

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley



**90 Years of Service
1925 – 2015**

**Chartered
March 16, 1925**

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

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

DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to:

KENNETH CASPER, Past President of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, Past Governor of District 519 of Rotary International, whose dedication and perseverance brought this publication into being;

And

GLENN JONES, Past President of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, for his dedication to this project by filling in some of the empty spots, assisting in the editing and identifying many of the pictures included herein;

And

LARRY FARRELL, Past President of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley and the "Club Photographer" for many years who supplied many of the pictures from his files and secured others from various sources;

And

THE PAST PRESIDENTS of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley and the Members of the club who researched the material for this publication;

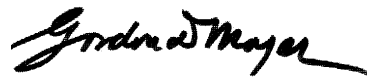
And

ALL OF THE MEMBERS of The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, past and present, who by their dedication and efforts provided a better community in which to live and helped to make the world a better one by promoting international understanding through Rotary;

And

***THE WIVES of those Rotarians who by their support of their husbands, shared their time and efforts in making the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, California, U.S.A. the pillar of strength that is serving our community.

We thank all of you

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gordon D. Moyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gordon D. Moyer, Editor
Past Governor, District 519
Rotary International
(1965-66)

Editor's Note: Due to space availability it was not always possible to place pictures in relation to the year in which they were taken

***Please take note of the year in which this was originally written. We would, of course phrase this differently in 2015.

PAST PRESIDENTS ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY

#	YEARS	PRESIDENT	#	YEARS	PRESIDENT
1.	1925 – 1926	Thomas Ingram	48.	1970 – 1971	Robert W. Long
2.	1926 – 1927	Jack Curnow	49.	1971 – 1972	Howard Swearingen
3.	1927 – 1928	Frank Nilon	50.	1972 – 1973	Byron Gordon
4.	1928 – 1929	M. Henry Argall	51.	1973 – 1974	Richard Merritt
5.	1929 – 1930	John L. Wolff	52.	1974 – 1975	Cecil V. Tremewan
6.	1930 – 1931	H.W. Robinson	53.	1975 – 1976	Willard W. Schultz
7.	1931 – 1932	Aubrey Wisker	54.	1976 – 1977	Wallace L. Krill
8.	1932 – 1933	William Durbrow	55.	1977 – 1978	Christian Shaaf
9.	1933 – 1934	Henry Spiess	56.	1978 – 1979	William F. Thomas
10.	1934 – 1935	Charles Ingram	57.	1979 – 1980	Charles V. Elizondo
11.	1935 – 1936	George Shirkey	58.	1980 – 1981	Allen W. Carver, Sr.
12.	1936 – 1937	Daniel Stewart	59.	1981 – 1982	Paul Law
13.	1937 – 1938	Earl Covey	60.	1982 – 1983	Gerald Daugherty
14.	1938 – 1939	Ernest J. Lister	61.	1983 – 1984	William E. Elliott
15.	1939 – 1940	Garvin Mitchell	62.	1984 – 1985	John W. Raggio
16.	1940 – 1941	Embree Hoss	63.	1985 – 1986	Jim Young
17.	1941 – 1942	Ray Pengelly	64.	1986 – 1987	Bill Warren
18.	1942 – 1943	James Terrill	65.	1987 – 1988	Lyle Jones
19.	1943 – 1944	Alfred Kramm	66.	1988 – 1989	Al Alstrand
20.	1944 – 1945	Elias Day	67.	1989 – 1990	Ed Scofield
21.	1944 – 1945	Eugene Ingalls	68.	1990 – 1991	Wallace Judd
22.	1945 – 1946	Wesley Donnenwirth	69.	1991 – 1992	Edward B. Sylvester
23.	1946 – 1947	Gilbert Cramer	70.	1992 – 1993	Barry Burrows
24.	1947 – 1948	Larry Farrell	71.	1993 – 1994	Morgan S. Stoltz
25.	1948 – 1949	O.P. Steele	72.	1994 – 1995	Jon Katis
26.	1948 – 1949	Garvin Mitchell	73.	1995 – 1996	Scott Robertson
27.	1949 – 1950	George Raddue Jr.	74.	1996 – 1997	Monty East
28.	1950 – 1951	Melvin Berryman	75.	1997 – 1998	Mike Johnson
29.	1951 – 1952	Shirley H. Brattin	76.	1998 – 1999	Jon Byerrum
30.	1952 – 1953	Fred Conway	77.	1999 – 2000	Patrick Ward
31.	1953 – 1954	Carlton G. Thomas	78.	2000 – 2001	Wyn Spiller
32.	1954 – 1955	Jack Keegan	79.	2001 – 2002	George Grayeb
33.	1955 – 1956	Oliver (Bill) Stewart	80.	2002 – 2003	Judy Hess
34.	1956 – 1957	Sterl Boothby	81.	2003 – 2004	Tom Conley
35.	1957 – 1958	Arthur Lolmaugh	82.	2004 – 2005	Patti Ingram
36.	1958 – 1959	Wayne (Monk) Brown	83.	2005 – 2006	Kathleen Egenes
37.	1959 – 1960	Eldridge J. Best	84.	2006 – 2007	Robert Breck
38.	1960 – 1961	Glenn T. Jones	85.	2007 – 2008	Jack Emery
39.	1961 – 1962	Gordon Wright	86.	2008 – 2009	Don Daniels
40.	1962 – 1963	Cletus Osterholt	87.	2009 – 2010	Rod Fivelstad
41.	1963 – 1964	W.W. Tabe Bishop	88.	2010 – 2011	Kyle Daugherty
42.	1964 – 1965	Hiram Arch McPherson	89.	2011 – 2012	Anita Daniels
43.	1965 – 1966	George Hutchins	90.	2012 – 2013	Tim McCall
44.	1966 – 1967	Ray Doran	91.	2013 – 2014	Steve Sarantopoulos
45.	1967 – 1968	Ken Casper	92.	2014 – 2015	Steve Spiller
46.	1968 – 1968	Robert Ross			
47.	1969 – 1970	Paschal Coy Miller			

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY, CA
CHARTER MEMBERSHIP LIST
JANUARY 19, 1925

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Business</u>
ARCHIBALD, Allan R. (AR)	Metal Mining Lands	Proprietor
BLIGHT, Joe T. (Joe)	Restaurant	Blight Brothers Restaurant
CARSON, Irvin W. (Irv)	Ore Reduction	North Star Mines
CLINCH, Charles R. (Ray)	Groceries	Clinch Merc. Co.
CURNOW, John A. (Jack)	Hardware	Alpha Hdw. & Supply
GEORGE, Ernest (Ernie)	Automobiles	George Brothers
GILL, Arthur (Arthur)	Furniture	Proprietor
HARTSOCK, Luzern H. (Lu)	Elect. Light & Power	P.G.&E.
HARTUNG, Harold B. (Whis)	Jewelry	Hartung & Son
INGRAM, Thomas (Tom)	Newspaper Publishing	Union Publishing Co.
LEICHTER, Edward E. (Ed)	Confections	Golden Poppy Conf.
LEITER, S. L. (Lee)	Dry Goods	L. Lee Leiter & CO.
MILES, F.F. (Foster)	Commercial Banking	First Nat'l Bank
MOOSER, Albert H. (A.H.)	Banking-Savings	Nevada Co. Bank
NILON, Frank M. (Frank)	General Law	Nilon & Nilon
NOBS, Frederick W. (Fred)	Gold Mining	Empire Mines
SAMPSON, William (Bill)	Stationery	Sampson's Stn & Toys
SHIRKEY, George H. (Doc)	Optometry	Proprietor
TAYLOR, Charlie H. (Charlie)	Foundry	Taylor Foundry & Eng. Co.
TAYLOR, Edward F. (Ed)	Garage & Serv. Stn.	Grass Valley Garage
TAYLOR, Joseph F. (Earl)	Fire Insurance	Insurance
THOMAS, Walter G. (Doc)	Dentistry	Proprietor
TITTES, John (John)	Hotels	Bret Harte Inn
TYRRELL, James C. (Jim)	Crude Oil Distr.	Mountain Oil Co.
WISKER, Aubrey L. (A.L.)	Pear Grower	Proprietor

FOUNDING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY CHARTER CELEBRATION

The first meeting of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 13, 1925 at the Bret Harte Inn. The Rotary Club of Auburn sponsored the organizing of the club. At this first meeting election of officers was held; Thomas Ingram, President; S. Lee Letter, Vice President; F. Foster Miles, Treasurer. A Board of Directors was also selected: A. H. Mooser, F. W. Nobs, Thomas Ingram, S. Lee Loiter, J. A. Curnow, A. L. Wisker and James C. Tyrell. It was determined that the club would meet regularly thereafter every week on Monday at 12:15.

The following Monday; January 19, 1925, was the first luncheon meeting of the newly organized Rotarians. It was announced there were 25 charter members of the club, all of whom unanimously approved seeking membership into Rotary International. An application was completed naming each Rotarian, his classification and other information. This was submitted on this date, along with a \$100 fee to Rotary International. It was noted that the club would operate under a Constitution and By-laws and that each Rotarian would receive a copy of THE ROTARIAN each month once membership in Rotary International was approved.

Two months later, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was officially admitted to membership in Rotary International by the Board of Directors of R. I. on March 16, 1925. The club was granted Charter No. 1938 and became an official member club in Rotary International.

During the next month, much time was given to planning a Charter Celebration. April 13th was set for the festivities to be held at the Elk's Lodge. Ladies were invited as well as Rotarians and guests from Auburn, Sacramento. Marysville, Gridley, Chico, Oroville and other Rotary clubs in District #2 of R.I.

Five hundred people attended the celebration on April 13th; which was noted as a huge success, as reported in the next day's Morning Union. A banquet was prepared under the direction of Charter Member Joe Blight. High school girls served as waitresses.

The program was presided over by President William G. Lee of the 'Rotary Club of Auburn. Grass Valley Mayor M. J. Brock welcomed the guests. Thomas Ingram, State Senator and Charter member, also extended greetings to all visitors and received the gavel from President Bill Lee of the Rotary Club of Auburn. Sacramento Rotarian Marshall Demott presented a Grass Valley Rotary Flag to the membership. Singing selections were given by the California Cornish Gold Mining Singers and two solos were rendered by Secy. Foster Miles.

FOUNDING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY (CONTINUED)

The main address was by Dr. Tully Knoles, President of the College of The Pacific in Stockton. He spoke of the history and the purpose of Rotary. He emphasized "Service Above Self - - He profits Most Who Serves Best" the motto of Rotary.

Another highpoint of the evening occurred when District Governor Harry S. Mason presented Rotary International Charter Number 1938 to President Ingram and the membership. He spoke on the growth of Rotary in the west and of the responsibilities of each Rotarian. Chester Bowen presented each Charter Member with a copy of the Rotary code of Ethics. After the formalities were concluded the Rotarians and their ladies enjoyed dancing until midnight.

Researched and written by Samuel Aanestad and David Breninger.

First
Rotary Club
Of
Grass Valley
Banner



1925 – 1926

President: THOMAS INGRAM
Classification: Newspaper Publishing
Date of Membership: Charter Member

Vice President: S. LEE LEITER
Secretary: F. FOSTER MILES
Treasurer: JOSEPH EARL TAYLOR

Directors: Thomas Ingram, S. Lee Leiter, Albert M. Mooser, Aubrey L. Wisker, James C. Tyrrell, John A. Curnow, Frederick W. Nobs.

President R.I: 1924-25: Everett W. Hill (Oklahoma)
1925-26: Donald A. Adams (Connecticut)

Governor District #2: 1924-25: Harry B. Mason
1925-26: Thomas Bridges

GRASS VALLEY ROTARY CLUB FORMED: Unique club to function as aid to progress". Under this banner the announcement was made that on the evening of Tuesday, January 13, 1925, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley would hold its first meeting. The next day's Morning Union reported:

"One of the most enthusiastic meetings held in Grass Valley for some time took place last evening, at the Bret Harte Inn, when members of the Rotary clubs of Auburn and Sacramento, numbering around fifty, aided in forming an organization here which will be known as the Grass Valley Rotary Club".

The club's membership began with 25 men from various businesses and professions, with the aim to promote the general welfare and betterment of society. At the first meeting club officers and directors were elected and regular weekly meetings were set for every Monday thereafter. The Bret Harte Inn was selected as the meeting site.

Rotarians most responsible for assisting in our club's formation included: President William G. Lee and Secretary James Stewart of the Rotary Club of Auburn. They personally assisted and visited the club in its formative stages many times. Right from the start they were involved and helped President Ingram in conducting the first Monday noon meeting of the club on January 19th, attended by all twenty-five Charter members. Formal application for membership in Rotary International was authorized. On January 26th, a group of Sacramento Rotarians attended to assist with the meeting, including their President Carl Lamus. It was at this meeting the club established two traditions - a Charity Fund and "fines".

By the February 2nd meeting, a club song leader was designated; as well as club pianist, Miss Muriel Hocking. The club's first vocational talk occurred at this meeting, being given by Rotarian A.L. Wisker. He talked about the Nevada Irrigation District. The following Saturday evening a number of members went to Sacramento for a dinner dance with entertainment furnished by Stockton Rotarians.

In just a few short weeks the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was formed, organized and settled into a routine of good fellowship, business and programs. One aspect of the President's job seem to have caught on all-too-well in this short time - "fining". A March 24th article of the Union noted: "It was stated that the "fine boy" of the Rotarians realized a banner day yesterday, scarcely any of the members being fortunate enough to miss paying a fine for some "offense" or other".

April was a busy month for the club. First, former State Senator, former District Governor and Sacramento Rotarian C.B. Bills, spoke to the members on Club organization and committee structure.

