

**The History
of the
Rotary Club
of
White Rock**

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INCEPTION and DEVELOPMENT
The Rotary Club of White Rock
1955 - 1990 (and beyond)

The Beginning - 1955*

In early 1955 the Rotary Club of New Westminster was requested to consider new club formation. They chose White Rock as a possibility. President Keith Nettleton and his committee then asked Martin Deacon of White Rock to canvass the area for interested members.

Martin had come to White Rock in late 1954 as manager of the newly opened Canadian Bank of Commerce on Washington Avenue, now a part of Marine Drive between High Street and Stayte Road. He had spent the three years previously in Burns Lake where he established that Rotary Club. He was the first president there, and an early Charter Member, so he was well qualified for the task in White Rock.

In 1955 White Rock was a small seaside resort with a population of perhaps 4,500. Lions, Kiwanis and Kinsmen clubs had been established. Martin, with some assistance from Simon Cameron, canvassed the professional and business men in the community. In March, 1955 an organizing meeting was held at the Surf Club, 944 Washington Avenue. With several members of the New Westminster Club to explain Rotary and some thirty potential members present, a provisional club was formed with Martin Deacon as interim president.

In 1955 the centre of business was along Washington Avenue with a few businesses at Five Corners at the hilltop. At that time the waterfront road that is now Marine Drive and eastward continues as 8th Avenue was split into three sections. From Stayte Road (160th St.) east was Campbell River Road, from Stayte Road west to High Street was Washington Avenue and west of High Street was Marine Drive. Streets from the waterfront up the hill were named Washington (because of the close association with the United States), Victoria, Columbia and Royal.

*The history of the White Rock Rotary Club was begun May 1, 1990 by Arn Swanson and Roy Jelly in 1988 when the "Highlights for 1986/87 and 87/88 were developed from notes prepared by the retiring presidents. The plan was to begin by presenting brief yearly histories each year-end...working back in time to earlier years and also to work from the beginning, relying on past presidents and our one remaining Charter Member, Don Crawford. Highlights for 1988/89 and 1985/86 were added in July, 1989. 1990 saw chapters done for 1981/82 and further chapters will be added until our history is complete and up to date. ALS, RLJ.



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White Rock Rotary Club

WHITE ROCK, B. C.

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TARA SUPPER CLUB
KING GEORGE HIGHWAY
WHITE ROCK, B. C.

Tuesday, July 5, 1955

===== "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" =====

Provisional meetings were held at the Silver Moon Hall, Martin Street and Victoria Avenue with speakers from the New Westminster club. Those coming to mind were Keith Nettleton, Sect'y., Fred Yates, Otto Gaube, Kirk Gerow, Tommy Morgan, Pete, Mark, Ralph Outerbridge, Ray Bowell, Ray Oncles, Wilf Green and others.

The Rotary Club of White Rock was chartered by Rotary International on June 2nd, 1955 and its charter was presented to the club July 5th by Past District Governor George Maloney. Charter members were:

OFFICERS

Martin Deacon, President	Finance-Banking
Vic McPherson, Vice-Pres.	Lumber Retail
Charlie Caldwell, Secretary	Insurance - Fire & Casualty
Simon Cameron, Treasurer	Land Investment
Harry Blomme, Sgt.-At-Arms	Meat, Retail

DIRECTORS

Dudley Evans	Funeral Parlor Operation	Sid Fennel	Construction, Electrical
John Hunter	Law, Judiciary	Bruce Fraser	Law
Cec. Parsons	Renting Property	Roland Harvey	Customs Brokering
		George Heard	Auto, Mechanical
		Franklin Johnson	Sales, B.C.E.

MEMBERS

Louis Biro	Medicine, Physician	Bob Langlands	Building Materials
Bob Black	Construction, Heating	Ernie Lewis	Shoe Repairing
Tommy Blades	Medicine, Surgeon	Tom Lockhart	Autos, Retail
Art Bourassa	Oil, Distributing	Len Long	Recreation, Curling Rinks
Jack Burrows	Grocery, Retail	Ed Middleton	Customs
Gordie Caldwell	Publicity, Advertising	Punch Mitchell	Real Estate
Graydon Connor	Construction, Carpentry	Ron Robertson	Clubs, Management
Bob Cooper	Florist, Retail	Todd Spicer	Restaurant Management
Don Crawford	Optometry	Jim Shaw	Feed and Seed, Retail
Harold Davis	Chicken Production	Bill Walton	Service Station, Management
		Leighton Young	Refrigeration Engineering

Ceremonies took place at the Tara Supper Club, corner King George Hwy. and Crescent Rd. where Sports and Import Cars is now located. We became a member club of District 151; the fourth club south of the Fraser River. The others were Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Hope.

District 151 was composed of 70 clubs with about 4,500 members. It covered an immense area - Alaska, Yukon, western B.C. (roughly from the Fraser River to the Pacific ocean, including Vancouver Island) and western Washington. This included the Olympic peninsula, the populous Puget Sound area, south to the Oregon border and extended eastward to a north-south line running just west of Yakima. It extended almost 3,000 miles north to south.

In 1956 the District was split. A new District (152) was formed which

encompassed Vancouver Island, the Olympic peninsula, Seattle and southwest Washington. District 151 retained Alaska, Yukon, mainland B.C. and Washington State. to just south of Everett. District 151 then contained 37 clubs in all, with about 4,500 members. This was still an immense area for a District Governor to cover!

In 1957, a world-wide renumbering was undertaken by Rotary International. Our District 501 was designated 504 with no changes in the boundaries.

In 1973 the further changes were made as follows:

District 501 – Alaska and Yukon.

District 502 – Vancouver Island, the Olympic peninsula and Southern Washington below Seattle.

District 503 – The greater Seattle area.

District 504 – Northwestern B.C., the Lower Mainland and northwest Washington to and including Everett.

With an increase of over 50% in the number of clubs since 1973, District 504 was split as of July 1st, 1987 roughly along the Fraser River from Hope westwards. That portion south of the Fraser and including Haney, Mission and Harrison-Agassiz on the north side was renumbered 505. The new District had 15 clubs in B.C. and 17 in Washington. Thus, since the White Rock club joined Rotary International in 1955, the original District had become five and the 70 clubs grew to approximately 200 with over 13,000 members.

The first year of operation of the Rotary Club of White Rock was one of learning with the guidance of two members who had previous experience – Martin Deacon and John Hunter. Fund raising was a problem. Meagre amounts were raised through car washes (which at least provided fun and fellowship), pools and raffles. One project, selling light bulbs door to door, proved specially unpopular with all. The club was feeling its way during that first year so major projects were not established, however, donations were made to several worthy causes.

There was a considerable turnover in membership during the first year. Despite this, the club managed a net gain of two, bringing the membership to 36– a nice achievement! Among those who joined the club later in the first year were two who are still active at the time of this writing, (May, 1990) – Bob Tingle and Ken Thompson. All considered, we had an enthusiastic group that boded well for the future of Rotary in White Rock.

Don Crawford, Charter Member

HIGHLIGHTS of 1958-59

Al Hogg, President

Dr. Robert John Allan (Al) Hogg, one of the first physicians to practice in White Rock, joined the club in February, 1956 and became President for the 1958-59 year. Al's term actually began in May, 1958 because the retiring President Robert Talbot, a Presbyterian minister, accepted a call to become a missionary to the Christian Korean Church of Japan.

Al had been discharged from the Air Force in October, 1946 and then joined Tom Blades in a general practice. Their office was located in the old Cloninger Hotel – now called the Ocean Beach. Dr. Blades was probably the second full time doctor in White Rock, and Al Hogg the third. There was a Dr. Bill Sager, an older man who came from Burnaby during the war and set up practice in the White Rock Hotel. He retired about 1948.

Al and Tom practiced here for several years before there was a hospital in White Rock. The whole South Surrey area was largely forest with most building situated along, or close to the beaches. Hospitalization was available only across the Fraser River at New Westminster hospitals or farther afield. The Surrey Memorial Hospital opened about one year after the Peace Arch District Hospital in 1955. Drs. Louis Biro and Ken Middleton both arrived in 1955 when the hospital first opened.

Both Tom Blades and Louis Biro became Charter Members of our Rotary Club. Tom dropped out after a few months while Louis remained very active until his death in December, 1985. Louis was an excellent Chairman of the Projects Committee for many years prior to his demise in 1985.

Al Hogg was a Kinsman. When he "turned 40" he joined Rotary with the sponsorship of John Hunter, President, 1956-57. Al has been prominent in our Rotary Club ever since.

There was considerable change in Club membership in the early years. Of the 35 Charter Members, only 16 remained in 1958-59. The Executive included *three** – Vice President Jack Jones; Secretary *Charles Caldwell**; Directors *Don Crawford**, *Bert McAdam** and Ken Thompson.

At that time club dues were \$25 per year and were as hard to collect as now. Community Service Projects were: Little League (hard ball for boys) \$200, Historical Society, \$24, Adventures in Citizenship, \$276 and the Youth Centre, \$1,468. This apparently small total of about \$1,968 would equate with approximately \$14,800 in 1990 dollars – not bad for a club only three years old with less than 30 members. The club also sponsored Blood Donor Clinics as a community service.

