

# Part II

## Section 5

### The Active Past District Governor<sub>s</sub>



THE FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

**THE ACTIVE  
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS**



Arthur R. Gilbert

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Year as Governor	1988-89
Club	Pemberton, NJ
Classification	Banking
Date Joined	January 1967
Rotaryann	Christine
R.I. President during year	Royce Abbey (Greenvale, Victoria, Australia)
R.I. Theme	"Put Life Into Rotary-Your Life"

"Put Life Into Rotary - Your Life" was the Rotary International theme during my year, which, quite appropriately, fit into my own personal theme of "Back to Basics." It was indeed time, following the demanding goals of PolioPlus, to bring the fundamentals of Rotary's basic ideas under the Four Way Test back not only to the individual Rotarian, but to the communities.

The exciting 1988 International Assembly in Nashville, Tenn. was the start of a memorable year. Chris and I exchanged ideas and friendships with over 460 districts worldwide, some of those to continue through a lifetime.

It was indeed a pleasure to hear of the 64 clubs' responses to my personal theme of "Back to Basics" as my visits began in July. The involvement of all Rotarians by putting their life into Rotary raised over \$1 million for club and/or community projects. These actions proved that District 764 continues to have the reputation of being one of the finest in the Rotary world.

It was an honor for our district to host the New Jersey Vocational Assembly at Resorts International in Atlantic City on Oct. 18. Marlton Rotarian Dave Forward put together a fantastic day not only with distinguished speakers, but with exciting entertainment. The highlight of the day was the pleasure of having R.I. President-elect Hugh Archer as our honored guest. Memories of Hugh Archer's personal phone call to me, accepting my invitation, will long be remembered.

During 1988-89 R.I. President Royce Abbey stated, "I am convinced that the Rotary Foundation and its worthwhile programs present one of the more meaningful opportunities for doing good in the world today." Our clubs, through hard work and dedication to the Foundation, and without the aid of a district Foundation fund-raiser, raised contributions marking the third highest year in district history.

A celebration under the avenue of World Community Service was seen on Sept. 17 with the successful completion of the largest project ever attempted in the history of this district with the formal dedication of the dormitory project of the Hogar Escuela Armando Rosemberg Orphanage in Santo Domingo. This again proved that Rotarians in District 764 can make a difference.

I also was touched again by the generosity of our district Rotarians as they opened up their hearts to aid the victims of that devastating earthquake that struck Armenia on Dec. 7. The funds raised helped to provide shelter, schools, clothes, medicines, and foods to those in need.

We welcomed aboard the new club of our district, Cherry Hill Breakfast, chartered on Aug. 26 with a celebration on Nov. 30.

The Substance Abuse Committee presented Young Artists United and Rotary "Perfect Together" at a

district banquet. This was a way of showing our committed awareness to the substance abuse problems in our area. Again, Rotarians in action.

The arrival of the Group Study Exchange team from Finland, District 142, was indeed a highlight during the year. Under Willingboro Rotarian Dick Isackson's leadership, the group endured a hectic schedule visiting the clubs and various communities of our district.

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship Dinner, in which seven awardees were presented, had the largest number of attendees in the history of the event. Everyone in attendance left with a feeling of enthusiasm and knowledge that the Foundation Scholarship program is a viable force for Rotary. Congratulations to the committee.

It is important that we as Rotarians get involved with our youth. If the children of today and tomorrow are to flourish, Rotarians must set examples and interact with our youth. As a result, five new Interact clubs were started, reflecting the commitment of our service.

Blue skies, warm summer ocean breezes, and sounds of excitement were experienced by all attending Rotarians when we said "Welcome Home" as our district conference came back to District 764 at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City after a 12-year absence. Friday night's "Up With People" clearly set the tone for the upbeat weekend followed by Voorhees Rotary's grand finale, the crowning of Ms. 764.

Truly, it was a Pemberton club team effort from the beginning, and our conference leaders, Jerry Jerome and Ray Wells, were responsible for the guidance through this terrific event.

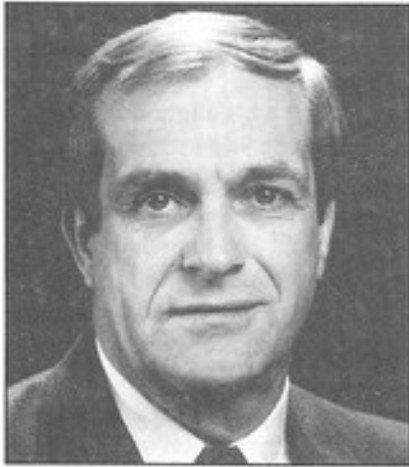
In summarizing my year, I want to express to all members of the district my great appreciation for the cooperation given to me as governor. Your support was not passive, nor mere approval, it was spontaneous, active, and enthusiastic. You were loyal and unwavering in your support. I am very grateful. Many of you accepted difficult district committee assignments while many of you took valuable time from your vocations to render services to the district.

I am profoundly grateful to the members who helped me to serve them. It was literally true that my service was a labor of love. Thank you for my best experience in Rotary.

**—Arthur Gilbert, District Governor 1988-89**

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**Kenneth E. Thorpe**

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Year as Governor	1987-88
Club	Ocean City-Upper Twp, NJ
Classification	Colleges Personnel
Date Joined	March 1978
Rotaryann	Betty
R.I. President during year	Charles C. Keller (California, Pennsylvania)
R.I. Theme	"Rotarians--United in Service-Dedicated to Peace"

President-elect Charles C. Keller in his remarks to the nearly 500 incoming district governors at the 1987 International Assembly at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. pointed out that 1987-88 would be the busiest in the history of Rotary.

The 65 club presidents, district committee chairmen, district officers, the district governor and the more than 2,500 Rotarians of District 764 soon learned this statement was right on target. With a district goal of over \$900,000, Rotary's most ambitious program and the largest undertaking in its history, PolioPlus became my highest priority as district governor.

Over 300 attended the Changeover Dinner at the Sheraton Poste in Cherry Hill as the new district and club officers prepared for their 1987-88 challenges. PRID and Philadelphia International Convention Chairman Ken Erdman reminded District 764 Rotarians of their responsibilities as co-hosts of the R.I. convention as he "pinned" Gov. Ken during this affair.

The annual. Strike Out Hunger baseball game at Veterans Stadium was a huge success with 3,900 tickets sold and proceeds of \$28,000 earmarked for PolioPlus. Herb Brown, national PolioPlus chairman, came from Florida to throw out the first ball and present Phillies' management with a plaque in recognition of their support.

Programs for youth were very much a commitment for the district during 1987-88. We saw 10 of our high school students participate in the Youth Exchange, traveling to Europe, South America and Australia with a like number coming to our district from other countries. There were 23 students interviewed and 10 selected by the Foundation Scholarship Committee for Rotary's highly regarded international scholarships to study abroad.

Gov. Ken appointed Dr. Stanley Lane to head the district's first Substance Abuse Committee, which had a major impact in encouraging clubs to support local programs to combat drug abuse. The committee also arranged for the Young Artists United, a group of directors and actors from Hollywood, to speak at school assemblies and to participate in judging substance abuse skits developed by district Interact clubs and aired on Channel 10 News. Moorestown High

won a \$500 cash prize for a skit it presented before an audience of 1,200 at the district conference in Washington. The district helped celebrate the 25th anniversary of Interact by increasing from 18 to 20 clubs.

President Keller participated in the Foundation dinner attended by 500 Rotarians and guests at the Cherry Hill Hyatt in a spectacular evening arranged by Foundation Chairman and PDG Neil Garber. One hundred Paul Harris Fellows were presented. The evening concluded with the awarding of the prestigious Foundation Meritorious Award to PDG Jim Lilley.

Serious attention was given to membership development by PDG Herb Hecker's committee. Outstanding regional training seminars were given to clubs of similar size utilizing the new Membership Development and Retention

Manual. This hands-on approach was helpful to many clubs in obtaining new members.

A 75th anniversary celebration was attended by Gov. Ken and Betty at Tavistock Country Club as President Charles Heuisler and the Rotary Club of Camden marked the occasion of being the oldest in the district. Also, the Rotary Club of Mainland celebrated its 50th anniversary at Atlantic City C.C. with President Eugene Breyne introducing Hugh Peter, only surviving charter member.

Few Rotarians will forget Brian Shackel and members of the GSE team from New Zealand who represented their country so elegantly during their visit with us. Larry Lyford of Camden Rotary handled the arrangements for a very well prepared visit.

Walter J. Smith, district conference chairman, Joe Hartman, Dave Blyler and Ocean City Rotarians assured the district of a well-organized and productive conference. The theme was "Join Us for a Capitol Weekend," with 1,200 participants traveling to the Washington Hilton.

Chairman David Forward, co-chair Dr. Al Marsh, and area representatives of the PolioPlus team presented a memorable evening of celebration as the district succeeded with its commitments.

PDG Harold Smick was elected to represent District 764 at the Legislative Council meeting to be held in Singapore. New Rules of Procedure were adopted following PDG Ruben Blane's committee efforts to streamline various practices.

Rotarian Jim Sclafani of Williamstown played a significant role in preparing for our role as co-host of the R.I. Convention in Philadelphia in May 1988. A total of 200 district Rotarians registered for the event, which was attended by 17,000, making it the largest convention in city history. Also, 50 Rotaries signed up for home hospitality. Smick reported that 1,750 visiting Rotarians and guests were bused to homes of district Rotarians to enjoy dinner and fellowship. The district sold tickets for three automobiles, one of which was won by our own Erv Richards of Glassboro.

These funds helped in providing unrestricted gifts to the Foundation. The most unforgettable event was the roll call of countries and the excitement as PolioPlus contributions were tallied. The goal of \$120 million was surpassed with a staggering final count of \$219 million.

Our year as Rotarians - United in Service, Dedicated to Peace - was ushered to a conclusion at the Changeover Dinner June 28 in Hammonton.

The District PolioPlus team made a final farewell report as they marched to the back of the ballroom and as a group turned to face the audience with placards showing undocumented but recorded pledges of \$1,037,000.

**—Ken Thorpe, District Governor 1987-88**

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**Ruben R. Blane**

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Year as Governor	1986-87
Club	Atlantic City, NJ
Classification	Social Security Admin.
Date Joined	April 1964
Rotaryann	Helen
R.I. President during year	M.A.T. Caparas (Manila, Philippines)
R.I. Theme	"Rotary Brings Hope"

(Note: These are excerpts from 1986-87 DG Ruben Blane's June '87 newsletter account of his year in office.)

Fellow Rotarians,

I am extremely indebted to you! You've given me one of the most exciting, challenging and fulfilling years of my life! It certainly traveled at a very rapid and steady pace. It was an experience I'll never forget, and one that you, too, would have enjoyed tremendously.

