.

Staying abreast of industrial activity within Spartanburg County has always been an interest of the club and, for many years, the club has made visits to industrial plants within the vicinity. This custom began in 1920 when Victor Montgomery invited the Rotarians to be his guests at the Pacolet mill complex. As industry has continued to expand throughout Spartanburg County, these visits to new industrial plants have become an attractive feature of the club.

Programs of the club have often been closely allied with community projects. A good example of this is the work of the International Service Committee and programs which have developed from the broad connections of this committee.

A constant goal of the Rotary Program Committee is to bring before the weekly luncheon meetings consistently good programs that are interesting and informative, that cover subjects which bring Rotary and its objectives and principles close to the members, that are of local, national, and international interest, and that are timely and worthwhile.

IV

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, was seeking congenial friendly fellowship when he brought together the first Rotarians. Harris continued to give emphasis to the fellowship aspect of Rotary when he wrote the Spartanburg charter members: "I am sure that Rotary will bring to you many happy days, and

to you new depths of human friendship, and make your lives richer and better worth living." Fellowship has always been a very prominent feature of the Spartanburg club.

The early meetings were marked by a spirit of informality. To address a fellow member with the title, "Mister," was an occasion for a fine of twenty-five cents, collected by the sergeant-at-arms for "charitable purposes." Nicknames prevailed. It is interesting to note that even the roster of the charter members of the club bore such names as "Shrimp," "Waddy," "Heinie," "Tige," and "Big Possum." There was an apparent emphasis on getting off one's dignity and being "one of the boys." One member of the club, who was a Wofford graduate, remarked that he would risk paying the fine any day rather than call Dr. Snyder "Heinie" to his face. And the Rotary custom of ignoring titles and addressing each other by first name or nickname continues today.

If a member of the club was absent without notifying the secretary by card, he would be required to do some foolish stunt. Those so embarrassed included such illustrious names as "Heinie" Snyder, "Foxy" Wilson, "Gus" Chreitzberg, "Charlie" Band, "Cole" Waller, and "Mac" McGee. Sometimes a club member was the victim of a prank — not vicious or harmful — but one that the victim could enjoy with his fellow members.

In 1921 an interesting musical organization was formed in the club. Isaac Andrews, a Spartanburg manufacturer, while on a business trip to Chicago, was impressed with a saxophone quartet performing in a Chicago theater. Andrews decided to organize a saxophone quartet for the local club. He found Frank Collins and Sam Christopher, who played the instrument, and imported Walter Britton, Jr., whose father was a member. And, for a number of years, this quartet performed for many Rotary occasions including promoting an effort to bring the famous Sousa band to Spartanburg.

For years a feature of each meeting day has been a gathering of a group of club members prior to lunch to discuss the latest games between their respective colleges, joke with each other, reminisce, evaluate certain members' "sharp dress," or just generally attempt to outtalk each other. For years, "TB" Thackston has been the unofficial ring-leader of this informal palaver to the mutual enjoyment of all involved.

Carrying this joking into the meeting, "TB" and his cohorts have always sat at a table just inside the meeting room door, first at the Cleveland Hotel and since at the YMCA Family Center, which other members have dubbed the "Roughnecks' Table." And from this table have come all sorts of outlandish comments which generally are answered with considerable laughter.

Also on the lighter side, the weekly "Health and Happiness"

report can be counted on for a laugh or two from one or more stories or jokes.

For a number of years, the Rotary Club had an annual outing. The first of these occasions was a "fish-fry" on July 11, 1916, on the Enoree River, the hosts being R.E. Boggs and A.M. Lay. Another outing in the same year was given by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Andrews at their summer home near Tryon. There followed for several years picnics at various places including Cedar Spring, Gossett Farm, Springdale, and other suitable locations throughout the county.

Ladies Night has always been an important social event for Rotarians and their "Rotary Anns." In Spartanburg the first Ladies Night was held to coincide with the first anniversary of the club. For a number of years, Ladies Nights were held on New Year's Eve; but, to many, this time was not suitable and the date was changed to early spring. It has been the custom to have more entertainment than "speeches" on Ladies Nights and often elaborate programs have been provided. At one point, the ladies were given the responsibility for putting on the program with the men providing the money but, in recent years, the shift has come back to entertainment for the "Rotary Anns." Recent Ladies Nights have included a musical Valentine party, a "mystery guest" speaker, a dinner theater performance, dinners at Converse and Wofford Colleges, and dinners, style show, and prizes at the Country Club of Spartanburg.

