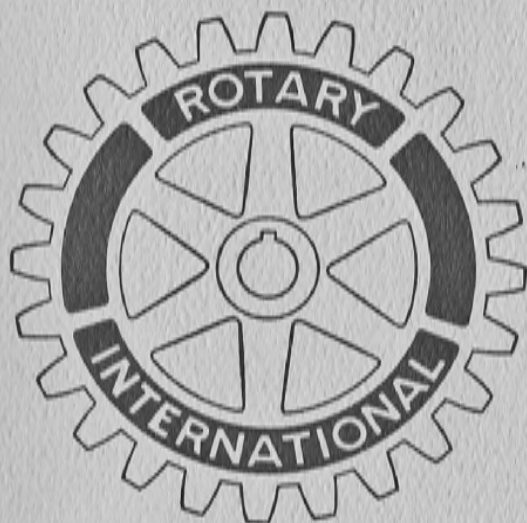


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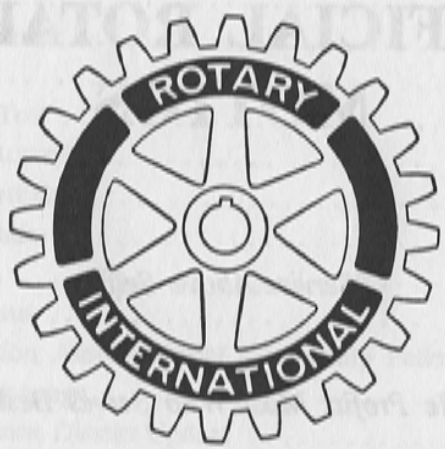
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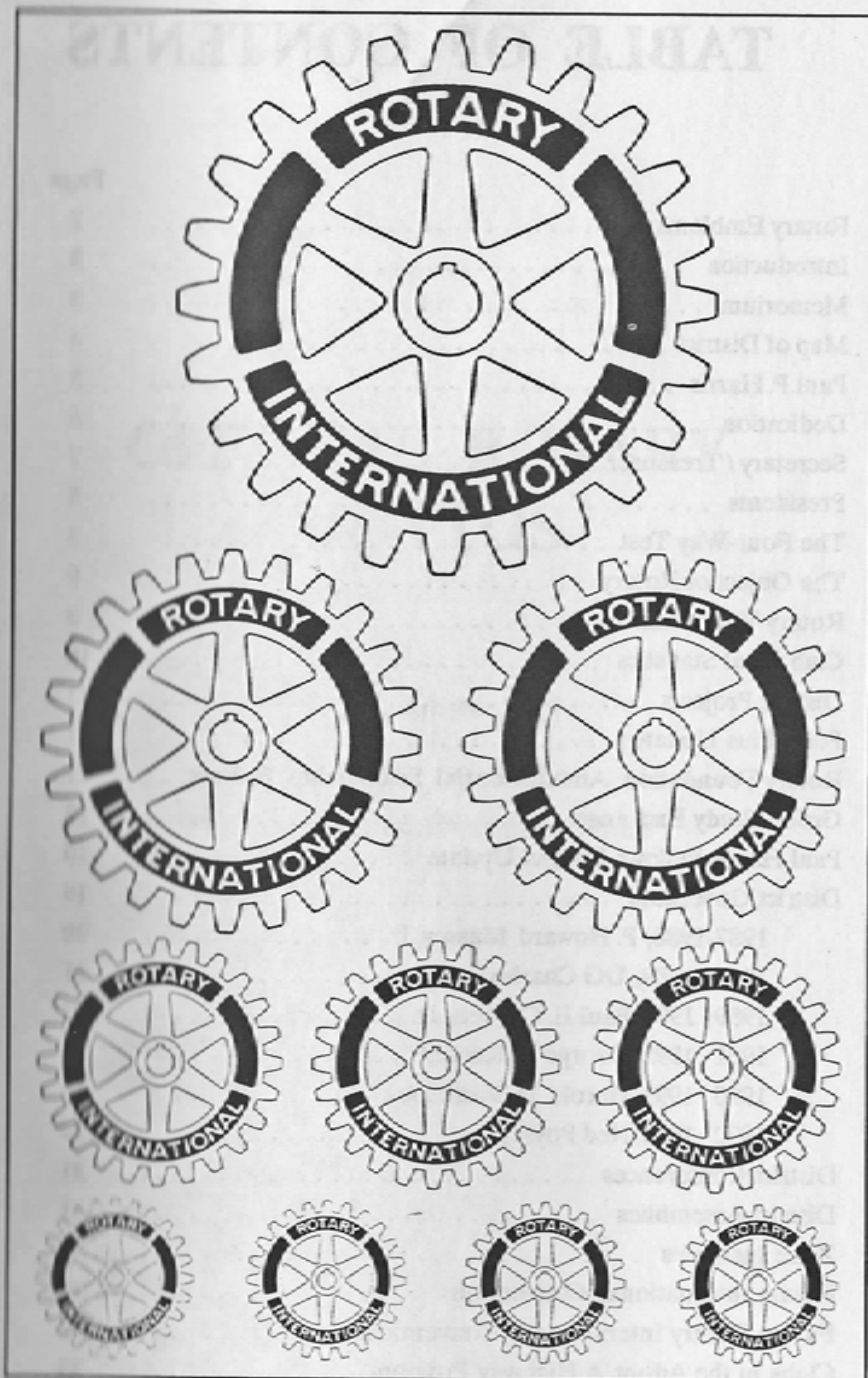
OFFICIAL ROTARY MOTTOS

"Service Above Self"

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

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INTRODUCTION

Prior to 1960, Hensel Eckman of the Pulaski, Virginia, Rotary Club, edited 5 editions of our Rotary District History. These were published at 5 year intervals. The next twenty-six year period was covered by J. Carl Coiner of the Woodstock, Virginia, Club, which brought it through 1986-1987. The present edition will bridge 1987-1988 through 1992-1993 years and thus bring it up to date.

IN MEMORIUM

In loving memory we list the names of those Past District Governors who have passed away since the end of our last Rotary District History which was printed in 1987.