*(Ed. note: Refers to time of writing, June, 1990, when Al Hogg still a very active Senior Active Rotarian.) The Club's major project was assisting the Youth Centre located on Johnston Rd. near 20th Ave. The Centre building served as a meeting place for Cubs, Scouts and various other youth groups. It was largely maintained by Rotary funds.

Money raising came from pools, bingo games and bake sales – courtesy of the Rotary wives. Total revenue for the year was just under \$2,800. Bill Walton, a Charter Member, bought a Rotary Wheel that "offenders" spun to determine the size of their fine. Originally fines ranged from 25c to \$1.00. They were increased in later years!

Member birthdays were noted by prizes – Rotary glasses, key chains and letter openers. Every member was responsible for at least one program. He either spoke himself or brought in an outside speaker.

The weekly "Sea Breeze" featured a "Question of the Week". Failure to answer a question resulted in a fine. This not only raised money for the Club, but also was a gentle reminder that the Rotary magazine was excellent reading.

A highlight of the year was the chartering of the Rotary Club of Langley with the Abbotsford Club the major sponsor.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1961-62

Ken Thompson, President

In the Rotary year 1961-62, club membership stood at approximately 35. Try as we might, we were unable to increase membership. Attendance was excellent with only one month where we were below 90%. Many meetings reached 100% and some had only one absentee.

OFFICERS

President	Ken Thompson
Vice President	Don Crawford
Secretary	Ray Williams
Treasurer	Archie McArthur

DIRECTORS

Don MacDonald	Sid Gibbon
Tass Russell	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Franklin Johnson

The installation of the new officers was held on June 27, 1961 at the Tara Supper Club. Ralph MacPherson of the New Westminster club, was the installing officer.

Our District Governor was Fletch Fletcher of the Vancouver club and the Rotary International President was Joe Abbey.

President Abbey's theme for the year was simple "A.C.T.".

- Aim for Action.
- Communicate for Understanding.
- Test for Leadership.

During the months of January and February we had an attendance contest with Langley. Results were: Langley, 96.475%; White Rock 97.40% -- less than 1% difference, but Langley hosted us for dinner.

Twenty members and their ladies attended the Langley/Peace Arch Barbecue which had about 400 total attendance.

Meetings were held at the Silver Moon Curling Rink across from the post office on Marine Dr. The Silver Moon was owned by Len Long, who was a member of the club.

Special events during the year were: a Golf Tournament at Peace Portal Golf Course, A Curling Bonspiel, Ladie's Night, Stag Night and the Christmas Party.

Projects undertaken included the Youth Centre, Little League, Sea Festival, Adventure in Citizenship and the Rotary Foundation. We also held a Competitor-Associate luncheon attended by 20 guests.

A highlight of the year was our entry into the Annual Rotary District Bonspiel held at Hope. Our team with Tass Russell, skip with Al Hogg, Archie McArthur and Bob Tingle brought home first prize – beautiful cut glass vases.

It was decided to publish a Roster so the first Club Roster was produced.

At the start of the year our club had an albatross around its neck. Some years before we purchased the old Ahlstrom building on Johnston Rd. (where the Volkswagen dealership now stands) to use as a youth club house. There was an active leader in the area who would direct the activities at the club. The leader was transferred the year before the project was fully operational, but we still had to keep up the payments. They were a continual drain on the club finances and limited the funds we had available for projects. The circumstances were disconcerting to the new club members so our number one priority for the year was to sell the building and not take a loss. We succeeded and even made a small profit!

In the early days of the club we were fortunate to have Ray Williams, the Hospital Administrator, as our permanent Secretary. At the start of each meeting he would put before the President a typed agenda with all the necessary and pertinent information. It made the President's job very easy.

At the District Conference at Harrison Hot Springs the incoming President of the Rotary Club of White Rock met the incoming President of the Sedro Woolley Rotary Club. The two Presidents decided that a joint meeting of the two clubs would be a good idea. This meeting was held at the Leopold Hotel in Bellingham and proved to be another highlight of our year. Twenty-one members with their wives from White Rock attended and Franklin Johnson provided the entertainment.

The year ended with 269 Rotary Districts, 59 new clubs and a District increase of 100 members.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1969-70

W.F. "Robbie" Robinson, President

This was a banner year for Rotary but, unfortunately most of the records have been lost. Recognition of the club's accomplishments survive in a letter from District Governor Harold D. Stafford in which he congratulates the club for its accomplishments.

Not the least of those was the increase in membership from 37 to 55, the largest increase in the District. This, even though several members were lost through death or transfers from White Rock.

OFFICERS

President	W.F. "Robbie" Robinson
Vice President	Ray Williams
Secretary	George Evans
Treasurer	Rudy Rapske
Past President	Terry Coyne

The club gained recognition for its tremendous World Understanding United Nations activities and the joint meetings held with other clubs on an international basis. These accomplishments led to the presentation of a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the District Governor.

During the year, visitations were made to: the Rotary Club of Oak Harbour; the Rotary Club of Sedro-Wooley; a combined Haney/White Rock meeting with Langley; Ladner Rotary Club combined with a trip to Swartz Bay and return and finally, a special get-together with the teaching staff of Trinity College was held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations.

Fund raising during the year was the most successful yet with over \$2,000 more than any previous year. Through the efforts of Sid Gibbon, the Chicken Barbecue was launched as a July 1st project. It raised \$4,400. In addition, Sid and Charlie McLaren raised \$2,000 through lotteries, etc. bringing the grand total to \$6,400. With help from the Rotary Club of Lachine, we created eight beds of roses, each containing 50 Peace roses at various points in the city. These included

one bed on each side of the War Memorial at City Hall. These two beds continued to bloom for 18 years before being replaced.

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations, Rev. Stanley Smith of the Seaman's Institute conducted a service in the Central United Church with District Governor Harold Stafford reading the scripture. Following the service, the congregation paraded to City Hall and the maple leaf flag was raised in honour of this event.

A most important memorial of this anniversary was a weekend at Westminster Abbey in Mission. This was an inter-denominational service with our, and other Rotary Clubs included in the weekend services.

Other items of note include a Competitor/ Associate Luncheon and a Golf Challenge with the Langley Rotary Club. A noon meeting was held at the Evergreen Baptist Long Term Care Home where Rudy Rapske showed off his splendid new establishment.

Rotarian of the Year was Gerry Clifford. He was the first named on a plaque donated by Robbie Robinson.

Last, but not least, was the introduction of Dr. Ben Gullison of Operation Eyesight International, a Canadian organization operating a small eye hospital in Sompeta, India. Our club was proud to make the first Rotary donation of \$200 to this worthy cause.

The year ended with our Installation Dinner for Sid Gibbon our incoming president.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1972-73

Earl Marriott, President

This year saw the first involvement with the Student Exchange Program under the chairmanship of Robbie Robinson. Our first incoming exchange student was Susan Grundman who came from near Perth, Western Australia. The first outgoing student from White Rock was sixteen year old Joanne Yearsley of 24th Ave. She spent the year in Albury, N.S.W., Australia.

The President this innovative year was Earl Marriott, who had first been admitted to Rotary in 1953. Earl had a most interesting career. Following graduation from the Vancouver Normal School and later University of B.C., he began teaching in one room elementary schools in rural areas near Grand Forks and then Nelson. He moved on to multi-room schools, becoming Principal of Creston Elementary in 1930.

Earl married Joan Kemp, from Erikson near Creston in 1935. In 38/39, Earl was appointed Supervising Principal of all elementary schools (9) in the District. In 1948, he was made School Inspector of all schools in the huge Peace River District until 1952 when Earl and Joan moved to Kamloops. In Kamloops, Earl was School Inspector for four rural school districts until 1960 when the family moved to Surrey-White Rock where Earl became Superintendent of Schools until his retirement in 1972.

This widely-known and respected educator of young people was a "natural" to preside over our Club's first Student Exchange Program in his presidential year. He also had the distinction of lending his name to Earl Marriott Secondary School in our community. Our Club made him a Paul Harris Fellow in June, 1986. He continues as a Senior Active member at the time of writing (October, 1990).

Club membership reached 54 plus one Honorary Member - Jim Shaw - a Charter Member. Five other Charter Members still active in the club were; Louis Biro, Don Crawford, Graydon Connor, John Hunter and our founding member and first President, Martin Deacon. Another happening during the year was the introduction of singing, led by John

Verkerk, at the regular noon meetings. Favourites were "Home on the Range" and "Waltzing Matilda".

The largest Community Project of the time, started the previous year, was the planning, fund raising and building of the South Surrey/White Rock Swimming Pool. Earl and other Rotarians were prominent members and supporters of the "Surrey/White Rock Pool Committee" which spearheaded planning and a drive for local contributions as well to supplement the financing by all levels of government. The committee eventually presented a cheque for \$26,000 for special equipment for the Exercise Room. Rotary's share was \$8,000 - most of which was raised from Chicken Barbecues of several years. However, the main achievement was securing government assistance totalling over \$1,400,000. The pool was officially opened October 2, 1976.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1973-74

Vern Prichard, President

OFFICERS

President	Vern Prichard
Vice President	Al Carroll
Secretary	Mike Carroll
Treasurer	Warren Arnold

With Lloyd Johnston as Fellowship Committee Chairman, it was a great year for fellowship, thanks to the efforts of Lloyd and his committee.

