

ROTARY CLUB
OF
SEMINOLE COUNTY SOUTH



“Service Above Self”

HISTORY FROM
OCTOBER 1968 TO JULY 2007

FOREWARD

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEMINOLE COUNTY SOUTH

This current history was compiled from many sources. In the first 25 years of the Club, there were from time to time, written histories distributed to the membership and these were utilized in compiling this history. Every living past president was asked several times in writing and verbally to submit information about their administration that could be used. These repeated requests went on for 12 weeks until April 7, 2007. Some, for whatever reason, did not respond. A best effort was made to reconstruct their term in office. A sincere effort was made to make this history as accurate as possible, errors or omissions are not intentional. Many thanks go to those that did help, not only with their years, but other years. A very special thanks goes to my good friend Larry Carrol, a charter member and second president, for his help in the early years. Thanks also to President Errol Greene for his encouragement and promise that this would be put on the Club web site where it can be added to each and every year in the future.

Jim Gamble





Charter Night Banquet

The
Rotary Club of Seminole County
South

MAY 2, 1969

MID-FLORIDA COUNTRY CLUB

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R-O-T-A-R-Y

R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary;
R-O-T-A-R-Y is known on land and sea;
From North to South, from East to West,
He profits most who serves the best;
R-O-T-A-R-Y, That spells Rotary.

SMILE — SING A SONG

Smile — and the world smiles with you, sing a song.
Don't be weary, just be cheery all day long.
Whenever your trials, your troubles and your care
Seem to be more than you can really bear
Smile — and the world smiles with you, sing a song.

SING ROTARIANS

Sing, Rotarians — Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might
Don't let troubles get you down, men
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, boys — Send it out, boys
Make those rafters ring
Hey fellows — pitch right in
And let's all sing.

DAISY BELL

Daisy, Daisy, Give me your answer, do!
I'm half crazy, All for the love of you!
It won't be a stylish marriage,
I can't afford a carriage,
But you'll look sweet
On the seat of a bicycle built for two!

THE BAND PLAYED ON

Casey would waltz with a strawberry blonde,
And the band played on.
He'd glide 'cross the floor with the girl he adored,
And the band played on.
Oh' his heart was so loaded it nearly exploded,
The poor girl would shake with alarm.
He'd ne'er leave the girl with the strawberry curls,
And the band played on.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream;
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

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Compiled by Jim Gamble

In October 1968 an organization meeting was held at the Rolling Hills Country Club. Many of the people at that meeting had been members of the South Seminole Junior Chamber of Commerce. A Provisional club was formed January 24, 1969. Harlan Tuck, an attorney and Rotarian in the Orange County East Club and Jack P. Toole, a banker and Rotarian in the Maitland Club, were Seminole County residents and the driving force in the formation of the Club. Les Ginkle, past district 696 governor in 63-64, of the Winter Park club was also a great help. On March 8, 1969 the Club was admitted into Rotary International with 33 charter members. The Charter Night Banquet was held on May 2, 1969 at the Mid-Florida Country Club, with Congressman William Chappell the key-note speaker. As Central Florida grew, more and more Rotary Clubs were formed, needing smaller Districts so the Governor could get around to all the Clubs. Our Club started out in District # 696 until July 1, 1970, when District # 695 was formed. In later years our present District # 698 was formed.

THE THIRTY THREE CHARTER MEMBERS WERE

John Adair, Pastor, Eastern Orthodox Church in Florida, Inc.
James P. Avery, President, Certified Slings, Inc.
Richard L. Baird, Partner, Baird-Hopkins, Inc., new car dealer.
Walter Bonder, Real Estate Investor.
Kenneth H. Brown, Jr., Sports Director, WESH-TV.
Lawrence W. Carroll, Jr. Attorney.
John Cassady Jr., Vice President, Jackson Canoes, Inc.
John Cassady Sr., President, Jackson Canoes, Inc.
Delmas M. Copeland, Pastor, Casselberry United Methodist Church
Marinus T. Easton, Retired
Charles V. Eidel, Treasurer, Tri-City Electrical Contractors
Jefferson Flowers, Owner, Flowers Analytical Laboratory
James C. Gamble, Certified General Contractor
Dan Goodson, Manager, Montgomery Ward Altamonte
Jere L. Griffin, Manager, State Farm Insurance Co.
Jack T. Gurr, Insurance Underwriter, Home Life Co.
James P. Hass, D.D.S.
Carlton Henley, Principal, Lyman High School.
H. A. Keller, Owner, Fat Boy's B.B.Q.
Robert W. McFadden, D.D.S.
J. Brannen Murphy, D.V.M.
Earnest L. Prater, Jr., Principal, Spring Lake Elementary School
Garrett J. Shiflet, Owner, Cornetts Pharmacy
Dr. Harrison B. Taylor, President, Harrison Taylor Enterprises
J. P. Toole, Executive V.P., South Seminole Bank
Thomas W. Tope, V.P., Tope Brothers Fruit Co.
Jack O. Williamson, Accountant

1968-1970

Jack P. Toole, a bank president, was the first president. Jack, one of the main organizers of the Club, served as president for part of our first year 68-69, and was re-elected for a full Rotary year 69-70. He remained in the Club until his untimely death from a heart attack May 29, 1976 at age of 50.

Jack's theme was "He profits most who serves best". First meetings were at the Tradeswinds Cafeteria at the old Seminole Plaza at U.S. 17-92 and S. R. 436. The Club moved to the Orange Park County Club. Membership grew rapidly from 33 to 42 at end of the first year. In 69-70 membership grew to 54. One of the important fund raisers was a Lyman Interact Fashion Show. The first Club project was a scholarship to student Catherine Baker of Lyman High School. The first annual golf tournament was held and Koins for Kids, raised a total of \$315 for charity. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army was started and continues to 2007. The Club sponsored the Police Academy Graduation for the first graduating class at Seminole Junior College and the Lyman High School All-Sports Banquet. Jack's son Randy, joined the Club several years later and was the Club treasurer from 82-88.