No mention of fun and fellowship would be complete without paying tribute to a long-time Rotarian who has provided the club much pleasure. Maury Pearson joined the club in 1920 at a tender age of twenty-two and is possibly Spartanburg's youngest-ever Rotarian. For years known as "The Singing Sandman," he has entertained with solo, duet, and group singing leadership for almost sixty years. A professionally trained baritone-bass, Maury says he was brought into the club not as a leader of industry but to help out with its music.

While Rotary is not primarily a social club, the social incident to the organization is an attractive and rewarding feature as it should be.

V

CLUB PROJECTS

From its beginning, the Spartanburg Rotary Club has not been just a luncheon club for the enjoyment of its members as important as fun and fellowship rightfully are. Very soon after its origin, it began to aid and promote projects considered important and constructive, locally and elsewhere.

Soon after it began, Rotary International became very interested in sponsoring work with boys' clubs and matters pertaining to the welfare of boys and the new Spartanburg club soon initiated projects in this area with enthusiasm. A Boys' Work Committee was established in 1919 and the chairman, George Simmons, who was later to become a national leader in the YMCA, suggested a very comprehensive program of action. The club accepted his plan as a guide, arranged outings for boys under the leadership of Rotarians, father-and-son banquets, athletic activities for underprivileged boys, and gave financial assistance in establishing YMCA and Scout camps.

In 1920, a boys' secretary was employed by the Rotary Club but realizing the desirability of coordination, a desk was given the boys' work secretary in the old YMCA building then at 231 E. Main Street.

Eventually boys' work was largely taken over by the YMCA and the Boy Scouts but Rotary has continued to maintain a very active interest through its Youth Committee and, recently, Interact Committee which deals with high school leadership clubs at Spartanburg, Dorman, and Byrnes High Schools. For many years, Rotarians Evans Cannon, then general secretary of the "Y," and Charlie Lea, area Scout executive for whom Camp Lea and the Charles Lea Center were named, directed much of the youth work done around Spartanburg.

But over the years, many other worthy projects have had Rotary's attention.

Chief project financially for the last forty-five to fifty years has been the club's scholarship program which was begun with a revolving loan fund at Wofford College (which eventually disappeared) but later became outright grants to needy Spartanburg County young men and women of scholastic promise desirous of pursuing their higher education at Wofford, Converse, or Spartanburg Methodist Colleges or, recently, at the Spartanburg campus of the University of South Carolina.

Other Worthy Projects

Other projects have included: Establishing a club for soldiers of Camp Wadsworth during World War I; buying uniforms for the former Carver High School Band; promotion of diphtheria and typhoid prevention; highway safety and clean-up campaigns; sponsorship of high school science fairs; teacher and policeman-of-the-year recognition; establishment of Junior Achievement corporations and year-end awards to the student entrepreneurs; grants to the United Fund, YMCA, Red Cross, and Boys' Home of Spartanburg; the financing of a Boy Scout Law Enforcement Troop; aid to the Salvation Army and Alston

governors, R.I. has continually furnished fresh, goal-oriented area leadership. Additionally, cementing this close relationship have been Spartanburg's five district governors — all splendid R.I. exponents — and its good fortune to have had numerous long-service club secretaries. Too, it has been club policy to send incoming presidents to upcoming R.I. conventions, and some very dedicated members used to make it a regular practice to attend R.I. conventions for annual vacations.

Soon after its chartering, Spartanburg joined with Greenville to sponsor major new clubs in Charlotte and Columbia and assisted nearby clubs in Union, Gaffney, and Inman to organize. Most recently the North Spartanburg Club was sponsored in 1966.

Intercity meetings were popular occasions in the early years of Spartanburg Rotary. An intercity meeting in Spartanburg in 1923 brought together over two hundred Rotarians representing Greenville, Gaffney, Union, Laurens, and Spartanburg. On this occasion District Governor Schenck of Greensboro, North Carolina, addressed the meeting and various clubs presented skits and musical numbers. A special train brought the Greenville members with the Furman University Band, Greenville's contribution to the music for the occasion. In 1933 an intercity meeting in Greenville drew four hundred Rotarians which included a large delegation from Spartanburg. Union, Gaffney, and Clinton also held successful intercity meetings.