It was about this time we learned that our application for membership in Rotary International had been processed. March 16, 1925 is the official Charter date of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley - the date that it was admitted to membership in Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, California was Charter member Number 1938 in the worldwide fellowship of Rotary. Plans were then made for a Charter Night Celebration. On April 13th, District Governor Harry S. Mason presented Charter Number 1938 to President Ingram and the membership as some five hundred (500) people assembled at the Elks Club for dinner, speakers and dancing. The evening's theme was "Service Not Self."

Grass Valley's Mayor, M.J. Brock, spoke in late April, on City programs and funding. Members heard the details about the bond issue, which had recently "permitted the paving of city streets and other improvements". On April 28th many club members drove to Auburn to personally honor and express their appreciation to President Lee for his active support and role in organizing the Grass Valley Rotary Club.

The first copies of the monthly publication - THE ROTARIAN - were received by each member. May 18th was the first time, at a regular meeting, a group of guests were invited to share the fellowship of Rotary. The invitation was extended to and accepted by some thirty to forty Nevada City businessmen. The program focused on the growing spirit of Rotary. Also, at that time a report was given by the Charity Committee. The members learned the details of club financial aid given to a little girl to fully underwrite the cost of her surgical operation. A letter of appreciation from the child's mother was read to the members.

At only six months into his term, President Ingram seemed to have all too quickly caught onto enjoying the "fine" part of the meeting. On May 19th, it was reported: "Fines were so numerous that the sergeant-at-arms was completely exhausted at the close of the meeting".

By June, the club was actively involved in selling tickets and pledging money for our first community project: Memorial Park Maintenance (clean-up) Day.

The club's first representative to a Rotary District Conference was F. Foster Miles, who attended and reported on the June, 1925 gathering in Santa Monica, CA.

One June 29th, ladies were invited for the first time to the noon gathering for an interesting program on journalism, by John E. King, State Printer and Editor of a newspaper in Southern California.

The first inter-city club meeting with dinner and dancing was planned by our club. It was held on October 27th in Auburn at the Masonic Hall. Past District Governor and Stockton Rotarian Dr. Dewey Powell, gave the keynote address. The festivities were chaired by President Ingram. Many Rotarians attended from Sacramento, Marysville, Lincoln and Stockton.

In late December, the club hosted some 60 businessmen and ranchers to hear an informative talk on promoting and advertising growth in our area. A Valentine's Party was enjoyed by all at the February 15th meeting. The program - each member received a Valentine. It was "humor minus the sting of sarcasm" predominating. The hall rang with laughter as one after the other tokens were opened and displayed. Novelties apropos of the profession of each member were presented.

February 23rd found our District Governor, Tom Bridges, making his official visit. Prior to the noon meeting he conferred with the officers, directors and committee chairman of the club.

Celebration of the club's first anniversary of the presentation of the Charter was observed at the March 15th meeting. Introduced as "one of the founders" of our club, William Lee, Past President of the Rotary Club of Auburn, spoke. The program also featured musical selections presented by club members and guests.

The April 26th meeting was a club business day. Election of officers and directors for the forthcoming Rotary year, was conducted. The change in officers and directors occurred on May 4, 1925. At that time the sixteen month term of President Ingram and others drew to a close. We attained another first - Past President Tom Ingram was acknowledged for his leadership by every member. He was presented with a fine wallet and he expressed his appreciation in a few words.

So, the first Rotary year was a total success. Many "firsts" were set into motion and unleashed upon the club. Notables include: The President's authority to fine; District Governor visits; and a "few words" by Past Presidents. These, among others, will probably be recalled by future Rotarians with mixed emotions as they look back to the first year of Rotary in Grass Valley.

The Rotary International Convention for 1924-25 was held on June 15 - 17, 1925 in Cleveland Ohio. There were 10,216 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The Convention for 1925 - 26 was held on June 14 - 18 in Denver, Colorado with 8,888 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by David A. Breninger.



1926 – 1927

President: JOHN A. CURNOW
Classification: Hardware
Date of membership: CHARTER MEMBER

Secretary: F. FOSTER MILES (to 8/9/26)
DR. GEORGE H. SHIRKEY (balance of year)

Treasurer: ERNEST GEORGE

Directors: John A. Curnow, S. Lee Leiter,
Aubrey H. Mooser, James C. Tyrrell, Edward F.
Taylor, Allan R. Archibald, Dr. Walter G.
Thomas

President R.I.: Harry H. Bogers,
San Antonio, TX.
Governor District #2: Fred McClung

President Curnow assumed duties on May 3, 1926 from retiring President Tom Ingram. This was a year of several "Monday holidays". This meant the cancellation of several meetings, which did not seem to upset the membership to any great extent.

President Curnow and Allan Archibald returned in late June from the Rotary International convention in Denver. They shared their excitement and impressions on the world of Rotary. President Curnow's first meeting on May 10th observed Mother's Day with each member presented with a white carnation for the occasion. Empire Mine Executive, Fred W. Nobs, presented an interesting talk on area gold mining. Later in the month Past President Ingram attended and reported to the membership on the District Conference held in San Diego.

The evening of October 12th proved to be most enjoyable. It was also the first intercity meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Lincoln and Auburn hosted in Grass Valley. Over 200 Rotarians and guests gathered at the Bret Harte for dining and program, followed by dancing at the Elk's Club. District Governor Fred McClung, was the honored guest and speaker. He noted that our District 2 is the largest District in Rotary International. He spoke on the "Ideals or Spirit of Rotary and the great good that the organization can accomplish in the world", as reported the next day in the Morning Union.

During the year, former State Senator (Sacramento) and Past District Governor Charles Bill, visited to also share his thoughts with the members on the value of Rotary.

On December 13th, the club had as luncheon guests, a number of leading farmers and fruit growers of the community. This was the second year that Rotary served to provide a means for the agricultural and business community to get together in a friendly fashion and discuss matters of mutual interest in an informal manner.

Ladies' Night was a complete success on Saturday evening March 19th. It was billed as a "Real Radio Party Right at Home". We brought, all the way from radio station KPO in San Francisco, Mr. Hugh Barrett Dobbs. He simulated, in Grass Valley, his radio program with entertainment including Miss Constance Reese, prima donna with the Orpheum and formerly with the Duncan Sisters. They also toured the area and visited a gold mine.

Throughout the year we were fascinated with the presentations on the soon to be completed Nevada Irrigation District projects. We heard in July from Fred M. Miller, Assistant Manager, and A. L. Wisher, Secretary-Manager, in both January and June, on N.I.D. progress. It was of note to learn that, to date, Bowman Dam is the largest rock filled dam on the Pacific Coast and the second largest in the world.

Some other interesting topics covered this year: Past President Ingram expressing his opinion that it is "entirely feasible to bring back hydraulic mining". Review of the November statewide ballot initiatives. J.T. Mitchell brought us up to date on Grass Valley local facts: 14 miles of streets with 10 of those paved; high school has shown a steady increase to 261 students; and 1,050 men are employed in the Grass Valley district mines. Then there was the day the topic switched to impacted teeth, presented by our own Dr. Paye and another day when T. H. Harris talked on embalming and funerals. We also heard about printing "from the Gutenberg to the modern system". Other memorable topics included: the "Hardware Business" by President Curnow; and the "discussion" held at the November 22nd meeting over the Big Game between Stanford and California.

Our club supports Scouting and several members actively give of their personal time in the Grass Valley Scouting movement. Both Harris Ricksecher, Executive for the Tahoe Regional Scout Council, spoke to the club as well as Grass Valley Eagle Scout Harry Stewart. Harry Stewart represented all Grass Valley Scouts at the "Older Scouts Conference" at Richardson Springs. He spoke before the club and showed a reel of motion pictures depicting Scout life and camp life. Attendance and other secretarial duties of the club, since our inception, have been handled by Foster Miles. However, on August 9th, due to Foster's move to Sacramento, George (Doc) Shirkey was elected as Secretary.

The Rotary year closed with the club having firmly established its internal organization and affairs under President Curnow.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Oostend, Belgium June 5-10, 1927 with 6,412 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by David A. Breninger.



Bert and Gus Helback

1927 – 1928

President: FRANK MORGAN NILON
Classification: General Law
Date of Membership: CHARTER MEMBER

Vice President: JOHN L. WOLFF
Secretary: DR. GEORGE H. SHIRKEY
Treasurer: ERNEST GEORGE

Directors: Frank Morgan Nilon, John L. Wolff, Charles Raymond Clinch, John A. Curnow, Ernest George, S. Lee Leiter, Edward F. Taylor.

President R.I.: Arthur H. Sapp, Huntington, Indiana

Governor District #2: Almon E. Roth

The year started with about 30 members and ended with 35. The meetings were held at the Bret Harte Inn and were well attended.

President Nilon and Secretary Shirley attended the District Conference held in Yosemite Valley in early October. In the spring, club members attended the birthday celebration for the Rotary Club of Chico. Grass Valley Rotarian J.E. Gooding won low net honors at the Chico club's gold tournament with a 71. This won him a new driver and a fine upon his return home.

Nearly the entire membership attended a joint meeting with Auburn and Lincoln clubs on our way to Sacramento for the District Conference held on May 11th.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley hosted the very first joint service club meeting in Grass Valley on May 31, 1928. A Thursday luncheon meeting was hosted at the Bret Harte Inn with the new Grass Valley Den of Lions, which was chartered in mid-May. On June 12th our club also hosted a meeting with the 20/30 club members from Auburn and Sacramento. This was attended by prospective 20/30 club aged men of Grass Valley upon invitation to the luncheon by Grass Valley Rotarians.

Ladies night festivities were held on several occasions during the year with featured speakers and entertainment. "Mother's Day" was again given special emphasis.

An additional sampling of meetings during the year included: 1927; August 15th Rotarians William Sampson and Ernest George provided fresh trout for lunch (caught on a weekend fishing trip). Sacramentan Mr. S. Upson spoke on sports and was impressed by Grass Valley's golf course.

August 29th A. C. Crosby, Mutual Homes, spoke on house construction in Grass Valley - 5 & 6 room stucco bungalows with nothing down for purchase price of \$2,700 to \$3,500.

December 5th - George Jenson, Sacramento High School Principal, spoke on "What is becoming of the young people today?"

1928 - January 24th - The Bret Harte Inn installed its first large radio receiving set.

February 6th - Judge Raglan Tuttle and D.G. Bing spoke on the future of Nevada County, its roads and advertising.

March 12th - D. F. Norton, one of Nevada County's oldest residents, spoke about Grass Valley's past, present and future.

April 9th - The Bret Harte Inn completed remodeling of the dining room, which members reported as "far superior to the old quarters". Harold McCurty, Sacramento Postmaster, spoke on the proper way to mail a letter - seal it and include a return address.

June 19th - Carl J. Finn spoke on Transatlantic Telephone Service. We were impressed to learn that within a fraction of a second a man speaking on the Pacific Coast could be heard in Plymouth, England.

President Nilon's year emphasized: Rotary education; co-ordination of activities with other Rotary clubs; hosting joint meetings with local service clubs; and supporting local projects including maintenance at Memorial Park.

On February 27th the club inducted three new members which the Morning Union noted - "is taken as a significant indication of the increased activity of the Rotary Club".

Our club, along with Marysville, Gridley and Colusa, sent Arthur Gluckman, president of the Marysville club, as our representative to the 1927 Rotary International Convention in Oostend, Belgium.

President Nilon was elected the club's Voting Delegate and was sent of the Rotary International Convention held June 18 - 22 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were 9,428 Rotarians and guests in attendance. Also attending from Grass Valley was Past Vice-president S. Lee Leiter.

The above information was supplied by David A. Breninger.

1928 – 1929

President: M. HENRY ARGALL
Classification: Newspaper publishing
Date of Membership: 1926

Secretary: GEORGE K. SHIRKEY
Treasurer: ERNEST GEORGE

Directors: FRED NUBS, A.H. MOOSER, J.E. GOODING, JACK WOLFF, T.M. HARRIS,
HAROLD ROBINSON.

President of Rotary International: I.B. Tom Sutton, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico.

Governor District No. 2: Herbert E. Harris.

At the first meeting the club discussed Rotary education and various amendments were suggested to the by-laws and the policy of the new president.

President Argall was secretary - treasurer of The Union and W.F. Prisk was president and Robert Ingram was the vice president.

During the year the club donated \$ 150 towards someone's surgery at Jones Hospital and various other donations towards those in need during that period. The club enjoyed singing as noted by the expenditure of \$24.00 for a pianist for the period of January through July.

On August 11th the Rotary Club of Grass Valley joined with the Rotary Clubs from Auburn and Lincoln for an intercity meeting held at the Bret Harte Inn. District Governor Herbert E. Harris attended this ladies night function.

Several items from the newspapers were reported during this Rotary year; San Juan Ridge water users and NID were discussing various problems on February 1, 1929 and the president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce was very unhappy with the attendance at the monthly meeting.

The Union revealed that Little Orphan Annie, and her dog Sandy were on the comic page; Alpha Hardware and Grass Valley Hardware offered "King Fuel Coal"; Clinch Mercantile had a special on Hanes Union Suits for only 75 cents and Miner's Caps for 23 cents each. Skaggs Safeway Stores had 10 pounds of sugar for 53 cents, Butter at 2 lbs for 93 cents and bacon for 28 cents a pound.

A close relative of our friend Jerry Angove was also in the news that year. The stock and fixtures of Mr. Angove's store was being moved to the Haas Building on lower Main Street. He had been at the previous location for 40 years.