1970-1971

Larry W. Carroll, Jr., an attorney, was the second president, and his theme was "Four Way Test and Genuine Brotherhood", with meetings at the Valley Forge Country Club. Larry was program chairman for the first 18 months of the Club's existence. Members at end of year numbered 73. The second annual Golf Tournament and Koins for Kids, raised \$474. Social activities included a deep sea fishing trip, a houseboat cruise on the St. John's river and B. B. Q. on the St. Johns River and a luau at Rolling Hills Golf Club. The Club was officially incorporated. Total charitable contributions were \$5,000. The Club provided funds for a Nigerian student to come to the United States for advanced education. The Club continued scholarships at Lyman, the All Sports Banquet honoring 45 students, awards night at SCC Police Academy graduation, and involved with Lyman's Interact Club.

Past district 696 Governor Les Ginkel, wrote an article that was published in the "Rotarian" magazine about our breakfast club. March 6, 1970, Dr. Manuel Coto, a member of our Club, gave a lengthy talk to the club entitled "America, Wake Up". He described how easily the communist party took over Cuba because the citizens were not conscious of their responsibilities. Dr. Coto fled Cuba and Castro, while studying medicine. He completed his studies here and opened a very successful practice and has contributed much to the Central Florida community.

1971-1972

Dr. Robert W. McFadden, a dentist, was the third president, still meeting at Valley Forge Country Club. Membership went from 73 to 93. White elephant sale, pancake supper, raffle, and the third annual golf tournament raised \$1,683. The Club continued the Salvation Army bell ringing. Social activities included a luau at Disney's Polynesian Hotel, a Caribbean Carnival, and a softball game and hot dog roast with Lyman Interact Club, fishing trips, canoeing, camping, and bike riding. When asked in 2007 to comment on his year, Bob said "They were great years....." We became involved building a school and other facilities at Ile de la Ganove, Haiti. This project went on for years. Bob left the Club after 10 years to help form the Longwood club.

Many district functions were attended including one at Bartow where "Red" Grange spoke to a standing room only crowd. In 2007 Bob is president of the Woodstock, Vermont Rotary Club with 80 members. He has 37 years perfect attendance, is a triple PHF, and will be assistant Governor starting in July 1970 for District 7870.

1972-1973

William R. Gordon, director of Alumni Affairs at Rollins College was the fourth president, meetings were at Valley Forge Country Club, the second floor of the new First Federal S & L Building at SR 436 & Palm Springs Road, and the Holiday Inn on Wymore road. We had to move three times in one year. Members at end of year numbered 104. The Club added Lake Brantley Interact Club to its sponsorships. Five hundred pounds of antibiotics were delivered to Haiti. Fund raisers included selling 2300 bags of mulch, a white elephant sale, the fourth golf tournament, all raised \$3,371. The Club donated to 20 worthy organizations for a total of \$5,363.86. The three club members who attended the International Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland were, Colon Burgess, Jack Williamson, and Reed Gregory. Congressman Lou Frey was the speaker June 8, 1973. A moratorium was placed on taking in new members until Carlton Henley, chairman of classifications, updated the list of open classifications and the application procedure. Social activities included a Christmas party and a dinner dance at Rolling Hills Golf Club. The "Polish Navy" was born, made up of several club members who enjoyed canoeing.

1973-1974

Robert L. Burkhart, senior vice-president, at Winter Park Telephone Company was the fifth president, with the theme "A Time For Action". Meetings at Holiday Inn and then to Lord Chumley's Restaurant, now a strip shopping center on SR 436 and Boston Avenue. Membership grew from 104 to 126 at year end. Fund raisers including a mulch sale, white elephant sale, Rotary Ann bake sale, and the fifth golf tournament, raised \$ 3,302. The Club coordinated district 695 fund raiser that sent \$1,600 to the Ile de la Ganove project in Haiti and \$800 to help start Camp Mah-Kah-Wee for girl scouts. Nine members and two interact students traveled to Haiti to provide maintenance on the school and provide dental aid. A pictorial club directory was started and the Club hosted a Group Study Exchange team from Japan. Christmas bell ringing continued. Social activities included a Christmas dinner dance and a deep sea fishing trip. With the Rotary Club of Sanford, the Club co-sponsored a new club at Lake Mary.

1974-1975

J. Brannen Murphy, D. V. M., was the sixth president, with the theme "Renew The Spirit of Rotary. Meetings at Lord Chumley's. Membership grew from 126 to 132 at year end. It was the year for district awards receiving the following: Attendance award for clubs over 100; Best Bulletin; Governor's Gold TUIT for the Rotary Bowl; and District Project Award for the work in Haiti. Gus Easton, our long time secretary was made a PHF. John Sobik, Jr., father of our present member Dennis Sobik, was recognized for his efforts as the Chairman of our first Rotary Bowl that brought in \$4,114. The game was played at the Lyman field at the end of the football season, between two local high schools. The Club sponsored the District Assembly at Florida Tech University (now UCF); and it sponsored a summer exchange student to Switzerland. Christmas bell ringing continued. Social activities included a Sadie Hawkins dance, a dinner theater party, the sixth golf tournament, a family canoe trip, a pool tournament, a Rotary Ann luncheon, and a Christmas party. Brannen led a group study exchange to Australia. He left the Club after 10 years to help form the Longwood club where he served as president for 18 months.

