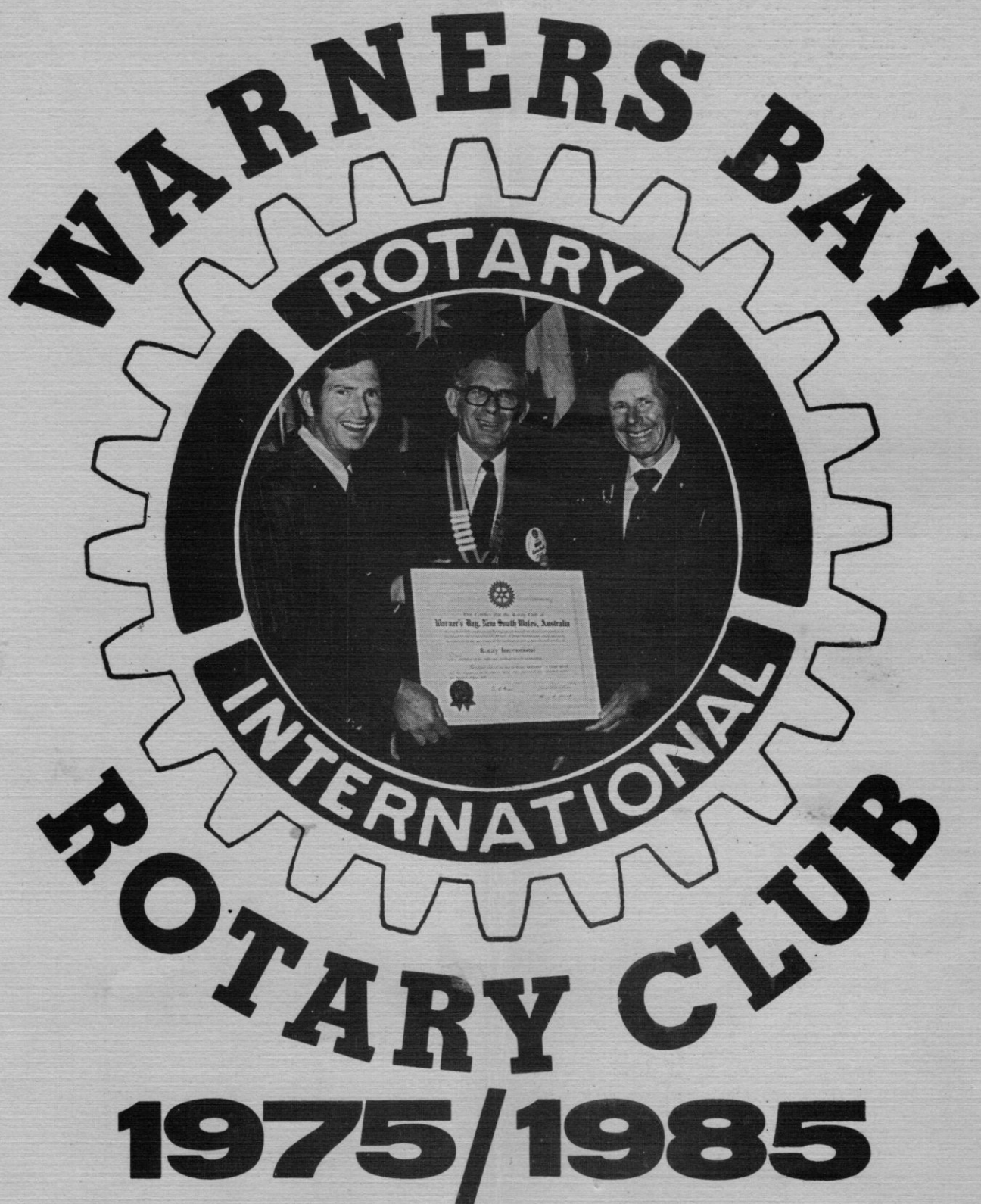


TEN YEARS OF HISTORY



THE BEGINING

*"Service
Above
Self"*

Edwards Hall — Newcastle

Saturday, 20th September, 1975

Rotary Club of Warners Bay

Welcome to our

Charter Night

District Governor 1975-76

LES STEWART

Past District Governor 1974-75

VIC. N. BRAIN

Governor's Special Representative

P. P. CHRIS PIGGOTT



Sponsor Club

Rotary Club of Cardiff

President: BRIAN CARTER-SMITH

Secretary: BRIAN RELF

- Officers -

President: Ron Roberts

Vice-President: Ed Filmer

Secretary: George Boileau

Programme Chairman: Alan McDonald

Treasurer: Bill May

Directors: Allan Cox, Don Bennett, Peter Mead,
Geoff Pendlebury

Charter Member

DON BENNETT
GEORGE BOILEAU
RICHARD CAELLI
STEVE COLLIER
ALLAN COX
LAURIE COX
PAT DELAHUNTY
ED FILMER
CYRIL GUNDRY
RON HENDERSON
COL. HUTCHINSON
JIM KING
FRANK MARPLES
BILL MAY
ALAN McDONALD
PETER MEAD
BRUCE MORROW
BOB MURRAY
TOM PALMER
GEOFF PENDLEBURY
RON ROBERTS
IAN SMART
ALAN SMITH
RICHARD TAPERELL
ROGER WAKEFIELD
RON WALKER
JOHN WRIGHT

