



*Historical Highlights of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake*



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## *Rotary's first day and the years that followed...*

February 23, 1905. The airplane had yet to stay aloft more than a few minutes. The first motion picture theater had not yet opened. Norway and Sweden were peacefully terminating their union. On this particular day, a Chicago lawyer, Paul P. Harris, called three friends to a meeting. What he had in mind was a club that would kindle fellowship among members of the business community. It was an idea that grew from his desire to find within the large city the kind of friendly spirit that he knew in the villages where he had grown up.

The four businessmen didn't decide then and there to call themselves a Rotary club, but their get-together was, in fact, the first meeting of the world's first Rotary club. As they continued to meet, adding others to the group, they rotated their meetings among the members' places of business, hence the name. Soon after the club name was agreed upon, one of the new members suggested a wagon wheel design as the club emblem. It was the precursor of the familiar cogwheel emblem now worn by Rotarians around the world. By the end of 1905, the club had 30 members.

The second Rotary club was formed in 1908 half a continent away from Chicago in San Francisco, California. It was a much shorter leap across San Francisco Bay to Oakland, California, where the third club was formed. Others followed in Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California, and New York City, New York. Rotary became international in 1910 when a club was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. By 1921 the organization was represented on every continent and the name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

Originally Rotary International was organized into Divisions with each Division led by a Vice-president of Rotary International. Although it was yet to become a Rotary Club, or even a City, Chesapeake was located in the Southern Division led by Vice-president George W. Clark of Jacksonville, Florida. By 1916 Rotary had grown to the point that it needed a finer organization. Districts were formed with each District having a District Governor. The States of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina comprised District 4. Richmond (June 2, 1913), Norfolk (May 1, 1914), and Petersburg (August 1, 1916) were three of the earliest clubs to be chartered in our area. Many changes to the District have occurred since. Perhaps the least of which was the recent change designating our District, District 7600.

Chesapeake participated as part of either the Portsmouth or the Norfolk Rotary Club since it did not become a city until January 1, 1963. When Chesapeake finally became a city through a merger of Norfolk County and the City of South Norfolk many of these Rotarians turned their thoughts to forming a Chesapeake Rotary Club. The founders did not want to divide the City up into east and west for Rotary purposes. To avoid this division the Norfolk and Portsmouth Clubs were asked to co-sponsor the new Rotary Club. This would protect against disgruntled feelings about Rotary Territory, as well as allay the concerns about a Norfolk-sponsored club taking members from the Portsmouth Club. Edwin W. Chittum, former Superintendent of Chesapeake Public Schools, and Townsend Oast, a local banker, both members of the Norfolk Club recruited Lisle Lindsay and Bill Danco of the Portsmouth Rotary Club to help with their initiative in forming the Rotary Club of Chesapeake. The work actively began in 1966. The Rotary Club of Chesapeake was chartered on June 26, 1967, and a few Portsmouth and Norfolk Rotary Club members joined with others from the new City of Chesapeake in forming our Club. The Rotary Club of Norfolk contributed the Rotary Bell, and the Rotary Club of Portsmouth contributed the Rotary Banner to the New Rotary Club of Chesapeake.

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Other charter members were: Earle H. Aleck, Gaspare Battaglia, E. L. Baker, Earl Cadmus, W. O. Clark, Frank Clemons, Thomas Dalton, Doug Eley, W. L. Forbes, Clarence Forehand, James Garrett, Edward Gray, Thomas Johnson, Jonathan Lindsay, Roscoe Musselwhite, T. E. Nettles, Sid Oman, Bill Parker, Bill Scott, Hubert Shiner, Harold Thrasher, and Carl Wilhelm. Many went on to become president of the new club. Some of their sons have also achieved that office.

Over the years the Chesapeake Rotary Club (the Club) Has met: at The Red Carriage Inn (in the Holiday Inn at Military and George Washington Highways), at The Virginia Reel, at Nick's, and Jerry's. The current meeting location is at the Holiday Inn, Greenbrier.

Two presiding presidents died while in office; they were John Eaves, who died in 1976, and Jack Smith who passed away in 1993. Billy Forbes became the new president for the remainder of the 1975-76 term in addition to his 1976-77 elected term of office. Harry Blevins did the same, fulfilling Jack Smith's term of office plus his own 1994-95 elected term of office. The Club Secretary Emeritus Chuck Moseley held that office until July, 2001.

This booklet presents *Historical Highlights* of the many events and people as they are remembered by some of our current members.

### *Founding Fathers*



Rotary Club of Chesapeake Founding Fathers. Seated: Al Mitchell, Clarence Forehand, Jimmy Garret, Buddy Ivy, Harold Thrasher, Tommy Johnson. Middle row, Bill Danco, Eddie Gray, Bill Albert, Dick Harrell, Durwood Curling, Judge Bill Forbes, Howard Lawmann, Townsend Oast, Hubert Shriver, Bill Parker, Ed Chittum, and Judge Earl Cadmus. Back row, Jonathan Lindsay, Loyd Gaskins, Lisle Lindsay, Bennie Fanshaw, Froggy Rountree, Dr. Eddie Boker, Buck Taylor, Speedy Waldo, Earl Nettles, Sid Oman, and Earle Aleck.

### **First Year Perfect Attendance**

During the Club's first year Earle Aleck, Judge Earl Cadmus, Jonathan Lindsey, Lise Lindsay, and Townsend Oast achieved perfect attendance. The longest running perfect attendance is held by Bill Holloway, with 34 years as of the end of 2002.





Left to Right: Howard Lawman, Harold Thrasher, Ken Fulp, Ed Chittum, Hank Paterson, Chuck Moseley, Townsend Oast, and Otis Deaver reminiscing regarding the meeting pictured on Page 3.

### ***The Charter Members***

Earle H. Aleck	Thomas Johnson	Gaspere Battaglia	Jonathan Lindsey
E.L. Baker	Lisle Lindsay	Roscoe Musselwhite	Ed Chittum
Earl Cadmus	Edward Gray	T. E. Nettles	W.D. Clark
Townsend Oast	Frank Clemens	Sid Oman	Thomas Dalton
Bill Parker	Doug Eley	Bill Scott	W.L. Forbes
Hubert Shiner	Clarence Forehand	Harold Thrasher	James Garrett
Carl Wilhelm			

### **The First of The First**

Ed Chittum was The Club's first president. Earle H. Aleck was the Club's first Paul Harris Fellow. Warren Aleck and Bill Holloway were the Club's first benefactors. Winston Whitehurst became the Club's first African American member on April 3, 1988. Nancy Cross became the Club's first female member on June 7, 1989. Gayle Terwilliger was the first member to give birth; yes, it was a bouncing baby boy in January 1992! Gayle Terwilliger was also the Club's first female president as well as the Club's first female club member to become Assistant District Governor.

Earle Aleck 1969-70 was the first president of the Club to have his son Warren become president in 1983. They were followed by Harold Thrasher, President 1978-79, and his son Henry who became president in July 2000. Jimmy Garrett, President 1972-73, sponsored his son Page to membership in the Club on September 5, 1973.