You will recall that during my installation I emphasized how different people are from one another. I pointed out I operated very differently from my predecessor based on the training I received from Rotary International and on my own professional experience. So during this year, I insisted upon the freedom to carry out in my own way the responsibilities I had assumed. But regardless of the different styles, I assure you we had the same objective - that of advancing Rotary's goals and programs.

As all our international leaders tell us, Rotary begins not in Evanston, not on the district level, but right in the local clubs. That's where Rotarians are and that's where we get involved in club, community, vocational and international service.

That's why at the very beginning of our year I visited each club to identify your concerns and issues. And your suggestions and your requests guided me in our district activities during the entire 12 months. And you responded with your total effort and support, and achieved a long list of very impressive achievements. You have certainly made a reality of our theme, "Rotary Brings Hope."

You know, each of your clubs has a distinct personality just like the issues of your local clubs differ. And yet each club is conducting many very important service projects that respond to the specific needs of your local residents. You are providing vital services to the impoverished, the young, the handicapped, the sick, the homeless, and the elderly.

You have increased our district membership from 2,490 to 2,543, a net gain of 53 new members the year. And you acquired this increase despite the normal attrition of 10 per cent.

You have established a new Rotary Club, the Moorestown Breakfast Club, the very first new club in the entire Rotary World last year.

Your 20 Interact Clubs conducted two well-attended assemblies to discuss meaningful issues confronting

youth today.

RYLA Chairman Sam Silverman reports that 128 high school seniors just completed another RYLA training program at Stockton College. With about 1,000 graduates to date, there's no question that competent and compassionate future leaders are being developed.

You have been hosting six young people from foreign countries this year, and have sent four youths to spend a year overseas.

You sponsored a GSE team of business and professional men to New Zealand. Leader Sam Silverman reports they spent a fantastic six-week tour serving as our ambassadors.

You've awarded international scholarships to eight outstanding college graduates.

We are grateful to the 800 of you who shared the weekend at the Concord Resort Hotel early in May. All reports indicate it was an outstanding conference during which we enjoyed good fellowship, met district Rotarians, and got the latest information about Rotary.

Many Rotarians have accepted the challenge of eliminating hunger and malnutrition in our time. Chairman Jay Helms notes that 33 clubs have donated \$25,000 and have received certificates of recognition for being 100 percent contributors to the Health, Hunger, and Humanity Program.

The highest honor available to any club is the Presidential Citation. RI President Mat Caparas issued this coveted award to no less than 18 clubs for having met the outstanding objectives he established.

Great progress has been made with the San Salvador Orphanage. The girls' dormitory is completed and construction on the boys' dorm is well underway. You contributed \$72,100 this year. This outstanding project initiated by Harold Wooden merits our full support until all the construction work is completed.

You made another substantial contribution to Deborah Hospital for its high-speed scanner that will do away with 95 percent of heart catherization proceedings.

On behalf of our Rotary and Interact Clubs, Chairman Walter Smith presented a check for \$13,000 to the Deborah representative at the district changeover.

You Rotarians are sure sold on the outstanding job being done by the Foundation to alleviate hunger and spread peace, goodwill, and understanding among all nations. You showed this by exceeding our goal and contributing a final total of \$176,317!

What a great contribution! You Rotarians are super! Your generosity continues to maintain us as one of the leading districts in the entire world supporting the significant projects of the Foundation.

And this year, you got ready to embark on the greatest humanitarian effort ever undertaken by any organization -that of protecting all children against the scourge of polio.

Fellow Rotarians, all of the foregoing refers only to your MAJOR accomplishments this year. It has indeed been very hectic, very meaningful, very productive!

It could not have been accomplished without the many dedicated Rotarians who have the competency, the interest and gave all the time needed, sometimes at a great sacrifice. I thank all of you!

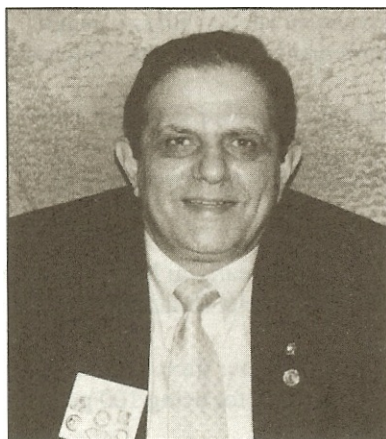
There is one Rotarian, however, who rendered extremely vital services to our district - way beyond the call of duty - and must be specifically noted. PDG Herb Hecker served as my close advisor and aide in all problem areas. He also accepted the chairmanship of the Foundation Promotion Committee at mid-year and skillfully brought this important campaign to a very successful conclusion. And earlier this year, the Rotary Foundation awarded him its Citation for Meritorious Service for his past accomplishments.

My special thanks go to my wife, Helen. She made this year extra special with her understanding, her companionship, her assistance, her constant energy, and her enthusiasm.

To Ken Thorpe, I congratulate you! I pledge my full support and know all Rotarians will help you maintain District 764 as one of the outstanding districts in the greatest international service organization in the world.

My friends, accept my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving as your district governor. Helen and I shall always treasure this full year of very pleasant memories! God bless you all!

**--Ruben Blaine, District Governor, 1986-87**



**Neil R. Garber**

*Neil R. Garber*

Year as Governor	1985-86
Club	Willingboro, NJ
Classification	Retail Medicine
Date Joined	August 1962
Rotaryann	Barbara
R.I. President during year	Edward F. Cadman (Wenatchee, Washington)
"You Are The Key"	R.I. Theme

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR TOGETHER

As July 1 dawns throughout the Rotary World, new leaders assume their positions. These include your R. I. President, your District Governors, Club Presidents and other key Rotary Club Officers. New ideas and challenges are formulated and worked on to promote the ideals and principles of Rotary throughout the free world. For one year, these officers, at the Club and District level, occupy the center of the stage and the spotlight shines on them, but rarely do they accomplish anything by themselves. They need the support and dedication of others working as a team to do this - YOU ARE THE KEY. You, the 64 Club Presidents and the 2500 Rotarians of District 764 were the key to another great year for Rotary in District 764, 1985-86 OUR YEAR TOGETHER. Your leadership, dedication and generosity helped this District accomplish many outstanding achievements during this year.

The Phillies and Rotary Strike Out Hunger game was created during our year. Friday, August 23, 1985 - in fact, thanks to the Mt. Laurel Rotary Club, through the efforts of President Alvin LeBreton, Andy Zenzel, and Jay Neufeld. Supporting this effort, were both William Giles, President of the Phillies and Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode, both of whom I honored with the Paul Harris Fellowship of Rotary at a later date. The first two years our District was involved by itself. Then the next three years, I invited four other Rotary Districts to participate and I became the Regional Director of Strike Out Hunger to correlate the yearly event. For the five years so far, the Rotary Foundation has received over \$125,000 in contributions from this event, including the year of PolioPlus, when 9400 Rotarians and friends joined us at the Stadium and the PolioPlus program received \$34,000 from one night at a ball game. Also, during this span of time, thousands and thousands of pounds of canned foods have been brought to the game by those attending to help feed the hungry through the South Jersey Food Bank and the Greater Philadelphia Food Bank.

During OUR YEAR, contributions continued to be made by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to continue construction of the orphanage in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic. This was a project that Governor Smick, myself, Harold Wooden, Rev. Jay K. Helms, Joel Chesney and Henry Hansen decided to endorse and asked the District to support. This was discussed and agreed upon one morning at a meeting in Golden Dawn Diner on Rt. 130 in Edgewater Park, New Jersey.

October 16, 1985 we had our annual Foundation Dinner, with over 900 people attending at the Resorts International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. R. I. President (YOU ARE THE KEY) Edward F. Cadman and his wife, Mary Jean, were our honored guests that evening. Thanks to you, the Rotarians of District 764, 117 men and women



were presented their Paul Harris Fellowships by President Ed and myself that evening. Also twelve Rotarians were presented with the One Sapphire Award of the Rotary Foundation, three Rotarians were presented with the Two Sapphire Award, two Rotarians were presented with the Three Sapphire Award, and three Rotarians were presented with the Five Sapphire Award; for their continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

An interesting surprise that evening was that after many years of dedicated service to our District and to Rotary International, we honored our own Past Rotary International Director Frank Quigley of the Atlantic City Rotary Club with a 'This is your Rotary life, Frank Quigley.' Frank is one of the most highly respected Rotarians in the entire East Coast area and, because of this, we were joined by a host of visiting Rotary International dignitaries. These included Carl LeMasters, Executive Assistant to the R. I. President, Phil Lindsey - Associate General Secretary, Jerry Zergabors - Under Secretary, Chuck Keller P.R.I.D. - Aide to the President and President-to-be of Rotary in 1987-88, Ray Wells, Paramus, P.R.I.D. 1984-86, Larry Shawver - Manager of Development Rotary Foundation, Carmen Ledo - Secretary to the President, Bill Ives, P.R.I.D. - Detroit, Tom Duncan Reed, Rotary Director 1984-86 Springfield, Ky., George Uhlig Former V. P. Rotary - Havorford, PA, Jules Flock Former V. P. Rotary - Cleveland, Ohio; Ken Erdman, P.R.I.D., Jenkintown, PA; and Jean Ann Ziegler - Supervisor of the Board Service Section of R. I.

The nearly 200 Rotarians and their wives who joined us at the N. J. State Vocational Assembly in Whippany, N. J. on Thursday, October 17, had an outstanding day and were able to renew old friendships with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who was one of the outstanding speakers on the program.

We finished our portion of the pilot program started by President Mukasa, an all women's GSE Team. The team from Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei were in our District during Gov. Smick's year and the four women of that team gave me the title of DISTRICT GOVERNOR GENERAL - the only one ever in the history of Rotary International. Rev. Jay K. Helms and his wife, Alice Jane, took our team of young women, Patti Ann Mecca, Scarlett Fischer, Leanne Weidner, and Nancy Schinder to Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei from March 3 to April 17, 1986. The entire team and, of course, Team Leader Jay and his wife Alice Jane, were outstanding representatives, not only of our District 764, but also New Jersey and the United States in a foreign culture.

Our annual Educational Awards Dinner, which originally was the creation of PDG Jim Lilley and myself during his year as governor, was held Feb. 15 at the Sheraton Poste Inn in Cherry Hill. This dinner enables you to see the caliber of young people that your contributions to the Foundation enables us to send out as Scholar Ambassadors of Rotary. Joining us that evening were J. L. Hunter Scott, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and Barbara Denning Finley, former Rotary Scholar, and now a Vice President of the Carnegie Corporation in New York City. The almost 200 in attendance were also able to listen to several of our own outstanding Scholar Ambassador Awardees, Rita Murrell, Carole Klein, and Gerald Sullivan.

