

**A BRIEF HISTORY**

**OF**

**FAIRFIELD GLADE ROTARY CLUB**

**2014 Edition**

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF FFG ROTARY SINCE JUNE 21, 1983

<b>Tom Swafford</b>	<b>1983 – 1984</b>	<b>William Smith</b>	<b>2005 – 2006</b>
<b>Frank Bohannon</b>	<b>1984 – 1985</b>	<b>Geoffrey Fine</b>	<b>2006 – 2007</b>
<b>Robert Rowland</b>	<b>1985 – 1986</b>	<b>Roland Robertson</b>	<b>2007 – 2008</b>
<b>Charles Roth</b>	<b>1986 – 1987</b>	<b>Howard Hickerson</b>	<b>2008 – 2009</b>
<b>Ron Ault</b>	<b>1987 – 1988</b>	<b>Wilson Jackson</b>	<b>2009 – 2010</b>
<b>Don Howells</b>	<b>1988 – 1989</b>	<b>Paul Wennermark</b>	<b>2010 – 2011</b>
<b>John McCormack</b>	<b>1989 – 1990</b>	<b>Kim Hartman</b>	<b>2011 – 2012</b>
<b>Clyde Medford</b>	<b>1990 – 1991</b>	<b>Robert Henderson</b>	<b>2012 – 2013</b>
<b>Harlam Eckstrom</b>	<b>1991 – 1992</b>	<b>Christine Celik</b>	<b>2013 – 2014</b>
<b>William Proffitt</b>	<b>1992 – 1993</b>	<b>Bruce Horn</b>	<b>2014 – 2015</b>
<b>Joe Bagwell</b>	<b>1993 – 1994</b>		
<b>Joan Arden</b>	<b>1994 – 1995</b>		
<b>James Mayberry</b>	<b>1995 – 1996</b>		
<b>Dick Cornellius</b>	<b>1996 – 1997</b>		
<b>Robert Muckler</b>	<b>1997 – 1998</b>		
<b>Jack Harms</b>	<b>1998 – 1999</b>		
<b>Jim Taylor</b>	<b>1999 – 2000</b>		
<b>Gene Holloway</b>	<b>2000 – 2001</b>		
<b>Deanna Magdich</b>	<b>2001 – 2002</b>		
<b>Gordon Atchley</b>	<b>2002 – 2003</b>		
<b>Dick Cleszenski</b>	<b>2003 – 2004</b>		
<b>Wilson Pitt</b>	<b>2004 – 2005</b>		

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD GLADE ROTARY CLUB**  
**CLUB 3857 – DISTRICT 6780**

**The Fairfield Glade Rotary Club was formed and sponsored by the Crossville Noon Rotary Club and was officially chartered on May 19, 1983. Presiding at the charter meeting were Gene Turner, President of the Crossville Noon Club, and Jim Lacey, District Governor. Lacey went on to become President of Rotary International.**

**The Charter membership was comprised of the Crossville Noon Club members, employees and residents of Fairfield Glade as well as several local business and professional men. Charter members include the following:**

**Tom Swafford, VP of Fairfield Communities**

**Jim Reed, Fairfield Communities**

**Thurman Maxwell, Fairfield Communities**

**Ray Padget, Crossville Noon Rotary Club**

**Bob Rowland, Crossville Noon Rotary Club**

**Bobby Randolph, Manager, Crossville VEC**

**Frank Bohannon, Bilbrey Funeral Home**

**Rev. Ron Pulley, FFG United Methodist Church**

**Charles Roth, Fairfield Glade Resident**

**Ron Alt, Fairfield Glade Resident**

**William Mayberry, Mayberry Furniture Company**

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**Since our founding, the club has maintained a *diverse membership* and a very good *attendance*. There have been 17 female members including 5 current members. Four of our presidents were females, Joan Arden, Deanna Magdich, Kim Hartman and Chris Celik. Currently our membership roster includes three African-American members, with one being our 2009-2010 President, Wilson Jackson. Through the years, our *attendance* has consistently ranked near the top. Many times the Club has achieved the top five (5) attendance rankings in District 6780.**

