

75 Years Of Service Above Self

**A History
Of The Rotary Club
New London, Connecticut
1917-1992**

INTRODUCTION

This history of the Rotary Club of New London on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary is the result of the work of many individuals, both members and non-members.

We must thank the newspaper reporters, Anchor editors, keepers of Club scrapbooks, and Club Secretaries who recorded Club activities through the past seventy-five years. The coverage of the years 1917 through 1955 was the work of Jim Hammond and Bar Colby. The section covering the years 1956 until the present was compiled by our present History Committee.

Chaired by Ed Cramer, the History Committee worked with Club Historian Bob Weller who accepted the challenge of creating this printed record. Unfortunately, an untimely illness prevented Bob from completing the task. At that time Russ Lewis stepped forward and volunteered to carry on the work.

It is due to an extraordinary effort by Russ coupled with Phil Burns, Don Mitchell, Frank Laycock and Norman MacLeod that we are able to present this publication in time for our Anniversary Banquet, held on April 11, 1992.

These members spent countless hours reviewing Club records, pulling out significant events and writing them up for inclusion in this history. Russ, having accepted the job of interim Historian, worked daily for nearly two months researching, writing and editing much of this document.

Actual publication in time for our anniversary date was due to the work of Jeanne Johnson and her team.

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During its lifetime, the Rotary Club of New London has become part of the fabric of our community. As club members and as individuals, New London Rotarians have shown that "Service Above Self" can lead to a better community, both local and worldwide. As our Club grows in age, we are confident that its service to the community will continue to enhance life for all concerned.

Respectfully,
Henry Savin
Chairman, 75th Anniversary

WHAT IS ROTARY



What is Rotary?

Rotary is a world fellowship of business and professional executives who accept the "Ideal of Service" as the basis for success and happiness in business and community life. In Rotary, thoughtfulness of others is regarded as the basis of service, and helpfulness to others as its expression. Together they constitute the "Ideal of Service".

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian in his personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Rotary started in the heart of a lonely man in a great city. Rotary first had its conception in the mind and heart of Paul Harris, a young Vermont lawyer practicing in Chicago. Paul usually lunched alone in a restaurant, and being a keen observer, he saw there daily at the noon hour four other men customarily lunching alone. One day Harris introduced himself to these men, who introduced themselves to one another: Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer; Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer; Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor; and Harry Ruggles, a printer.

These five men began to look happily forward to their jolly luncheons together. Will Jensen, a real estate dealer, later joined them. Harris one day suggested it would be a good idea if they held their new found camaraderie together in some sort of club or organization that they might share their friendship with other lonely men. Other men, strangers in Chicago and envying their happy times together, sought to join them and did.

They met for a time in Schiele's office; then with Paul Harris in his office; another week in some other place. Thus, they began to meet in different offices and luncheon places. Paul Harris thought it fitting, since they "rotated" so much, that they name this happy pioneer group a Rotary club; therefore when other business and professional executives sought to join this group, Rotary Club of Chicago, Number 1, was established on February 23, 1905.

Other business men, educators, manufacturers, visiting Chicago on business and hearing of this distinctly new and different type of organization, would drop in at the noon meetings that they might get a close-up view on this new Club called Rotary in action. The idea and the ideals of Rotary began to spread and take root elsewhere. Truly, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow".

Rotary Custom and Practices

The Rotary "wagon wheel" was the first of many varieties of wheel emblems used by different Rotary clubs until 1912, when a geared wheel was adopted. This was followed by authorization of an official emblem (1912) consisting of a wheel of six spokes, 24 cogs, and a "keyway". Rotary's mottoes universally adopted, and used throughout the world are, "HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST" and "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Rotary's official publication is THE ROTARIAN. This is a monthly magazine and goes to Rotarians everywhere all over the world. The business office is in Evanston, Illinois. THE ROTARIAN is reprinted and distributed in other languages elsewhere.

Rotarians observe the custom of calling fellow members by their first names or nicknames. While this observance is practically universal; it is obligatory. The use of the first name of a Rotarian makes for friendliness, and more nearly measures up to still another motto of ours, "Friendliness lives here". Some clubs, in good natured banter and fun, have the Sergeant at Arms collect a modest fine from the member who so far forgets himself as to say Mr. or Honorable.

Singing in Rotary clubs is universal. Rotary International publishes a number of different Rotary books which are popular among clubs where singing is the practice.

Customarily, upon the sounding of the gavel by the president or the presiding officer for the day, all stand in salute to the flag and recite the oath of allegiance. Minutes of the club meeting of April 18, 1918, with Vice President Theodore Bodenwein presiding, record: "James G. Hammond led the members in reciting the oath of allegiance to our flag and country, and it was suggested the oath be printed in our song books, and that the practice be continued". Members remain standing while Divine Blessing is invoked by a clergyman.

As this world-circling organization rapidly grew it was found expedient to establish Rotary offices in other countries to render prompt and efficient service directly to the widely scattered Rotary clubs. In addition to the headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, there were set up Rotary International offices in Zurich, Switzerland, and in London, England. For administrative purposes, clubs throughout the world were grouped into Rotary districts; each district is governed and supervised by a district governor.

Each Rotary District meets annually in a Spring Conference at which a District Governor is elected by vote of the delegates. He is declared officially elected at the annual convention of Rotary International. Soon thereafter the District Governor's School of Instruction is held at which the newly elected District Governors are carefully instructed in the responsibilities, duties and leadership techniques of their office. Much of World Rotary success is due to the vigilance and example of its District Governors. They are required to visit every club in their Districts, make reports to Rotary International, and be ever diligent in stimulating the formulation of new clubs.

THE FIRST THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS

The Rotary Club of New London

The Rotary Club of New London, which practices comradely friendliness, was conceived during a time of anger and conflict.

Five days before the club was created, Wilson had proclaimed war on Germany. As a group of New London's leading citizens gathered at the Crocker House at noon on Wednesday, April 11, 1917, the main topic of conversation was the war. The British had just taken Vimy Ridge and 9,000 German prisoners. An explosion in a munitions plant at Chester, Pa., had killed 150 and officials laid it to war plotters.

A secret wireless station had been reported in operation at Great Neck by German sympathizers. A piece of mine cable had been dredged from the Thames River near the State Pier. A battalion of the Second Regiment was protecting the city.

Hod carriers had struck for \$3.25 (per day, that is). Men's shirts cost 65 cents, shoes \$3.50. A woman had to pay \$2.00 for a blouse, \$1.50 for doe-skin or chamois gloves with gold stitching, 59 cents for a 54 by 90 sheet. A Maxwell automobile cost \$635. Bread was five cents, sugar nine cents, butter 43 cents, oranges 15 cents a dozen. Steak cost 20 cents a pound, roast beef 18 cents. To help combat this high cost of living, children were being urged to plant gardens.

The musical comedy, "The Miss Matched Miss", was playing at the Lyceum. The Empire was showing a flicker starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, with a New London girl, Marie Duchette, included in the cast.

Such was the flavor of the day as the 21 men walked into the Crocker House that noon and up the stairs to the main dining room on the second floor overlooking State Street.

A large, round table in the center of the room had been set for the gathering. At each place was a Rotary wheel patriotically decorated with red, white and blue ribbon. After the meal (cost: 75 cents), Leon A. Sprague, who had organized the meeting, arose to call the group to order. At his suggestion, each man arose in turn around the table and introduced the man seated at his right.

Then Sprague introduced Lester P. Winchenbaugh of Boston, New England District Governor. He outlined Rotary's objectives and boasted that the organization now consisted of 200 clubs embracing 35,000 members. Connecticut had three clubs already, and Massachusetts had six.

A resolution formally organizing the Rotary club of New London was adopted. Sprague was elected temporary chairman and J. William Clarke, temporary secretary.

Three committees were appointed:

Constitution and By-Laws — George E. Fisher, Perry B. Kenyon, Henry C. Chappell.

Permanent Organization — Theodore Bodenwein, J. William Clarke, Frederic W. Mercer, Graham Hislop and E. C. Ford.

Membership — Waldo E. Clarke, the Rev. J. Romeyn Danforth, W. D. Harris, Edwin C. Ford, Atty. Frank L. McGuire.

Guests at the meeting were Albert E. Newton of the Worcester club, and James L. McGovern, collector of the port of New London.

Charter Members

Two days later the club met again and after hearing the membership committee's report voted favorably on 32 applications. Club minutes list these charter members:

Viggo E. Bird, manager, the Connecticut Power Co.

Theodore Bodenwein, president and treasurer, The Day Publishing Co.

Henry R. Bond, secretary and treasurer, New London Ship & Engine Co.

Walter E. Canfield, president and treasurer, New London Business College.

Harry C. Chappell, manager, F. H. & A. H. Chappell Co.

F. Valentine Chappell, president and treasurer, F. H. & A. H. Chappell Co.

Waldo E. Clarke, resident engineer, Rivers, Harbors & Bridges Commission.

J. William Clarke, proprietor, Clarke & Keach, Printers.

The Rev. J. Romeyn Danforth, minister, First Congregational Church.

Edward S. Doton, district manager, Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Hamilton R. Douglas, president, H.R. Douglas Co., Building Contractors.

Thomas K. Egan, general superintendent, Reed-Prentice Co., Printing Press Manufacturers.

George E. Fisher, president and treasurer, Fisher Florist, Inc.

Edwin C. Ford, manager, Southern New England Telephone Co.

Richard D. Forrester.

William D. Harris, secretary, Putnam Furniture Co.

Graham Hislop, manager, James Hislop Co., Dry Goods.

William T. Hopson, president, Hopson & Chapin Mfg. Co.

Perry B. Kenyon, manager, Kenyon's Studios, Photography.

Joseph N. LaPointe, president, J.N. LaPointe Co., Broach Manufacturers.

Richard W. Law, manager, Crocker House.

Frank L. McGuire, partner, Hull, McGurie & Hull, Attorneys.

Frederic W. Mercer, president and treasurer, New England Carpet Lining Co.

Alton T. Miner, manager, A.T. Miner Stores, Groceries.

Charles H. Motsett.

James F. O'Leary, president and treasurer, Keep Smiling Restaurant.

L. Tracy Sheffield, president and treasurer, Sheffield Dentifrice Co.

Leon A. Sprague, commercial manager, The Connecticut Power Co.

J. William Stueck, manager, Connecticut Banking Co.

James P. Sullivan, manager, Monte Cristo Garage

James Sweeney, president, James Sweeney, Inc., Architects.

Lucius E. Whiton, secretary and treasurer, D.E. Whiton Machine Co., Lathe and Drill Chucks.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and officers elected as follows:

President - Leon A. Sprague.

Vice President - Theodore Bodenwein.

Secretary - J. William Clarke.

Treasurer - William D. Harris

Sergeant-at-Arms - Thomas K. Egan

Directors - Alton T. Miner, Lucius E. Whiton, the Rev. J. Romeyn Danforth, William T. Hopson, Charles H. Motsett, F. Valentine Chappell and Joseph N. LaPointe.

Sprague named these committees:

Entertainment and Luncheon - Law, chairman, Fisher, Kenyon, Harry Chappell, Forrester.

Fellowship - Hislop, chairman, Egan, Bird, J.W. Clarke.

Public Affairs - Miner, chairman, Bodenwein, Whiton.

Membership - W.E. Clarke, chairman, Danforth, Harris, Ford, McGuire.

The club voted to apply for membership in the International Society of Rotary clubs of the United States.

Elected to membership during the club's first two months were: Charles B. Gardner, Frederick C. Chidsey, Reginald M. Rowland, Walter T. Murphy, Henry L. McGuire, George Bathgate, William B. Goggart, Byron A. Fones, Samuel M. Prentis, Dr. James R. Linsley, Ward T. Alling, Dr. Harry M. Lee, Ralph Melcer, Daniel S. Marsh, Jr., Edward S. Neiland, Edmund D. Steele, W. Kyle Sheffield, Robert C. Burchard, E.E. Regan, F.S. VonHoff, C.C. Costello, Frank A. Comstock and Charles C. Perkins.

The War Years

Wartime topics occupied the club during its first meetings. There were talks on first aid, how wives could roll bandages, on food conservation, the evils surrounding military camps and bases and the necessity of removing temptation from the paths of enlisted men, the War Fund Campaign, Thrift Stamp Savings Plan, Liberty Bond drives, YMCA Military Fund, New London's \$100,000 share of the Red Cross Million Dollar War Fund.

Rotarians named a committee to help raise money for the War Work Activities Fund, and donated a dollar each to Harry Lauder's Million Dollar Fund for Maimed Men. Rotarians were on duty every night at the Army and Navy Canteen. They sent cigarettes to naval hospitals.

Visiting speakers told of experiences in trench warfare in France, life on a submarine, a Zeppelin raid on England, the German invasion of Belgium. The club entertained officers and men of the French transport Kouang-Si.

At the meeting of August 1, 1918, the speaker was a young woman motorcycle dispatch rider, Lieut. Beatrice Duke, resplendent in uniform. L.B. "Abe" Lincoln, a reporter for The Day, always covered the club meetings. He didn't think some of her statements about her duties added up, and after the meeting he questioned her. It developed she was not a lieutenant, and was not even in the service. So the Rotarians were obligated to watch their honored guest be escorted from the room on the arm of the law.

First reference to recognition of members' birthdays was at the meeting of July 5, 1917.