Your District Conference on May 2, 3, and 4, 1986, was a smashing success. The 1100 who attended at the Concord Hotel on Kiamesla Lake in New York State were able to enjoy a weekend of fun, good fellowship, good food, excellent facilities, and an outstanding Rotary weekend. It was more like a mini Rotary International Convention with an outstanding team of Rotary speakers at the Plenary Sessions and the Dinner programs. Dr. Joe Serra of Stockton, California, an outstanding Orthopedic Surgeon, informed us of our H.H.H. Program in Malawi. Dr. John Sever PDG, member of the PolioPlus Advisory Committee and R. I. Representative to the World Health Organization, informed us of the implementation of the program and Larry Shawver of the Secretariat spoke on the funding of the program. Past Rotary Vice President Dave Smith's (of Austin, Texas) message was "What is Rotary", P.R.I.D. Charlie Fogel of Buffalo spoke on World Community Service. P.R.I.D. John Van Cott of Unadelle spoke on the Finances of Rotary, P.R.I.D. Ken Erdman spoke on the "Images of Rotary", Past V.P. George Uhlig of Ardmore spoke on Rotary's Concern For The Aged, P.D.G. T. O. Guley II spoke on Publications of Rotary. The Rotary Foundation was the topic of P.R.I.D. and Trustee of the Foundation Mike Pedrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We started our PolioPlus fund raising this year and Saturday morning at the Concord, Rev. Jay Helms H.H.H., Larry Shawver, and Dr. John Sever presented plaques to about 55 of our Rotary Clubs who had contributed \$20 per member to the PolioPlus Program 100%. P.D.G. Bill Lamon was presented with the Distinguished Service Award of the Rotary Foundation by Mike Pedrick. He joins Otto Robinson, our first awardee and myself, as recipients of this prestigious award, thanks to your monetary support of the Foundation.

The District Car Raffle enabled the District to contribute over \$90,000 to the Foundation and this brought our total contributions for the year to over \$275,000, a fantastic figure, THANKS TO YOU.

Our Dinner Dance at McGuire Air Force Base on June 21, 1986 was another outstanding evening for the District. The close to 500 in attendance saw the District Community Service Committee present a check for \$34,000 to the Deborah Hospital to help pay for their new high speed scanner. Our Washington Township Club was the largest contributor (\$9400) to this fund. Bill Demos, Clint Miller and Mike Kittis were for the most part responsible for the success of this evening, as their host Wrightstown Rotary Club honored all branches of the

military, and I personally honored three outstanding Generals of our armed services with the Paul Harris Fellowship: Gen. Duane Cassidy, Commander in Chief, Military Air Lift Command; Gen. Francis Gerard, Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey and Gen. Thomas Kelly, who at this time was Director of the Joint Special Operations Agency - Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We sent a check for \$1000 to District Governor Cedric Pope of District 645 in Illinois and this helped to start the "Pope's" special project - "The Heritage Trail and the Presidential Walkway" at the gravesite of our founder, Paul Harris.

Our District was again in the forefront of Rotary - The Endowment Program. In OUR YEAR we started our DISTRICT M.E.P. Program (Million Dollar Endowment Program). We asked that 200 Rotarians make a bequest or endowment of \$5000 in their wills to the Endowment Program of the Foundation, and ten of our fellow Rotarians responded.

The last function of our year was the last day of our year, a picnic at Liberty Lakes in Columbus on June 30. Thanks to the generosity of Jerry Jerome of Pemberton, more funds were contributed to the Community Service Project of the Voorhees, Pinelands, and Mt. Laurel Clubs - The Children's Wing at the Cooper Hospital.

It is truly stated that every man is as great as the dream he dreams:

- He is as great as the love he loves;
- Every man is as great as the value he redeems;
- As great as the happiness he shares;
- Every man is as great as the TRUTH he speaks
- He is as great as the help he gives;
- He is as great as the destiny he seeks.

In the final analysis, he is as great as the life he lives.

In 1985-86 Our Year Together, "YOU ARE THE KEY" was not just an empty slogan. You were the key to being greater than great - GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

**--Neil Garber, District Governor, 1985-86**

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**B. Harold Smick, Jr.**

*B. Harold Smick, Jr.*

Year as Governor	1984-85
Club	Salem, NJ
Classification	Building Materials-Retail
Date Joined	May 8, 1957
Rotaryann	Claire
R.I. President during year	Carlos Canseco (Monterrey, Mexico)
R.I. Theme	"Discover a New World of Service"

My real beginning as your district governor dates to the International Assembly in Boca Raton, Fla., May 22-29, 1984, with eight days of intensive training and preparation to serve you. This was the 10th and last year at Boca Raton because the Assembly was moving to Nashville, Tenn. for larger quarters. For 1984-85 there were 425 districts in 159 countries of the free world and tremendous growth - 968 new clubs chartered in one year, a record which still stands.

Upon our return from Boca Raton, Claire and I traveled to Birmingham, England for Rotary's 75th annual convention, June 2-6. After this, installation of D764 club officers for 1984-85 began on a nightly basis. This was our opportunity to meet many Rotarians and spouses for the first time.

On July 1, 1984, Dr. Carlos Canseco, Jr., an allergy specialist practicing in Monterrey, Mexico, became President of R.I., challenging Rotarians to "Discover a New World of Service."

Upon President Canseco's suggestion for a class identity, bright gold sports coats were selected and we became known as the "Class of the Yellow Jackets," and Canseco as "The Sting."

On June 30, at Centerton Country Club in Salem County, I was installed as District 764 Governor by former R.I. Vice President George Uhlig.

In my opening statement, I said: "There are many new, exciting and challenging opportunities for each of us, including one of many goals - our ABC goal, Achieving Better Communications during the coming year." Membership growth and membership development also were stressed.

Fortunately, in order to Achieve Better Communications, it was possible to mail the Governor's Newsletter to every member each month. Wes Denman, a very dedicated member of the Salem Rotary Club, did a superb job as my editor.

Under the leadership of W. Jack Clem, PDG, advisory council consultant, two membership development committees were established: The Southern team, chaired by PDG Herb Hecker, and the Northern team, chaired by David C. Forward.

We announced there would be a contest for the club with the highest percentage increase in membership to qualify for one of four quarterly prizes: One fully paid weekend at the District Conference in Hershey, Pa., and three \$1,000 Paul Harris Fellow awards.

The three Paul Harris Fellowships were gifts of Rotarians and not an expense of the district. As a result of this special emphasis, a record 225 new members joined Rotary in D764 during 1984-85 with a net gain of 100, bringing membership to 2,501 on June 30, 1985.

Clubs winning the membership awards were Winslow Township, Lower Township, Wrightstown Area, and Deptford.

As I installed the 1984-85 club officers in the Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson club, they had a surprise announcement that every member was either a Paul Harris Fellow or Sustaining Member. It was the first club to ever achieve the distinction in District 764.

A second such surprise for a 100 percent Foundation club came from Maple Shade Rotary. From July 1, 1984 to the fourth quarter of 84-85, 18 members became PHFs or Sustaining Members in a club of 25 members.

The trustees of the Rotary Foundation approved in July the first Special Grant ever to our district in the amount of \$10,000 towards the successful Southwest Africa book project with District 935 in the country of Namibia.

During DG Donald J. Yeager's 1983-84 year, we had sent 32,000 books to Namibia and 25 complete sets of new World Book Encyclopedias obtained by Ted Driesback of the Cherry Hill club. Additionally, Don sent \$11,000 to purchase shelving, audio-visual aids, and overhead projectors to train librarians and teach English to the students.

Being the year to "Discover a New World of Service," the greatest discovery outside District 764 was finding a long-neglected orphanage in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

Rotarian Harold S. Wooden discovered the orphanage while visiting the Oriental Rotary Club, District 406, in December, 1983. After another tour of inspection and further investigation by D764 World Community Service Committee, this was referred to our clubs for consideration.

A decision was made to build a two-story, all-masonry dormitory for 200 children - one of the world's largest WCS projects. Known as the San Salvador Orphanage and School in District 406, more than \$165,000 U.S. dollars would be used during more than three years of construction.

I, along with several dozen D764 Rotarians and family members, have visited the orphanage and school since 1984. We've donated time, materials and gifts to assist in the work.

Also, the WCS project received two annual matching grants of \$20,000 each from R.I. Foundation.

Another first and another success story was on Oct. 18 when D764 hosted the fourth annual New Jersey Vocational Assembly in Atlantic City with 1,160 present - largest attendance ever. Opening speaker for the four-district event was N.J. Gov. Thomas H. Kean.

Despite my goal of visiting every club in the district a minimum of three times during the year, I immediately left following the Assembly to attend the Mexico-USA Conference of Goodwill, the first of four such meetings in 1984-85. A feature of the conference was several discussion sessions on organizing and using Inter Country Committees, including World Community Service, fellowship exchanges, matched districts and club projects, all helpful to District 764.

At the Changeover Dinner June 30, it was an honor to present my first Paul Harris Fellow Award, and a surprise one, to Alice Jane Helms, wife of Jay K. Helms of Mid-Jersey Cape. This also was the evening to announce that the President of R.I., Carlos Canseco, would be the honored guest and speaker at the Foundation Dinner Nov. 30, 1984.

Because of the enthusiasm of the Foundation Committee and the overwhelming response of members and clubs, there was a record 100 new PHFs, also a world record for one district up to that time.

Our district was extremely proud of an attendance record of 808 which remained a world record for any Foundation dinner in 1984-85.

During the dinner a \$5,000 check was presented to President Canseco to aid survivors of the gas explosion in Mexico.

Despite a terrific snowstorm the night before, the Mid-Year Assembly Jan. 26, with PDG Herb Hecker as chairman, was successful with an attendance of 250.

A total of 142 RYLA students arrived June 23 at Stockton State College for the annual awards week.

April 19-21 was the date and Hershey Lodge and Convention Center the site of the year's exciting district conference. With 1,368 registered, more than 1,200 attending and all 64 clubs represented, it was a memorable weekend of Rotary entertainment. For the first time there was a Governor's luncheon for 1984-85 and 1985-86 club presidents and wives, with R.I. President's representative, Pablo Campos Lynch, the keynote speaker.

Among the other speakers was TV and radio personality Art Linkletter, prominent Rotary International speakers Richard D. King, PDG of California and L.S. "Skip" Kreidler of Oklahoma. Also, the first-ever all-female GSE team, from District 330 (Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei), made a presentation. They were charming, intelligent and fascinating ladies.

It was a pleasure working with Conference Chairman Ben Rainear and his fellow Salem Club mate, President

Fred W. Peterson, Sr.

For the Rotary Foundation, we were challenged to a goal of \$150,000, which was reached while at the district conference. By June 30, Foundation giving totaled \$170,385.

In 1985, D764 became a \$1 million district.

Because of increasing need throughout the world for 3-H, the District Health-Hunger-Humanity Committee, with Jay K. Helms as chairman, challenged members to contribute \$10 per person to 3-H. We're happy to report 60 clubs received special recognition 3-H plaques for 100 percent participation of their members.

We discovered a new Rotary club - The Pinelands Rotary Club - chartered by R.I. March 6, 1985.