Jenny Kendrick of Sydney, Australia was our Exchange Student and is now a practising medical doctor. She has been back twice on visits here.

Money raising projects were the Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Sea Festival, one board of Grey Cup tickets and a Grey Cup Dance which did not raise much money, but was fun. A Sportsman's Dinner was also held, in cooperation with the Lions Club. It was a good community project as it honored those who were active in serving minor sports in the community.

Mike Carroll had taken over as Chairman of the bankrupt Sea Festival with a mandate to turn it around. In order to help get it going again, our Club contributed \$1,000 which was matched by the city.

For Vern, the most important accomplishment of the year was the organization of the White Rock Rotary Anns. Mary Pratt served as Charter President, and from a successful beginning, they have continued to make a great contribution to the community and to the cause of Rotary.

Vern also tells us that it has been pleasant to spend some time thinking about the fellowship he enjoyed while working with those who were members at that time. He also says it is sobering when you realize how many are no longer with us (1991). He believes though, that the Club and Rotary International have thrived, in spite of the turnover in membership. It is his hope that it will ever be so.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1974-75

Al Carroll, President

OFFICERS

President	Al Carroll
Vice President	Les McQuistin/ Lloyd Johnston
Secretary	Mike Carroll
Treasurers	Ken Scott and Frank Richardson
Past President	Vern Prichard
Sergeant-At-Arms	Fred Withers

DIRECTORS

Lloyd Johnston	Reuben Kendel
Frank Richardson	John Verkerk

District Governor – Roy Anderson of Bellingham

Meetings were held at the Centennial Arena and membership was approximately 55. Annual Dues were \$40.00 and the cost for lunch was \$3.00.

Two students were hosted, one from Brazil and one from Australia, while the Club sent two out to Australia.

The Project Budget was \$12,000 and the Operating Budget \$3,500. Sources of funds were the Chicken Bar-B-Q, the Sportsman's Dinner and the Grey Cup Pool.

Contributions were made to our major project – the swimming pool – the Senior Citizen's Activity Centre, the Salvation Army, C.A.R.S. (Arthritic Society), Rotary Cadets, Scholarships, Bursaries and Operation Eyesight.

International Community Service involved a training centre for the handicapped in Nigeria and a school in Jamaica.

For years the Club borrowed (rented) a Bar-B-Q stand from the Langley club but there had been some problems of conflicting times so \$1,000 was put into the budget to construct an "easy assembly" stand. The problem was solved with our very fine stand constructed as a Club effort with major input and expertise from such people as Bert Van Oostrum, Vern Prichard, Bob Livesey and Graydon Connor.

Vice-President Les McQuistin retired and left the Club during the year and Lloyd Johnston was appointed to take his place. As a result of this situation our Club Constitution was changed to require the election of two Vice-Presidents, number one to be "President Elect".

At this time in our history, it seemed that most of the Club's initiative came from within, rather than major direction from R.I., but they did help us with operating ideas and International Community Service ideas.

President Elect Training School (PETS) had not yet been introduced. However, we did have very good District Assemblies where we exchanged ideas with other clubs. These were attended by the Executive and Committee Chairmen - plus as many new members as we could get to come out.

It was a good year, a fun year, with great fellowship. The Rotary Anns enjoyed their first year.

LEO JOHNSON 75-76

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1976-77

Michael Carroll, President

With the choice of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States, the Bi-Centennial, the Montreal Olympics, Israel's swift action at Entebbe and the passing of Mao Tse Tsung, it started out as an eventful year. Despite such historical extravagances it took Mel Holinger, as my installing officer, bringing a giant gavel so that I could better control the meeting, to start me off on my year as President.

There is an old navy joke concerning the work involved in marital sex. Discussion was with the Admiral stating that it was 30% work and 70% pleasure, while the Admiral maintained that it was 70% work and 30% pleasure. We might never have known the final figure had we not heard an ordinary seaman allow that he figured there was no work at all, because if there was, they would have him doing it.

Seriously though, with people like Frank Richardson looking after the money, Directors like now-Justice Norm Collingwood, Peter Webb (Bank of B.C. Manager at that time), Charter Member stalwart Don Crawford and Ralph Cudmore (quodam plumber turned jeweller), the work was to direct the tremendous talent and energy represented here.

Bob Regan, a fairly new member, was Sergeant-At-Arms and he made up in dedication for anything he lacked in experience. He tried his best to make the fining part light and humorous and usually did very well.

The Secretary, another local banker, had a hard time getting into the routine because, I guess, this was a very busy time for bankers and the work of secretary took a back seat. There were some complaints and murmurs from impatient people, but I had made the choice and I stuck with it. He soon found his pace and Fred Withers became a very good secretary as he had always been a good friend.

As chronicled with a fine English pen by Bill Fuller, we had a year without really new or large size projects and I played a sort of caretaker role. However, we raised a good sum of money with various projects and spent a corresponding amount – Grey Cup tickets and dance, Chicken Barbecue and the Sea Festival. We had our meetings at the local arena and the meals were catered by "The Dutchman" whose cook played a jovial Santa Claus for our annual Christmas Party.

District Governor for the year was Gordon Christopher, who is now in District 504.

I remember enjoying my year as President, but also remember turning over the gavel quite willingly to Reuben Kendel . . .

HIGHLIGHTS of 1977-78

Reuben Kendel, President

OFFICERS

President	Reuben Kendel
1st Vice President	Bob Livesey
2nd Vice-President	Norm Collingwood
Secretary	Archie Omisimchuk
Treasurer	Warren Arnold
Past President	Michael Carroll
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ed Pratt

DIRECTORS

Sid Gibbon	Arnold Best
Carmen Beuhler	Brian McLaughlin

Reuben Kendel and Mike Carroll have been equally unlucky with their Rotary records. Mike's Rotary files were lost when he was in hospital and the office was moved without him. Reuben's disappeared when he upped stakes and moved to Keremeos. A box of goods, including his Rotary files just didn't turn up so he has been racking his brain to give us information about his year.

One thing he has no trouble remembering is that he enjoyed his year – with help from his wife Gerry and the backing and hard work of a great group of fellows.

Looking back from the perspective of the nineties, the Club was small, money raised was peanuts compared with now, but it went a long way and helped with many projects. Fellowship was the order of the day. Members all knew one another well and the fund-raising activities were fun, involving everyone.

Reuben is proud that he introduced the 250 Club concept (the idea having come from the Ladner Club) which turned out to be a profitable fund raiser.

The Club hosted an exchange student from Japan – Herna Iketa. Work was done with the Cadets and the Salvation Army.

Looking at the Roster for the year, Bob Livesey is listed as Rotary Ann Liaison – and we thought that was a new idea in 1990!

HIGHLIGHTS of 1980-81

Carmen Beuhler, President

OFFICERS

President	Carmen Beuhler
1st Vice Vice President	Colin Smith
2nd Vice President	Robert Ragan
Secretary	Roger Straker
Treasurer	Ron Wiseman

DIRECTORS

Marv Kjellbotn	Don Vander Ploeg
Brian McLaughlin	Terry Lyon
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Macpherson
Past President	Peter Webb
Outgoing Student	Susan Longstaffe
Incoming Student	Vibeke Nilsson
Rotary Ann President	Lyn Bryans

The first event of the year was the Annual Rotary Chicken Bar BQ in conjunction with the Sea Festival in Semiahmoo Park, the earnings were \$2,400. Terry Lyon was in charge and did a capable job.

Founding President Martin Deacon passed away in July. Martin had been one of the first Paul Harris Fellows in the club. The money for his award was raised by each of the past presidents kicking in \$100 (U.S.).

Peter Webb headed a committee to sell Hot Dogs and Pop at the Sandcastle Competition on August 10, 1980. Earnings were \$620 – twice what was budgeted. The weather was much better than it had been for the Sea Festival.

Ron George and Tom Pywell became members. Vibeke Nilsson was our Exchange Student from Denmark. Subsequently she and her family moved to this area. Her father Ole Nilsson has become a member of the Peace Arch club. Correspondence was received from our Sister Club (Shijyonawate).

The issue of signs at the entrance to White Rock was again addressed and referred to a committee. The progress has been constant since then.

It is interesting to note that birthday favours were passed out to club members in the year under review.

We sent \$750 to a Philippine project.

The Burning of Winter was planned for January 4, 1981 and an initial and successful fund raising Flea Market was held. There were no other major projects during the year. Our goal was to raise a good deal of money so that there would be a cushion of funds in the project account for the subsequent year. As a result, no major programs were undertaken. The previous year's program of the interplay device on the Cypress road allowance was improved and renovated by our members.