### **First Year Perfect Attendance**

Earle H. Aleck      Townsend Oast      Earl Cadmus      Jonathan Lindsey      Lisle Lindsey  
Bill Holloway currently holds the record with thirty-four years of perfect attendance.

### **In Memory**

Resolutions have been made honoring the life and memory of the following Rotarians:

Doug Eley, 1968	Earle Aleck, 1976	Lisle Lindsay, 1971	Earl Cadmus, 1978
William Danco, 1972	Jack Smith, 1993	Jimmy Garrett, 1975	Billy Forbes, 1999
John Eaves, 1975	Harry Paxson, 1999	Raymond Holland, 2000	

**Rotary Club of Chesapeake Presidents**



**Ed Chittum**  
1967-68



**Warren Aleck**  
1983-84



**Iovnsend Oast**  
1968-69



**Bonney Smith**  
1985-86



**Ray Holland**  
1980-81



**Ken Fulp**  
1973-74



**Henry Patterson**  
1987-88



**Bill Thompson**  
1989-90



**Harold Thrasher**  
1978-79



**Jeff Powell**  
1991-92



**Tim Kerr**  
1981-82



**Dudley Miles**  
1982-83



**Gayle Terwilliger**  
1996-97



**Lewis Witt**  
1995-96

Unfortunately pictures of Past Presidents Earle H. Aleck - 1969-70, Earle Cadmus - 1970-71, Allan W. Mitchell - 1971-72, Jimmy Garrett - 1972-73, W. F. Roundtrety - 1974-75, John B. Eaves - 1975-76, Howard C. Laumann - 1977-78, Lloyd Gaskins - 1979-80, Ray Holland - 1980-81, Sidney Loxley - 1984-85, James Rein - 1986-87, Jack Gibson - 1988-89, Peter Fay - 1990-91, John Brown -1992-93, Jack Smith - 1993-94, Harry Blevins 1994-95, are unavailable at this time.



**Rotary Club of Chesapeake Presidents**



Walter Eley  
1997-98



Henry Thrasher  
2000-01



Ray Conner  
1998-99



Robin Tull  
2001-02

Richard Harris  
1999-00



Wynn Dixon  
2002-03



Tom Dana, Otis Meekins, Lawrence McCoy, Richard Harris, Martin Trishman, Vicky Corvin, Mike Baine, Wynn Dixon, Judge Larry Willis, Robin Tull, Henry Thrasher

**2000 –2001**

**Recent Club Officers**

**2001—2002**



Wynn Dixon, Frank Miller, Tom Dana, Robin Tull, Vicky Corvin, Martin Trishman, Crystal Anderson, Henry Thrasher, Claire Askew, Robert Riddle, Mike Baine, Judge Larry Willis

## ***Paul Harris Fellows***

The Club has 73 Paul Harris Fellows. They are:

Aleck, Debra J.	Day, Wilton D.	Janis, Arthur G. Sr.	Ripley, Dorothy S.
Aleck, Earle H.	Dempsey, James D. +	Kerr, Timothy H.	Ripley, Robert F.
Aleck, Helen G.	Eaves, John B.	King, D. G.	Roundtre, William F.
Aleck, Warren L. +	Eley, Walter R.	King, Gardner	Scott, Stanley F.
Anderson, Crystal	Flye, Daniel H.	Kirts, Gary G.	Smith, Bonnie R.
Askew, Claire R.	Forbes, William L.	Loxley, Jean F.	Smith, John L. Jr.
Bateman, C. Fred	Fulp, Kenneth E.	Loxley, Sidney S.	Terwilliger, Gayle
Baum, Carl L.	Garrett, James N.	McKoy, Gail	Thompson, William A. Jr.
Blevins, Harry B.	Garrett, John Page	McCoy, Lawrence W.	Thrasher, Allen S.
Brown, John W.	Gibson, Jack W.	Miles, Joseph D. III	Thrasher, Emma R.
Cadmus, Earl	Gibson, Jack W.	Mosley, Charles L.	Thrasher, Harold
Chittum, Edwin W.	Hanson, Russell G. Jr.	Newman, Joe W.	Thrasher, Henry T. +
Conner, Ray	Harris, Richard T. +	Oast, Townsend Jr.	Tibbit, Nelson P. Jr.
Copeland, Robert L.	Hart, Lillie	Oast, Townsend Sr.	Trishman, Martin A.
Copeland, William A.	Holland, Raymond H.	Outland, Grover Sr.	Tull, Robin W.
Costello, Mike	Holloway, Debra B.	Patterson, Henry	Whitfield, Jeannette
Creekmore, Fred H.	Holloway, Mary H. +	Paxson, Harry C.	Willis, Larry D.
Dana, Thomas W.	Holloway, William T. +	Powell, Jeffrey P.	Witt, Lewis S.
			Wright, Ron

+ Designates Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Also Victoria Corvin, Benefactor

Martin Trishman joined the Club in 1997. He was subsequently assigned by President Ray Conner to work with Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman Dempsey James. Having been a Charter Member and Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Fremont, and having belonged and participated in Rotary giving as a Paul Harris Fellow in two other clubs (the Rotary Club of Dayton Ohio, and the Rotary Club of Richmond Virginia), Martin was particularly interested in adding his efforts to Dempsey's in supporting the work of the Rotary Foundation. He selected "Paul Harris" as a method of "Honored Giving," and established a "Paul Harris Match" in honor of his late wife, Marilyn.



Ray Conner      Martin Trishman      John Fahey

Martin put up five thousand dollars to be contributed to the Rotary Foundation when matched by various members of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake. In the first year ten members rose to the challenge and became "Paul Harris" donors. Martin repeated the challenge a second and a third year. As a result many Chesapeake Rotarians and their relatives have now become "Paul Harris" honorees.

Here, flanked by President Ray Conner District Governor John A. Fahey presents Martin with a Rotary Foundation District 7600 Service Award for his efforts in promoting the Rotary Foundation and its goal of worldwide understanding.



## *Functions and Projects - The 1960's*

The Rotary Club of Chesapeake is involved in numerous civic functions and projects. Paint Your Heart Out is a project that involves painting 25 homes of indigent or elderly homeowners each year. The Club Student Loan Program provides scholarships for High School Seniors. The Spaghetti Dinner raises money to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. A similar donation is given the Girl Scouts. Contributing high schools present a Christmas Choral Luncheon for the Club. Adopt-a-school, 4-H Camp and the Club sponsored STRIVE program provide encouragement for underprivileged and Under Achieving Chesapeake Youth.

### **The Annual Outing**

During the late 60's, the Club conducted an Annual Outing strictly for the purpose of fellowship. The Outing included a steak cookout and was held at many different locations. For several years, the event took place on Jonathan Lindsay's farm; for years afterward, Billy Forbes' farm was the place for the Outing. The Greenbrier Shed on Greenbrier Farms was the next Outing location. Over time, the Greenbrier Farms property became too valuable and the old shed had to go. The Outing was held at the Northwest Naval Radio Station in the years that followed.



