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Dedication



It is with a deep sense of gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that we dedicate this sixth edition of our District 757 History to a very distinguished Rotarian, Hensel Eckman of Pulaski, Virginia. He was born July 16, 1884, and died June 3, 1972.

Following are some of the activities of his varied and illustrious career. Hensel came to Pulaski during his early years. He was a chemist at the Pulaski Iron Company. Taught Chemistry at the Pulaski High School and later served as principal of the school for several years. Was a charter member of the Pulaski Science Club. Served as organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski for over thirty years. Taught the men's Bible class for three decades. Was interested in YMCA work. For his effort in this cause the new YMCA building in Pulaski was named for him. Built and gave to the Presbyterian Home at Wytheville, Virginia, a chapel in living memory to his wife Mary Ella. The Eckmans have also financed the education of several Pulaski young men.

Hensel loved Rotary. He joined the Pulaski Rotary Club in 1921 and served as Club President during the 1930-31 Rotary year. He also held other offices and served on many committees of his local Rotary club. On its 50th Anniversary celebration September 22, 1970, the Pulaski Club honored Hensel by making him a Paul Harris Fellow. Later his Rotary Ann, Mary Ella, received the same award. In 1971 the club presented a 50-year Rotary pin to Hensel.

At the district level in Rotary, he served as district governor during the 1943-44 Rotary year when we were in District 186. For a number of years he was district treasurer, a position he held until 1970. He edited five editions of our district History. These were published in 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965. Much of his material was used in the 1980 edition. Hensel was extremely interested in youth education and the Rotary Foundation program. He and his wife, Mary Ella, willed to the Foundation over a quarter of a million

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dollars. This is reputed to be the largest sum ever given the Rotary Foundation and many young people have benefited from the Eckmans' generosity.

Mary Ella Eckman, a loyal and devoted Rotary Ann, was born August 27, 1888, and died December 2, 1973. It is interesting to note that at the very time of her death in Pulaski, memorial services for her husband, Hensel, were being conducted at the Zone 4 Regional Institute which was in session at Hot Springs, Virginia.

The Eckmans lived bountiful, enjoyable and rewarding lives. They traveled extensively in Europe, South America, Japan, Mexico and Canada. They not only loved Rotary, but they served Rotary—their club, their district, and at the international level. In remembrance, perhaps Matthew 7:16 sums it up best: "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

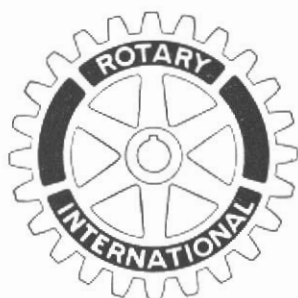
Throughout their lives Hensel and Mary Ella Eckman demonstrated their willingness to share their belief that Rotary's "Service Above Self" is a way of life.

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Map of District

A Map of
District 757
Rotary International
as of January 1, 1980



History of the 757th District Rotary International 1905—1965 Prologue and Club Organization

A History is a story. It should be a true story. With that thought in mind we have assembled the facts herein with as minute accuracy as could be obtained.

In the preface of many high school histories we find such introductory paragraphs as follows: "Nearly 2,000 years ago there was a brave captain whose name was Julius Caesar," or "We do not know when man first came into possession of the earth," or "Far back on the path of time History rises and comes to meet us," or "What memory is to man, history is to the human race," or "It is hard to believe other nations ever produced a line of men as noble, generous, and patriotic as that here catalogued," or "Two things help to determine our lives; one is our heritage from the past—the other is made of the opportunities which come our way." But the one which intrigued me most prefaced an elementary history, the author saying, "I am going to tell you the history of the most wonderful people who ever lived."

"Once upon a time" sixty years ago the first Rotary Club in the world was organized. On February 23, 1905, at the invitation of Paul P. Harris, an attorney, four men met in an office of the Unity Building in Chicago, the other three being Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Gustavus E. Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor. The following day Paul Harris asked Harry Ruggles, a printer, into the proposed club. He, in turn, interested Will Jenson, a real estate man. Schiele was the first president of the first Rotary Club. Paul Harris died January 27, 1947. All have now passed away; Harry Ruggles, the last, December 3, 1957. Max Goldenberg, the last surviving member of the Chicago club of 1905, passed away in 1961. The further history of this pioneer club is enchanting but must be curtailed in this story of the 757th District. The Rotary Club of Chicago was the first club of the first international order of civic clubs in the world.

In 1913, the first Rotary Club in the Rotary district of which we were a part was organized at Richmond, Virginia, the 69th club in Rotary. As Washington is recognized as the father of our country, so the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., may be considered the father of the 757th District, Rotary International, having sponsored Richmond. Roanoke, the oldest club in our present 757th district, was founded by Richmond one year later, in 1914, the 123rd club in Rotary. Moreover, Washington was the parent of both Richmond and Nashville, the two sons whose progeny consists of all the clubs now within the boundaries of the 757th District, except one club, as we shall see later.

History of 757th District—1905-1965 (cont.)

Washington was the son of Minneapolis who had been parented by Chicago, so Roanoke is the great-great-grandson of Chicago.

In due time Richmond also begat Staunton and Covington-Hot Springs, while Nashville begat Johnson City. Johnson City is the next oldest club, after Roanoke, in our district, having been organized October, 1916. Lynchburg was next ushered in by Roanoke in February, 1917. Staunton has in due season assisted with the organization of Harrisonburg and Waynesboro; Johnson City has been responsible for the organization of Elizabethton, Greeneville, and Kingsport. Roanoke has the largest family in the 757th District, having sponsored in addition to Lynchburg, already mentioned, Bristol, Pulaski, Radford, Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Martinsville, Salem, Williamson Road and Rocky Mount. Second honors for parenthood go to Harrisonburg, with four living children—Winchester, Woodstock, Luray and Bridgewater; and Lynchburg with Danville, Lexington, Bedford and Fort Hill. Two clubs in our district were sponsored by clubs outside the confines of the 757th District, other than Roanoke and Johnson City. Amherst in 1939 was sponsored by Blackstone, Va., which in turn was descended from Richmond. Grundy was assisted in its organization by Welch, W. Va., which is the son of Bluefield, which is the son of Huntington, which is the son of Wheeling, which is the son of Pittsburgh, Pa. So Grundy is the only club in the present 757th District not descended from Richmond or Nashville. Stuart, Bassett and Fieldale were organized by Martinsville. Otherwise, no other club in the district has sponsored more than two clubs. South Boston in the neighboring 760th District was organized by Danville.

Although Johnson City was organized before Lynchburg, the latter was chartered three months before Johnson City, as sometimes has happened, due to the rush of new clubs in the hands of the Secretariat. For example, between the organization of Danville in January, 1920, and Staunton in June, 1920, 184 charters were issued to other clubs throughout Rotary International. Johnson City waited almost eight months for its charter and Pulaski four. Likewise, there are other instances of discrepancies between organization date and charter date.

In the earlier days of Rotary, extension was a much simpler matter than today when many other orders of civic clubs have come into existence, and new locations offering opportunities for the establishment of Rotary are at a premium. Big years in extension in our district, although it has changed its bounds and name during the period, were in 1920 with five new clubs organized, five in 1938, and five in 1939. More clubs in this district have been organized in April than in any other month, ten. October comes next with seven, January six, March and November five, February four, May and December three, June and July two each, August one, and September none. In more recent years the assigning of charter numbers has been

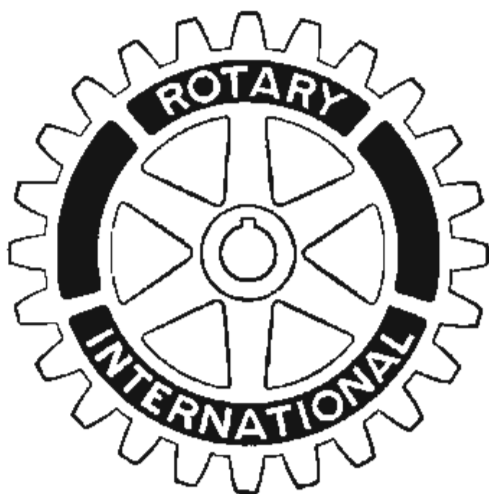
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abandoned completely by the board of directors of Rotary International, since so many clubs, particularly during the last world war, went out of existence, and in the reorganization of many the numbers became confused to such an extent that they possessed no significance. As of November 5, 1965, there were 12,200 clubs in Rotary International, with a membership of 580,000. Our own district, as of the same date shows 48 clubs and 2,593 members.

The first ten clubs in the 757th District in order of their organization, but not in order of charters received, have been Roanoke, Johnson City, Lynchburg, Bristol, Danville, Pulaski, Staunton, Greeneville, Covington-Hot Springs and Harrisonburg. In this list, in addition to the case of Johnson City and Lynchburg, Covington-Hot Springs received its charter before Greeneville, and Staunton before Pulaski. Other instances follow, such as Galax and Bedford, the former having received its charter after the latter but was organized before Bedford. Subsequently to these instances, in busy years of extension, all organization dates and admission dates have been consecutively parallel.

It is interesting though not particularly significant to note that no clubs were organized between 1917 and 1920, none from 1928 to 1933, nor from 1939 to 1941, though every other year except 1915, 1934, 1936, 1942 and 1943 saw at least one new club added to the district. Since then 1946, 1949, 1951 and 1963 have seen Fieldale, Salem, Williamson Road, Rocky Mount and Fort Hill come into the fellowship of our district, making the total of 48 clubs. Our latest club prior to 1965 was Fort Hill, in April 1963.

Note: Williamson Road is now North Roanoke.



