

Rotary Charter Presented Saturday At Impressive Ceremonies, At Gold Beach

Members of the newly-chartered Rotary Club of Gold Beach, and others, guests at the affair, were given a "Romance With Rotary" by H. J. Brunnier, who has been a member for the past 42 years, of San Francisco club, No. 2 in Rotary International. Speaking from intimate experiences, he started at the beginning and told of Rotary development from its inception to what it is today—international in scope and influence. He was sent by Rotary International to make the address, equal of which has never been heard before at any charter night presentation.

"If you, members of the Gold Beach club, feel you aren't doing everything you think possible, please remember that Rotary is a long range program—it took 45 years for it to reach its present status—none of which has been easy," he said in way of introduction.



Joseph P. Breckel

"A lonesome young lawyer, in Chicago, Paul Harris, conceived the idea that he could get better acquainted with people if he were to call upon people in other lines of business. The plan took root, and one week the group would meet with the butcher, next at the metal worker, and so on.

"The idea never spread for almost three years, when one of the members was in San Francisco and told another friend, who whote Paul Harris for the plan and idea. From this was born Club No. 2, in 1908, and the beginning of Rotary International although it was not known by that name until 1922.

The next half dozen clubs of Rotary came into being on the Pacific coast more rapidly than it did about Chicago. However, as the new clubs were started, and each sponsoring another new club, the plan spread rapidly in a few years.

"A New Zealand banker carried the idea to the down-under countries, and an Englishman is responsible for its spread to the British Isles and continental Europe. It has been by this method that Rotary now boasts about 7500 clubs in some seventy-odd nations.

"Rotary hopes to bring about a better world understanding by and through business and professional men. If you do not believe the plan is working, just take time to attend an interna-

tional convention. It will be a revelation how men soon adjust themselves to others, regardless of creed or color.

"Be patient, you Gold Beach Rotarians, if you think things go slowly. Rotary was not founded and built in a day—it was a long-range program," he said in conclusion.

Following the turkey dinner, served by the Catholic and Episcopal ladies, visiting Rotarians were introduced, and presents of the different clubs showered on the new club.

Patsy Cook, radio contest winner and Brookings sophomore, thrilled the group by her rendition of "Come All Ye Faithful," both in Latin and English. She responded to applause with a Christmas song.

Bob Perkins, with aid of his trusty phonograph and loud speaker, gave the crowd plenty of laughs with his imitation of Spike Jones and others.

Vic Mecelli, of Roseburg, who seeks district governorship of No. 154 next year, gave the address of welcome to Rotarians and charged the new club with its aims and objects. He told the Brookings club to help the Gold Beach club the first few months in every way possible, and asked Gold Beach to freely call upon Brookings for answers to their problems.



H. J. Brunnier

Joe Brecker, of Vancouver, district governor, presented the

charter, and gave each member with a personal message in the form of a booklet. The meeting bowed for a moment in the memory of A. J. Russell, charter member, who had died on Monday, while at his place of business. He had looked forward to the event with great anticipation, and had plans for the club.

Don't Forget War Disabled, Legion Auxiliary Urges

With this nation concentrating thought and effort upon the re-building of its defensive power against new dangers, those who were disabled defending this county in the past must not be forgotten, Mrs. C. B. LaGranger, president of Dist. 10, Department of Oregon, Legion Auxiliary, told a meeting of Auxiliary workers when she made her official visit to southern Curry county.

The Auxiliary carries out a continuous program for the welfare of the disabled war veterans and their families, and is now planning expansion of these activities to include those disabled

in the present conflict. To maintain this work, and at the same time meet other demands for service growing out of the new crisis, increased membership strength is being sought for the coming year.

"More than 100,000 veterans of the Great Wars are confined to hospitals of the veterans administration," Mrs. LaGranger said. "They must not become 'forgotten men' because of the nation's pre-occupation with the present problems. The Auxiliary's work of bringing them comfort, peace of mind and contact with the outside world must continue. We must continue to make sure that their families at home are not left in need.

"With wounded service men again coming back from overseas, the need for the Auxiliary's rehabilitation activities is increasing, and we are hoping that many women who has not been enrolled in the Auxiliary in the previous years will join now and help carry forward our work for those who have borne the battle, their widows and their orphans."

Send the Pilot to friends!

Christmas Spirit Noted In Vicinity

One cannot mistake the fact that Christmas is upon us. Just take a stroll up the street, especially in the evening when all the window lights are on. The Christmas spirit suddenly has you in its clutches.

Since the Pilot was established almost five years ago, it has noted the great advance in the ability of local stores to supply almost every want of local people. This progress on the part of local business has been one of the big reasons why this vicinity has come into its own in all phases of trade.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hoagland are in Los Angeles on business, and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young drove to Grants Pass last Sunday on business.

Mrs. Clive Manley, who has had considerable experience in insurance office work, has accepted employment with Pete J. Lesmeister Agency temporarily.

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