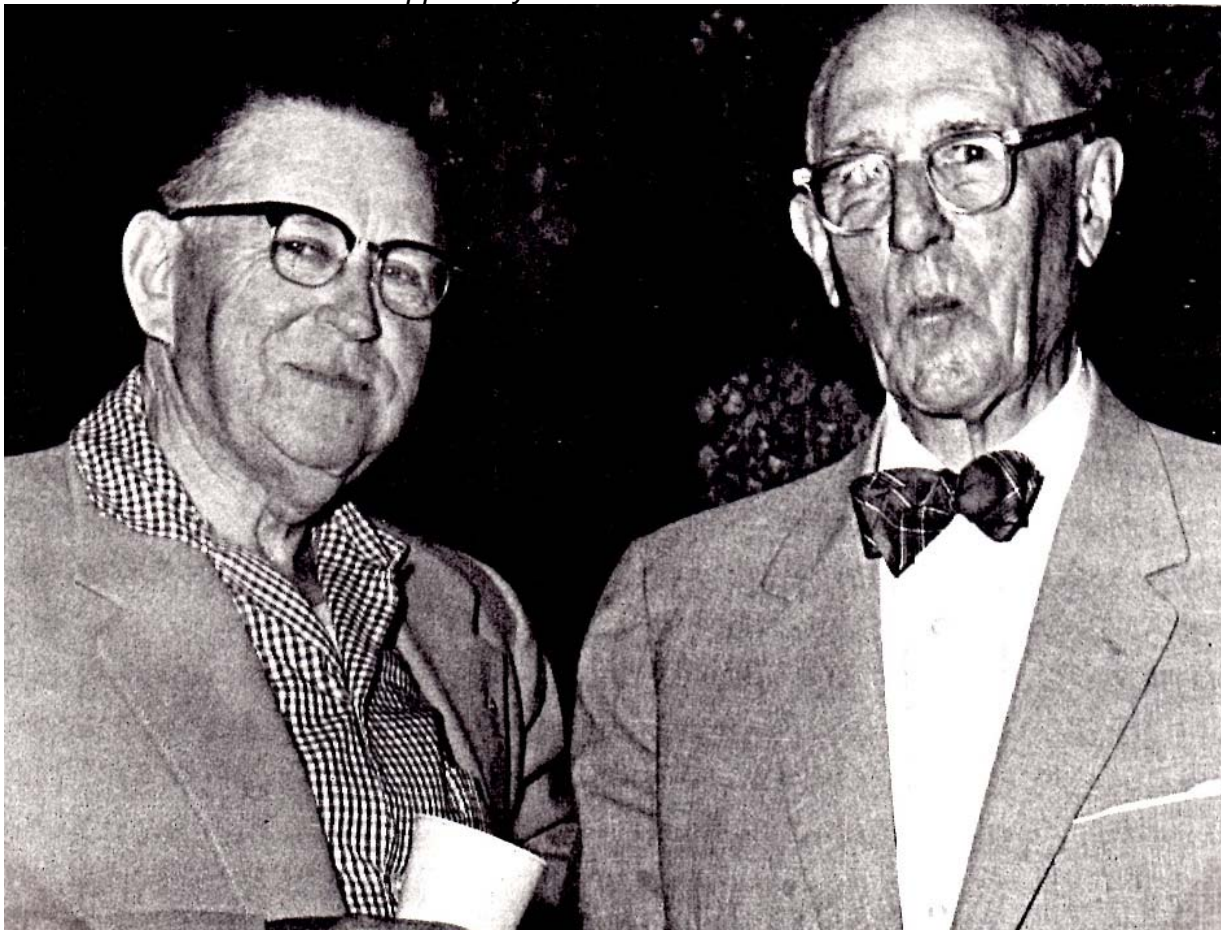
It was also interesting to note that Bank of America ran much larger ads then, than they do now. George Brothers not only sold Standard spark plugs for only 60 cents each but also had Standard plugs for Fords for only 40 cents each. Statewide, Californians were demanding a tax reduction as the state had a large surplus as of July in the amount of \$185,000,000.00.

On July 2nd a PG&E employee was being praised for his quick thinking by taking off his trousers to put out a fire up on Alta Hill.

Then, of course, there was that fateful day in late October when the stock market collapsed and the equally bad news that USC beat Stanford 7 - 0, a heart breaker for the Stanford Alumni in the club.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Dallas, Texas May 27-31 with 9,508 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Jack Moorhead.



David Maltman

*William Durbrow
Pres. 1932-33*

1929 - 1930

President: JOHN L. WOLFF
Classification: Petroleum Products Distributing.

President of R.I.: M. Eugene Wilson
Durham, NC, U.S.A.

Governor District No .2: Harvey Lyon

At a time when Anne Morrow was making plans to marry Charles Lindbergh, Model A. Fords were selling for \$450 and the stock market crash and great depression were in the near future, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley entered into another year of history. John L. Wolff was installed July 2, 1929 as the new club president, taking the gavel from retiring president, M. Henry Argall.

H.W. Robinson had been elected to serve as president for this year but upon the advice of his doctor he notified the directors that because of his recent serious illness he would not be able to serve. The selection of Jack Wolff to lead the club for the next year was made by the directors. Mr. Wolff was the district manager of Standard Oil Company and as a licensed civilian aviator in Grass Valley, was a committee member of the Aeronautical Committee of the Sacramento Valley Council of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

At the installation meeting, Manager D.C. Stewart of PC&E was the program chairman and he provided a real treat at the luncheon when he introduced Earl M. Seel of the publicity department who showed two reels of moving pictures dealing with the building of the big Mokelumne River Dam and the new natural gas pipe line being run from the Kettleman fields in the lower San Joaquin Valley to the San Francisco Bay district.

In January of 1930, quite a representation from the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, with their wives, attended the fourth anniversary of the Rotary Club of Lincoln at the "Pottery Town". The local delegation was but a part of the huge crowd that was drawn from Sacramento, Roseville, Auburn and Marysville.

The April luncheon brought the Green of Ireland to the Rotary Club meeting at the Bret Harte Hotel. The program speaker, Rev. Father James O'Meara of St. Patrick's Church spoke on the patron saint of Ireland, the man to whom the local Catholic church and the boys' orphanage in this city is dedicated.

At another very interesting meeting, Lieutenant R. Brynn, member of the staff of the Chief of the United States Army Air Corps at Washington D.C., explained the congregation of 150 fighting planes at Mather Field, Sacramento, for three weeks of intensive military maneuvering. With the planes were 200 pilots and 350 mechanics gathered from the four corners of the United States for mimic warfare and Intensive military aviation. He described the various classifications of the army planes and declared the United States Army Air Corps to be the best group in the world because of the construction, workmanship and safety factors of the planes and the fine personnel. The aviators are the highest type of enlisted men and with the Army training and discipline have become the finest air fighting force in the world.

April 21, 1930, Frank Eldredge recounted his experiences in the interior of Sonora, Mexico, on a gold hunting expedition. The talk was the same one that Mr. Eldredge gave for the Lions of this city recently in which he told of an exciting and arduous trip by horse over desert, mountains and up streams with precipitous banks. The conditions of the great Sonora copper country were also described by the local businessman who spent considerable time in the republic south of the Rio Grande.

A very interesting luncheon was held May 5, 1930 when Harold W. Robinson was the program chairman and speaker at the meeting. He gave a very interesting account of his life's history and also supplemented his talk with advice on how to make a success in life. President Jack Wolff was selected as the official representative of the club at the annual District Conference to be held in Oakland this week.

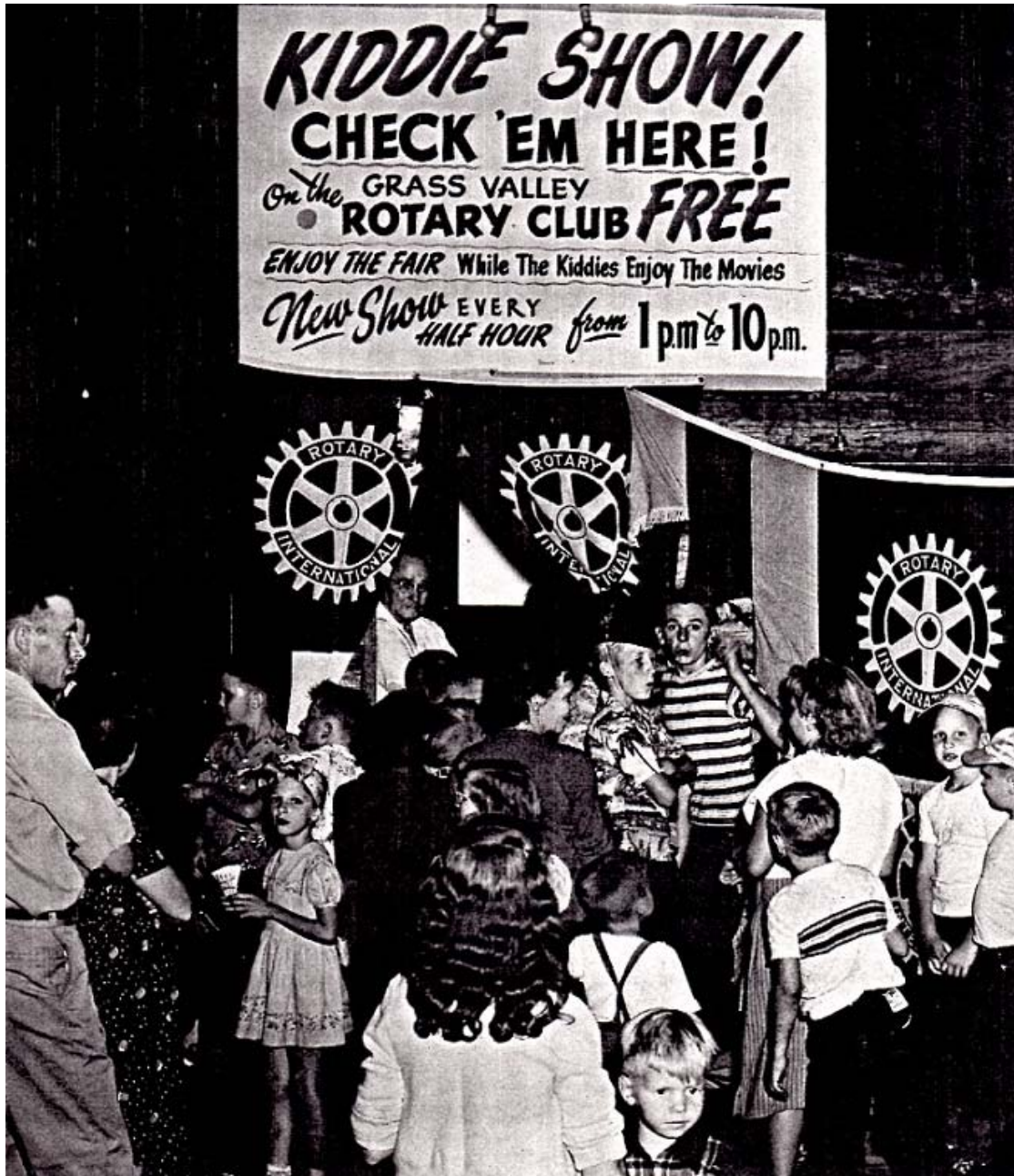
Harvey Lyon, Governor of District No. 2 of Rotary International and Mrs. Lyon were feted at the Elks Building by members of the Grass Valley, Auburn, Lincoln and Susanville Rotary Clubs and their ladies. Dinner was served to 90 guests by the Hotel Bret Harte - management, and dancing took place to the music of the Harmony Shop orchestra. The highlight of the musical program that evening was the short skit "Wedding of the Painted Dolls" by the members of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. Gales of laughter swept the group at the costuming and characterization of the play, with the following cast: Dr. Shirkey, dust maid; Henry Argall, flower girl; William Sampson and A.B. Snyder, bridesmaids; H.W. Robinson, bride; J.A. Curnow, groom; Dr. Evans, groomsman and E.R. Burtner as pastor. Mrs. Beth Wolff sang "Wedding of the Painted Dolls" during the presentation.

After Jack Wolff's year as a very popular Club president, he had the time to write a number of recollections of the Yuba River Canyon Country. Many of the men mentioned in these articles were personal friends, and they contain much anecdotal material about William B. Bourn, George Starr, John F. Kidder, James McCormack, the Empire Star Mines, the Mule Railroad, and the Nevada County Narrow Gauge.

In 1963 Jack Wolff moved from Nevada country to take up residency in South Nyack, New York, leaving behind many old friends and fond memories.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois June 23-27, 1930 with 11,008 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was gathered by Lewis D. Roos.



Kiddie Day at the Fair

1930 – 1931

President: HAROLD W. ROBINSON

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Geo. Shirkey

President of R.I.: Almon E. Roth

Palo Alto, California

Governor District No. 2: Arthur Crites

Harold W. Robinson was installed as President on Monday July 21, 1930, succeeding Jack Wolff who was president the preceding year.

As background to Mr. Robinson, he and his wife (Edna Jane) built the "Lady Jane Manor" which was designed by Mrs. Robinson for the purpose of lavish entertainment. The Lady Jane Manor was located four miles south of Grass Valley where they also had a 13 room home which they first used for week-ends and as a summer home while Mr. Robinson was a top executive of Fleishman's Yeast. The Manor House contained an enormous drawing room and dining room with elaborate chandeliers, a music room, an authentic early day 49'er bar, a ballroom and two suites of rooms for their guests. An interesting historical note is the fact that the Lady Jane Ranch is that of the Holt Sawmill tragedy of 1850 and the subsequent Indian massacre by U.S. troops and 100 miners. Later when the Robinsons left their beloved ranch in 1936, Dr. Ross, the dog food manufacturer, had the ranch for one year and it was then purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Redman and used as a famous thoroughbred horse ranch and then finally it became the Indian Mountain Resort.

Mr. Robinson's grandfather had been knighted in Great Britain and large oil portraits of Sir and Lady Robinson hang in the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco.

Harold Robinson took a very active part in community betterment in and around Grass Valley. At periods during the 30's he organized a construction company that built the Colfax Highway, installed the first miniature golf course in the area, served as the assessor for the Nevada Irrigation District and conducted an insurance and bond brokerage business. Robinson also served as the secretary of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. He was an Elk and also a Mason.