1975-1976

Loren E. Stake, vice-president at a large Longwood wood fence and pallet manufacturing business, was the seventh president, with the theme "Keep On Track", meetings still at Lord Chumley's. Members grew from 97 to 124 at year end. Fund raiser was second annual ROTARY BOWL netting \$3,734. The Club started a new Castleberry club. Social activities included a family picnic at member John Cassidy's home, including rides on his miniature railroad, a tennis tournament, and 2 golf tournaments were also held. Christmas bell ringing continued. Members donated \$552 to the Save the Local Children Federation and gave \$400 to the March of Dimes from the 21 mile marathon, donation to RSVP, scholarships, police training, and high school teens. The International Convention in Montreal was attended by John Sobik. The Club hosted an Australian Group Study Exchange team.

1976-1977

Colin D. Burgess, owner of an engineering business in Longwood, was the eighth president, meeting place still Lord Chumley's. Membership grew from 124 to 135 at year end. The third ROTARY BOWL raised \$5,959. Past president Brannen Murphy was the Group Study Exchange leader that went to Australia. District 695 officially adopted the Ile de la Ganove project. The Club again won a District award for attendance. The Club sponsored a Rotary International Foundation scholarship. Save the Local Children Foundation received \$418. Support of the Salvation Army continued. Social activities included a family picnic, Christmas party, and a Tangerine Bowl (later known as the Citrus Bowl) party. Colin Burgess became District 695 Governor, our first and to date, our only district governor from our club. He is deceased.

1977-1978

E. Wade Hargadon, a land developer, was the ninth president, and his theme was "Come Aboard". Meeting place still Lord Chumley's. Members at year end reached 136. Fourth annual ROTARY BOWL raised \$12,472, a new record to date. Club members, with the cooperation of the U. S. Navy, led district 695 in delivering a pre-fab medical building to Haiti. Many Rotarians erected it and began treating patients. Social activities included a family picnic, a fishing trip to Crystal River, a tennis tournament, a beach party at New Smyrna, a football party, family outing to Wekiva Falls, a deep sea fishing trip, a cocktail party, and a dinner theater party. The Club sponsored a summer exchange student to Ireland and continued Christmas bell ringing. The first Charity Challenge netted the Club \$12,500. Wade was a very active president who loved Rotary. He died in 2002.

1978-1979

Dale C. Bennett, owner of Chamberlain Stores, was the tenth president, and his theme was "Attempt Great Things, Expect Great Things". Meeting place still Lord Chumbley's. Members at year end dropped to 100 because some of members left to form clubs at Forest City and Longwood. Fifth annual ROTARY BOWL netted \$10,313. The Club held a weekend "Great Exchange" at Lake Doe In Ocala Forest, sponsoring a 10,000 meter run in conjunction with the Rotary Bowl. Support of the Salvation Army continued. Social activities included a family picnic, a tenth anniversary party, a beach party at New Smyrna, boat-a-rama up the St. Johns river, and a football trip/party. Dale represented the Club at the International Convention in Tokyo.

1979-1980

Peter D. Milliot, a private detective and later appointed Sheriff in Seminole County, was the eleventh president, his theme was "The More You Do, The More You Are". Meeting place still Lord Chumbley's. Membership at year end was 114. The Club won district awards for the bulletin and "Outstanding Club in The District". Sixth annual ROTARY BOWL raised \$8,746. Individual members contributed over \$2,000 to Rotary International Health, Hunger, and Humanity Campaign. The March of Dimes, the Leukemia Foundation, and the Ronald McDonald House received \$800. The Club continued supporting the Salvation Army. It was a year of friendly hospitality as the Club hosted seven Rotary Clubs at a combined District Governor's visit and charter night for the new Altamonte/Forest city club and the Longwood club. The Club hosted 34 Australian Rotarians from 22 different clubs at a regular meeting. A revised club directory was published. Social activities included a family picnic, a Christmas party, a dinner theater, a Valentine party, a cocktail party, and a tennis tournament. Pete died May 31, 2002.

1980-1981

James B. Byrne, Jr., an attorney, was the twelfth president, and the meeting place was still Lord Chumbleys. Jim started TGIF at Lord Chumbley's and that continues to this day. Membership at year end was 109. The Club nominated a Rollins College student for a Foundation Scholarship who was the first alternate in the competition and the seventh annual ROTARY BOWL raised \$9,218. Social activities included a houseboat party. The Club was privileged to have Senator Orin Hatch, Representatives Stan Parris and Bill McCollom address the Club at different times on current political matters. The Club also hosted political candidates for the County Commission and the School Board to discuss what they would do if elected. Charlie McLendan, former coach at LSU and the then current president of the American Coaches Association, also spoke to the Club.

1981-1982

Bruno J. Greci, (Bud), manufacturer's representative for Stokes Corporation with the classification of bottling & canning, was the thirteenth president, meeting place was still Lord Chumbley's. Membership at year end was 104. Eighth annual ROTARY BOWL raised \$10,319. Again the Club was recognized as having the best bulletin in the District. A job shadow day for area students, who visited local business, was held. Bud is deceased,
1982-1983

1982-1983

Robert T. Ferris, DDS, was the fourteenth president, meeting place changed from Lord Chumbley's to 4 other meeting places during the year including Holiday Inn on Wymore, Ruth Chris Steak house on Douglas and the Ramada Inn at I 4 & SR 434 (which is now the Comfort Inn). Because of Bob's teaching responsibilities at the U of F at Gainesville, several people stood in his place as president, and we had a good year. Because of a successful ninth Rotary Bowl, the Club made charitable contributions of about \$15,000.