Another first: On July 19, each member had as his guest a "youngster from the city streets", 36 in all.

At the time of the August 23rd meeting, the Crocker House waiters were on strike, so Rotarians pitched in and served the luncheon.

Felicitations were sent October 4 to London, England, Rotary club in response to its expression of approval at the United States' entry into the war.

The Rotary club was the first (October 11) to support the \$150,000 campaign for Memorial Hospital.

Thirty enlisted men from naval bases were guests November 8 with a program of chorus singing led by seven young ladies. (In 1955, the club entertained 25 men from local bases and had as the program the nurses' chorus of the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing.)

First mention of Rotary highway signs - Committee to see the placing of signs at boundary of city named, consisting of Mayor Ernest E. Rogers, Postmaster Bryan F. Mahan and Professor Frederick S. Hitchcock.

After the war, there was a wave of addresses on the need for saving the starving peoples of ravaged countries.

During the next few years, a great number of Rotarians took longer trips, and many addressed the club on their return — from the Nile, the Near East, California, England and many other places.

Sprague Departs

At an evening meeting of March 28, 1918, Leon Sprague, the club's founder and first president, presided for the last time. He was to move from the city, and had resigned effective April 1. After dinner, a flashlight photograph of the gathering was taken. There were 40 members and 18 guests present.

Jim Hammond presented a gold watch chain and diamond-set charm to Sprague "as a token of the deep regard in which he is held by the members of the club." William E. Bamburgh, president of the Boston Rotary club, gave an address on the spirit of Rotary.

At the next week's meeting, with Vice President Theodore Bodenwein presiding, the club voted to "felicitate our former President Sprague by telephone on his assuming his new position as secretary of the New Britain Chamber of Commerce," designated him an honorary member of the club, and decreed that on all succeeding club rosters the word "founder" appear after his name.

Bodenwein completed Sprague's term. Waldo E. Clarke became the club's second president on June 7, 1918.

1918

April 25 — \$9,750.00 contributed to Third Liberty Loan. LaPointe said he'd double any amount raised by members present. Bodenwein and Mahan contributed \$1,000.00 each and others took \$1,250.00 on all of which LaPointe doubled.

December 12 — Adopted a French War Orphan, Edouard Payen Morbihan.

1919

August 28 — Donated to fund for Welcome Home and Peace Day celebration at Ocean Beach on Labor Day.

September 11 — Meetings moved from Crocker House to Mohican Hotel.

1920

February 12 — New London Rotarians met in the Wauregan Hotel at Norwich with Connie Costello presiding. A large group of Norwich men — prospective members of the new club to be formed by the New London Rotarians — was on hand. Costello, Jim Hammond and the Rev. Romeyn Danforth gave "wonderful addresses on Rotary." A Maine guide was the featured speaker. Mayor Desmond of Norwich welcomed the New Londoners.

March 11 — President Connie Costello reported he, Secretary Bill Clarke, Treasurer Walter Canfield, and Walter Lewis has attended a preliminary organization meeting of the new Norwich Rotary club, "and that a fine lot of men were on the charter list, and that things looked very promising." A trip to Norwich on the evening of March 24th was planned by the club.

April 30 — Norwich and New London clubs have joint ladies' night.

June 10 — Baseball game at Submarine Base between Norwich and New London clubs is won by New London. (At meetings in New London that noon, Norwich club members were guests and Jim Hammond recited "Casey At the Bat")

June 30 — Outing with Norwich club at Norwich Golf Grounds.

August 12 — Ladies' Night at Pequot Manor Inn at which "fun, humor and jollity were rampant."

August 27 — Inter-City outing of Rotary clubs and Chamber of Commerce of Norwich and New London.

October 28 — Professor Hatton speaks on city government, concluding that the managerial system is best.

November 18 — Directors send \$11.00 to the poetess, Anna Hempstead Branch, to "endow a poem in the name of the club."

December 15 — Members go to Norwich to help that club sell idea of forming Rotary club in Willimantic.

December 30 — College students guests of club members at meeting, with suggestion this become an annual event.

1921

February 23 — Members attend instituting of Willimantic club. Talks given by Connie Costello and Jim Hammond.

May 12 — Jim Hammond named to procure an American flag to display at meetings, and it was suggested the club banner also be hung during the meetings.

June 29 — Norwich downs New London 12-9, in golf at Norwich.

August 25 — Annual picnic at Oswegatchie Casino from noon till midnight for members and families.

October 20 — Voted: To wear our badges at all meetings or be fined 25 cents.

1922

February 2 — New club yell introduced: "Oh, Your Pep, Your Pep. You've Got It. You've Got It. Dog-gone It. Don't Lose It. Your Pep. Your Pep. Rotary. Rotary. Rotary. New London."

February 16 - Voted to form Boy Scout troop among older boys of high school age. Committee of Cliff Belden, Tom Donohue and Sime Ewald to study matter.

March 30 — Voted: to ring a warning bell at 1:55 p.m. that speaking may stop at 2. Many members ill; fifth anniversary celebration deferred. Tom Donohue, Henry Kaiser and Tryon Smith named to help organize Scout troop.

April 13 — Waldo L. Miner announced as Scoutmaster of troop of Sea Scouts.

May 11 — Jim Hammond, Bill Mercer and Ed Neilan named to help persuade Oxford and Cambridge crews to row Yale and Harvard on the Thames River.

July 6 — Cliff Belden, Connie Costello, Bill Clarke, Jim Ahern and George Fisher to arrange, with Hartford club, celebration of opening of Hartford-New London Highway August 16.

August 17 — Sid Miner, Al Coit and Clyde Williamson to plan club trip to Boy Scout camp. Thorne Lathrop and Rube Smith to provide autos for taking disabled veterans on trip to Norwich.

November 16 — Program presented by club members weighing 200 pounds or more.

November 20 — Lions defeat Rotarians at volley ball.

1923

April 26 — Report on charter night of Putnam club, attended by 37 from New London.

May 17 — Director Ralph Ince and others from Famous Players - Lasky Corp., here to arrange for filming "Home-ward Bound" starring Thomas Meighan and Lila Lee, appear before club.

July 19 — Joint outing at Storrs Agricultural College, with ladies as guests, of Willimantic, Norwich, Putnam and New London clubs.

October 25 — Boys work committee authorized to rent old police station on Potter Street for \$300 per year, if funds can be raised, for use as a Boys' Club.

November 19 — Boys' Club opened.

1924

May 1 — Boys' Club must vacate premises, and YMCA is asked if the club could meet there.

May 8 — As many boys as Rotarians can finance at \$9.00 each are to form unit at YMCA to be known as Rotary Boys' Club, effective May 19.

June 4 — Ben Marshall offers use of Connecticut College campus and athletic equipment to Boy's Club.

August 14 — Nearly 40 boys to be sent to Boy Scout camp for one week by the club.

November 28 — Rotary boys entertained at Lyceum Theatre as guests of Jim and Clara Hammond.

December 22 — Christmas dinner given at Mohican Hotel for Rotary Boys.

1925

January 15 — Committee named to establish landing field for air craft.

April 9 — "Ham Douglas related his thrilling experience in making his hasty exit from the Crocker House fire."

May 28 — Boys Work committee reports on games played by four teams of the Boys' Club: the Sullivans defeated the Costellos, and the Danforths downed the Clarkes.

July 7 — Rotarians, Lions and Chamber of Commerce give luncheon and reception for officers of H.M.S. Wisteria.

August 13 — Thanks expressed to men who built "Rotary Cabin" at Camp Wakenah.

September 14-16 — New England Rotary Conclave at the Griswold Hotel.

October 12 — New Boys' Club program starts, consisting of 15-minute talk every Monday night by a Rotarian.

November 12 — Deac Harris thanks members for seeing that every member of Boys' Club attended YMCA father and son banquet.

1926

January 14 — Speaker, in prisoner's uniform and accompanied by policeman, delivers rabid "Red" tirade against capitalists, then reveals himself as war veteran and refutes his previous assertions.

January 28 — Club meets with Rotary Boys' Club and Rotary Scout Troop at Mohican. The boys entertained under Deac Harris' direction. Ed Regan presented a loving cup to the winning Clarkes team in the baseball league. Jim Sullivan and Connie Costello gave talks.

April 29 — Arctic Explorer Donald B. MacMillan gives a "spellbinding talk."

July 15 — Ladies' Night at Lighthouse Inn, highlighted by Jim and Clara Hammond in skit, "The Old Crab."

1927

May 18 — Forty attend Saybrook club's charter night.

May 19 — "It was reported Jim Hammond had received appointment as assistant secretary in the office of Rotary International and it was voted to wire him congratulations."

June 9 — Club's golfers fined 15 cents each by President Tom Woodruff for losing to Norwich club's team.

June 16 — Silk flag and standard received as gift from Rotary Boys' Club and Scout Troop.

August 18 — Club meets at Camp Trumbull, Niantic, as guests of Maj. Gen. Morris B. Gayne and Capt. Allan B. Lambdin.

1928

February 16 — Rotarians, Lions and Chamber of Commerce hear Commodore Herbert Hartley, here to inspect New London as possible terminus of Four Day Line to Europe.

March 15 — Prof. G.K. Daghlion tells how pictures are produced by a new process called Television.

July 19 — Jim Hammond, given a rousing welcome, delivers his report as delegate to R.I. convention.

September 13 — Attend charter night of Clinton - Madison - Guilford club.

November 15 — Deac Harris reports on Rotary Boys' Club trip to Yale Bowl to see Yale-Maryland football game.

1929

January 17 — Double quartet formed to sing at meetings: Costello, Belden, Winship, Woodworth, Bob Smith, Lathrop, Coit, Bill Clarke.

January 23 — Joint meeting with Lions and Chamber of Commerce to pay tribute to Deac Harris for his untiring devotion to the Rotary Boys' Club.

May 2 — Coast Guard Band plays, and quintet of members over 80 sings.

May 9 — Club donation of \$75 and club committee help toward creating a water supply for Girl Scout Camp.

1930

April 10 — All 79 members present to note club's anniversary, for its first 100 per cent attendance.

July 17 — Jim Hammond reports on Silver Anniversary convention of R.I.

August 14 — Meetings moved from Dutch Room to Ballroom of hotel.

November 12 — Jim Sullivan and Connie Costello win prize cake for the New London club with their stories and songs during Stunt program at inter-city meeting at Norwich Inn with Norwich, Putnam and Danielson clubs.

The Depression Years

Some of the high spots of the 1930's:

The club wired congratulations to the New Britain club January 22, 1931 on its tenth anniversary, noting that its founder, Leon Sprague, had previously formed the New London club.

Connecticut College students related in some way to Rotarians were guests of the club at a meeting February 25, 1932, at which Attorney Morris Lubchansky presented a check for \$50 from the club to Dr. Katharine Blunt, president of the college, to be used by girls needing financial assistance.

Nearly 200 gathered here October 19, 1933, for an inter-city meeting with Rotarians from Danielson, Norwich, Putnam, Saybrook, Willimantic and Middletown. Each club staged a stunt.

Another inter-city meeting, with the Norwich, Saybrook, Danielson and Willimantic clubs, took place at the Mohican Hotel February 7, 1935. The local club's Rotary Boy Scout Troop staged an exhibition wand drill and Don Fraser, ventriloquist, performed.

Donald A. Adams of New Haven, former president of Rotary International, was the speaker at a District Fall Conclave at the Griswold Hotel September 24 and 25, 1937. President Winslow Ames greeted the 375 attending.

About 200 were present at the Fall Conclave at the Griswold Hotel September 17 and 18, 1938. Ad Nourie, as president, was chief host. This was shortly before the destructive hurricane of September 21, 1938 — and not long before the outbreak of what was to become known as World War II.

The Forties

The New London club celebrated its 25th anniversary at a dinner dance April 10, 1942, in the Mohican Hotel Roof Garden. The gathering of Rotarians and Rotary Anns paid tribute to J. William Clarke, the only secretary the club had ever had up to that time, and one who had an unbroken attendance record of 25 years, and to Leon Sprague, the club's founder. Dr. Ralph C. Jenkins of Danbury, District Governor, spoke, and Harry M. Shalett, dinner chairman, presented a radio to Bill Clarke. President Palmer Niles, home on leave, was present, but Fremont Alderson, who had been running the club as Vice President, presided.

A send-off for inductees was given at the club meeting of September 10, 1942 with Harry Shalett in charge.

Establishment of a Teen Canteen at 117 State Street for high school students followed a vote of the club on February 24, 1944, to take over sponsorship of the activity. This meant, in addition to financial support, attendance of Rotarians to supervise the dances and other events which took place nearly every evening. Later the canteen moved to quarters in Huntington Street.

The Canteen work was launched by a committee composed of the Rev. O.W. Bell, Bryan Mahan, W.D. Harris, Fremont Alderson, Maurice Grubner and Hector LeBeau.

A free pre-flight training program was started by the club March 6, 1945, with Bob Groebel in charge. Forty-one boys and girls from four high schools, Chapman Tech, Bulkeley, Williams Memorial Institute and Fitch — were selected to take the ten-week 40-hour course, meeting twice weekly. The club offered five scholarships for flight training to those ranking highest in the pre-flight course. Three received pilot licenses.

New London Rotarians were host to some 500 visitarians and their wives at the Spring District Conference May 4, 1946, at the Mohican Hotel. Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, a Rotary International director, was the speaker. Fremont Alderson was conference chairman and Howard Morehouse was president.