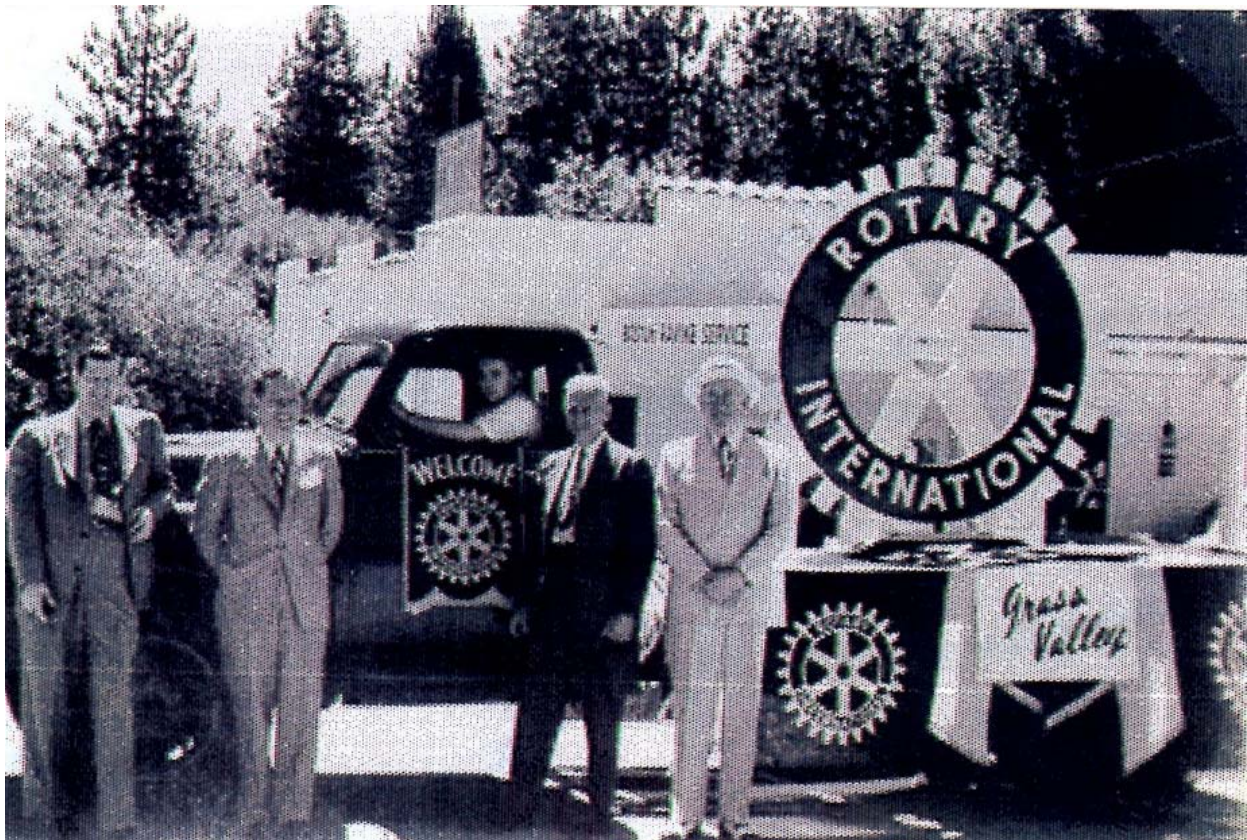
Mr. Robinson died very suddenly (within an hour and a half) after being stricken with a critical heart ailment. He and his wife had been guests of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Brown for several months. Not long after Mr. Robinson passed away, Mrs. Robinson also died.

Mr. Robinson died on September 30, 1947 and Mrs. Robinson in March of 1948. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary 19 days after he died.

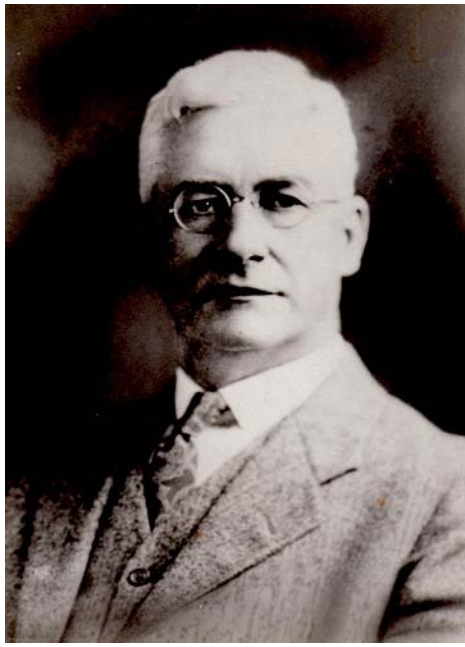
During the latter part of Mr. Robinson's year of being President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, Mr. Aubrey Wisker was elected President for the fiscal year 1931-32 along with Dr. G.H. Shirkey as Vice President, and E.H. George as Secretary/Treasurer and the following were elected as Directors: H.W. Robinson, Phil Scadden, Fred Nobs, A.H. Mooser and Tom Richards.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Vienna, Austria, June 22-26, 1931 with 4,296 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Wallace Reid.



Fourth of July Rotary "Float"



1931 - 32

Presidents: AUBREY WISKER

Secy / Treas.: Dr. G. H. Shirkey

Directors: H. W. Robinson, Phil Scaddon Fred Nobs, A. H. Mooser; & Tom Richards.

Governor Dist. No. 2: David Reese Ventura, CA.

President R.I: SYDNEY W. PASCALL
London, England

The year with Aubrey Wisker started on Monday July 6, 1931 at a regular meeting. Past President Harold Robinson received the felicitations of the members for his year. At the same meeting the five minute talker

described the airplane carriers of the United States Navy.

Paul Reiger, past president of the San Francisco Rotary Club was the speaker at an evening meeting. The program was a heart-to-heart talk on Rotarianism and boys and was presented to the Rotarians and their ladies and guests.

At a November meeting the P. T. & T. Company showed the first sound motion pictures to be shown in Grass Valley not in a regular picture house. P. T. & T. also had an open house at the Grass Valley office. At another meeting three members presented a short history of their lives starting with "the day they were born in Grass Valley". (Information obtained from the Morning union) Two weeks later Mr. Durbrow introduced his program of four Rotarians who came to Grass Valley "with their clothes on and made their home here by choice". A very significant fact was discovered -- "three started their working life in a blacksmith shop at a mine".

In February a meeting was held in Auburn to greet District Governor of Ventura. At private conferences the progress, and aims of the local service clubs was presented. The Grass Valley club provided the musical features for the evening.

"Back to Good Times", a luncheon program from clubs in Los Angeles and San Francisco was presented to the Grass Valley club by radio. The meeting was held in the main dining room of the Bret Harte Inn 100 percent of the membership was present. Music was a part of every meeting and \$34.50 was spent on music programs.

In 1932 The Grass Valley Rotary Club under the direction of President Wisker began a new schedule of meetings at the National Hotel in Nevada City. The purpose of this schedule was to bring Rotary to Nevada City. Tom Richards, a Nevada City druggist and member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was the first program chairman of the Nevada City meetings.

The main project for the year was relief for those in need. Help was also given for the boys and girls in the area by providing floodlights at the park playground for a cost of \$105.00.

The club appointed three members to a county tax committee as requested by the Nevada County Chamber of Commerce. The members appointed were Judge Raglan Tuttle, A. H. Mooser and J.A. Curnow. They met at NID director's room and were to study ways and means of securing lower government cost and tax rates for the county.

The Rotary District Conference was held in San Francisco. President Wisker and Secretary Shirkey attended and reported to the club on the activities at the conference. During the year Rotarians from Grass Valley attended conferences in Tahoe, San Francisco and Seattle. The Rotary International Convention was held in Seattle Washington June 20-24, 1932 with 5,182 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Gary R. Kalsbeek.



Dr. Elbridge J. Best (Pres. 1959-60)

1932 – 1933

President: WILLIAM DURBROW

Secretary: DR. GEORGE H. SHIRKEY

President R.I.: Clinton P. Anderson
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Governor Dist. No. 2: Charles D. Haywood

William Durbrow was a native Californian born in San Francisco on December 12, 1876. He graduated from the University of California with a mining and civil engineering degree. He served under President Herbert Hoover as a food administrator in the Sixth District.

William served as President of the California Irrigation Districts Association between 1923 and 1933. He started and managed the Glen Colusa Irrigation Water District between 1924-1929 and then moved to Grass Valley. He served as manager of Nevada Irrigation District between 1929 and 1948.

During the winter of 1933 the Nevada County water ditches froze up and required some two weeks to resume water service in Nevada County

The Rotary year started in 1932 with only 31 members.

Contributions were made for relief work and for youth work for both boys and girls.

President Durbrow and Secretary Shirkey were given travel money to attend the district conference in September and J. Speers and Lee Staffield were given money for transportation expenses to the Assembly in Pasadena in June.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Boston, Mass. June 26-30, 1933 with 8,430 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by George Bragg.

1933 – 1934

President: HERRY SPIESS

Secretary: L.M. (TEX) STUBBLEFIELD

Vice President: CHARLES INGRAMS Treasurer: ERNIE GOERGE

Directors: Cordon Scadden, Doc Shirkey, Doc Thomas, William Durbrow and Harold Robinson.

President of R.I.: John Nelson, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Governor District No. 2: Edward DeGroot

Meetings during 1933-34 were held in the Rotary Room of the Bret Harte Inn in Grass Valley. They were changed from Monday to Wednesday mid-year for the convenience of the members. The first inter-city meeting in several years, which was also a ladies' night, was held with the Auburn Rotarians on December 4 at the Bret Harte.

In an effort to have the entire membership better understand the purpose, duties and functions of the various committees the chairmen of the committees listed below gave reports to the entire membership at general meetings as part of the program:

Charles Ingram
Frank Eldredge
Harold Robinson
Jack Wolff
Gordon Scadden
Ed Burtner
Jim Tyrell, et.al.
Henry Argall
Walter Parsons
Fred Nobs

Club Service
Vocational Service
International Service & Crippled Children
Community Service
Attendance
Classification
Public Information & Fellowship
Program
Rural-Urban
Boy's Work

As infantile paralysis was reaching epidemic proportions in the State, Dr. Landis provided information along combative and preventative lines to Rotarians and others.

In response to the statewide issue of a State police force, the group went on record with the following motion, "...in support of a State Police force for the state of California provided said State Police be given authority in incorporated towns and cities as well as in rural districts."

Dr. Landis was also very active in Crippled Children's work, and the club paid for surgeries, care, transportation and related costs of several deserving youngsters in the County; and also contributed \$25.00 to the" California Crippled Children's Society.

A project to develop loose-leaf songbooks for the club was completed, for which five dollars was allotted.

The club sponsored a float and participated in the 4th of July Parade in Nevada City under the chairmanship of Ray Pengelly and Vice Chairman Earl Covey. A maximum of \$50.00 was allowed for this project.

In light of these financially hard times, with a number of the members delinquent in their dues, the Board of Directors acted to reduce the initiation fee from \$20.00 to \$5.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year, effective in September 1933. The practice of leaving a \$1.00 tip from the Rotary fund for the waitresses was discontinued as they have a set rate of pay. Individual members could leave tips if they wished. A discussion to contribute 10 cents of each meal into the club treasury was not enacted, instead, the price of meals was reduced. In a separate action, the Board of Directors voted to have the club pay for the lunches of invited guests at the discretion of the president.

Several other financial contributions included the Boy Scouts, \$65.00; Relief society, \$262.00; Red Cross, \$25.00; Salvation Army, \$10.00; Chamber of Commerce, Christmas tree and others.

A new club practice of introducing new members to the group and allowing the sponsor to tell about the new member was enacted to better acquaint the membership with new members.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan June 25-29, 1934 with 7,377 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Robert Hufford.



1934 – 1935

President: CHARLES INGRAM

Secretary: L.H. (TEX) STUBBLEFIELD

Directors: Earl Covey, Harold Robinson, Frank Eldredge, Henry Spiess, J.C, Tyrell.

President of R.I: Robert E. Lee Hill, Columbia, MO.

Governor District No. 2: Herbert K. Walton

At an early meeting of the club in August 1934 emphasis was placed on several current and continuing projects:

1. Future plans to make efforts to centralize or locate a central point for a Nevada County Fairgrounds. Earl Covey asked for the support of all club members.
2. Location for Boy Scout Troup Headquarters. The American Legion property was suggested.
3. The classification committee reported that after a recent survey of open classifications they found there to be 28 unfilled membership classifications. Suggestions of many names were discussed for the possibilities of new member.

Luncheon meetings this year were held at the Bret Harte Inn. The hotel was asked to provide a fan in the Rotary Room to improve the ventilation. Later, a formal letter of request to Bret Harte Inn for a fan needed to provide ventilation and reduction of the room temperature apparently was successful, as no further reference was made after the summer of 1934.

Highlights from the summary of Director's meeting and committee operations include:

- Float committee for the 4th of July parade at Nevada City constructed a float that can be re-decorated and used from year to year in various celebrations. The cost to the club was about \$57.50.
- Arrangements completed in July 1934 to assist families who lost heavily in forest fires in the lower county.
- Matter taken up to secure permanent location for the Boy Scout Troop Headquarters. (Never completed)
- Approved payment of \$65.00 Hospital and Surgical fees for Crippled Children committee case.
- Paul Ulrich donated a Christmas Tree to be raffled off at a club luncheon, receipts to be distributed to needy cases for Christmas.

- Ed Burtner presented a plan for organizing a Junior Patrol in conjunction with the American Legion and the California Highway Patrol.

In July 1934, having decided in 1933 to reduce the entrance membership fee from \$30.00 to \$5.00, it was decided to continue this trial for another year as it proved satisfactory the first year. To offset differences between income from dues and total expenditures it has been necessary for the past two years to watch carefully convention expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses. District and International assessments must be met in order to save embarrassment and to retain our Charter.