In January, food costs went up from \$3.50 to \$4.00. The weekly charge was voted to remain at \$5.00. A problem with the 250 Club and Lotteries Division of the Provincial Government surfaced and was solved by a pre-draw ritual which we still follow. It turns out that President Beuhler was delegated to approach Minister Vander Zalm about this. Such an approach went nowhere. Colin Smith approached Evan Wolfe with much greater success.

Weekly rent of the Pavilion at Centennial Arena was increased to \$35.00 from \$20.00, mostly as a result of my input at a White Rock City Council meeting.

Miss Nadine Taylor competed for the Miss White Rock title under the Rotary Club of White Rock banner. Joe Crump became the outgoing student for the following year.

One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to attain the top ten ranking for attendance in our District. The goal was attained and, as promised, our President supplied wine for the Toast to the Queen at one of the meetings held at the Pavilion during the latter part of the year. During the year, I started the practice of telling funny jokes at the start of our meetings. Some thought some of these jokes were funnier than others.

At the last meeting of the Executive for the year, the incoming Directors were challenged to establish an evening Rotary Club in our area. It took three years for this challenge to be met.

All in all, a most busy and successful year.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1981-82

Colin Smith, President

"If we move I shall quit." Coming from a long-time, very hard-working member, these words would strike terror into any president's heart.

However, a new era began in the Rotary Club of White Rock under the leadership of Colin Smith when the locale of the meetings was changed from Centennial Arena to Hazelmere Golf & Country Club. Happily, the dissenting member is still in the club and we're glad the changes worked out well, providing a more suitable setting and better luncheons.

OFFICERS

President	Colin Smith
Vice President	Ralph Crawford
2nd Vice President	David Aune
Past President	Carmen Beuhler
Secretary and Santa Claus	Mike Carroll
Treasurer	Marv Kjellbotn

DIRECTORS

Bill Dyke	Terry Lyon
Brian McLaughlin	Fred Syrnyk
Sergeant-At-Arms	Al May

Colin had been a Rotarian for less than a year when the club voted him President-Elect during his absence on vacation in the U.K. Fortunately, he inherited a strong club built up by Carmen Buehler and his predecessors.

With his usual dry wit, John Macpherson inducted Colin and a vigorous Board who began work for the club on July 1, 1981.

Membership increased to 73, a net gain of 20%, under the capable chairmanship of Don Crawford and the club raised over \$250 per member for various charities.

Peace Arch District Hospital needed \$300,000 to supply equipment and extras for Extended Care patients. The Rotary Club of White Rock was the first to come forward in support of the hospital and \$6,000 was donated for a solarium. Publicity given to this donation encouraged other service groups to add their help, and again, our Rotary Club led the way with further donations (see Highlights 1982-83).

A pain relieving machine was donated to the Arthritis Society and a new van-lift was given to Evergreen Baptist Home to enable people in wheelchairs to get out and about.

With CIDA's donation, our contribution to World Community Service totalled \$26,800 that year and a note is on file from Robbie Robinson "What a wonderful year - we have raised over double the money of any year in the history of the club". Robbie was reporting on behalf of chairman Don Vander Ploeg. Projects carried out included work on a health program in the Philippines and a motorized unit to assist a hospital in Manipal, India under the auspices of Operation Eyesight Universal.

The main fund-raising projects consisted of The 250 Club, selling refreshments on Sandcastle Day and selling barbecued chicken during Sea Festival weekend. Millie Webb, (Past President Peter's wife) was here, there and everywhere, working hard and keeping the rest of us working too. The best chicken-dissecting person was Dr. Al Hogg. He obviously knew the anatomy of the bird.

During his club visit, District Governor Jack Hotell spoke of the challenges offered to us through the year's theme "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary". In pursuit of this goal, our club was as diligent as ever in Youth Exchange work, with leadership from chairman Charlie McLaren. Susan Longstaff returned from her year in Sweden, Joe Crump took off for Australia and Simone Hallak arrived from Brazil.

We were very proud to sponsor Lisa Kenyon as a candidate for Miss White Rock. She well-deserved to be chosen Maid-of-Honour although, of course, we thought she should have been awarded the top position. Lisa later became the wife of Everett McLaren, a former Exchange Student to Australia.

Some of our younger, more energetic Rotarians re-roofed the cover on the outdoor checkers board near the pier.

Through President Colin's contacts in Vancouver some out-of-town speakers provided interesting programs. Surrey Mayor Don Ross was also a guest speaker, and the local newspaper which covered the talk headlined "secession move not likely, Ross tells Rotarians". Doesn't that give you a sense of Dèja Vu?

In spite of feeling they were "thrown in the deep end" when Colin was elevated to the top position in the club so quickly, he and Alison enjoyed the year. The friendship and support of all the Rotarians and their wives helped smooth out all difficulties.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1982-83

Ralph Crawford, President

Ralph Crawford, who joined Rotary in 1973 at Fort Gary, Manitoba, became a member of the Rotary Club of White Rock in April, 1980. A committed Rotarian, Ralph became President of the club in July, 1982. Only two years later, he was elected Governor of District 504, which later was divided into two Districts – 504 and 505.

During his first month in office, Ralph suggested a gigantic book sale as a fund raising project. The first sale, dubbed the "Biggest Book Sale West of Winnipeg" was held in May, 1983 and raised \$12,163 during a ten day sale period. The first Book Sale Committee was, Colin Smith, Chairman; Ron George, depot manager; George Fric, collections; Len Parker, advertising and Jack Hood, mall sales manager. Ron George and Jack Hood were two members of the original committee who continued as leaders of the Book Sale with increasing success for many years.

In August, 1982, our incoming Exchange Student, Torbjoen Larsson arrived from Sweden. Our outgoing student, Diane Gaul, left for Australia. The Club also approved a major project to spend \$13,000 to fund the furnishing of the second and third floor solaria in the new extended care building at Peace Arch District Hospital. The Club had previously approved furnishing the main floor solarium. Each of the three was named a "Rotary Solarium" in the Weatherby Pavilion.

In October, 1982, Rotary Mixed Bridge was started with Colin Smith the first chairman. A real fun thing, Rotary Bridge continues growing in numbers of players as of 1989-90 – under the chairmanship of Jim Bryans since 1983-84.

The Grey Cup Pool netted \$1,619 in November. The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles, manned part time by Rotarians, netted a total of approximately \$38,000 in December. During the year, the sixth, seventh and eighth Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Mike Carroll, Al Hogg and Jim Bryans. Three in one year was a record at the time.

In February the 250 Club Party was very successful and raised \$8,767 for charity. Ralph Crawford was proposed for District Governor (District 504) – the first White Rock Director since the club was chartered. Ralph went on to bring distinction to himself and to our club during his year as Governor.

Bill Dyke proposed an umpire's room and a refreshment outlet in a special concrete block building at the Little League Hardball field in Centennial Park – to cost \$7,000. This was completed by Bill as a major community project in April, 1983. This brought the total raised for community and international projects to over \$33,000 for the year.

Other events, in an excellent year were: a successful Golf Tournament at Coast Meridian in July; CIDA assistance in completing a Day Care Centre at Mintal, Philippines; \$1,000 given to Operation Eyesight; a very successful Golf Tournament; Dinner at Hazelmere run by Al Hogg's committee in September with a profit over and above the fun and fellowship of \$200!!; four young leaders for RYLA Conference; \$1,800 in scholarships to the two local High Schools and fourteen members with perfect attendance records.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1983-84

Fred Syrnyk, President

Fred Syrnyk, a thirteen year member of Rotary, originally in Dawson Creek, then in White Rock served as president in 1983-84. The theme for the year was "Share Rotary – Serve People" and the White Rock club accepted the challenge wholeheartedly.

In sharing Rotary, fifteen new active members were inducted into Rotary with a net gain of eight members after employment transfers and other losses.

The club had several-inter club visitations throughout the year. Members travelled to enjoy fellowship with the North Snohomish County, Oak Harbour and the Vancouver club during President William Skelton's visit to District 504. On February 23 – World Understanding and Peace Day – twenty members travelled to the Whatcom County North club and exchanged greetings. In March and April we arranged an attendance challenge with the Anacortes club and exchanged visitations. We won the challenge and the Attendance Gavel remained with the White Rock club.

The club fellowship activities included bridge, curling, an evening of bowling and a golf tournament at the Meridian Golf Course. A Children's Christmas Party was one of the highlights. The White Rock club hosted eighty Rotarian children and grandchildren with Santa giving presents to them all.

The fund raising projects included the Sea Festival Chicken Barbecue, football pool ticket sales, annual 250 Club Draw and Dance during the Valentine Windup Party. The major fund raiser was the Book Mart Sale held in the Semiahmoo Mall with Ron George as chairman of the event.

From these funds the club purchased a fourteen seat motor van and a presentation was made to Captain Allan Pittock and Lieutenant John Mills of the White Rock Salvation Army. Another presentation of \$1,500 was made to Operation Eyesight in honor of the late Rotary Ann, Florence Robinson. A new project in Madurai, India was undertaken in cooperation with the Madurai Rotary Club, and with a CIDA

HIGHLIGHTS of 1984-85

Bill Dyke, President

I was installed in June, 1984 by my good friend, Past District Governor of District 536, Jim McPhail of Dawson Creek.