District conferences have usually attracted good attendance and participation by Spartanburg Rotarians. The first district conference held in Spartanburg was in 1927, the year Lindbergh flew the Atlantic. In 1939 a district conference in the city had an attendance of 653 Rotarians and Rotary Anns. It was declared one of the most successful conferences in old District 58. In 1944, 1969, and 1971 Spartanburg again was the conference host. At the 1971 dinner, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond and Mrs. Thurmond were at the speakers' table, but Nancy Thurmond was headlined as the principal speaker!

Our Five District Governors

At the 1920 district conference in Greenville, L.W. Perrin, Sr., an attorney, was elected the first district governor from Spartanburg. The club then was in the former 7th District composed of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. He was a very aggressive and efficient governor and his conference address at Norfolk, Virginia, made a fine impression.

John V. Brookshire, local manager for Duke Power, was

elected the second governor from Spartanburg at the district conference in Columbia in April, 1945. At that time District 58 included all of South Carolina and Western North Carolina. He was subsequently elected to Honorary Membership, joining Frank Collins and Frank Vincent in that category.

Spartanburg's third district governor in 1958 was Dr. C.C. Norton. Because of his long professorial tenure at Wofford College, he was probably better known in advance to Rotarians of the district than almost any other governor and he delighted and inspired Rotarians in the more than thirty clubs in the district with his wit and eloquence as he attended Ladies Nights and made his round of club visits and assemblies.

John P. Hughes, of the City News Agency and a prominent Citadel graduate, became Spartanburg's fourth district governor for 1968-69. He brought the 1969 district conference back to Spartanburg for the first time since Charles Tennent of Asheville, former district governor and later president of Rotary International, held it in the city during 1944. It was distinguished by the presence of Kenneth E. Wacker, then a Rotary International director from Winter Park, Florida, and drew the largest attendance in many years.

Spartanburg's fifth district governor in 1977-78 was Horraine A. (Hank) Mitchell, enthusiastic Georgia Tech alumnus. He revived communications to all clubs in District 775 with his regular Governor's Monthly Letter, realized increased district membership and attendance, had the pleasure of awarding the Parker Club of Greenville a special Rotary International plaque for having achieved fifteen-hundred percent support of the Rotary Foundation, and promoted a good increase in the number of Paul Harris Fellows. Highlight of his year was the sending of a six-man group study exchange team to Norway under the leadership of Seneca Rotarian Robert W. Gudger, Jr. and their subsequent inspirational reporting to that year's district conference.

Club Very Active Internationally

Since 1916 when first President R.E. Boggs led a delegation of thirty of the total membership of thirty-five to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Spartanburg club members have been internationally minded; however, it has remained for the decades of the sixties and seventies for this feeling to come to full fruition.

Developing under the highly capable leadership of Rotarian Richard E. Tukey, during the last twenty-nine years executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg has become a truly cosmopolitan and international community. Many businesses have moved down from the North and business interests drawn from more than twenty foreign countries have

Wilkes Society; relief funds to flooded Rotary Districts in India; and many other projects too numerous to record.

Two rather recent efforts meriting special mention, however, have been the sponsorship of a North Spartanburg Club in 1966 with Marcus Boggs, son of Spartanburg's first president, transferred to become the new club's first president and establishment of the three previously mentioned local Interact clubs for high school student leaders.

Shortly after the 1960 Rotary International Convention in Miami, Walter Brice, Jr., who was president in the 1960-61 club year, introduced the concept of "10-Star Rotarians" which he had learned about at the convention from its originator of the West Point, Mississippi, Rotary Club. By various point awards, Rotarians who had served as officers and committee chairmen and who had attended district assemblies and conventions and Rotary International Conventions and done other things recommended to Rotarians were especially recognized after a certain number of points were accumulated and received a 10-star emblem to be worn with the Rotary lapel pin. The club promoted this designation strongly for some years but as Rotary International never adopted the concept officially, interest has gradually waned.

Before concluding the subject of projects, it should be noted that the club has engaged in some most interesting international projects which, however, will be dealt with in a later chapter.

VI COMMUNITY SERVICE

With the establishment of the underlying classification system in 1905 by founder Paul Harris and his associates in the Chicago club and continuing to the present, Rotary membership has always been highly selective, choosing one man to hold each business or professional classification with occasionally a "second" from the same firm.

For any civic club composed exclusively of business and professional leaders whose motto is "Service Above Self," community service follows as a natural consequence — with resulting enrichment flowing equally to the community and to its service-minded leaders.