Frank Clemons, Ed Chittum, Lisle Lindsey, Doug Clark, Judge Earl Cadmus



Buck Taylor, Bennie Fanshaw, Warren Aleck, Bill Parker

### **Early Trophies**

Warren Aleck, Buck Taylor

In 1969 at the District Conference, the Club was presented two trophies. One was presented to Frank Clemons for the best bulletin and the other trophy was for the best attendance at the conference.

### **Rotary Book Shelf Project**

On October 1, 1969, the Club started the Rotary Book Shelf Project. On his birthday anniversary each Rotarian would donate a book to the Chesapeake Library. The name of the donating member would be printed

or autographed in the book and placed in the local library of the donor's choice. It is unclear why the Rotary Book Shelf Project was discontinued.

### **Bronco World Series of Boys Baseball**



Durwood Curling

In 1969 and 1970, the Club sponsored the Bronco World Series of Boys Baseball held at Indian River Park. Durwood Curling chaired the event. The first year Durwood and other Rotarians personally signed a \$7,500 note as seed money to start things off. Over \$40,000 was raised that year.

The players were 11 and 12 years old (and housed at Virginia Wesleyan College). Teams from throughout the Boys Baseball playing world were represented. A note of particular interest, that first year Deep Creek was one of the finalists, losing to Oak Park, Illinois. The second year a Puerto Rican team won the series. In 1970, the Texas versus Alabama game went 19 innings with the final score 1 to 0; Alabama won!

Because of the strong Boys Baseball Program in Chesapeake and a successful year in 1969, being asked to host the series the following year was a "no-brainer" for the Club. The National Headquarters for the Boys Baseball is in Washington, Pennsylvania.

### **Father-Daughter/Father-Son**

During the late 60's to early 70's, the Club held an annual event called the Father-Daughter/Father-Son Day. On alternating years during the holiday season, daughters and sons of Rotarians would attend a Club meeting with their Rotarian parent. This event later evolved into a Holiday Program for all the children of the Club's members.

A choral group from Great Bridge High School performed for the Club on some of these occasions. In 1999, the Hickory High School choral group performed.



The Miles: Sherri, Dudley III, and Dudley IV

### **Education Achievement Program**

In 1969, The Club initiated the Education Achievement Program. The first scholarship loan was \$250, and was funded through the Club's budget surplus. Each year a certain amount would be added to the fund. It was agreed that the fund would be better served if it was handled as a non-interest loan rather than an outright gift.

With time there is change. Today, a college student can borrow up to \$1000 at 5% interest. After graduation from college, the student has up to five years to pay back the loan. If a student drops out of college, the time clock of repayment begins at that point. To date, over \$34,000 has been awarded to college students through this program.



## *The 1970's*

### **Interact Clubs**

In the early 70's, the Club sponsored two Interact Clubs. The two initial Clubs formed at Great Bridge and Deep Creek High Schools never really left ground zero and died.

In 1995, The Club again sponsored an Interact Club at Great Bridge High School. The first year membership rose to 15-25 members. In year two, membership grew to 40-45 members strong. In 1996, the Interact Club won second place for its float during the Great Bridge High School Homecoming Parade. In 1997, members of the Interact Club helped Rotarians serve spaghetti at the annual fundraiser.

The Interact Club died when the school faculty advisor was transferred and a replacement was never appointed.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

On Derby Day in 1974, the Club put on a Pancake Breakfast in the parking lot of Earle's Market in Great Bridge. Pancakes and Gino's sausages were prepared on site and breakfast was served to the public. The breakfast was so successful that it turned out to be an all-day affair. Fun, fellowship, and raising money for scholarships and the Nurses Stations at Chesapeake General Hospital carried the day.

### **Auction**

Between 1974-1977 the Club conducted auctions as fundraisers. Jack Peoples was the auctioneer. The members collected new and used merchandise to be auctioned off. The first year \$3,000 was raised. For the first two years the auctions were held at Greenbrier Mall. The third year the auction was held at the Ace of Clubs. Funds were raised to support a Scholarship Program.

On June 18, 1975, the Club auctioned off a used Pinto station wagon donated by a local auto dealer. These proceeds were also designated to help support the purchase of the Nurses Station at Chesapeake General.

### **Proclamation**

In 1975 Mayor Marian P. Whitehurst of Chesapeake proclaimed the week of February 23rd through 28th, as Rotary International Week in the City of Chesapeake.

### **Rotary Ann**

For several years during the mid to late 1970's, the Club included women by conducting a Rotary Ann Night at the Lake Wright Dinner Theater. The wives and significant others attending were given a small round jewelry box with a Rotary emblem to commemorate the event. These Rotary Ann parties were precursors to admitting women into Rotary, an eruption of the first order.

In 1977 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California had grown so small (23 members) that it was in danger of loosing its charter. So they broke the rules and started enrolling women. As one might expect, it came as quite a shock to the then 17,530 chapters and 818,000 men around the world. The R.I. Governing body threatened to retract the club charter unless Duarte revoked the membership of its three female members. Then Club Secretary Bill Brooks said, "we have already made the decision to keep the women." The R.I. District Governor, Paul Bryan of Pasadena said, "the basic issue is that Rotary is a service club, organized for the purpose of bringing the business and professional community together for fellowship and service. Now a significant portion of that community is women. Rotary can not be effective (in Duarte) and con-

tinue to exclude women. It would not be possible to change the male only rules of membership until the R.I. Legislative Council meets in 1980.

The controversy grew. Many chapters throughout the United States and in other countries felt strongly about keeping Rotary all male. One of the Duarte women, Donna Bogart, Principal of the Maxwell school and a member of the club pointed out that it was a shame that in many communities there are many women in key management positions who are left out.

The case made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court where it was decided that Rotary should hence forth admit women. As a result many women around the world and some Rotary Ann's joined Rotary as full members. And the need for a formal Rotary Ann program in many clubs fell by the wayside.

### **Birthday/Anniversary Recognition**

In the late 1970's to early 1980's, the Club recognized Rotarians on the month of their birthday and anniversary. On the first meeting day of the month, after the recognition and, of course, the singing of "Happy Birthday," a large birthday cake with candles was shared by the members and guests. Birthday recognitions were resumed in 2002 albeit without the birthday cake. The president now recognizes "Birthday Rotarians" from the podium.

### **Rotary Ball**

In 1971 through the early 1980's, the Club hosted an annual Chesapeake Rotary Ball. At that time in Chesapeake there was no place for the Club to have a ball, so the Moose Lodge in Portsmouth was the home for the Chesapeake Rotary Ball. Each year the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day was selected as the date for the Ball. It was felt that it would be a good way to get us out of the winter doldrums. Valentine's Day meant sweethearts, so the event became the Sweetheart Ball. Not only did the Ball act as a social gathering, but it also served as a fundraiser for the \$8,000 commitment the Club made for a Nurse's Station at the new Chesapeake General Hospital. Over the past few years the "Ball" has become a Valentine's Party Which is now held in the Greenbrier Club House in Chesapeake.