In 1945 - 46 members renovated the Rotary Cabin at Camp Wakenah, and the club gave canoes to the camp and sent under-privileged girls to the Girl Scout camp.

The next year the club sponsored a community-wide meeting attended by all the service clubs and public officials at which Raymond E. Baldwin, then governor, presented to the mayor a traffic safety award won by New London.

The 30th anniversary of the club was observed April 10, 1947, at a dinner-dance at the Mohican. The event was marked by the attendance of three of the club's charter members: J. William Clarke, Edward S. Doton and W.D. Harris. Bob Groebel welcomed the group as president and Jim Hammond introduced the District Governor, Leo Golden of West Hartford.

A District Assembly was conducted at the Mohican July 11, 1947, with Jim Hammond presiding as District Governor. Jim was then representative from Waterford in the General Assembly.

The first Armed Forces Day observance was conducted in the spring of 1948, and this has become an annual event on the Thursday nearest Armed Forces Day. Because the Coast Guard Academy and the Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory are located in New London, and the Submarine Base, Coast Guard Training Station and the submarine-building yards of General Dynamic's Electric Boat Division are situated across the Thames River in Groton, the club always has at its head table for these affairs high ranking officers including an admiral or two. The speakers are generals or admirals from one of the branches of the service. The Lions, Kiwanis and exchange clubs join with Rotary in these gatherings.

By a margin of eleven one-hundredths, the local club on December 2, 1948, edged out the Norwich club for most of the 18 years it operated between 1920 and 1938 and who occupied a warm place in the heart of each of the 1,200 boys who had held membership.

The first meeting of the Old Timers' Club took place September 19, 1950, at Learned House. The club was created by the community service committee, consisting of Wilson Highmore and Larry McEwen, co-chairmen, George Fisher, Bob Groebel, Ralph Dempwolf, Jack Albohm and John Kamercia.

Rotary's first sponsorship of a meeting observing Employ the Physically Handicapped was in 1951. Members of the other service clubs joined in the program. The Rotary club has alternated with the Lions and Kiwanians since in sponsoring the event each fall, and its last turn was in 1954. Persons active in this field are invited to speak, and "handicapped" workers explain their jobs to show that they are not handicapped.

The Griswold Hotel was again the scene of the District Fall Conclave September 12 and 13, 1952.

The club's first sponsorship of the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund vacations in Southeastern Connecticut was in 1953 with Harry M. Shalett as chairman. Bryan Mahan was chairman in 1954. Under Fremont Alderson's chairmanship, the Youth Service Committee staged a Youth in Government program in March, 1954. With New London High School cooperating, students electioneered for "city offices" and 32 were elected to fill posts of mayor, city councilors, city manager and key positions in city departments. They were "sworn in" by the city clerk at a regular city council meeting before a large audience. They spent a day sitting in with their adult counterparts and later, as guests of the Rotary club told how much they had learned about city government and thanked the Rotarians for making the experience possible.

The meeting of June 3, 1954, took the form of a farewell party for the Rev. O.W. (Ollie) Bell who was leaving the Methodist Church here for a pastorate at Bath, Maine. A Rotarian for 21 years and in the ministry for 31 years, he was the club's senior chaplain. As he stood before a huge sign, "By Golly, Ollie, We're Solly", President John Kamercia gave him a piece of luggage as a gift from the club, and then members filed by and handed him personal gifts, mostly humorous. Atty. Merrill S. Dreyfus planned the stunt.

It has been said that an efficient secretary and a hard working program chairman can make a club, and New London has been fortunate in both categories. The excellence of its programs is seen in the fact that the news releases prepared immediately after each meeting by the public information committee always are published in the local daily newspaper and some programs, of more than ordinary interest to the community, are given photographic coverage by the newspaper.

The Rotary Boys' Club

Some of the club's activities were so important as to warrant more background than is to be found in the minutes. One was the Rotary Boys' Club.

Juvenile delinquency was not the problem four decades ago that it is today. But New London did have a problem that loomed big in those days. One crowded section of the city spawned a "gang" of youngsters from eight to fifteen years of age who were constantly getting into trouble. What may have started as boyish pranks was developing into breaking and entering, vandalism, and petty thievery.

The New London Rotary club recognized this condition as a challenge, rolled up its sleeves and went to work. A club committee was formed and the section surveyed. At first the boys resented the appearance of well-dressed, prominent business men in their narrow street, but they soon found these men were pretty good fellows after all. The Rotarians stopped to talk with the boys, and gradually were able to win their friendship. The gift of a baseball, a bat, a bag of fruit from time to time cemented the growing friendships. Then word was spread that there was to be a meeting of all the boys in the neighborhood — with free refreshments. The hall was packed. When the fatherly Rotarians announced they were going to organize a Boys' Club — a business-like organization, with a membership fee — the boys were delighted. The next few days saw them cutting wood, carrying coal, selling papers, raking leaves, doing anything to earn an honest ten cents for membership — and in many cases probably the first honest ten cents they had ever acquired.

At club meetings, the boys were taught fair competition in supervised play. They learned that crime does not pay in the long run, and that honesty and fairness and respecting the rights of others pay big dividends. Rotarians supplied boxing gloves and set up a ring where the boys practiced the manly art of self defense — according to the rules. Baseball teams were completely outfitted.

Deac Harris, the Club's guiding light, who, with a lot of help from the late George E. Fisher, was largely responsible for its success, recalls that at one time the Rotarians, through the Boys' Club, were sponsoring a league of eight ball teams.

The parents took interest. Crime and juvenile delinquency all but disappeared. Today many of those boys are among our respected and successful business men. Some later became Rotarians.

A feature story in The Day of February 20, 1926, reports the great success of the Rotary Boys' Club which had opened in the early 20's in a room in the old city jail in Potter Street and within a month had moved to the YMCA. Led by Deac Harris, the club met three times a week, twice for gymnastics and games and once for scout work and entertainment. Summers the boys were sent to Boy Scout camp.

In the club, seven nationalities and four religions "were united by the zeal and eagerness of the man who cannot seem to do enough for them." The boys tried to do all they could for Deac Harris in return, by winning prizes in Halloween costume parades, donating to the Community Chest, and ranking among the highest of all Rotary Boys' Clubs in this section of the country at a New England meeting.

The boys elected their own officers, conducted patriotic exercises, introduced guest speakers and in general conducted the club's business themselves, the story concluded.

Boy Scout Troop 12

Troop 12, Boy Scouts, was formed as an off-shoot of the Boy's Club.

The troop met in the YMCA. Deac Harris was chairman of the troop committee and recalls that the first scoutmaster was George E. MacDougall.

Some of the scouts also became Rotarians later, and one of them is a past president of the Rotary club and still an active member.

The Rotary club expended an average of \$1,000 per year on the Boys' Club and the Scout Troop over a period of 16 or 18 years, raising the funds by assessments on the membership, Deac Harris reports.

The records of Pequot Council, Boy Scouts, show that the troop continued until 1943. There has been no Troop 12 in New London since that year. Boy Scout records, while incomplete during that period, indicate that the troop was chartered in August of 1923.

Do Good Chest

The Do Good Chest, started in 1944, is one of the club's most important projects.

This committee has authority to underwrite and direct a number of community activities and charities and assists worthy individuals.

Financial contributions, as well as fatherly interest, leadership and guidance, have been offered to the Juvenile Courts to help in the work of rehabilitation. The committee was pleased to be invited to go to the rescue of the local Juvenile Court when attention was directed to the need of providing recreation and equipment for children awaiting disposition of their cases before the court. Twenty-five dollars was appropriated for this, and the committee extended something far more valuable to these boys — kindly advice, guidance and friendliness that a father would extend to his own son, and which some had never received.

The committee organized and financed a baseball club in the "Little Big League", for boys from 13 to 15, at a cost of more than \$225.00 for uniforms, bats, gloves and other equipment.

A poor crippled boy, aged eight, was in desperate need of braces and special shoes and the committee spent \$30.00 to provide them.

New London was canvassed for funds to purchase new uniforms for the New London High School Band. Many organizations and individuals responded, the students themselves presenting school plays, athletic contests, dances, etc., to help raise funds. The Do Good Chest committee appropriated \$200.00 for this worthy cause.

Substantial financial assistance has been given from time to time by the committee to many needy families and to worthy charities, without any publicity.

It appropriated \$300.00 to help maintain a local boy at Junior Republic School, in Litchfield. It gave more than \$200.00 to Children's Village of the Hartford orphan asylum.

WITH THE BOY SCOUTS



The committee learned there were several boys, sons of widows and poor parents, who longed to join the YMCA. One hundred dollars was given to the YMCA for 15 memberships.

During the Community Chest campaign, the committee made generous contributions to this worthy cause.

It had its attention directed to a poor boy in immediate need of surgery and \$75.00 was appropriated for his hospitalization. It spent \$232.00 to send girls to scout camps, rest camps and farms for the summer.

It learned of a number of poor boys in need of summer recreation and training under competent summer camp instructors, and made financial provision to aid these cases. In other instances Rotary club members provided well-paying summer work for boys, mowing lawns, raking leaves, weeding gardens.

A boy in urgent need of dental treatment, if his teeth were to be saved, received \$45.00.

A son of poor parents needed money to help him through the summer camp of the Diocesan Social Service Bureau, and the committee provided it.

A deserving boy was given an eye operation that saved his sight.

A young girl needing dental work of a special sort was assisted.

The committee purchased many boxes of Christmas cards, Thank You cards, Get Well cards, Valentine cards, Easter cards, Birthday cards, New Year's cards and provided stamps for distribution to poor folks, invalids and shut-ins who would otherwise not have had them. In some cases this included flowers and presents.

The Do Good Chest has rendered an exemplary service, practicing Rotary as intended by its founder, and is deserving of the praise of our club and the community. Well done, thou Good and Faithful Servants, you have built better than you knew, and the Rotary club of New London will be forever indebted to you.

World War II

The New London Rotary club, born during the first world war, pitched in collectively and individually to do its part during World War II.

The membership took over the responsibility for manning the area's air raid warning center (first at the Niagara Engine Co. and later in the Post Office Building) one night each week, in four hour shifts of two men each from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

In addition to the pilot-training program and the Teen Canteen sponsored during this period, the club distinguished itself by giving service to inductees leaving for war — a special, personal service given at no little inconvenience; the kind of service that is most appreciated.

Whenever a group of draftees departed for camp one or more Rotarians were on hand at the railroad station in the thin dawn light to shake the hand of every one, wish him luck and present to him a pack of playing cards with the club's compliments. Harry M. Shalett was the chairman. At the start, each deck was imprinted with the draftee's name, but as the draft calls increased in frequency and in numbers this personal touch had to be omitted. The club continued to give each enlistee a deck of cards throughout the war and afterwards, at a cost of several hundred dollars.

It was this sort of community service, plus an increase in meeting attendance, which won for the New London club, during John Balentine's second term as president, the District Governor's citation as the outstanding club in his district. "Bal" later was asked if his name could be placed in nomination for District Governor, but his school duties prevented him from acquiescing.

The war called two of the club's presidents to active service while they were in office. Carl Wies was called up and his term was completed by Palmer Niles. Niles, elected in his own right for the year 1941-42, also was called to duty and his vice president, Fremont Alderson, took over for the rest of his term.

The Old Timers Club

It was the Do Good Chest committee that initiated what has become one of the club's most successful projects. The committee made a survey that revealed some 200 elderly men and women who were living alone in town without families to cheer them. On the basis of the committee's report to the club, it was decided to form a club for these old timers.

Learned House contributed quarters for a meeting place and Mrs. Grace Latimer, superintendent of the Bacon-Hinkley Home for men accepted the assignment as temporary director.

News stories in the press, letters to potential members, and visits to their homes resulted in a large attendance at the first meeting September 19, 1950. The Old Timers Club was a huge success from the start. By-laws were adopted and officers elected.

At least one Rotarian was always present at the weekly meetings to help in any way he could. Students at Connec-



ticut College who were taking advanced courses in welfare work and community service attended the meetings to prepare and serve luncheons or other refreshments and to assist in other ways.

The "old timers" had a place of their own where they can go at any time for companionship, a place where they had a feeling of belonging and of being wanted. The membership had grown to 100.

Club members conducted their own meetings, appointed committees to plan refreshments and stage programs. They gathered almost daily for one attraction or another: card parties, sewing bees, basket weaving, needlecraft, bridge tournaments, and dancing — with music provided by the club's own orchestra!

Besides the musicians, the club boasted members who had shown considerable talent as monologists, poets, playwrights and the like. They provided entertainment for other groups. They entertained the Rotary club November 20, 1953.

The Rotary club has received many letters of thanks from old timers. It has even heard that some physicians regard membership in the Old Timers' club as good therapy and advise their elderly patients to join.

New London Rotary never made a better or richer contribution to the well-being of its community.

Cupid joined the club in 1952. On April 8th of that year an 83-year-old member blushing said Yes to another Old Timer, 82. The Rotary club saw the couple had a wedding to remember, and the event attracted wide notice in the press.

The day of the wedding, Rotary Anns were at work decorating Learned House and preparing to serve wedding cake, punch, ice cream and cookies. Flowers were provided by George Fisher. More than 100, including the Old Timers club, witnessed the ceremony. Bob Groebel offered to provide a ring but the bridegroom declined, saying he had one left over from the last time.