President George P. Troup and 26 others were charter members on May 19, 1985 for the District Charter Night. PDG Louis C. Joyce was advisory council consultant for club extension with more than 20 years of experience, and has always been of valuable help with his expertise and knowledge. PDG Robert G. Ekelburg, Sr. was the governor's special extension representative and did a superb job working with the charter members.

A new committee formed was Inter Country Committee led by the capable chairmanship of PDG Ralph I. Shockey.

We discovered six new Interact Clubs under the enthusiastic chairmanship of Steve Martorano.

Dr. Walter E. Haworth, Chairman of the Youth Exchange Committee, turned in another successful year.

Chaired by Stanley P. Dillard, our first Rotary Friendship Exchange was between our district and Pardess Meshcitaf, Roavana, Israel, when Jeanette and Jose Brosh visited friends in the Beverly and Mt. Laurel Rotary Clubs.

Gloucester City Rotary celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 17, 1985, with five charter members still living, four of whom were present for this festive evening. R.I. sent a special 50-year certificate which I was privileged to present to President Jaxon Freeman for the club. This is the home club of PDG Ben Foster, 1958-59, a charter member.

One of our 1984-85 club presidents, Kenneth E. Thorpe, of Ocean City Rotary, served as a great governor in 1987-88.

Because of the increased giving to the Rotary Foundation, we were able to send five scholarship students to a college or university of their choice in September 1985. We were notified also that R.I. had allocated six Rotary Scholarships for 1986-87. PDG James W. Lilley, Jr., chairman of the Foundation Scholarship Committee, and his team have done an outstanding job each year of selecting the scholarship winners from the top students applying.

With a new spirit of Rotary evident throughout the District, I was extremely proud of the club success stories. Each of the 64 presidents and their officers are to be congratulated for their cooperation and support.

To the district committees and chairmen, I am grateful for your involvement and commitment to the principles of Rotary. Every past district governor was most helpful to me and served on at least one or more committees. Your advice and encouragement was greatly appreciated and a strength to me.

I want to recognize the individual Rotarian because of your dedication and enthusiasm in my year. You have DISCOVERED NEW WORLDS OF SERVICE in District 764.

To my home club of Salem, I owe so much. You were always available when needed. It was Ben Rainear, past president and club Foundation chairman, who first encouraged me to seek the nomination for District Governor. Our club officers and members supported Ben in his efforts, and they were a great strength to me during 1984-85. The counsel given me by PDG John H. Hassler was most appreciated.

I am grateful to all of you and extremely proud of the district's accomplishments.

## Harold Smick, Jr, Distract Governor 1994-85

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Donald J. Yeager

Year as Governor	1983-84
Club	Medford-Vincentown, NJ
Classification	Travel Agent
Date Joined	February 1965
Rotaryann	Betty
R.I. President during year	William E. Skelton (Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Virginia)
R.I. Theme	"Share Rotary - Serve People"

It happened in the city by the bay, San Francisco, during the 1977 International Convention, my first. As District Secretary-Treasurer Designate, with the then district leaders, R.I. Director Frank Quigley; DG Pete Fraleigh, and DON Ski von der Tann, along with our wives, we were exposed to a part of Rotary that hereto had been unknown to me. Gradually, I began to see and visualize the scope of the organization, and seemed to be drawn toward it with a deep feeling and commitment to Rotary, its objectives and ideals, as well as understand its demands.

During subsequent years I was exposed to, and learned much as District Treasurer, working with governors Jack Clem, Herb Hecker, Jim Lilley, and particularly Bob Ekelburg, with whom a lasting friendship developed as we traveled together, during his year, as well as mine, throughout the district visiting various clubs.

There are some happenings you never forget! It is an unforgettable, proud moment when you are selected district governor. In my case, unfortunately, I began to work immediately. My first objective was to select a district conference chairman, and secondly find a conference site.

Fortunately, I selected David Forward for the chairmanship, and I am forever grateful for his outstanding contribution of time and his loyalty which was not necessary to have made the district conference so successful. Also, his dedication in and assistance in choosing "Baltimore in '84," the site of our wonderful district conference.

I also remember, at that time, the winter of 1981 was not the greatest. The country had experienced trying economic times; had just elected a new president; and much doubt existed with the people. In my mind there were many challenges I had to face during the coming year as DON, and then as DG in 1983-84.

Whether it was by coincidence or the unexplainable feelings that drew me more deeply into Rotary in 1977, I do not know. But one day I found myself writing "we can meet every challenge if we continue to have faith." That was, of course, the beginning of my theme for the year, "Challenge the Future With Faith." That slogan has been used over and over again by many people since '81, and has helped many of us through rough, tough times.

Suddenly it was June 30, 1983!

The planning was over, and the work was about to begin. In those last few free moments, I was very proud to be the third district governor from the great Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club. They brought a kazoo band to serenade me as PRID Ken Erdman installed me as district governor.

"Share Rotary, Serve People," was President Bill Skelton's theme. At the same time the district was given the responsibility to arrest the downward trend in membership. The Rotary Foundation needed more funding, and I was concerned with the welfare of all Rotarians in the 63 clubs in the district. I kept my plan to visit the clubs early, and started in July. It was my hope to stress Enthusiasm, Education, and Communication. My visits encouraged the membership to develop a club project and involve all members, and at the same time I promised to keep all district affairs affordable for all Rotarians.

District Conference Chairman Forward was Criss-crossing the district at the same time with a slide presentation of "Baltimore in '84." This was highly successful, and one week after registrations were accepted the Hyatt Regency was sold out.

In the meantime, PDG Bob Ekelburg, Rotary Foundation Chairman, with the assistance of PDG Ski von der Tann, instructed the committee on the workings of the Foundation. The committee in turn visited the clubs, and through education, increased contributions totaling \$117,000 for the year - the largest amount earned to that year in district.

For Rotary Foundation month, November, the committee arranged for a visit from PRIP Clem Renouf of Australia. The dinner was held at Quail Hill, Smithville, and was a sellout. PRIP Renouf also visited PDG Clem and the Salem Rotary Club during his visit in '83.

At the conclusion of my first round of visits with the clubs, I found myself enjoying several pancake and fun day activities at the Riverside, Moorestown and Salem clubs. I was especially honored to be able to visit N.J. Gov. Thomas H. Kean when he endorsed Bordentown's "Adopt a Rotarian" program for handicapped youngsters. The many other activities I attended all showed new enthusiasm, and a new spirit was manifest in a turnaround in the membership of the district.

Much of the new spirit was in evidence during my second visits to many of the clubs as we continued to grow. Our first meeting at Camden County Vo-Tech School was the mid-year meeting, and was arranged by PDG Jim Lilley. That meeting and the facilities turned out to be so successful that we returned time and time again.

Meanwhile, the Group Study Exchange team committee was busy interviewing candidates for a trip to Ecuador. Although some obstacles were encountered, the team enjoyed four weeks in that country, returning mid-April 1984.

There is no doubt that the highlight of the 1983-84 Rotary year was the district conference at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md. Two years of planning went into this special weekend, and not even a heavy spring snow storm stopped anyone of 1,300 Rotarians and guests from getting to the Hyatt Regency and Holiday Inn. There were thrills galore, from the premier color guards to the hoisting of the gigantic American flag. The plenary sessions were over crowded; the banquet speakers, Astronaut Lenoir, Dr. Campolo, and R.I. President's representative Lambeth all excited the crowd with interesting remarks. The "Re-Creations" stole the Star Spangled Evening Show with their music, including a song "Challenge the Future with Faith." Telephone calls, letters, and personal visits from many, many people told us how they enjoyed the food, the facilities, and the easy rapid check in and out. It was great to know the people "enjoyed."

I would be remiss not giving credit to then DGN B. Harold Smick, Jr. for his outstanding job directing the book collection for our Matched District in Africa. Not once, but twice, were books collected, since the first shipment was destroyed by fire enroute to New York City. That turned out to be a blessing, however, since we used the money received to obtain the first MATCHING FUNDS from the Rotary Foundation during 1984 for library equipment for the people receiving the books.

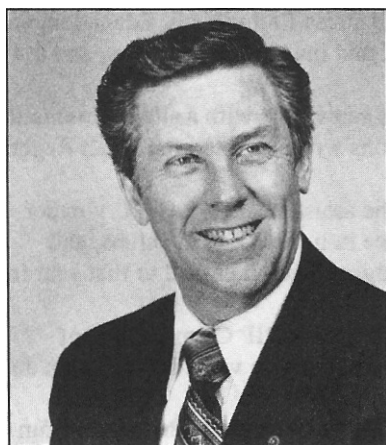
The District Assembly, again held at Vo-Tech, was a sellout. As the year wound down, we knew we made progress breaking down the barriers in the Dominican Republic for work at the orphanage.

Also, we learned that finally, after five years, the decline in membership was stopped, and the district had a net gain for the year.

It was very exciting to present the prestigious Presidential Citation Award to almost 30 of our clubs presidents. In addition, on June 27, 1984, I received the citation presented to district governors. This I continue to cherish.

As I relinquished the office to B. Harold Smick, Jr., it occurred to me that while most of the objective had been met, it was our continued responsibility to CARE, SHARE, SERVE and CHALLENGE THE FUTURE WITH FAITH.

**--Donald Yeager, District Governor 1983-84**

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**James W. Lilley, Jr**

Year as Governor	1981-82
Club	Blackwood, NJ
Classification Schools	Education-Public
Date Joined	March 1960
Rotaryann	Tina
R.I. President during year	Stanley E. McCaffrey (Stockton, California)

As a charter member of the Rotary Club of Blackwood which chartered 1960, and as first secretary of that club, been an involved member of its development, serving in many capacities including President, Secretary and Foundation Chairman.

In the early stages of development of Rotary in Blackwood, I had the wonderful opportunity to be President when our greatest club project was undertaken - that of providing a library building to help further the cultural development of the growing Township of Gloucester, a 23 ½ square mile district with its government situated in Blackwood. Along with PDG Louis C. Joyce III, we were able to achieve success in chartering the Blackwood club approximately three months after surveying the area. Throughout the development of our club, I have assumed many committee assignments which have proven to be gratifying in helping our community to grow and prosper.

The Blackwood Rotary over its three decades of existence has become a leader in the community by contributing a new library building which opened in 1970. At the present time, the township is building a new and larger building to replace our original facility, but will continue the efforts of our club, calling this building "The Gloucester Township Blackwood Rotary Library," honoring our club for its many years of efforts.

Also, Blackwood Rotary has donated a Senior Citizens Bridge at its Senior Building. In addition, our club has donated to girls' softball, Little League, midget football, holiday food drives, activities for the handicapped, and hospital, blood, and United Way drives.

I can only reiterate that my years with Blackwood Rotary have been rewarding as an individual, knowing that I have contributed to our local community in its growth and development, and to those on the local level who needed support and helped them be part of an enjoyable life.