## The Rotary Foundation

*The Rotary Foundation* has played a major role in the development and continued success of our club. Since our charter date, FFG Rotary club has had 166 *Paul Harris Fellows*, 9 Sustaining members, 8 *Benefactors*, 3 *Major Donors*, and 1 *Bequest Society member*. Through January 20, 2014 there has been a total of \$248,006 contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

Within the current membership, FFG Rotary has 38 (Honorary and Active) *Paul Harris Fellows*. In addition there are 17 spouses and family members who are currently enrolled as *Paul Harris Fellows*. Each has contributed in their name a minimum of \$1,000. Sixteen (16) new *Paul Harris Fellows* have been inducted in the 2013-2014 and 3 have been named PHF+1 (\$2,000 level); two PHF+2 (\$3,000 level); one PHF+3 (\$4,000 level); and one PHF *Major Donor* (completion of \$10,000 donation) and 2 *Benefactor* members.

Through the first nine months of the Rotary 2012-2013 year, our totals are \$15, 415 and increase of \$6,321 over the same time frame last year. Fourteen (14) other Rotarians are making contributions this year, but have not reached \$1,000 per person to become *Paul Harris Fellows*.

FFG Rotary Club has achieved *Star Club* status since 2006 by contributing at least \$100 per member per year to the *Annual Fund*. The Club has contributed \$4,565 for the 44 members of record on July 1, 2013.

FFG Rotary Club has achieved *Polio Eradicator Club* status by contributing at least \$40 per member per year to the *Polio Plus Fund*. When the fund was started our club initially pledged \$10,000, which averaged over \$300 per member. Our support has continued over the years. In 2013 alone the club contributed \$2,600. In 2013 Rotarian and club member Deanna Magdich (with husband Phil) traveled to India to participate in a National Inoculation Day (NID) under the umbrella of Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign.

Currently, FFG Rotary Club contributes an additional \$40 to the first \$100 a member contributes to the *Rotary Foundation*. This affords an incentive for new members to become involved in contributing to the *Rotary Foundation*.

*The Rotary Foundation* encourages all members to make a \$100 donation each year. Every member of the Club is contributing through projects, fines, happy/sad bucks and the Queen's drawing.

## **Fund Raising Activities from the Inception of the Club**

**July 4 Cookout:** For many years club members prepared burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and popcorn at Robin Hood Park. The annual cookout lasted until competitive functions made it unprofitable as a fund raising activity.

**Hole in One Contest:** This was a \$10,000 contest. No one made a Hole in One. Ted Parvin, a local dentist, received the Closest-to-the-Pin award. Insurance and other expenses reduced the net income to a nominal amount and the contest was never repeated.

**Lobster Fest:** Through advertising and sales effort by our members, enough orders were received to have fresh lobsters flown to Knoxville where our members took delivery. Purchasers picked up their orders at Robin Hood Park. The first year for this project was successful with sufficient profits to repeat for a second year. However, not enough sales were made to continue, so the project was dropped.

**Basketball Games:** A team was formed of several members of our club. Included were a member from the Crossville Noon Club and a player from Lake Tansi. Players had to be at least 40 years of age and not over six feet tall. The team was entitled “The Over-the-Hill Gang” and games were played from Cumberland County High School, Clark Range High School and Pikeville High School. This project lasted for three years.

In its final year games were added with a group of ladies from Fairfield Glade, Tennessee Tech Ladies Alumni and Lady Vols Alumni. The Lady Vols Alumni included four players who had been “All American” during their collegiate careers. The oldsters were no match for them!

**Golf Tournaments:** In 2003 Don Testerman, one of our members, started our golf tournaments with a father/son or father/daughter tournament. Over the years since, the tournament has used several formats and was always family oriented. For ten years (2003-2013) we raised over \$20,000 each year with the golf tournaments being our chief fund raiser.

In 2008, girls and boys from golf teams in CCHS and SMHS were invited to play, having their fees covered by donations from members of the club. The format was continued in 2009 but due to high school non-participants, was discontinued in 2013.

**Jazz Concert:** On October 24, 2007 we sponsored a Jazz Concert by Stone Memorial High School Jazz Band held at the Palace Theatre in Crossville. It was a successful venture and all proceeds were given to help the SMHS cover their band program expenses.