Raymon Tamkin, served as District Governor 1968-69, Feb. 25, 1989

Felix E. Edmonds, served as District Governor, 1950-51, Jan. 14, 1990

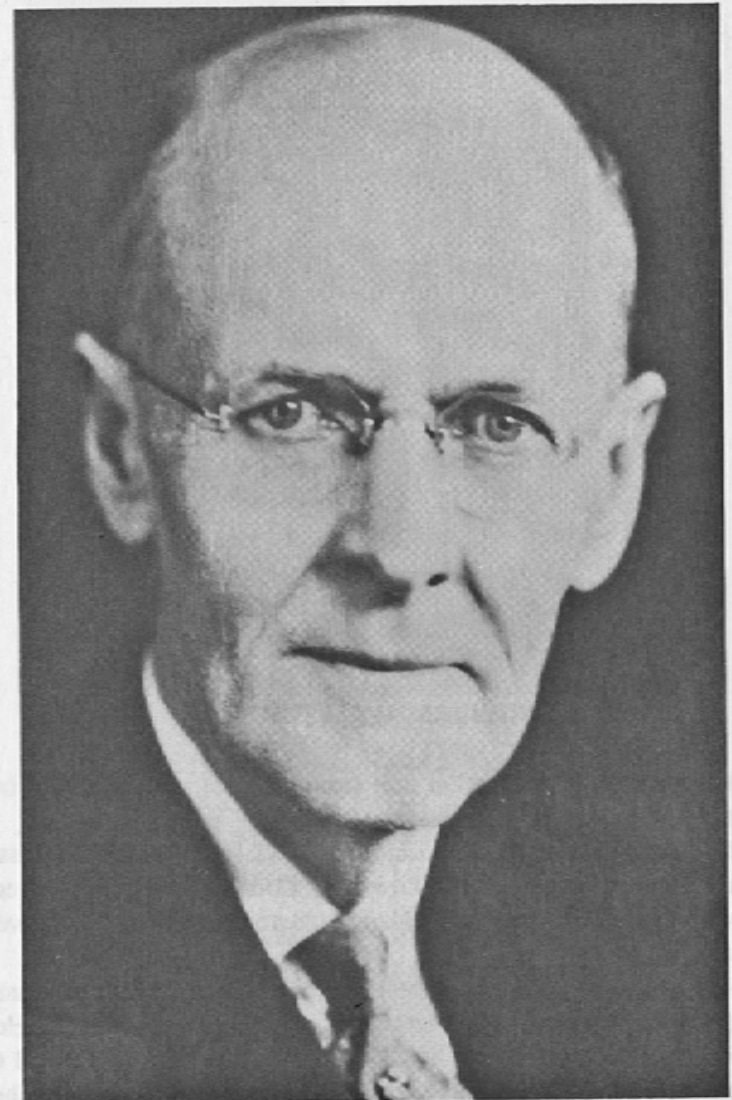
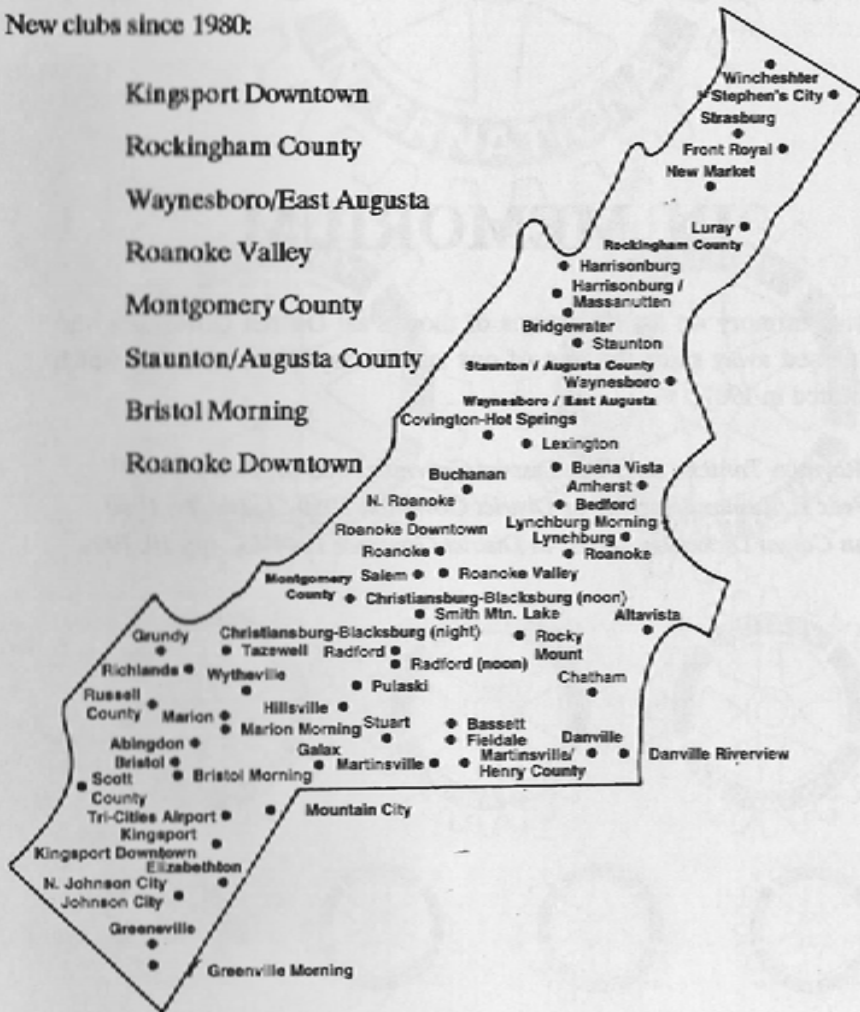
Lynn Calgar Dickerson, served as District Governor 1944-45, Apr. 19, 1991

A MAP OF DISTRICT 7570 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

as of July 1, 1993

New clubs since 1980:

Kingsport Downtown
Rockingham County
Waynesboro/East Augusta
Roanoke Valley
Montgomery County
Staunton/Augusta County
Bristol Morning
Roanoke Downtown



Paul P. Harris

Founder of Rotary International 1905

President 1910-1912

DEDICATION



WILLIAM E. SKELTON

It is with great satisfaction and pride that we recognize and honor William E. Skelton.

Bill Skelton serves as dean emeritus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Born in Dinwiddie County, he earned degrees at VPI and Cornell University and did post doctoral study at the University of Wisconsin.