Classification

Leather Goods Manufacturing
Steel Distribution
Parcel Service
Life Assurance
T.A.B. Services
Motels
Hospital Pharmacy
Paper & Stationery Distribution
Religion - Anglican
Coal Mining
Building Construction
Postal Services
Medicine — General Practice
Banking
Mining
Lead and Zinc Smelting
Industrial Packaging
Interior Decorating
Accountancy
Bookselling
Pharmacy
Medicine — General Practice
Gift & Toy Wholesaling
Law — General Practice
Marine Servicing
Dentistry
Service Stations

Rotary-Anne

Pat
Lindsey
Carol
Erna
Lynette
Betty
Sandra
Lorraine
Pat
Lorna
Diane
Mary
Elizabeth
Beryl
Alwyn
Marie
Nanette
Sandra
Shirley
Lorraine
Janet
Isobel
Florence
Patsey
Colleen
Christine
Dawn

A CLUB IS BORN

This is how the Warners Bay Rotary Club's first public relations officer saw the formation of the Club.....

After a series of six Interest Meetings organised by District Governor's Representative Chris Piggott of New Lambton Rotary Club, in February, 1975, regular meetings of prospective members commenced on 28th April, 1975 at the Lakeside Motor Inn.

Much fellowship was enjoyed at these initial meetings, and it was soon evident that the desire to form a Rotary Club was there. A list of thirty names was sent to District Governor Vic Brain on 10th March, 1975, for admission as a Club in Rotary International. Two of these names, however, had to be dropped from the list, as they failed to attend any more meetings. They were, Owen Chaffey and Gary Price.

This Group received its Charter as the Rotary Club of Warners Bay from Rotary International on 30th June, 1975. The Rotary Club of Cardiff had agreed to sponsor this new Club, having ceded territory along with the Rotary Club of Belmont to make the new Club possible.

It was now that the Cardiff Club excelled itself in organising the Charter Night for the new Club. The fellows from Cardiff were very anxious to make this night a memorable one, and they certainly succeeded. On 20th September, 1975, the Dinner for the Charter Night was held at the Edwards Hall at the University of Newcastle. The Dinner was catered for by the people of "Old Sydney Town", and they provided a truly "Colonial Style" Dinner. There were over three hundred people present, coming from all over Rotary District 267.

A Board had been previously elected. They were;

PRESIDENT: Ed Filmer

VICE-PRESIDENT: Ron Roberts

SECRETARY: George Boileau

TREASURER: Bill May

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE: Alan McDonald & Bruce Morrow

BULLETIN EDITOR: John Wright

DIRECTORS: Allan Cox (Club Service), Peter Mead (Vocational Service), Don Bennett (Community Service), Geoff Pendlebury, Steve Collier (International Service)

Ed Filmer, however, became ill just after his election, and had to spend a considerable amount of time in hospital. For this reason he stood down as President, changing places with his Vice-President, Ron Roberts.

Many gifts came in from all parts of the Rotary District on Charter Night, thus very adequately equipping the new Rotary Club of Warners Bay.

It was now felt necessary that this new Club should have its own Rotary Banner. In order to attain this the Club organised a competition at the Warners Bay High School to produce a suitable Banner. There were many excellent entries, but the one finally chosen was produced by Miss Gillian Newton.

Many interesting Guest Speakers have been arranged for the Club during its first year of functioning, and also

a number of Ladies Nights. The Warners Bay Club also shared with New Lambton and Belmont Clubs in hosting the Exchange Student from Germany, Miss Inis Wirshing, and is preparing to host another Exchange Student in the next Rotary year, Miss Marsha Tiedt from Sumner, Iowa, U.S.A.

Community and Vocational Service Projects were undertaken by the Club, such as transporting students from Warners Bay High School to the Lakeside Retarded School at Belmont and the Glendon Crescent Retarded School at Glendale, where the students gave their time in giving individual tuition to the children. The Club arranged for the distribution of "Medic Alert" bracelets for those suffering from some illness where information concerning their condition needs to be carried on their person.

