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Rotarians talk about their role in club

BY KATHY PETITE

The Jacksonville Rotary Club used to be referred to as "the old men's club."

For many years Rotary was primarily a club for business leaders, but "here in the U.S. it's changed to a more service oriented club," said Fred Osburn, 10-year member of Rotary. "Locally our club has the emphasis of serving the youth as our primary goal," he said.



Osburn

Rotary helps in a variety of community affairs from providing scholarships (at the high school and college level) to helping fund school supplies for elementary students whose families cannot afford the cost.

Rotary also helps the community in meeting more immediate needs. Byron Holkenbrink, member since 1947, remembers that, "Once a member of the club found out that a girl (a student from the School for the Visually Impaired) needed a typewriter, so Rotary Club bought the first braille typewriter for the school," he said.

One of the things he likes best about Rotary is that, when one is asked to become a member, one assumes the responsibility of anything the president asks. The requirement is honored by Rotary members to help when asked," he said. "It's like getting into a boat. We don't want you to just sit for the ride. We want you to take hold of the oars and row," he said. And although Rotary used to be called the old men's club, "The crowd is getting younger and younger, and by golly they do a lot of work," said Mr. Holkenbrink.

A personal benefit of belonging to Rotary is "a wide acquaintance with the business community," said Mr. Holkenbrink. When he first joined, "I just liked to know those people and I think perhaps it helped in

my decision to run for mayor. Having been president and conducting meetings, I think it helped build my self-confidence. I'm sure it did." (Mr. Holkenbrink was the first full-time mayor of Jacksonville.)

Today if people join Rotary, "They would be joining with solid men and women in Jacksonville businesses and the educational and professional community. They would be rubbing shoulders with them every week. They would come to know them and they would all gain," said Mr. Holkenbrink.

His principal reason for joining was that, "It was a group of people representing a variety of businesses. We met at noon time to discuss business ideas," he said. "We met in what was Dunlap Hotel, what is now Dunlap Apartments."



Holkenbrink

Another Rotary member, John Bomke, joined the club initially "because of the association with the men, at that time men, now it's men and women. I just wanted to be associated with the business men of the community. But it is an organization that lets you serve the community," he said.

A member since 1950, "I guess out of 75 years I've been a member for half of it." Mr. Bomke's first project involvement with Rotary was when the club first bought and set up the Ferris wheel in Nichols Park. "It was open Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons and run by Rotary members," he said. "I thought it was a service to the community because children would have a good time out there. It was fun to the community."

Rotary helps the community in "quiet ways, where help is needed," said Mr. Bomke. Rotary once helped when one was in need of dental care and once purchased shoes for

someone in need, just "people who need a little help along the way. That's the only way we justify our existence, helping other people," he said. "If you've got a project you need some help on, you've got a little nucleus of people you can count on," he said.

Rotary has a diverse group of members such as ministers, college professors, business owners, school administrators, farmers, etc. Internationally, Rotary has over one million members in approximately 189 countries and governmental units, said Mr. Osburn. Rotary serves not only local community interests, but also provides world wide support, especially to third world countries in the form of health care assistance and agricultural education programs.

Mr. Osburn will serve this year as the district governor of 50 Rotary clubs in this region. "It's an honor to be asked but it's primarily an opportunity to add to the efforts being made to serve others. The pay is very poor for being governor. You don't get any money," he



Bomke

said, but "I feel very strongly about Rotary and the potential it has to help people."

Mr. Osburn's greatest experience with Rotary was when a youth exchange student from Brazil lived with him and his wife for a year. "Probably one of the most difficult things I had to experience was when she had to go back home. I didn't want to let her go. We treated her like a daughter," he said. "With your own children you know they'll come back. Just the knowledge that we may never see her again..." But Rotary, said Mr. Osburn, "has to do with getting to know individual people, and just broadening a base of friends."



Club president Vernon Fernandes presents a plaque to Rotarian Byron Hokenbrink, former mayor of the city of Jacksonville in 1973.



President Wolf D. Fuhrig presents the club's donation for a local day care center to Mrs. Terri Metcalf, as Rotarian Jewel Mann (left) and U.S. Congressman Paul Findley (right) applaud (1975).