### **300% Rotary Foundation Club**

In March of 1975, an award representing a 300% level of giving to the Rotary International Foundation was presented to the Club.

### **Group Study Exchange/Foundation Committee**

Between 1976 and 1992, the District Group Study Exchange Committee was chaired by our own Tim Kerr. During his time as chairman, the district held exchanges with Denmark, India, Japan, England, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, and Australia. As a result of Tim's participation, young men and women from Chesapeake made trips to Argentina, India, and Thailand.



Here we see Tim Kerr standing by as one of the students speaks to the Club.

Tim also represented the Club and District as team leader for the Group Study Exchange to Japan in 1980, and he chaired the District Foundation Committee from 1992 to 1993. In recognition he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the District and the Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service awards by the Rotary Foundation.



## *The 1980's*

### **Coaches Day**

In 1980, the Club started the practice of inviting the football coaches from the five existing city high schools to speak at a meeting. Each coach would give a preview of the upcoming football season. During a good part of the discussion, the coaches would cry the blues, not wanting to reveal their team's strengths and weaknesses before the other coaches. Today six high school's and coaches participate in this event.

### **YMCA Projects**

In 1980, Greenbrier Associates made an offer to the Club that could not be refused. If the Club would raise enough money to buy one acre of property on Greenbrier Parkway, Greenbrier Associates would match that one acre with an additional three acres. The four acres would then be used as site for a YMCA in Chesapeake. The Club gladly accepted the challenge and raised the twenty-five thousand dollars by buying and raffling off a new automobile. It was an all out effort that led to the first YMCA in the city of Chesapeake.

In 2000 the club was again approached to help support the YMCA by committing to a \$25,000 grant to help purchase property on the shore of the Chesapeake. The project was to build a children's camp, Camp Silver Beach, where children could spend a couple of weeks swimming, boating, playing ball, or just camping. The Club rose to the challenge and committed a donation of \$5,000 for each of the next five years.

### **Jubilee**



Ken Fulp, Billy Forbes, Tim Kerr, Rodney Carlson, Milton McPherson, Dick Bauer, Dan Graves

During the mid 1980's, as a fundraiser the Club sold hamburgers and pizza at the Chesapeake Jubilee. The first year the Club flipped hamburgers. The second year, the Club borrowed a pizza oven and made, cooked, and sold pizzas.

By the time the third year rolled around, the Club owned two pizza ovens. After the fourth year of cooking and selling at the Jubilee, the profit margin dictated that the Club disband the project. Yes! the \$1,000 pizza ovens were sold for \$500!

### **Adopt-A-School/Partners In Education**

In the 1980's, the Club joined the Adopt-A-School Program, adopting Edwards Wilson Elementary School which served a low-income, at risk community in Chesapeake. Rotarians read to and mentored young students, a big help in their early years. The students relished, especially club members reading to them.

Since the beginning of this program, one of the Club's members, has sponsored student attendance at the big circus each year. The Club also annually collected clothes and shoes to distribute to the students. Today, The Club collects funds from its members to buy new the needed clothing items for the children. These items are given to them during the holiday season. This program continues to this day even after the Edwards Wilson Elementary School merged with the new Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in 1966.

### **Spin The Wheel**

During the 1980's, the Club introduced the idea of "Spin the Wheel." As a small, fun fundraiser a member would have an opportunity (no choice) to spin the wheel when his/her name was published in a newspaper

or other publication. The wheel had numbers on it and the number where the wheel stopped represented the amount of money that would be contributed by the member. Ed Chittum had a big wheel made for the Club. The Club now uses a smaller version that can be applied to other functions in addition to levying financial donations.

### **Chesapeake Retired Senior Volunteer Program**



Walt Eley serves two Senior Citizens

During the years 1985 through 1989, the Club sponsored a recognition luncheon honoring Chesapeake Retired Senior Volunteers. Not only did The Club sponsor the event, but members were the servers for the luncheon. Sponsoring this event was the Club's way of saying thank you to the scores of seniors who ease the burden of needed help throughout the City. The theme of this event was "There Is Nothing Stronger In The World Than Gentleness."

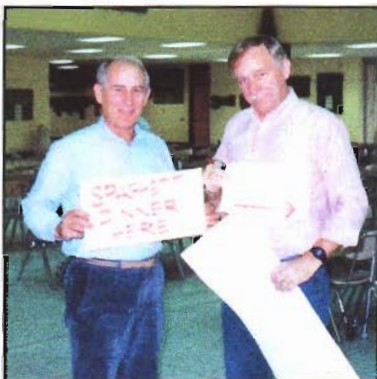
Over 200 senior citizens were working in the Chesapeake Retired Senior Volunteer Program during that period of time.

### **Polio Plus**

In an effort to eradicate polio throughout the world, Rotary International initiated a program to raise enough money for the vaccine. This was a successful five year project in the mid 1980's. The vaccinations were administered through the World Health Organization. The original goal was to eradicate Polio world-wide by the year 2000.

Rotary Clubs throughout the world set up teams to spread the word. Videotapes were used to show other civic organizations to get their support. Of the funds donated by the members of the Chesapeake Rotary Club, \$8,091 was designated through the Paul Harris Fellow membership program. Rotary International more than tripled its goal. Hank Patterson governed the Club's participation in that worldwide project.

To date, all of North America, Europe, Central America, most of Asia, Africa, and South America have been declared Polio Free. There are still a very few countries in Africa and Asia, and one country in South America where Polio is still being reported. Rotary, The World Health Organization, and the Bill Gates Foundation have now formed a renewed partnership to complete world-wide eradication of Polio. Rotary provides doctors and public awareness. The World Health Organization provides logistics and supplies. The U.S. Government and the Bill Gates Foundation have come forth with money.



Senator Harry Blevins provides the advertisement, & Otis Meekins points the way.

### **Camp Pipsico/Spagetti Dinner**

In 1987, the Club pledged \$15,000 in order to build the Trading Post Building at Camp Lions on the Pipsico Scout Reservation (917 acres) for the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts. In order to raise the money, the Club initiated a fundraiser. A spaghetti dinner was held each year at the Great Bridge High School Cafeteria. After satisfying the three year pledge of \$5,000 per year in 1991, the Club, along with other Rotary Clubs in the area, pledged an added \$10,000 to construct a new camp on the Pipsico Scout Reservation. Naturally, the camp was called Camp Rotary. It served the weekend needs of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the Tidewater area. After that \$10,000 pledge was satisfied, the Club made another pledge for \$10,000 to the Girl Scouts in support of the



Place For Girls on Cedar Road. Bill Thompson is founding father of Chesapeake Rotary contributions to Boy Scouts. Since joining Chesapeake Rotary Melissa Hanbury has been performing a like function on behalf of the Girl Scouts.

The annual spaghetti dinner is now a Club institution which funds continuing support for both Girl Scout as well as Boy Scout projects. The only requirement on the part of the scouts is that they participate in the dinner. Today, the spaghetti dinner also helps support club scholarship funding.