On the Vocational side, the Club provided a counselling service to students at Warners Bay High School on careers.

On the Social side, the new Club got off to a very good start. Family picnics and Barbecues have been arranged. The smorgasbord dinner aboard the Wangi Queen proved to be a great success. The family week-end arranged at Barrington seemed to be very popular. Also the visit by a number of Rotarians and their families to "Disney on Parade", was very worthwhile.

As far as membership of the Club is concerned, we were very sorry to lose from our numbers during the year, Pat Delahunty, who found the pressure of work and involvement with Rotary more than he could manage. We have, however, gained three new members during the year. They are;

Warren O'Rourke, Classification, Building Societies
Bede Boyle, Classification, Engineering Consulting
Paul Hannan, Classification, Commercial and Industrial Photography

It can certainly be said, that while the Rotary Club of Warners Bay is one of the newest Clubs in the District, it is not suffering from Infantile Paralysis. It is growing and making its presence felt in all parts of Community life. It is also providing a very great avenue for fellowship amongst its members and their families. It shows every sign of becoming a very great Club within the Rotary District 267.

THE BOARD FOR 1976-1977

PRESIDENT

Ed Filmer

VICE-PRESIDENT

Geoff Pendlebury

TREASURER

Richard Caelli

SECRETARY

John Wright

DIRECTORS

Club Service

Ron Henderson

Vocational Service

Alan McDonald

Community Service

Col Hutchison

International Service

George Boileau

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Alan Cox

A GOOD PRESS

This was how The Newcastle Herald of the day recorded the Club's charter. An article in The Herald accompanied by a large photograph reproduced in this volume, of Ron Roberts, Cardiff Rotary President, Mr. B. Carter-Smith, and the District Governor, Dr. L. Stewart, said

"Warners Bay Rotary Club, with 27 members was chartered in an historical setting in the Edwards Hall at Newcastle University.

The Club recaptured some colonial atmosphere for the dinner to remember Lieutenant Johnathan Warner, early settler and magistrate, after whom Warners Bay was named.

Old Sydney Town came to the aid by providing material suitable for wall decorations (proclamations, maps and scenes), genuine colonial recipes for food and drink and attire for the 'wenches and flunkies' who waited on the tables.

To preserve order and decorum there was one red-coated soldier, armed with musket, ball and powder.

Sponsored by Cardiff Club, Warners Bay Rotary Club is the first club in Newcastle and district chartered in the past three years.

Territory was ceded by Cardiff and Belmont Clubs for membership purposes. The new Club will also cover Valentine and Eleebana.

Dr. L. Stewart, Governor of District 267, presented the charter and inducted new members.

He said Rotary brotherhood and fellowship was world-wide and for the current year had a theme 'Dignify the Human Being'.

This was an important challenge to every Rotarian because it could do much to improve understanding.

Mr. C. Piggott, the District Governor's Representative and member of New Lambton Club, praised Belmont and Cardiff Clubs for their co-operation.

The Club received many messages of congratulations and those from overseas included one from the World President.

The chairman was President of Cardiff Club, Mr. B. Carter-Smith, who accepted a number of gifts for the new Club.

The Warners Bay President, Mr. Ron Roberts, also received many gifts which included a Rotary cog full of coins from Kurri Kurri Club.

Mr. P. Gibson (Belmont) presented a large banner to hold Rotary bannerettes.

Another gift was a bound book of photostat copies of a Sydney Newspaper from 1827 to 1832 - the time Johnathan Warner was active in the District - for presentation to Warners Bay High School.

Guests included Past District Governor, Mr. V. Brain, in whose term sponsorship for the new Club began, Deputy President of Lake Macquarie Shire, Cr Kilpatrick, World President of Quota, Mrs. Joan May, District Governor's Nominee, Mr. G. Olsen, President of Warners Bay Lions Club, Mr. W. Irvine, and Exchange Students, Misses Inis Wersching, of West Germany, and Eliza Rice, of the U.S.A."



HOW IT ALL BEGAN

This is how Steve Collier, a former District Governor of Rotary and a former long standing and highly respected member of the Warners Bay Club, saw the first moves to establish our Club.....

During his year 1971 -1972 the then District Governor, Jim Evans, asked Cardiff Club to investigate the possibility of chartering a new club in the Warners Bay area, and appointed Past President, Dave Appleby, as his special representative.

Broadly speaking, the idea was to run a dividing line across the existing territory from Boolaroo to Hillsborough and form a new Club by ceding the area south of that line.

Eventually, District Governor Jimi was advised that Cardiff Club did not consider that there was any possibility of forming a Club in that area.