Past district governor Robert H. Caldwell presents a plaque to Paul Harris Fellow John Hackett honoring him for 50 years (1932 to 1982) of membership and service in the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

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Rotary in Jacksonville: A history of service

The Jacksonville Rotary Club was formally organized on March 22, 1918, at a meeting in the Peacock Inn, a popular restaurant on the south side of the Town Square. Preceding this occasion, there were several organizational meetings under the chairmanship of Frank J. Heint, an officer of The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company. With the support of the International Association of Rotary Clubs and the aid of the Rotary Club of Peoria, 25 members were recruited. Subsequently, the Rotary Club of Jacksonville grew to over 135 in 1975.

From the beginning, the weekly club meetings were held on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. For the first seven years, it was at the Pacific Hotel on East State Street. Since then, the Club has changed its meeting place repeatedly. The Peacock Inn, the Dunlap Hotel's Beef and Bird Restaurant,

the Country Club, Hamilton's Restaurant, the Holiday Inn, and, most recently, the Blackhawk Village Smorgasbord Restaurant have seen Rotarians as their guests.

The activities of the club, news about its members, and announcements are reported in the club's weekly bulletin, named THE LUBRICATOR. From 1936 until 1978—for 42 years, it was faithfully edited by D. L. Hardin, the president of Hardin Business College, since then by his son, Steven Hardin.

In 1920 the Jacksonville Rotarians undertook their first service project: the construction of a building along Meredosia Bay on the Illinois River to be used by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other organizations. This Rotary Club House was much used until the 1930s when youth organizations took it over as a camping and recreational center.

Other significant club

projects included the donation of a hydrotherapy unit for use in the crippled children's room of the Jacksonville public schools and a Perkins Braille writer—a newly developed and superior instrument—for the Illinois Braille and Sight Saving School. Rotary also assumed responsibility for the equipping of a large picnic area along Lake Jacksonville which had been acquired as an addition to the city's water supply. This project, Oak Grove Park, required not only the raising of \$6,000 but also many thousands of man hours to clear and grade the land and build picnic tables, fireplaces, and other park facilities.

Meanwhile the Rotary Club undertook other ventures to aid the people of Jacksonville, such as contributions to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the YMCA, and the Salvation Army. Boys' and girls' athletic teams were supported with uniforms and playing equipment. Rotary funds provided new picnic tables for Nichols Park and scholarships for needy students to attend summer camps.

It was a major achievement for the Jacksonville Rotary Club when it brought a Ferris Wheel to Nichols Park. This unique project not only raised money but provided recreation for children and adults while at the same time affording Rotarians a pleasurable way of giving personal service as ticket sellers, gate men, and operators. Furthermore, it would advertise the City of Jacksonville as the leading producer of carnival type Ferris Wheels in the world.

The Eli Bridge Company, the manufacturer of the Ferris Wheels, and its president, Mr. Lee Sullivan, gave important help to the Club in getting the project going. It was begun in 1957. A committee chaired by Mr. John Bomke negotiated with the city for space, light, and power, and contracted the proper insurance. Finally, on May 16, 1958, with Rotarians on hand as operators and ticket sellers, the Ferris Wheel began to turn, and continued to turn for almost 30 years.

The Ferris Wheel project was highly successful; many thousands of dollars were raised to support community projects. Although



Advertising the Rotary Club's fish fry of October 15, 1920, an annual fundraising event at the time.

the Wheel was run on a not-for-profit basis, the skyrocketing cost of insurance in the 1980s made its operation no longer feasible. In 1986 the Club donated the Wheel to the City of Jacksonville.

Yet, there was a shortage of opportunities for Rotarians to assist community projects or raise funds for them. For the past 9 years, the Club has held an annual dinner to recognize local students who excelled as both scholars and athletes. In the late 1980s, Rotarians renovated the band stand on the grounds of the Developmental Center, and last year the Club assumed responsibility for the organization of the City's Fourth of July celebrations.

Fund raising for a wide variety of causes is an ongoing concern for every Rotary Club. At every meeting, members who want to tell about their achievements or who have been mentioned in the newspaper are asked to donate at least a dollar. In addition, the Club has been organizing raffles, garage sales, and calendar sales. In this manner, considerable sums are collected annually for the club's regular projects and for special needs. When, for example, the schools' social workers found children with insufficient clothing or in need of medical attention, the Club has usually been able to help.