Doc Pierce played the wedding music. Mrs. Wilson Highmore sang a solo. John Kashanski, assistant director at Learned House, gave the bride away. John Kamercia, Learned House director, was the couple's witness. Then off the newlyweds drove in a chauffeured limousine sent around by Fremont Alderson.

The couple had nearly three years of happiness until the bridegroom died in January, 1955.

Rotary Club Formed Here; Farnham Elected President

MYSTIC — The Rotary club has come to Mystic.

The club, organized about ten days ago by a group of 22 business and professional men, had its first provisional meeting yesterday at the Lantern Hill Homestead.

Meeting with Maurice Grubner, chairman of a New London Rotary club committee consisting also of H. Fremont Alderson, John M. Kamercia, Wilson L. Highmore, Frank Laycock and Harry M. Shalett, the Mystic club elected officers and directors as follows:

President — George L. Farnham.

Vice President — E. Winfield Gaskell.

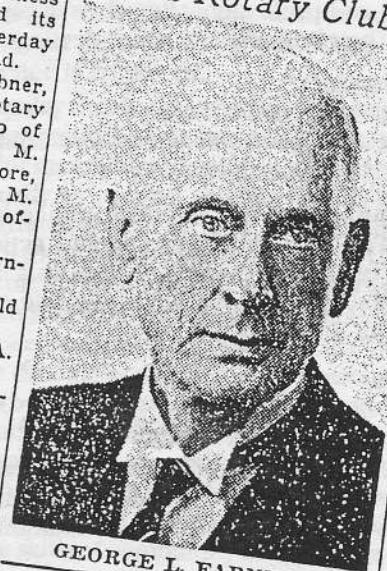
Treasurer — Dr. Robert A. Gray.

Secretary — Maurice P. Morissette.

Directors — Clarence Bliven, Charles A. Brooks, Farnham, Gaskell, Gray, W. Norbert Hill, Gerald Pocock, William N. Squadrito and Norton Wheeler.

Other charter members of the club are Walter Chase, Fred Clark, Lewis Holby, Dr. E. Roland Hill,

Heads Rotary Club



GEORGE L. FARNHAM

Nicholas L. LoBuglio, Nat Nowac, Frank Paulsen, Edouard A. Stackpole, Alec R. Switz, Harold Smith, Daniel Simonelli and the Rev. Sherrill B. Smith.

Sponsored by the New London Rotary club, the Mystic unit is the fifth to be formed in the area. Other Rotary clubs are located in Norwich, Old Saybrook and Essex. The Mystic club was told by Grubner yesterday that Rotary is "a fellowship of more than 380,000 business and professional executives throughout the world who are united in the 'Ideal of Service', which is thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others."

"Members of Rotary clubs," he continued, "endeavor to exemplify their motto, 'Service Above Self' in all of their daily business, social and civic contacts by placing the obligation to serve others before the desire for profit for themselves."

The Mystic club expects to receive its charter about the middle of May from District Governor Patrick DeLuca of Glenbrook.

The club will meet weekly on Mondays at 12:45 p. m. at the Lantern Hill Homestead.

Part of yesterday's program included a talk by New London Welfare Director Kamercia, who gave a condensed version of his Thursday topic at the New London club meeting, Faith, Funds and Frauds. Kamercia was introduced by Andrew J. McIntosh, Jr., incoming president of the New London club.

The New Club at Mystic

The New London club, after many years of fruitless work, accomplished in 1954 the formation of a new Rotary club at Mystic, a community which lies partly in the adjacent town of Groton and partly in the town of Stonington bordering Groton to the east.

The work was done by a committee consisting of Maurice Grubner, H. Fremont Alderson, President John M. Kamercia, Wilson L. Highmore, Frank J. Laycock and Harry M. Shalett. The new club, consisting of 22 of Mystic's business and professional leaders, conducted its first provisional meeting at the Lantern Hill Homestead on April 26, 1954.

At this meeting were elected:

President — The Rev. George L. Farnham.

Vice President — E. Winfield Gaskell.

Treasurer — Dr. Robert A. Gray.

Secretary — Maurice P. Morissette.

Directors — Clarence Bliven, Charles A. Brooks, W. Norbert Hill, George Pocock, William N. Squadrito and Norton Wheeler.

Other charter members of the Mystic club are Walter Chase, Fred Clark, Lewis Holby, Dr. Roland Hill, Nicholas L. LoBuglio, Nat Nowac, Frank Paulsen, Alec R. Switz, Harold Smith, Daniel Simonelli and the Rev. Sherrill B. Smith.

The meetings at Mystic are at 12:45 p.m. Mondays.

Committees

There are four fields in which Rotary committees function:

Club Service embraces the administration of the club and the support of and participation in all club activities.

Community Service covers all activities of the club as they affect the community.

Through its Vocational Service, Rotary strives to stimulate the adoption and observance of high ethical standards in business and professions. Rotarians apply the "four-way-test" to their business and social dealings:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it benefit everyone?

The purpose of International Service is to extend the Rotarian's horizons of thought and action beyond the borders of his own country. It acquaints him with Rotary foundation fellowships making possible exchange of students with other lands.

Rotary Anchor

The club's weekly publication, "The Rotary Anchor", was started shortly after the club's organization, and Bill Clarke was the first editor, in addition to serving as secretary.

"The Anchor" is still published today. Each edition lists the officers and directors and club committees, a list of meeting dates of other clubs in nearby cities as a convenience for members who want to make up for absences, a statement of the object of Rotary, and the Birthday Song and the Welcome Song.

The Birthday Song (composed by Chet Kitchings) is sung to the tune of Happy Birthday to You. Club members serenade those whose birthdays fall within the current week as the song leader pins a flower on each. It goes: Happy birthday to you. Here's a flower for you. And with it we're hoping, that your best wish comes true."

The "Welcome Song" was composed years ago (music by Fred Weld; words by Bill Clarke) and is sung after the introduction of visiting Rotarians and other guests. All the men stand, cross arms, join hands in a series of chains, and sing: "Howdy all good fellows, we welcome you today. With hearty smile and handshake to cheer you on your way. We'll do our best in everything to brighten up your stay. And hope you'll join us often, in the joys of Rotary."

Other information in "The Anchor", which varies each week, consists of a report on the previous meeting's program and announcement of speaker for the current week and the following week; Club Notes covering special announcements, plans for club activities, announcement of opening of classifications and the like; and the Secretary's Notes on attendance, showing the attendance percentage, and listing the absentees by name. The "roamers" (members making up at other clubs) are listed, as are the "Visitarians" who made up the previous week at the local club. Members celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week are named.

Rotary's Golden Anniversary

The New London club joined with other area clubs in celebration banquet at Norwich Inn in Norwich February 23, 1955, in celebration of Rotary International's Golden Anniversary.

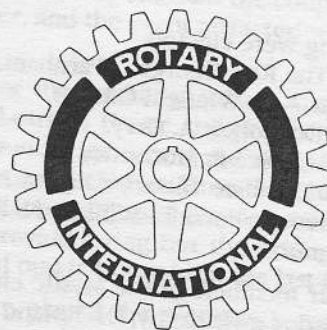
Attending were members of the New London, Norwich, Willimantic, Putnam, Danielson, and Mystic clubs. As much as the New London club fathered the Norwich and Mystic clubs, and the Norwich club sponsored clubs to the north of Norwich, the gathering was a family reunion, the New London club being surrounded by children and grandchildren.

Through the efforts of Max G. Johl, whose hobby is philately, all first and second class mail that passed through the cancellation machine at the New London Post Office between February 23 and May 31 bore a special slogan cancellation: "Golden Jubilee — Rotary International 1905-55". New London was the first city in the United States to receive authorization from Washington to use the Rotary cancellation.

The first letters to receive the cancellation on February 23 were sent by the club, one to President Eisenhower and one to Herbert J. Taylor, President of Rotary International, and a third to Connecticut's Governor Ribicoff.

The club meeting of February 3, 1955, was conducted in the Mohican Hotel Ballroom to provide ample space for taking a club photograph for inclusion in this history. Ironically, despite advance notice, only 51 of the 72 members were present. Almost any other week would have seen an attendance of between 60 and 70.

Many Rotary clubs are older than New London's. But in the 38 years since this club was formed, Rotary has made great advances. Back in 1917 Rotary had some 200,000 members in 3,000 clubs in 24 countries. Today there are 400,000 members in 8,400 clubs in 89 nations of the free world.



THE NEW LONDON CLUB'S ON-GOING PROGRAMS

On Going Projects

At noon on the 11th of April, 1917 eighteen men walked into the dining room of the Crocker House and Rotary New London was born.

From its first hour it aimed at two infinitely compatible goals: building a fellowship of like-minded community leaders and executing a program of service beyond self. The philosophy of Rotary taught us that pursuit of the two goals could function as one. By joining together with representatives of other professions and businesses we could expand our understanding of our life together, better discover our common needs, find avenues of service beyond those open to ourselves alone, and accomplish projects which none of us could handle separately. It was the desire to know each other better and the urge to serve our community more effectively which kindled the enthusiasm of the eighteen men who gathered at the Crocker House in 1917. The basis of our life in the club and the cohesive force which has kept us enthusiastically alive for seventy-five years is still the same. Incidentally, it should be understood that this basis and this force is not an ephemeral idealism of a superhuman altruism but a conviction that we serve ourselves when we serve each other. After all, Rotary teaches that "He profits most who serves the best!"

This is an attempt to show, in some small degree, how we have done it. It is of course impossible to detail all the ways in which Rotarians have lived out their commitment. Every one of us is an activist in community service in his own right. It was once said that a list of community leaders would look like the membership roster for the New London Rotary Club! What we shall present here is only the ongoing projects which the club has initiated and carried out over a number of years. The list makes no attempt to list emergency actions taken to meet critical needs, in the strict sense of that word. In part, those are covered in the work of the so-called Do Good Chest which will be menti-

oned below. The ongoing projects are divided into four categories: service to and recognition of young people; service to and participation in the life of the community at large; recognition of individuals; and internal Rotary projects by which our fellowship is nourished and our strength for service is enhanced.

From opening day the club has realized the importance of the coming generation. Already in 1920 we organized a club for boys. For many years the club contributed at least \$1,000.00 annually to support this activity. Its effectiveness is demonstrated by the turnout at a reunion which took place in 1949. It was estimated then that 1200 boys had been a part of that program. One of the club's activities was New London's Scout Troop 12 which functioned until 1943. In 1944 we developed and supported a Teen Canteen to provide evening activities for older young people. We have always been interested in sponsoring sport teams for children and teens, Biddy Basketball, Little League, Babe Ruth League. We are most proud of our work through the schools which have had the dual purpose of recognizing academic and civic achievement and training our youth in the skills of community life. The first of these is Youth in Government. With the hearty cooperation of New London High School the students elect members of the senior class to the various offices and boards of city government, from mayor and city manager down the whole list. The students get hands-on experience in using the voting machines and the successful candidates meet with their counterparts through the year. In 1966, led by Don Mitchell, we began the Rotary Scholar program, in which each spring we honor two juniors and two seniors for their academic success. This is an effort to give scholastic achievement the same recognition afforded the successful athlete. A couple of years ago we added the student award for community service which is given on Rotary Scholar Day to two students who have distinguished themselves in the larger community as well as in school.



ROTARY SCHOLARS—Seated, from left, Jane Loeser, Jane Ginsberg, Susan Taylor and Patricia Garrison. Standing, from left, Dana MacNamee,

Andrew Levinson, Candice Weigle and Joan Conley. At right is Donald Mitchell, chairman of the awards committee.

Membership in the club is made up of men and women who either live or work in the city of New London. Therefore we have a special interest in enhancing the life of the city. Toward that end we have a history of participation in every significant development of these 75 years, either as individuals or as a club. A few of the programs which have been carried out each year would include the following. One event which, perhaps more than any other, calls attention to New London year after year is the Harvard-Yale Regatta on the river Thames. From very early on the three local service clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions, have held a joint meeting to celebrate our city's part in the oldest collegiate sporting event of them all. We hear from the contending coaches, meet the crew captains and sing the appropriate songs. It is pure fun, to be sure, but it is also a reminder that we live in no mean city and we are proud of it. Our relation to the large number of military installations in the area is recognized periodically when we participate with other clubs in the area in the service-person of the month program. The senior citizens were recognized when, under the leadership of Wilson Highmore and Larry McEwan, we organized the Old Timers Club. This program has grown into the multi-faceted senior citizen program. We still get into it at least once a year when we undertake to serve a meal. Our most substantial contributions to the well-being of the city come through the Do-Good Chest and the annual major fundraising activity. The latter takes many forms, sometimes an auction, or a sport show, or a home show or a major raffle. This has provided thousands of dollars for institutions such as the hospital, the public library, halfway houses, and so on. Just a word about the Do-Good Chest. Periodically

And then there are the programs which are intended to recognize individuals. One is the Teacher of the Year award. There is the Unsung Hero award, meant to recognize those laborers in the vineyard who go about their volunteer service quietly and often without notice. There are two scholarship awards at the high school, in honor of Robert Groebel and Harry Birenbaum.