The membership started the year at 37 and ended the year with a net loss of 2 members, showing 35 members at the end of June, 1935.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Mexico City, June 17-21, 1935 with 5,330 Rotarians and Guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Rex Merrick.



1935 - 1936

President: GEORGE H. SHIRKEY, OD

Vice President: HENRY SPIESS

Secretary: HAROLD ROBINSON

Treasurer: ERNIE GEORGE

Directors: Frank Eldredge, Alfred Kramm, Gordon Scadden, William Durbrow, Bert Parker.

President of R.I.: Ed. R. Johnson
Roanoke, Virginia.

Governor District No. 2: George W. MacClellan

Noon meetings were held in the dining room of the Bret Harte Inn and director's meetings were held in the Director's room of the Nevada Irrigation District. There were several complaints as to the price and quality of the food at the Bret Harte. President Shirkey was appointed as a committee of one on meeting sites; however, a change was not made during this term.

During 1935 and 1936 the Grass Valley Rotary was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of the area. Funding was provided to send Scouts to the National Jamboree in Washington, D.C. and the Scouts of Troop No. 22 to Camp Corporal near Richmond, CA. It was reported by Kenry Spiess, District Chairman of the Boy Scout committee and Earl Covey, Finance Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee, that there was a greater need for Scout Funds in 1936 due to the building of a Scout Lodge which was done in co-operation with the City of Grass Valley and the W.P.A.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley also sponsored a Junior Traffic Patrol. At the May 11, 1936 meeting, Director Bert Parker suggested that the City Council be requested to have traffic signs made in the form of a life-size traffic officer with his hand held up as a stop signal for use at school zone crossings. The club was also active with contributions and services to the California Society of Crippled Children, Salvation Army, Red Cross and the Campfire Girls.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley sponsored the Nevada City Rotary Club during 1935. On October 14, 1935, the Board instructed the secretary to order a Bell for the Nevada City Rotary Club to be presented at their Inaugural Meeting. The bell was to be engraved "Nevada City Rotary Club from Grass Valley Rotary Club".

The Rotary Clubs of Grass Valley and Nevada City dealt in friendly competition in 1936. On February 3rd, Nevada City favored Grass Valley with the presence of nearly every member "at which the challenge aforesaid was issued" and promptly accepted. The results of a basketball game between Grass Valley Rotary and Nevada City Rotary could not be determined as "it was too dangerous for the storekeeper to attempt to score for either side." It was further noted that each side did receive \$36.75 for their convalescence.

At the April 13th meeting of 1936 it was noted by the club Treasurer that there was \$110 in the General Fund and \$313.63 in the Service Fund.

One fund raiser was a community card party in which the business and professional men would pledge at least one table of four people at \$.25 each to be set up on the pavement in front of their respective places of business or at their homes, on the front lawn or porch in a conspicuous place. This event was held on July 17, 1935. The Chairman was Earl Covey.

On April 20, 1936 the following slate of officers were elected: President, Dan Stewart; Vice-President, George Shirkey; Treasurer, Ernie George; Secretary, Harold Robinson; and Directors Garvin Mithcell, Jim Tyrrell, Earl Covey, Alfred Kramm, Larry Lorrabee and Henry Spiess.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey June 22-26, 1936 with 9,907 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Edward C. Scofield.



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1936 - 1937

President: DANIEL C. STEWARD

Vice President: EARL C. COVEY

Secretary: HAROLD W. ROBINSON

Treasurer: ERNIE GEORGE

Directors: Alfred Kramm, Henry Spiess, Garvin Mitchell, Larry Larrabee.

President of R.I.: Will R. Manier, Jr.
Nashville, TN

Governor District No. 2: Marshall de Mott

Dan Steward was the manager of the local P.G. & E. office. He was born in Grass Valley and was a noted athlete in his youth and was very active in all community affairs.

Earl C- Covey was the manager of the local J.C. Penney store. He was very public spirited and took part in all community activities.

Harold W. Robinson had retired from Fleishman's Yeast Co. He had built an elaborate home (said to be a miniature "San Simion") on Lady Jane Ranch, site of the present Forest Springs Mobile Home Park.

Ernie George was one of the George brothers who owned George Brothers Automobile Co. He was born in Grass Valley of pioneer parents. Ardent fisherman and sportsman, his grandson David George still runs the family business.

Alfred Kramm had a jewelry store on Mill Street for many years. He made beautiful quartz jewelry. Many local people claim to have the last quartz ring made by Mr. Kramm.

Henry Spiess was football coach prior to becoming principal of the Grass Valley High School.

Garvin Mitchell lived on Colfax Highway near Colfax and was the manager of the Colfax Fruit Growers Association.

A joint meeting with the Nevada City club was held March 15th with the ladies of both clubs in attendance at the Bret Harte Hotel.

Dan Stewart and Harold Robinson attended the District Assembly in Sacramento on August 7-8, 1936.

Five cast iron signs were purchased for \$20.00 each to be placed at entrances to Grass Valley and Nevada City. The Nevada City club was asked to pay one-half of the cost.

New members were William H. Davey, John E. Keegan and Albert Crase. The club by resolution continued the Honorary memberships of Judge Raglan Tuttle and Edgar Shaw to June 30, 1937.

Alfred Kramm and Harold Robinson attended the 22nd annual conference of District No. 2 held in Hollywood, CA.

Expenses for the year showed continued support of the Salvation Army, Red Cross Relief work and the Boy Scouts.

The slate of new directors and officers for the ensuing year were selected on April 5th, they were: President Earl C. Covey; Vice President Daniel C. Stewart; Treasurer Ernie George; Secretary Harold W. Robinson; and Directors Alfred Kramm, John Larue, Walter Matteson, Bill Sampson and Eddie Tinloy.

Earl Covey was selected as the club's delegate to the Rotary International convention held June 6-11 in Nice, France. The club voted \$150.00 to help with travel expenses. The club wrote to the Rotary clubs of Auburn, Lincoln, Marysville, and Nevada City telling them about sending Earl Covey as a delegate and asked if they wanted Earl to also represent them at the convention. They were also asked if they wanted to help with the expenses. There were 5,790 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Robert Friebertshauser.



1937-1938

President: EARL L. COVEY

Vice President: ERNEST LISTER

Secy / Treasurer: HAROLD ROBINSON

Directors: John LaRue, William Sampson, Dan Steward, Edwin K. Tinloy, Walter Matteson and Alfred Kramm.

President of R.I.: Maurice Duperrey,
Paris, France

Governor District No. 2: Allison Ware

At the first Board meeting of the year, the following were appointed: Alfred Kramm, Charman of Club Service; John LaRue, Chairman of Vocational Service; Larry L. Larrabee, Chairman of Community Service; and Edwin K. Tinloy, chairman of the International Service Committee.

The year's program calendar is to have eight programs devoted to "Rotary" under the direction of the "Aims and Objects" committee.

This is the year that was selected by Rotary International to start THE ROTARY FOUNDATION and we appointed two fine people, William Durbrow and Raglan Tuttle to collect all information, study it, and report progress to the membership. To honor founder Paul Harris' seventieth birthday by unanimous vote, we donated \$10.00 to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. This donation was acknowledged by Rotary International headquarters in Chicago.

"Take me out to the ball game" - our board authorized the treasurer to subscribe \$10.00 for a box for the season at the Watt Ball Park

A fun time was had by all on the "maintenance day" clean up of the town. Larry Larrabee did a fine job as committee chairman.

To top off the year, the Rotary Clubs of Grass valley and Nevada City each put in \$25.00 for a whiz-bang Rotary float for the 4th of July parade held in Nevada City - what a day!!

Earl was proud to note that during his year 25 new members were brought into the club.

Financial support was given to: The Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Relief funds, Christmas Children's Fund and the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

There was somewhat of a debacle over the matter of who was to pay for the guest speakers' lunch. After much debate a motion was passed by the club stating that guest speaker's lunches would be paid for by the program chairman of the week.

George Shirkey was appointed as Chairman of the "On to San Francisco Convention" Committee. The Rotary International Convention was held in San Francisco, CA June 19-24, 1938 with 10,432 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Jack Treskes.



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1938 - 1939

President: ERNEST J. LISTER

Secy / Treasurer: HAROLD ROBINSON

Directors: T. Garvin Mitchell, C.A. Helback, Ray C. Pengelly, William Sampson, Harold J. Crase, Walter Matteson, Henry R. Spiess.

President of R.I.: George C. Hager
Chicago, Illinois

Governor District No. 105: Joe Burroughs, Oakland, CA

A major accomplishment was the establishment of Rotary boundary lines. This was achieved by a special meeting of the Board of Directors, called by President Bob Lister. When the Grass Valley Club was admitted to Rotary International in March 1925, the territorial limits were within five miles of the corporate limits of Grass Valley, which included the town of Nevada City. A number of our members had their places of business in Nevada City. Now that Nevada City has a Rotary club, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, in order to clear the record and each club have its proper territorial limits. The Grass Valley club relinquished territory for the Nevada City club on February 27, 1939.

Funds were contributed by the members for the dental project which was established so provide dental work for needy children.

A collection box was furnished for the Rotary Club of Loyalton. The club continued in its support of the Salvation Army and agreed to pay guest speaker YMCA secretary Rudy Abrecht for his expenses.

The club voted to send Harold Robinson as a delegate to the District 105 Conference held on May 1-3 1939 in Reno, Nevada.

The Rotary International convention was held June 19-23, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio with 9,241 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Bill Duprey.

1939 - 1940

President: GARVIN MITCHELL

Secy / Treasurer: H. W. ROBINSON

Directors: Ernest Lister, William Sampson, Harold Crase, William Davey, Henry Spiess, Embree Hoss, Ray Pengelly and Gus Helbach.

President of R.I.: Walter D. Head
Teaneck, NJ

Governor District No. 105: James Pardee

The club had an interesting year in that war in Europe was impending. Prior to the declaration of war there were many speakers to discuss the pros and cons of war, and following were speakers who were in Europe at the time of the declaration, who related their experiences.

A speaker who was a regular at the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was Major H. A. Gibbon, who was Chaplain in the United States Army. On July 1, 1939, he discussed the war situation in Europe and the Orient. His comments were "the Japanese-Chinese war which was undeclared would soon cease. There will be no European war and the United States of America will never go to war again.

In early 1940 there were several speakers who discussed their experiences of being in Europe at the time of the declaration and of their difficulties in returning to the United States.

On a lighter note - on April 1st, the wives of all the club officers showed up at the meeting and took over the entire meeting, which ended up with a rousing reception from the rest of the club.

On June 17th there was a picnic which included softball, horseshoes, and throwing the rolling pin. Eileen Mitchell, the wife of the president, demonstrated that she could throw the greatest distance and received the prize. The quote in the minutes indicated that she must have been practicing on Garvin.

In an interesting note regarding their luncheon, there was a motion made at one point to add 10 cents to one lunch each month to provide a tip for waitresses. That was rescinded the following week when the Bret Harte Hotel management did not approve of such practices as it complicated their bookkeeping. It was then resolved that the members could leave whatever they wanted in the customary manner, and that was under the plate.

The major project for the club during the year was to provide dental work for underprivileged children. The club donated money and coordinated with several local dentists who contributed portions of their services for this worthwhile venture.

President Garvin was fined the sum of \$1.00 for missing a meeting, particularly since that the meeting was one in which the club would have had 100% attendance, except for his absence.

The Grass Valley Rotary club began the year with 33 members and ended with 47 members. The club had an attendance rate of 93.66%, which was the highest in the history of the club. It appeared that the club grew through a very active leadership and Board. In conjunction with several local charity projects, they were also providing funding to various other local clubs such as the Soroptomists and the Boy Scouts. The club sponsored two Cub Scout and one Boy Scout troop.

The club membership was very diversified and included several individuals from the gold mining field and a gentleman named Mark Pike who was designated as a sky pilot. The club adopted several changes in its by-laws, allowing a maximum of \$50.00 to be reimbursed to individuals who either represented Rotary International or were delegates to conventions.

The stationery of that era indicated that the Grass Valley Club was in the "Metropolis of the Sierra Nevadas" and they also noted on the stationery that the region was famous for gold mining, fruit growing, and that it was above the fog and below the snow.

It is interesting to note that Rotary moves on and many of the aspects of reading the minutes of 1939-40 could be reproduced in today's meetings even though the thought of an International Convention being held in Havanna, Cuba is probably not reasonable. It also has been a long time since any of us has seen a rolling pin contest.

Earl Covey was named the voting delegate and sent to the Rotary International convention in Havana, Cuba, June 9-14, 1940 with 3,713 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Edward Sylvester.

1940 - 1941

President: EMBREE HOSS

Directors: Carvin Kitchell, Harold Crase, Ray Pengelly

President R.I.: Armando de Arruda Pereira
San Paulo, S.P. Brazil.

Governor Dist. 105: Walter Helms, Richmond, CA

On July 20, 1940 Embree Hoss, Manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph assumed presidency of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

As of August 1940 there were 32 members in the club.

The annual Christmas party was the major social event of the year and was attended by the members of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and their wives.

A major project for the year was sponsorship of the local Boy Scout Troop 24. Growth by February 1941 was to 30 members in the troop. During the past year the troop was split into two groups; the senior scouts and the regular scouts. Scoutmaster Cecil Klee made the presentation in February 1941.

During President Embree's year if a member missed a meeting, the missed meeting had to be made up at a round table meeting. (Note: This did not constitute a proper "Make-up" according to the Club's Constitution and by-laws).

The Rotary International Convention was held in Denver, Colorado June 15-20, 1941 with 8,942 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Jim Tetzlaff.