1983-1984

George Grant, electrical engineer, was the fifteenth president. Meeting place was Ramada Inn. The tenth Rotary Bowl income topped \$20,000 enabling the club to give money to Morning Star Home, Pace Academy, RSVP, Interact, and two scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Money also went to Haiti to aid in getting water to the clinic already built. Eleven new members took the membership from 106 to 117. President George traveled to both the International Convention in Toronto and national headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. In 2007 no one knows any thing about George.

1984-1985

Mickey Carlton, commodity futures broker, was the sixteenth president. Eleventh annual ROTARY BOWL raised \$10,000, even though it rained that night, the only time it rained on our game. Before the game, a "Rotary Run" was held on the Lyman track to benefit Polio Plus. Individuals from several other clubs ran and money was raised by their sponsors. The run grossed \$4,000 and our club made \$2,000 which went to RI for Polio Plus. The Club still was meeting at the Ramada Inn. The Club participated in several District functions and held several social events, including the annual Christmas party.

1985-1986

Kent Weisner, sky light manufacturer, was the seventeenth president, meeting place was still the Ramada Inn. Twenty-two new members joined the club. Kent focused on a more personal friendships by having fire side chats in his home. Twelfth annual ROTARY BOWL raised a record near \$20,000, enabling the Club to continue supporting the charities it had in the past.

1986-1987

Marv Kuyper, an insurance executive, was the eighteenth president, meeting place changed from the Ramada Inn to Maison et Jardin restaurant. Twenty-one new members joined the Club and at year end membership was 124. The 13th. annual ROTARY BOWL income was \$14,874 enabling the Club to give to 19 different charities that had been supported in the past. Charities that benefited were the Astronauts Memorial Fund, Jake Allen Home, Marie Taylor's Children Fund, Camp Thunderbird, RSVP, House of Hope, Children's Home Society, two scholarships to Lyman students, and others. This was the year the Club went high tech and purchased soft ware for the club records. Polio Plus was announced at the International Convention in Philadelphia, where Jim Gamble represented the Club. A goal of \$28,000 was set for our club, but we eventually gave \$30,500 to Polio Plus. Planning was started to build two homes for abused and neglected children at the Seminole Childrens Village. Other Rotary Clubs in Seminole County participated, but RCSS was the lead club. The Club gave \$10,000 cash and over the next three years of construction, 28 individual club members gave about \$60,000 in cash, materials, and professional services. Hundreds of children have used the houses and individual members of the Club have given thousands of dollars since then for maintenance and supplies for the children.

1987-1988

Michael Pregmon, Jr., citrus products distribution executive, was the nineteenth president, meeting place was Maison et Jardin. The 14th. ROTARY BOWL raised \$14,100. The Charity Challenge and a 24 hour tennis marathon raised \$3,600 for Polio Plus. Money was distributed to Seminole Community College, scholarships, and continued support for the construction of the Children's Village. Over 50 students participated in the job shadow program. Membership stood at 129 at years end. International Dinners put on by club members gave us a sampling of foreign cuisine, and raised funds for the Rotary Foundation.

1988-1989

Charles Brinkley, a banker, was the twentieth president. Meeting place was Maison et Jardin. The 15th. ROTARY BOWL raised \$15,000. This was the first year women were inducted into the Club. The year ended with 145 members. Social activities included a special party to celebrate the first 20 years for the Club. Activities included Polio Plus, Job Shadow Program, Boy Scouts, SCC's open campus and several scholarships for a total of approximately \$13,000.

1989-1990

Larry Cowart, a printing executive, was the twenty-first president. Meeting place was Maison et Jardin. The 16th. ROTARY BOWL, CHARITY CHALLENGE, 2 golf tournaments and individual donations, made it possible to give out over \$45,000, including \$7,000 in scholarships. Local charities received \$13,000 and \$6,200 went to the Rotary Foundation. The Polio Plus pledge was fulfilled this year for a total of \$30,500 over the past 3 years. Twenty-five new members came into the Club. Activities included a family picnic and a Christmas party.

1990-1991

James Donato, an insurance executive, was the twenty-second president, with the theme "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm". Meeting place was still Maison et Jardin. The 17th. ROTARY BOWL, which was held at Lyman on Thanksgiving morning, Charity Challenge, golf tournament, and other fund raisers raised money to give over \$5,000 to scholarships for Lyman students, SCC, and other charities. Membership increased 10 % to 136 at year end. The annual banquet featured "Stuff from the Magic". One of our regular Friday morning meetings was done at a district meeting for all to observe. A special time for Jim was being made a PHF at the Christmas meeting. Ed Bookbinder, Chairman of Ways & Means and the incoming president, put on an "Italian Night" theme banquet and really "roasted" Jim as he went out of office.

1991-1992

Edward Bookbinder, owner of Visual Impact Communications, Inc. was the twenty-third president. Meeting place was still Maison et Jardin. In his administration, the 18th. ROTARY BOWL was revitalized by inviting an out of state team, Bethlehem Catholic High School, to play against Lake Mary High School at the Lyman field. The "Rotarian of the Month" award introduced, as well as "The President's Newsletter". The club developed a new directory. Three Paul Harris Fellows were named, and the Club sent a representative to South America as part of the Rotary Exchange Program. Three students were sent to RYLA. Charity Challenge, Rotary Bowl, and Golf tournament all raised money for many charities. Ed was appointed District Representative for 92-93. He contributed much to the club and the district by the many professional videos he made. He produced the "Rotary Video Newsletter" that went to all clubs in the district for 3 years. His videos were used by the Club many years before and after his administration for fund raisers and are now used for RAP. The Rotary International Convention was held in Orlando with Jim Gamble representing the club.