Finally, it is not out of place to call attention to those continuing activities by which we celebrate our fellowship and recognize our own. By virtue of our contributions to the international Rotary Foundation, we are entitled to name some of our members Paul Harris Fellows. At least one is added to their number at the annual Installation dinner. Another award, to one of us who has served Rotary well, is the Carl Wies award, also made at Installation. Every August we gather at the annual picnic, usually overlooking the river from the Mitchell campus. There is one other ongoing project which was started shortly after the club was organized. That is the Anchor, our newsletter. A long succession of editors and reports are responsible for its appearance.

And so it goes. When you read the minutes of those first meetings in 1917, you find them pushing Liberty Bonds and talking about the rumors of a secret radio station at Great Neck. The nation had just entered World War I. Today the content of our small talk has changed. The world has changed. But much remains the same. The atmosphere is the same. The spirit of commitment to community is stronger than ever. This spirit is no accident. It was established by those first eighteen and it has been fed by all the generations since.

Rotary Going into Spare Parts Exchange—Shoes, Gloves for One-Armed, One-Legged

Dr. Wies' Idea

A local man with only a right foot may soon be swapping shoes with someone in Hartford, or Seattle—or maybe even Paris—who has only a left foot. If a project adopted by the New London Rotary Club is anywhere near as successful as members feel it should be.

Single gloves, shoes, slippers, and overshoes may pour into this city, addressed to "Spare Parts, Rotary Club, New London, Conn." and be mailed out of here to persons who can use them.

members grumble about the name, though not the activity. But no one can improve on it. It does explain what it is about. It does do good! Each year a fund of several thousand dollars is contributed voluntarily by the members for the purpose of meeting the critical emergency needs of individuals and families from New London. It must be paid directly to people, not institutions. The latter are helped in other ways. One other program related to human need should be mentioned here although it is limited to one special need and, strictly speaking, is not a club program. It was Dr. Carl Wies who inaugurated and carried out what he called Spare Parts. He collected shoes and gloves for people who only needed one. The program was unique and served the handicapped across the nation.

The idea was conceived by Dr. Carl H. Wies, cochairman of the club's Do Good Chest committee. He outlined his plan at a club meeting yesterday afternoon at the Mohican Hotel. Members adopted it, appropriated \$200 from the Do Good Chest and commended him and his committee.

Dr. Wies said he already has a nucleus of three new left-handed gloves. A patient of his, born without a left arm, received three pairs of gloves for Christmas. Dr. Wies asked what he did with the left ones. He said his wife probably had thrown them away, but it turned out she hadn't.

Feet Not Same Size

Another patient, Dr. Wies said, has feet that are not the same size, and she is obliged to buy two pairs of shoes to get one pair. She leaves the two "spare parts"—a left and a right of different sizes—with the storekeeper with instructions to throw them away unless he knows someone who can use them.

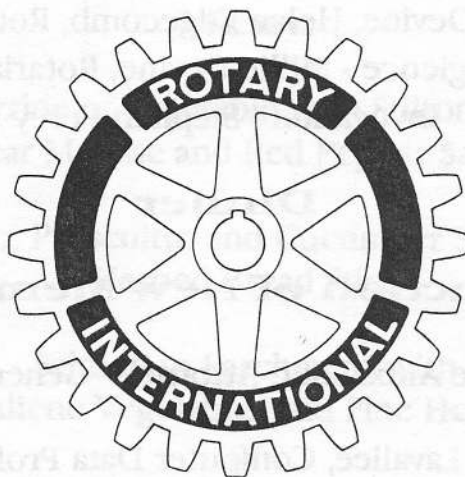
A person with an artificial hand usually wears gloves over them all the time, winter and summer, he pointed out, and wears out more



DR. CARL H. WIES

gloves with his artificial hand than with his real one.

Dr. Wies' plan is to let it be known far and wide that this free non-profit service is available to amputees, by means of medical journals and associations, hospitals, and Rotary Clubs which can be reached through the Rotarian Magazine.



**Rotary Club
of
New London**

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Gala

Club Number 303

District 7980

Agenda

Presiding Officer - Millie Devine, President

Cocktails

America - Millie Devine, Helen Edgecomb, Rotarians and Guests

Pledge of Allegiance - Millie Devine, Rotarians and Guests

Invocation - Stephen Percy

Dinner

Induction of New Members

Valerie Alexander, Attorney - General Law

Dennis Lavallee, Computer Data Professional

Inducting Officer - Al Ross, District Governor

A Brief History of Our Club

Barry Levinson

Look Beyond Yourself - Millie Devine and Club

Club Yell - Norm MacLeod and Club

Barbarshop Quartet - Pete Connair, Steve Sigel, Sheldon Gardner and Mike Hewitt

Tomorrow - Pam Akins and Club

Serving of Anniversary Cake

Dancing to the Music of the ECSO Swing Band

Raffle Drawing

Dancing to the Music of the ECSO Swing Band

Menu

Terrine of Vegetable with Stilton and
Pear Mousse and Red Pepper Sauce

Avocado, Proscuitto and Cucumber Salad with
Herbed Bread Stick

Salmon in Parchment with
Juliene Vegetables and Fine Herbs

or

Peppered Filet Mignon with
Rosemary Fritters

Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetable and Potato

Vie de France Assorted Rolls

Choice of Red or White Wine

Fresh Fruit Sherbet

Anniversary Cake

Coffee, Tea and Decaffeinated

Look Beyond Yourself

LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Where-ever you may be;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Is the heart of Rotary.

For the world around us,
With so much to be done,
Make a plan for healing,
A plan for every one.
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
YOU'RE the eyes of Rotary!

LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Help those who need our care,
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Serve people ev'rywhere.

We are called to do our part,
This mission to fulfill;
Building here a better world
With hands, and mind and will;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Make a world that ought to be;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
YOU'RE the hands of Rotary!

LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
To all humanity;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
Bring peace through Rotary

We must have the vision,
A better world to see;
Living here on planet Earth
As one great family;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
It's up to you and me;
LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF
That's the life of Rotary!

Tomorrow

By Steve Sigel

with profound apologies to Martin Charnin

I've got to get up, it's Thursday
Gotta find the suit that's got my only Rot'ry pin
I need a big stash of singles
Isabelle's got her eyes on my wallet once again

When the day gets too long, too hard, too boring
I just look at my pin and grin and say

Oh, I'm headin' on out to Rot'ry
Tell the boss to take my calls, I'll be back around 2
To Rot'ry, to Rot'ry, I'm going to Rot'ry
And next week I might take you

The Club Yell

Oh, Your Pep, Your Pep.
You've Got It. You've Got It.
Dog-gone It. Don't Lose It.
Your Pep. Your Pep.
Rotary. Rotary. Rotary.
New London.

The Old Greeting Song

Howdy all good fellows,
We welcome you today
With a hearty smile and handshake
To cheer you on your way.
We'll do our best in every way,
To brighten up your stay
And hope you'll join us
Often in the joys of ROTARY.

The New Greeting Song

Welcome to Rotary
From far and near
Enjoy our fellowship
Sing loud and clear
Service before oneself
Will always be
We welcome you today
To Rotary.

Six years by the phone I waited
Waited for someone to nominate me for the club
I walked home alone deflated
Drowned my sorrows playing card and soaking in my tub

Then I got a new job, and God smiled on me
Now I schlep down the road to Ro-tary!

Oh, the sun will come up each Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, even weekends too!
My time is all taken, as soon as I waken
I've given my life to you

To Rot'ry, to Rot'ry
Thank God I'm in Rot'ry
There's never a day a-way!

THE INTERMEDIATE YEARS AND THE CLUB'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Intermediate Years

The year following the Club's celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, the club pursued its tradition of "Service Above Self" under the leadership of President Merrill Dreyfus. The year started with the customary social event, a picnic at the home of Dr. Carl Wies, and was followed soon after by a joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club to honor the Babe Ruth League teams sponsored by the two Clubs. Other on-going programs conducted as the year progressed included Youth In Government Day with forty young people being honored, and a Serviceperson Of The Month event in which the club invited servicepersons as guests for a holiday party.

An event of particular interest that occurred in that Rotary year, was the establishment of the Spare Parts Program by Dr. Carl Wies. This was a program to assist handicapped persons with artificial limbs who, when they bought a pair of something (e.g. gloves or shoes) needed only one and therefore had a "spare". The program provided an interchange between people with "left" deficiencies and those with "right" deficiencies. After an initial sponsorship by the club it was essentially a one-person program conducted by Carl Wies.

In February, James G. Hammond (Uncle Jim), one of the New London Club's founding members, former District Governor (1917-18), member of Rotary International Secretariat (1927-30), and Past President of the New London Club (1939-40), addressed the community on radio station WNLC on the occasion of Rotary International's 51st anniversary.

Under the Presidency of Ralph Wadleigh in 1957 the New London Rotary Club celebrated its 40th anniversary. That was also the year that a group of patriots undertook the task of restoring the New London Town Mill. The club assisted with a donation.

In Rotary year 1960-61, under President H.G. (Griff) Shalett, in addition to the usual on-going programs, a

Junior Achievement Program, funded by the Do Good Chest, was conducted in a rented building on Meridian Street.

Also that year, there were two Ladies Nights, a Las Vegas party at the Norwich Inn and a Mitchell College Day in which two teams of club members competed for best attendance. The one that lost paid for dinner.

An outstanding and entertaining speaker at one of the club luncheons was Dr. Rosemary Park, President of Connecticut College.

Rotary year 1962-63, under President Rev. Paul Wilbur, some events of international interest took place. The club received a letter from the French Rotary requesting accommodations for two French boys, age 21, who wished to live in the area for a few days. It was noted later that a French student, Christian Chandler, was studying at St. Bernards School. In December of that year, Matthew Mandel, age 17, explained to the club a young man's impression of the peoples of the world gained from his recent trip around the world. Then, Mr. J. F. Brown of Stonington, who had been part of an American group of farmers touring the Soviet Union, told the club about the problems facing the Russian farmers; and Miss Janet Tucker, Supervisor of Nursing at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, addressed the club on Nursing Around The World.

On Armed Forces Day, that year, the meeting was held at the U.S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory jointly with the Kiwanians and the Lions. Rotarian Capt. Burton Andrews, Commanding Officer of the Laboratory, addressed the gathered assembly.

Other events of interest that year were, a joint meeting with the Kiwanians and the Lions to observe National Hire-The-Handicapped week, and an address by David Silberstein, President of the National Formans Institute, about the opening of their newly built facility in Waterford and its impact on the community.

In Rotary year 1963-64, under President Joseph M. Sullivan, the effectiveness of the Do Good Chest program was reviewed. It was noted that, in the previous five years, the chest had distributed \$5,848 to seventeen recipients, and that in the past year \$1,033 had been distributed to six recipients. All recipients were New London individuals with a one-time need which was not covered under the charter of the known charitable institutions. Also in that year the records show that many Rotarians volunteered for the Cancer Crusade, seventeen members volunteered to assist in the United Fund Drive, and that the club had assisted the Junior Achievement Organization until it had become self sustaining.

Also that was a year in which Governor John Dempsey named Rotarian Bar Colby to serve on the Nathan Hale Committee and Rotarian Arthur Barrows to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Connecticut Health Planning Project.



April 11, 1957. 40th Anniversary of Club at Mobican Hotel.

Some especially interesting people addressed the club during the year e.g. Vivian Kellems well known for challenging the constitutionality of the party lever on voting machines (it no longer exists) and the constitutionality of provisions of the national income tax laws that discriminated against single people (those provisions remain). Mardy Walker of Connecticut College, who had been "dead center" in a civil rights incident in Georgia, during the time of racial tensions, told of her experiences. Ed Henkle, past Mayor of New London and retiring City Manager spoke, and Carl Anderson of New London Mills (a textile manufacturing industry since lost to the community) addressed the club.

In Rotary year 1965-66, John Sillery President, the New London Club became involved in the Rotary Scholarship Program. It was the beginning of what was to become an annual event. Rotarians Don Mitchell and Freemont Alderson initiated the New London club effort in which four New London and four Waterford students received awards. Rotarian William Foye, principal of New London High School made presentations to students that included Dave Ginsberg's daughter and Ben Levinson's son, who was the top student in his class.

It was also noted (from Board minutes) that during that year the Rotary sponsored team won the Babe Ruth League championship.

The Golden Anniversary Celebration

Rotary year 1966-67, was the year of the New London Rotary Club's Golden Anniversary. It was observed with a gala dinner dance meeting at the Griswold Hotel in Groton. (Alas that citadel of grandure no longer graces our shores).

The climax of the celebration was the introduction of the founder and first president of the club, Leon Sprague, then a very lively 83 years of age. The two hundred thirty-five Rotarians, spouses, friends, and guests heard Mr. Rotarian explain how much his participation in Rotary's programs had meant to him. President William Doughton, Jr. expressed the club's gratitude for its founders outstanding service and presented him with an appropriately engraved ship's clock.

Other noteworthy events that were part of the celebration were the presentation of \$100 in newly minted Kennedy half-dollars to the New London Club by Christian Bayreuther, President of the Niantic Rotary Club, and a presentation of \$500 to Rotary International by the New London Club.

Before the festivities began, President Doughton announced with regret that Morris Lubchansky, honorary chairman of the anniversary committee, could not attend because of illness that required hospitalization.

After the cake cutting, the music began and the Rotarians and their guests danced the night away.



ROTARIANS ALL — Leon A. Sprague of Newington, second from left, who organized and served as first president of the New London Rotary Club, is congratulated by President William T. Doughton, Jr., at 50th anniversary observance. Others are Harry G. Shalett, left, program cochairman, and Secretary Robert E. Groebel.