The Jacksonville Rotarians also participated in many larger projects in cooperation with the more than 40 other clubs of west central Illinois' District 646. District governor James Dunlap of Jacksonville, for example, organized the donation of a tractor to farmers in Thailand; and district governor Robert Caldwell of Jacksonville arranged for 50,000 tooth

brushes to be distributed to Costa Rica.

As members of a worldwide organization, the Jacksonville Rotarians have been very active in several annual projects that have taken many young people from our community into foreign countries all around the globe. For decades, the Rotary Scholarship program has given gifted undergraduates and graduates all the funds needed for a full year of study at foreign institutions of higher learning. The Rotary High School Exchange enabled numerous youngsters from the Jacksonville area to spend a year in a high another country while living in the home of local Rotarians. And the Rotary Group Study Exchange allows five or non-Rotarian men and women between 25 and 35 years of age, led by a Rotarian, to participate in a 10 to ten week intensive visit of a foreign country as guests of, and in exchange with, one of its Rotary districts. Two recent teams from District 646 were led by Jacksonville Rotarian Dr. Wolf Fuhrig to India 1978-79 and Dr. Robert McKinney to the Republic of South Africa in 1988. The leadership which Jacksonville's Rotarians exerted also reflected in its sponsorship of three other Rotary clubs: Petersburg and Litchfield in 1925 and Rosehouse in 1926. Since Rotary's classification system allows only one member to represent his profession or business in any one club, the Jacksonville Rotarian assisted in 1925 in the organization of the local Kiwanis Club which, like Rotary is devoted to the principle of "service above self."

(Written in 1975 by Walter B. Hendrickson, Sr. and D. L. Hardin; revised in 1993 by Wolf D. Fuhrig)

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Organizers of the Jacksonville Rotary Club (chartered March 18, 1918). From left to right: Henry Frisch, Harry Andre, William Doying, Harry Capps, Harlan Lee Caldwell, E. E. Crabtree, and

Frank Heint.



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Chicago, 1905: at the birth of Rotary

BY WOLF FURRIG

In the taverns of Chicago, they played such catchy ragtime favorites as "Under the Bamboo Tree," such all-time hits as Harry Armstrong's "Sweet Adeline" and Victor Herbert's "Kiss Me Again."

In the concert halls, Bartok and Mahler had just arrived; and opera star Enrico Caruso was gaining in popular appeal. Edith Wharton's "The House of Mirth" and Jack London's "Call of the Wild" were the most widely read fiction. "The Girl with the Green Eyes" by William Clyde Fitch and "The Girl of the Golden West" by David Belasco excited the theatergoers. Vaudeville was in its heyday. The first films had just hit the silent screen: "Cinderella" and "The Great Train Robbery."

Scientists and engineers tantalized the public with ever more exciting discoveries and inventions. Simon Flexner showed that polio was caused by a virus. Cancer was now treated with X-rays. Albert Einstein revealed his theory of relativity. The Wright brothers had just flown 59 seconds at 30 miles per hour.

On the economic scene, the United States found itself eclipsing the big European powers, no longer only in natural resources and population but also, for the first time, in industrial output. Automobile production and other industries based upon the use of petroleum offered seemingly boundless new opportunities. Agriculture expanded year by year; and overall trade increased.

Nevertheless, declining stock prices, mounting business failures, and over 100 bank suspensions annually between 1903 and 1907, indicated that not everybody shared in the long-range upward trend of America's economy. The apparent flaws in the currency and credit structure fueled the debate about a new government agency which was to be the Federal Reserve Board. In 1905, the gross national debt amounted to \$15 per person but the politicians already began to debate the need for a national income tax to pay for the swelling cost of the federal government's ballooning operations. For the first time in U.S. history, a president, Theodore Roosevelt, urged the nation to stop wasting its vast forest, water, and mineral

resources; but few people heeded his call for conservation.

In November of 1904, the Republicans had made a clean sweep of the Congress for the sixth time in a row. The Democrats attacked the trusts as being too powerful and demanded more authority for the Interstate Commerce Commission. Roosevelt, however, blunted that criticism by preparing several laws which increased the regulatory power of federal agencies. Congress agreed to stricter regulation of the railroads and government supervision of food and drug production.