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Evans* of Norfolk became the first governor of the 56th District, following Charlie Smith. Charles J. Smith and Joseph A. Turner were both members of the Roanoke Club. In 1926 a large and happy conference was held in Durham, "Gene" Newsom's home town. Many of the delegates brought home cherished souvenirs in the form of copper paper-knives, emblazoned with a blue enameled Rotary seal, which still occupy an uncontested place on their desks. Rotarians at the Petersburg conference in 1923 came home with precious dessert plates adorned with blue and gold bands, a Rotary seal in the center, long to be placed among the treasures of one's dining alcoves. These are among cherished memories of the sociable twenties in our Rotary district.

The boundaries of the 56th District remained intact for ten years. Successive governors were William H. Surber* of Charlottesville, John Weymouth* of Hampton, Julian A. Burruss* of Blacksburg, G. Jeter Jones* of Richmond, Charles K. "Brownie" Brown* of Staunton, Ed R. Johnson* of Roanoke, John E. Martin* of Suffolk, Paul D. Bowden* of Warrenton, William McC. Paxton* of Norfolk, and William A. "Bill" Luke, Jr.* of Covington.

The following year on July 1, 1937, the district became known as the 186th, with Robert C. "Bob" Jennings* of Waynesboro as its first governor. The designated boundaries were that part of Virginia west of the western boundaries of the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Buckingham, Charlotte, and Halifax; and that portion of Tennessee east of the western boundaries of the counties of Hancock, Hawkins, and Greene. Following Robert C. Jennings, subsequent successive governors have been Irvin W. Cubine of Martinsville; Dave Shearer* of Johnson City; Dowell J. Howard* of Winchester; A. Merle Showalter* of Christiansburg; Raymond C. Campbell* of Elizabethton; Hensel Eckman* of Pulaski; and Lynn C. Dickerson of Harrisonburg. In 1944-45 a slight change in boundaries was made in Tennessee: The 186th District would include that part of the state east of the western boundaries of the counties of Sullivan and Greene. The counties of Hancock and Hawkins were transferred to the 678th District. Dickerson was followed in governorship by Curtis V. Bishop* of Danville; Clem D. Johnston* of Roanoke; Devereux D. Rice* of Johnson City. Devereux died in office and his term was filled out by Raymond C. Campbell*. W. R. "Shorty" Smith* of Chatham; George W. Leavell* of Bristol; Felix E. Edmunds of Waynesboro; Ronald S. Wilson* of Winchester and Asa W. Reese* of Radford followed as district governors. Lynn Dickerson was first president of the Radford Club. Reese was followed by Garland K. "Link" Linkous* of Danville; M. Lester Carper* of Martinsville; Percy H. Warren* of Harrisonburg; Daniel E. "Dan" Leatherman* of Winchester; Louis A. Pardue* of Blacksburg; Joel L. Borden* of Bedford; Emmett A. Stover* of Martinsville and Norman V. "Gus" Geyer* of Kingsport. In 1949 our district became the 275th. The boundaries of the district were designated as:

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Tennessee, that portion east of the western boundaries of the counties of Sullivan and Greene; **Virginia**, that portion west of the eastern boundaries of the counties of Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Nelson, Amherst, Campbell and Pittsylvania. There were no further changes when the district became 757 on July 1, 1957. Gus Geyer* was succeeded by Harry Crim* of Strasburg who in turn was followed by John H. Fray* of Marion; John K. Patterson* of Staunton; Yuille Holt, Jr., of Lynchburg; and Lewis O. Barksdale* of Waynesboro.

The 757th District, Rotary International, one of twenty-four comprising Zone IV, is geographically long and fairly narrow, occupying the mountainous and valley sections of the western part of Virginia and eastern Tennessee. Most of the clubs are in towns and cities within or bordering the Shenandoah Valley from Winchester to Roanoke. A line drawn south from Staunton would include Amherst, Lynchburg, Altavista, and Danville, which are the farthest east in that area. Greeneville, Tennessee is the most westerly club in the district. From Roanoke we come to the southwest Virginia section and the Great Smoky Mountain section of Tennessee. Greeneville, Tennessee is the most southerly of our clubs, and Winchester, the most northerly, a total distance of 377 miles between them. Hensel Eckman* visited all of the fifty states and believed there is no more beautiful, beckoning scenery in any state than the land comprising the 757th District. Should we not be worthy of the blessings this land provides?

It may not be generally understood by the average Rotarian that the United States, as of 1965, is distributed into five zones primarily for the nomination of five directors of Rotary International. The boundaries are changed occasionally, such as before the 1943 convention and again in May, 1946. Zone 1 comprises the Pacific and west central states in general, Alaska and Hawaii; Zone 2, the states near the Great Lakes, including North Dakota. Zone 3 is the south central section. Zone 5, New England and most of the North Atlantic states, including eastern Pennsylvania. Our Zone 4 includes all of Maryland, except the west corner, Virginia, West Virginia, the southern half of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Twenty-five districts are components of the 4th Zone. Besides District 757, we are grouped with 403, 671, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 699, 753, 755, 760, 762, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777†. Our nearest neighbor in West Virginia is District 755; the eastern half of Virginia is 760 and in western North Carolina bordering us on the south are Districts 767, and 769; across our boundary in Kentucky is District 674. Directors from various zones mentioned alternate in serving two years. All directors serve two years. The U.S.A. supplies five of the ten directors of Rotary International, an eleventh being the president-elect. These eleven are in addition to the president, three vice presidents, general secretary and treasurer.

† On July 2, 1973, District 755 was placed in Zone 8 and District 760 was brought into Zone 4.

International Officers and Certain Governors prior to 1965

This part of our history fills us with particular pride.

In addition to the district governors mentioned previously, the territory of the 757th District as it now stands has produced three directors of Rotary International; namely, Ed. R. Johnson* of Roanoke, 1936-37; E. W. Palmer* of Kingsport, 1939-40; and Irvin Cubine of Martinsville, 1945-46. Ed. R. Johnson was international vice-president and director in 1933-34, and international president in 1935-36. When the district was known as No. 4, W. E. Morton* of Richmond was director in 1914-15, and when numbered 37, M. Eugene Newsom* of Durham, was director both in 1926-27 and in 1930-31, at the time of which latter date the district was known as 56. "Gene" Newsom was international president in 1929-30.

The following Rotarians served as governors from the 52nd District at a time when that district included some of the territory now in the 757th District. Robert Yost* of Bristol, was governor in 1928-29; E. W. Palmer*, 1930-31, and Clarence P. Daniel* of Bristol, 1936-37. Clarence resigned in January 1937, and his term was filled out by E. W. Palmer so Colonel Palmer was governor twice under different circumstances.

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Rotary's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

If the frontiers of knowledge are in the minds of men, then Rotary's progress continues unabated, onward and upward just as it has done for the past 75 years. 1980 marks the 75th milestone of Rotary since it all began in Chicago back in 1905 with the ideals of Paul Harris serving as the fountain of this gushing river which we call Rotary. The 1980 Convention of Rotary International will be held in Chicago, Illinois June 1-5 where Rotary's 75th Anniversary will be celebrated. Our own William E. Skelton of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg (Night) Club has been selected to serve as Chairman of the 75th Anniversary of Rotary Committee.

At the district level Thomas S. McCallie of the Roanoke, Virginia Club will serve as 75th Anniversary Chairman. Tom states that "In conjunction with other District committees and the stated goals of President Jim Bomar and District Governor Tate Alexander, the 75th Anniversary Committee is emphasizing the following goals and activities for District 757: **1.** A contribution of \$75,000 to the Rotary Foundation through the awarding of Paul Harris Fellows to Rotarians and non-Rotarians who are outstanding citizens in their respective communities. **2.** At least one representative from each club in the District to attend the International Convention in Chicago in June, 1980. **3.** To extend Rotary fellowship to Rotarians outside of the United States by inviting them to visit in our homes either on the way to the International Convention or on their return. I know that contacts are going to be made with some of our new Rotarian friends in Haiti as the result of the project there. **4.** RI 75th Anniversary Publicity Kits have been distributed to each club in the District to assist them in preparing appropriate news releases commemorating the 75th Anniversary. **5.** The theme of the District Conference will be centered around the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Rotary International."

In respect to goals "If we don't know where we are going—any road will take us there!" But this is not Rotary's way. We know where we are going and we have the inherent ability to get there. We will prevail.



Rotary Vital Statistics

As stated in the January 1980 issue of *The Rotarian*, there are 18,374 Rotary clubs with a membership of 853,000 in 154 countries and geographical regions. Also, there are 3,212 Rotaract clubs with a membership of 64,240 in 78 countries and 3,573 Interact clubs with a membership of 78,606 in 73 countries. New Paul Harris Fellows since July 1, 1979: 2,869. Grand total of Paul Harris Fellows: 43,504.

At the district level, as reported in his December 1979 monthly newsletter, Governor Tate Alexander advises that we have 48 active Rotary clubs with an enrollment of 2,855 active members. Roanoke had the largest enrollment with 170 members; Winchester was second with 157; Johnson City was third with 148 and Harrisonburg was fourth with 147.

Our district became District 757 on July 1, 1957.

District conferences started to be held regularly at Hot Springs, Virginia in 1954.

The Rotary Foundation

It was designed to be a memorial to Paul Harris, our Rotary founder and such is our Rotary Foundation Program which augments the international phase of Rotary. "The objective of this Foundation is the furthering of understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the different nations through the fostering of tangible and effective projects of a philanthropic, charitable, educational or other eleemosynary nature." An important segment of the Foundation is providing young people an opportunity to visit and study in a country other than their own. District 757 has now granted forty-five educational awards to worthy students. Ten young men in our district have received group study awards.