He has been national president of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a professional organization that specializes in adult education and 4-H programs. He has served on the board of the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care and is on the board of the S.H. Heironimus Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Dominion Bank in Roanoke, Virginia. He has twice received the Superior Service Award of the U.S. Government for outstanding service to people and administrative performance. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

A Rotarian since 1955, Bill Skelton is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg. He has served Rotary International as District Governor, committee member and chairman, Director, Vice President and President. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Secretary District 7570

Maurice Kessler



Treasurer District 7570

Archie Cromer



PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- 1987-1988 Charles C. Keller, *"Rotarians - United in Service - Dedicated to Peace"*
1988-1989 Royce Abbey, *"Put Life Into Rotary - Your Life"*
1989-1990 Hugh M. Archer, *"Enjoy Rotary"*
1990-1991 Paulo V. C. Costa, *"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"*
1991-1992 Rajendra Saboo, *"Look Beyond Yourself"*
1992-1993 Clifford L. Dochterman, *"Real Happiness is Helping Others"*.

FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the **Truth**?
2. Is it **Fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **Good Will** and better Friendships?
4. Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

By
Herbert J. Taylor*
R. I. President, 1954-1955

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THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. 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 humanity;

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

May, 1993

There are:

Rotarians: 1,166,454 in 26,261 Clubs in 501 Districts, in 187 Countries

Rotaract: 136,202 in 5,922 Clubs in 115 Countries

Interact: 144,188 in 6,586 Clubs in 98 Countries

Village Corps: 4,379 in 47 Countries

Paul Harris Fellows: 403,159

Foundation Benefactors: 7,688

Polio Plus contributions (cash receipts): \$235,617,939.00 U.S.

CLUB VITAL STATISTICS

NEW CLUBS SINCE 1987 WITH DATE OF CHARTER

- Lynchburg Morning Club, VA, chartered June 26, 1987
- Greeneville Morning Club, TN, chartered Feb 3, 1988
- Martinsville-Henry County Morning Club, VA, chartered June 29, 1988
- Scott County, VA, chartered Nov. 22, 1988
- Danville-Riverview Club, VA, chartered Jan. 13, 1989
- Tri-City Airport, TN, chartered Jan. 29, 1990
- Russell County Club, VA, chartered Jan 18, 1991
- Smith Mountain Lake Club, VA, chartered Jan. 19, 1991
- Stephens City, VA, chartered May 21, 1991
- Radford Noon Club, VA, Jan. 1, 1992,
- Harrisonburg/Massanutten Club, VA, June 2, 1992
- Marion Breakfast Club, VA, April 3, 1993

INTERACT CLUBS IN ACTION, 1987-1993

- Abingdon High School, Abingdon, VA
- Bassett High School, Bassett, VA
- Bristol High School, Bristol, VA
- Bristol High School, Bristol, TN
- Dan Rivers High School, Danville, VA
- West Greene High School, Greeneville, TN
- South Greene High School, Greeneville, TN
- Chucky-Doak High School, Greeneville, TN
- Grundy Senior High School, Grundy, VA
- Dobyns-Bennett High School, Kingsport, TN
- Lexington High School, Lexington, VA
- Luray High School, Luray, VA
- Marion Senior High School, Marion, VA
- Radford High School, Radford, VA
- Richlands High School, Richlands, VA
- Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke, VA
- R. E. Lee High School, Staunton, VA
- Tazewell High School, Tazewell, VA
- Central High School, Woodstock, VA

ROTARACT CLUBS

- Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, Rocky Mount, Va.
- Southwest Virginia Community College, Grundy, VA

DISTRICT PROJECTS

The Reach Out To Haiti Project, which began in 1978 was discontinued in 1988 due to the inability to work out a satisfactory contract with the owners of the land on which the school was located.

The Bangladesh Project. At the March 1992 District Conference, it was passed that we undertake a project to help a medical facility in Bangladesh. After further investigation, it was decided to assist the Jessore Rotary Club with their project of building a Health Care building. Some funds are on hand for this work, but more is needed, therefore at the March 1993 District Conference it was voted to request \$5.00 per member from each club for this, our Bangladesh Project.

The Youth Leadership Seminar Program was started during the 1980- 1981 year and has been held each year since. High school juniors or seniors, who are leaders in their schools, or show leadership potential, are given a day and a half seminar, where they can talk with business and college leaders and interact with college student leaders, to learn better ways to cope with the problems they are experiencing, as well as to learn how to get more students involved in school projects. The number of clubs sponsoring attendees is steadily increasing, consequently the number of students in attendance has increased, with 117 at the most recent seminar in February of 1993.

POLIO PLUS UPDATE FOR DISTRICT

As of August 31, 1993, District 7570 had given \$809,613 to Polio Plus

ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FELLOWS

Currently, an Ambassadorial Scholarship is valued at \$20,000.00 and since the Rotary Foundation has varying amounts of money for grants, expenses in excess of \$20,000.00 are paid by the recipient.

Sarah Hooven, sponsored by _____ at Institut d'Etudes pour Etudiants Etrangeres, Avignon, France

Christine Parker, sponsored by Covington-Hot Springs at Deakin University, Geelong, Australia, 1990-1991

Jo Forest of Birmingham England was a student at Washington and Lee University in 1990

Sandra Williams, sponsored by Staunton at James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, Australia, 1991-1992

Heather Hiatt Wilson, sponsored by Winchester Rotary Club, at Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, 1991-1992

Tunc N. Turkmen, from Adana, Turkey, at VPI & SU, 1991-1992

Ernest Lutz of Zurich, Switzerland is at VPI & SU, 1991-1992, studying toward his PhD. degree. He will continue on for the 1993-1994 year.

Kazuhiko Mikami from Japan is a student at VPI & SU, 1992-1993.

Frank Tota, sponsored by Roanoke Club, University of Papua, Papua, New Guinea, 1992-1993

Stephanie McNulty, sponsored by Harrisonburg, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, 1992-1993

Pamela Hopkins, sponsored by Stuart, University of Kent, Canterbury, England, 1992-1993

Marty Bedall, sponsored by Lexington, University of Manchester, Manchester, England, 1993-1994

Ann Pendleton, sponsored by Wytheville, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, 1993-1994

Rene Rogers, sponsored by Bristol, TN/VA, University of New Castle Upon Tyne, England, 1993-1994

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The Group Study Exchange program enables teams of business and professional men in different countries to exchange visits of several weeks to develop international friendships and learn new ideas, ways of life, and business or professional practices. Over a two-year period, each of two paired Rotary districts in different parts of the world sends and receives a team that visits notable governmental, educational and cultural institutions. The Rotary Foundation pays travel expenses, and team members are lodged in the homes of Rotarians in the host district. With the exception of the leader, team members are non-Rotarians.