Front Row: Dave Krams, Stan Scott, Roy Holland, George Dabul Back Row: Mike Costello, Steve Best, Buddy Bagley, Don Travitz, Dan Graves



Joe Newman and Frank Miller

Frank Miller reported year 2002 results. The Club served 611 people, and grossed \$9,626.00 for a net profit of \$4,851.50. \$1,500.00 was contributed to the Boy Scouts and \$1,500.00 was given to the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts earned an additional \$160.00 by selling tickets in addition to serving spaghetti; an arrangement offered to both The Boy Scout and the Girl Scout organizations.

### **Administrative Assistants' Day**

Throughout the mid 80's, the Club members honored their secretaries during Secretaries' Week. Each Rotarian invited his secretary to attend that weekly luncheon meeting. With the advent of personal computers and the "Internet" many traditional typing secretarial duties have disappeared, supplanted by administrative duties. The tradition continues today with Administrative Assistants.'

### **Fireside Chats**

During the late 1980's, the Club started a "Fireside Chat" to be held for the benefit of all newly elected members. The purpose of the Fireside Chat is to familiarize the proposed member with Rotary, its history, his/her responsibilities as a member, and to let him/her know the importance of service in Rotary, and that membership should be taken very seriously.

### **Scholarship Program**

In 1989, the Club began a scholarship program involving all five Chesapeake High Schools. Each principal chooses a graduating senior from his or her school to be the recipient on the day of recognition. The students, along with their parents and their principals join the Club members for luncheon. Each student, introduced by his or her principal gives a brief talk about themselves explaining their plans and goals in life. Each is awarded a \$250 scholarship.



Fred Bateman host of the Scholarships



Brenden Sawyer, Scholar, Great Bridge High School 2001

Based on the overall program a committee decides which student will receive an additional scholarship of \$250 as the Rotary Student of the Year. Fred Bateman, Retired Superintendent of the Chesapeake Public School system, has made a tradition of chairing the committee and hosting the event in recent years.

In 1999, each scholarship was raised to \$500 with an additional \$500 for the Rotary Student of the Year.

## *The 1990's*

### **4-H/ Rotary Camp**

In 1989 a visit by Chesapeake Rotary Club member, Warren Aleck, to the 4-H Conference Center in Wakefield, Virginia, led ultimately to the 4-H/Rotary Camp. The Principal of Edwards Wilson Elementary School, located in a low-income at-risk community, was appointed to select needy children to attend the camp. In 1996, Edwards Wilson Elementary students merged into the new Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.



Warren Aleck (second from left) and Parents on Parents Day

In the first year, 1990, the Club allocated \$1000 to the program with a \$1000 match from the Virginia 4-H Foundation. Since that first year, the Club has fully sponsored the 4-H Cloverbud Camp, which includes children ages 5-8. To date a total of \$21,000 has been provided by the Club.

During the course of the camping program, a series of educational sessions on subjects such as aquatics, wildlife science, nature studies, forestry, health, safety, and nutrition are conducted. Much emphasis is placed on getting to know other children and adults throughout the 4-H District who all come from different communities. In addition with the help

of Club members, youngsters participate in traditional camp activities including swimming, campfire programs, songs, and games. One of the unique features of this program is that the parents of the campers have an opportunity to take a field trip to the 4-H Center and become familiar with the facility and the programs in which their children participate. The parents also receive training in parenting skills-enabling them to become stronger and more caring parents.

Each school year, the Chesapeake 4-H presents a program to the Club describing the camping experiences of the previous season. Usually, an advisor, parent, and youth participant take part in the program.

Ms. Jones, Executive Secretary at Camp Cloverbud, met with the Club in July 2001 and described the participation of her school students and parents in the 4-H summer camp. Each year the Rotary Club of Chesapeake sponsors five adults and 25 students (ages 5-8) from Thurgood Marshall for a weekend at the Camp. Fifteen parents also attend the camp's parent workshop. As Ms. Jones described the program and the camp weekend, she thanked the Club for past support and hoped that the program would be continued in the future. Student, Monesha Williams, and her mother, Tesha Yancy, both campers, thanked the Club for their chance to attend. Ms. Jones presented remembrances to Warren Aleck and Richard Harris for their support of the camp, and thanked the Club from the bottom of her heart.



Ms. Theresa Jones, Executive Secretary at Camp Cloverbud with a camper.

The program has continued to grow over the years. The 2002 season began the eleventh successful year of this special program. To date, 270 youth and 200 parents have been involved in addition to the 55 councilors. Only one year occurred when, for reasons of budget, the Club could not sponsor the program. In 1994, the Chesapeake Chamber of Commerce awarded its Partner In Education award to the program.

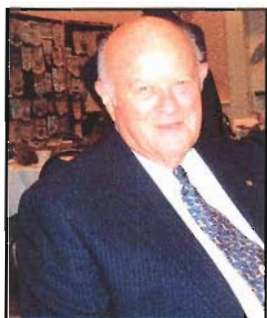


### **Spirit of Norfolk**

In 1990, as a fellowship event, the Club took a cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk. It was a most joyful event for all who attended.

### **Paint Your Heart Out**

The inspiration for PAINT YOUR HEART OUT was brought to the City of Chesapeake by Rotarian Robert F. Ripley. Bob presented this dream, soon to become a passion to the Board in 1991. He had witnessed such a program while on vacation in Lakeland, Florida, and was so impressed by this community service project, that he encouraged our adoption of the program. Business leaders in our club came forward to serve tirelessly on committees and guarantee its success.



Bob Ripley

The first Chesapeake Rotary Club Paint Day, April 25, 1992 was not only a success, but a resounding reminder of the spirit of volunteerism and corporate responsiveness to community need. Twenty-five homes were painted, repairs made and landscaping done. The day was filled with gifts of labor, time, materials, and all round good fellowship. To date, 280 homes have been made over.

In 1993, as a PYHO money raiser, the Club offered Paint Your Heart Out lapel pins that sold for \$25. One hundred pins were produced in addition to one made of 14k gold which was auctioned off for over \$1000. The Club is currently having more PYHO pins made to be sold as an additional fundraiser.

In 1995, Looking ahead the Club offered to manage a model PYHO project in Norfolk. Members of the Rotary Club of Norfolk accepted the challenge and PYHO Norfolk was born. In 1997, PYHO became a regional program in Hampton Roads with homes being painted in the five Southside cities: Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

The following will give you a feeling for the camaraderie and effort that goes into each Paint Day. It is Saturday, April 28, 2001, and everything is set to go. Jeanette Whitfield, Tim Bellars, Dick Bauer, Frank Miller, and many others have been working for months to get things ready.

Tim has been managing the project, coordinating meetings, selecting homes, and raising money. Dick and Dempsey James have been locating homes. Frank has been raising money. Bill Herring has been estimating work, supplies, and above all paint. And Jeanette has been keeping the books, scheduling the training meetings, keeping the lists and checking them twice.