**Annual Benefit Auction and Casino Night:** Starting in 1990, this fund raising event was conducted annually through 2012. Local merchants and private donors provided items for our annual auction held in October each year. In 2013 the club determined to hold the auction in the late spring starting in 2014. It was determined that the event being held in the fall of the year (during football season), could be more profitable if held in the spring as more folks might attend. Items sold in the past were time shares, original art paintings, and even one year the sale of a new car! Income was declining each year as items of less value were being donated and fewer people attended. A new fund raising activity generating more revenue during the fall season was proposed and one that would involve more people.

**Wine on the Plateau:** September 21, 2013 was the first *Wine on the Plateau* fund raising event for our club. A wine and food tasting event proposed by Rotarian Bob Weber, was designed not only to raise money for Rotary projects, but to also promote Rotary and Fairfield Glade. Given that, it was a joint effort with the Fairfield Glade Community Club to help secure the wine vendors and market the event. To help promote Rotary we had a *Shelter Box Tent* to show how Rotary helps people in need of shelter after a natural or man-made disaster.

*Wine on the Plateau* was originally scheduled to be an outside event on a Saturday afternoon. However, due to heavy rains the day before and threatening weather that day, it was moved to the Fairfield Glade Community and Conference Center.

With approximately 600 people attending the event, eight wine vendors and thirteen restaurants were kept busy serving samples of wine and food. Beer served from two distributors also added to the attraction. It was a very successful event, exceeding our financial goal with over \$16,000 raised. Approximately \$10,000 of this was due to our sponsors (Cumberland Medical Center, Crossville Heating and Cooling, Dave Kirk Automotive and Cumberland County Bank).

Additionally, we raised approximately \$2,000 from raffles and money deposited in the *Shelter Box Tent* to fund two shelter boxes. Given comments from the vendors, participants, and sponsors we can plan to make this an annual event each fall.

## Club Service Projects

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** For a period of several years during the late 1980's and early 1990's, the Fairfield Glade Historical Society sponsored and managed a parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our club entered a float in all the parades and most often won first place, receiving the coveted "Best of Best Awards".

**Volunteers, Inc.:** This organization was founded in 1989 by Larry Tretteneco, a member of the club. The organization's Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer also were member of our club, which was the major financial supporter.

The major objective of Volunteers, Inc. was to recruit volunteers for the charitable and service organizations in Cumberland County. Wish lists/needs were also published in local papers and aired by local radio. Such needs were identified by the executive director of the service organizations.

In 1998, Joe Walls of our club compiled a catalog listing each organization showing its mission and objectives. A District Simplified Grant covered the costs of the catalog.

Annually, our club hosted a luncheon honoring the winner and nominees for "Volunteer of the Year". Volunteers, Inc. is now inactive, but retains its 501-C-3 charter.

**CMC Flag Pole:** Shortly after the dedication and opening of the CMC Wellness Center, and as a community project, our club presented a large flag pole erected at the entrance to the Center. An erected plaque recognizes our club as donor. On January 12, 2014 the flag pole was rededicated in the opening ceremony of the new hospital addition built by Cumberland Medical Center. Several Rotarians attended this ceremony.

**Scholarships:** Internationally Rotary is perhaps best know for its scholarship Awards. Each year since being chartered our club has provided financial assistance for students at the Tennessee Technology Center (now the Tennessee College of Applied Technology). In 2013 \$7,500 was contributed to Tennessee Colleges and Universities by our club. One thousand of these dollars were added in cooperation with the Breakfast and Noon Rotary Clubs to additional funds providing college scholarships to competing student applicants The Rotary Foundation of Cumberland County.

**The Cumberland County Rotary Foundation:** The train depot in Crossville was in disrepair. The three Rotary Clubs formed a foundation and assisted in the remodeling and refurbishing of the depot. The foundation rents the property, manages and sublets the facilities containing a store and large hall for various occasions. It is a landmark in Crossville and the Foundation takes great pride in salvaging this worthy property.

**Community Band Stand:** In 2010 member Len Stark initiated a project to promote a new band stand at Mirror Lake. Tentative plans were made with Homestead Timbers, LLC to build the project. Plans were made to create local funding with additional funding obtained from a District Simplified Grant. However, it was determined by the Fairfield Glade Community Club that the band stand would be moved to a new location in the near future. The club was requested to delay their plans for the new construction until the future property could be developed.