Group Study Exchange Program

The following is a summary of groups participating in the Group Study Exchange Program since 1987

1987-1988

A five member team Group Study Exchange Team from District 7570 visited District 475 in Brazil. The team members were the following:

Jack Reed, Social Worker, Greenville, Tn.

Martin Clark, Attorney, Stuart, Va.

Gary Reynolds, Police Commander, Rustburg, Va.

David Redpath, Economic Development Director, Radford, Va.

Paul Lancaster, Radio/TV Writer/Producer, Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Va.

Witt Langstaff, Team Leader, Kingsport, Tenn.

A Brazilian Group Study Exchange Team from District 475 arrived at Tri-Cities Airport in Tennessee on Saturday, May 14, 1988 and departed on Saturday, June 11, 1988. Team members were the following:

Antonio Carlos Pagnuzzi Araujo, Engineer, Rio De Janero
Alvaro Augusto Gomes Barbosa, Engineer, Cam-Pos-RJ
Henrique Amaro Vasconcellos Gomes, Economist, Pdraia De Icarai
Carlos Eduardo Avellar Cortez, Director, Auto Dealership, Friburgo
Gino Gargano Breder, Physician, Rio de Janero
Joao Helio Rocha, Pediatrician, Team Leader, Nova Friburgo

1988-1989

A female Group Study Exchange Team was sent in December 27, for a four week visit to District 3150 in India. Team members were the following:

DiAnn Casteel, School Teacher, Greeneville, Tn.
Maxine Hernandez, Director Communications, Bristol, Va.
Stephanie Willis, Substance Abuse Counselor, Tazewell, Va.
Jeanne Martino, Assistant Dean of Students, Staunton, Va.
Doyle and Linda Rasnick, Team Leaders

A Group Study Exchange Team from District 3150 visited District 7570 in March 12-April 9, 1989. Team members were the following:

Banda Sashikala, Lawyer, Eluru
Uma Vvjanti Mala, Director Program, Warangal
Malladi Sailaja Suman, Film Producer, Hyderabad
Dr. Chundi Gargeyi, Physician, Vizag
G. Somasekhar, Air conditioner, Manufacturer, and Survarna Rao, Team Leaders, Secunderabad

A Group Study Exchange Team from District 464 in Brazil came to District 7570 from March 11 - April 9, 1989. Team members were the following:

Erhard Keske
Helio Cassi
Wilson Joner
Djair Fernandes
Edson Maines
Decio Cardoso, Team Leader

A male Group Study Exchange Team visited District 464 in Brazil from April 8 - May 8, 1989. Team members were the following:

Bryan Carlton, Nursing Home Administrator, Amherst
Jeff Ward, Attorney, Waynesboro
Pete Huber, Town Manager, Pulaski
Richard Adams, School Band Director, Staunton
Bryan Weatherford, Speech Pathologist, Rocky Mount
Sam Litton, Realtor, Team Leader

1989-1990

A male Group Study Exchange Team from District 489, Buenos Aires, Argentina visited District 7570 from March 19 - April 20, 1990. Team members were:

Alejandro Gonzalez Romeri, Petroleum Engineering Student
Alejandro Perez Chada, Lawyer
Ricardo Daniel Aszenmil, Sales Engineer, Electronic Products
Carlos Maria Doartero, Physician
Armano, Economist, and Elsa H. De Pertierra, School Teacher, Team Leaders

A mixed male and female Team from District 7570 visited District 4890 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 18 - April 28, 1990. Team members were the following:

Gary P. Larrowe, Extension Agent, Hillsville, VA
Curtis B. Spriggs, Credit Manager, Abingdon, VA
Kathleen Frazier, Director of Parks and Recreation, Abingdon, VA
Louise Zingaro, Alumnae Director, Sweet Briar, VA
Robert A. and Patricia D. Woodham, Team leaders

A female Group Study Exchange Team from District 7570 visited District 1200 in England from May 7 - June 3, 1990. Team members were the following:

Retta Bellamy, Church Worker, Kingsport, TN
Barbara Board, Home Extension Agent, Blacksburg, VA
Beverly Randolph, Commercial Artist, Keezletown, VA
Deanis Simmons, Attorney, Tazewell, VA
A. Michael and Judy Hall, Team Leaders, Wytheville, VA

A female Group Study Exchange Team from District 120, England, visited our district 7570 from April 13, 1990 to May 13, 1990. Team members were the following:

Janet LeSueur, Registered Nurse, Bradford-on-Avon
Jill Dean, Business Development Manager, Weymouth
Elizabeth Anne Lowton, Bank Security, Weston-super-Mare
Alison Edith Organ, Contracts Supervisor, Evercreech, Somerset
David, Structural Engineer, and Janet Lane, Physiotherapist, Team Leaders, Bradford-on-Avon

1990-1991

There were no Group Study Exchanges for District 7570 this year

1991-1992

A Group Study Exchange Team of men from District 3280, Bangladesh toured District 7570 from May 3 to June 9, 1992. Team members were the following:

Shamur Rahman, Economics Lecturer
Quazi MD. Shahed, Mechanical Engineer
Ahmad Nawaz Khan, Physician
Gaus-Ul-Wara MD. Mortaza, Finance
Shafiq Alam Khan, Hotel Assistant Manager
M. Hafizullah, Attorney, Team Leader

A male Group Study Team from District 7570 visited District 3280, Bangladesh from Team members were the following:

Eric Moskala, Polymer Scientist, Kingsport, TN
Douglas Payne, Attorney, Greenville, TN
Joel Branscome, Attorney, Fincastle, VA
Scott Gochenour, Teacher, Waynesboro, VA
Sidney D. Mason, Team Leader, Rocky Mount, VA

1992-1993

A mixed team, men and women, from the Republic of China visited District 7570 from July 8 to August 23. This was the first exchange with the Republic of China. Team members were the following:

Wang Ming, Lecturer in Psychology, Hangzhou
Pang Hong, Lecturer in Psychology, Hangzhou
Shui Rende, Lecturer in Psychology, Hangzhou
Lai Shulmu, Lecturer in Psychology, Hangzhou
Wang Weiwei, Lecturer in Computer Science, Hangzhou
Dr. Xu Yun, MD, Dean of Psychology Department, Hangzhou