Late Sixties To Late Seventies

This portion of The Club's History was written without the use of club records. Due to events over which the club had no control the records were lost. A diligent effort by three club members, Phil Burns, Ed Cramer, and Don Mitchell, recovered a considerable amount of material from the New London Day files. It was somewhat sketchy, so some "creative writing" was employed to make possible the account below.

It was noted that in Rotary 1967-68, Dr. Hartman, in an address to the club honored Dr. Carl Wies for his many contributions to the well-being of the New London community and mankind in general through his well-known Spare Parts Program.

Also during that year, Judge Donald Waeche spoke to the club about the problems encountered in conducting the business of the Juvenile Courts, and, later, Dr. Zeitz addressed the club on the disastrous effects of the drug LSD that had been used by young people at that time.

In Rotary Year 1968-69 the Rotary Scholar Program was functioning very well. Eight top students from the New London and Waterford High Schools were honored at a luncheon meeting.

William Moore, in an address to the club, advocated bringing industry into New London by having a profit-oriented group address the problem.

Other speakers were Rotarian William Miner, who presented a slide show of his recent trip to Russia, and Russell Lewis who presented an illustrated account of his experiences in Vietnam.

Forty French students were hosted by the New London club early in the 1970-71 Rotary year, as part of Rotary's goal of promoting international understanding through student exchange visits.

During that year Victor Norman and Mrs. H. Spitz further enlightened the club about the many activities of our own Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Also, Arvid Anderson described the building program in progress at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. (It was strongly supported by Rotary, and many of us have since had reason to be grateful for the new wing that resulted from that program).

Rotary Year 1971-72 was a year of the finalization of the State Street Mall (translation- Captain's Walk) plans and the expansion of the postal services. New London Rotarians heard both explained in detail at their meetings. They also heard about Iwo Jima, the operations at Lantern Hill Silica Mine, and the problems facing East Lyme First Selectman, Dennis Murphy.

That year ten top students of New London and Waterford were honored as Rotary Scholars.

The Shaw Cove plan and Union Station were the subjects of discussion by the community and by the Rotary club during 1972-73 period. The Shaw Cove plan, explained to the club, was something that could be almost universally supported, but the presentation that advocated the demolition of Union Station was not so well received.

Other items of interest were a presentation of new developments relating to the Eastern Connecticut Symphony by Victor Norman, Conductor, and a talk by Atty. Gilbert Shasha on Circuit Court Judge interference in the Brayman case.

During Rotary Year 1974-75 the community was concerned about the dredging of the Thames River. Nicholas Staub explained the operation to the Rotary Club, including the details of how it was done and why it was needed.

Jay Bloom alerted the club to the needs of the elderly poor, and Arvid Anderson explained the services that could be supplied by the Pequot Clinic.

As was done in previous years, students from New London and Waterford High Schools were honored as Rotary Scholars.

During Rotary Year 1975-76 the Rotarians were asked to help allay the fears of those concerned about nuclear waste through their business and social contacts. A Mr. Fox assured the club that the technology existed to prevent nuclear waste from becoming a health hazard. Also Dr. Levinson helped club members enter the computer age by delivering an address on some things the computers could do.

A rather curious and unprecedented event occurred that year. One of the July programs failed to materialize as planned and a substitute program - any program - was needed in a hurry. At the time the speaker was to appear, Miss Nude America, one Miss Donovan, was presented to the surprised members. She was "out of uniform" i.e., she was not nude. She was then appearing in an Ivoryton Playhouse production entitled "This Was Burlesque". She spoke about her career and left the general impression that she was not part of the feminist movement. The records do not identify the Rotarian who was responsible for the program.

The year did not end with Miss Nude America. The customary Serviceperson-of-the-Month, Youth in Government, Rotary Scholar, and the on-going programs were pursued, with the New London Rotarians, as was their custom, volunteering for community charity programs.

A YEAR OF TRANSITION



Benjamin Kaplan, left, Edward Cramer and Laurence McEwen

Rotary Club notes anniversary with dinner at Lighthouse Inn

NEW LONDON — The Rotary Club, founded in 1917 when lunches cost 75 cents, observed its 60th anniversary Thursday night at a dinner at Lighthouse Inn that cost \$12.

The club was founded April 11 of that year by Leon A. Sprague, who has resided in New Britain for many years. Sprague, who

is 93 and has a record of 46 years of perfect attendance at Rotary meetings, sent the club a message of congratulations and included a check for \$100.

Attending the dinner were the club's two oldest members in point of service, Laurence B. McEwen and Benjamin Kaplan. Both joined in 1929.

They assisted past Presi-

dent H. Fremont Alderson in installing the following new officers:

Edward I. Cramer, president; Dr. David Ginsberg, president-elect; John F. Mirabito, vice president; Robert E. Groebel, secretary; Ralph E. Wadleigh, treasurer, and Coast Guard Capt. Roderick E. White, Richard L. Creviston and Deane C. Avery, directors.

The club paid tribute to Dr. Joseph V. Medeiros, the outgoing president, presenting him a plaque.

Three instructors from the American School of the Dance, Robin Baker, Susan Dixon and Paula MacDougall, performed several modern dance routines.

Pierce F. Connair was master of ceremonies.

Turning Point, 1977-78

The sixtieth anniversary year of the Rotary Club of New London (1977-78) marked a turning point in the history of The Club. Until that time the club operated under the philosophy that each Rotarian made his own contribution to the community, in terms of service, individually, and therefore the club as a whole only undertook a few community service projects.

The groundwork for a change in the approach by the club was actually laid in the prior year in two ways. For the first time the incoming president, Edward Cramer, was sent to San Francisco to attend The Rotary International Convention. He became infused with the tone and spirit of Rotary and returned with a resolve to move the New London Club into action. His two major goals for the Rotary year were: membership development and participation of all members in a club project. Second, under the presidency of Joe Medeiros, the by-laws were completely rewritten and one of the most important changes was to add the office of President Elect to the slate. It was the duty of the President Elect to chair the community service/fund raising project for that year.

There were two reasons for this: It was hoped that the project would involve the entire club and that it would provide an ideal way for the President Elect to become acquainted with all the members. It would also give the second person in command a specific responsibility.

This was implemented for the 1977-78 Rotary year when Edward Cramer was elected President and Dave Ginsburg was elected President Elect. Other officers were John Mirabito, Vice President; Bob Groebel, Secretary; Ralph Wadleigh, Treasurer; and Phil Burns, Sergeant at Arms.

The Installation Banquet and 60th Anniversary Celebration was held in July 1977 at Lighthouse Inn with dinner tickets priced at \$12 per person. Assisting Cramer in cutting the anniversary cake were the club's two oldest members Lawrence McEwen and Benjamin Kaplan. They assisted past president Fremont Alderson in installing the new officers. Pete Connair served as MC and entertainment was furnished by 3 instructors from the American School of Dance who performed several dance routines.

The Rotary Family Picnic was held in August at Mitchell College thus setting the stage for the event for years to follow. Previously it had been held at Rotarian Sumner Wilson's house in West Mystic.

August also marked the visitation to our club of the District Governor, Rolly Mettler of Hamden.

In September the club sponsored a Bloodmobile visit at Mitchell College where 200 pints of blood were collected. NL Rotarians donated and worked at the bloodmobile as volunteers.

October marked a return visit of Leon Sprague to the New London Club. He was the moving force in founding the New London Club in 1917. Not long after organizing the club, he was transferred to New Britain where he was instrumental in forming another club. At the time of his visit Sprague was 93 years old and had 42 years of perfect attendance at club meetings. Sprague's visit to New London was partly to reciprocate the visit of Pres. Cramer and

Sec. Groebel to the New Britain club a year earlier.

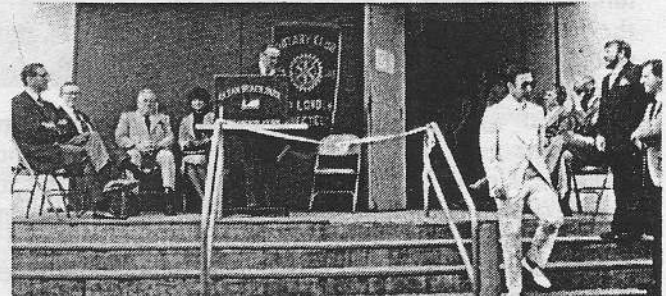
The Speaker at that meeting was F. Don James, president of Central Connecticut State College in New Britain who had been a Rotary Graduate Fellow 22 years previously. He had studied at the University of Zurich in Switzerland and traveled extensively throughout Europe during his year abroad and said that it was far more helpful than a Fulbright Scholarship would have been because of his involvement with Rotary family. Until that time Rotary had sponsored 5,000 graduate fellowships at a cost of \$35M.

November saw the traditional Rotary Scholar Program being held with four girls from New London High School being honored. Among them was Kathleen Foye, daughter of Rotarian and New London High School principal Bill Foye. The girls were each presented a desk set.

December featured the traditional holiday program with special emphasis on the Rotarians' college age children who were invited to the meeting between Christmas and New Year's. A special program was presented and they were introduced to the club.

December also marked the beginning of plans for the biggest and most extensive club project to date — Sport Show '78 — and President-Elect Dave Ginsberg, was named chairman. Dates were announced as May 6th & 7th at Ocean Beach Park. A special Committee consisting of Rotarians Dean Avery, Pete Connair, Edward Cramer, Bob Groebel, Howard Kaplan, Frank Laycock, John Mirabito, Don Mitchell, and Ralph Wadleigh was appointed.

While planning for the Sport Show was taking place, a call came from our District Governor to help staff a group study exchange team to India for a six-week Study Exchange Program. The Programs (which involve) visits to different locations in the world each year are designed to promote understanding and fellowship among business men from different cultures. A group of Indians, in a reciprocal arrangement, had spent several weeks in Connecticut the previous years. They discuss with their hosts government, education, religion, justice, business, and sports. The team leader is a Rotarian drawn from the Rotary District, while the team members must not be Rotarians. The New London Club was honored to have one of its own members, Fred Deltgen, (President 83/84) chosen to lead the visiting team. W. Allen Clearwaters, son of Rotarian Walt Clearwaters, was chosen as a non-rotarian member of the team. Other participants included a Hamden Lawyer, a Southport Real Estate Agent, a Banker from Stamford, and a Wallingford Teacher.



Opening Ceremonies Sport Show, l to r: State Sen. Richard Schneller, Dist. Gov. Rolly Mettler, Rep. Ralph Wadleigh, Rep. Pat Hendel, M/C Merrill Dreyfus, Pres. Ed Cramer, Gov. Ella Grasso, U.S. Sen. Abe Ribicoff, City Councilor Terry Brennan, City Councilor Carl Stoner

Deltgen was an international project liaison officer at The Naval Underwater Systems Center, and Clearwaters was a Computer Scientist there. The team members stayed with Indian families during their visit. The Rotary Foundation paid for the group's expenses and lodging when the members were not with their host families. Some members were required to keep a daily diary of the trip and write of their experiences upon their return.

January 1978 saw the following program chairman chosen for Sport Show 78: Frank Roche - layout and design, Frank Laycock - tickets, Bill Miner and Jim McGuire - legal affairs, Larry McEwen - insurance, George Spreccace and Merrill Dreyfus - opening ceremonies, Pete Connair - celebrities, Bob Vilbert - boats, Doug Reynard - recreational vehicles, and Don Mitchell and Phil Burns - general exhibits.

Also in Jan. of 1978 Bill Lockwood, president of the S.E. Connecticut Chamber of Commerce spoke to the club about New London and the region's future. He spoke about a recently released Pentagon report on the effects of layoffs at General Dynamics - Electric Boat. The report must have cost thousands of dollars but it contained nothing new. All it said was what we had been saying all along: that the region must diversify.

February saw formation of the Rotary Club's Unsung Hero Award Committee. Nominations were solicited over a two-month period and a committee of Dean Avery, Chairman, Larry Greenberg, Ralph Merrill, Allen Cutting, and Pete Connair in April chose Samuel Moss and Alfonso Passero as The Rotary club's unsung heroes. Moss was cited for his volunteer services at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and the Jewish Council of Greater New London. Passero was recognized for his work with the Boy Scouts and St. Josephs Home School Association. They were among 13 nominated for the award whose purpose is to recognize people who have performed exemplary public service which improved the quality of life in New London. Bishop Daniel Reilly was the speaker. He praised the two award winners for their selfless work, citing them as inspirations to others. He urged people to take a positive view of life and to look for the good things as the two unsung heroes had done. He said that those who work in behalf of others find that rich spiritual rewards come to them. He said that life should be approached with enthusiasm, not the overly done bubbly kind but rather with a zest for living and a desire to understand and help others.

Planning for Sport Show 78 continued throughout the spring. Virtually every member of The Club plus spouses, friends, and children were to participate in this two day fund raiser. Burt Federman was appointed co-chairman for the layout and space allocation committee; John F. Ballentine Jr., food concession; Ralph Wadleigh, treasurer; and Gerald Jacobs, exhibit display areas.