As a result of satisfying experiences at the club level, it was contingent on me to broaden my experiences at the District 764 level. Having chaired the District Assembly in 1962 during the governorship of Len Irwin of Haddon Heights, I started my career with the district by serving as chair of the Foundation Education Awards in the early '70s under PDG Len.

In the middle '70s, at the urging of PDG Bill Lamon, I undertook the chairmanship of Group Study Exchange for our exchange with India. This wonderful experience started me off to many exciting years of district involvement to date, including serving as team leader to New Zealand. This gave me tremendous insight of international understanding as developed by Rotary.

By serving in the aforementioned capacity, I have had a great urge to continue to serve Rotary by developing



interest to lead our district by becoming district governor.

My year as DG proved to be the most interesting and rewarding in many years of serving mankind. I can't explain the wonderful feeling of accomplishment that can be generated in working with the many people of this world to help others achieve peace through the development of good will.

Those who have had the opportunity to attend an international conference or the DG training session can certainly relate to my sense of feeling of achievement.

During my tenure, I had the opportunity to initiate a Club President Program, a Mid-Year Seminar Program, and a District Achievement Brochure that was distributed to all walks of life explaining what Rotary is all about.

As I continued at the district level, I took an active role, assuming chairmanships of the R.Y.L.A. and Foundation Education Awards which included a newsletter. Serving on Youth Exchange, including the hosting of a student youth exchange student from Iceland, also proved to be exciting and challenging.

I highly recommend the efforts of all Rotarians to take an active role in Rotary not only at the club level but at the district level as well.

In general, anyone who has contributed to the Rotary objective of "Peace Through Goodwill and Understanding to Better Mankind" certainly has to have inner self-satisfaction knowing they're part of this worldwide movement.

I feel my contributions have made me greatly aware of global achievements and goals of a movement that benefits us all.

**--Jim Lilley, District Governor, 1981-82**

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**Herbert E. Hecker**

Year as Governor	1980-81
Club	Woodbury, NJ
Classification	Insurance
Date Joined	November 1966
Rotaryann	Iris
R.I. President during year	Rolf J. Klarich (Helsinki-Helsingfors, Finland)
R.I. Theme	"Take Time to Serve"

Before listing the accomplishments of my year, I want to first express my gratitude to the late Sherman Yeiter, a dedicated Woodbury Rotarian, a fine gentleman, and an outstanding long-time club secretary who convinced me I had the qualifications for District Governor.

It was Sherm's persistence that made me decide to "throw my hat into the ring," and I was pleased when the district nominating committee confirmed his feelings by selecting me as its candidate to serve our great district as governor for the year 1980-81.

That was the year Rolf Klarich of Finland was Rotary's International President. His theme was "Take Time to Serve."

I thought that was an appropriate theme. But I added the word "together" because I believed then, and still do, that it is necessary for all Rotarians to "Take Time to Serve - Together" to fulfill our obligations to the Object of Rotary through the Four Avenues of Service.

There were many highlights in my year. The first, and among the most memorable and impressive ones, was the 1980 International Assembly I attended in Boca Raton, Fla. Here, my counterparts from throughout the world assembled for a week of intensive training to prepare us for the job ahead.

It was the best training session I've ever attended. I left the assembly feeling very humble, but determined to do my level best to maintain the high standards of performance expected of me.

I feel club visitations were among my most productive accomplishments. Here I had the opportunity to visit I-on-1, as well as collectively, to hear the accomplishments and listen to the problems of the officers, directors and members of each club and to suggest ways and means to bring about desired results. Much of the district-wide progress during my year resulted from an exchange of ideas. It was gratifying to see the fruits of our labor.

Membership development and the Rotary Foundation also were first and foremost during my year. Again, I believed then and still do that with the continued increase of a "quantity of quality people," and with the right financial assistance, one can move mountains to support all the wonderful Rotary-sponsored programs of today and

tomorrow.

We enjoyed healthy growth and set a pattern for others to follow. We also earned four scholarships as a result of our participation in the Foundation, then an all-time high.

I'm grateful to Col. Jim Davidson and Neil Garber for creating another first in our district. They combined efforts to get every district club to contribute to the Foundation. I believe this led to better results in subsequent years.

Our long suit was Community Service because we practiced "Charity begins at home." But I reminded everyone at every opportunity we are an international organization and, as such, are expected to participate physically and financially to help those in need and less fortunate. That's part of a continued effort to make our communities, our country, and the world a better place to live and work in peace and harmony.

The financial assistance we provided to the unfortunate Italian people who endured a devastating earthquake was a prime example of caring for others. I was especially impressed with the team spirit displayed by Bridgeton Rotarians, whose club project raised over \$5,000 for the relief effort.

The year 1981 was the International Year of the Disabled Persons, and I was pleased that our district clubs responded with special programs which provided ramps and improved bathroom facilities for the disabled and handicapped. Many were hired by Rotarians in their businesses, another example of our caring and sharing.

Under the able team leadership of Willingboro Rotarian Dick Isackson, we sent a fine Group Study Exchange Team to Japan for a seven-week visit. I was impressed with the way they expressed themselves at a homecoming sponsored by Willingboro.

Our second year of R.Y.L.A. was a sell-out. In fact, it was oversold. This speaks well of our caring for our young people, our future community leaders.

We also increased the number of Interact Clubs in District 764. This shows we worked in close harmony with high school students to help them develop into business and professional people. The same is true of the increased number of exchange students we had during the year.

Our District 764 Report brought news and accomplishments to all Rotarians. It was a fine way to communicate with our members and let everyone know about the good we're accomplishing worldwide. Many thanks to PDG Pete Fraleigh, who took the time to serve by publishing this newspaper.

We had three club assemblies during the year. Attendance was great, participation greater, and the fellowship at all three was outstanding. This increased interest in acquiring Rotary information was most gratifying.

Dan Paolini of the Riverside club is credited with another district first. He presented a beautiful plaque that was to be awarded annually to the club with the highest attendance record.

We had many outstanding club presidents during my year. One of them, Neil Garber became district governor in 1985-86, and another, Mike Kittis is nominee for governor in 1990-91.

A major highlight was our district conference at Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos. From the moment people entered the beautifully-decorated lobby and registration area, it was obvious they were going to have an enjoyable and profitable weekend. The reception was great because it set the scene. After that, everything fell into place. It didn't happen by chance, but because all members of my Woodbury club were well organized and worked long and hard to make the conference worthwhile.

I'll be eternally indebted to all the men and women of my club for their support in making the conference a huge success. Special thanks to Jack and Edie Patterson and Nick and Peg Ballistreri, who co-chaired the event. Their leadership and the participation of our club members was summed up well by PDG Bill Nelson (our International President representative) when he wrote in his report to the president, "A strong impressive aspect of this conference was the excellent backing and support of the governor by members of his own Woodbury club."

I'm very thankful for the help and support I got from our Past District Governors and especially grateful to Frank Quigley, our Past Rotary International Director. He was the first to extend a helpful hand. Suffice it to say that my experience was such that I chose to remain active at the club, district, zone and international levels when I left office.

It's been 10 years since I became involved at the governor's level, and I still enjoy participating in my club's activities. In my opinion, Woodbury is a model club.

I also still enjoy making up at other clubs to exchange ideas. I still like participating in district-wide programs on membership development and retention. I continue to enjoy devoting my time to furthering the cause of the Rotary Foundation. I also enjoy participating in our district assemblies and conferences and attending and contributing to Zone Institute programs. And Iris and I like to attend International Conventions.

Yes, I love helping this great organization of ours that does so much for so many. So I "take time to serve." With the more than one million of us throughout the world, we can, and will, continue to make a substantial contribution towards much-needed peace and harmony with all people of the world.

And we'll do it together.

**--Herb Hecker, District Governor, 1980-81**



Robert G. Ekelburg, Sr.

Year as Governor	1979-80
Club	Burlington, NJ
Classification	
Date Joined	
Rotaryann	Dorothy
R.I. President during year	James L. Bomar, Jr. (Shelbyville, Tennessee)
R.I. Theme	"Let Service Light the Way"

As Rotary International's 75th Anniversary year gathered momentum, President Jim Bomar's theme of "Let Service Light the Way" found District 764 in the midst of its greatest year ever under District Governor Bob Ekelburg's emphasis of communication in all phases of Rotary.

With an adaption of the theme, and added words of "Through Communication - Let Service Light the Way," the first district newspaper "The 764 Report" was started and sent to every Rotarian in the district under the editorship of PDG Pete Fraleigh. Rotarians and non-Rotarians were enlightened to the many district activities, programs, and services, both locally and internationally.

To let the light of Rotary shine out from under the basket, Rotary's 3-H program encouraged all clubs to participate in Health-Hunger-Humanity projects that later developed into the PolioPlus program. Recognition was established to make aware the worldwide needs for action to help needy people in health care, food and nourishment, and disaster relief. On Sept. 29, 1979, Bomar officially launched a major immunization program in the Philippines to protect more than six million children against polio. This program developed a purpose for Rotarians to eradicate polio worldwide by the year 2005 - the 100th anniversary of Rotary.

Through the chairmanship of Ruben Blane, a new program was introduced to District 764 - RYLA, a co-ed program begun at Stockton State College in June 1980. This first RYLA was a huge success that exposed outstanding high school third year students to leaders in industry, education, professions and government, all sharing their qualities of leadership.

This was a year for International Service to shine brightly. The student exchange program expanded, and Group Study Exchange flourished. With the hosting of an outstanding exchange student from Japan in 1978-79, we were pleased to accept a GSE team from D-254 in Akita, Japan. Our relationship was strengthened by exchange student Eric Haines of Burlington during his final high school year. Eric did not stop there. After attending college in Washington, he returned to Japan as a Rotary Foundation Scholar and he currently is in the field of foreign affairs.

The district was honored to welcome R.I. President Bomar and first lady Edith to our 75th anniversary celebration along with Atlantic City's 65th on Feb. 13, 1980. Thanks to PRID Frank Quigley, the visit by an R.I. president was a district first.

With the site selection of Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos, our district conference was sold out and overflow moved into the honeymoon cottages. Many attendees found themselves on a second honeymoon with luxury unsurpassed. With a conference theme of "Peace, Understanding and Goodwill" interspersed with fellowship, our Rotary programs set the pace for R.I. representative Hiroji Mukasa and his wife Kiyoko. Their presence was the culmination of committee efforts and chairman Jack Jurechko. Incidentally, Mukasa was elected R.I. President in 1982-83.

The 75th anniversary of Rotary presented many challenges to clubs of the district, like Garden State's extensive outdoor recreational complex, Hammonton's float in their community Halloween Parade, Berlin's "Over Seventy Christmas Party," Egg Harbor's playground project, and Millville's Braille guild.

And finally, after a year-long effort, special representatives J. Allan Woodruff and Alan Thompson, along with Alan Warren of Port Norris, reestablished the Port Norris Rotary Club back into our district roster.

Rotary year 1979-80 had been a very short 12 months, and it was inspiring and rewarding because of the Service Above Self so generously given by Rotarians of the district, PDGs who were always close by for many hours of consultations, and the ladies of D-764 who shared their husbands with Rotary.