For Chicagoans in 1905, Europe was at least a 14-day journey away. Few people took notice of the

Court generally upheld the government's cases. Yet, the same Supreme Court repulsed labor when it questioned the constitutionality of New York's maximum hours law for bakers. The majority of the justices felt that it was not the government's business to tell people how long they should be allowed to work. This and similar decisions immediately became useful ammunition for labor leaders and leftist agitators. The most radical of them called a convention in Chicago in 1905 and organized the Industrial Workers of the World, popularly called "Wobblies," whose avowed purpose it was to destroy capitalism with socialist propaganda, boycotts and strikes.



Spouses of Rotarians after a tour of the Big Eli factory in Jacksonville 1949. Although originally an organization men only, since 1987 women have been admitted to membership in Jacksonville Rotary Club in growing numbers.

founding of the Zionist movement which vowed to establish a Jewish state in what was then the Turkish colony of Palestine. The most prominent event on the international scene of 1904 and 1905 was the Russo-Japanese War and the surprising ease with which the Japanese defeated the Russians on land and at sea. For Americans, the interest in this distant conflict heightened only when the warring parties asked President Roosevelt to act as mediator between them. Never before had the United States enjoyed this kind of influence and respect in the community of nations.

Probably the most contentious issues in America in 1905 were generated by the fast growing strength of industry and labor. President Roosevelt vigorously prosecuted anti-trust law violations, and the Supreme

Chesley Perry, the first secretary of Rotary International, lamented that "giants of business were fighting over trade territories; competition was ruthless, and not only big business but all sorts of businesses, large and small were under the suspicion of being conducted on the basis of get all you can get and get it first. Into such a world Rotary was born...."

**88 years later:
Chicago in 1993**

Since Rotary was founded in 1905, America and Chicago have been growing by leaps and bounds. But can we speak of a better city and a better society? In 1905, the United States had 80 million inhabitants and was gaining a million immigrants. Since then, it has reached the 250 million mark while the flow of immigrants is continually

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roughly at the same rate. Chicago has doubled in population since 1905, but in the last two decades it has lost roughly 10 percent of it due mainly to economic problems.

The city's skyline is much higher, and so are its income, its taxes, and its debt. Its music is noisier, and so are its streets. Opera and vaudeville are no longer in vogue; but people are saturated by entertainment on radio and television around the clock. There are many other more sophisticated cultural attractions, such as vastly more extensive libraries and museums.

The broadening of the city's social horizons is reflected in gay bars and X-rated movies. Demand for shoeshine parlors is down; demand for tanning parlors is up. Best-selling books, records, and films make more money than ever. "Chorus Line" has come to be the most often performed play while "Star Wars" and "Jaws" grossed record incomes. More people buy the "Wall Street Journal" than any other daily, and more people subscribe to "Readers Digest" than to any other magazine.

Chicago has the distinction of being the biggest to be headed by a lady mayor and then, succeeding her, a black mayor. It also has been struck by more teachers and firefighters than any other metropolis. There was crime in the world of 1905; but in spite of more sophisticated techniques of crime detection, lawlessness today has reached an all-time high.

On the economic scene, the United States turns out a larger gross national product than its two closest competitors, Japan and Germany combined; but other countries have passed the U.S. in per capita production. The national debt has risen from \$15 per person in 1905 to roughly \$16,000 per person today. The rich continue to get richer, and the poor continue to have more children than they can afford. Neither the school system nor the welfare system

have significantly changed the proportion of people who are unable to make a living on their own. Meanwhile, many American industries, particularly the farmers, produce larger surpluses with less manpower and still face growing indebtedness.



The Ferris Wheel in Nichols Park, the big local service project of the Jacksonville Rotary Club from 1958 to 1967.

In 1905, 78,800 motor vehicles were registered in the whole United States; today their number exceeds 150 million. People move faster and farther than ever but also suffer more pollution than ever. Medicine helps more people than ever to live longer than ever; but while some diseases, such as smallpox and diphtheria, have been conquered, other maladies, such as man-made poisons or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, confront physicians with new challenges.

Since 1905, the United States has been involved in four major wars overseas and endured 44 years of continuing nuclear arms build-up. In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson's first demanded that the world be made safe for democracy; but only the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 brought us tangibly closer

to that lofty goal. Massive amounts of nuclear weapons continue to threaten

everybody on this globe. The Rotarians of Chicago in 1905 may not have lived in a better world, but it was far simpler and less catastrophe-prone than the world of 1993.