A mixed team, men and women, from District 9920, Fiji Islands, visited District 7570 from September 27 - October 31, 1992. Team members were the following:

Betty So'Oletaia Satele, Assistant Manager, Human Resources Selina
Helen Samisoni, Beauty Salon Owner/Operator, Suva
Apisake Siosi'Ana Makasini, Energy Officer, Nuku'alota
Hasan Khan, Machinery Manager, Lautoka
Makario Jope Kavoa, Sales Manager, Lautoka

A male Group Study Exchange Team from District 7570 visited the People's Republic of China from April 15 - May 22, 1993. Team members were the following:

Daniel H. Grogan, Photographer, Charlottesville, VA
W. John Hall, Naturalist, Harrisonburg, VA
Mark Holberg, Forester, Staunton, VA
Howard Mayo, Teacher, Hillsville, VA
Roderick Owen, Professor, Staunton, VA
Edgard C. Hatcher, Jr., Team Leader, Bristol, TN

A mixed, male and female, Group Study Exchange Team from District 7570 visited District 9920 Fiji Islands, from April 3 - May 8, 1992. Team members were the following:

Cynthia Johns, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Strasburg, VA
Angela Drummond, Christian Educator, Bristol, VA
William Meyer, Social Studies Teacher, Hiwassee, VA
Fred Serral, Tobacco Warehousing and Storage, Greeneville, TN
Lorri Dove, Assistant Professor of Medical Laboratory Technology,
Wytheville, VA
Earline Orndorff, Director of Warren County Office of Virginia
Cooperative Extension, Front Royal, VA, Team Leader

A mixed team, men and women, from District 1990, Switzerland, visited District 7570 from March 14 - April 17, 1993. Team members were the following:

Peter Christian, Systems Support Engineer,
Caroline Dietrich, Architectural Engineer, Berne
Chrisoph Ruefenacht, Bakery-Tea Room Administration, Biel
Patrick Wicht, Accountant, Zurich
Pierre-Etienne Zuercher, High School Teacher
Dr. Rolf Hediger, Dentist, Echallens

A team of women from District 7570 visited District 1990, Switzerland from May 26 - June 24, 1992. Team members were the following:

Dori Burkholder, Waynesboro,
Mary Fanslow, Kingsport, TN
Jill Fleming, Forest, VA
Sarah Hooven, Roanoke, VA
Karen Watkins, Kingsport, TN
Charles L. Seay, Kingsport, TN, Team Leader

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS DISTRICT UPDATE

A Paul Harris Fellow is anyone in whose name a contribution of \$1,000.00 has been made to the Rotary Foundation. This contribution may be made by a club, a friend, or by the individual concerned.

As of June 30, 1993, there were 1,936 Paul Harris Fellows in District 7570.

During the 1992-93 Rotary year, District 7570 contributed \$133,632.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

As of November 1, 1993, Rotary International had a total of 418,995 Paul Harris fellows.

Total District Rotary Foundation Giving as of July 1, 1993 was \$2,696,297.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1987-88 P. Howard Massey, Jr., 807 Gracelyn Court, Blacksburg, VA 24060
1988-89 Charles L. Seay, 2048 Westwind Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660
1989-90 Paul E. Corbett, Jr., 839 Mountain View Dr., Marion, VA 24354
1990-91 Harold Van Hook, 795 Brown-Colyer Rd, Eubank, KY 42504
1991-92 George E. Russell, 3321 McEver Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060
1992-93 H. Edward (Ned) Poyser, Rt 2, Box 254, Hot Springs, VA 24445

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 1993-94

J. Carroll Richardson, 2105 Pendragon Road, Kingsport, TN 37660

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

Robert A. Woodham, Kingsport, TN

1987-88 P. Howard Massey, Jr., Blacksburg, VA

Rotary Ann: Betsy Massey

The primary emphasis for the Rotary Year in District 7570 was building greater knowledge of and participation in Rotary International's service programs at the Club, District, Zone and International levels.

Rotary Ann Betsy participated in all of the 56 official club visits and wrote an article for each issue of the Governor's Newsletter. In order to enhance the knowledge of Rotary programs and to improve communications, 3,500 copies of the Governor's Newsletter were printed each month and distributed to all Rotarians in the District through their clubs. Special appreciation and recognition was given to Warren Strother for serving as the editor of the Newsletter.

District Rotary Foundation Chairman Edgar C. Hatcher, Jr., PDG., provided excellent leadership for the Rotary Foundation Programs: 3 Scholarships; 1 Group Study Exchange Team (District 7570 - Brazil); and Polio Plus Campaign to immunize the children in the developing countries of the world. James V. Shircliff, PDG., Chairman and James C. Helton, Vice-Chairman generated contributions and pledges in the District totalling \$790,299, (\$74,031 above our goal).

The contributions and pledges to The Rotary Foundation in District 7570 during this Rotary Year were five times higher than ever before.

Rotary International accepted the U.S. Supreme Court decision that women be admitted into membership. The decision was viewed in a positive manner by most Clubs in the District. By the end of the year, several Clubs had admitted top level business and professional women into their membership.

Under the leadership of District Extension Chairman Tom Mason, two new Clubs were chartered: Greeneville Morning, Tenn., (January 1988); and Martinsville/Henry County, VA., (June 1988).



The 1988 District Conference, hosted by the Christiansburg - Blacksburg Club; the Blacksburg Club; and the Montgomery County Club, was highly successful. Under the excellent leadership of George E. "Buddy" Russell, Conference Chairman, the attendance totalled 517 Rotarians and guests. A stimulating keynote address was given by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles. Jack and Ina Beth Forrest (Texas) effectively represented the President of Rotary International and provided special wisdom, inspiration, and warmth to assure the success of the Conference.

Rotarians during the year were truly 'United in Service and Dedicated to Peace' the theme of Rotary President Charles C. Keller.

1988-89 - DG Charles L. Seay, Kingsport, Tennessee

The theme of the year, set by RI president Royce Abbey of Australia, was "Put Life into Rotary - Your Life". The District was honored during the year by having a current RI President, President Royce himself, visit us for an intercity meeting hosted by the Kingsport Club and co-hosted by the Downtown Kingsport Club, on Oct. 6, 1988.



The year began with 58 clubs and ended with 60. The two clubs chartered during the year were Scott County, Virginia and Danville-Riverview, Virginia. These clubs were among the first clubs in the District who had women as charter members, following the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, the RI board and the 1989 Council on Legislation that women were to be accepted as members of Rotary.