1992-1993

Richard Johnson, medical management executive, was the twenty-third president. Meetings continued at the Maison et Jardin. The only time the 19th. ROTARY BOWL was played on Thanksgiving morning and it was a success. That, with Charity Challenge and the golf tournament raised \$35,000 for charity. Twenty new members came into the Club

1993-1994

William Schaffner, an insurance executive, was the twenty-fourth president. His wife, Dede, became our first female president in 1999-2000. Meetings continued at Maison et Jardin. The 20th. ROTARY BOWL, Charity Challenge, and golf tournament, raised money to give to the various charities and scholarships we supported. Seven new members came into the Club. The Club started preparing and serving food at the "Coalition for the Homeless", and this continues through 2007. Social activities included a 25th Anniversary Dinner. Bill died in 1995.

1994-1995

W. Theodore Schwartz, II, specializing in Endodontics, was the twenty-fourth president. Meetings continued at Maison et Jardin. The 21th. ROTARY BOWL, chaired by Chris Sorensen, was the main fund raiser. That, with other smaller fund raisers, made money available for the usual charities and scholarships. This year, music came into the club under songmeister, Errol Greene (president to be in 06-07). The "No Name Quartet", consisting of about 12 members, made its debut at the Valentine's celebration. Many happy rehearsals were held at President Ted's home. The song group performed at a Rotary District Conference dressed in "top hats, blue blazers, and Rotary ties". ROTARY BOWL raised funds for our various charities. They stayed in members homes and established

friendships that lasted for years. Preparing and serving food to the Coalition for the Homeless continued and after all the hard work TGIF continued.

1995-1996

Oscar Medina, Jeweler, was the twenty-fifth president. Meetings were at Maison et Jardin. The 22th. ROTARY BOWL, 4th of July Celebration, and golf tournament raised funds for our various charities. The installation banquet was held at the Sweetwater Country Club. Oscar's ready wit and stories about his family, enlivened every meeting.

1996-1997

Chris Sorensen, an insurance executive and District Coordinator with AFLAC, was the twenty-sixth president. Meeting place changed from Maison et Jardin, our home for many years, to Ruth's Chris Steak house. Then the Club had to move again to the Ramada Inn on SR 434, now called the Comfort Inn. The 23th. ROTARY BOWL, was the most successful to date. It was chaired by Bob Shaker, with advertising handled by Bill Fahey, Dennis Sobik, and Jim De Kleva. Dale Bennett did his usual great job of getting Elite Sponsors. Dede Schaffner handled the Rotary Bowl Queens with Rich Johnson doing the Breakfast with speaker Herky Wahls. Free advertising in the form of two large bill boards and newspaper coverage was done by Jack Wert. To save money, we printed our on tickets under the direction of Tracy Huggins. The concessions crew, headed by Chuck Lorenz, did a great job. A very successful golf tournament and beer sales at Red, Hot, and Boom rounded out the fund raisers. All these funds permitted the Club to donate to our usual charities and Scholarships. During the year we lost three great friends: Bill Schaffner (president 93-94), Herb Boiden, and Tricia Moore. The Club raised \$20,000 to send Tricia Moore to Mexico for experimental Cancer treatment. When Tricia died, in her will, she left money to be used to start the Club Foundation. Social activities included a Christmas party, installation party, and a ROTARY BOWL kick-off party. We continued to prepare and serve food at the Coalition for the Homeless. The Club had an Alumni day where all past members were invited, and was a very good time. Social activities included parties at Installation, Rotary Bowl Kick Off, and Christmas.

1997-1998

Terry Soifer, financial business consultant, was the twenty-seventh president. Meeting place was the Ramada Inn on SR 434. This was the 24th. and last Rotary Bowl. This was the second year it had been played at Disney World of Sports. The amount of money Disney wanted in the future, made the game not feasible. Our usual charities and scholarships were funded by various fund raising events.

1998-1999

Regis Davis, real estate appraiser, was the twenty-eighth president. Meeting place was the Ramada Inn on SR 434. The Club did not make hardly any money on beer sales at the Red Hot and Boom because the fire works were cancelled with the threat of fire caused by the severe drought. The Rotary Bowl was no more. It had been played at Disney World of Sports the past two years. Disney wanted so much money in the future that the game was not feasible. This was the first year for the Rotary District sponsored Grid Iron Classic. A high school football game that was to eventually include all the United States and compete with the Blue & Grey Football game. With organizational problems, Rotary dropped it and it is now sponsored by The Villages of Lake County. The Little Wekiva River clean up was done by the club from canoes. The Club organized an Interact Club at Lyman, and sponsored the National Geographic Educational program at Spring Lake Elementary School and participated in the Seminole County Teach In. Our usual charities and scholarships were funded by calendar sales, golf tournament, and a raffle. The Club started the year with 90 members and ended the year with 90 members. Rege, our current secretary, has served 10 years in that position, longer than any one has. He served three years 94-97 and seven years from 00-07 as Club secretary.