1941 - 1942

President: RAY C. PENGELLY

Secretary/Treas.: HAROLD W. ROBINSON

Directors: Alvah Hooper, William Jaeckle, Bruce McClard (replaced Jaeckle in Sept.), Dave Baun, Harold Crase, Homer Knight, Embree Hoss.

President R.I.: Tom J. Davis
Butte, Montana

Governor Dist. 105: Paul Claiborne
Auburn, CA

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley started the year with 36 members and ended the years with 35. Dues were \$25.00.

The first meeting of the year was a Bar-B-Que hosted by President Pangelly at his "beautiful new home" on Alta Hill. The event was a real success and a great evening of fun and fellowship was had by all. The club held its regular meetings at the Bret Harte and Board of Directors meetings were often held at the NID office on Monday evenings.

At an unofficial board meeting of the newly elected board members in June 1941, the following committees were appointed for the year: Aims and Objects, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community service; International Service, Program, Fellowship Attendance, public Information, Boys Work; Crippled Children, Rural-Urban and Budget.

It was declared the policy of the club that the President of the Student Body of the high school be elected an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and that he be present once per month as a guest of the club. Sam Blight was elected Student Body President in the Fall and the invitation was extended to him.

It was decided that the "jackpot" which was awarded at each meeting would consist of an album of Savings Stamps in the amount of the jackpot. Each member and guest would contribute 10 cents to the pot and winner was determined by drawing.

Instead of the usual Fourth of July float it was decided to give \$10.00 to the Chamber of Commerce committee having the celebration.

The Salvation Army's donation was fixed at \$25.00 for the year rather than the \$2.50 monthly payment as it had been and the Grass Valley Headquarters of the Salvation Army was so notified.

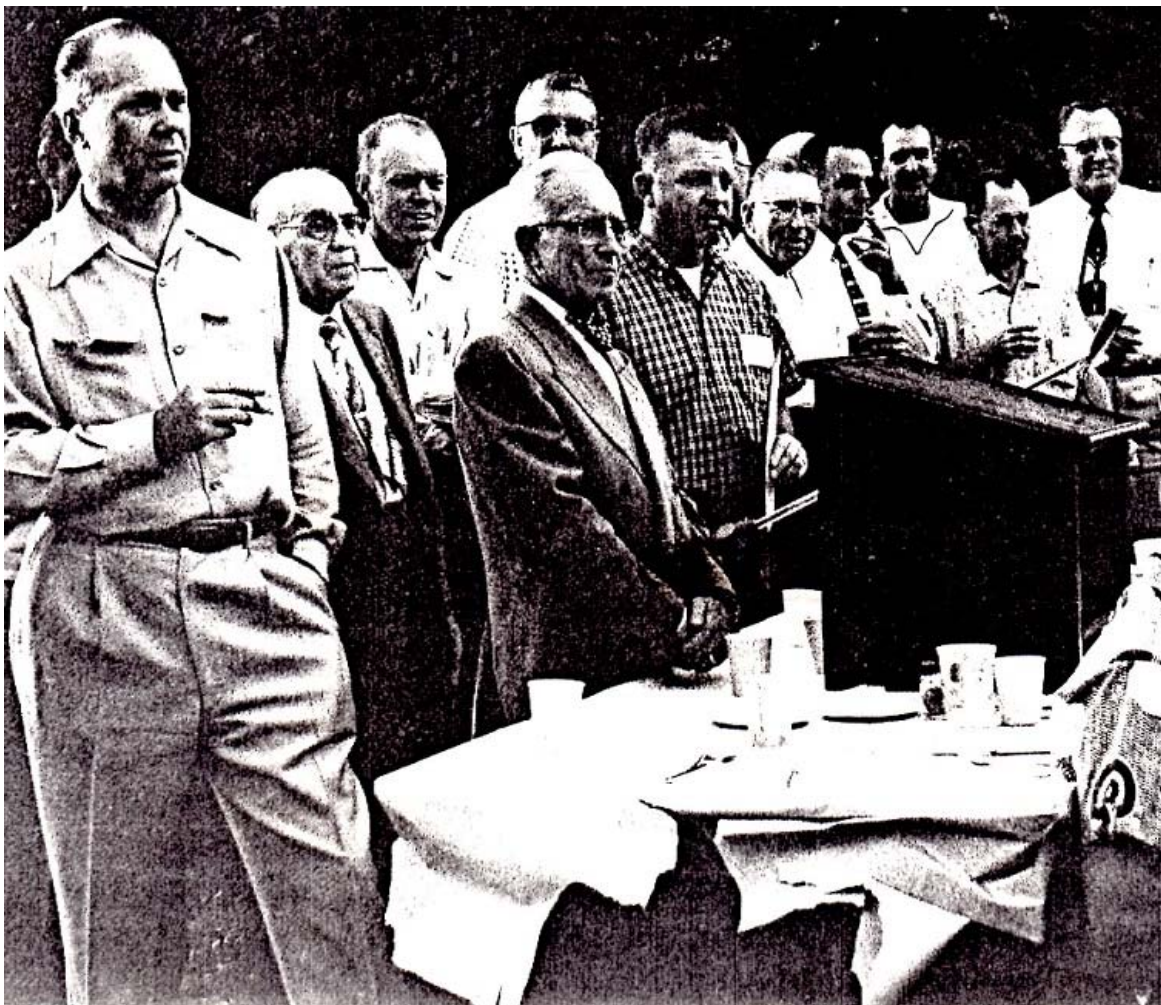
During the year 50 copies of the regular Rotary Song Books were ordered from Rotary International.

Each member of the club was to invite a farmer from the community to the November 10th meeting when the Chairman of the Rural-Urban Committee would put on his program.

Project expenditures and donations were noted from the annual statement of the club's Treasurer, as follows: \$116.85 for Memorial Park Lighting Project; \$30.00 donation to the Tahoe Area Council of the Boy Scouts; \$20.00 to send a high school boy to "Boy's State"; \$46.15 for a farewell gift for pianist Reta Morrison who was moving to Sacramento (a handsome four-piece set of luggage and a message of appreciation were presented to her); \$40.00 donation to the Red Cross; \$25.00 donation to the China Relief Fund; \$62.50 for dental work for needy children and \$10.00 for the Grass Valley Baseball Club.

The Rotary Clubs of Grass Valley and Nevada City co-sponsored the District's "Presidents and Secretary's Conference" which was held at the National Hotel in Nevada City. The Rotary International Convention was held in Toronto, Canada on June 21-25, 1942 with 6,599 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by James H. Tucker.



1942 - 1943

President: J.C. TYRELL

Secretary - Treas.: HAROLD ROBINSON

Directors: E.S. Day, M. Pike, J.E. Keegan, R.C. Pengelly

President R.I.: Fernando Carbajal
Lima, Peru

Governor Dist. 105: Riley Doe

The meetings of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley were held at the Bret Harte Inn. The cost of the meals was \$1.50. The annual dues were \$25.00 per member. \$217.47 was budgeted to be collected in fines and \$70.00 was to be used for flowers for member's anniversaries.

The number one project of the club for this year was to take care of the dental work for the underprivileged school children in collaboration with the school nurse and participating dentists of Grass Valley. This project was not known by most of the members of the club, not to mention the public.

Member Ernie George was in charge of the project to construct a "waiting station" for the people who needed a ride to Auburn or Sacramento so they could wait in the "Station" out of the rain.

During the 1942-43 year, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley made donations to the Red Cross, China Relief Fund, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Boy's State, Chamber of Commerce, the Ball Park and \$16.72 to the local U.S.O. Club. During the December meeting, the Board approved the donation of \$10.00 to be given to the head waitress to be divided with the girls who served at the weekly lunches.

During the month of May, the club was involved in the furnishing of a room at Camp Beale as one of the recreation units for enlisted men. The Rotary Club along with the Lions Club and the Business & Professional Women's Club, all donated \$100.00 to finance this project.

In June the club made a bid to hold the District Assembly in Grass Valley. The bid was accepted and plans were formed for the meeting which was to be held the last weekend of July.

During the year the average membership numbered 36. An annual Christmas party was held but the date and place were not recorded.

The Rotary International Convention was held in St. Louis, MO, May 17-20, 1943 with 3,851 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Martin L. Morrison.

1943 - 1944

President: AL KRAMM
Classification: Retail Jewelry

Vice President: JIM TYRRELL
Secretary: HAROLD ROBINSON
Treasurer: ERNIE GEORGE

Directors: Al Kram, Jim Tyrrell, Eli Day, Mark Pike, Brooks Hartman, Wes Donnenwirth, Alvah Hooper, Joe Bennetts.

President R.I.: Charles Wheeler
San Francisco, CA

Governor District No. 105: Andrew L. Haight, Fallon, Nevada

Alfred Max Kramm (1881-1953) was elected president on March 17th, 1943 for the year beginning July 1st. Al had been an active participant in the Rotary Club of Grass Valley for 10 years prior to his election. A long time resident of Grass Valley, Al owned the local jewelry store at 108 Mill Street since 1910. He performed a unique act in 1944 by announcing his retirement from the jewelry business on his last day of office as president of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The club started the year with 32 members and one honorary member. The honorary member being Lester Richards, the Scoutmaster. Meetings were held at the Bret Harte Inn with lunches costing 90 cents.

The big event of the year was Grass Valley's hosting the District Assembly for Governor Andrew L. Haight on July 26, 1943. Forty-eight clubs sent representatives totaling 118 reservations. The function was held at the Bret Harte Inn and flowers were donated by the Nevada City club. Principal speakers were Governor Haight of Fallon, Nevada; Manuel Hinojosa of Tampico Mexico; Paul Riger of Berkley, California and John Reilly of Whittier. The assembly ran very well and was a credit to Al Kramm and the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The club during the year actively supported the war effort. Among many of the contributions was the furnishing of the recreation room at Camp Beale, the army base. The club was also a donator to the War Chest Fund, the USO and the Red Cross.

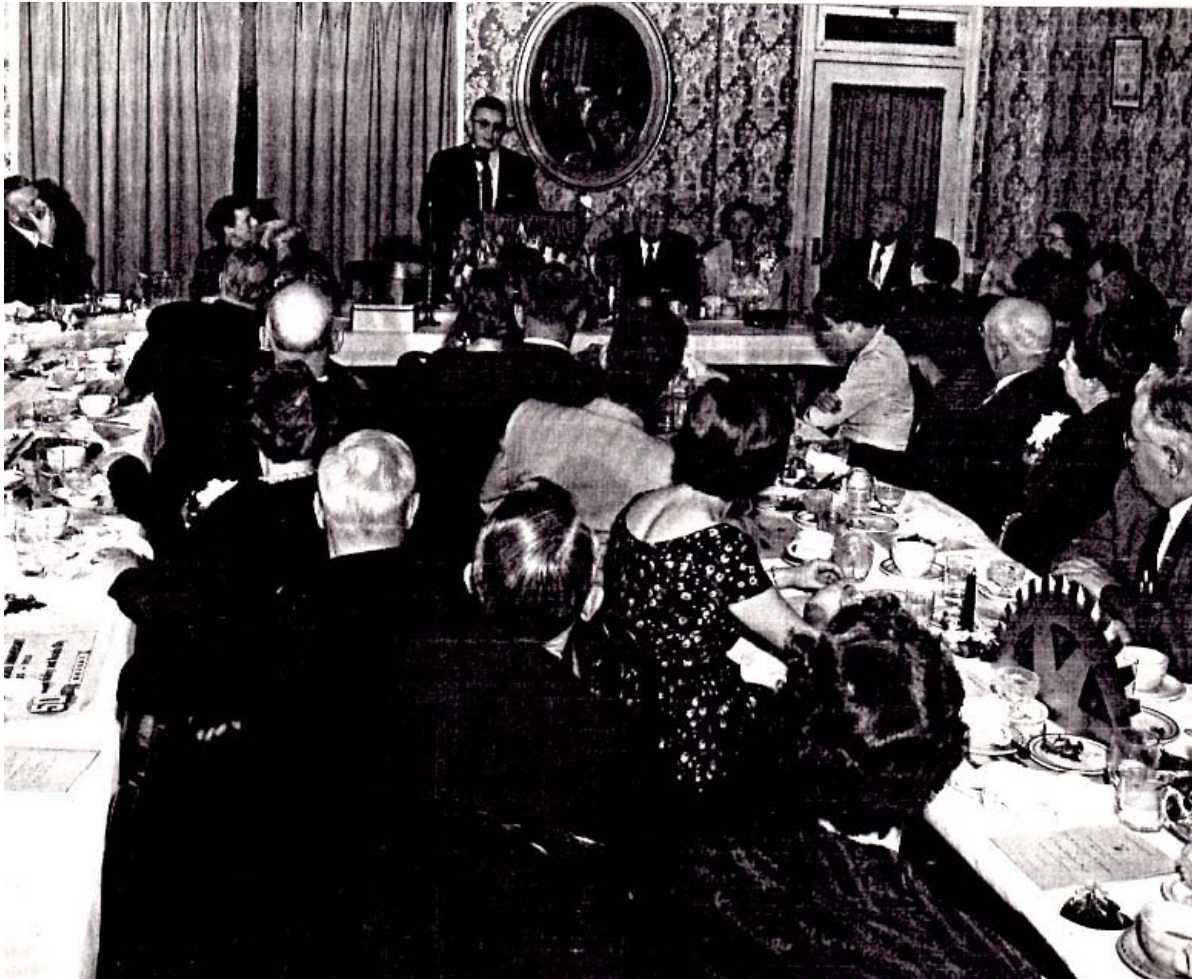
A number of new members entered the club during the year. William Pearson moved from Minden, Nevada. Gilbert G. Cramer (Cramer's Auto Exchange), Joel- Bierwagen and Dr. Harry Stewart. Elmer Stevens and Clay Caldwell were both obliged to decline offers of membership that year as the shortage of teachers made it impossible to accept membership.