Blessed with unexpected good weather the Sports Show attracted 6000 spectators to more than 70 indoor and outdoor attractions, and over \$6000 was raised for New London charities. Participating in the opening ceremonies, at The Beach, were Gov. Ella Grasso, U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff, State Senator Richard Schneller, Representatives Ralph Wadleigh and Patricia Hendel, members of the New London City Council and the Ocean Beach Park Board and Rotary District Governor Rolly

Metler. The Connecticut Regiment Fife and Drum Corps performed during the opening ceremonies. The opening of the Show coincided with the 322nd birthday of the founding of New London.

The show featured exhibits of virtually every type of sports equipment - boats; recreational vehicles; bicycles; motorcycles; tennis, golf, and fishing equipment; kites; and clothing for participation in sports. They were displayed by such groups as the Coast Guard Academy, Boy Scouts, Power-boat Association, and the city's Marine Commerce and Development Committee.

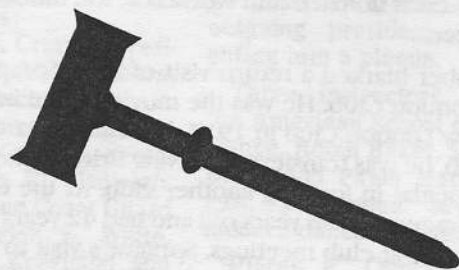
A number of sports celebrities headed by baseball great, Ted Williams, made appearances at the Show. Williams, in addition to accommodating the usual autograph seekers, put on a fly fishing exhibition in the parking lot. Andy Russell, an all pro linebacker with the Pittsburgh Steelers, was also on hand both days. They were joined by former Boston Red Sox standout Walt Dropo and Arnie Pinkston who was a standout at half-back on the Yale Football Squad.

The schedule for the two day event included fly-tying demonstrations, a petting zoo, YMCA gymnastic demonstrations, a jogging clinic put on by Jan Merrill, Judy Fontaine, and Amby Burfoot, a program by Sword Excaliber Drum and Bugle Corp, a weight lifting demonstration by Karl Snitkin, kite flying demonstrations by Rotarian Henry Savin, and films on fishing and racket ball.

The Sports Show event was so successful that it resulted in the New London Rotary Club being honored with a district award at the Rotary District Conference in Great Gorge N.J. President Edward Cramer led a delegation of four Rotarians to the convention where the club was cited for outstanding club service and membership development.

In the area of club service, the New London Club was cited for its organization member participation and the success of its major project, Sports Show 78. At that convention the club was also cited for its career-day program, its unsung hero award program, for its youth-in-government and Rotary scholarship programs, its sponsorship of a bloodmobile, a Babe Ruth League, a YMCA basketball team, big brother and big sister match, the Old Timers club, and its sponsorship of needy New London youngsters for summer camp. Also the club was cited for having achieved the greatest percentage increase in membership of any club in its category in the district.

The ball was rolling and the gavel was passed to president-elect Dave Ginsberg who had demonstrated his ability and dedication to Rotary as chairman of the tremendously successful Sports Show 78.



The Ensuing Years

Rotary year 1978-79, under President David Ginsberg, began by honoring Carl Wies for 43 years of perfect attendance and honoring Robert Groebel for his years of service to the club. He was further honored by being made a Paul Harris Fellow.

From the proceeds of the previous year's Sport Show a \$3,000 contribution was made to the New London Library and \$3,000 was donated to the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. President-Elect John Mirabito served as chairman for the 1978 Sports Show. It was held in May and it earned \$3,000 to be distributed later for the benefit of the New London Community.

A notable event that occurred in the 1979-80 year was a visit to the New London Club by six business and professional men from the Phillipine Islands for one week as part of a six-week Group Study Exchange sponsored by Rotary International. They were appropriately welcomed by President Pete Connair and transported about the community by member volunteers.

As the year progressed, the on-going programs were pursued in the customary fashion and the proceeds of the previous year's Sports Show were distributed.

A somewhat novel event was the "Rotary Bargain Bonanza" conducted by the club during Rotary Year 1980-81. President-Elect Rev. Robert Bartlett was the chairman and President Pierce (Pete) Connair supported it with work, exhortation and appropriate humorous comment.

Ralph E. Wadleigh, past president and long time supporter of virtually every club effort, was named a Paul Harris Fellow in honor of his distinguished service.

In year 1981-82, under President Rev. Robert Bartlett, there was a large increase in membership and membership passed the 100 mark. That may have had something to do with some extra enthusiasm acquired by President Bob's attendance at the International Rotary Convention in Dallas, Texas.



Honors bestowed at New London Rotary

(Day photo)

The Rev. Robert H. Bartlett, center, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New London, receives congratulations as the new president of the New London Rotary Club from outgoing president Pierce F. Connair, executive vice president of the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. At left is Charles G. McNiece, the Rotary district governor.

It was announced at the meeting Tuesday night at the New London Holiday Inn that club Treasurer Ralph E. Wadleigh has been named a Paul Harris Fellow in honor of his distinguished service to Rotary. The club donated \$1,000 to Rotary International to qualify for the honor.

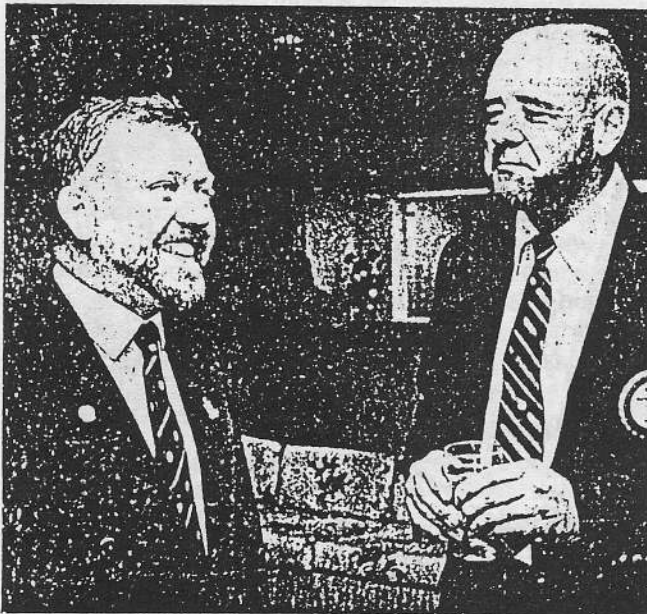
Plans for another sport show that year ran into trouble with numerous conflicts with plans for other community affairs. The problem was resolved by the New London Rotary Club's participating in a Chamber of Commerce Show at Trumbull Airport.

During that year the club was saddened by the demise of Robert (Bob) Groebel, known for his devotion to the club, for his benign smile and especially for serving as club secretary for many years.

President Roderick White, U.S.C.G. Capt., Ret., led the club for Rotary year 1982-83. That year, Rotarian Robert C. Weller, President of Mitchell College, who somehow found time to serve with distinction in the ranks of Rotary, was the fifth of our members to be honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Also, during that year Thomas Wetmore III was honored by being entered into the Coast Guard Hall of Fame.

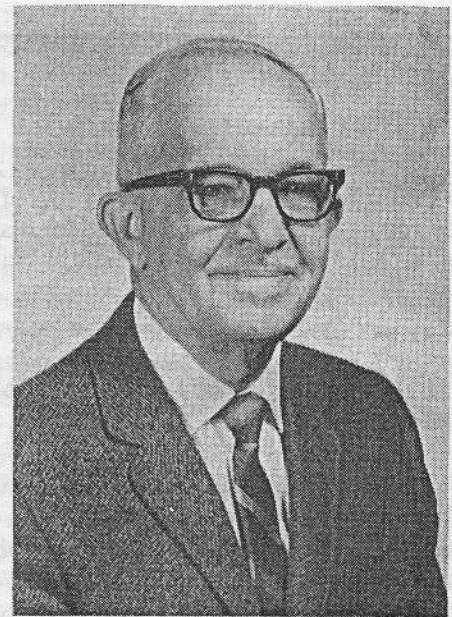
It was noted that that year the Ladies Night was held at Ocean Beach and that there was a District Golf Tournament. In the accounts of the on-going programs it was noted that the service person of the month was Coast Guardsman Donald Eslich. The customary observances of Youth in Government and the honoring of Rotary Scholars were duly noted also.

During the administration of Fred Deltgen, 1983-84, the club felt honored to learn that one of its members, Paul Scully-Powers, a New London Navy Underwater Systems Center Scientist/Oceanographer, had been chosen by NASA to become an astronaut who would observe the oceans from the Spacecraft Challenger.



Paul Scully-Power, left, talks with Rotary President Norman Zercher.

Rotarians honor Scully-Power



Robert Groebel - President 1946-1947

The club made a \$2,400 unrestricted donation to the Pequot Foundation. It was noted that this was the first contribution to the Foundation by a local service club. Also, a \$400 donation was made to a children's food program sponsored by the District World Community Service of Rotary International.

During that Rotary Year many of the members of the New London Club were pleased to participate in the charter night festivities of the Rotary Club of Montville, which had been sponsored by the New London Club. Fremont Alderson exhibited his well-known talents as toastmaster.

The New London Rotary Club banner orbited the earth during the 1984-85 Rotary year. Rotary's one and only astronaut, Paul Scully-Powers, carried it with him aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. He received a plaque which was an award for the clubs highest (greatest altitude?) achievement.

The major fund drive event that year involved the sale of 500 color prints of an original painting of the Coast Guard Bark Eagle sailing by New London Ledge Light. President Norman Zercher introduced the idea and explained that at \$25.00 each the club should expect to raise \$10,000 for community projects support.

That year the club reinstated the Unsung Hero Award to honor individual community members who had performed exemplary volunteer services that had gone largely unrecognized. For unknown reasons it had been discontinued.

In Rotary Year 1985-86 the largest number of members ever inducted into the club at one time, nine of them, were welcomed by President Joe Stellato. Both the club membership and the new inductees expressed appropriate surprise.

That year Benjamin A. Levinson, a member who had channeled a large amount of his spare energy into the club's activities for more than twenty years, was made a Paul Harris Fellow.



Robert Patterson

Fattening ingredient— William F. Murray, president of the New London Rotary Club, hands a \$1,000 check to the Rev. Wade Hyslop. The money will be used by the soup kitchen at 60

Blackhall St., operated by the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church. At right, is Joni Harrison, who has lived on Crest Street in New London for many years.

The proceeds from the previous year's Rotary Auction were distributed in the 1986-87 year under the presidency of William F. (Bill) Murray. The \$10,000 fund was distributed to the New London Public Library, the O'Neill Theatre, the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, the New London Landmarks and the Trinity Soup Kitchen.

During the year the Unsung Hero Award was given to Jeanne Lena who had served The Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut for twenty years. Stephen Percy received the Carl Wies Award for the most significant contributions to the chapter during the year. Phil Burns was designated a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his 21 years of dedicated service to the club.

A special award was given to Benjamin Kaplan, 96, who had been a member of Rotary for 52 years. Also, Community Service Awards were given to Richard L. Creviston and to Robert C. Weller Jr.

Carmelina Kanzler and Jane Holdsworth were welcomed as the first women members of the New London Rotary Club, by President Jay C. Bloom, in September 1987. The meeting was held at the New London Holiday Inn which had recently become the new "home" for the club meetings. A month later the club welcomed the first female guest Rotarian, Barbara Richard, from the Groton Rotary Club.



Unsung Hero recipient Jeanne Lena, with Rotarians Barry Levinson at left, and Thomas Gullotta

Rotary sings praises of NL's Jeanne Lena

In the club's on-going program category it was recognized that Rotary year 1987-88 was the 20th anniversary of the Rotary Scholar Program and the 30th anniversary of the celebration of Youth in Government Day, a program initiated by Fremont Alderson. It was the 38th year that Merrill Dreyfus chaired the Yale-Harvard Regatta Celebration. Also, the first Teacher of the Year award was given and Barry Levinson received the annual Carl Wies Award

There were some unusually interesting happenings at the luncheon meetings. The club song was changed. Instead of the line "MEN of Good Cheer," we sang "From Far and Near," recognizing that we were no longer a one gender group. The member biography rendition was introduced to supplement the invited speaker type of program. One of our speakers was Bill Miller, Tribal Manager of the Mashantucket-Pequot Indian Tribe - his speech was a harbinger of things to come.

Near the end of that Rotary Year, in May, the club auction was held and chairman Dave Quinn announced that the proceeds were \$13,500.

Roger Gross was installed as president for the year 1988-89 at a June dinner meeting at the Radisson Hotel.

The club named H. Fremont Alderson, Stephen Percy and Edward Cramer as Paul Harris Fellows "for outstanding support to the community and for meeting the Rotary ideals of "service before self". Barry Levinson was named recipient of the third annual Carl Wies award, given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Rotary Club of New London.

In November, President Roger Gross announced that the Rotary Auction proceeds from the previous year's event had been distributed. The recipients were: Retired Senior Volunteer Program of New London, Connecticut College Office of Volunteers for Community Service, Garde Arts Center, Southeast Connecticut Community Center for the Blind, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc., The Public Library of New London, New London Public Schools Gifted and Talented Program, New London High School Senior Class Parents Inc., New London County Parent Aide Program, First Step Inc., Eugene O'Neill Center's Theater in Education Program for its S.O.S. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, Trinity Missionary Baptist Church's soup kitchen, Marine Commerce and Development Committee Halloween Committee, and New London Health Services Clinic.

New London Rotary installs officers, honors three members for their service

Roger Gross of Mystic was installed as president of the New London Rotary Club at a recent dinner at the Radisson Hotel in New London.