Even the most casual survey of Spartanburg's leaders in business, professional, and community affairs will reveal a high percentage of Rotary participants. For instance, Rotarians have frequently headed up capital and operating fund drives for the local colleges, the early YMCA and succeeding YMCA Family Center, the United Fund and predecessor organizations, Boy Sec Spartanburg Music Foundation, Chamber of Commerce,

Salvation Army, and the churches, among others.

Also Rotarians have headed up school boards of trustees, the Spartanburg County Foundation, the County Council, local and state political parties, medical societies, hospital boards, County Recreation Commission, bar associations, educational and honorary scholastic societies, the South Carolina Highway and Wildlife Commissions, Spartanburg Airport Commission, area and state and national trade associations, and such.

Rotarians Remembered

Consequent to all their community service and in fewer instances their financial gifts, Spartanburg Rotarians have been generously recognized by a grateful community by the naming of many facilities or resources in their honor. Early Rotarians are remembered by the naming of Snyder Field, Snyder House, and DuPre Administration Building at Wofford, Hearon Circle at I-85, the various Montgomery Buildings, and Andrews Field House.

More recently may be mentioned the Russell House at USC-Columbia named for former President of USC and Spartanburg Rotarian Judge Donald Russell and Mrs. Russell, Carmichael Hall for the Carmichaels, Camp Lea and Charles Lea Center, Gwathmey Library, Lake Tom Moore Craig, Kingman Dormitory, Walter K. Greene Hall, Charles F. Marsh Hall, Phil Buchheit Administration Building, Barrett Learning Center, Charles H. Humphries, Jr. Administration Building, Sandor Teszler Library, Richard E. Tukey Lecture Theater, Paul C. Thomas Music Scholarships, and Joseph G. McCracken Junior High School. Presently a bill is before the South Carolina Senate to rename the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind as The Walker School to honor four generations of Walkers who have headed it exclusively since its founding in 1849. Two of the fourth generation have served as presidents of this club.

VII THE CLUB'S ROTARY DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Spartanburg Rotary Club has always worked very closely with nearby district clubs and Rotary International, initially probably because of the great enthusiasm of its early members but also because R.I. regularly provides excellent club operating assistance from its world headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

Through its annually elected, well-oriented district

APPENDIX

I. CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

J. W. Alexander	Real Estate
Isaac Andrews	Loom Harness Manufacturer
C. E. Band	Publisher
Elwood F. Bell	Automobile Dealer
A. W. Biber	Jeweler
R. E. Boggs	Contractor
John B. Cannon	Banker
J. Frank Collins	Architect
Dr. Martin Crook	Physician
E. P. Edwards	Wholesale Produce
E. H. Everett	Hardware
R. H. Ferguson	Life Insurance
Joe Fisher	Clothing
C. O. Hearon	Newspaper Editor
Alfred W. Horton	Attorney
A. M. Law	Stocks and Bonds
Arthur Ligon	Fire Insurance
H. Frank McGee	Dry Goods
Paul V. Moore	Chamber of Commerce
D. E. Myers	Telephone Service
Charles O'Neale	Cotton Broker
W. A. Sherrod	Coal and Ice
Dr. H. N. Snyder	College President
Elmore Smith	Shoes
L. Wardlaw Smith	Textile Industry
Dr. Webb Thomson	Dentist
Dr. G. DeFoix Wilson	Physician

II. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB 1916-1979

1916
 President..... R. E. Boggs
 Vice-President L. Wardlaw Smith
 Secretary Alfred W. Horton
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1916-1917
 President..... Warren DuPre
 Vice-President L. Wardlaw Smith
 Secretary Alfred W. Horton
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1917-1918
 President..... Warren DuPre
 Vice-President L. Wardlaw Smith
 Secretary Alfred W. Horton
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1918-1919
 President..... H. N. Snyder
 Vice-President B. B. Steedly
 Secretary L. W. Perrin
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1919-1920
 President..... B. B. Steedly
 Vice-President L. W. Perrin
 Secretary Alfred W. Horton
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1920-1921
 President..... Elwood P. Bell
 Vice-President L. W. Perrin
 Secretary J. Frank Collins
 Treasurer John B. Cannon

1921-1922
 President..... L. W. Perrin
 Vice-President ... W. S. Montgomery
 Secretary J. Frank Collins
 Treasurer E. H. Everett

1922-1923
 President..... Isaac Andrews
 Vice-President .. Victor Montgomery
 Secretary J. Frank Collins
 Treasurer E. H. Everett

1923-1924
 President..... Howard B. Carlisle
 Vice-President J. Frank Collins
 Secretary Wallace DuPre
 Treasurer E. H. Everett

