

PRESIDENT LES and PRESIDENT-ELECT ART



Les Dimmick 1954-55

President Les Dimmick took office in 1954, and will serve until installation in July, when Art Knox will succeed him, as club President.

Fellowships Are Projects of Club

James Peter Chin is a journalism student from Singapore who is learning new techniques in writing as a graduate student at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He is also an unofficial ambassador of good will from Singapore to the U.S.A.

This young man is one of 108 outstanding college graduates from 31 countries who have received Rotary Foundation Fellowships for study abroad during the 1954-55 school year. The awards, with grants averaging \$2,500, have been made by Rotary International as one of its contributions toward the goal of promoting international understanding, good will and peace.

These 108 students are attending schools in 19 different countries. A Rotary Fellow from Australia is studying in Ireland, one from Brazil is in Italy, one from England is in Greece, one from Southern Rhodesia is in Canada, and so the list goes on, with each student adding a link in the chain of understanding between peoples of different countries.

Since the program was inaugurated in 1947, Rotary Foundation Fellowships have been awarded to more than 700 youths living in 57 countries, making Rotary International's total grants in excess of \$1,750,000.

The Rotary Fellowships are unique. With more than 8,400 Rotary Clubs in 89 countries, the student is in direct contact with Rotarians and their families during his year away from home, no matter where he is studying. He attends their Rotary meetings, visits in their homes and places of business, and travels as much as possible during his school holidays. In this way, he sees at first hand how the people in his host country live and, through these close associations, he lays the essential foundations for increased international understanding, which is one of Rotary's principal objectives.

Although the program is only in its eighth year, many Rotary Fellows already have shown promise that they may well be among tomorrow's leaders. They are teaching in colleges and secondary schools, they have entered the foreign and domestic services of vying as ministers of churches of advance research work, and they are active in many business and their governments, they are serving in various fields of professional fields.

PROCLAMATION

ROTARY CLUB WEEK

WHEREAS, Wednesday, 23 February, 1955, marks the Golden Anniversary of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, Rotary Club Week affords opportunity to the entire community to direct attention to the achievements, program and ideal of the Rotary Club of Brookings, Ore.; and

WHEREAS, the observance will impress upon those living in our community the greater good to society that results in placing service above self;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Brimm, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Feb. 21, and ending Feb. 28, 1955, as ROTARY CLUB WEEK in this City, and do hereby call upon the businessmen, civic organizations, churches, schools, youth clubs and organizations, and citizens at large to join in observing ROTARY CLUB WEEK.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brookings to be hereto affixed this 17th day of Feb., 1955.

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be developed into an important movement.

The second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco in 1908 and then other clubs were organized until in 1910, when there were 16 clubs, it was decided that they should be united into an organization which would extend the movement to other cities and serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas among the clubs. Representatives from the clubs met in Chicago in August, 1910, and organized the National Association of Rotary Clubs. When clubs were formed in Canada and Great Britain, making the movement international in scope, the name was changed, in 1912, to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, and in 1922 the name was shortened to Rotary International. Paul Harris was the first president of the National Association and the first president of the International Association.

When he passed away in January, 1947, he was President Emeritus of Rotary International.

While Paul Harris devoted much of his time to Rotary, he was also prominent in civic and professional work. He was honorary vice-president of the International Society for Crippled Children and served as chairman of the Committee on Professional Ethics and as member of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association and as representative of the Chicago Bar Association at the International Congress of Law at The Hague. He also served as a member of the International Committee of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Harris received the Ph.D. and LL.D. degrees from the University of Vermont and the LL.B. degree from the University of Iowa. The Boy Scouts of America gave him the Silver Buffalo Award, and he held the following governmental decorations:

- Order of Southern Cross (Brazil)
- Order of Merit (Chile)
- Order of Cristobal Colon (Dominican Republic)
- Order of Merit (Ecuador)
- Officer of Legion of Honor (France)
- Order of the Sun (Peru)



George R. Means

Secretary, Rotary International

George R. Means is Secretary of Rotary International, which is comprised of more than 8,400 Rotary Clubs in 89 countries and geographical regions with a membership of some 400,000 business and professional executives. Since he became a member of the Rotary headquarters staff in 1935, he has held various assignments, including those of Convention Manager, head of the former Middle Asia Office in Bombay, India, and Assistant General Secretary.

Local Celebration On February 21

The Brookings club will have their 50th anniversary celebration on Monday, Feb. 21 beginning at 7:30. Master of ceremonies will be Bob Perkins, and a fine program is all lined up for the evenings entertainment. Over 200 members, wives and guests and expected to attend.

On the program will be a foreign exchange student, the Brookings high school band in their new uniforms, Chief of Police Bud Cross, a girls barber-shop quartet.

Overall Golden Anniversary chairman is Archie Hendricks, a past president of the club.

The dinner will be held at the Cliff House.

Program of Rotary Club Fosters Ideals of Service

Rotary's program is to encourage and foster the "Ideal of Service" as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

The application of the "Ideal of Service" by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of men united in the "Ideal of Service."

GA Stamp News

The following countries have officially indicated they are issuing special postage stamps to mark Rotary's Golden Anniversary in 1955:

United States, Australia, Belgium, Panama, Nicaragua, Egypt, Cuba, Dominican Republic, The Philippines.

Similar announcements are expected from other countries in the near future.

"The Rotarian"

Copies of the special Golden Anniversary issue of "The Rotarian" are expected to be in the mails by the middle of this month.

Did you know that the first Ladies' Night was held by the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1908? This an dmany other interesting facts you will find in Rotary's Golden Book — "Rotary — Fifty Years of Service." Order your copies now!

As a possible Golden Anniversary project in service to youth, Rotary clubs might consider sponsoring "Rotary clubs" for boys.



Arthur Knox 1955-56

Art Knox was elected president of the Brookings Rotary Club last week, and will take office in July. Knox will be the eighth president of Brookings.

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club to establish as its fundamental characteristic the spirit of altruism and of service to mankind. As Charles W. Ferguson, senior editor of *The Reader's Digest* has written, "the founding of Rotary loosed an idea that was by no means confined to the club that Paul Harris and his associates evolved. It is still rampant and the vitality of it is to be comparable clubs. These offer a more eloquent tribute than will be written in words on Rotary's anniversary, and they signify not only the good job Rotary has done but the importance of the idea which Rotary has by now become only a part."

Commemorative Stamps

President Dimmick reported that a number of countries have honored Rotary International through the issuance of special postage stamps commemorating Rotary's Golden Anniversary. Among these countries are Australia, Belgium, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Nicaragua, Panama, The Philippines, and the United States of America.

The Great Adventure

One of the major features of Rotary's Golden Anniversary, according to President Dimmick, has been the production of "The Great Adventure," a motion picture which tells the dramatic story of Rotary in action around the world. Starring the veteran stage and screen actor Edward Arnold, the film's cast of 80 includes actors from Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Scotland, Sweden and the U.S.A. Simultaneous premieres of the film are being held this week in all of the 89 countries in which there are Rotary Clubs. It is scheduled for showing in Brookings at a later date.

Seven countries have now announced that they will be issuing special stamps commemorating Rotary's Golden Anniversary. They are:

Belgium, Nicaragua, Cuba, The Dominican Republic, Panama, The Philippines and Korea.

Belgium has already issued three commemorative stamps. Two relate to the recent Regional Conference held at Ostend, Belgium for clubs in Europe, North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean. One is related to Rotary's Golden Anniversary.

Indications that other countries plan similar action.