Since human relations have not improved, Rotary's four avenues of service—in club, vocation, community and between nations—are more needed than ever. To be strong for the dangers and tests ahead, the free world needs service organizations which transcend family, vocation, and country to reach out beyond the barriers of language, creed, and race. Only if we succeed in preserving the tradition of service for the sake of freedom, will the 100th anniversary of Rotary be as happy as its birthday 88 years ago.

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BY WOLF FUHRIG

"I called three young businessmen to meet with me," Paul Harris recalled, "and I laid before them a very simple plan of mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages."

Reciprocal trade played an important role in that first Rotary Club. Paul Harris went to Hiram, the tailor, for new clothes; Silvester, the coal dealer, provided Harry Ruggles, the printer, with coal; Harry handled Silvester's printing needs, Paul, the lawyer, was available for any of his friends' legal needs. From 1907 to 1912, club members were required to provide the secretary with a weekly report "to ascertain the amount of business transacted between members."

The promotion of mutual business, however, soon faded into the background. Instead, desire for fellowship and interest in the larger community more and more dominated the club meetings. Rotarians swapped stories and discussed the news of the day. They avoided partisan politics but maintained a keen interest in public affairs. They also tried outings to Chicago's Jackson Park and Mackinac Island in Michigan. Fun came along with fellowship.

Soon the members of the first Rotary Club added a significant amendment to their bylaws: "An organization that is wholly selfish cannot last long. If we, as a Rotary Club, expect to survive and grow, we must do some things to justify our existence. We must perform a civic service of some kind..." In 1907, the Chicago Rotary Club launched its first two service projects. It purchased a horse for a traveling preacher in Joliet after his old steed had died, and it constructed much-needed public "comfort facilities" in City Hall.

When in 1910 the first national convention of Rotary met in Chicago, chairman Chesley Perry refined the goals of Rotary further: "We are ready to do our part of the world's work, anxious to have a share in the great civic uplift of our day and desirous of establishing the highest of busi-

ness standards..." And Paul Harris himself predicted that this kind of organization was destined to make itself at home throughout the civilized world.

Seven years later, Rotary had gained so much experience with a great variety of community service activities that it was ready to provide more definite guidelines. The Atlanta Convention of 1917 resolved that "Rotary clubs should continuously survey the field of community life in order to ascertain community needs. Whenever organizations already in existence can satisfactorily perform such work, they should be encouraged... when existing organizations need strengthening, Rotarians should give aid and encouragement... a Rotary club... should do those community services that cannot be done so well by organizations or institutions already in existence."

By 1911, Arthur Sheldon of the Chicago Club discovered the need for "an international dimension for Rotary." He called for "an appreciation of the solidarity of the reality of the brotherhood of man."

"He profits most," Sheldon said, "who serves the best." By 1912, Rotary clubs had been founded in Canada and Britain. Preliminary steps were under way to organize clubs in other countries. The 1912 Rotary convention at Duluth, Minn., had good reason to change the name of the organization to "International Association of Rotary Clubs." By 1921, Rotary was ready to hold its first convention overseas in Edinburgh, Scotland, with over 2,500 members in attendance. The wheel design of 24 cogs and six spokes, representing six continents, was adopted as Rotary's official emblem.

In 1923 at St. Louis, the impact of Rotary on American Society was perhaps most fittingly confirmed when the president of the United States, Warren Harding, personally addressed the convention: "... If I could plant Rotary in every community in the world, I would... guarantee the tranquility and the forward march of the world. Statesmen have their problems and governments have theirs; but if you could plant the spirit of Rotary...

and turn it to practical application, there would be so much wrong with the human procession."

In 1929 in Dallas, Rotary's endowment fund was transformed into the Rot Foundation. It amounted \$67,000. When Rotary International celebrated its silver jubilee in Chicago 1930, it had grown from four members in one club to more than 150,000 in 3,349 clubs in 62 countries on six continents. At that occasion, President Harry H. Rogers extolled another spectacular achievement of Rotary: "Probably the greatest accomplishment to date is the development of the individual Rotarian. There are thousands of Rotarians taking a large part in their trade or professional association, in chambers of commerce all kinds of community work because of the training and inspiration of Rotary. Old men have become young again. Grouches have been reclaimed and tear work inaugurated. The timid, through tedious processes, have been led to leadership."