1999-2000

Dede Schaffner, education consultant, and the widow of our 93-94 president Bill Schaffner, was the twenty-ninth president. Meeting place was the Ramada Inn. President Dede was the first female president with the theme "Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity". The Club had 41 active Paul Harris Fellows and 14 active past presidents at that time. The year was filled with activities that included both service and fellowship with the 92 members. The second annual Rotary All Star Gridiron Classic, which

raised money for spinal cord injury research, was attended by over 100 members and their families. Fund raisers included \$25,000 on the Millennium Charity Calendar project, \$4,000 from the Golf tournament, and \$3,000 from beer sales at Red, Hot, and Boom. We contributed to our usual charities and gave 8 scholarships to worthy Seminole students. We continued to sponsor the Lyman Interact Club. As had been done for many years, we continued to prepare and serve food to the Coalition for the Homeless. The Club hosted four Russian visitors for the District, and had 13 members participate in a District Service Day at the Boy Scout Camp, "LaNoChe". Further District participation included helping plant 2,000 shrubs on south Orange Blossom Trail, the Rotary Home Stay Program, and the Rotary Foundation Dinner where Rotary International president Carol Rivizza was the speaker. The Club hosted a Group Study Exchange

From Brazil, sponsored students to RYLA, and had 15 members contribute blood to the Blood Mobile. The Club went hi-tech and started its own web page. Planning was started for RAP, the Rising Achievers Program, to recognize two students from every Seminole County High School. All our activities won the Club the "Presidential Citation".

2000-2001

Clark Gwinn, financial planner, was the thirtieth president. Meeting place went from the Ramada Inn to Rolling Hills Country Club. At year end there were 87 members. The Board of Directors approved the formal establishment of a Charitable Advised Trust. The fund was initially started with the funds left to the Club by Tricia Moore at her death. The purpose was to form a permanent endowment fund that will allow the Club to make charitable donations. The fund is managed by five Club members and as of 2006 had grown to over \$50,000. The first annual (RAP) Rising Achievers program was held to recognize Seminole County Students and raise money for charity. Food was prepared and served to the Coalition for the Homeless 4 times. First year the Club gave matching money to RI for International use; \$2,000 went to Brazil for a children's hospital. President Clark hosted Ed & Jan Chenory, DGE, from Basthurst, Australia. Later the Clarks visited them in Australia. The Club made some money by selling tickets to the college all star "Gridiron Classic" in Orlando, and the Club hosted a GSE team from Italy.

2001-2002

Tracy Huggins, funeral director, was the thirty-first president. Meeting place was Rolling Hills Country Club. The number of members was 87 at start and of year. Second annual Rising Achievers program was held and raised \$24,000. That, plus income from Red, Hot, and Boom beer sales and other fund raisers, made it possible to give at least \$1,000 to each of the following: Boy Scouts, New Hope for Kids, Angel Flight, Hospice of the Comforter, Reading is Fundamental, Base Camp for Kids, Justice in Peace, Young Life, Life for Kids, Michelee Puppets, and seven scholarships for local students. We bought and sold tickets to support the Grid Iron Classic Football game. The Club committed \$7,000 to Polio Plus over the next seven years. As Joe Williams (president-elect in 07-08) joined the Club, two long time members died. Harry Brown, (Shelia Brown's husband) had been very active in the Club and gave a moving, memorable program on December 7, 1986 at the Maison et Jardin about his experiences as a young Army officer during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Dick Ostrander served the Club for many years in many ways but is best remembered as editor of the award winning Club Bulletin for a long period of time. A Group Study Exchange from Carrasco, Uruguay came to the Club. Salvation Army bell ringing resumed after a hiatus. Food preparation and serving continued for the Coalition for the Homeless. The Holiday Party was at Ed Zito's home with fantastic entertainment. Ed Starr, the Club long time treasurer, left the Club as he moved to the West Coast of Florida. Tracy, a natural blond had to suffer through a year of "dumb blond" jokes from the membership, but still had a great year with the theme "caring for people, making a difference".

2002-2003

Stu Farb, insurance executive, was the thirty-second president. Meeting place was Rolling Hills Country Club. Third annual Rising Achievers program was held. Beer was sold again at Red, Hot, and Boom. Preparing and serving food for the homeless continued at the Coalition. Donations were made to the usual charities and scholarships.

2003-2004

Barry Gainer, owner of a window covering company, was the thirty-third president. Meeting place was Rolling Hill CC. Fourth of July beer sales at Red, Hot, and Boom, netted \$1,500. Garage sale netted \$3,000 for Polio Plus. Fourth annual Rising Achievers Program netted \$26,000. Golf tournament netted \$3,000. Seven scholarships totaling \$6,500 went to Seminole County students. Various charities in Seminole County received \$12,000. Three Paul Harris Fellows were funded. Many members gave blood to the blood bank. Nine members and spouses went to District Conference cruise to the Bahamas. Gave 4 computers went to children in Bahamas. The Salvation Army kettle was worked for 2 weeks. Donated 150 books to local school libraries. Continued to fund,

prepare and serve food for the Coalition for the Homeless. Added 19 new members to end the year at 89. Created website "ssrotary.com". Started planning for Habitat for Humanity house. Continued TGIF. Earned RI's Presidential Citation. Social events were picnic on St. John's River and Holiday party.

2004-2005

Dudley Bates, a long-time Area Senior Asset Manager for a large southeastern commercial office developer, was the thirty-fourth president. Dudley served the City of Altamonte Springs for many years as City Commissioner, then as Mayor. The meeting place started off at Rolling Hills Golf and Country Club but, because of poor service, was moved to the Comfort Inn at I-4 and SR 434. August and September were very troublesome times for every one in the Club. First, Dudley's dear wife and long time supporter of the Club, Judy, passed away suddenly. Dudley, a man of deep faith and character carried on, and the Club had a very good year. The Clubs next tragedy was three hurricanes. Charley, Frances, and Jean came storming through our area on three different weekends, causing us to cancel our meetings three times. Fortunately, no club members were injured or suffered severe property loss during these storms. The City cancelled the fireworks display because of construction in the Crane's Roost Lake area, so there were no beer sales at Red, Hot, and Boom. The golf tournament raised \$3,400. The fifth annual RAP raised \$28,200. The Club distributed over \$22,000 to worthy charities and needy scholarship recipients in Seminole County. Feeding the homeless as the Coalition continued and Christmas bell ringing for the Salvation Army raised a record of \$5,800. Seven new members joined the Club and the year ended with 96. Early in 2005, the Club started planning for the Rotary International Centennial Project. It was decided that we would built a Habitat House in Sanford, for a needed family. Construction was completed and the family occupied the house in 2007. Barry Gainer once again led a very successful RYLA program. Stu Farb generously hosted a Club party on the St. John's River. DG George Huffman, gave the Club the Presidential Unit Citation for having such a great year after such a difficult start.