More than 15,000 young people have received awards from the Foundation. In 1978-79 the Foundation is spending U.S. \$8.7 million on awards to more than 1,400 young people worldwide. For 1979-81 the trustees of The Rotary Foundation have committed \$22 million to its awards programs. The awards are for undergraduate and graduate students, teachers of the handicapped, young people in technical training programs, journalists, and for exchange of groups of young business and professional men for study and travel abroad. The Rotary Foundation is supported by voluntary contributions of Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians.

District Rotary Foundation Educational Awards Program

Perhaps no other phase of Rotary brings more genuine satisfaction to Rotarians than does the Foundation Educational Awards Program. Our district's voluntary contribution of \$570,181.46 as of August 23, 1979, has enabled forty-five students to study abroad in a country other than their own. In addition to these, our district has also sponsored other types of foundation award winners. A list of our educational award participants of District 757 together with other pertinent data follows:

Type of Award	Year	Awardee's Name	Sponsoring Club	Institution of Study
GF	1950-51	John O. Barksdale	Waynesboro, Virginia	Cambridge University Cambridge, England
GF	1951-52	John R. Roberson	Roanoke, Virginia	University of Grenoble Grenoble, France
GF	1952-53	Alex Haller, Jr.	Pulaski, Virginia	University of Zurich Zurich, Switzerland
GF	1954-55	Roy C. Herrenkohl, Jr.	Roanoke, Virginia	University of Reading Reading, England
GF	1956-57	Jane Kirkpatrick (Mrs. Fred Kissling)	Kingsport, Tennessee	University College of South Wales & Monmouthshire Cardiff, Wales
GF	1958-59	Park P. Dickerson	Harrisonburg, Virginia	University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa
GF	1960-61	Virginia W. Price (Mrs. E. F. Barber)	Galax, Virginia	University of Strasbourg Strasbourg, France
GF	1962-63	Gayle A. Henrotte	Martinsville, Virginia	University of Vienna Vienna, Austria
GF	1964-65	Richard W. Bourne (returned home early)	Danville, Virginia	University of Cape Town Cape Town, South Africa

GF	1966-67	Malcolm Scott Wine	Waynesboro, Virginia	University of Aix-Marseille Aix-Marseille, France
GF	1968-69	Joyce M. Rice	Winchester, Virginia	University of Messina Messina, Italy
US	1969-70	Donald Eugene Ward	Martinsville, Virginia	Hokkaido University Sapporo, Japan
GF	1970-71	Florence J. Wofford (Mrs. Donald Liddell)	Johnson City, Tennessee	University of Grenoble Grenoble, France
GF	1971-72	Posey Darrell Jones	Chatham, Virginia	Massey University, Palmerston, New Zealand
GF	1971-72	Mason Harden Lacy, Jr.	Wytheville, Virginia	Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
GF	1972-73	Wesley O. McCready	Marion, Virginia	Eindhoven University of Technology Eindhoven, The Netherlands
GF	1972-73	Marsha E. Raulston	Kingsport, Tennessee	University of Nottingham Nottingham, England
GF	1973-74	Margaret Lee Meriwether	Front Royal, Virginia	American University in Cairo Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt
GF	1973-74	Roberta Dianne Toney	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va.	University of Aberdeen Aberdeen, Scotland
GF	1974-75	Yvon Francois Pierre	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va.	University of Aix-Marseille Aix-Marseille, France

Type of Award: GF—Graduate Fellow
US—Undergraduate Scholar

District Rotary Foundation Educational Awards Program (cont.)

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GF	1974-75	Suzanne Romaine	Johnson City, Tenn.	University of Edinburgh Edinburgh, Scotland
GF	1975-76	Mary C. Harper	Winchester, Virginia	Universite de Nice, Nice, France
GF	1975-76	William L. Taylor, Jr.	Danville, Virginia	University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland
GF	1976-77	Mary Alice Garber	Staunton, Virginia	University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England
US	1976-77	Amy Jo McConkey	Roanoke, Virginia	University of Leeds, Leeds, England
GF	1977-78	Nancy Delma Carter	Kingsport, Tennessee	Universite de Caen, Caen, France
GF	1977-78	Rebecca Copeland	N. Johnson City, Tenn.	University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England
GF	1977-78	Joseph Saunders, Jr.	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va.	Heriott-Watts University Edinburgh, Scotland
GF	1977-78	Lauve Steenhuisen	Salem, Virginia	University of Durham, Durham, England
TH	1977-78	Cynthia Jean Dropp	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va.	University of Aston Birmingham, England
GF	1977-78	Caren Lee Keating	Winchester, Virginia	Hochschule fur Musik und Darstellende Kunst Salzburg, Austria
GF	1978-79	William Christopher Doss	Stuart, Virginia	Universitet i Oslo Oslo, Norway
GF	1978-79	Barbara Prince Clark (Alternate)	Amherst, Virginia	University of Surrey Guildford, Surrey, England

GF	1978-79	Jonathan Alan May	Harrisonburg, Va.	Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand
US	1978-79	Harry A. Shannon, III	Roanoke, Virginia	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany
GF	1978-79	James Gibbons Sheridan (Terminated Early)	Lexington, Virginia	University of Frankfurt Frankfurt, Germany
GF	1977-78	Delma Ann Iles (Studied in '78-79)	Kingsport, Tennessee	New York University in Paris Paris, France
GF	1979-80	Louisa S. Dixon (Alternate)	Staunton, Virginia	Universite de Nice Nice, France
GF	1979-80	Margaret F. Laurent	Amherst, Virginia	Universita Degli Studi, Padua, Italy
GF	1979-80	Mary E. Randolph	North Roanoke, Va.	Konservatorium der Stadt Innsbruck Innsbruck, Austria
JA	1979-80	Joseph O. Thompson	Johnson City, Tenn.	University College, Cardiff, Cardiff, Wales
GF	1980-81	Richard G. Bird, II	Lexington, Virginia	Rheinische Friedrich-Universität Bonn Bonn, Germany
GF	1980-81	Elwood F. Holton, III	Christiansburg-Blacks- burg, Va. (Noon)	Universidad de Sevilla Sevilla, Spain
GF	1980-81	Liesa Jo Moore	Abingdon, Virginia	Universidad de Besancon, Besancon, France
JA	1980-81	Roger P. Wells	Buchanan, Virginia	University College, Cardiff, Cardiff, Wales

Type of Award: GF—Graduate Fellow

US—Undergraduate Scholar

TH—Teacher of the Handicapped

JA—Journalism

District Paul Harris Fellows

Since the inception of this Foundation program as of August 23, 1979, District 757 has contributed \$570,181.46 to the Rotary Foundation. As of March 15, 1979, the District had 173 Paul Harris Fellows who drew contributions of \$173,000.00. No records have been located which would designate our first scholarship recipients or who our first Paul Harris Fellow was. Certainly our Past District Governor for 1942-43, Raymond C. Campbell* of the Elizabethton, Tennessee Club, would rank near, if not the first, on our list of Paul Harris Fellows.

Several outstanding events have been conducted in District 757 which featured the awarding of Paul Harris Fellows. At Roanoke, Virginia on May 12, 1977, R. I. President for 1976-77 Robert A. Manchester II handed out twenty-six Paul Harris Fellow awards. Another first was achieved in our District when a Paul Harris Fellows luncheon was staged on March 24, 1979, during our District Conference at Hot Springs under the able leadership of Governor Allan Kelly. A. Douglas Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Rotary Foundation of R. I. was the featured speaker for this occasion. Fifty-three new Paul Harris Fellows were recognized at this time. All were recruited between July 1, 1978, and March 15, 1979. Accolades must be awarded to our greatest Paul Harris Fellow enthusiast, Reid Jones, Jr. of the Roanoke Rotary Club who has been responsible for promoting and securing the most Paul Harris Fellows during the history of our district.

At the end of 1971 District 757 had recognized a dozen Paul Harris Fellows. These, our first twelve, in alphabetical order with their sponsoring clubs, are as follows:

Raymond C. Campbell*	Elizabethton, Tennessee
Hensel Eckman*	Pulaski, Virginia
Cornelius Garretson	Roanoke, Virginia
Quincy D. Gasque	Front Royal, Virginia
Felix Guenther*	Kingsport, Tennessee
Yuille Holt, Jr.	Lynchburg, Virginia
Michael S. Kipps	Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Virginia
Daniel E. Leatherman*	Winchester, Virginia
Fred D. Maphis*	Strasburg, Virginia
John K. Patterson*	Staunton, Virginia
Potter A. Richards*	North Roanoke, Virginia
William E. Skelton	Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Virginia

World Community Service

"World Community Service is a program in which a Rotary Club or District in one country sends aid to a Rotary Club in another country to accomplish a needed project that will help raise the standard of living and to increase international understanding between the two communities." Throughout the history of our district many successful world community projects have been conducted both at the club and district levels. Several district projects which exemplify this type of Rotary service, but by no means are exclusive of other worthwhile activities, follow:

The Taipei Hospital Project

During the Rotary year of 1968-69, under the leadership of District Governor Raymon Tamkin, District 757 donated enough money through a World Community Service project to build and equip a room in the Municipal Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan.

The Korea Leprosy Project

The Korea Leprosy Project began July 1, 1973, and ended June 30, 1976, under the capable leadership of District Chairman Dale V. Ulrich of the Bridgewater Club, ably assisted by Winston Weaver Senior and Junior of the Harrisonburg Club together with other interested Rotarians throughout Rotary District 757.

During the search for a worthwhile project it was found that in Korea Dr. Joon Leu, a medical doctor and biochemist of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Korea, Seoul, Korea, had devoted his life to fighting leprosy. In spite of Dr. Leu's scientific advances, many Korean victims of leprosy are not accepted by their families and must live in special villages which are set aside for them.