The disease of totalitarianism, which was unknown in 1905 and which broke out first in Russia 1917, became the most potent political force blocking the advance of Rotary around the world. From Lenin, Mussolini, and Hitler to Tito, Mao, and Castro the totalitarian dictators have been eager to ban Rotary because they fear its advocacy of tolerance and democracy everywhere.

Whenever Rotarians travel abroad, they can be certain that wherever a country permits Rotary flourish, they are not far from friends. Although Rotary International is not a political organization, it stands for human freedom and dignity will be a permanent creed as long as the values are not endorsed practiced by all rulers. Over 100 Rotary Clubs were wiped out in Italy, Germany, and Japan between 1922 and 1945. Today, more than 2,000 clubs have succeeded to 100 Ubi libertas, ibi Rotary! Where there is freedom, Rotary thrives together with all the other service organizations perpetuated after it.

When Paul Harris die

turns: 1905 to 1993



The Rotary Club's float for Jacksonville's 1927 Labor Day parade.

1947, Rotarians were in the process of responding to the need to heal the emotional scars of the Second World War and to create a better international climate. So they donated millions of dollars to a new venture, the Paul Memorial of the Rotary Foundation. The fund provided for the international exchange of Rotary Scholars who were graduate students funded for a year of study abroad. Later, Rotary Foundation fellowships were extended to include undergraduate students, artisans, technicians, teachers of the handicapped, and journalists.

The foundation also began sponsoring Group Study exchanges, a unique way of improving international understanding through intensive six to ten week visits between Rotary district in different countries by outstanding young professionals and business leaders, aged 25 to 35, under the leadership of a Rotarian. Many foundation award recipients have later risen to leadership positions in their home countries.

In addition to the activities of its Foundation, Rotary created its own youth organization called Interact, an acronym which stands for "international action." The main role of the sponsoring Rotary Clubs has been to work with, not for, its Interact friends. Presently, the 167,000 members of Inter-

act are active in 101 countries and 7,597 clubs.

The success of Interact paved the way for the inauguration, in 1968, of Rotaract consisting of Rotary-sponsored service clubs for men and women in the 18 to 28 age bracket. Today there are 5,815 Rotaract clubs with 134,000 Members in 114 countries. In 1967, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards—week-long leadership training seminars—were introduced in Australia and soon emulated in other countries.

Rotary also developed its own world-wide exchange program for high school students. Annually, thousands of secondary students attend educational institutions abroad while living in the homes of Rotarians. The success of this program is not only evident in the invaluable learning experiences of the participating teenagers but also in the thousands of lasting ties it created between families and nations.

Since the 1950s, many Rotary clubs in the developed countries involved themselves in World Community Service by sponsoring aid projects in less developed countries. Rotary International's secretariat in Evanston, Illinois, maintains a "library of needs" matching clubs in need of assistance with clubs looking for projects to undertake. In 1963, Rotary International started to match

Rotary districts in three-year rotation. In 1978, the so-called 3-H Programs were initiated to promote health, fight hunger and assist humanity in other ways. Backed by Rotary's 75th Anniversary Fund, 3-H allows for aid projects whose scope goes beyond the financial means of any one Rotary club or district.

On its 80th anniversary, Rotary pledged to promote the polio immunization of some 75 million children worldwide who still are unprotected. The Rotary Foundation provided all the polio vaccines necessary for up to five consecutive years to any approved vaccination program in need of help. The total cash receipts for this project, called PolioPlus, now amount to \$234,842,000.

Most of the funds for Rotary's international operations come from the Rotary Foundation to which every club is expected to contribute. To recognize a club's financial efforts for the Foundation, Rotary created, in 1969, the "Paul Harris Fellowship," an award named in honor of Rotary's founder. Whenever a club has makes a gift of \$1,000 to the Foundation, it may honor one of its outstanding members by naming him or her a "Paul Harris Fellow."

As of Feb. 2, 1992, 392,412 men and women had been named Paul Harris Fellows.

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A honeymoon with Rotary

BY WOLF FUHRIG

Mr. D. L. Hardin was only 26 years old at the time of his induction into the Jacksonville Rotary Club. The members had good reason to invite him in because three years earlier he had become the owner and operator of Hardin Business College on West State Street.

In 1936, he was elected club secretary and newsletter editor. As a business teacher, he was well qualified for the job. Little did the Club members suspect, however, that D. L. would like the job so much that he would hold on to it for the rest of his working life, excepting the 1958-59 Rotary year when he served as club president. He also served as secretary for five district conferences. His secretarial endurance, however, was not to be his only claim to fame.