In July, two big events took place, I chaired my first meeting as President of our club, and my wife, Rose, went into Peace Arch Hospital for a gallstone operation. Rose recovered quickly and worked to make my year as President a good one for me.

District Governor Ralph Crawford gave me a great deal of support and encouragement and our club did the same for him. Immediate Past President Fred Syrnyk was District Treasurer and Mike Carroll was District Secretary. Bob Martin co-chaired the District Conference with Terry Leis of Everett. Len Parker chaired the "On to Everett" committee and, as a result, 24 of our members attended the District Conference. Colin Smith was District Chairman for Youth Exchange and he, with his wife Alison, did a great job for the District, putting in a lot of time and effort.

Rotary Ann President Jean Howden and the Rotary Anns gave me their full support, which was a big factor in the club having an enjoyable year. We had 12 social events or meetings where the ladies joined us during the year.

Doug Riddell, our Youth Exchange Student, returned from Japan and gave a great talk to our club. Annie Smith, our Exchange Student from Australia, had arrived in January 1984 and always kept our meetings lively when she attended. Baron Parker was sponsored by our club and went to Australia in August, and Heidi Nylenna arrived from Norway for her year with us, so we were very busy with Youth Exchange.

Our Club sponsored a new club, the White Rock-Peace Arch Club. Al Carroll did a great job getting it all started as our District Governor Representative.

We approved \$1,900 for a workshop for orphaned children in Bolivia and we presented four scholarships at our local high schools. The Directors and the club agreed to work with the City of White Rock to develop a Rotary Park in White Rock and it was opened in April, 1985.

We had an evening dinner meeting for the visit of our District Governor Ralph Crawford and his wife Hope. It was a big evening for our club and there was a big turnout. We presented Mayor Hogg with a cheque for our share of Rotary Park. D.G. Ralph gave us a great talk

on Rotary and asked us to support his District Conference. Our Club Assembly was held at noon and over 50 members turned out.

Our Golf Tournament was held in the fall at Meridian Golf and a Golf Tournament and Steak Barbecue in the spring was a great success. Rose and I enjoyed having the club members at these functions.

Our Grey Cup Pool went well, thanks to Bob Fichtner and Charlie McLaren and the Christmas Party for the children was a huge success thanks to Charlie McLaren and Dave Aune.

On January 8, we had a big social evening when Art Jenkins of Operation Eyesight was honored by being made a Paul Harris Fellow through the efforts of Robbie Robinson. It was Annie Smith's last meeting with us before she returned to Australia. We all missed her, but we still had Heidi with us to keep us involved in Youth Exchange.

A Club visit to LaConner kicked off our attendance competition with them. Later a bus load of their members returned the visit. This attendance contest was good fun.

The 250 Club Party was a great evening. Len and Norma Parker celebrated their wedding and the members of our club attended their reception. May and Tom Pywell and their family attended the party to celebrate May and Tom's 50th wedding anniversary. Art and Dorothy Wall also celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss.

The Book Sale went well even though we only ran it for five days due to our commitment to the District Conference. Al Hogg and his committee did a great job.

We inducted 10 new members and lost six (two of these joined the Peace Arch Club) for a net gain of four. Our Attendance for the year was 84%. In April we were tops in the District with 95%. We had eight Paul Harris Fellowships, including the one Rose gave me.

Two students were sent to RYLA and we sponsored Les Elgert to attend a conference on energy in Edmonton. We sent Sharon Hobbs to the Adventure in Citizenship in Ottawa and Sharon Carr was sponsored by our club for the Miss White Rock Pageant.

On June 27th, Al May was installed as the new President at a very happy dinner meeting.

I would like to give special thanks to DG Ralph, Immediate Past President Fred and to Al for all their help. The 1984/85 Executive and everyone in the club made my year as President an enjoyable one, and I still appreciate all they did for me.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1985-86

Al May, President

Alexander (Al) May, a member of the club since June, 1980, became President in June, 1985 for the year. Al operates a collision repair shop and an auto rental franchise. Other officers were:

President Elect	Rudy Rapske
Vice-President	Len Parker
Secretary	Frank Richardson
Treasurer	Marv Kjellbotn
Past President	Bill Dyke

The major fund raising project continued to be the week-long Book Sale at Semiahmoo Mall which netted \$9,279. The 250 Club netted \$8,219 and the Grey Cup Pool \$3,187. The Chicken Bar-B-Q netted only \$686 and the Hot Dog Sale on Sandcastle Day, \$890. These last two projects, succesful at first, were yielding progressively less for a considerable amount of work and were therefore discontinued. Total funds raised were \$27,601.

The major community project was donation of a fully reconditioned ambulance to the St. Johns Society. The major International project was the beginning of the Polio Plus program. This accounted for most of the increase in Paul Harris Fellowships to 12 for the year – a new record for our club. A fresh water project was completed in India.

Our outgoing exchange student Lori Searle, travelled to Brazil. The incoming student, Helena Johanesen, came to us from Denmark.

The Rotary Float trailer was presented to the White Rock Sea Festival Society. Two \$500 scholarships were donated to each of the two high schools in our area.

The club lost two fine members with the passing of Dr. Louis Biro - long time White Rock physician and John Macpherson who came to us in 1977 after a lengthy membership in London, Ont. Downtown Club (since 1958).

HIGHLIGHTS of 1986-87

Rudy Rapske, President

Rev. Rudy Rapske served the Rotary Club of White Rock as President in 1986-87. During his term Rudy completed eighteen years of perfect attendance and the club achieved some significant "Firsts".

For the first time since the club was organized the attendance record reached the top ten for District 504.

Another first was the record number of Paul Harris Fellow awards. Of the 15 awards, the proceeds of one was for R.I., Foundation unrestricted fund. 14 went to R.I. Polio Plus program.

During the year the school workshop for training workers in manual skills sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chocabambo, Bolivia was completed. Financial assistance was provided by White Rock Rotary which also secured a CIDA Grant in aid.

A Blood Bank project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madurai Central in South India, was begun with a White Rock Rotary contribution and a large CIDA grant totalling approximately \$13,300.

The major community project was the purchase of the base unit for the "Lifeline" project by Peace Arch District Hospital..

The outgoing Exchange Student was Diana Hill who went to South Africa. The incoming student was Rashida Fidvi of Bombay, India.

The book sale exceeded its target by nearly \$1,300 to raise at total of just over \$10,000. Co-chairmen Charlie McLaren and Frank Gardner along with senior consultant, adviser and worker Ron George and the whole committee did a fine job.

Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to two students from each of the local high schools.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1987-88

Gordon Howden, President

Dr. Gordon Howden became president after only a few months as President-Elect following the sudden death of then President-Elect Len Parker. Gordon joined Rotary at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan in 1953.

This was an excellent year. The Book Sale set a record by raising \$16,000. The 250 Club and pools proceeds provided approximately \$9,000 for a total of \$25,000 for Rotary Foundation, Operation Eyesight, Polio Plus and local charities. Sale of Rotary Cook Books netted \$6,000 for Polio Plus so that the club's three year objective of raising \$47,000 was exceeded.

The death of Past President Lloyd Johnston (75-76) sparked the club's interest in the White Rock Hospice Society. It became the club's major community project and received \$8,000 in financial assistance.

The club had an increase in membership of 3%; there were 19 perfect attenders; the club stood second in attendance in the new District 505. There were 17 new Paul Harris Fellows (a record) due to the large amount of money raised for Polio Plus.

The second Probus Club in Canada was formed by a White Rock Rotary committee headed by Past President Colin Smith ('81-82) (C), Dr. R.J. (Al) Hogg (58-59) and Past District Governor (Dist. 508) Allan Speers.

Sonia Mosnik, Rotary Foundation Scholar for District 505, was a nominee of our club. She attended the University of Hawaii. Our incoming exchange student was Sandra Germanos from Sao Paulo, Brazil and our outgoing was Andrea MacDonald who went to New Zealand. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to two students from each of the local high schools.

The club reached the goals necessary to be eligible for the Rotary International Citation which was received late in the 1988/89 year.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1988/89

Arn Swanson, President

Dr. Arnold (Arn) Swanson, who began in Rotary in Saskatoon in 1954, and later was a member in London, Ont., served as President. The Club had another excellent year despite the difficulties caused by the loss of three key officers during the year due to changes in their business lives.

The club gained sixteen new members while losing only five. This brought membership to 100 plus two Honorary Members. One of the Honorary members was Robbie Robinson who had been a member of our club since 1961. The net increase was 12.4%, which exceeded our goal of a 10% increase.

Led by PDG Ralph Crawford, our club sponsored a new breakfast club, the Semiahmoo Rotary Club which, was chartered by R.I. in June, 1989.

Attendance for the club dropped somewhat, but the number of perfect attenders rose from 19 to 23 .

Our weekly bulletin, Sea Breeze, won the District 505 award, thanks to the fine efforts of editor Roy Jelly.

Our club enjoyed the privilege of hosting a Group Study Exchange Team from Mexico for four days in April-May, '89.