One of these villages, located near Seoul, Korea, called Duong Jin Resettlement Village was in need of a shelter which would protect the village well from contamination and afford the villagers year round protection from the weather while doing their laundry. After the shelter was built it was found that an electric pump was also needed to relieve the villagers from what to them is a painful process of drawing water from the well with a rope and pulley. The Rotary Club of Soo Won City, located about five miles from the village was also consulted and involved in this project.

After a proper orientation period, using slides, publicity and other appeals to Rotarians, our District 757 goal for this project was over-subscribed. Seventeen of our District clubs responded to the appeal and contributed \$2,000 which was sent through Rotary International to Korea, thus making this World Community Service district project a reality. Much needed aid and relief were brought to a group of suffering people. This gesture proved to them that someone was concerned about their plight. They now have their well, their electric pump and laundry building, thanks to the response of District 757.

The Reach Out to Haiti Project

At the 1979 District Conference, District 757 adopted a project known as "Reach Out to Haiti" in response to the theme of President Clem Renouf, "Reach Out." In its early stage the Haiti Project involved sending teams of Rotarians and non-Rotarians to Haiti to work in various areas where they were needed. The majority of the teams were made up of medical doctors and dentists who worked in Clinics throughout the Island. These teams traveled to Haiti for periods of one or two weeks at their own expense. The team members returned with enthusiasm for the Project.

A few weeks after adoption by District 757, the Haiti Project was also adopted as an official project of District 760 with the purpose of constructing a Clinic in St. Marc, Haiti, which would provide medical facilities, office, and dormitory space for Rotarian teams. PDG Allan Kelly of District 757 was appointed the first inter-district co-ordinator of the Haiti Project.

Allan reports that the project has inspired a generous response from both District 757 and 760 Rotarians. Their personal involvement continues to be one of the most significant features of this project. Clubs are encouraged to assist with the travel expenses of some members who are contributing both time and energy to the project. Clubs are also being encouraged to involve as many members as possible in locating equipment which may be needed in the Rotary Center building or the vocational school. We are also utilizing the talents and ideas of club members in determining ways in which we might provide a market for the products of the factory operation. The medical service, already rendered by dedicated Rotarians, will long be remembered by both youth and adults of this stricken island country. The project has just begun to roll and is gaining additional momentum each month. Here indeed are shining examples of Rotarians exemplifying their motto of "Service Above Self." More will be heard about this activity with its many and varied accomplishments in future years.

On November 1, 1979, the project received a \$20,000.00 special grant from the Rotary Foundation, to be matched by donations from Rotarians in District 757 and 760 and the Rotarians of Haiti. The special grant is designed to permit the completion of the construction of the Clinic in St. Marc. This grant recognized the importance of the Haiti Project and the progress to date for the significant program begun by PDG Allan Kelly, and it is under his direction that the project is being conducted. In Mid-November of 1979 Governor Allan completed the administrative arrangements for transferring funds through the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince for disbursement in connection with the project. As of late November, 1979, Clubs in both Districts have begun to pledge themselves 100% to the financial support of the project. More will be heard about this activity with its many and varied accomplishments in the future years. This project has generated attention and favorable comment throughout our Rotary world.

Significant Highlights of The Past Fifteen Years

Each District Governor possesses many fond memories of friends made and accomplishments achieved during his term of office as he met people, attended meetings and traveled throughout District 757. Some of these milestones and progressive efforts are related as follows:



1966-67—Glover M. Trent, Roanoke, Virginia

The greatest interest was directed toward troubled clubs, new members, better attendance, and at least one new project. The establishment of the College of Governors. Three new Interact clubs were organized. In November of 1966 Luray sponsored the first Interact District Conference in the district. Sam Price of the Luray Interact Club was elected our district's first Interact District Governor.

1967-68—Carl A. Jones, Johnson City, Tennessee

During my term of office the spade work was completed for the chartering of the North Johnson City, Tennessee Rotary Club. I consider laying the background for the formation of this club the most significant accomplishment during my term as District Governor. My club, Johnson City, served as sponsor.



North Johnson City was the first new club organized in the district since Fort Hill in 1963. Formation of this club encouraged me to see if a club could be started in Norton, Virginia and to provide aid to help strengthen a couple of existing clubs; namely, Gate City and Shenandoah-Elkton.

Another accomplishment was a personal one to me. During my official visit to Fieldale I locked my car keys in my car. The county sheriff, whom I attempted to locate for assistance, had been to the Rotary meeting but left early on a call. Thus, I was late for my next official visit at Winchester later that day.

I remember the late PDG Dan Leatherman shaking his finger at me and admonishing: "Young man, I was never late for any of my official visits, luncheons or appointments. You shouldn't be either. You've inconvenienced us all!"

My district conference that year fulfilled a promise I made to have the plenary session start and stop on time and be full of good meat and potatoes Rotary Bill Norton and my Rotary Ann, Kathryn, piloted it through for me.



1968-69—Raymon W. Tamkin, Strasburg, Virginia

The North Johnson City, Tennessee Rotary Club was chartered on February 25, 1969. Rotarians of the district donated enough money through a World Community Service Project to build and equip a room in the Municipal Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan.

“Participate” was the theme for the year. This was stressed at both the District Conference and Assembly. Five major goals were set up for the year. These were as follows: Increase membership, organize a new club, adopt a world community service project, increase district funds for the Rotary Foundation, and increase the average club attendance percentage. All of these goals were satisfactorily met.

1969-70—William E. Skelton, Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Va. (night)

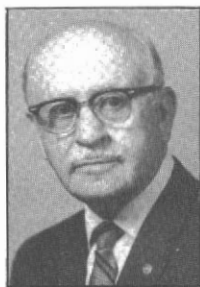


District raised \$33,129.00 for the Camille Hurricane Disaster Fund to aid flood victims in Amherst and Nelson Counties in Virginia.

Forty-seven out of 48 clubs attended District Conference with an attendance of 702. This is the best record of attendance which we have had at our District Conference. District Assembly at Natural Bridge June 16, 1970, highest attendance on record.

1970-71—Q. Damon Gasque, Front Royal, Virginia

District 757 raised \$2,000.00 by voluntary contributions from twenty-eight clubs to aid victims of an earthquake which occurred in Peru. The funds were funneled through PDG Luis V. Altuma of District 446, Piura, Peru.



Five clubs in District 757 celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries. These were Covington-Hot Springs, Greeneville, Pulaski, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. All received their charters in 1920. On December 4, 1970, the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Club sponsored an inter-club meeting at Blacksburg with R.I. Director Pratt Secrest as the featured speaker.

In 1971 District 757 voted to participate in the Group Study Plan.

In May 1971 The Elizabethton, Tennessee Club established a scholarship in memory of PDG Raymond C. Campbell who died August 16, 1970. He was also designated a Paul Harris Fellow.



1971-72—Ralph P. Grant, Kingsport, Tennessee

Started activity to establish a Group Study program for our district. Contacts were made with District 270 in Australia to initiate such a program.

Governors of neighboring districts were invited to attend or send representatives to our conference at Hot Springs, Virginia. Response was good. Rotary as an instrument for world-wide peace was stressed during the District Conference by speakers such as Dr. Ben F. Haden of Chattanooga, Tennessee.



1972-73—Melvin O. Wiggins, Staunton, Virginia

Contributions of \$1,147.00 from clubs of the district to the Rotary Club of Managua, Nicaragua for the Earthquake Relief Fund.

Scheduled four former Rotary Foundation Fellows to speak to Rotary Clubs throughout the district.

Inaugurated the first Group Study Exchange program in the district. On March 9, 1973, a Group Study Exchange team from District 270 in Australia under the leadership of John Clough arrived in Winchester, Virginia. This team toured our district six weeks and participated in the District Conference at Hot Springs. They departed on May 9, 1973. The following year a District 757 team of five young men and the Governor's representative visited Australia.

1973-74—J. Carl Coiner, Woodstock, Virginia

While visiting the forty-eight clubs, inspected all outdoor Rotary signs. Urged some clubs to repair their signs and others who did not have signs, to consider this as a club project.

Sent our first Group Study team to District 270 in Australia.



The Lexington, Virginia Interact was awarded the Governor's trophy as the Champion Interact Club of the district for 1973-74.

Appointed District Treasurer to serve as Conference Treasurer.

Established a visual aid library for clubs to draw Rotary films and slides for programs.

Served as host for the Zone IV Regional Institute at Hot Springs, Virginia November 29-December 2, 1973.

1974-75—William R. Reid, Roanoke, Virginia



The three W's—Waynesboro, Woodstock and Wytheville—celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries.

The year was started with the Governor's statement "Gentlemen, start your motors."

A new book entitled *The World of Rotary* went on sale in February 1975.

PDG Glover M. Trent of Roanoke, Virginia was elected to membership on the Nominating Committee for Director in Zone IV.

One hundred thirty-three enthusiastic Rotarians representing 45 of 47 clubs attended the District Assembly at Blacksburg May 12, 1975.

R.I. President William R. Robbins' theme "Renew the Spirit of Rotary—Rotary Power" was stressed during the year.

President-elect Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello was the R.I. President's personal representative at the District Conference March 24-26, 1975, at Hot Springs, Virginia. Also in attendance were: President-elect Bob Manchester, George Uhlig, First Vice-President of R.I. 1973-74; Past R.I. Directors Charles Miller and James E. Lambeth.

1975-76—William I. Norton, Johnson City, Tennessee



The first edition of a Manual of Procedure for the district was prepared during 1975 and distributed throughout the district.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation from the district were at an all time high, thanks to a bequest from Hensel and Mary Ella Eckman of the Pulaski, Virginia Club. This is reputed to be the largest contribution received during the Foundation's history.