2005-2006

Peggy Thomas, a mortgage lender was the thirty-fifth president with the same theme as Rotary, "Service Above Self". Meeting place was the Comfort Inn. Membership was stable at start and finish at 96 members. During the year the Club received the Governor's Award for Excellence. It was presented to us at the Awards and Guards "Evening at the Oscars". The sixth Rising Achievers Program, chaired by Mike Martone, netted \$31,000. The golf tournament, chaired by Pete Osborne, netted \$2,000. A yard sale at Helen Jones's business on US 17-92 in Fern Park, netted \$4,200. Beer sales at Red Hot and Boom 4th of July netted \$1,200. All these funds permitted the Club to give out \$24,000 to local charities and scholarships for high school students in Seminole County, and, give \$650 for books for the Reading Room at Kids House, and, \$5,000 to the "Seminole County South Rotary Club Trisha Moore Foundation" to be used for future endowments. Contribution to the Club Foundation by members was just over \$1,000, pushing the value to well over \$50,000. Every week, three books, donated by Alan Boyco of Scholastic Book Fairs, Inc., were given to Seminole County Schools in the name of the speaker. After months of planning, construction was started on the Habitat House with many Club members doing the physical work on the building. This project, chaired by Charlie Berg, was the largest project ever completed by the Club with out the help of other Rotary Clubs. Fellow Ship meeting were started on the first Friday of every month in which the "program" was a general discussion among the members. On the same day, TGIF continued in the evening at the Comfort Inn. The Club hosted the Group Study Exchange from Brazil. The Club received the # 1 Bell Ringer Award from the Salvation Army for raising \$6,307.13. That event, chaired by Joe Williams, was the most ever raised in one week to that date. President Peggy attended the Rotary District Meeting cruise to Cancun and donated books to Mexican school children. Jerry Barrett and wife hosted the Club's Holiday party with prime rib cooked by Chris Sorenson. Preparing and serving food for the Coalition for the Homeless continued as it had for many years. The Club picnic was held on the St. Johns River, hosted by Stu Farb. The BBQ was prepared by Club cooks Chris Sorenson and Bob Burkhart, with the rest of the food coordinated by Ruby Homyssi. Peter Burg took photos of all members for a rooster to be published the next year, the first time this had been done in 15 years. Many Rotarians participated in the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" at Lake Brantley High School. District Governor elects from Australia and England received a warm welcome at the Club with their visits. Three students from Seminole schools went to RYLA. The partnership with Seminole County Public Schools was renewed by signing the annul School-Business Agreement. Many Club members joined with Friends of the Wekiva in a river clean up.

2006-2007

Errol Greene, Real Estate Sales executive, was the thirty-sixth president. Meeting place was the Comfort Inn, until we had to move on Friday, the 13th of April, back to the Rolling Hills Country Club. The Comfort Inn was to be torn down after being bought by Florida DOT in a road expansion project. The Habitat for Humanity house construction was completed, the single largest project ever done by our Club, without the help of other Rotary Clubs. The Seminole Children's Village re-opened as transitional housing, for those aging out of foster care and no place to live. Four club members were on the twelve member board of the Village. The seventh RAP was held and raised \$55,000, also a golf tournament was successful. The first annual go-cart racing program, in which members raced against one another, was held. The Salvation Army bell ringing at Christmas were all held. Fellowship included a picnic, TGIF at the Comfort Inn, several meetings at Mulligan's bar (where Club members performed in a band), and several meetings at the Wing House where world shaping discussions took place. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards were held again. Money was again given to many charities and scholarships. Food was prepared and served again for the Coalition for the Homeless. Club money given to the International Foundation three years ago, was returned in the form of an International Humanitarian Grant that amounted to \$1,185.00. That combined with other moneys from the District went to build an orphanage in Santiago, Chile. Clark Gwinn, president in 00-01, led 5 Central Florida young people to Rotary District # 9550 in Australia on a "Group Study Exchange". A four page roster of the members, complete with color photos was distributed to the members, the first since 1962. Planning for this started in the previous year with color photos by Peter Berg and printing done by Bill Potter, who donated their services to the Club. A detailed history of the Club, year by year, from 1968 thru 2007, was compiled, printed, and given to the members. It included the current membership roster with the color photos.

ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS 2006 -2007

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ROTARY CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS

68-69 Jack Toole - deceased
70 Larry Carroll - in club
71 Bob McFadden - in Vermont
72 Bill Gordon - in Orlando
73 Bob Burkhart - in club
74 Brannon Murphy - in Lake Mary
75 Loren Stake - in Orlando
76 Colin Burgess - deceased
77 Wade Hargadon - deceased
78 Dale Bennett - in club
79 Peter Milliot - deceased
80 Jim Byrnes - in club
81 Bruno Greci - deceased
82 Bob Ferris - in Altamonte Springs
83 George Grant - deceased ???
84 Mickey Carlton - in Altamonte Springs
85 Kent Weisner - in club
86 Marv Kuyper - in club
87 Mike Pregmon - in Orlando
88 Charlie Brinkley - in Orlando
89 Larry Cowart - in Edgewater
90 Jim Donato - in Altamonte Springs
91 Ed Bookbinder - in club
92 Rich Johnson - in Longwood
93 Bill Schaffner - deceased
94 Ted Schwartz - in club
95 Oscar Medina - in Orlando
96 Chris Sorenson - in club
97 Terry Soifer - in Sanford
98 Rege Davis - in club
99 Dede Schaffner - in club
00 Clark Gwinn - in club
01 Tracy Huggins - in club
02 Stuart Farb - in club
03 Barry Gainer - in club
04 Dudley Bates - in club
05 Peggy Thomas - in club
06 Errol Greene - in club