With a full heart and deep appreciation, Dorothy and I extend our grateful thanks to all who have served Rotary so well in their clubs, their district, and their world.

It had been a very good year. Together we made the 75th Anniversary Year of Rotary sparkle with the brilliance that only a diamond can reflect.

The opportunity and privilege that was granted me to serve as Governor of District 764 made me very proud, yet deeply humbled, for the greater honor has been the joy and revelation of meeting, associating with, and knowing so many good people in District 764.

Together we have "Let Service Light the Way" because we have communicated.

**--Bob Ekelburg, District Governor, 1979-80**

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W. Jack Clem

<b>Year as Governor</b>	<b>1978-79</b>
<b>Club</b>	<b>Penns Grove, NJ</b>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Chemical Development</b>
<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>April 1955</b>
<b>Rotaryann</b>	<b>Jean</b>
<b>R.I. President during year</b>	<b>Clem Renouf (Queensland, Australia)</b>
<b>R.I. Theme</b>	<b>"Reach Out"</b>

While Clem Renouf and Jack Clem were still nominees for their respective positions - President of Rotary International and Governor of District 764 - Jack invited Clem to make an historically first official visit to District 764. After extensive negotiations and much planning, R.I. President Clem and his charming wife June landed at Philadelphia Aug. 14, 1978.

After a small welcoming luncheon, President Clem and Governor Jack, with their wives, boarded a helicopter for a brief overview of the district. They flew across the Delaware River to New Jersey, south over the historic old oak in Salem, the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, then north along the Atlantic shore and Atlantic City, and then turned west over Burlington County and finally landed at the Cherry Hill Hyatt, headquarters for the official visit.

The high point of the evening was President Clem's address, in which he expanded on his new Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program. That was delivered after the Ferko String Band serenaded the Renoufs with "Waltzing Matilda."

Activities related to the Rotary Foundation were the centerpiece of District 764's programs in 1978-79. A Group Study Exchange Team, under the leadership of James L. Lilley, Jr., left for District 992 (New Zealand) on Feb. 15. This was to complete the cycle initiated by the GSE team from District 992, which was hosted by our district the year before. Our team presented its enthusiastic official report at the District Conference on April 22.

Three-year cycles of activities between matched districts throughout the Rotary world were emphasized in 197879. Some of the activities were supported through the Rotary Foundation. District 764 was matched with District 254 in Aomori, Japan. Rotarian Harry Knowles, District 764's chairman of Matched District Activities, visited Aomori to strengthen the bonds. Several clubs established written contacts with the matched clubs in District 254. A GSE team from Aomori made a brief visit to the Rotary Club of Moorestown.

In August, Kumiko Kamioki, one of only four youth exchange students in District 764, arrived and was assigned to the Rotary Club of Bridgeton. To complete this phase of the Matched Districts Program, the following year Eric Haines of Burlington went to Aomori as a Youth Exchange Student. Some years later Eric was selected to return to Japan as a Rotary Foundation Scholar, and then built a career around Sino-American relations.

To consolidate all the emphasis on Rotary Foundation programs within the district, the first Rotary Foundation dinner of District 764 was held in February. Guest speaker was Ernest H. Slaybaugh, PDG of District 723 (New York City and along the Hudson River) and chairman of his district's Foundation committee.

The affair helped to raise the plateau level of the district from 500 to 600 percent, a distinction then shared by only 15 other districts in the world.

Later, in May, Ernie Slaybaugh sent a letter of congratulations to District 764 which read: "I was thrilled—to see what a fabulous job you have done with Rotary Foundation."

District 764 has continued to hold Foundation dinners annually.

As usual, our District Conference was the climatic event of the year. It was held at the Downingtown Inn on April 20-22. The official report showed that 560 Rotarians - 22 percent of those in the district - and 479 guests registered. There were only two clubs not represented.

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The single meeting of the conference with the largest attendance was the governor's banquet on Saturday night when 1,009 Rotarians and guests were served. The all-inclusive cost of the conference was \$140 or \$150 per couple, depending on whether the request was for one or two beds.

The Changeover Meeting to launch DG Bob Ekelburg's year was held June 29.

The year 1978-79 was both productive and exciting.

--W. Jack Clem, District Governor, 1978-79

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Thurston E. von der Tann

Year as Governor	1977-78
Club	Berlin, NJ
Classification	Inland Marine Insurance
Date Joined	May 1956
Rotaryann	Harriet
R.I. President	W. Jack Davis
during year	(Hamilton, Bermuda)
R.I. Theme	"Serve to Unite Mankind"

For anyone who has been a district governor, you can't begin to display your feelings without mention of the International Assembly. In 1977, this meeting was a must for all incoming district governors. It was held in Boca Raton, Fla., and was a training session without equal. In addition to the Rotary knowledge one attained, there were also the friendships made with so many governors from all over the Rotary world. To this day, Harriet and I still correspond with friends from both this session and the International Convention following the assembly.

Our President for 1977-78 was W. Jack Davis of Hamilton, Bermuda, and his theme was "Serve to Unite Mankind." I thought his personal message to me and other governors was particularly moving when he wrote, "Every human being has dignity and value. Therefore, let us enrich and expand our thoughts and deliberations, our programs and activities, as we respond to the ideal of service to our fellow human beings. Let us act to secure health, dignity, and freedom of mind to all, as this year we strive to "Serve to Unite Mankind."

I personally felt that the President's theme could best be carried out by three words: Commitment, involvement, and communication. Commitment to the ideals of Rotary... Involvement in the ideals through the various Rotary programs and avenues of service...and Communication of ideals of service with our fellow Rotarians. I felt that we could accomplish these three things and we could look back on our year and be richer for having "Served to Unite Mankind."

The year was 1977-78 was an unusual year for Rotary in District 764 in that it was the first time we had to hold our district conference outside the boundaries of the district. Since we were notified at the 11th hour that the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel would not be available to us, the site committee had very little time to choose a location on such short notice. It was finally decided that we would go to the Downingtown Inn, and I was dubbed with the title of the guy who moved the conference out of the district. It proved to be a good thing, however, as all the future conferences outside the district also were huge successes.

The district conference is very definitely a team effort and I can't thank the entire membership of the Berlin Rotary Club enough for their support and encouragement during my year as district governor. In addition, I would be remiss in not recognizing the efforts of my good friend and fellow Rotarian Dr. Charles C. (Doc) Larsen, our conference chairman, who was absolute in his support. He has been sorely missed in our club since his untimely passing.

There is one other group that is extremely helpful to a district governor, and they are the past district governors who are always available for advice and usually doing any task you give them. My year was no different and I sincerely appreciated all of their efforts on my behalf.

Also, 1977-78 was not without its usual round of activities. The Waterford Township Rotary Club was chartered in my honor thanks to the efforts of the Berlin Club, and past president Jack Williams. A new Interact Club was started at Shawnee High School. The cause of the Rotary Foundation continued to grow and we enhanced our status in the standings. We had our Zone Institute in Lake Placid, N.Y., and due to the efforts of PDG, PRID Frank Quigley, a perennial friend of the Berlin club, we enjoyed many visiting dignitaries from Rotary International.

Few are given the opportunity to serve as District Governor, and it is truly difficult to describe the emotions one



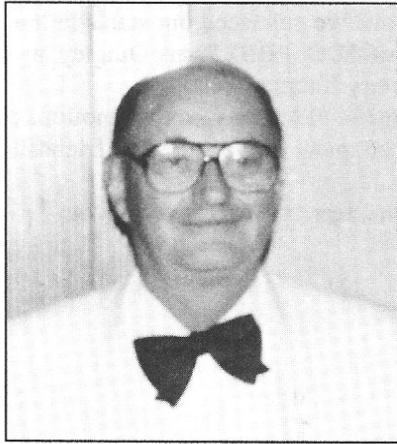
feels as he has the opportunity to be exposed to so many different circumstances, so many new and lasting friendships, and so many opportunities to "Serve to Unite Mankind."

I thank you individually, and the Berlin Rotary Club, for having given me the year 1977-78 to serve you.

**--Ski von der Tann, District Governor, 1977-78**

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**Monroe E. Fraleigh**

*Monroe E. Fraleigh*

Year as Governor	1976-77
Club	Mays Landing, NJ
Classification	Agricultural Credit
Date Joined	1958
Rotaryann	Dorothy
R.I. President during year	Robert Manchester, II (Youngstown, Ohio)
R.I. Theme	"I Believe in Rotary"

(Note: This information is from DG 1976-77 Pete Fraleigh's June 1977 newsletter account of his year in office.)

If Dot and I were able to say thank you to each and every one of the Rotarians in District 764, it would be the most pleasant thing we could do at this time. Knowing that it is not possible to do we would just like to say "thank you" here in this last Governor's Monthly Letter.

The opportunity of being your Governor is a once in a lifetime one, and one that no man should turn down. Yes! It has taken all of our free time, but what better way could a family give of their time than to SERVE OTHERS.

I have found that many of you give freely of your time and don't look for anything in return. To each of you: The Past District Governors, my Area Representatives, Committee Chairmen, Committeemen, Presidents, Secretaries and other club officers and every Rotarian and Rotary Ann in the district, I would like to say thank you for the help and assistance which you have so graciously given to me this year.

I feel that as our year is coming to an end that the clubs and the district are just a little bit better than when we started last year, which lets us realize that as President Bob Manchester says "I Believe in Rotary" and "I Believe in You, we also can say the same.

I ask that each of you do your utmost to help "Ski" von der Tann during the ensuing Rotary year.

As the year end approaches we can look at the amount of contributions to the Rotary Foundation with pleasure. Yes, as of May 30 we have contributed \$41,147.14 which will give our district three additional Education Awards for the Rotary year 1979-80. On the above date the total contributions to the Foundation had grown to \$338,186.35. What the totals will be for 1976-77 is only a guess. We have had 39 Paul Harris Fellows named this year and have 111 Sustaining Paul Harris members.

All of the Past District Governors are now Paul Harris Fellows. I had the pleasure of presenting three men with Paul Harris Fellows on June 17 at Mt. Laurel (all were presented as an honor by the club) and will present six on June 30 at Moorestown. This could be a record for any district governor to present at one time, but it is one of the pleasant chores that I will have the honor to do as my last official act as District Governor.

I congratulate each club and member that has so graciously given to the Foundation this year.