The Book Sale had another record year, netting \$17,754. The 250 Club and Pools were down slightly to just over \$8,000. These amounts, plus other income, produced approximately \$29,000 for Rotary Foundation, Operation Eyesight, World Community Service and local charitable projects.

Local community projects were funded for over \$19,000. In addition, Provincial Grants for local projects were secured totalling \$79,500.

The Club contributed \$3,684 to a District 505 World Community Service project to provide pure water and sanitation facilities for two villages in Assam. This project generated extensive CIDA Grants and an RI "Special Grant" so that our club's contribution "grew" to over \$20,000.

*Of this amount, \$49,000 was a "Go B.C." Grant for which the club put up \$1,000 for a total of \$50,000 to be used for the eastward extension of the promenade along the White Rock beachfront. This important project was completed by the City of White Rock in 1991. The \$50,000 raised by Rotary provided three disabled access ramps to the walkway.

The Club gave \$1,500 to Operation Eyesight and approx. \$2,000 for Exchange Students, including the Group Study Team from Mexico.

In addition to three the Paul Harris Fellowships budgeted by the Club and three resulting from the Pure Water project, there were eight purchased by members. The total of 14 represents approximately \$18,200 sent to Rotary Foundation. The total in various Grants, Club funds and individual member's contributions for World Community Service was approx. \$43,800 during the year.

Our outgoing Exchange Student was Ryan Carrier who went to Sweden. Our incoming student was Grant Hattingh who came from South Africa in January, '89. There was an outstanding club meeting in June when several former Exchange Students spoke to the Club on what their experiences meant to them.

The club sent a student to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa and had three young White Rock leaders attend the RYLA Conference. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to two students from each of the local high schools.

We had a very good year!

HIGHLIGHTS of 1989-90

John Rogers, President

Two weeks before he was due to take over as President, Brian Tapp had to withdraw because of relocation in his business life.

Vice-President John Rogers stepped up, having no chance to go to the PETS Conference or in any other way prepare for his year. Fortunately, he inherited a supportive and hard working Board and together they led the club through its usual active and productive programs.

OFFICERS

President	John Rogers
President Elect	Paul Weeks
Vice-President	Ralph Long
Secretary	Dale Bradford
Treasurer	Rob Kamensek
	Brian Kirkham
Past President	Arn Swanson
Sergeant-At-Arms	Roger Olson

DIRECTORS

Wally Dore	Ralph Long
Jim Fenyesi	Orville McCrea
Bill Hall	

Membership was maintained between 95 and 100, although there were many changes throughout the year due to business moves, including a change of Treasurer late in the year.

Overall attendance was kept up and there were 17 one hundred percenters.

The club won the Best Attendance Plaque at the District Conference and the "Sea Breeze" was given honourable mention.

It was a year of Happy Bucks and no fines which worked well and helped carry out the Theme for the Year – "Enjoy Rotary".

On the fund-raising side, not just one but TWO successful Book Sales were held, raising a grand total of \$29,000. The usual Pools brought in \$4,000 and the 250 Club \$7,400. In addition, members participated in two Casino Nights which netted \$16,500. Four tons of educational

books were put together by club members and "the gang were all there" to see them off to Fiji in style, courtesy of Canadian Airlines International who donated the freight space for this important Literacy Project under Bruce Tingley's committee.

All of these events meant many, many hours of hard work but provided opportunities for fellowship as well – particularly the Book Sales which require active participation by everyone, including our ladies. The devoted work by Ed Stott and Bill Holtby deserves special mention.

The major project for the year was the provision of \$28,000 toward the purchase of a Phaco-Emulsifier for the Peace Arch District Hospital to speed up recovery from cataract surgery. Operation Eyesight also benefited and breeding goats were supplied to farmers in the Philipines.

Ten Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded, making our club second in the District for Unrestricted Givings to the Rotary Foundation on a per capita basis.

Youth Exchange Student Grant Hattingh of Capetown, South Africa, was hosted by the club and Natalie Barnes from Semiahmoo High School had a great year in Japan.

Six men from Yorkshire, England, were hosted under the Group Study Exchange Program and two young people participated in RYLA.

After meeting the commitments for the Phaco-Emulsifier, Paul Harris Awards, RYLA, etc. this year's Board provided a carryover of Excess Revenue totalling \$34,000 to be used in 1990/91. A result for which the whole club should be proud.

Programs were varied and interesting.

There were many opportunities for fellowship with the club's own Golf and Barbecue, attended also by non-golfers. the 250 Club Party, Christmas parties, the ongoing Social Bridge and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

Last, but no means least, the First President's Ball was held and proved a popular success.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1990-91

Paul Weeks, President

The executive for this term was installed on June 19th by District Governor Fred Miller. The new officers and directors were:

OFFICERS

President	Paul Weeks
President Elect	Ralph Long
Vice-President	Jim Fenyesi
Secretary	Gerry Gorrie
Treasurer	Marv Kjellbotn
Past President	John Rogers
Sergeant-At-Arms	Larry Colby/Roger Olson

DIRECTORS

Club Service I	Colin Campbell
Club Service II	Bill Holtby
International Service	Wayne Baldwin
Vocational Service	Dale Bradford
Community Service	Bill Hall

There is a saying that the bad thing about good times is that they come to an end and the good thing about bad things is that they come to an end. This term, I can gladly say, has been mostly good times, and we've had a lot of fun and got a lot of things done.

The year started off with a couple of firsts as the very first meeting of the year was a joint meeting with the three White Rock/South Surrey clubs. At that meeting, we were privileged to have as our guests three International Directors; William H. Huntley, International Vice President from Sutton-on-Sea Links, England; William P. Cadwallader, Director from Homer, New York and Kevin Hardes, Director from Taree, Australia.

July saw our outgoing student Jamie Ayres leave to go to South Africa, Natalie Barnes return from Japan and our incoming student, Eri Mizuma arrive from Chiba City, Japan. Eri was welcomed by several members at Bob Martin's home. When we met Eri, her English was barely recognisable and it certainly warmed my heart to listen to her at the June meeting when she gave her report. What a great command of the English language she gained after a year here with us.

On the subject of students, Simon Grant, a grade 12 student at Semiahmoo Secondary School, attended as our representative the

Adventures in Citizenship program in Ottawa. He presented the club with a very good report on his return. We had two young people attend the RYLA leadership seminar in Stanwood, Washington. They were Carolyn Haley and Chris Cook. Abigail Turner, our outgoing Foundation Scholar will go to Bristol, England to study for her Master's Degree in Law with the goal of specializing in Corporate Commercial. She will be a wonderful ambassador for Rotary.

Fundraising by the club was extremely successful and it is a result of the hard work of a core group that resulted in some record revenues. Our Casino Nights grossed \$25,154, the Book Sale, \$23,045, the 250 Club, top dollar yet at \$9,100 and the Pools, \$3,000. The projects which these funds were used on were many and varied.

\$500 to Sonya Mosnick to assist her to travel to Russia on the Homeland Foundation Project.

\$10,000 to the Come Share Society for the purchase of a new van.

\$12,000 to Peace Arch Hospital to complete our commitment of \$40,000 for the Phaco-Emulsification machine.

\$1,000 to Literacy Overseas.

\$2,000 to Sea Scouts of White Rock and South Surrey for tents.

\$1,000 to Peace Arch Soccer for team jackets.

\$1,000 for startup of a high school peer mediation group.

\$5,000 for a guide dog for a blind South Surrey resident.

\$11,745 to the new Community Arts Project.

Scholarships were increased to two \$1,500 scholarships to students of Semiahmoo School. The other two local clubs, Peace Arch and Semiahmoo agreed to look after Earl Marriott.

On an International level, there were 15 Paul Harris Fellowships presented at a total cost of \$17,700 Canadian. The goat project, in the Philippines, has not yet got off the ground. 23 members attended the Foundation Dinner at Semiahmoo.

Under our Literacy Program, we sent a container of books to Fiji. This represents some 12,000 books which will be distributed by various Rotary clubs throughout Fiji. This project will be featured at a later date in The Rotarian.

Membership was disappointing in that we are down approximately five members. It is sad to report the passing of two stalwart members, Jack Beech and Bart McCafferty.

I would like to thank the Rotary Anns for their invaluable assistance, particularly with regard to the District Governor's visit, Robbie's birthday party and our incoming and outgoing students. Couldn't do it without you!

HIGHLIGHTS of 1991-92

Ralph Long, President

There was a lot of repartee during the year, with Ralph working hard to give back just a little more to gain the edge.

Ralph joined Rotary in 1964 and was Secretary to the Vancouver Club. On retiring in 1984, he became a member of the Rotary Club of White Rock.

OFFICERS

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Secretary	Bill Hall
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Bill Holtby	Brian Kirkham
Hardy Staub	John Rogers

Most of the platform he set out on induction, July 2nd, has been completed. Attendance that day was 76.6% and has remained steady all year.

Sergeant-at-Arms George Fric, self appointed to "Colonel", started out by raising \$136.90 – and continued to make the fine pot jingle every week.

A number of Paul Harris Fellowships were presented, bringing the total of Rotarian Paul Harris Fellows to 71. In addition a good many wives have been thus honoured.