The Martinsville-Henry County Morning Club had its "Charter Night" on Sept. 16, 1988 but was admitted officially as a club in the previous Rotary year under Governor Howard Massey.

The first female president of a District Club was Gladys Duran of the Greeneville TN Noon Club, elected in 1988 to serve 1989-90.

The first Rotaract club in the District was formed at Southwest Virginia Community College and was chartered on March 7, 1989 with 39 members. It was sponsored by the Richlands, Grundy and Tazewell clubs.

The Youth Leadership Seminar, chaired by Leslie Helmut of Harrisonburg, was held at the Donaldson Brown Center at Virginia Tech on Dec. 9-10, 1988.

A Rotary Information Seminar was held on Dec. 10 at the Donaldson Brown Center led by Frank "Chip" Wood of High Point NC, attended by 45 Rotarians.

The District Assembly was held on April 29 at Donaldson Brown Center.

Seven clubs in the district celebrated their 50th anniversaries in 1988-89: Hillsville, Buchanan, Stuart, Chatham, Altavista and Amhearst in Virginia, and Mountain City in Tennessee. These clubs were all formed under District Governor Irvin W. Cubine of Martinsville.

Two Group Study Exchange Teams were sent out in the year: a women's team to India led by Doyle and Linda Rasnick of Tazewell and consisting of Jeanne Martino (Staunton), Maxine Hernandez (Bristol), Stephenie Willis (Tazewell) and Diann Casteel (Greeneville); and a men's team for Brazil led by Sam Litton of Rocky Mount and consisting of Joseph Hafey (Roanoke), Daniel Sweeney (Lynchburg), George Brown (Richlands), Tyler Blount (Wytheville) and Bryan Weatherford (Rocky Mount).

Scholars selected for departure for school in 1989 were: Pamela Ann Barton (Lynchburg), Sarah Ann Hooven (Roanoke) and Victoria Nolen (Roanoke).

District giving for Rotary Foundation grew to about \$60,000 unrestricted and the total giving for Polio Plus reached the level of about \$600,000 on pledges of \$727,672.

The District Conference was held at The Homestead, Hot Springs VA on March 17-19 and was chaired by Charlie Sipe of Kingsport TN. The President's Representative was Past RI Director Manohar Manchanda of India. The visiting GSE team from India attended, as did the outgoing teams to India and Brazil. Total attendance was 483, with 56 of 60 clubs represented. The luncheon speaker was PDG Charlie Laine of Nashville TN District 676.

PDG Ramon Tamkin of Strasburg passed away on February 25, 1989.

1989-1990, Paul E. Corbett, Jr.

Due to open heart surgery in April, 1989, Governor Paul was unable to attend the Rotary International Assembly, but was trained at the International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois and was privileged to meet RI President Hugh Archer. Former RI President William Skelton also had a heart attack in September 1989. Illness did not prevent either from being involved in Rotary activities.



Emphasis was placed on YOUTH ACTIVITIES, with an increased number of International Youth Exchanges, a lively Youth Leadership Seminar at Blacksburg, and an increase in Interact Clubs. Leaders in these areas were Frank Wiggins (Staunton), Leslie Helmut (Harrisonburg) and Witt Langstaff (Kingsport).

Under the leadership of Robert Ely Johnson (Wytheville), we had Group Study Exchanges with District 120, led by David Lane of Warminster, England as our visitors, and Michael Hall (Wytheville) leading our team. Leading our team to Argentina was Robert Woodham (Kingsport) and heading our visitors from District 489 was Armando Pertierra.

Special mention should be made of the leadership of Jack Booth (Harrisonburg) and Sam Wiles (Kingsport) for their contribution to the World Community Service projects which included reassigning medical supplies to an Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The Harrisonburg Club also arranged for the donation of radiology equipment to a hospital in South America.

Tom Mason (Roanoke) chaired the Scholarship Committee which sent Christianne Elizabeth "Chisty" Parker to study in Australia. The Scholarships and Group Study Exchanges are provided on the basis of our contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Tri-City Airport, Tennessee was chartered on January 29, 1990, which brought our number of clubs to 61.

A highlight of the year was the 75th District Conference at The Homestead,

Hot Springs, Virginia. President Hugh Archer appointed Rotary International Nominee, Paulo V. C. Costa of Santos, Brazil as his representative. 513 Rotarians, partners, guests, and youth attended the Conference. Special recognition was given to Reid Jones (Roanoke) for establishing a scholarship fund through the Foundation. Roanoke was presented a 75th Anniversary Plaque, and Grundy was recognized for doubling their membership from 21 to 41.

A special Foundation Service Award was given to Joseph F Silek, Sr. and presented to his son Sam (Roanoke). Joyce Musakanya, our Freedom From Hunger Scholar from Africa, spoke to the Conference, as well as did GSE teams, Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract leaders.

Governor Paul was honored to serve as a District Governor and appreciated the fine support and involvement of the Club and District leadership. Truly, through service and fellowship, we "Enjoyed Rotary" in District 7570.

Our joy was interrupted by the death of Past District Governor Felix E. Edmunds on January 14, 1990, at the age of 90. Born on April 25, 1899, he served as District Governor in 1950-51. Despite our sadness, we still rejoice in the loving memory of the "elder statesman of Waynesboro" and a faithful Rotarian.

1991-92 - George E. Russell, Blacksburg, VA



Rotary really came alive for Frances and me during 1991 and 1992. Preparation began in earnest when we spent a week in California with the other 471 District Governors from around the world, talking Rotary non-stop!

Highlights of our year as DG and "Partner" for District 7570 were the visits to the 67 clubs and the wonderful participation we experienced at the District Conference.

All except a very few clubs were represented.

We thoroughly enjoyed the charter night programs for the new Radford Noon and Harrisonburg-Massanutten Clubs. Then you would have to list the celebrations of the 50th year for Lynchburg and Bristol Clubs as

exhilarating times for us. The 75th year anniversary of the Grundy Club was celebrated in grand style, too.

The Group Study Exchange with Bangladesh lead by Sid Mason was a tremendous success. District 7570 is continuing to support an ongoing project to provide a hospital for the people in the region visited by our GSE team.