**Trail Benches:** In 2013 our club contributed to provide seating benches along the walking and hiking trails with other clubs, organizations, etc. The names of those participating are prominently displayed on the benches. In this way, the Fairfield Rotary Club's name is viewable to the general public. It is felt that our Rotary name should be more prominently displayed in the community.

**Lonely Instruments for Needy Kids (LINKS):** Cumberland County School System uses nine elementary schools (K-12) as feeder schools to the two high schools (Cumberland County and Stone Memorial). It is these elementary schools where students are first exposed to instrumental music and the opportunity to learn the skills to play in an ensemble.

There are many studies that have shown that those students who play musical instruments score higher on certain aptitude tests than those that are not exposed to playing an instrument. Recently, due to financial allocations, many music programs throughout the county have diminished student participation to about half of what it was formerly.

Our club became aware that due to the poverty level of our county and the cost of purchasing or renting instruments, many students were prohibited to participate in these music ensembles.

In 2013 our club joined in a coalition with the Southern Stars Symphonic Brass (Dwight Wages, founder), the Stone Memorial High School (Josh Geary, band director) and Rush's Music (Steve Boyce, owner) to establish a 501-c3 program to collect used instruments from county residents which could be refurbished and returned in working order for donation to the local school music department to be loaned out to deserving/needy children.

The Fairfield Glade Rotary Club assisted with the advertisement for the collection campaign, helped with the collection and tagging of donor information at collection sites and provided financial assistance for the repair of the instruments.

Instruments collected totaled forty-eight. (17 band instruments, 3 keyboards and 1 Baldwin acoustic piano with nine instruments currently being refurbished)

The activity was a thunderous success. Instruments donated that were unable to be repaired were sold and their dollars spent on refurbishing even more instruments. 8

## **Rotary Global Grants**

(Rotary International & District matching Grants provide 2.5 to 1 matching funds)

**Ghana Wells Project:** This was one of the earliest grants in which our club participated and was entered into with the cooperation of the Crossville Noon Rotary Club. The project digs and installs pumps to provide safe water for Ghana residents. For many years now our club financially supports this project annually.

**Guadalajara Orphanage Project:** Developed in 2009-2012 with the host partner club (San Pedro Tlaguepaque Rotary Club) and the international partner club (Fairfield Glade Rotary Club) collaborated over a three year period, to provide education/classroom equipment, laundry equipment, and water purification needs for Fundacion Emmanuel's Casa Hogar Orphanage in Guadalajara, Mexico. This project supports the capacity expansion from 50 children to 100 under care at the orphanage. The orphanage primarily cares for children whose parents are in prison. Our club contributed \$10,000 towards this project through a *Humanitarian Grant Fund*.

**Haiti Bio-Sand Water Filters:** This project is joint Rotary Global Project with the Oak Ridge Breakfast Club and was begun in 2012. It is still in effect at this date.

## **Rotary District Grants**

(Local Clubs with Rotary District matching funds 1 to 1)

**SMHS Baseball Team:** In 2008 a \$2,000 District Grant and our club afforded Rotarians to handle food preparations and sales function in the concession stand at Stone Memorial High School. The grant stocked the food supply and the net proceeds from the sales went to the SMHS Baseball Team Boosters for purchase of team equipment including a batting cage. Rotarian Geoff Fine was the team announcer for each game.

**Art Circle Sculpture Trail:** In 2013 a District Grant of \$5,000 with our club providing \$5,000 collaborated with the Members of the Art Guild at Fairfield Glade in asphaltting the Sculpture trail winding through the woods behind the Art Gallery. The project makes this the only handicapped accessible and ADA compliant trail of the Glade's 17-mile network of walking and hiking trails. An appropriate sign designates this as a Rotary Sponsored Trail. Rotarians Tom Campbell, Paul Wennermark, Walt Garner and Deanna Magdich sponsored our efforts in this project. The trail was dedicated on May 21, 2014.