Bill Dyke gave a very interesting talk on the Rotary Convention at Mexico City. A container load of books left over from the Book Sale was sent to Fiji. A letter from the District Governor of 992 told us how much they were appreciated.

The Annual Golf and Barbecue was held in September and, as usual, was a great success with members and spouses from the other two local Rotary clubs participating. A grand time was had by all.

Our newest project, Symphony on the Sand, brought the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to White Rock beach. This required a great deal of work to reach the required goal of \$40,000+.

One of our outstanding projects, Operation Eyesight, was given a boost when the dedicated Art Jenkins talked to us in an entertaining speech.

A good money raiser was the Casino Night in one of the legal gambling halls in the Greater Vancouver Region. Ours was a huge success, thanks to the members who participated, raising \$6,242.

As always, Rotarians, children and grandchildren enjoyed and appreciated Breakfast with Santa and the gifts they received.

Christian Von Witzendorff, our Exchange Student, told us about his home country, Germany, his family and his schooling. He handled the repartee very well and gave a good talk.

We gave \$4,000 to fund four eye camps in India under the auspices of Operation Eyesight. A great International project.

Another interesting speaker was Mayor Gordon Hogg, who told us about his aims for the City of White Rock and acknowledged our donation of \$50,000 for the bridge between the pier and the Seawalk.

Newly elected MLA Wilf Hurd gave his maiden address to the Club about the regional concerns in our area.

The Book Sale was once more successful, thanks to Ken Hayes and his Committee. \$26,555 was raised. Excellent planning and the participation of all Rotarians and many wives led to this large return. All the hard work was much appreciated.

A program called "What's Your Beef?" produced some very interesting facts from members. Most of the ideas can be put to good use by the Board of Directors. Some were held in abeyance for further discussion. This replaced a speaker who could not attend. It could be well worth repeating at a future date.

Shawn Annable, our Exchange Student in Germany, wrote telling us of the difficulties in attending Rotary meetings because of the lack of clubs in the area. However, he has had very good fellowship with other students and enjoyed travelling in the area. He will show us pictures on his return.

Again, the Rotary Anns have been a big help to the Club and, under the leadership of Alison Smith, have done a fine job for us and won her a repeat of the Rotary Ann of the year Award. Our Rotarian of the Year Award went to Ed Stott for his dedication behind the scenes in our day-to-day work. It was well deserved.

Our Club has exceeded the requirements of Rotary in all the projects it has organized and President Ralph expresses his thanks to his Board of Directors, the Committee Chairmen and the members for making his year one of the best he has had in Rotary.

He adds "Keep it up".

Stories from the Rotary Club Book Sales

Have you noticed that people seldom admit to buying Harlequin Romances for themselves? They usually say something like "I have an aunt who just loves these – so I am getting them for her."

The first year we had the book sale, Father Jim Fagan was on duty. A woman came to him with about ten books in her arms. She said "Do you think you could give me a bag?" "Oh sure" he said, and bent down to find one. When he looked up, she had gone, taken the books and fled. He couldn't see her anywhere.

Later on, when he was telling about it, he said, "And I didn't even have time to forgive her."

When one of our retired realtors was still selling real estate, he was on duty, and someone asked him if he had a book about how to sell your home yourself. We never did find out if he handed over his business card. He certainly was unable to find the book.

A dissatisfied customer came along, picked up a book, looked in the front cover and held it out in disgust. "There's no price on this. I told you last year you were no good at selling books. What's the good of trying to sell books if you don't have a price on them? I see you still haven't got them arranged by author either. I just don't know how you can expect to make any money."

The embarrassed saleswoman defended herself. "We're not professionals, we're just doing our best for a good cause. Just give us what you think is a fair price. This book is in darn good shape and it cost \$4.50 when it was new. I think it's worth at least \$1.50. "Scandalized, the customer said, "A dollar fifty! I'm certainly not paying that. I could get it cheaper down the road."

Ah well, you can't win them all.

The next customer looked a bit more congenial. She was looking for a book about the saints. The sales people told her she was in luck, Rev. Bob Faris was on duty at that section. She was doubtful. "He doesn't look like a minister, does he? What kind of minister is he?", she asked. "He's very good. He's the minister at our United Church."

"Oh, he wouldn't know anything about saints."

How Rotary Anns of White Rock Began

As told later by Charter President, Mary Pratt.

"This report is a very sketchy as one of the early secretaries has moved away and took the Minute and History books with her. These were never returned so there is no record to refer to.

White Rock Rotary Anns started late in 1973. Vern Prichard was Rotary President that year and acted as liaison between Rotarians and Rotary Anns.

The original purpose in forming a club was to encourage the wives to know each other. Quite often, at Rotary functions, men would be happily visiting with one another and the wives would sit alone. We decided that "enough was enough" and we would do something about it.

Five or six of us got together at Lorraine Prichard's home and decided to call a meeting of all Rotary wives. The first meeting was at Lorraine's and there was a good turnout. Among those there – Florence Robinson, Gerry Kendal, Joan Marriott, Helen Verkerk, Shirley Carroll, Marian Carroll, Lorraine Prichard, Florence Richardson and myself. There were others, but memory fails me.

The first executive – President, Mary Pratt, Vice-president, Helen Verkerk, Secretary, Shirley Carroll, Treasurer, Marion Carroll.

Al Carroll donated the Rotary Ann pins to the executive and the Rotarians made a gift of \$100 to get the club started. Some time later we purchased the "Bank" of flags that is used on their rostrum, as a "thank you" for their help.

Thanks to Robbie Robinson, he could tell me that on January 14, 1974 we had Mrs. Jorgenson speak to us on the need for volunteers at Peace Arch Hospital.

As I said, the original purpose was to get to know each other, but we soon added another purpose – and that was to assist the men in their endeavours.

One final note. If it hadn't been for the encouragement of Robbie Robinson, I don't think the Rotary Anns would have been organized.

'Mary Pratt' Charter President, 1973-74

The name "Rotary Anns" has an interesting history too.

A group of Rotarians were in the U.S. on their way to a Rotary Convention, along with their wives. As they greeted each other, first one, then another and another introduced their wives "This is my wife Anne"... There were so many Annes or Anns that they said "Our wives are all Rotary Anns". So the name Rotary Anns was decided. All Rotarians' ladies are Rotary Anns and may, or may not, choose to become members of the Rotary Ann Club.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992-93

Jim Fenyesi, President

As they say, it was an interesting year. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their efforts throughout the year – especially Francois Egan, our tireless Secretary. The position of secretary is probably the most important and time consuming job in Rotary.

OFFICERS:

President	Jim Fenyesi
President-Elect	Gerry Gorrie
Vice-President	Hardy Staub
Secretary	Francois Egan
Treasurer	Rob Gawthrop
Sergeant-at-Arms	George Fric

DIRECTORS:

George Fric	Randy Taylor
Greg Kennedy	Wayne Baldwin
Ken Hayes	

Ralph Long left the club in good shape and we tried to build on that. We had to deal with the controversial issue of women in Rotary right at the beginning of the year. Under the guidance of the rules set down by Rotary International we inducted our first female member, Pamela Bendall. Of our fourteen new members to join during the year, five are women. This rebuilding of the club has our membership approaching 100 again. We continue to require new blood in our club – it makes for a more healthy Rotary club.

We have turned more of our attention toward the youth in our community than we have in the past. We sent students to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa and a new Adventures in Forestry in Prince George. Both sets of students gave us excellent reports of their trips and we will be repeating the projects again. Our Rotary club has just recently committed \$25,000 towards Earl Marriott school for part of their weight training facility under the "Partners in Education" program.

Frank Port urged us to be clean and cool with the elementary school kids by funding \$3,600 toward the "Clean and Cool" program.

Our usual fundraising activities were as successful as ever. Another sleepless two nights were put in by our Casino Committee to raise \$11,000. The Rotary Club of White Rock Annual Book Sale raised in excess of \$26,000. Another terrific job. With the addition of the proceeds of the Grey Cup pools and the Club 275 function, the club's

total fundraising for the year exceeded \$40,000. Thanks for the terrific effort by everyone.

On the international scene, we again made a donation to Operation Eyesight. The Club awarded nine Paul Harris Fellowships throughout the year which means we sent \$9,000 to Rotary International to help fund its good work including scholarships and exchange programs.

Through Bob Fichtner's efforts we again shipped Reader's Digests and other books to a mission in China where students have a hunger to read and learn English. With the World Literacy Committee under Bruce Tingley, we sent another container of books to Fiji. This is another of our worthwhile Rotary projects.

We enjoyed some very interesting programs during the year – thanks to the efforts of our Program Chairman Frank Port. Our club had the usual good representation at the District 5050 Conference in Burlington, Washington. It was here that our Bulletin editor Roy Jelly picked up the award for the best club bulletin in the District for the second time.

And we had some fellowship. We watched Scott Wheeler in a play, we had our fall golf and barbecue. Santa arrived for our Christmas Party, much to the delight of the children. We had another Golf Scramble. It doesn't seem to be fun if we don't have some fun.