My goals for the year included increased membership, which we were able to get up to 3900, and increased participation in the District Conference. I believe we had 600 attend the Conference. President Elect Robert Barth and his partner Gerty, from Switzerland, contributed knowledge, experience and human kindness to our conference. They challenged us to be more aware of the "advancements" in other countries as well as the shortcomings. We can learn from each other. We can grow together toward a better world with improved health, business relationships, and understanding.

Of course, the Rotary International Convention held in Orlando was a time to learn more about Rotary worldwide and meet many interesting Rotarians. It warmed our hearts to hear all the good things we have accomplished through the Rotary Foundation which celebrated its 75th year!

Our district made great strides in improving the management of our affairs when the clubs unanimously approved the "management policies and procedures" September 28, 1991. The Council of Governors and Chairman Howard Massey lead the district in accomplishing this goal.

Frances and I are sincerely appreciative of the opportunities provided us while serving the District as Governor and Partner. We couldn't have asked for better hosts than we found throughout District 7570, from Greenville, Tennessee to Winchester, Virginia. Everyone was keenly interested in our views, and we were certainly interested in yours. Working together we are able to "Look Beyond Ourselves" to the needs of others.

Rotary is dear to our hearts, and you and your partners will always be in our fondest memories because you are Rotarians.

1990-91 - Harold D. Van Hook, Rosedale, Virginia

Theme: Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm

I believe that each and every club visit and activity that I participated in during my term as governor was truly a highlight. However, listed below are some of the things that stand out in my memory that were exemplary.

My first official visit was on July 11 at Rotary Club of Grundy. At the meeting President Donald Hagy and his club made it possible for me to pin seven Paul Harris Fellows. That was a great way to start the year.



Early in the year at the suggestion of Bill Skelton I appointed a Management Task Force to study the effective and efficient management of District 7570. Through the efforts of Chairman Howard Massey, Jr., and his committee a new management system is now in place that has received recognition from Rotary International.

It certainly was a highlight for me to visit with the Ukrainian Youth Exchange Team that was hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Front Royal and Winchester, Virginia.

A particular pleasure that was mine was presenting the Rotary International Charter to three new Rotary Clubs: Rotary Club of Russell County, Rotary Club of Smith Mountain Lake, and Rotary Club of Stephen City, Virginia.

On January 10, 1992, it was my pleasure to present Bassett High School Interact Club its official certificate of organization.

The Youth Leadership Committee under the chairmanship of Barbara Fuller conducted an outstanding Youth Leadership Conference on December 7 and 8 at Virginia Tech Campus.

A very memorable highlight was a reception for the Governor given by the Tazewell High School Interact Club. At the same time they honored their sponsor, Susan Whitaker as a Paul Harris Fellow. That was a great Sunday afternoon.

Of course, the District Conference drawing over 500 Rotarians and guests was a super experience. Conference highlights were:

Regendra and Usha Saboo, President Costas representatives brought us great inspiration, warmth, fellowship and enthusiasm. They were exemplary role models for Rotary leadership.

Reed Jones was presented a crystal by Regendra Saboo in recognition of his continued and significant support to the Rotary Foundation.

Presentations by Christy Parker, District 7570 Scholarship recipient to Australia, 1990-1991; and Joe Forrest Rotary scholar from England were conference standouts.

President Tom Todd of the Rotary Club of Kingsport made a \$100,000 pledge from his Club; (\$10,000 a year the next ten years) to the Rotary Foundation. Now, is that not a good way to honor Rotary?

A significant emotional experience happened when District 7570 group study exchange team to England sang "Service in Any Language." It was a very moving experience that caused tears to come to many, many eyes.

The most significant experience was the tree planting exercise at the District Conference. A red maple was planted and the plaque reads, "TO PRESERVE PLANET EARTH, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE HOMESTEAD DEDICATE THIS TREE ON MARCH 22, 1991, AS A SYMBOL OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7570 PROGRAM TO PLANT 10,000 TREES IN 1991 WITH THE HELP OF WESTVACO CORPORATION". That highlight was made possible through the donation of 10,000 trees that were distributed to various Rotary Clubs and hopefully planted in District 7570.

To further the District 7570's efforts to improve international relations, Zhi Yuan Ding brought greetings from the People's Republic of China. The following quote from his presentation was extremely powerful. "Where there is no mutual trust and understanding, there is no friendship. Where there is no friendship, there is no business. Where there is no business, there is no international peace."

A strong effort had been made all year long to improve the restricted and unrestricted giving to the Rotary Foundation. An upward trend was set and significant progress was made. The Rotary Clubs of District 7570 donated over \$116,000 unrestricted (a 40% increase over the previous year) and \$67,000 of restricted (Polio Plus) for a total of over \$183,000.

All in all it was an extremely exciting, upbeat Rotary involvement year. One of the things that I think made it exciting was the new format that was used during the year for the newsletter. I was really proud of the newsletter. In reality it documents practically all Rotary happenings during 1990-91 in one way or another.

Last, but certainly not least, my deepest appreciation goes to Fred Harman, president, and all my fellow Rotarians (male and female) of the Tazewell Rotary Club for their loyal and unanimous support during my year as District Governor. They made it possible for District 7570 to experience an exemplary year of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". And yes, they did HONOR ROTARY with Faith and Enthusiasm.

1992 - 1993 - Ned Poyser - Covington/Hot Springs, Virginia

This Rotary year will be most remembered as having had the first GSE Exchange ever with the Peoples Republic of China. This was accomplished through the effective and diligent work of PDG Edgar C. Hatcher, Jr. The Chinese Team visited our District July 8 - August 23, 1992, lead by Dr. Xu Yun of Hangzhou University. The District 7570 Team, lead by PDG Ed Hatcher, visited China April 17 - May 26, 1993. There were two other GSE Exchanges during the year with District 9920, Fiji Islands, New Zealand and District 1990, Switzerland. Our Team to the Fijis was lead by Earline Orndorf and our Team to Switzerland was lead by PDG Charlie Seay.



Two major administrative changes occurred during the year. First, a District Management Policies and Procedures, specifying all District Officers and how they shall be elected or appointed, all District Committees, and how they shall be composed and their function, and how the District is to function, was put into effect. Secondly, our District was selected as one of twelve world wide to establish any type of management system, within the Constitution of Rotary International, that we might see as producing a more effective and efficient means of managing the District relative to Rotary International.

This is a three year experiment. Plans were formulated during this Rotary year and will be put into effect next year.