In 1948, D. L. met the lady who agreed to marry him. Since the wedding was on June 30, 1949, and the International Convention of Rotary in New York City was only a few days later, D. L. proposed to make it the destination of their honeymoon; and she agreed.

Mrs. Anita Hardin remembers: "Following our wedding, we got on a train in St. Louis. Tony and Margaret Niccum drove D.L.'s car back to Jacksonville. The train stopped at Roodhouse where H. L. Caldwell, Crit Haneline, and Lloyd and Margaret Coffman got on the train. In Chicago, we transferred to a special Rotary train for New York City, and with several thousand Rotarians we partied to the Big Apple. That's

how we spent our honeymoon—Rotary all the way! ... I felt I had married not only D.L., but also the Business College, and the Rotary Club, but I was never sure in which order."

Since the Hardins obviously had a great time at the 1948 Rotary Convention in New York, they also spent subsequent vacations at Rotary conventions, both on the district and international level. They went to the conventions in Dallas, San Francisco, Montreal, and again in New York. But in the year the convention

"he was born into Rotary also."

The chance to make Rotary truly a family project arrived when the Jacksonville Rotary Club began to operate the Ferris Wheel.

That's when not only D.L. but also Steve and Sharon operated the Wheel and, together with their mother, sold tickets and refreshments. In this service to Rotary, the Hardin family spent a good many summers at Nichols Park.

In 1972, D. L. Hardin deservedly became only the third Jacksonville Rotarian



D.L. Hardin, at one of the many functions he attended during 50 years of service to Rotary.

was held in Detroit Anita could not join her husband. She had to stay home and await the arrival of their daughter, Sharon.

As a devoted Rotarian father, D.L. made sure that son Steve got initiated into the ways of Rotary as soon as he could sit up in a chair. On all school holidays and whenever else it was possible, Steve sat next to the club secretary at Rotary meetings. "You might say," commented Mrs. Hardin,

to receive the Paul Harris Award for loyal service. When he fell ill in the late 1970s, the Club had no problem finding someone to fill in for him. Steve was ready to take over, and Mrs. Hardin joined him by helping out for a good many years.

For the Hardins the honeymoon with Rotary certainly lasted far beyond the 1948 convention in New York City, it became an enterprise of a lifetime.

Rotary high school exchange students from Jacksonville

1980-81: Stephanie Richardson to Japan

1981-82: Holly Meyer to Sweden

1982-83: John Biloz to France, Brian Quandt to Norway

1983-84: Allan Leckbee to Japan,

Lynette McKinney to Brazil, Douglas Souza to Brazil

1984-85: Jill Leonard to France, Laura Phelps to Brazil, Jen-

nifer Smith to Germany

1985-86: Sarah Blough to Venezuela, Frank Fuhrig to Germany, Jennifer Gay to Brazil, Victoria Reed to Japan

1986-87: Catherine Bumette to Germany, Randall Engelmann to Finland, Todd Hamilton to France, Beth Morton to Australia

1987-88: Thomas

Daniels to Germany, Renee Reed to Finland

1988-89: Jennifer Gregory to Brazil, Leah Norris to Germany, Renee Reed to Finland

1989-90: Melissa Mackey to Sweden

1990-91: Julie Wilson to Germany
1991-92: Kirsten Hanson to Germany, Barbara Senff to Argentina



In 1971, R. Y. Rowe became the first Jacksonville Rotarian to receive the Paul Harris award. From left to right: President Iver Yeager, Mrs. and Mr. R. Y. Rowe, Rotarians D.L. Hardin and Eugene Paden.

Rotary Scholars sponsored by Jacksonville

Marjorie B. Runnion
to England
1952 - 1953

Anne C. Werner
to France
1978 - 1979

Teresa A. Wallbaum
to Austria
1988 - 1989

Asa Herald
to Germany
1990 - 1991

Ronald D. Flynn
to Ireland
1991 - 1992

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President Robert H. Caldwell presenting a Perkins Braille writer to Superintendent Leo Flood for the Illinois Braille and Sight Saving School (1954). Looking on: Rotarian Ralph Hays to the left and Rotarians Emer Lukeman and D. L. Hardin to the right.