Gross



Levinson



Percy



Cramer



Alderson

Others installed were Barry Levinson of New London, president-elect; Philip Maniscalco of Mystic, vice president; Gary Root of New London, treasurer; Richard Lombardi of Preston, secretary, and Denis O'Brien of New London, sergeant-at-arms.

The club this year honored three members as Paul Harris Fellows — Rotary's highest honor. The contributions to the Rotary Foundation were made in their honor.

Named as Paul Harris Fellows for outstanding support to the community and for meeting the Rotary ideals of "service before self," are H. Fremont Alderson, Stephen Percy and Edward Cramer. Alderson was cited for more than 56 years service, Percy for continued community in-

volvement, and Cramer for his club and civic efforts.

The Paul Harris Foundation was named after Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, who died in 1947. The foundation's contributions are used to support the many worldwide scholarship programs and the major "Polio Plus" program. More than \$250 million was pledged to the foundation this year for its programs from more than one million members.

Levinson was named recipient of the third annual Carl Wies award, given in recognition of Levinson's outstanding contributions to the Rotary Club of New London.

The award was named for the late Dr. Carl Wies. He was a

member of the New London Rotary Club for more than 50 years, and had perfect attendance at weekly meetings.

Jay Bloom, immediate past president, described accomplishments in the past year. He noted the provision to allow female members. "I'm glad that we were finally able to include women in the New London Rotary Club. They have already become a great asset to the club," he said.

Gerald Scarano announced a "Paul Harris Fellow" award he had made available to the New London Rotary Club for its financial support of the district-sponsored Haitian Dental Clinic in Port O' Prince.



Robert Patterson

Making it official —Stephen Percy, left, presents a mock check to Stephen Dorfman, executive director of Concern Inc., from The Rotary Club of New London. The club gave a total of \$10,000 to nine different agencies, among them Concern Inc.

NL Rotary donates \$10,000 to agencies

NEW LONDON — The Rotary Club of New London handed out letters with a cumulative value of \$10,000 at a meeting Feb. 18 at the Radisson Hotel.

Although monetary gifts to nine different public service agencies were officially announced several weeks ago, Rotary President Jay C. Bloom gave recipients special award letters.

"We gave the official checks several weeks ago because we wanted them to be able to plan budgets with that in mind. But we also wanted to give them letters," explained Bloom.

Amounts given and recipients are \$1,600, Concern Inc., for a series of community-education programs to youth groups on substance abuse and related subjects, and \$1,500 to Eugene O'Neill Theater Center for drug- and alcohol-abuse programs for elementary schools.

Also, \$1,200, computer for Lawrence and Memorial Hospital's Chaplaincy Program; \$1,280, The Public Library of New London; \$1,280 for a feature film series for children, computer instructions and software to increase reading

comprehension and math skills; \$1,000, B.P. Learned House, playground upgrading, and \$1,000, Pequot Community Foundation, a memorial gift in the name of Bryan F. Mahan, a former member.

Also, \$1,000, New London Day Nursery, partial reimbursement for updating electrical system; \$900, First Step Inc., to pay for Christmas gifts for 45 halfway house residents, and \$500, Covenant Shelter, food costs.

The money gifts were made possible by an auction last May at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church. James Stephenson was chairman.

Stephen Percy was chairman of the club's money distribution committee.

Also participating were Jay Allen, William Attridge, Bloom, John Bysko, Edward Cramer, Neil Dennenberg, Dennis O'Brien, David Quinn, Jane Stephenson, and Barry Levinson.

"We hope to raise even more — maybe \$15,000 — at this year's auction," said Bloom. The event is planned for May 21 in the Robert C. Weller Conference Center on the Mitchell College campus.

Quinn is chairman.

During that year, the Rotary Community Service Award was presented for the first time, and the Unsung Hero Award was presented to Naomi Rachleff for volunteerism. Also, the task of compiling the Rotary Directory was completed by Faye Vathauer and Jeanne Johnson.

The fourth annual Rotary Auction was held in May at Mitchell College. Bruce Baratz chaired the team that made it the success that it was.

The Rotary International Polio Plus Program, with the goal of eliminating Polio world-wide, was a subject of special attention by The New London Club during Barry Levinson's administration in Rotary Year 1989-90. That year the New London Club and the Rotary clubs of Groton-Ledyard, Mystic, Niantic and Waterford, under the leadership of general chairman, Mildred Devine, participated in a joint fund-raiser concert featuring famed violinist Itzhak Perlman, a polio victim, with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. The beneficiaries were both the Lawrence and Memorial hospital and the Polio Plus fund.



■ Violinist Itzhak Perlman

Rotary clubs will bring Perlman to New London

Staff report

Five local Rotary clubs have signed the contracts which will bring together renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra in a landmark local benefit concert, Oct. 12 at the Garde Arts Center in New London.

The monies raised from the concert, sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Groton/Ledyard, Mystic, Niantic, Waterford and New London, will be donated to the Rotary International's Polio Plus Program and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. It is anticipated that \$100,000 will be generated for the two organizations. Perlman's fee is \$40,000.

Isabelle Singer, the symphony's general manager and a Rotary member, said that one of the most exciting aspects of Perlman's appearance is that he will be playing with the ECSO.

"Of the 90 or so concert appearances he makes each year," she said, "only about a dozen are with orchestras — usually major orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic. It is, therefore, especially important that he has agreed to appear with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra."

Perlman wears stardom like a gentleman



Perlman in practice — World renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, right, rehearses Thursday afternoon for an evening performance at the Garde Theater in New London with the East-

Skip Weisenburger / The Day
ern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Commanding Perlman's attention at left is Paul Phillips, the symphony's conductor and music director.

Also that year, the club joined with Partner of the Americas in an International Exchange Program being conducted with a Brazilian Rotary Club, viz., the Joao Pessoa-North club in Joao Pessoa, the capital of the State of Paraiba in Northeast Brazil. A donation of \$500 was made to start the effort and New London Rotarian Roger Gross, who had been instrumental in producing the Perlman concert, provided the enthusiastic leadership needed.

Bruce Baratz announced that the \$11,903 proceeds of the auction, held the previous spring, had been distributed to First Step, Literacy Volunteers, Waterford Country School's Children-in-Crisis Program for New London Students, New London Public Library for Children's Programs and Books, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut, Community Resources Commission for Substance Abuse Prevention and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs, Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, New London Museum Consortium for New London History Days, Centro de la Comunidad, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Transportation Assistance, Health and Welfare Community Services Soup Kitchen, New London Public Schools POPS Multi-Media Personal Worth Program, and Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra Music in the Schools Program.

The Rev. Norman MacLeod and Attorney William Miner were named Paul Harris Fellows that year, and David Quinn received the Carl Wies Award.

Philip Maniscalco's administration, 1990-91, began with a visit from Abraham Gordon, Governor of Rotary District 798, who presented an award to Roger Gross for his initiation of the Itzhak Perlman Concert which raised \$73,000 for the Polio-Plus Foundation and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, and for his efforts in establishing a volunteer exchange program with Rotary Clubs in Brazil. Later, under a Rotary Foundation Grant, Roger Gross and Dr. Lawrence Hall traveled to Paraiba, Brazil to identify "do-able" projects for future joint efforts.

Howard Kaplan, Thorburn McGowan, Donald Mitchell, Gary Root, William Murray, David Quinn, and Thomas Wetmore were named Paul Harris Fellows. The club also named its first Paul Harris Sapphires, an additional recognition for any individual already named a Paul Harris Fellow. Recognized were Philip Burns and Mildred Devine.

The club also made a contribution to the restoration of State Street/Captain's Walk. And it undertook the task of restoring the clock outside City Hall.

The Club's first Woman President, Mildred Devine, took the gavel for Rotary Year 1991-92, the year that is not yet complete, and the year in which the New London Rotary Club will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary. Under President Devine the preparation for the event progressed apace. An outstanding event to mark the beginning of the next twenty-five years of history is assured.

Other things that have been done so far this year include development of the friendship with Paraiba, Brazil, the presentation of the Carl Wies Award to Richard M. Lombardi, and the naming of Honorary Members - honored for their contribution to the club and to the community over the years. Those named were: Alma Wies, H. Fremont Alderson, Chester W. Kitchings, Barnard Colby, and Charles Chu. Marie Ann Gravel was recipient of the Unsung Hero Award. An additional thirty-five honored friends were named because of their involvement and close connection with the club.

So concludes seventy-five years of the New London Rotary Club's service to the local community - and through participation in the projects of Rotary International - to the world community of which it is a part.

New London Rotary Club 1917 - 1992 75 Years of Service



PAST PRESIDENTS

1917-18	Leon A. Sprague
1918-19	Waldo E. Clarke
1919-20	Cornelius C. Costello
1920-21-22	James P. Sullivan
1922-23-24	J. Romeyn Danforth
1924-25-26	Edward E. Regan
1926-27	Frederick W. Edgerton
1927-28	Thomas A. Woodruff
1928-29	Ward T. Alling
1929-30	William A. Holt
1930-31	Morris Lubchansky
1931-32	Frederick M. Whittemore
1932-33-34	Frederick S. Weld
1934-35	J. Lawrence Erb
1935-36-37	Oliver W. Bell
1937-38	Winslow Ames
1938-39	Adelard A. Nourie
1939-40	James G. Hammond
1940-41	Carl H. Wies
1941-42	Palmer A. Niles
1942-43	H. Fremont Alderson
1943-44-45	John K. Balentine
1945-46	Howard L. Morehouse
1946-47	Robert E. Groebel
1947-48	Chester W. Kitchings
1948-49	Harry M. Shalett
1949-50	Wilson L. Highmore
1950*	George H. Grout
1950-51	John C. Albohm
1951-52	Arthur Moss
1952-53	Bryan F. Mahan
1953-54	John M. Kamercia
1954-55	Frank J. Laycock
1955-56	Merrill Dreyfus

1956-57	Ralph Wadleigh
1957-58	Donald Vines
1958-59	Robert C. Weller
1959-60	Thornburn S. McGowan
1960-61	Harry G. Shalett
1961-62	Dudley Butler
1962-63	Paul Wilbur
1963-64	Joseph M. Sullivan, Jr.
1964-65	Hugh MacNamee
1965-66	John Sillery
1966-67	William T. Douton, Jr.
1967-68	Nicholas Staub III
1968-69	Benjamin A. Levinson
1969-70	Ernest Johnson
1970-71	Harlan Sturgis
1971-72	Andre Savard
1972-73	Alexander Guida
1973-74	Kenneth Johnson
1974-75	Francis Roche
1975-76	William Foye
1976-77	Joseph V. Medeiros
1977-78	Edward I. Cramer
1978-79	David Ginsberg
1979-80	John F. Mirabito
1980-81	Pierce F. Connair
1981-82	Robert H. Bartlett
1982-83	Roderick M. White
1983-84	Fernand M.F. Deltgen
1984-85	Norman L. Zercher
1985-86	Joseph M. Stellato
1986-87	William F. Murray
1987-88	Jay C. Bloom
1988-89	Roger Gross
1989-90	Barry A. Levinson
1990-91	Philip A. Maniscalco

* Died in office

Paul Harris Fellows

H. Fremont Alderson
 Philip J. Burns
 Edward Cramer
 Richard L. Creviston
 Stephen Percy
 Ralph E. Wadleigh
 Robert C. Weller
 Carl Wies (Dec.)
 William W. Miner
 Thornburn S. McGowan
 Carl Stoner
 Thomas T. Wetmore, III
 Robert C. Groebel (Dec.)
 Frank J. Laycock
 Benjamin A. Levinson
 Joseph V. Medeiros
 Gary W. Root
 David J. Quinn
 Howard Kaplan
 Mildred E. Devine
 Donald B. Mitchell
 William F. Murray
 Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.
 Roger Gross

Carl Wies Awardees

Stephen Percy
 Robert C. Weller
 Barry A. Levinson
 David J. Quinn
 Mildred E. Devine
 Richard M. Lombardi

Honorary Members

Charles Chu - "Charlie"
 Barnard L. Colby - "Bar"
 Chester Kitchings - "Chet"
 Alma Wies - "Alma"

Honored Friends of Rotary

Mr. Deane C. Avery
 Mr. Dudley Butler
 Mr. Paul F. Foye
 Mr. L. Patrick Gray III
 Mr. Jerry Jacobs
 Dr. Mary Ellen Johnson
 Mr. Bryan F. Mahan
 Mr. Arthur Moss
 Mr. William Sandell
 Mr. John Scillieri
 Mrs. Leah Spitz
 Mr. Donald Vines
 Mr. Walter V. Baker
 Mr. William T. Douton, Jr.

Dr. David Ginsberg
 Mr. Robert E. Groebel
 Mr. Ernest Johnson
 Mr. Milton Lapin
 Mr. John F. Mirabito
 Mr. O.P. Nelson
 Mr. Andre Savard
 Mr. Paul Scully-Powers

Mr. Harlan Sturgis
 Rev. Paul D. Wilbur
 Mr. John K. Ballentine
 Mr. William Foye
 Mr. Otto Graham
 Mr. Alexander Guida
 Mr. Kenneth Johnson
 Mr. Jay B. Levin
 Mrs. Betty Moore
 Mr. Francis Roche
 Mr. Moe Savin
 Mr. Harry G. Shalett
 Mr. Joseph M. Sullivan, Jr.
 Mr. Norm L. Zercher