We also had five young people receiving Rotary Foundation Educational awards which is also a high for our district.



1976-77—Archie E. Cromer, Jr., Christiansburg, Va.

Over \$3,300.00 contributed by Rotarians to the Grundy Flood Disaster Fund.

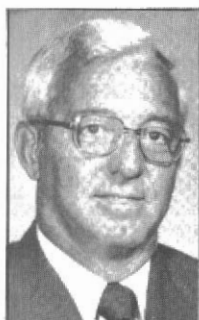
On May 12, 1977, an Inter-City Presidential Banquet was held in Roanoke, Virginia where R.I. President Robert A. Manchester II awarded 26 Paul Harris Fellowships.

W. E. Skelton was selected a Director of R.I. for the 1976-78 term.

District 757 was matched with District 380 in Luzon, Philippines.

During the Rotary year, R.I. President Manchester was present at the District Conference, the District Assembly and the Presidential Paul Harris Fellows Banquet, stressing his theme of the year, "I Believe In Rotary—I Believe In Service."

Plans were laid for the Group Study Exchange program with District 234 in Sweden.



1977-78—Sidney D. Mason, Rocky Mount, Virginia

Sent a Group Study Exchange team to District 234 in Sweden.

District 757 reached the 400% plateau in contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Laid the foundation and started an International Youth Exchange Program.

Conducted the first joint District Conference between Districts 757 and 760 at Hot Springs, Virginia, March 17-19, 1978.

Two District Assemblies were held instead of one, in an attempt to increase attendance. These were held at Marion and Harrisonburg.

A one-day district training meeting for incoming presidents was conducted at Blacksburg prior to the District Assembly.

The number of groups in the district was increased from seven to twelve. A new detailed job description was prepared for the twelve group representatives assigning considerable responsibility to the position.



1978-79—F. Allan Kelly, Kingsport, Tennessee

Received a Group Study Exchange team from District 234 in Sweden.

Strong district support of the Rotary Foundation program, highlighted by the Paul Harris Fellows program. \$70,000.00 was contributed to the Foundation and more than sixty Paul Harris Fellows were named. Both of these totals more than doubled over previous records.

Our first Paul Harris Fellow luncheon was held during the District Conference at Hot Springs, Virginia on March 24, 1979.

The "Reach Out To Haiti" program was started which provides lasting benefits to people in that impoverished land. The Haiti Project, which is covered elsewhere in this history, represents international co-operation among Rotarians at its highest level.

A new club, Christiansburg-Blacksburg (Noon) Club, was chartered on February 15, 1979.



1979-80—R. Tate Alexander, Lexington, Virginia

Planning to send a Group Study Exchange team to District 234 in Sweden.

Updating District History from 1965 to 1980.

Updating District 757 Bylaws.

Continuation of "Reach Out To Haiti" project.

Observance of the 75th Anniversary of Rotary in all clubs during 1980.

Matched with District 452 in Brazil.

Randy Harrison of the Lexington, Virginia Club and Roy Hendrickson, District World Community Chairman of the Salem, Virginia Club will coordinate this exciting program.

R. I. Dignitaries Visiting District 757

District 757 is regarded throughout the Rotary world as an enthusiastic, vibrant and service-laden district. Some of this enthusiasm has been generated by outstanding R. I. personalities who have favored us with visits to our district. Each, in his own personal way, left lasting impressions upon the lives of Rotarians with whom they associated. Our district has prospered as a result of these visits.

Representative of those visiting our district are the following:

To lead off our list, let us begin with one of our own who occupied the highest office that Rotary has to offer. Edward R. Johnson of the Roanoke, Virginia Rotary Club served as Rotary International President during the 1935-36 Rotary year. Ed, as he was fondly known, was born in Aurora, Illinois September 10, 1882. Joined the Roanoke Club March 24, 1920. Was club president for the 1927-28 term. Served as district governor during 1932-33. Became first vice-president and director of Rotary International for 1933-34. Was elected President of R. I. during the Mexico City convention in 1935. Served with distinction as president for 1935-36. He died at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on April 12, 1960.

James F. Conway—R. I. President for 1969-70, was one of many R. I. dignitaries to visit our District 757. Among others who favored us with one or more visits were:

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| December 4, 1970 | Pratt Secret—R. I. Director—Inter-club meeting at Blacksburg, Virginia. |
| June 25-26, 1973 | Roy D. Hickman—R. I. President 1972-73—District Assembly and Inter-club meeting, Blacksburg, Virginia. |
| November 29-
December 2, 1973 | Zone IV Regional Institute—Hot Springs, Va.—
William R. Robbins—President Elect—R. I. President 1974-75
James L. Bomar, Jr.—R.I. Director—President 1979-80
Harry A. Stewart—R.I. General Sec. 1972-78
James E. Lambeth, jr.—R. I. Director 1972-74
Luther H. Hodges—R. I. President 1967-68 |
| March 20-22, 1975 | Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello—R.I. President-elect-1974-75; President 1975-76—District Conference—Hot Springs, Virginia |
| March 20-22, 1975 | Robert A. Manchester II—R.I. President 1976-77
District Conference—Hot Springs—as President Elect |
| March 12, 1977 | Awarding 26 Paul Harris Fellowships—Roanoke, Virginia—Inter-club meeting. |

- February 15, 1979 Herbert G. Brown—R.I. Director—Christiansburg-Blacksburg (Noon) Club Charter Night.
- March 24, 1979 A. Douglas Smith—Assistant Secretary, Rotary Foundation, R.I., addressed Paul Harris Fellows luncheon and awarded Paul Harris Fellowships, bringing the total for the year to 53.
- September 5, 1979 James L. Bomar, Jr.—President R.I., addressed a joint meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Christiansburg/Blacksburg and Christiansburg/Blacksburg (noon) to which the Presidents of Clubs in the District had been invited. More than 200 people were present for this gala event at which several Paul Harris Fellowships were presented.

Joint Meetings with District 760

- March 27, 1974 William C. Carter—R.I. President—Charlottesville, Virginia
- November 3-6, 1979 Zones 4 and 10 Regional Institute—Williamsburg, Virginia

The Institute was the largest ever held in Zones 4 and 10 with more than 300 persons in attendance. It featured addresses by R.I. President Jim Bomar and President-elect Rolf Klarich. Also attending were Past Presidents Roy Hickman and Bill Robbins.

The Institute was convened by Herbert G. Brown, R.I. Director, under the chairmanship of Director-Nominee Bill Sergeant, and co-hosted by Governor Tate Alexander. A number of Past Governors of District 757 served on Institute Committees, including Past R.I. Director William E. Skelton who served as Senior Institute Advisor; Archie E. Cromer, Jr., Treasurer; Allan Kelly, Chairman of the Proceedings Committee; Glover Trent, Aide to the President; and Ralph Grant, Sid Mason, and Damon Gasque as members of various committees. In addition, Peggy Skelton assisted with arrangements and hospitality for the Institute.

Note: Not included are the personal representatives of the R.I. President at our District Conferences. They may be listed if they attended the Conference in other capacities.

R.I. Zone 4 Regional Institute—1973

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," Proverbs 20:27. Thus quoted Zane M. Moore of Charlotte, N.C., District 767 Governor 1975-76, as he delivered an impressive memorial ceremony message which concluded a very successful R.I. Zone 4 Regional Institute. District 757 was privileged to host this Institute at The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia November 29-December 2, 1973. R.I. Director James E. Lambeth, Jr., and his Rotary Ann Kay of Thomasville, North Carolina pulled out all the stops to make this an outstanding Institute. Those present had an opportunity to meet outstanding Rotary personalities and hear inspiring addresses.

Among those present were: William R. Robbins, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, President-Elect of R. I. 1974-75; Harry A. Stewart, Evanston, Illinois, General Secretary of R. I.; James L. Bomar, Jr., Shelbyville, Tennessee, R.I. Director Nominee and President of R. I. for the 1979-80 Rotary year; Vic Bracher, Houston, Texas, President, International Association of Flying Rotarians; Dr. Tom Haggai, High Point, North Carolina, an outstanding speaker; Armistead I. Selden, Jr., Fort Myers, Florida, former Assistant Secretary of Defense; Song Leader Roland Cumberland of Marlow Heights, Maryland; Past R. I. Presidents Clifford A. Randall, Delray Beach Florida; Roy D. Hickman, Birmingham, Alabama, and Luther H. Hodges, Raleigh, North Carolina, Past R. I. Vice President; Claude W. Woodward, Richmond, Virginia; William E. Skelton, Blacksburg, Virginia, R. I. Vice President 1977-78; District Governors, District Governor Nominees, Past District Governors, their Rotary Anns, and many others.

Tom Duncan Reed of Springfield, Kentucky served as chairman of the Institute. Saturday evening was shared with Rotarians and Rotary Anns of the Covington-Hot Springs Rotary club during their regular Ladies' Night meeting at The Homestead.

From the Twelve states in Zone 4 and Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, and from Texas, Missouri, California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and many other states they came . . . over 250 strong. It was good to have all of these distinguished people visit our district. For District 757 this was an inspirational, informative, entertaining and memorable occasion, just as R.I. Director James E. Lambeth, Jr promised it would be.