Again, I would like to thank all of the members for allowing me to be your President for the year, and keep up the good work. Nobody goes through Rotary and does the job alone.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1993-94

Gerry Gorrie, President

I wish to thank all club members for their support and involvement in club activities this past year.

This is what Rotary is all about – fellowship, and meeting together with common goals in the Four Avenues of Service.

I wish to thank Jean Howden and the Rotary Anns for their kind support. They were always there when we needed their help.

Rotary spouses always contribute to the success of a club and in our club this is very evident. In particular I wish to thank my wife Reggie for her assistance and support during a busy Rotary year.

The board of directors performed their duties with Rotary dedication and as a result, we had a productive year.

Our weekly programs were varied, including our local Indian Band Chief, Bernard Charles; a golf professional; Kwantlen College President; Director of the SPCA; Margaret Catley/Carlson, President of the World Population Council and other interesting speakers. We heard about child abuse, antique aircraft and learned about martial arts and how hearing tests work. Our thanks to chairman, Don Lawrenson.

Other club social events included a bus trip to Seattle to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners, a Christmas party for Rotarians in addition to our regular Christmas party for Rotary children and a dinner-racetrack evening at Cloverdale. We appreciate the efforts of Directors Frank Port and John Myring who helped to put all of this together, the Sgt.-at-Arms Harold Drobott, his ticket and meeting setup people who we often forget to recognize.

Hardy Staub and his Membership Committee arranged to have three new members inducted in the Club and with a year-end effort we were able to secure the names of many more potential clubmembers when the membership committee gets in gear in July '94.

Fund raising was again successful with the club coffers being enhanced by \$40,000 through the hard work of members at our annual book sale, a casino and our Grey Cup pool. Ken Hayes managed a very skillful crew at the book sale and Francois Egan led the Casino team. Rod MacLeod and Wally Dore managed to obtain over \$2,500 for the club with the Grey Cup pool.

On the spending side of our projects, we set aside funds for two \$1,500 bursaries to complement the 2 scholarships we award to Earl Marriott students each year. We also decided to participate with our two sister clubs in this area by joining with them in a common community project, the building of a field house at the South Surrey Athletic park. Our club involvement is \$30,000. Other club spending projects included assistance to the White Rock Food Bank, the Hospice Society, the South Surrey Youth Centre and Earl Marriott High School. Wayne Baldwin and his volunteers

worked hard and long on this aspect of projects and it seems to be the most difficult thing we do. Some of the initiatives here will make it easier for club Directors in future years.

Club participation Internationally included a contribution to Operation Eyesight, Romanian Orphans support and we continued to send books to China. A substantial contribution was made by our club and its members with 10 Paul Harris Fellow awards this year. Randy Taylor and some dedicated members assisted with this important Avenue of Service.

Thanks to our Past President Jim Fenyedi, we were pleased to again become involved with the Youth Exchange program.

We had an Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate ready for selection but unfortunately the candidate was unable to proceed and we will have to defer until next year.

Vocational Service headed up by Greg Kennedy and followed by Diane West, really got the club working with youth and we signed a Partnership in Education agreement with Earl Marriott Secondary. Some of the activities involved groups of the students attending our luncheon meeting, and Rotarians being involved in a Job Shadow Day. A mentor program was set up between the high school students and Peace Arch Elementary School students. Students also assisted Rotary by building our display stand used for the District Conference and our book sale.

We commenced two new Community Service projects this past year, one, the Safety for Seniors project which has reached the preliminary planning stage and the other, a Christmas Light tour arranged for the seniors residing in several local nursing homes. This project headed up by Our Salvation Army Captain John Schaper was very well received and was rewarding for all Rotarians who helped.

Members who deserve some special recognition are Francois Egan, our tireless club Secretary, Rob Gawthrop who managed to keep us in the black as our Treasurer and Brett Lamb who was always there to assist and participate.

Some notable achievements of members during the year included the awarding of the Distinguished Service Award to Colin Smith, the Meritorius Service Award to Ralph Crawford (posthumously), the International Service Award to John Rogers, and the Best Club Bulletin Award, thanks to our Bulletin Editor Roy Jelly. The Club also received a Presidential Citation for balanced achievement.

Rotary is a world of service and this past year I was given the honor of being involved in Club Service as your President and for this opportunity I will always be thankful.

HIGHLIGHTS of 1994-95

Hardy Staub, President

Another exciting year has passed, and it surprised all of us how quickly it went. It was a year when together we examined where we had been, and where we wanted to go. It was a long process, establishing the survey, compiling the results, and finally the workshop at our Club Assembly. The outcome was not only a reaffirmation of the camaraderie among our membership, it made us reflect on our goals and our commitment to our Club, and to Rotary. It was also the year for Short Jokes.

This is the time for a report and a review of what our club has accomplished in the year that has just passed.

Let us begin with our Club Service Division, which was headed by Dale Bradford, Brett Lamb and Ray Pascoe. Brett was our Sergeant-at-Arms and teller of Rotten Jokes. He, with the help of Rod MacLeod and his band of men at the door, cheerfully took our money to allow us to enjoy the offerings of the multitude of fine guest speakers Don Lawrenson managed to cajole and coerce to visit here:

Events this year included a BBQ and Club Golf Tournament in August, a winter Bridge Tournament, a Children's Christmas Party, 2 nights at the Races, and a healthy turnout for both the District Conference and the First Annual Tug-o-Thon. All those American Rotarians that entered the country illegally as they were dragged, fighting tooth and nail, through the Peace Arch onto Canadian Soil, have cheerfully donated appropriate fines for illegal entry into the coffers of Rotary International.

Dale Bradford, our Bylaw Guru, performed an outstanding job as head of the membership committee. We started the year with 67 members. Thanks to his determination we have added 14 new members during the year. I am especially proud to see the return of ladies to our membership list.

The primary duty of any Rotary Club has to be its ability to raise funds and we've had a Banner Year doing just that. Part of that credit has to go to Bob Gilholme and the quiet determination, commitment and hard work of his Book Sale Committee. Not only was it the most successful sale to date, it continues to be the fellowship event of the year. It was so successful his committee demanded an awards ceremony of its own. A contributing factor was the hard work and skills supplied by our newest member, Frank Teskey, who took on the Publicity portfolio approximately 30 minutes prior to being made a member of our club.

In addition, we had the results of the Casino. Admittedly, there is some truth to the rumor of luck, but it would not have been possible if it had not been for the efforts of Jim Fenyesi and his volunteers. They counted money and cleaned ashtrays for two nights, and in the process, broke the bank, In our favor of course.

The work of the Community, and Vocational Avenue of Service, was headed by Wayne Baldwin, Randy Taylor and Doug Brown.

The Scholarship committee, headed by George Fric, was asked to find two winners among the youth in our community. They found three. Like good

bureaucrats they immediately demanded an increased budget. So, in addition to the two scholarships we award to the students of Earl Marriott Secondary, we were able to award a total of \$7,500 in scholarships to deserving young people in our community. We can all be proud of that achievement alone.

The Community Project Committee had a long list of worthy projects to consider. The result is that St John's Ambulance will receive a replacement for their aging ambulance. Our Partners in Education commitment with Earl Marriott Secondary will see that school receive \$2,500 toward the upgrading of their recreational area. The students will raise the rest. In addition \$1,000 is headed for The Star of the Sea School to be used towards computer equipment for that school.

The most exciting project might well be the possibility of obtaining a permanent facility for this Club's use to call our own. For many years we talked about Rotary House, let us hope that the idea bears fruit, and that we will find a permanent place for our books, records, and perhaps a committee meeting place, or any other project that comes to mind. There is \$40,000 set aside, and it will be up to the new board, and boards in the future, to see if they can make it can happen.

The final avenue to be reported on is that of International Service. The Director in charge was last year's Rotarian of the Year, Bruce Tingley. Thanks to his expertise in world-wide computer communications, and his dedication and determination, matched with the hard work of his committee, our club supplied Rotahomes to the needy in Fiji, and setting up Village banks in the Dominican Republic, Lima and Peru. We are now helping provide artificial Limbs to the victims of the minefields in Cambodia and, in addition, this club is contributing to the "Sleeping Children around the World" organization, helping with books in India, the Berea School project of Dr. Leon Aller, and the Abbotsford Rotary Clubs quest for Medical Supplies and Equipment for those in the world that have need of them. And, last but not least, we helped Telfer find some money, and Penny Burley is on her way to Romania.

There are many more people and projects that deserve to be mentioned for making this year a success. To mind comes the commitment and quiet determination of Bill and Rose Dyke, not only to the Foundation, but to this club. Rod MacLeod, expended great efforts in coordinating and arranging the visit of the Group Study Exchange Team from Holland to our community. It was largely due to his efforts, along with the hosts and members of his committee, that have made that visit a huge success, not only for our club and our visitors from Holland, but he contributed a large measure towards the success of GSE program in District 5050. We have recommended Rod to District Governor Bernie as a worthy candidate for consideration as a Group Leader of a future Group Study Exchange.

No report of course would be complete without mentioning and thanking our Rotary Anns who, as they have always, assisted our club in so many ways. They continue to be a very important contributor to the success of our club.