**--Pete Fraleigh, District Governor, 1976-77**

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William C. Lamon

*Bill Lamon*

Year as Governor	1975-76
Club	Lower Township, NJ
Classification	Radio Broadcasting
Date Joined	September 1966
Rotaryann	Nellie
R.I. President Mello during year	Ernesto Imbassahy de (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
R.I. Theme	To dignify the human being"

Before I begin the year 1975-76, I would like to thank Rotarians and Rotary-anus who fifteen years ago gave great support during our year together. A special thanks to the members of my home club, the Lower Township Rotary Club for the many hours of support they gave to me during my year as Governor. We only had twenty members, but they put "Service Above Self". Together we set the P-A-C-E, for the busiest and most rewarding Positive year of my life in Rotary, which started at the Attitude International Assembly, which was a ten day training Changes session for district governors from all over the Everything world to come to Boca Raton in 1975 and hear Rotary International President, Ernesto Imbassahy deMello, from Brazil, set his theme, "TO DIGNIFY THE HUMAN BEING". He used these five words as a challenge for every Rotarian around the world to practice in our daily lives. His statement was, "Let us do our Share-Let us Contribute-Let us Collaborate-Let us Strive-Let us Devote-Let us Cooperate-to intensify our Actions-"TO DIGNIFY THE HUMAN BEING", and I immediately said, "GET TUIT and DUIT" for Rotary, which I carried as my slogan, and I am still called the "Get Tuit and Duit" governor.

Our youth exchange program with Don Mackrell as chairman, and DGN Pete Fraleigh's knowledge and untiring efforts, we were able to have twenty youths from all over the world spend one year in our district with different Rotary clubs. We also had several youths from our district going to other parts of the world for a year. These two Rotarians made the youth exchange program become well known to district 764 Rotary clubs during my year, and I was thankful for their great efforts.

Scholarship awards were given to four students to spend one year of college in a foreign country under the Rotary Foundation Scholarship program. These scholarships were made possible through the many Paul Harris Fellowships and contributions that were made to the Rotary Foundation from the Rotarians here in District 764. A first for our district happened in August of 1975 when we held an amputee golf tournament with chairman Wayne Roberts of Collingswood Rotary bringing in amputee golfers from all over the United States. This outing had three points, first-to supply recreation for many who were willing to serve for us and our country, second-we had a fellowship dinner, and third-all profits were donated to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Philadelphia to help the children of South Jersey who went there. The amputee golf tournament was a great success with \$3300.00 being donated to the Shriners hospital, making it very rewarding.

Our group study exchange team spent eight weeks at District 315 in South Africa under the Rotary Foundation GSE program. Our GSE district chairman, Jim Lilley, spent much time helping to select our team and team leader.

PDG Ralph Shockey had the honor of being on the International World Community Service committee, and he

was in charge of forty six districts to head up International World Community Service.

During my year as governor, Bernie Blaum headed up the extension program to help start new clubs in our district, and he very successfully helped to start four new Rotary clubs in District 764. Walt Fish, our membership chairman, worked very closely with Bernie, and due to their joint efforts membership increased from 2634 to 2707. This was a great increase, and the most new clubs started in one year, for several years. Four new clubs and an increase of seventy three members in one year was a fantastic job done by these two committees. November 1975 was the date of our Governor's Harvest Moon Ball at the Cherry Hill Inn with a great turnout and a nice contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

Governor Hem Naisby passed away following the Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada. He was the first Paul Harris Fellow in District 764, and he encouraged my club in 1975 to name me as the third Paul Harris Fellow in District 764. We decided to start a memorial fund, and our district Rotary clubs contributed \$4000.00 to name his four children as Paul Harris Fellows.

The Vocational Assembly, with 14 districts participating was held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York, with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Bishop Fulton Sheen being the speakers, and I was honored to introduce Bishop Fulton Sheen. We had two buses and a couple of cars to New York, having almost a hundred attending. With a "Get Tuit and Duit" attitude I made all my official visits to each club by October 8, 1975, and a second visit to every club during the next four months. My Governor's year started with 59 clubs, and we started four new clubs ending up with 63 clubs. The clubs that were added to District 764 were: Winslow Township in January 1976, Upper Township in May 1976, Garden State of Cherry Hill in June 1976, and Waterford Township in June 1976. This was the most clubs added to our district in one year, for a good many years prior.

The Four Way Test became important, and we had 10,000 cardboard 10 x 15 posters made up that were distributed throughout the district for display in businesses, with a request that each business follow the "Four Way Test" in their business and personal life. Herb Taylor used the twenty four words of the Four Way Test in his own life several years before becoming President of Rotary International, and he challenged Rotarians around the world to follow the Four Way Test in their daily life. Gloucester Rotary put out 500 posters to businesses, with the challenge to follow the Four Way Test daily.

In 1975 I had the honor of having Past Rotary International President J. Edd McLaughlin and his son, 1975-76 Governor Ralph and wife Billie McLaughlin from Big Springs, Texas, visit my club area, and Lower Township Rotarian Jonathan and wife Ada Munson hosted them for two days.

The Rotary clubs of Palmyra-Riverton, Pennsgrove, and Sea Isle City all celebrated fifty years of Rotary in February 1976.

PDG Ed Shultz and PDG Ralph Shockey both won the "Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service", for the outstanding support and service they gave to the Rotary Foundation.

Wrightstown 1975-76 Rotary President Bill Demas raised a staggering \$10,000.00, which he presented to the Deborah Hospital for use in their operations. President Demas believed in the slogan, "Get Tuit and Duit". It took District 764 ten years, from 1966-1976 to raise \$270,000.00 for the Rotary Foundation, and in a recent year the district raised almost that much.

A highlight of every district governor's year is his district conference, and in March of 1976, it was a real highlight to me. Our conference in March of 1976 was held at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, which is now the Resorts International Hotel Casino. 1976 was the nation's Bicentennial year and our theme was a Bicentennial conference. We had the United States Bicentennial Band perform and our registration passed 1200, with all sixty clubs in attendance. The Saturday night banquet had a record breaking 1574 attending, with Dr. Dean Miller speaking on "Fitness For Busy People". The Coast Guard Band also performed. The Rotary International President's Representative, PDG Gaeton Ferraiulo from District 747 brought a challenging message. We had the GSE team from District 315 in India arrive the day before our conference started, and they were guests at our district conference.

They spent eight weeks in our district with many clubs hosting them. PDG Jim Lilley was chairman and set up a good itinerary for the team while they were here. Conference chairman Frank Church spent many long hours to make the Bicentennial conference one to be remembered for a long time. A challenge was made for all twelve areas in our district to have an area project, and nine of the twelve had and completed their project, which helped to get Rotary clubs to work together. There were also several community projects done by several clubs.

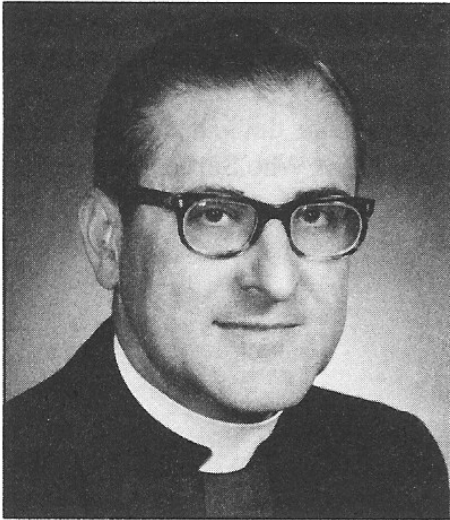
PDG Ralph Shockey brought to our attention the need for Emergency Relief funds in Guatemala, and through the generous gifts from the Rotary clubs, we raised \$4593.00 for Guatemala.

In 1976 the Rotary International Convention was held in New Orleans, La., with a good group from District 764 attending. I have attended 17 International Conventions, and have become known as the Rotarian with the big hat, as seen in the picture prints. This big hat has the greatest communication effect that I have ever discovered. Rotarians and Rotary-ans from all over the world communicate with the big hat with a smile or taking a picture

of the big hat. I have said many times that I wish we could all have a friendly communication, such as the big hat has.

Everything that has been written here would not have been possible if it weren't for the dedicated Rotarians in our district being willing to put "Service Above Self", and knowing that "He Profits Most Who Serves The Best".

**--Bill Lamon, District Governor, 1975-76**



Ralph I. Shockey

Year as Governor	1974-75
Club	Moorestown, NJ
Classification	Home for the Aged
Date Joined	November 3, 1960
Rotaryann	Dorothy
R.I. President during year	William R. Robbins (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida)
R.I. Theme	"Renew the Spirit of Rotary"

A new record of registration for the District 764 Conference at Haddon Hall in Atlantic City was achieved with 1,806 present for the various sessions.

Among the highlights of my year was the collection of funds to provide a recreational area for the poor children in Saltillo, Mexico. The clubs in District 764 donated more than \$13,000 toward the international service project. Additionally, club members of Saltillo Rotary and others in the community donated another \$30,000. I was pleased to be present for the dedication of the beautiful park on July 4, 1978.

District 764 had a Group Study Exchange with District 732 in South Africa during my year as district governor. I was successful in starting the International Bicycle Fellowship with the endorsement of worldwide governors from five international districts. Marvin Green of the Beverly club was selected as president pro-tem.

I visited 59 clubs in District 764 and stressed the value of participating in all of the programs and objectives of Rotary International.

My year saw a new innovation for the opening of the district conference. Instead of the traditional Friday afternoon plenary session which had been poorly attended in the past, the first session was combined with the governor's banquet on Friday evening. This proved to be an excellent arrangement because the business of the evening did not detract from the spirit of the conference.

During the year, 19 clubs in the district increased their Rotary Foundation plateaus. This was due largely to the addition of 28 Paul Harris Fellows and 34 sustaining members.

I appreciated the excellent cooperation I received from fellow Rotarians serving on

committees and former district governors who willingly shared their experiences with me for which I was thankful. All of this helped to "Renew the Spirit of Rotary" as I helped President Bill Robbins carry out his theme for the year.

**--Rev. Ralph Shockey, District Governor, 1974-75**



Louis C. Joyce, III

Year as Governor	1970-71
Club	Blackwood, NJ
Classification	Realtor
Date Joined	March 1960
Rotaryann	Rachel
R.I. President during year	William E. Walk, Jr. (Ontario, California)
R.I. Theme	"Bridge the Gaps"

I was the last governor to serve District 764 when the State of Delaware was part of our district, which then consisted of 70 clubs. A new District 763 was formed consisting of Delaware from District 764 and Eastern Shore of Maryland from District 762.

I had a great club in the membership of Blackwood Rotary and their wives. Without them, I would have been lost. They helped make a difficult task much easier to perform.

Perhaps the highlight of my year as District Governor was in the area of Rotary Foundation. I encouraged all the clubs to raise their plateaus of contributions to the Foundation, and we attained the 300 percent level in one year. Prior to that, it had taken about 10 years to have the district go from 100 percent to 200 percent. We were able to name about 24 Paul Harris Fellows, and we accomplished the highest Rotary Foundation contributions in the district up to that time.

The District Conference in Atlantic City was another bright spot in my year. The attendance of 1,330 at the Saturday night banquet was the highest to date and easily exceeded our goal of 1,300.

The Group Study Exchange also was highly active in my year. We sent a team of six men and their Rotary leader to Australia. They were able to share their experiences with many of the clubs throughout the district upon their return.