### **Ten Years of Paint Your Heart Out Leadership**

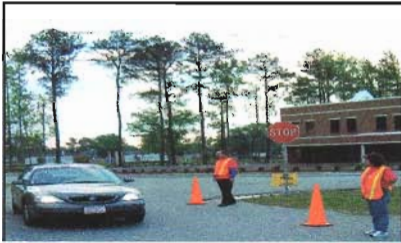


Seated: Robert Ripley-1992, Harry Blevins-1993, Jerry Grizzard-1994, Nancy Cross-1995, Standing: R. Stephen Best-1996, Greg Hanson-1997, Fred Schmitt-1998, Jeanette Whitfield, John Murphy-1999, Ray Conner-2000, Timothy Bellars-2001



**Paint Day 6:30AM**

Walt Eley and his road crew are already on duty checking people in, and assigning cars to their special places in the staging area.



Walt Eley



Crystal Anderson

Bob Ripley

Lewis Witt

Steve Best



Kent Mack, Jeanette Whitfield, Henry Thatcher, Tom Dana

The trucks and cars are loaded and supplies are checked out.



Inner Space Systems



Judge Willis  
& son

Ruben Farless  
& Tom Dana

Everyone gets an early morning McDonald's breakfast with coffee and/or juice.

**Paint Day 7:30AM** Teams are lined up and ready.



**Paint Day 9:30AM**

**Paint Day Plus One**



The original Shipyard Home



The same home Paint Day



The same home Paint Day Plus One



*Historical Highlights of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake*

One month ago this very large home needed a lot of work. You can just see the owner sitting on a bench in the picture on the left.



**Paint Day 10:02 AM**

Nick Loporcaro's team attacked this home on all four sides simultaneously. Nick pitched in with a paint brush.



Ladders & Painters Everywhere



Nick is on the ladder to the left



Paint Top and Bottom



The Finished Product

Peeling paint is fast disappearing. The colors are much brighter. And what is not shown here, the dumpster is fast filling with debris.



## Historical Highlights of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake

These are but two of the twenty-seven homes that felt the hands of the many volunteers and the fine firms that contributed money and supplies to the effort.

As many “old hands” have told us, the rewards from Paint Your Heart Out are heartfelt, often to the point of tears for both the homeowner and the volunteers. This is truly a community wide effort in the spirit of “helping hands.”

### Paint Day 11:15AM

Mayor Ward, escorted by the fourth estate, Susan Smith of the “Pilot” and a delegation of Chesapeake Rotary officials is supervising the teams and visiting with homeowners.



Friend & Smith , Mayor Ward, Lewis Witt, Henry Thrasher

After meeting with Mrs. Roueche the Mayor went inside to spend some quiet time with Mr. Roueche who was confined to his bed.

### Paint Day 3:30 to 5:00PM



Mayor Ward, Mrs. Roueche, Coordinator Mike Baine, and Henry Thrasher

All tools, unused paint, and supplies are turned back to Tom Dana at the supply trailer.



**Paint Day 5:00PM**

Having worked all day, a picnic arranged by Steve Best at the Khedive Shrine facility on Woodlake Drive provided just the relaxation that everyone needed.

All types of food was available for all: corn, chicken, potato salad, a beer per person, and more; more than enough to go around. After the food the master of ceremonies played music, told stories, and taught line dancing.



All the food you can eat



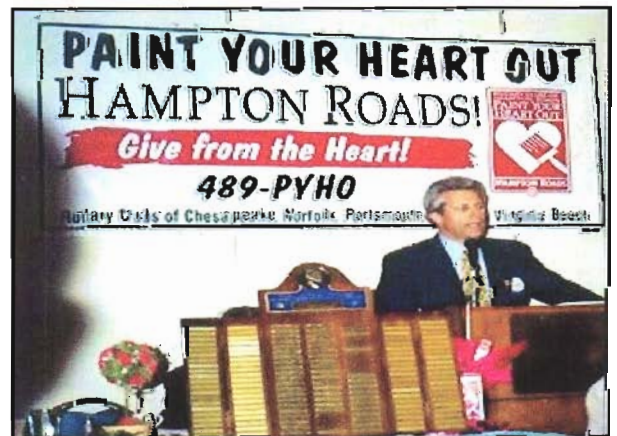
Yes, this is a special Chesapeake Rotary version of the line dance

And, of course, there was time to chat and plan for next year's Paint Your Heart Out.



Joe Newman, Deputy Police Chief Louis Tayon, Mayor Ward

Ray Conner hosts the Wednesday Rotary Meeting and praise all for contributing their: time, effort, money, planners, publicists, supplies, tools, equipment, food, & beverages.



Ray Conner hosting the Memorial Meeting

**Summary of The Years**

Year:	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	2000	2001	2002	Total Homes
Homes:	26	26	25	25	25	25	25	25	26	27	25	280



### **Bicycle Giveaway**

In 1993, the Club, in conjunction with the Chesapeake Police Department, collected between 15 and 25 unclaimed bicycles in fairly good condition. The bicycles were reconditioned and then distributed to children of needy families.

### **Hosted Dinner**

During the years 1994-1997, the Club hosted an optional black tie dinner for the incoming officers and board of directors. That first year, Ed Chittum was awarded a plaque as a token of the Club's appreciation for all he had done in founding the Rotary Club of Chesapeake. The second year, Bill Hodges was honored as an honorary member. The third year, Harry Paxson was honored for being Harry Paxson.

### **Installation of President Lewis Witt & Honoring Bill Hodges**



Seated: Walter Eley, Ray Conner, Chuck Mosley, Lewis Witt, Gayle Terwilliger, Richard Harris, Senator Harry Blevins, Standing Front Row: Otis Meekins, Richard Bauer, Judge Larry Willis, Towny Oast, Tom Dana, Greg Hanson, Kevin Riggins, Robin Tull, Mary Darden, Bill Forbes, Page Garrett, Maury Brickhouse, John Murphy, Bill Thompson Back Row: Gary Kitts, Bob Ripley, Cecil White, Gardner King, Henry Thrasher, Joe Newman, Tim Kerr, David Mesmore, Cecil Jenkins, Ray Holland, Art Janis, Harry Paxson, Roy Stallings, Bill Holloway, Judge Fred Creekmore, Chuck Snader, Fred Schmidt, Buddy Copeland.

### **Great Bridge Rotary Club**

In 1994, the Club sponsored a new Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Great Bridge. On October 21, 1994, the new club received its charter and began with 35 members. The cycle continues in Rotary with the formation of new clubs.

### **Reverse Raffle**

In 1995, the Club held a social gathering open to the public. A Reverse Raffle was conducted at the Holiday Inn, Chesapeake. This social event was held each year for three years. (The funds from the raffle went into the general fund).

### **Golf Tournament**

In 1997, as a social/fellowship event, the Club and the Rotary Club of Great Bridge challenged each other in a golf tournament to be held at the Greenbrier Country Club. Great Bridge won that day, but a rematch in 1998 changed the picture, with the Club bringing home the trophy. Due to foul weather, the 1999 tournament did not take place.