Club Statistics

Charter Number	Club	Date of Organization	Date of Admission	Sponsor
123	Roanoke, Va.	1914, April 17	1914, June 1	Richmond
298	Johnson City, Tenn	1916, Oct. 20	1917, June 1	Nashville
280	Lynchburg, Va.	1917, Feb. 3	1917, March 1	Roanoke
328	Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	1917, Aug. 13	1917, Oct. 1	Roanoke
611	Danville, Va.	1920, Jan. 20	1920, Feb. 1	Lynchburg
765	Pulaski, Va.	1920, May 1	1920, Sept. 1	Roanoke
759	Staunton, Va.	1920, June 11	1920, Aug. 1	Richmond
797	Greeneville, Tenn.	1920, Oct. 12	1920, Dec. 1	Johnson City
793	Covington- Hot Springs, Va.	1920, Nov. 12	1920, Dec. 1	Richmond
890	Harrisonburg, Va.	1921, Mar. 21	1921, Apr. 1	Staunton
1012	Winchester, Va.	1921, Oct. 13	1921, Nov. 1	Harrisonburg
1062	Lexington, Va.	1921, Nov. 1	1922, Feb. 1	Lynchburg
1191	Buena Vista, Va.	1922, Apr. 28	1922, May 1	Lexington
1377	Radford, Va.	1923, Jan. 26	1923, Mar. 14	Roanoke
1410	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va. (Night)	1923, Apr. 9	1923, Apr. 23	Roanoke
1547	Kingsport, Tenn.	1923, Oct. 17	1923, Nov. 6	Johnson City
1558	Abingdon, Va.	1923, Oct. 18	1923, Nov. 23	Bristol
1785	Galax, Va.	1924, Apr. 21	1924, May 24	Pulaski
1761	Bedford, Va.	1924, Apr. 29	1924, May 10	Lynchburg
1892	Waynesboro, Va.	1924, Dec. 12	1925, Jan 20	Staunton
1888	Wytheville, Va.	1924, Dec 31	1925, Jan. 15	Pulaski
1918	Woodstock, Va.	1925, Jan 28	1925, Feb. 20	Harrisonburg
2242	Elizabethton, Tenn.	1926, Jan 19	1926, Feb. 6	Johnson City
2266	Luray, Va.	1926, Jan. 25	1926, Mar. 4	Harrisonburg
2329	Front Royal, Va.	1926, Mar. 30	1926, Apr. 16	Winchester
2531	New Market, Va.	1927, Mar. 17	1927, Apr. 3	Woodstock
2595	Tazewell, Va.	1927, Apr. 12	1927, May 21	Abingdon
2851	Marion, Va.	1928, Apr. 3	1928, Apr. 24	Abingdon
2903	Martinsville, Va.	1928, May 2	1928, June 8	Roanoke
576	Strasburg, Va.	1933, Apr. 21	1933, May 11	Winchester
3783	Richlands, Va.	1935, Mar. 5	1935, Mar. 27	Tazewell
4755	Bridgewater, Va.	1938, May 26	1938, June 13	Harrisonburg
4808	Hillsville, Va.	1938, July 21	1938, Aug. 8	Galax
4859	Mountain City, Tenn.	1938, Oct. 17	1938, Oct. 24	Elizabethton

Charter Number	Club	Date of Organization	Date Of Admission	Sponsor
4873	Buchanan, Va.	1938, Oct. 28	1938, Nov. 7	Lexington
4886	Stuart, Va.	1938, Nov. 2	1938, Nov. 21	Martinsville
4975	Chatham, Va.	1939, Mar. 2	1939, Mar. 15	Danville
5005	Altavista, Va.	1939, Apr. 6	1939, Apr. 11	Lynchburg
5021	Amherst, Va.	1939, Apr. 17	1939, May 1	Blackstone
5461	Grundy, Va.	1941, Dec. 8	1942, Jan. 5	Welch, W. Va.
5575	Bassett, Va.	1943, Jan. 7	1943, Jan. 14	Martinsville
6191	Fieldale, Va.	1946, Feb. 11	1946, Feb 25	Martinsville
7399	Salem, Va.	1949, Nov. 11	1949, Dec. 5	Roanoke
7401	Williamson Road, Roanoke, Va.	1949, Nov. 17	1949, Dec. 5	Roanoke
None	Rocky Mount, Va.	1951, July 9	1951, Aug. 9	Roanoke
None	Fort Hill, Lynchburg, Va.	1963, Feb. 27	1963, Apr. 8	Lynchburg
None	North Johnson City, Tenn.	1968, Dec. 9	1969, Feb. 25	Johnson City
None	Christiansburg- Blacksburg, Va. (Noon)	1979, Jan 25	1979, Feb 15	Christiansburg- Blacksburg (Night)

*Note: R.I. has discontinued and no longer issues club charter numbers.
The Williamson Road Club is now called North Roanoke.
The Rotary Clubs of Mt. Jackson, Va., Shenandoah-Elkton, Va., and
Gate City, Va. no longer exist as they surrendered their charters
primarily because of food catering difficulties.*

Past District Governors

Year	Name	Residence	District
1915-16	David P. Sites*	Roanoke, Virginia	4th
1916-18	Thomas B. McAdams*	Richmond, Virginia	4th
1918-19	Howard E. Rondthaler*	Winston-Salem, N.C.	7th
1919-20	Rogers W. Davis*	Charlotte, N. C.	7th
1920-21	Lewis W. Perrin*	Spartanburg, S. C.	7th
1921-22	Joseph A. Turner*	Hollins, Virginia	7th
1922-23	Roger Moore*	Wilmington, N.C.	37th
1923-24	G. Franklin Lenz*	Newport News, Virginia	37th
1924-25	M. Eugene Newsom*	Durham, N.C.	37th
1925-26	Charles J. Smith*	Salem, Virginia	37th
1926-27	Frank W. Evans*	Norfolk, Virginia	56th
1927-28	Will H. Surber*	Charlottesville, Virginia	56th
1928-29	John Weymouth*	Hampton, Virginia	56th
1929-30	Julian A. Burruss*	Blacksburg, Virginia	56th
1930-31	G. Jeter Jones*	Richmond, Virginia	56th
1931-32	Charles K. Brown*	Staunton, Virginia	56th
1932-33	Edward R. Johnson*	Roanoke, Virginia	56th
1933-34	John E. Martin*	Suffolk, Virginia	56th
1934-35	Paul D. Bowden*	Warrenton, Virginia	56th
1935-36	William Paxton*	Norfolk, Virginia	56th
1936-37	William A. Luke, Jr.*	Covington, Virginia	56th
1937-38	Robert C. Jennings*	Waynesboro, Virginia	186th
1938-39	Irvin W. Cubine	Martinsville, Virginia	186th
1939-40	Dave Shearer*	Johnson City, Tennessee	186th
1940-41	Dowell J. Howard*	Winchester, Virginia	186th
1941-42	A. Merle Showalter*	Christiansburg, Virginia	186th
1942-43	Raymond C. Campbell*	Elizabethton, Tennessee	186th
1943-44	Hensel Eckman*	Pulaski, Virginia	186th
1944-45	Lynn C. Dickerson	Harrisonburg, Virginia	186th
1945-46	Curtis V. Bishop*	Danville, Virginia	186th
1946-47	Clem D. Johnston*	Roanoke, Virginia	186th
1947-48	Devereux D. Rice*	Johnson City, Tennessee	186th
1948-49	W. R. Smith, Jr.*	Chatham, Virginia	186th
1949-50	George W. Leavell*	Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee	275th
1950-51	Felix E. Edmunds	Waynesboro, Virginia	275th
1951-52	Ronald S. Wilson*	Winchester, Virginia	275th
1952-53	Asa W. Reese*	Radford, Virginia	275th
1953-54	Garland K. Linkous*	Danville, Virginia	275th
1954-55	M. Lester Carper*	Martinsville, Virginia	275th
1955-56	Percy H. Warren*	Harrisonburg, Virginia	275th
1956-57	Daniel E. Leatherman*	Winchester, Virginia	275th
1957-58	Louis A. Pardue*	Blacksburg, Virginia	757th
1958-59	Joel L. Borden*	Bedford, Virginia	757th

Year	Name	Residence	District
1959-60	Emmett A. Stover*	Martinsville, Virginia	757th
1960-61	Norman V. Geyer*	Kingsport, Tennessee	757th
1961-62	Harry Crim*	Strasburg, Virginia	757th
1962-63	John H. Fray*	Marion, Virginia	757th
1963-64	John K. Patterson*	Staunton, Virginia	757th
1964-65	Yuille Holt, Jr.	Lynchburg, Virginia	757th
1965-66	Lewis O. Barksdale*	Waynesboro, Virginia	757th
1966-67	Glover M. Trent	Roanoke, Virginia	757th
1967-68	Carl A. Jones	Johnson City, Tennessee	757th
1968-69	Raymon W. Tamkin	Strasburg, Virginia	757th
1969-70	William E. Skelton	Blacksburg, Virginia	757th
1970-71	Q. Damon Gasque	Front Royal, Virginia	757th
1971-72	Ralph P. Grant	Kingsport, Tennessee	757th
1972-73	Melvin O. Wiggins	Staunton, Virginia	757th
1973-74	J. Carl Coiner	Woodstock, Virginia	757th
1974-75	William R. Reid	Roanoke, Virginia	757th
1975-76	William I. Norton	Johnson City, Tennessee	757th
1976-77	Archie E. Cromer, Jr.	Christiansburg, Virginia	757th
1977-78	Sidney D. Mason	Rocky Mount, Virginia	757th
1978-79	F. Allan Kelly	Kingsport, Tennessee	757th

GOVERNOR

1979-80	R. Tate Alexander	Lexington, Virginia	757th
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GOVERNOR NOMINEES

1980-81	Henderson Graham	Marion, Virginia	757th
1981-82	Peter Sabau	Luray, Virginia	757th

OTHER PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS *Now Residing in District 757*

1964-65	Byron H. John	Roanoke, Virginia	755th
1965-66	Charles W. Gibboney	Bristol, Virginia	692nd