1924-1925
 President..... J. Frank Collins
 Vice-President .. Victor Montgomery
 Secretary Wallace DuPre
 Treasurer E. H. Everett

1925-1926
 President..... E. S. Tennent
 Vice-President R. A. Barnwell
 Secretary Wallace DuPre
 Treasurer E. H. Everett

1926-1927
 President..... T. H. Gossett
 Vice-President Bernard Manning
 Secretary Wallace DuPre
 Treasurer James C. Grier

1927-1928
 President..... Bernard Manning
 Vice-President Charles E. Band
 Secretary Wallace DuPre
 Treasurer James C. Grier

1928-1929
 President..... Wallace DuPre
 Vice-President H. A. Ligon
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer James C. Grier

1929-1930
 President..... James C. Grier
 Vice-President W. C. Conyers*
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer Henry J. Blackford

1930-1931
 President..... Walter G. Jackson
 Vice-President ... Henry J. Blackford
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer J. Frank Collins

1931-1932
 President..... Charles E. Band
 Vice-President Oren B. Smith
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer J. Frank Collins

1932-1933
 President..... Julian Calhoun
 Vice-President Louis Osborne
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer J. Frank Collins

1933-1934
 President..... J. H. Anderson
 Vice-President Louis Osborne
 Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer James C. Grier

1934-1935
 President..... James T. Wardlaw
 Vice-President
 Secretary J. Hartwell Anderson
 Treasurer Mabrey W. Vannerson
 Treasurer James C. Grier

*Served as acting president 1929-1930 due to illness of James C. Grier.

supplemented the highly developed textile industry.

Very deservedly Dick Tukey has been credited as the leading factor in this industrial and international diversification and has been awarded the Doctor of Public Service Degree by the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg "for his services in the economic and industrial growth of the Piedmont Community and his invaluable services in international relations."

Many aspects of this avenue of service have engaged Spartanburg Rotarians. Among them are these:

- Club presidents have attended Rotary International Conventions in such foreign cities as Paris and Nice, France, Mexico City, Montreal, and recently Tokyo and Rome.
- For many years the members have provided issues of "Revista Rotaria" to Spanish-speaking Rotarians.
- In 1961, Rotarian Don Huntington, then chairman of the District Rotary Foundation Committee, promoted the first district-wide campaign to secure greater club contributions to the Rotary Foundation.
- The club has sponsored numerous candidates for Rotary Fellowships and they have studied in England, France, and South America.
- Rotarian Joe McCracken has added considerable international flavor to the area by bringing ten to fifteen native French teachers to Spartanburg annually in his capacity as superintendent of District 7 schools.
- Spartanburg has had matched club interchanges with Norrkoping, Sweden; Dunfermline, Scotland; Dunedin, New Zealand; and Thessaloniki, Greece. (For the latter, the club secured the help of the Reverend Constantine Bitzas of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church who translated its communication into Greek and wrote it on his Greek-letter typewriter.)
- In 1967, a German, Gerd Menzel, who had established a branch of his textile machinery business here, was voted an "International Guest" of the club and until June, 1978, when he resigned, he visited Rotary Clubs all over the world, frequently bringing back fifteen to twenty miniature banners from continents where his business took him. He is now a member of the Bielsford Sud Rotary Club in Germany.

- The club has participated in sending and receiving six-man Rotary group study exchanges with Norway and Australia. Also foreign exchange high school students have come to and gone from this club and district.

International Service — as demonstrated — has greatly enriched the membership and can only continue to be of considerable concern because of Spartanburg's very cosmopolitan community and the travel habits of many Rotarians. The city's early Greek community augmented by the large comparatively recent influx of French, German, Swiss, and approximately one hundred second- and third-generation Indians who came here from Uganda guarantee a continuing international outlook.

1974-1975

President... Lewis W. Perrin, Jr.
First Vice-President W. Don Bain, Jr.
Second Vice-President Hubert C. Hendrix
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

1975-1976

President..... W. Don Bain, Jr.
First Vice-President Harwood Beebe
Second Vice-President Lewis W. Perrin, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

1976-1977

President..... Harwood Beebe
First Vice-President William Lowndes III
Second Vice-President W. Don Bain, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

1977-1978

President..... William Lowndes, III
First Vice-President .. John E. Keith
Second Vice-President Harwood Beebe
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

1978-1979

President..... John E. Keith
First Vice-President William C. Herbert, Jr.
Second Vice-President William Lowndes III
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