As of 2007: 18 - still in club
12 - live in Central Florida
7 - deceased
1 - living in Vermont

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Baker, William
Ball, Elmer
Barrett, Jerry
Bates, Dudley
Bennett, Alice
Bennett, Dale
Bennett, Debra
Berg, Charles
Black, Larry
Bolander, Jon
Bookbinder, Ed
Brinkley, Charles
Brown, Harry
Brown, Shelia
Burg, Peter
Burkhart, Robert
Butler, Michael
Bryne, James
Carlton, Michael
Carozza, Albert
Carroll, Lawrence
Cashin, Frank
Clark, Marshall
Clark, Peter
Constantine, Lee
Coward, Larry
Davis, Regis
Davis, Martha
De Kleva, James
Dennis, Michael
Donato, James
Dunn, Timothy
Engelmier, Edward
Eslinger, Donald
Fahey, William
Farb, Stuart
Ferris, Robert
Fletcher, Troy
Gainer, Barry
Gamble, James
Good, Michael
Gould, Norman
Grant, George
Greene, Errol
Grenci, Bruno
Gwinn, Allis
Gwinn, Carl
Hawkins, Carol
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Homyssy, Ruby
Huggins, Tracy
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Jones, Helen
Kahn, William
Knight, Ed
Kuyper, Marvin
Lansing, Charle
Lee, James
Leonard, James
Levy, Bob
Lorenz, Charles
Lueck, Carl
Mann, Kenneth
Martone, Michael
McCormick, Paul
Medina, Juan
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Milliot, Peter
Mohring, Diedrich
Moncreif, Russell
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Ostrander, Richard
Pregmon, Michael
Radigan, Joseph
Schaffner, Deanne
Schaffner, William
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Sims, Davie
Sobik, Dennis
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Sorensen, Chris
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Thomas, Peggy
Toole, Randall
Turja, Leroy
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Vetter, Walter
Weisner, Kent
Weston, Brad
Whitehill, Robert
Williams, Joseph
Williamson, Jack
Zell, Robert
Zim, Richard

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

A BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905 by attorney Paul Harris, membership was limited to one man from each business or profession. The name "Rotary" came from the practice of holding meetings in rotation at different members' places of business. In 1906 the "wagon wheel" emblem was adopted. This was modified in 1912 when a geared wheel was adopted. In 1924 the emblem we use today was adopted: a wheel of six spokes, 24 cogs, and a keyway. In 1908 the second Rotary Club was organized in San Francisco, followed the next year by the third club at Oakland. By 1910 there were 16 clubs under the banner of "The National Association of Rotary Clubs". The next year Rotary went international with clubs in Dublin, London, and Belfast. In 1912 the name was changed to "The International Association of Rotary Clubs". The first non-English speaking club was organized in Havana in 1916. This was the beginning of a worldwide organization as the Philippines, China, Panama, India, and Argentina came on board in 1919. In 1922 the name was changed to "Rotary International". Paul Harris passed away in Chicago in 1947, and the R. I. Board immediately started the Fellowship plan as a memorial to him. Since 1947 \$1,792,000,000 has been contributed to the Foundation, with \$1,687,000,000 paid out in program awards and expenses. This money has come from 1,011,551 PHF's, major donors, bequest, and benefactors. Today there are over 1.2 million members in 32,000 clubs, in 529 districts, in 34 zones, in over 200 countries. Rotary has had a huge impact around the World and here are just a few examples.

"World Peace Fellowships" each year fund up to 60 scholars to study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Since inception in 2002, 233 fellows from 60 different countries have participated at a cost of \$14 million.

"Ambassadorial Scholarships" is the largest international scholarship program in the world. Scholars study in countries other than their own, and serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 47,000 scholars from 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$476 million.

"Rotary Grants for University Teachers" are awarded to faculty members to teach in a developing nation for 3 to 10 months. Since 1985, 431 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country at a cost of over \$4 million.

"Disaster Recovery" programs worldwide have received millions of dollars from RI and individual contributions from Rotarians.

"Group Study Exchange" travel expenses are paid by RI. A team of non-Rotarians, from a variety of professions, and lead by a Rotarian, visit a Rotary District in a foreign country for four to six weeks. The host district provides housing and transportation while in the district. Vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest are exchanged, making for better world understanding and world peace. Since 1965, more than 57,000 individuals from 100 countries, have participated at a cost of \$92 million. South Seminole's Clark Gwinn led a group from our district to Australia in 2007.

"Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, and Individual Grants" from RI pay for projects worldwide. Since 1965 \$278 million has been spent to build schools, hospitals, orphanages, and other worthwhile projects.

"Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grants" since 1978 have funded large scale two to four year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, and improve human development in 75 countries at a cost of \$74 million.

"Polio Plus", started in 1985, has cost over \$600 million and has given oral polio vaccine to more than 2,000,000,000 children worldwide. To date, 210 countries around the world are polio free. Clubs in 478 Rotary Districts have participated in this program, with South Seminole giving well over \$30,000.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK , SAY, OR DO

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?

(Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor wrote this and it was adopted by RI in 1942.)

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