District Conferences

Year	Conference City	Date	District
1916	New Orleans, La. (Southern Div. Conf.)		
1917	Charlotte, N. C.	April 25	4th
1918	Asheville, N. C.	March 8-9	4th
1919	Greensboro, N. C.	May 20-21	7th
1920	Greenville, S. C.	March 15-16	7th
1921	Norfolk, Va.	April 12-13-14	7th
1922	Winston-Salem, N. C.	March 21-22	7th
1923	Petersburg, Va.	March 6-7	37th
1924	Raleigh, N. C.	April 3-4	37th
1925	Richmond, Va.	March 26-27	37th
1926	Durham, N. C.	April 13-14	37th
1927	Roanoke, Va.	April 26-27	56th
1928	Norfolk, Va.	May 8-9	56th
1929	Lynchburg, Va.	May 2-3	56th
1930	Richmond, Va.	May 8-9	56th
1931	Norfolk, Va.	May 6-7-8	56th
1932	Danville, Va.	May 4-5-6	56th
1933	Newport News, Va.	May 11-12	56th
1934	Roanoke, Va.	May 16-17-18	56th
1935	Richmond, Va.	May 9-10	56th
1936	Lynchburg, Va.	May 21-22	56th
1937	Newport News, Va.	May 5-6-7	56th
1938	Staunton, Va.	May 5-6	186th
1939	Roanoke, Va. (Joint Conf. with 187th)	May 4-5	186th
1940	Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	April 25-26	186th
1941	Winchester, Va.	April 21-22	186th
1942	Danville, Va.	April 19-20-21	186th
1943	Roanoke, Va.	April 11-12	186th
1944	Roanoke, Va.	April 24-25	186th
1945	No Conference		
1946	Johnson City, Tenn.	April 14-15-16	186th
1947	Roanoke, Va.	April 18-19	186th
1948	Bristol, Va.	April 9-10	186th
1949	Roanoke, Va.	April 21-22-23	186th
1950	Kingsport, Tenn.	April 20-21-22	275th
1951	Roanoke, Va.	May 3-4-5	275th
1952	Staunton, Va.	April 24-25-26	275th
1953	Johnson City, Tenn.	February 26-27-28	275th
1954	Hot Springs, Va.	March 11-12-13	275th

Year	Conference City	Date	District
1955	Hot Springs, Va.	March 10-11-12	275th
1956	Hot Springs, Va.	March 8-9-10	275th
1957	Hot Springs, Va.	March 7-8-9	757th
1958	Hot Springs, Va.	March 20-21-22	757th
1959	Hot Springs, Va.	March 5-6-7	757th
1960	Hot Springs, Va.	March 24-25-26	757th
1961	Hot Springs, Va.	March 23-24-25	757th
1962	Hot Springs, Va.	March 29-30-31	757th
1963	Hot Springs, Va.	March 21-22-23	757th
1964	Hot Springs, Va.	March 12-13-14	757th
1965	Hot Springs, Va.	March 18-19-20	757th
1966	Hot Springs, Va.	March 17-18-19	757th
1967	Hot Springs, Va.	March 16-17-18	757th
1968	Hot Springs, Va.	March 16-17-18	757th
1969	Hot Springs, Va.	March 20-21-22	757th
1970	Hot Springs, Va.	March 12-13-14	757th
1971	Hot Springs, Va.	March 18-19-20	757th
1972	Hot Springs, Va.	March 16-17-18	757th
1973	Hot Springs, Va.	March 22-23-24	757th
1974	Hot Springs, Va.	March 21-22-23	757th
1975	Hot Springs, Va.	March 20-21-22	757th
1976	Hot Springs, Va.	March 18-19-20	757th
1977	Hot Springs, Va.	March 24-25-26	757th
1978	Hot Springs, Va. (Joint Conf. with 760)	March 17-18-19	757th
1979	Hot Springs, Va.	March 23-24-25	757th

Scheduled:

1980	Hot Springs, Va.	March 21-22-23	757th
1981	Hot Springs, Va.	March 19-22	757th
1982	Hot Springs, Va.	March 25-28	757th
1983	Hot Springs, Va.	March 17-20	757th



District Assemblies

Year	Assembly City	Date	District
1916			
1917			
1918	No record until 1919		
1919	Raleigh, N. C.	October 16	7th
1920	Greensboro, N.C.	September 23	7th
1921	Lynchburg, Va.	September 27	7th
1922	Durham, N. C.	September 14	37th
1923	Hot Springs, Va.	August 20-21	37th
1924	Rocky Mount, N. C.	September 4-5	37th
1925	Fredericksburg, Va.	August 27-28	37th
1926	Charlottesville, Va.	August 24-25	56th
1927	Suffolk, Va.	August 24-25	56th
1928	Danville, Va.	August 7-8	56th
1929	Staunton, Va.	July 17-18-19	56th
1930	Winchester, Va.	July 17-18	56th
1931	Charlottesville, Va.	August 5-6	56th
1932	Luray, Va.	July 27-28-29	56th
1933	Newport News, Va.	May 10	56th
1934	Roanoke, Va.	May 16	56th
1935	Harrisonburg, Va.	July 25-26	56th
1936	South Hill, Va.	July 23-24	56th
1937	Martinsville, Va.	July 28-29	186th
1938	Wytheville, Va.	July 28-29	186th
1939	Blacksburg, Va.	August 17-18	186th
1940	Lexington, Va.	July 23-24	186th
1941	Roanoke, Va.	July 24-25	186th
1942	Pulaski, Va.	July 17-18	186th
1943	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 29	186th
1944	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 25-26	186th
1945	Marion and Staunton, Va.	July 15-16; 17-18	186th
1946	Natural Bridge, Va.	July 12-13	186th
1947	Natural Bridge, Va.	July 11-12	186th
1948	Natural Bridge, Va.	July 9-10	186th
1949	Natural Bridge, Va.	July 8-9	186th
1950	Natural Bridge, Va.	July 13-14	186th
1951	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 21-22	186th
1952	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 27-28	186th
1953	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 10-11	186th
1954	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 23-24	186th

Year	Assembly City	Date	District
1955	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 22-23	186th
1956	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 20-21	186th
1957	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 26-27	757th
1958	Abingdon, Va.	May 2-3	757th
1959	Luray, Va.	May 8-9	757th
1960	Natural Bridge, Va.	May 6-7	757th
1961	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 21-22	757th
1962	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 27-28	757th
1963	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 19-20	757th
1964	Natural Bridge, Va.	April 24-25	757th
1965	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 18-19	757th
1966	Roanoke, Va.	May 20-21	757th
1967	Roanoke, Va.	June 16	757th
1968	Roanoke, Va.	June 16-17	757th
1969	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 11	757th
1970	Natural Bridge, Va.	June 16	757th
1971	Roanoke, Va.	June 6	757th
1972	Roanoke, Va.	June 26	757th
1973	Blacksburg, Va.	June 25-26	757th
1974	Roanoke, Va.	May 6	757th
1975	Blacksburg, Va.	May 12	757th
1976	Blacksburg, Va.	May 10	757th
1977	Blacksburg, Va.	May 9	757th
1978	Marion-South Harrisonburg-North, Va.	June 3 June 10	757th 757th
1979	Marion-South Harrisonburg-North, Va.	May 5 May 12	757th 757th

Scheduled:

1980	May	757th
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Past Presidents of Rotary International

Date	Name	Address When President
1910-11	Paul P. Harris*	Chicago, Illinois
1911-12	Paul P. Harris*	Chicago, Illinois
1912-13	Glenn C. Mead*	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1913-14	Russell F. Greiner*	Kansas City, Missouri
1914-15	Frank L. Mulholland*	Toledo, Ohio
1915-16	Allen D. Albert*	Minneapolis, Minnesota
1916-17	Arch C. Klumph*	Cleveland, Ohio
1917-18	E. Leslie Pidgeon*	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
1918-19	John Poole*	Washington, D. C.
1919-20	Albert S. Adams*	Atlanta, Georgia
1920-21	Estes Snedecor*	Portland, Oregon
1921-22	Crawford C. McCullough*	Fort William, Ontario, Canada
1922-23	Raymond M. Havens*	Kansas City, Missouri
1923-24	Guy Gundaker*	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1924-25	Everett W. Hill*	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1925-26	Donald A. Adams*	New Haven, Connecticut
1926-27	Harry H. Rogers*	San Antonio, Texas
1927-28	Arthur H. Sapp*	Huntington, Indiana
1928-29	I. B. Tom Sutton*	Tampico, Tamps, Mexico
1929-30	M. Eugene Newsom*	Durham, North Carolina
1930-31	Almon E. Roth*	Palo Alto, California
1931-32	Sydney W. Pascall*	London, England
1932-33	Clinton P. Anderson*	Albuquerque, New Mexico
1933-34	John Nelson*	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
1934-35	Robert E. Lee Hill*	Columbia, Missouri
1935-36	Ed. R. Johnson*	Roanoke, Virginia
1936-37	Will R. Manier, Jr.*	Nashville, Tennessee
1937-38	Maurice Duperrey*	Paris, France
1938-39	George C. Hager*	Chicago, Illinois
1939-40	Walter D. Head*	Teaneck, New Jersey
1940-41	Armando de Arruda Pereira*	Sao Paulo, S. P., Brazil
1941-42	Tom J. Davis*	Butte, Montana
1942-43	Fernando Carbajal*	Lima, Peru
1943-44	Charles L. Wheeler	Woodside, California
1944-45	Richard H. Wells*	Pocatello, Idaho
1945-46	T. A. Warren*	Wolverhampton, England
1946-47	Richard C. Hedke*	Detroit, Michigan
1947-48	S. Kendrick Guernsey*	Jacksonville, Florida
1948-49	Angus S. Mitchell*	Melbourne, Australia