Our Bangladesh Hospital project, initiated at our 1992 District Conference, gained momentum, additional funding and a basic plan of approach during the year. It was voted at the 1993 Conference to ask each Rotarian in the District to donate \$5.00 toward the effort. Also at the 1993 Conference, the caps and tunics of the Swiss Exchange Team were auctioned off to raise funds for the hospital.

District 7570 was selected as one of ten in the Rotary world to initiate a pilot project aimed at creating an effective endowment in the Rotary Foundation dedicated to the longer range efforts of the Foundation using only the income from the endowment. Possible donors to this effort were selected throughout the District and contacts were begun.

The 1993 District Conference was hosted by the Covington/Hot Springs Rotary Club under the able chairmanship of Charlie Kahle. William T. Sergeant was RI President Cliff Dochterman's official representative and he and his wife Carolyn proved to be effective messengers of President Cliff's theme, "Real Happiness Is Helping Others". Program emphasis was on GSE Teams, Scholars and Student Exchange. The Swiss Team made presentations, a Swiss Scholar attending VPI talked to us and Scholarship Chairman, Tom Mason introduced two of our three selected outbound scholars and Exchange Chairman Dave Moreman presented two of his star students to us. It was an outstanding conference. The Marion-Morning Club was chartered during the year bringing our total to sixty-seven clubs.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

- 1988 Hot Springs, VA, March 18-20. Jack Forrest, R.I. Representative
- 1989 Hot Springs, VA, March 17-19,
- 1990 Hot Springs, Va, March 23-25, Pres. Nominee, Paulo V. C. Costa, R. I. Representative
- 1991 Hot Springs, VA, March 22/24, Pres. Elect Rajendra K. Saboo is R.I. Representative
- 1992 Hot Springs, VA, March 20/22, Pres. Nominee, Robert Barth, R.I. Representative
- 1993 Hot Springs, VA, March 19/21, Bill Sergeant, R. I. Representative

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

- 1988 Roanoke, Va, April 30
- 1989 Blacksburg, Va., April 28
- 1990 Blacksburg, Va., May 12
- 1991 Blacksburg, Va., Sept. 28
- 1992 Roanoke, Va., May 16
- 1993 Roanoke, VA, May 15

ZONE INSTITUTES

- 1987 9/24-9/27 Zones 4 & 10, San Juan, Porto Rico
1988 9/29-10/2 Zones 4 & 10, Williamsburg, VA
1989 9/28-10/1 Zones 4 & 10, Boca Raton, FL
1990 10/11-10/14 Zones 4 & 10, Raleigh, NC
1991 10/10-10/13 Zones 4 & 10, Birmingham, Ala.
1992 11/10-11/15 Zones 4 & 10, White Sulphur Springs, WV

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- 1988 May 22-25, Philadelphia, Pa.
1989 May 21-24, Seoul, Korea
1990 June 24-27, Portland, Oregon
1991 June 1-5, Mexico City, Mexico
1992 June 14-17, Orlando, Fl.
1993 May 22-26, Melbourne, Australia

FUTURE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Taipei, Taiwan, China, June 12-15, 1994

Nice, France, June 11-14, 1995

Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 23-26, 1996

Glasgow, Scotland, June 15-18, 1997

Indianapolis, Indiana, June 14-17, 1998

CLUBS IN THE "ADOPT A HIGHWAY" PROGRAM

Amherst

Bridgewater

Buchanan

Galax (Have collected \$1000.00 worth of aluminum cans)

Lynchburg

Marion

Martinsville-Henry County Morning Club

North Roanoke

Staunton

Staunton-Augusta

RETROSPECTIVE

There are some things that have happened in our District 7570 which do not fall into readily definable areas, and are for the most part non-repeating items. Some are listed below.

Diane Christian was inducted into the Rotary Club of Radford in 1987, becoming the first female Rotarian in District 7570.

There was a Student Exchange to USSR, with 19 students from 9 Clubs spending 3 weeks in August 1991 visiting Lvov, Moscow and Kiev.

Two students, Kelly Combs and Melissa Nickels, visited Australia on a Friendship Exchange in July 1991 to Tazewell's sister city, Gunnedah, Australia.

Alinda Malginova, Moscow, Russia, was our first full year Rotary Youth Exchange Student from that country.

During 1992-93, there were youth exchanges with 4 continents and 13 countries. In return we had 8 foreign students visiting our district.

In 1991, 23,000 trees were planted (6 per member of 7570) as part of Preserve Planet Earth. A red maple, given by Westvaco, was planted on the Homestead grounds with a marker to commemorate the tree plantings.

In 1991 \$109,814.00 was given to Rotary Foundation.

District 7570 received A Presidential Award of Honor for Club Extension in 1991.

District 7570 was one of 10 districts in the United States to be selected to undertake planning for Major Gift requests to establish an Endowment Fund within the Rotary Foundation. Work will proceed on this undertaking in the next demi-biennium

In December 1992 a District 7570 Information Guide and Make-up Directory was issued with a copy for each member.

As in our previously issued history and its five year updates, we have dealt mainly with District happenings, except for a couple of club things that are milestones for the District. As our clubs age, with 4 Clubs chartered prior to 1918, Roanoke in 1914, Lynchburg, Johnson City, and Bristol, all in 1917, having celebrated their 75th Birthday in the past 5 years, and with 13 clubs having 75th Anniversaries in the next half decade, each club should be planning an upgrade of its own history.

We wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way toward making this history possible. Without the help from so many, promptly provided, when asked, this would have been a far more difficult task.

And lastly, we must pay tribute to our Rotarian forebearers, who have made Rotary International, District 7570, and our individual clubs what they are today. I think this Paraphrase Poem on Ecclesiasticus by William D. Tarrant, says it well.

*Now praise we great and famous men,
The Fathers named in story;
And praise the Lord, who now as then,
Reveals in man his glory.
Praise we the wise and brave and strong,
Who graced their generation,
Who helped the right, and fought the wrong,
And made our folk a nation.
Praise we the great of heart and mind,
The singers sweetly gifted,
Whose music like a mighty wind
The souls of men uplifted.
Praise we the peaceful men of skill,
Who builded homes of beauty
And rich in art, made richer still
The brotherhood of duty.
Praise we the glorious names we know,
And they whose names have perished,
Lost, in the haze of long ago,
In silent love be cherished.
In peace their sacred ashes rest,
Fulfilled their day's endeavor;
They blessed the earth, and they are blessed
Of God and men forever.*