### **Past Presidents' Day**

On March 11, 1998, the Club recognized all past presidents of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake. Past presidents who were present spoke briefly of their year as president and what Rotary has meant to them. A special pamphlet listing all the past presidents and the year they presided was distributed.

### **Red/Blue Name Badges**

Beginning in the late 90's, all new members were issued a red name badge. Certain criteria were established in order for the member to obtain a customary blue name badge. The criteria required the new member, for example, to attend a board meeting, attend a fireside chat, visit another Rotary Club, etc. The purpose of this was to share the values of Rotary with the new member early on in his/her membership, and to help to promote continuity in the Club. After meeting these criteria members graduated to the blue badge and at the same time, have a better understanding of Rotary.

### **The Shadowing Program**

In 1999, the Club participated in a Shadowing Program with students from Great Bridge High School, ages 15-18. The students and a club member spent time, one-on-one together at the member's workplace. The purpose of the program was for members to share their occupational experiences with youth who may be undecided about their career goals and to provide students the opportunity to learn skills, educational requirements, and attributes required for particular occupations. The student "shadows" the member for a day.

### **Student Exchange**

Lewis Witt and his wife, Judy, hosted various families in support of the Student Exchange Program. Virginie Kleinclauf, from Strasburg, France, lived with the Witts for six months in 1989. During her stay, Virginie attended the Club's meeting and spoke to the club members. The Strasburg Ouest Rotary Club in France selected Virginie for this program.

Virginie returned to the United States in order to attend the Darden School of Business in 1993, and she graduated in 1995 with her M.B.A. Virginie has revisited the Club and has developed an on-going relationship with her American Grandmere and Grandpere, the Witts.

On other occasions Lewis and Judith Witt have traveled to Europe to visit independently with Rotary parents, and have been welcomed most graciously. Lewis is most appreciative of the guided tours that they have received at the hands of their hosts. He stresses the point. They see more at the hands of their Rotary hosts. Lewis and Judith have also hosted Rotarians in their home. The husband of one couple was a Post Office Manager from France. Over there Post Services act as banks in addition to delivering the mail. Lewis made arrangements for them to go through our lead Post Office here in Chesapeake. They gave Lewis' French friend the "Presidential" tour replete with a Postal Cap and other presents. Lewis was most appreciative. His Rotary friend was thrilled at the hospitality.

## *The New Century*

### **Strive Program**

In January, 2000 the Club became involved with The Strive Program at Indian River High School. Three different Rotarians visited the school on each third Tuesday of the month to hold a discussion with selected students. The purpose of the discussion is to encourage hard work and education and to explain each Rotarian's profession and the necessary steps to get there; especially the vital need for a quality education.

### **Business Tours**

Whenever the opportunity arises the Club tours the business of a fellow Rotarian. The visitation is always of interest and gives members an insight into what each others do for a living.

### **Ambassador Scholarship**

Ambassadorial Scholarship is the oldest program sponsored by the Rotary Foundation. Established in 1947, when the first 18 "Rotary Fellowships were awarded, the Scholarship Program now awards approximately 1,200 scholarships annually where students serve as ambassadors of goodwill in another country. Approximately 400 Districts participate in the program currently, either through sponsoring or hosting a scholar. The Club sponsored an ambassadorial scholar from the Deep Creek area to attend Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland for a year.

### **Humanitarian Programs**

Matching Grants for Humanitarian Projects are the fastest growing program of the Rotary Foundation. Established in 1965 as Special Grants, Matching Grants are a tool for Rotarians to use as they sponsor humanitarian service projects.



Tom Thrasher Dr. Toosi



Tom Thrasher, Henry Thrasher, & Help

In February 2001 The Rotary Club of Chesapeake participated in a Humanitarian Program by working with the Churchland Club in a project sponsored by Julie Knight, an Assistant Governor of District 7600. Tons of used medical equipment donated by Chesapeake General and other hospitals in the region was collected, and packed in three seagoing containers for shipment to South America.

Henry Thrasher and son Tom, Otis Meekins, Mike Moreland, Dr. Toosi, and others helped load the shipping containers, and saw them on their way. Both Rotary Clubs were proud of the substantial accumulation of equipment. This has become a continuing project for the District and The Rotary Clubs of Churchland and Chesapeake.



### Honoring one of our own



Joe Mulkerrin

Ann Mulkerrin

Dudley Miles

It was a little like “old home week” as the Great Bridge Rotary Club and the Chesapeake Rotary Club gathered to welcome our own District 7600 Governor Joe Mulkerrin, and his wife Ann.

Here through just a little bit of trickery we see Joe and Ann apparently talking to Dudley Miles, the Chesapeake Rotary member who first sponsored Joe into Rotary back in 1984. Dudley was not really resting on Ann’s shoulder. He sat next to her. But author Warren Aleck wanted a picture with both Joe and Dudley in the same frame. Warren, here it is.

### The Great Motorcycle Raffle

2001 was an anniversary of the Harley Davidson company. As a result the company manufactured a special line of motorcycles. Robert Riddle proposed a money raising project, raffling one of the special motorcycles. The Board liked and accepted the idea, and Rob drafted the entire Club into buying tickets, selling tickets, and including various Chesapeake businesses in the effort.

**2001 HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE  
“FAT BOY”  
RAFFLE**



A net of \$11,000 was raised in support of Club projects. The

“fat Boy” was won by our own Linda Doland.



Fred Bateman, and Bill Thompson stand by as Jean Loxley turns in cash and ticket stubs to project chairman Rob Riddle.

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This and following pages contain interesting copies of early meeting minutes as Ed Chittum, Townsend Oast and others were planning and organizing the new Rotary Club of Chesapeake.

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ROTARY CLUB BEING ORGANIZED HERE

Plans for the organization of a Rotary club in Chesapeake are underway by a group of 30 local business and professional men, it was announced today by Townsend Oast .

Meeting with Edwin W. Chittum they agreed to apply for a charter in Rotary International, world-wide association of 12, 375 Rotary clubs with 592, 500 members in 132 countries.

Others present at the meeting were:

Henry I. Willett, Jr.  
Lisle A. Lindsay  
J. Harry Marsh  
Douglas C. Eley  
Thomas C. Dalton

The new club is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Norfolk, whose members are bringing Rotary to this community through their friendship with local business and professional men. Rotary International employs no field men to organize Rotary clubs. All new clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs of nearby communities.

Since Rotarians are welcome at meetings of all Rotary clubs throughout the world, it is expected that the new Rotary Club of Chesapeake will often have visiting Rotarians at its meetings. There are Rotary clubs in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.

Rotary was defined by Edwin W. Chittum as a "world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service, which is thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others."



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"Members of Rotary clubs," he continued, "put their motto, 'Service above Self,' to work in all of their daily business, social and civic contacts by placing the obligation to serve others before the desire for profit for themselves. By selecting its membership from each recognized business and profession in the community, a Rotary club becomes a cross-section of the business and professional life of a community."