## **Community Service**

Thanks to the generosity of the Crossville area individuals and many sponsoring organizations that have supported our major fund-raising events (Benefit Auction, Golf Tournament and Wine on the Plateau) our club has been able to raise over \$20,000 per year to support the many community humanitarian and education needs. A brief listing of the many needs supported (non-inclusive) are:

### **Scholarships and Education:**

- Four 4-year scholarships (\$3,000/yr) to TN colleges/universities.
- One scholarship (\$1,000/yr) through the Cumberland Rotary Foundation.
- Multiple scholarships (\$2,000/yr) with TN College of Applied Technology.
- Our club sponsors the Stone Memorial High School Interact Club.
- World Affairs Seminar (Carroll University, Waukesha, WI. \$1,500/yr).
- Stone Memorial High School Athletics and Library.
- Cumberland County Imagination Library (\$500/yr).
- Rotary Youth (Foreign) Exchange Program.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).
- Roane State Community College.
- Cumberland Adult Reading Council.
- Cumberland Co. Playhouse - Triple Threat Dance & Education Program.

### **Local Humanitarian:**

- Alzheimer's Research.
- Avalon Center – Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault programs.
- Bread of Life Rescue Mission – Homeless shelter, soup kitchen, medical.
- Fairfield Glade Resident Services – Vial of Life program, delivered meals and other senior citizen services.
- Helping Hands Ministry.
- Hospice of Cumberland County.
- Kids on the Rise – Mentoring program for children and youth.
- Cumberland Children's Center, House of Hope – drug endangered, abused, kids at risk.
- Cumberland Adult Reading Council.

## **Other Services:**

- **Art Circle Public Library.**
- **Art Guild at Fairfield Glade.**
- **Fire Department – Fairfield Glade/Crossville**
- **Disaster Relief – Shelter Box USA – hurricane Sandy, tornado in Cumberland Co., tsunami in Japan/Indonesia, and earthquake in Haiti.**
- **Dominica Orphanage and School, Dominican Republic.**
- **Friends of Glade Trails.**
- **Honoraria Knoxville – Free flights for WWII & Korean War veterans to Washington D.C visiting War Memorials.**
- **Lonely Instruments for Needy Kids ([LINK](#)).**

## **Rotary International Areas of Focus**

- **Promoting peace**
- **Fighting Disease**
- **Providing clean water**
- **Saving mothers and children**
- **Supporting education**
- **Growing local economies**

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

***“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” - Paul P. Harris, founder of RI***

### **IN THE BEGINNING:**

**Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man – Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram E. Shorey formed one of the world’s first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, life long friendships. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.**

### **THE ROTARY WHEEL:**

**The first design of the wheel, the symbol of Rotary, was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel design, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate “civilization and movement.” Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gearwheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by Rotary International. A group of engineers advised that the gearwheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a “keyway” in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, the key was added, and the design that we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary emblem.**

## **THREE GUIDING PRINCIPALS**

### **1- ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**Originally created in 1933 as a *Code of Ethics*, rescinded due to religious Language, adopted again in 1977 as a *Code of Ethics*, rescinded again due to language, the present *Code of Conduct* was passed by RI Board in 2011.**

### **2- THE FOUR WAY TEST:**

**In the early 1930’s Herbert J. Taylor an American set out to save the Club Aluminum Products distribution company from bankruptcy. He believed himself to be the only person in the company with 250 employees who had hope for recovery. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. His twenty-four word principals of the things we think, say or do became the test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships.**

## **THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OT DO.**

- 1 – Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2 – Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3 – Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FREINDSHIPS?**
- 4 – Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

### **3- OBJECTS OF ROTARY:**

**At the 1910 Rotary Convention in Chicago, IL, the Objects of Rotary were formed. This was the first convention meeting and recorded six members.**

### **AVENUES OF SERVICE**

**Club Service, Vocational Service, Community and International Service.**

### **OUR GLOBAL COMMITMENT**

**The Rotary Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International’s sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary “to do good in the world.” It has grown from an initial contribution of US \$26.50 only to more that US \$55 million. It is one of the largest and most prestigious internal foundations with programs for polio eradication, humanitarian development and educational programs.**

### **OUR ONGOING COMMITTMENT**

**Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history – we’ve been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:**

**We’re truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we’re working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of the world’s most challenging problems. Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants throughout the world.**

**We persevere in tough times. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war’s end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.**

**Our Commitment to service is ongoing. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2014, only three countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria) remain polio-endemic, down from 125 in 1988.**