Date	Name	Address when President
1949-50	Percy Hodgson	Pawtucket, Rhode Island
1950-51	Arthur Lagueux*	Quebec, Canada
1951-52	Frank E. Spain	Birmingham, Alabama
1952-53	H. J. Brunner*	San Francisco, California
1953-54	Joaquin Serratoso Cibils*	Montevideo, Uruguay
1954-55	Herbert J. Taylor*	Chicago, Illinois
1955-56	A. Z. Baker*	Cleveland, Ohio
1956-57	Gian Paolo Lang*	Livorno, Italy
1957-58	Charles G. Tennent*	Asheville, North Carolina
1958-59	Clifford A. Randall	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1959-60	Harold T. Thomas	Auckland, New Zealand
1960-61	J. Edd McLaughlin*	Ralls, Texas
1961-62	Joseph A. Abey*	Reading, Pennsylvania
1962-63	Nitish C. Laharry*	Calcutta, India
1963-64	Carl P. Miller	Honolulu, Hawaii
1964-65	Charles W. Pettengill*	Greenwich, Connecticut
1965-66	C. P. H. Teenstra*	Hilversum, The Netherlands
1966-67	Richard L. Evans*	Salt Lake City, Utah
1967-68	Luther H. Hodges*	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
1968-69	Kiyoshi Togasaki	Tokyo, Japan
1969-70	James F. Conway	Southbury, Connecticut
1970-71	William E. Walk, Jr.	Ontario, Canada
1971-72	Ernst G. Breitholtz	Kalmar, Sweden
1972-73	Roy D. Hickman	Birmingham, Alabama
1973-74	William C. Carter	London, England
1974-75	William R. Robbins	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1975-76	Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1976-77	Robert A. Manchester II	Youngstown, Ohio
1977-78	W. Jack Davis	Hamilton, Bermuda
1978-79	Clem Renouf	Queensland, Australia

President

1979-80	James L. Bomar, Jr.	Shelbyville, Tennessee
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President-Elect

1980-81	Rolf Klarich	Helsinki, Helsingfors, Finland
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* Deceased

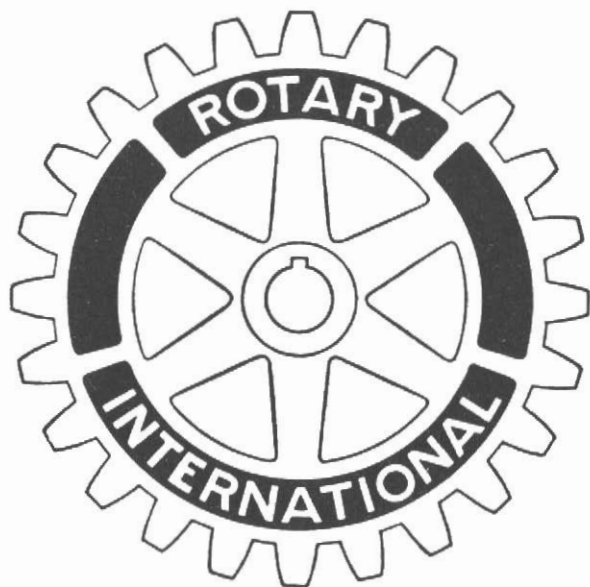
Past General Secretaries of Rotary International

Date	Name	Address when Secretary
1910-42	Chesley R. Perry*	Chicago, Illinois
1942-52	Philip Lovejoy*	Chicago, Illinois
1953-72	George R. Means	Evanston, Illinois
1972-78	Harry A. Stewart	Evanston, Illinois

General Secretary of Rotary International

1978-	Herbert A. Pigman	Evanston, Illinois
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NOTE: On August 13, 1954, Rotary moved its headquarters from Chicago, Illinois to Evanston, Illinois, and occupied its new headquarters building.



Conventions of Rotary International

Year	City	Date	Registration
1910	Chicago, Illinois	August 15-17	60
1911	Portland, Oregon	August 21-23	149
1912	Duluth, Minnesota	August 6-9	598
1913	Buffalo, New York	August 18-21	930
1914	Houston, Texas	June 22-26	1,288
1915	San Francisco, California	July 18-23	1,988
1916	Cincinnati, Ohio	July 16-20	3,591
1917	Atlanta, Georgia	June 17-21	2,588
1918	Kansas City, Missouri	June 24-28	4,145
1919	Salt Lake City, Utah	June 16-20	3,038
1920	Atlantic City, NJ	June 21-25	7,213
1921	Edinburgh, Scotland	June 13-16	2,523
1922	Los Angeles, California	June 5-9	6,096
1923	Saint Louis, Missouri	June 18-22	6,779
1924	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	June 16-20	9,173
1925	Cleveland, Ohio	June 15-19	10,216
1926	Denver, Colorado	June 14-18	8,888
1927	Oostend, Belgium	June 5-10	6,412
1928	Minneapolis, Minnesota	June 18-22	9,428
1929	Dallas, Texas	May 27-31	9,508
1930	Chicago, Illinois	June 23-27	11,008
1931	Vienna, Austria	June 22-26	4,296
1932	Seattle, Washington	June 20-24	5,182
1933	Boston, Massachusetts	June 26-30	8,430
1934	Detroit, Michigan	June 25-29	7,377
1935	Mexico City, Mexico	June 17-21	5,330
1936	Atlantic City, New Jersey	June 22-26	9,907
1937	Nice, France	June 6-11	5,790
1938	San Francisco, California	June 19-24	10,432
1939	Cleveland, Ohio	June 19-23	9,241
1940	Havana, Cuba	June 9-14	3,713
1941	Denver, Colorado	June 15-20	8,942
1942	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	June 21-25	6,599
1943	Saint Louis, Missouri	May 17-20	3,851
1944	Chicago, Illinois	May 18-22	403
1945	Chicago, Illinois	May 31, June 5-12-19	141
1946	Atlantic City, New Jersey	June 2-6	10,958
1947	San Francisco, California	June 8-12	14,678
1948	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	May 16-20	7,511
1949	New York, New York	June 12-16	15,961

Year	City	Date	Registration
1950	Detroit, Michigan	June 18-22	6,949
1951	Atlantic City, New Jersey	May 27-31	8,453
1952	Mexico City, Mexico	May 25-29	6,804
1953	Paris, France	May 24-28	10,107
1954	Seattle, Washington	June 6-10	8,015
1955	Chicago, Illinois	May 29-June 2	14,312
1956	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	June 3-7	10,003
1957	Lucerne, Switzerland	May 19-23	9,702
1958	Dallas, Texas	June 1-5	14,035
1959	New York, New York	June 7-11	15,475
1960	Miami-Miami Beach, Florida	May 29-June 2	11,354
1961	Tokyo, Japan	May 28-June 1	23,366
1962	Los Angeles, California	June 3-7	22,302
1963	Saint Louis, Missouri	June 9-13	10,779
1964	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	June 7-11	14,661
1965	Atlantic City, New Jersey	May 30-June 3	9,368
1966	Denver, Colorado	June 12-16	12,929
1967	Nice, France	May 21-25	19,362
1968	Mexico City, Mexico	May 12-16	11,840
1969	Honolulu, Hawaii	May 25-29	14,453
1970	Atlanta, Georgia	May 31-June 4	10,803
1971	Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	May 16-20	16,646
1972	Houston, Texas	June 11-15	13,287
1973	Lausanne, Switzerland	May 13-17	17,187
1974	Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota	June 9-13	10,015
1975	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	June 8-12	12,975
1976	New Orleans, Louisiana	June 13-17	13,936
1977	San Francisco, California	June 5-9	14,168
1978	Tokyo, Japan	May 14-18	39,834
1979	Rome, Italy	June 10-13	14,429

Scheduled:

1980	Chicago, Illinois	June 1-5
1981	Sao Paulo, Brazil	May 31-June 4
1982	Dallas, Texas	June 6-10
1983	Toronto, Canada	June 5-9

Note: 1944, 1945, 1950, 1952, 1954, & 1956 were known as limited conventions.

In Retrospect

Thus we conclude the 1980 edition of a history of District 757 of Rotary International. Rotary has come a long way 1905-1980—a span of 75 years and District 757 with her other numerical assignments has also covered most of this journey. We fully realize that only a narrow trail has been blazed through a vast wilderness of material and activity which our District has assembled and conducted during its existence. All could not be included. History is sometimes vague and contradictory to say the least.

In this history we have dealt mainly at the district level. Each club has accumulated a wealth of material and should compose its own history. We have tried to be as accurate as possible but hope that we may be forgiven wherein we have erred. In true Rotary fashion we have omitted titles for all Rotarians. It is always difficult to know where to draw the line with titles as most Rotarians possess a title of some nature.

Throughout the history it will be noted that a star has been placed at the end of the name of each deceased Rotarian. Prior to 1965 we have left the material provided in Hensel Eckman's accounts intact as he wrote it. We did add stars to all Rotarians deceased between 1965 and 1980.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who in any way have contributed material for this 1980 edition. Through your efforts we have assembled much valuable information which has become history. In our final analysis we pause to pay tribute to our pioneer Rotarians who have truly exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Perhaps the following poem entitled "Building A Bridge" sums it up best.

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and
wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight
dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for
him;
But he turned when safe on the
other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim
near,
"You are wasting your strength with
building here;
Your journey will end with the
ending day,
You never again will pass this way;

You've crossed the chasm deep and
wide,
Why build this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray
head—
"Good friend, in the path I have
come," he said,
There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this
way;
This chasm that has been nought for
me,
To that fair-haired youth may a
pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight
dim—
Good friend, I am building this
bridge for him."

—William Allen Dromgoole