Several new Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, and Rotaract Clubs were formed within the district in 1970-71. Again, another example of Rotary International President William E. Walk Jr.'s theme to "Bridge the Gap."

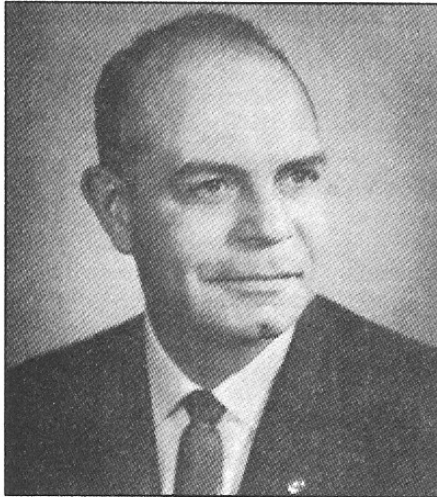
My goal for the district project was to raise \$4,500 for distribution to three areas of need throughout the world. Well, I received 100 percent participation from my clubs and exceeded



my goal with more than \$5,000 collected to help those areas designated for assistance. Rotary has been, and continues to be, a most rewarding inspiration for me. I have been able to share with my fellow Rotarians a high degree of ethical philosophy and unselfishness that Rotary exemplifies, and I feel very fortunate that I am a member of Rotary International.

**- - Lou Joyce, III, District Governor,1970-71**

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**John H. Hassler**

*John H. Hassler*

Year as Governor	1962-63
Club	Salem, NJ
Classification	Plumbing and Heating
Date Joined	1948
Rotaryann	Eleanor
R.I. President during year	Natish C. Laharry (Calcutta, India)
R.I. Theme	"Kindle the Spark Within"

Salem Rotary Board of Directors voted to submit my name to the Nominating Committee of the District for 1962-63. At that time, District 764 included the clubs in the state of Delaware as well as Southern New Jersey.

The President of Rotary International in 1962-63 was Nitish V. Laharry of Calcutta, India. He was an outstanding president, and our district had another extremely successful year. The theme of Rotary in 1962-63 was "KINDLE THE SPARK WITHIN."

There was a new emphasis by the dedicated Rotarians of Delaware and Southern New Jersey to serve their community, their district, and on an international level as well. The spark within brought new success stories for nearly every club in the two-state area.

Hundreds of Rotarians joined together to help the schools in Uganda by collecting more than 25,000 used and new textbooks. The books were delivered to Glassboro State College, where volunteer students prepared them for shipment. The books were sent to Kampala, Uganda, for distribution by Rotarians.

Our District Conference was held at the Haddon Hall in Atlantic City and the 1962-63 conference was another great weekend in April filled with Rotary, fellowship, fine food and much fun.

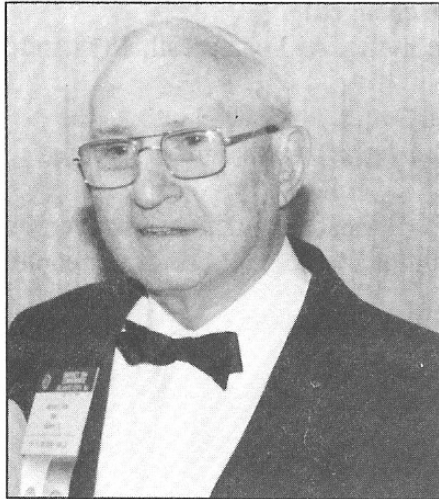
The Rotary International Convention in 1963 was held in St. Louis, Mo., June 9-13, with 10,779 registered.

I want to express my gratitude to Salem Rotary Club President Eugene R. Taylor, Jr., his officers, directors and all members for their fine support during my term as District Governor. Without the backing of each member, it would not have been possible to obtain the success that existed in District 764. I am indebted to each Rotary Club president for their outstanding leadership.

**--John Hassler, District Governor, 1962-63**

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## Section 5



Benjamin B. Foster

*Benjamin B. Foster*

Year as Governor	1958-59
Club	Gloucester City, NJ
Classification	Laundering
Date Joined	May 1935
Rotaryann	Leona
R.I. President during year	Clifford A. Randall (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
R.I. Theme	"Help Shape the Future"

The year I served as district governor - 1958-59 - seems like a long time ago, although it has been only 30 years. I was a comparatively young man then, in my late 50s, and I certainly had a lot more hair.

The president of Rotary International during my year as district governor was Clifford A. Randall, an attorney who was a member of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rotary Club. I recall that Randall visited our district 15 years later, in 1974, as the personal representative of R.I. President Marcel Corbat. Edwin T. Schultz of Haddonfield was our district governor. In 1958-59, there were 56 Rotary clubs in District 764 - 41 in New Jersey and 15 in Delaware. District organization was somewhat more simple in those days. The district governor was it, although there were conference committees.

I was nominated at the district conference in April 1958, attended the International Assembly, attended the district governors' training school at Lake Placid, was elected at the International Convention in Dallas, and assumed office July 1., 1958.

I can't recall any truly outstanding events during that year. However, two actions that were taken would have a considerable impact upon our district.

One, a poll was taken among the 56 clubs to ascertain if they wanted to change the time of the district conference from Sunday-Monday to Friday evening, all-day Saturday, and the final session Sunday morning. Of the 56, 43 agreed, 11 did not, and two failed to respond, so I assume they did not care.

Two, I instituted the system of the governor's area representatives. Today there is a very elaborate hierarchy of representatives, coordinators, and committees. Of the eight areas which existed in 1958-59, three in Delaware and five in New Jersey, two had vacancies the entire year. The Area VIII representative was Osborne Nicholson of Ocean City, who

became district governor in 1960-61, and the Area II rep was Russell E. Wilson of Dover, Del., who became governor in 1963-64.

Because my own Gloucester club was a small one, I enlisted the assistance of the Camden and Mt. Ephraim Rotaries to prepare for the district conference. Camden's William J. Colvin agreed to serve as conference chairman, Mt. Ephraim's Fred P. Riegel -who became district governor himself in 1965-66 - as conference secretary, and Gloucester's Edwin G. Beaumont as conference treasurer.

Club presidents were A. Weir Steadman of Camden, Dr. Henry M. Evans of Mt. Ephraim, and William P. Etherington of Gloucester.

Entertainment for Friday evening was provided by the Valley Forge Military Academy Band with Wilbur Evans baritone soloist. Phil Sheridan, well-known Delaware Valley radio and television personality, was guest speaker at the Saturday banquet. And the Saturday lunch and dinner cost \$7.50. How things have changed!

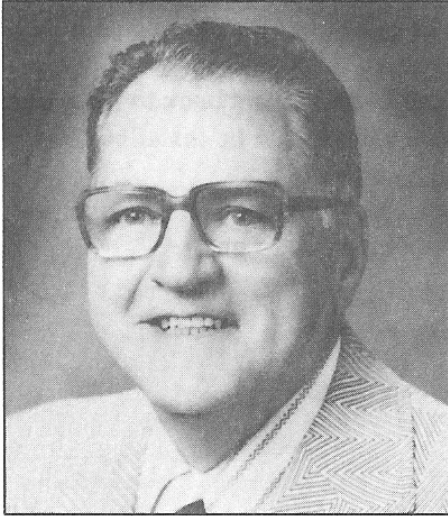
At the time, there had been 26 different district governors, of whom 21 were living. As I can recall, 18 attended the conference.

How long ago was it? Dwight David Eisenhower was president of the United States. And the Nautilus, the country's nuclear-powered submarine, made an historic voyage from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic submerged under the Arctic ice.

The opportunity to serve as a district governor is a tremendously rewarding experience. And after it is over, one can't help having a very much greater appreciation of the organization and the countless benefits it brings to people throughout this great world of ours.

Thanks, Rotary, for the memories.

**--Ben Foster, District Governor, 1958-59**



Frank J. Quigley

Year as Governor	1954-55
Club	Atlantic City, NJ
Classification	Sporting Goods-Retail
Date Joined	February 1945
Rotaryann	Gertrude
R.I. President during year	Herbert J. Taylor (Chicago, Illinois)
R.I. Theme	"6 Objectives for 1954-55"

It requires more than one story in a history to adequately document the amazing Rotary career of Frank J. Quigley, the only District 764 Past District Governor who can add "PRID" to the end of his name. A book might be better.

Quigley, an Atlantic City Rotarian for 44 years who now has the rare distinction of being a permanent honorary member of his club, served a two-year term as a Rotary International Director in 1976-78. He is the only R-I director in the district in 60 years - since Charles W. Ackley of Vineland served in 1929.

But that honor tells only a fraction of the story of Quigley's whirlwind Rotary career. Quigley, now retired and living in Deptford with his wife Gertrude, joined Atlantic City Rotary in February 1945 with the classification of Sporting Goods/Retail. A native Philadelphian who attended city parochial schools and later attended what is now Penn State University, Quigley relocated in Atlantic City to manage M & H Sporting Goods. Quigley commenced to serve as chairman or member of virtually all club committees, and became club president in 1951-52.

Quigley also served on numerous district committees, chairing several, and in 1954-55 was district governor of what then was District 272. It was an historic year - the golden anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

Quigley replaced District Governor Nominee Frank Shaner, of his own Atlantic City club, after Shaner passed away before taking office.

It was a busy year for Quigley. As governor, he chartered five clubs: Cape May, Cherry Hill (Erlton at the time), Runnemedede, Westville, and Brandywine, which is now part of District 763 in Delaware. He attended the R.I. convention in Seattle, Wash. - just one of the 18

international conventions he attended.

He was a member of the R.I. convention committee for Denver in 1965-66, and served later on R.I. youth activity and international institute agenda committees on three other occasions. Quigley was a fixture at all district assemblies and conferences. Between 1969 and 1985 he attended all zone institutes, and was treasurer for the first in 1969.

Quigley was district representative to the council on legislation in 1954, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1970, and was alternate delegate three other times.

His Rotary resume also includes serving seven years as Sergeant-at-Arms for the International Assembly at Lake Placid, N.Y. and serving as representative for 10 R.I. presidents at district conferences. When the R.I. convention was held in Atlantic City in 1965, he was the chairman of the host club committee as well as assistant R.I. treasurer. But perhaps Quigley's greatest Rotary honor was his term as Rotary International Director in 1976-78.

"I've been all over the world for Rotary and without the assignments I've had I've never have gotten to most of those places," said Quigley. "I'm just very thankful to my Atlantic City club for selecting me for membership 44 years ago."

Frank and his wife Gertrude both are Paul Harris Fellows. Although he seldom is able to get back to his Atlantic City club since relocating in Gloucester County, Quigley's heart is still with the shore club. And he installed the club's new president, Charles Carlino, this June.

"I miss my friends at Atlantic City Rotary," he says. "They're some of my closest friends. The friendships I've made can't be compared to anything. That's one of the reasons the human aspect of Rotary is so great."

**--Frank Quigley, District Governor, 1954-55**