The new Rotary Club of Chesapeake will have the same objectives as all other Rotary clubs throughout the world--to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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

The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

The Rotary Club of Chesapeake will hold its regular weekly meetings in the Holiday Inn, Chesapeake, at 12:30 on Wednesday. When it has been formally admitted to membership in Rotary International, its charter will be presented by George H. Burton at a special meeting attended by Rotarians from many of the Rotary clubs in this area.

An organizational meeting of the prospective Chesapeake Rotary Club was held on Monday, April 24, 1967, at 12:30 p. m. at the Holiday Inn, Route 13 and 17. Ed Chittum served as convenor and the following people were present:

Townsend Oast - Norfolk Rotary Club  
J. Harry Marsh - Norfolk Rotary Club  
Lisle A. Lindsay - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Henry A. Willett - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Herb Shiner

The purpose of the meeting was explained by Ed Chittum, and the territory of the proposed Chesapeake Club was outlined on the map.

It was pointed out that this Club was being sponsored by the Norfolk Rotary Club.

It was decided that future meetings would be held on Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at the Holiday Inn with the exception of the next organizational meeting which will be on Monday, May 1.

Dues and cost of meals were discussed.

A request was made to determine if present members of Clubs could get credit attendance for organizational meetings.

Each person present submitted names of prospective charter members and were asked to make calls to bring these individuals to the next meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

*Townsend Oast*



A second meeting of the proposed Chesapeake Rotary Club was convened by Townsend Oast in the absence of Ed Chittum, at 12:30 p. m. on May 8, 1967.

Invocation was offered by Henry Willett.

The following people were present:

Townsend Oast - Norfolk Rotary Club  
J. Harry Marsh - Norfolk Rotary Club  
Lisle A. Lindsay - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Henry A. Willett - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Jonathan Lindsay  
William B. Scott  
W. Douglas Clark  
Cully Dalton  
Doug Eley

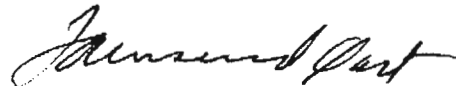
Those present introduced themselves and explained their line of work.

The subject of classification was discussed.

The next meeting was set for Monday, May 8 at 12:30 p. m. with the next meeting thereafter for Wednesday, May 17.

Henry Willett volunteered to give a program at the next meeting. It was hoped that we could get past district Governor Bill Paxton at a future meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.



The third organizational meeting of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake was called to order by the special representative, Ed Chittum.

Townsend Oast gave the invocation.

Ed Chittum asked each person to introduce himself.

The following people were present:

Frank M. Clemons  
Thomas Cullen Dalton  
M. William Danco - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Douglas C. Eley  
Robert H. Garner  
Jonathan Lindsay  
Lisle A. Lindsay - Portsmouth Rotary Club  
Harry Marsh  
Townsend Oast - Norfolk Rotary Club  
Sidney M. Oman  
William B. Scott  
Asbury Teasley  
Harold M. Thrasher  
Henry I. Willett, Jr. - Norfolk Rotary Club

It was decided that the registration fee would be \$20.00 and that dues would be \$25.00 a year. Initially, charter members would be required to pay the registration fee plus \$5.00 which would be applied toward the annual dues. Annual dues and cost of meals at \$1.75 per meal would be billed quarterly beginning one quarter after formation of the club.

The matter of prospective charter members was discussed.

It was decided that we would try to have a charter meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Route 17 and 13.





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Ed Chittum announced that he would invite Past District Governor Bill Paxton to be present at the May 17 meeting.

The program was presented by Henry Willett who explained and gave his impression of the nature and function of Rotary International.

There being no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

*Edward Chittum*

*Historical Highlights of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake*

Chesapeake Rotary Club Organizational Meeting at the Holiday Inn,  
Chesapeake, Virginia - May 24, 1967 - 12:30 P.M.

Ed Chitum called the meeting to order

Roscoe Musselwhite gave the invocation

Lunch

BUSINESS

1. Club officers and Board of Directors were elected as follows:

President ----- E.W. Chitum  
Vice President --- Townsend Oast  
Secretary ----- R.A. Musselwhite  
Treasurer ----- W.B. Scott  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Earle H. Aleck

Directors

Earle A. Cadmus  
W.D. Clark  
Clarence E. Forehand  
Lisle A. Lindsay  
Asbury Teasley  
Henry I. Willett, Jr.  
Officers of the club

2. The club approved a recommendation that the meeting time of the club would be each week on Wednesday at 12:45 P.M.
3. The club authorized the Board of Directors to set their own time for their meetings.
4. The club approved a recommendation that the fees per year be as follows:  
Initiation Fee ---- \$ 20.00  
Dues ----- \$ 25.00
5. Vice-President Townsend Oast presented Ernie Wooten from the Norfolk club.  
He explained the ideals of the Rotary Club and stressed attendance. Then stressing service he explained the publications and programs available to the club. He talked about the Rotary magazine and its advantages - stating that each member would receive a copy paid for by our dues. He showed us bound copies of rosters of some of the other clubs and some plaques frameable and otherwise.
6. Question and answer time concerning the reception of new members - club boundary lines - classifications etc.
7. The club approved a recommendation that the Virginia National Bank be the depository for club monies and that the Treasurer or President be authorized to sign the checks.
8. Meeting adjourned.
9. 22 present



*Historical Highlights of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake*

The May 31, 1967 Meeting of the Chesapeake Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn, Chesapeake, Virginia.

(Minutes were kept by Henry Willett as the Secretary was absent)

The club changed its meeting time from 12:45 P.M. to 1:00P.M.

The program was by Conolly Phillips of the Northside Norfolk club

23 members present

1 visitor

The June 7, 1967, meeting of the Chesapeake Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn Chesapeake, Virginia.

President Ed Chitum Called the meeting to order.

Roscoe Musselwhite gave the Invocation.

President Chitum introduced District Governor George Burton who spoke briefly about the recent International Rotary Convention in Nice, France,

Vice President Townsend Oast presented the guests -

Ray Morse

Jim Potts

Dick Moore

Billy Hodges

Our club members with their wives were invited to visit, with the Norfolk Club, on the USS Wright at the Naval Base for a one day cruise. Details to be given next week.

Doug Clark gave a biographical sketch of Judge Cadmus.

Frank Clemmons gave a biographical sketch of Tommy Johnson.

Bill Scott gave a biographical sketch of Roscoe Musselwhite.

Judge Hillard introduced Charles Cross as guest speaker. He spoke concerning the history of Norfolk County and the publications of the Norfolk County Historical Society.

21 members present

6 guests

President Ed Chitum Presiding

Secretary Roscoe Musselwhite

The June 14, 1967 meeting of the Chesapeake Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn Chesapeake, Virginia.

President Ed Chittum called the meeting to order.

Roscoe Musselwhite gave the Invocation.

Lunch

Townsend Oast explained the planned Cruise on the USS Wright on June 24.

Program

Cully Dalton presented the program and introduced Howard Lauman who presented a film on Pornography.

21 members present

6 Guests

President Ed Chittum Presiding

Secretary Roscoe Musselwhite