During the year, the Club Secretary's compensation was raised from \$10.00 a month to \$14.75 per month. Ladies night was held at the Bret Harte Inn in November with a real Thanksgiving turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Sponsored by both Grass Valley and Nevada City, a good time was had by all at \$2.00 per plate. Speaking of costs - the matter of the 90 cents per plate lunch was brought up during a board meeting as being too expensive. The board decided to "cut out the soup and salad, simplify and meal and give us a wholesome slice of good pie, occasionally for desert", the effects of inflation were being felt.

During the year two new clubs were added co District No. 105. Walnut Creek and Martinez California, both in Contra Costa County, bringing the total to 48 clubs in the district.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois May 18-22 with 403 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Donald G. Boen.



Ladies Night

1944 – 1945

President: ELI S. DAY
(July 1, 1944 to Oct 3, 1944)
President: EUGENE INGALLS
(Oct 4, 1944 to June 30, 1945)

Vice President: BROOKS HARTMAN
Secretary/Treas.: HAROLD ROBINSON ('44)
CLAY CALDWELL ('45)

Directors: Alfred Kramm, Wes Donnenwirth, O.P. Steele, Joe Bennetts, Gil Cramer, Al Kramm.

President R.I.: Richard H. Wells, Pocatello, Idaho.

Governor Dist. 109: Dr. E.W. Robbins, Davis, California.

A round table was held on Monday the 3rd of July and the first regular meeting was held on Thursday at 12:15 on July 6th, at the Bret Harte Inn. This was the annual change of officers with the election of Eli and President Alfred Kramm retiring.

Regular monthly meetings of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley Board of Directors convened at the office of the Secretary at 11:15 a.m. where lunch was served as a convenience to the Board Members. A budget of \$1,396.00 was adopted for the year which called for an increase in dues to \$25.00. In addition to the normal expenses of the club \$80.00 was allowed for the club President and Secretary to attend the District Conference and District Assembly, \$300.00 for club projects and \$250.00 for other charitable donations.

The Board resolved to sponsor the series of lectures "Institutes of International Understanding" as one of the projects of the year at a cost of \$240.00. The Secretary to make the necessary arrangements with Rotary International.

On Monday, August 28th, Dr. E.W. "Doc" Robbins, Governor of District 105, R.I., made his official visit to the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. "Doc" is a member of the Rotary Club of Davis and on the staff of the University of California, Davis.

On September 27th the board was advised that club President Eli Day was being transferred by P.G.&E. to Jackson, California. Brooks Hartman nominated Eugene R. Ingalls to serve out the unexpired term as President, effective 2 October, 1944.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Party inter-City meeting with the Rotary Club of Nevada City was held November 20th, at 7.00 p.m. Turkeys served whole, one for each table of 8 to 10 guests was carved and served family style. Excess turkeys were given as prizes. The speaker was the Reverend F.H. Buck whose message was "Thanksgiving on the Battlefield." The Marysville Merry Makers, a musical group, provided the entertainment.

Harold Robinson resigned after more than ten years as Secretary. His resignation was accepted with regrets and by a unanimous vote was extended an Honorary membership with the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. The Board then elected Clay Caldwell Secretary as of January 1, 1945.

Past President's Day was held on Monday April 9th. The past Presidents were in charge of the meeting. Four Charter Members were present - Fred Nobs, Ernest George, G.H. Shirkey and James C. Tyrell. Not present were Charter Members Earl Covey, Charles R. Ingram, and Don Stewart who were no longer members of the club.

On Tuesday, June 26th a Costume Ladies Night Dinner was held at the Elks Hall at 7.00 p.m. Gay Nineties costumes were the theme of the evening under the direction of Ward Sheldon.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois. Due to wartime restrictions there were only 141 Rotarians in attendance. The Convention dates were May 31, June 5, 12, 19, 1945.

The above Information was supplied by Robert Vessey.



*Attitude Ajustment Time
Ladies Night at Memorial Park*



1945 – 1946

President: WESLEY B. DONNENWIRTH
Classification: Petroleum Products Distributing

Secretary/Treas.: CLAY CALDWELL

Directors: Hugh Brown, Lawrence Farrell, Joel Bierwagen,
Gilbert Cramer, Art Hooper, Gene Ingalls.

President R.I.: T.A. Warren,
Wolverhampton, England

Governor District # 105: J. Ronan Shannon

Lesley Donnenwirth came to Grass Valley in 1939 as manager for the Standard Oil Co, and became a member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley in 1940. Within five years he was elected to serve as President of the club.

The year was characterized by many interesting events including attendance by a number of members at a dinner in Sacramento on January 30, highlighted by guest speaker, Tom Warren, President of Rotary International. Tom was seated next to California Governor Earl Warren and seeing the place card for the Governor before seeing his own, he for a moment, thought that he had been elevated to the status of "Earl". He told the group that it was somewhat of a let-down to find his own place card as "just plain" Tom Warren.

Ladies Night was March 18 and was held at the Gold Nugget Inn, with the club contributing \$1.00 per person toward the evening.

Among the worthy projects supported in Wes Donnewirth's presidential term were the local chapter of Boy Scouts of America, Junior Traffic Patrol, the Tuberculosis Association, Red Cross, 4H Club, and the Community War Chest. Funds were allocated to provide complimentary subscriptions to Revista Rotaria as well as a book for the Rotary Club of Mexico City.

A Nevada County resident, Anita Anderson was supplied with insulin during the year and Christmas gifts were provided for hospitalized veterans. A bus shelter belonging to the Club was donated to the Girl Scouts and athletic trophies were purchased for Nevada County elementary schools. A farmer's market was established, and dental assistance was provided for needy children.

During the 1945-46 Rotary year there were 41 regular members and two Honorary members of the club.

A representative of the club was sent to the Rotary International Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 2-6, 1946. There were 10,958 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Peter Van Barr.



Eat Hearty gentlemen

1946 – 1947

President: GILBERT CRAMER

Secretary/Treas: Harold Brown

Directors: Joel Bierwagen, Brooks Hartman,
Clay Caldwell, Lou Hartman, Wes Dennenwirth,
P.G. Steele, Larry Farrell.

Committee Chairmen:
Community Service: M. Witting
Witting Fellowship: H.W. Robinson
Program: W.B. McClard
Public Relations: Earl Caddy
Scholarship: Dr. Hirsch
Vocational Service: Brooks Hartman

President R.I.: Richard C. Hedke, Detroit, MI.

Governor Dist. # 105: Willie Osburn, Oakland, CA.

On the 28th of October 1946, it was decided that future meetings would be held at the Bret Harte Inn at 12:00 noon on the first Friday of each month. The first of November was the date that lunches were raised from 90 cents to \$1.25 amidst complaints about the quality of the food. New member proposals were made for Homer Kight, Paint Retail; Normal Brown, Oil; and Clarence Butler, Hotels. January brought in proposals for: Ralph George, Auto Sales; Mr. Hinson, Opportunities Brokerage; and Clayton Radcliffe. An Honorary membership was given to Ernest George. Previous proposals for membership had been received for Mr. Stockwell, Dr. M.E. Berryman, Earl J. Caddy and Willard J. O'Hara.

At the September 6th meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to transfer floral business from the Osborne Flower Shop to Rotarian Bob Kerr. The scholarship (Grass Valley High School) was awarded to Glenn Loney in the amount of \$200.00. It was understood that Glenn would return the amount of the scholarship to the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, however no note was to be drawn up. A letter was received at a later date from Glenn describing his plans and activities.

There were 46 active members of the club and 3 Honorary members. The budget at the beginning of the year was \$665.30. Expenditures during the year included the purchase of nylons for the girls who sang for the Ladies Night program, Lapel buttons for 12 new members, Insulin for Anita Anderson, contributions to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the USO, March of Dimes, China Relief Fund and toward the funeral costs for Mrs. Whitsell. Incoming President Larry Farrell was given \$125.00 to help defray his costs in attending the Rotary International Convention in San Francisco, June 8-12 with 14,678 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by William F. Warren Jr.



1947 - 1948

President: LAWRENCE R. FARRELL
Classification: Light & Power

Vice President: GILBERT C. CRAMER
Secretary: Willard J. Rose
Treasurer: O.P. Steele
Sargent at Arms: Getty & Wayne Brown

Directors: Gil Cramer, Carlton Thomas, Earl Caddy,
Lewis Hartman, P.G. Steele, Mel Berryman, Brooks
Hartman, Ray Kronemeyer.

President R.I.: S. Kendrick Guernsey
Jacksonville, FL

Governor Dist. # 109: Fontaine Johnson

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, President Larry Farrell announced the committees for the 1947-48 Rotary year and the Board approved them. The District Assembly will be held following the Governor's Conference. The directors decided all prospective members must have the approval of the directors before induction into the membership of the club.

The question of an invocation before meals was discussed. This was left to the discretion of the President. The directors were also asked to consider holding joint meetings with the Rotary Club of Nevada City and the Grass Valley Lions Club. The annual Thanksgiving party was held jointly with the members of the Rotary Club of Nevada City on 1 December in Nevada City.

Toys and gifts were brought to the annual Christmas Party and were given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children.

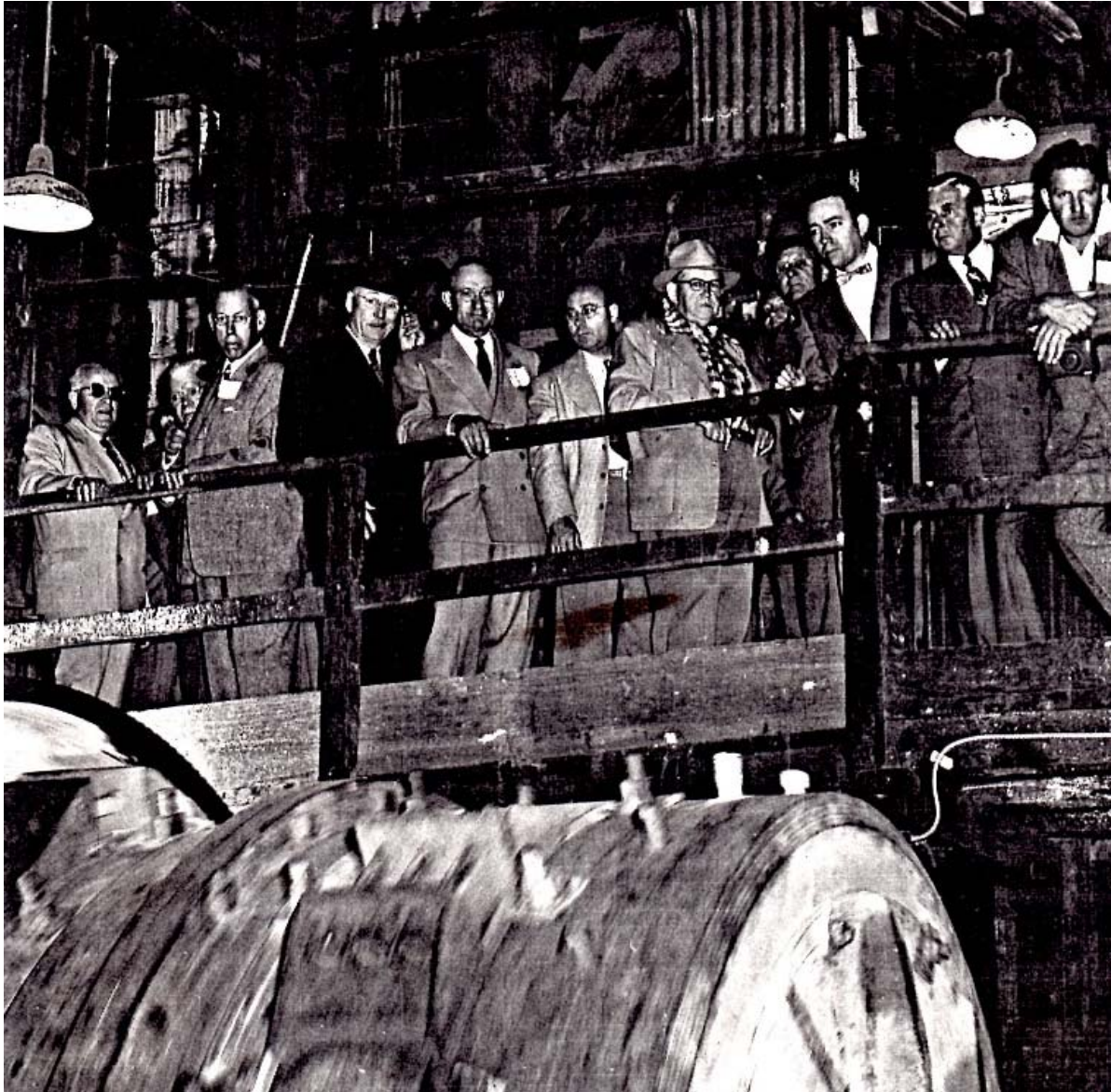
The following were approved for membership: Forrest Varney, Wm. Slater, Dr. Robert Conant, Wayne Brown, Edwin Grimes, John Bourquin, and Bob Hocking. New members Robert Roesner and Robert Thorson were introduced by Louis Hartman.

Maury Witting, P.G. Steele and Carlton Thomas were appointed to serve on the committee for Youth Week. Gene Engel was asked to review the classification of the membership and change those that needed correction. An audit of the club funds was made by Secy. Rose and Mrs. Flossie Jasperson.

The 49er Radio Station was formed with Three Rotarians as directors. Contributions were made to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy's State and the Red Cross.

The R. I. Convention was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 16-20 1948, with 7,511 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Lawrence R. Ferrell.



Rotarians visit the Empire Mine

1948 – 1949

President: O.P. STEELE & GARVIN MITCHELL

Vice President: GARVIN MITCHELL

Secretary: WILLARD ROSE

Treasurer: EARL CADDY

Directors: Earl Caddy, Don Getty, O.P. Steele, Albert Hartman, Louis Hartman, Carlton Thomas, Mel Berryman, W.J. Rose, Larry Farrell.