1979-1980

President..... William C. Herbert, Jr.
First Vice-President Charles C. Boone
Second Vice-President John E. Keith
Secretary-Treasurer Charles W. Ebert

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL**
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

1935-1936
President..... Clyde O. Wells
Vice-President ... James T. Wardlaw
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1936-1937
President..... Arch Walker
Vice-President Clyde O. Wells
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1937-1938
President..... Tom Q. McGee
Vice-President Arch Walker
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1938-1939
President..... K. S. Covington
Vice-President Tom Q. McGee
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1939-1940
President..... T. B. Thackston
Vice-President K. S. Covington
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1940-1941
President..... W. Laurens Walker
Vice-President T. B. Thackston
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1941-1942
President..... Anthony W. Dick
Vice-President ... W. Laurens Walker
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1942-1943
President..... Frank B. Vincent
Vice-President Anthony W. Dick
Secretary Mabrey Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1943-1944
President..... Elford C. Morgan
Vice-President Frank B. Vincent
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1944-1945
President..... Troy H. Cribb
Vice-President ... Elford C. Morgan
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer James C. Grier

1945-1946
President..... Boyd Nash
Vice-President Troy H. Cribb
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer Frank B. Vincent

1946-1947
President..... John D. Foster
Vice-President Boyd Nash
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1947-1948
President..... Lionel Lawson
Vice-President John D. Foster
Secretary Mabrey W. Vannerson
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1948-1949
President..... H. A. Mitchell
Vice-President Lionel Lawson
Secretary Kenneth Cribb
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1949-1950
President..... Mabrey W. Vannerson
Vice-President H. A. Mitchell
Secretary Kenneth Cribb
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1950-1951
President..... Wallace Fridy
Vice-President
Mabrey W. Vannerson
Secretary Kenneth Cribb
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1951-1952
President..... Ralph Crutchfield
Vice-President Wallace Fridy
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1952-1953
President..... Maury Pearson
Vice-President ... Ralph Crutchfield
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1953-1954
President..... Andrew Lindblom
Vice-President Maury Pearson
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1954-1955
President..... W. L. G. MacKenzie
Vice-President ... Andrew Lindblom
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1955-1956
President..... George Dean Johnson
Vice-President ... Andrew Lindblom
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1956-1957
President..... C. C. Norton
Vice-President
George Dean Johnson
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1957-1958
President..... Joseph G. McCracken
Vice-President C. C. Norton
Secretary Charles Lea
Treasurer Marshall Shearouse

1958-1959
President..... John P. Hughes
Vice-President Joseph G. McCracken
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1959-1960
President..... Kenneth Cribb
Vice-President John P. Hughes
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1960-1961
President..... Walter Brice
Vice-President Kenneth Cribb
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1961-1962
President..... Newton F. Walker
Vice-President Walter Brice
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1962-1963
President..... Moore R. Blackstock
Vice-President ... Newton F. Walker
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1963-1964
President..... Paul Thomas
Vice-President ... Moore Blackstock
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1964-1965
President..... William A. Wallace
Vice-President Paul Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1965-1966
President..... William P. Mills
Vice-President ... William A. Wallace
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1966-1
President..... Conley T. Snidow
Vice-President ... William P. Mills
Secretary-Treasurer ... Charles Lea

1967-1968
President..... William S. Jones
Vice-President ... Conley T. Snidow
Secretary-Treasurer
Roger F. Shively

1968-1969
President..... Clyde O. Wells, Jr.
First Vice-President ... Joe E. Webb
Second Vice-President
William S. Jones
Secretary-Treasurer
Roger F. Shively

1969-1970
President..... Joe E. Webb
First Vice-President
Charles O. Hearon, Jr.
Second Vice-President
Clyde O. Wells, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Roger F. Shively

1970-1971
President..... Charles O. Hearon, Jr.
First Vice-President
Charles R. Sanders
Second Vice-President .. Joe E. Webb
Secretary-Treasurer
Charles W. Ebert

1971-1972
President..... Charles R. Sanders
First Vice-President
Edward P. Perrin
Second Vice-President
Charles O. Hearon, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Charles W. Ebert

1972-1973
President..... Edward P. Perrin
First Vice-President
Hubert C. Hendrix
Second Vice-President
Charles R. Sanders
Secretary-Treasurer
Charles W. Ebert

1973-1974
President..... Hubert C. Hendrix
First Vice-President
Lewis W. Perrin, Jr.
Second Vice-President
Edward P. Perrin
Secretary-Treasurer
Charles W. Ebert