President R.I.: Angus Mitchell
Melbourne, Australia.

Governor Dist. # 109: Link Peckinpah, Quincy, CA

The year started out with O.P. Steele serving as the President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley for the 1948-49 Rotary year. In January President Steele moved to Yreka to go into ranching. Garvin Mitchell was selected by the Board of Directors to fill out the remainder of the Rotary year.

Meetings during the year were held at the Bret Harte Inn. The membership expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of the meals. A liaison committee of two Rotarians, two Lions and other service club members was formed to meet with the Bret Harte management.

Some of the interesting luncheon programs included: Ernest W. Owen, British Vice-Consul of San Francisco; Gordon Arlett, Dean of Men at Placer College; Dr. Olaf Jenkins, State Mineralogist; and a 4H fashion show. Former president Gilbert Cramer gave a timely program entitled "There's Nothing Wrong with Grass Valley That Optimism, Civic Promotion and Modernization Won't Correct." The Annual family Bar-B-Que was held at White Cloud Campground. George Raddue was Chairman.

Projects for the year were proposed by President Steele which included: a program for the Girl Scout Camp, bleachers for Hennessy School, work for the United Nations appeal, and a collection of neckties for Europe.

Donations were made to several worthwhile charities. 12 4H'ers were sponsored to a conference, a Boy Scout Troop was sponsored, support was given to a small child at Hannas School for Boys, traffic control uniforms were provided, a dental program established, \$100.00 given toward a ball diamond at the fair grounds, and a \$300.00 scholarship provided for a needy high school grad.

THE SPOKE was started though later discontinued.

The R.I. Convention was held in New York City on June 12-16, 1949 with 15,961 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above materials provided by Dr. Jonathan Peek.



Hugh Brown and George Raddue, Jr. (1949-50)



1949 – 50

President: GEORGE RADDUE, JR.
Classification: Truck Sales

Secretary-Treas.: WILLARD ROSE

Directors: Forest Varney, Rod Host, Don Getty Carlton
Thomas, Earl Caddy,
Mel Lewis, Mel Berryman, Shirley Brattin

President R.I.: Percy Hodgson
Narragansett, RI

Governor Dist. # 164: Steve Lombard

The first activity of the club was a float in the Fourth of July parade. The float consisted of a large Rotary wheel on the bed of a truck donated by the President.

The big event of the year was the sponsoring of the District 519 Conference at the Elks Club in Grass Valley. Larry Farrell was appointed general chairman of the event. A special newspaper edition was sent to all Club Presidents and Secretaries in the District on the happenings at the Conference. Cliff Mott, of the Rotary Club of Sacramento was the song-leader, Mel Berryman was the registration chairman, Don Gerry arranged for the Boy Scouts to act as messengers and Willard Rose was the finance Chairman. The Cornish Choral Choir sang for the District 510 Assembly.

The District Governor's emphasis on community outreach and youth resulted in the club's having several youth projects. Support was given to the Boy Scouts, a student representative from the High School attended one meeting a month, the County Probation Department was given financial support for four wards of the court and a donation of \$50.00 was given to a local service sorority for community use.

A slide projector and slides were purchased for the purpose of getting the club members to sing at the meetings, as suggested by the District Governor.

The club spent several months on a local project of lighting the city playground, requiring P.G. & E. engineering and City approval.

The Annual thanksgiving party was held at the Elks Club in Nevada City and an inter-city meeting was held in March with the Rotary Clubs of Nevada City, Truckee and Grass Valley at Nyack Lodge. Ladies night in May was a joint meeting with Nevada City. Fireside meetings were held in board members homes.

The R.I. Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan June 18-22, 1950 with 6,949 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above material was supplied by Edmond A. Doyle.



*Ladies of Rotarians at Dist Assembly in Grass Valley
(1950)*

1950 - 1951

President: MEL BERRYMAN
Classification: Dentistry

Secretary: WILLARD J. ROSE
Treasurer: CARLTON THOMAS

Directors: Mel Lewis, Carlton Thomas, Shirley Brattin, Fred Conway, George Reddue, Wes Donnenwirth, Bob Rosner, S. Boothby

President: R. I.: Arthur Lagueux
Quebec, Canada

Governor Dist. # 164: Walter K. Jansen Lincoln, CA

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley was presided over by Doctor Mel Berryman, DDS during the 1950-51 Rotary year. It was rumored that every member had their own badge and Oral B. toothbrush that year. The Board of Directors attempted to get the City of Grass Valley to fluoridate the water but this was never done. As a result the standard of living of all dentists went up in Grass Valley.

The idea of the weekly drawing began this year. On October 6, 1950 "Fearless Fred" Conway made a suggestion to charge 10c per member and the club to get 10% of the take. The motion passed and we have been having drawings ever since. The drawing was instituted to increase the sagging attendance. It wasn't until February 1959 that Carlton Thomas really took aggressive action to increase attendance. Being a real business man he wanted to fine the members the price of a meal for each missed meeting. Carlton really knew how to get an individual's attention.

Shirley Brattin's and Wayne Brown's classifications were changed, Wayne's went from Fuel Oil to Sheriff and God only knows what Shirley's went to. Larry Ferrell wanted to open the classifications up. It was hoped by opening the classifications up more members would come into the club. Larry felt that a town our size should have at least a Rotary Club with 75 members.

The club started the year with \$1,026.94 in its treasury and ended with \$394.24. Some of the funds were expended as follows: Cancer Aid Drive (\$50.00), Boy Scouts (\$50.00), Christmas donation (\$25.00), Christmas Food Fund (\$50.00), Dental Program (\$250.00), and Drama Club (\$25.00).

The Rotary International Convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey May 27-31, 1951 with 8,453 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Mark Paye.



Jim Holbrook, President of Rotary
Club of San Francisco Comes to
Grass Valley



1951 - 1952

President: Shirley Brattin
Classification: Funeral Directing

Vice President: Dr. Melvin Berryman
Secretary: Willard Rose & Bob Wilson
Treasurer: Carlton Thomas

Directors: S. Boothby, W. Cassettari, Mel Lewis, F. Conway, Rev. Don Getty, L. Hartman, E. Caddy, W.W. Bishop, Dr. O. Bailey

President R.I.: Frank E. Spain
Greensboro, Alabama

Governor dist. # 164: Frank Judy
Walnut Grove, CA

The Rotary year 1951-52 presented several problems for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and yet was very rewarding to me as President, as I have been a Rotarian only three years had a lot to learn. I was blessed with an outstanding Board of Directors throughout the entire year in spite of the fact illness and transfers from the area caused changes in the Board and Officers. I was also blessed in that District Governor Frank Judy was an old personal friend, our families having been very close for many years. He kept his eye on me. Our club meetings and Directors meetings were held at the Bret Harte Inn. The maximum price paid for our lunch was \$1.75.

These excerpts would not be complete without mention of what I consider to be one of the most memorable inter-city meetings ever held by the club. The two days and two nights we met with and entertained the Rotary Club of San Francisco, the #2 club in entire Rotary world. The San Francisco Rotarians arrive in several buses with their President, Jim Holbrooke, who was a direct descendant of the founders of the Holbrooke Hotel. We held a joint meeting the first night they were in town and before the meeting was over members of the San Francisco club were assessed a total of \$500.00 to be used for support of the Boy Scout Troop we sponsored at that time.

The entire following day was spent by members of the Grass Valley club taking the San Francisco members on a complete tour of the Gold Mines still operating in the area, with the tours conducted by officials of the various mines.

The visitors were on their own that night. According to all reports they found plenty to do. The following morning the buses pulled out to return to San Francisco, but instead of returning as they had come we had instructed the drivers to take the road to Smartville, as Jim Holbrooke had been raised in Smartville and still had an Aunt living there. A huge banner was strung across the street from the General Store to a utility pole reading "Welcome Home Jim Holbrooke." We had arranged for the High School Band to be present and the Band welcomed the busses in a manner you had to hear to believe. Jim's Aunt was present to welcome him as well as all the other residents of the Smartville community. The San Francisco Rotary Club and its' President, pulled out of Smartville with tears in their eyes. Their letters of thanks assured me of this.

Our problems were the same as many Rotary clubs in the district, lack of funds, the economy of the community causing members to resign, continual attendance problems, and the fact that Rotary International preferred that all monies needed be obtained from the members by assessments. It was during this year that we first required a member spin a wheel to indicated what he would be fined for a missed meeting. Several events stand out in my mind as having been a part of the rewards I mentioned earlier. We entered a beautiful float In the Fourth of July Parade. The float was put together in the garage of George Raddue and was mounted on a one and a half ton truck. We entered a decorated truck with Rotary emblems in the Donation Day Parade filled with \$300.00 worth of groceries for the needy.

During the Fair we leased a building at the Fair Grounds, secured a sound projector and large screen, rented a huge library of "kiddy" films and without charge entertained and baby-sat over two thousand children while their parents enjoyed the Fair. We operated every hour the Fair was open. All of the club members took turns in operating the projector.

A "Baseball Night" and spaghetti feed at the Bret Harte Inn was staged for 125 young baseball fans of the community. They were permitted to meet and talk with members of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League whom we brought up from Sacramento. Each boy in attendance received an autographed baseball, autographed by the members of the team attending.

I am proud to have been President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and prouder still of the club and the very important part it has played in the civic activities of the City of Grass Valley.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Mexico City, Mexico May 25-29, 1952 with 6,804 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was prepared by Shirley H. Brattin.



District Governor Frank Judy

1952 - 1953

President: FRED J. CONWAY
Classification: Women's Clothing, Retail

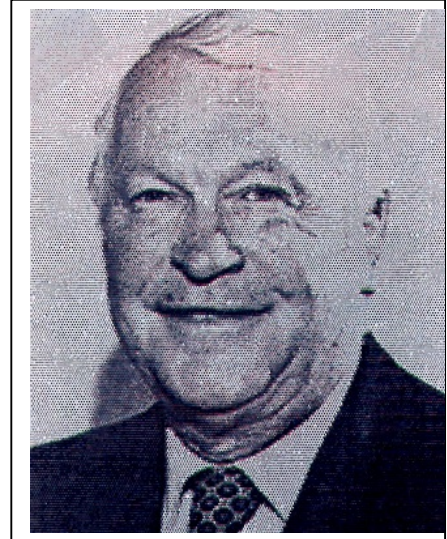
Vice President: CARLTON THOMAS
Secretary: SHIRLEY BRATTIN

Treasurer: ROBERT WILSON

Directors: F. Conway, C. Caldwell, S. Brattin,
W. Cassettari, J. Keegan, W.W. Bishop, R. Kerr,
J. Salts, O. Bailey.

President R.I.: H. J. Brunnier, San Francisco, CA.

Governor Dist. 164: W.T. "Tate" Williams, Reno, NV



The first meeting of President Fred's Board of Directors was held at his home on June 23, 1952. There were two items of discussion; the first was about how the President should not be responsible for his own demotion party, so they appointed a committee to take charge of the party; the second, was starting a scholarship fund for a deserving person to go on to college. They talked of different ways to raise the funds needed. In the end, they appointed a committee to look in to the situation.

The Rotary Club of this year sponsored a Queen candidate for the Fourth of July Queen contest. The club also had a float in the parade. Thirty boys made a trip down to Sacramento to see the Shrine Circus. Their way was paid by the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The club donated \$200.00 to the Ladies Relief Society and they also marched in the parade. The club was involved in a School Safety Program and a project with the 4H Club to send clothing to West Berlin. The cost of the luncheons this year was \$1.50. The regular meetings as well as the demotion party were held at the Bret Harte Inn.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley sponsored a Boy Scout Troop and donated \$125.00 to send two Scouts to the National Jamboree.

The club was involved with the City Chamber of Commerce which was trying to install large entrance signs into the city containing the names and meeting places of the various service clubs in the City of Grass Valley.

On November 14th a "Buck Stew" was held with several raffles to help defray the costs of the dinner. The average membership was 63 for the year. The R.I. Convention was held in Paris, France, May 24-28 with 10,107 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Martin L. Morrison.



1953 – 1954

President: CARLTON THOMAS
Classification: Security Brokerage

Vice President: FRED CONWAY
Secretary/Treas.: SHIRLEY BRATTIN

Directors: Robert Kerr, Robert Wilson,
Adolf Verlod, Wesley Jansen, Larry Farrell.

President R.I.: Joaquin Serratos Cibils
Montevideo, Uruguay



The major activities for the year were:

- Sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop with Robert Kerr as the Scoutmaster;
- Entering a pick-up truck decorated with Rotary's colors, blue and gold, in the December Donation Day Parade. The truck was loaded heavily with donated groceries for distribution;
- Providing transportation and entry tickets for school traffic control students so these dedicated students could attend wrestling matches in Sacramento.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley had a membership of fifty-six during the year. \$886.67 was expended during the year, covering donations and incidental expenses

President Carlton Thomas and Secretary Shirley Brattin were sent to the District Assembly in Auburn.

Ray Boston was initiated into the club during the year with a classification of Department Stores, Joseph Bonnetts, William Durbow and Alfred Kramm were elected to Honorary Membership for the year.

The club also entered a candidate in the Fourth of July celebration. Her name was Jeanne Collins.

Larry Farrell was Chairman of the Installation of the 1954-55 club Officers. The ladies of Rotary were invited guests at the installation and newly elected District Governor, William Jansen, was the installing officer.

Regular meetings were held at the Bret Harte Inn weekly from 12.15 to 1.30. The President of the Nevada Union High School Student Body attended regular meetings of the club as a guest of the club.

The R.I. Convention was held in Seattle, Washington June 6-10, 1954 with 8,015 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by J. David Laird, Larry Farrell, Shirley Brattin and Ken J. Casper.



Jack and Bernice Keegan