At the beginning of his year in 1973 - 1974, District Governor, Steve Collier, a member of Cardiff Club, having discussed the possibility of a club in Warners Bay with President Howard Smith, who was keen to see it formed and felt that it would be successful, appointed Karl Ross, of Cardiff Club, to carry out a survey of the potential of the Warners Bay - Speers Point district.

Unfortunately, due to a severe coronary attack, Howard Smith had to relinquish his Presidency and eventually his membership. There was opposition from within Cardiff Club to relinquishing any territory and the view was also taken that since they were unable to recruit any members from the business community of Warners Bay - due to a strong Lions Club in the area - it would not be possible to obtain sufficient members for a new Club.

They therefore advised District Governor Steve, that a new Club was not a possibility.

How wrong this assessment was, has been shown by subsequent events, and has strengthened the opinion held by many Rotarians that surveys into the potential for new clubs should be carried out by someone independent of the existing Clubs who would be required to cede territory.

THE STEPS TOWARDS A CHARTER

The then District Governor's representative, Chris Piggott, an honorary member of our club and a highly valued friend, talks about the events which led to the club's charter.....

Towards the end of my year as President of New Lambton Rotary Club in June 1974, it was made known that two New Lambton fellows would have to leave our territory.

Peter Mead and Ed Filmer were both moving from New Lambton to Warners Bay, and I heard on the grape-vine that a new club was in the embryo-stage in that Warners Bay area. As I lived in Warners Bay I was quite interested in the developments in that area, and so wrote to the incoming District Governor, Vic Brain.

It became apparent that whilst efforts had begun to form a new Rotary Club at Warners Bay, there was indecision that the Warners Bay area could support a Rotary Club.

District Governor, Vic, asked me to conduct a survey of the area - which means making a list of businesses and available Classifications. Now a survey is one thing, and has to be completed but the obvious thing that stood out to me was the fast growing population of the North Lake Area, with high standard housing, indicating the strong potential for a Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Belmont was quick to respond to the suggestion of a new Club by ceding Eleebana and Valentine on 1st March, 1975. Cardiff Club, however, were a little more reticent, having tried previously to start the new Club. Several members were quite concerned that the membership of Cardiff would be affected if a new Club were formed from their territory. I mention this only to show that in retrospect this does NOT happen, in my experience with the formation of New Lambton and Warners Bay Clubs.

It was also the furthest thing from our mind that we take Rotarians from existing Clubs. We wanted new blood.

We as Rotarians should adopt a positive attitude to spreading the principle of service to as many people as possible.

February 1975 saw the commencement of a series of six Interest Meetings, at which the

aims and obligations of Rotary were discussed.

The first regular meeting commenced at the Lakeside Motor Inn on 28th April, 1975, with 22 to 29 prospective members attending. At this stage, may I place on record, the support given to me by my own Club, New Lambton, in the running of these Interest Meetings, and to Peter Brennock and Peter Hartigan of Belmont.

Remember Malcom McLean speaking on the Darwin tragedy, Frank D'Arcy as Sergeant-at-Arms, Arthur Mordue on tourism and our Ladies Evening with our guests, Bobby and Gracie Le Brun.

The atmosphere for a great, enthusiastic Club was now set, and on 2nd June, 1975, we had an election of Officers. No less than five nominations were accepted for each position on the Board, which again indicates keen interest.

On 3rd June, 1975, the Rotary Club of Cardiff agreed to cede territory and accepted sponsorship of the new Club.

All was clear now, and on 10th June, 1975, an official list of thirty Charter Members was sent to District Governor Vic Brain to seek admission as a Club in Rotary International. Of these thirty members, unfortunately two, namely Owen Chaffey and Gary Price never attended, despite their assurance to me that they wished to join.

It is history now that the Rotary Club of Warners Bay was Chartered on 30th June, 1975.

May I pass on my thanks to all those fellows who have joined to share in Service. I am honoured to be elected to honorary membership, and treasure the friendships gained.

D.G.R. Chris Piggott

3 YEARS OLD



Remember these faces? Haven't changed a bit have they? This was the Club back in 1978.

THE CLUB AT PLAY



Our Heroes.....this fine bunch of athletes

Back Row [L to R]: Peter Brennock, Alan Cox, Paul Burchell, Slim Pendlebury, Richard Caelli, Tony (Legs) Richardson.

Front Row [L to R]: Muscles Bennett, Roger (The Dodger) Wakefield, Dazzling Darrell Smith, and Col Hutchinson, formed the Club's Soccer Team back in 1980.

THE CLUB AT WORK



1984-1985 President Bill Nicholas hands over a cheque for more than \$1,000 to Valentine Pool for the Disabled Secretary, Mr. John Mitchell. Help for the pool, which faced closure because of funds shortage, was one of our main community service projects that year.



Helen Duncan, representing the Spastic Centre, thanks Rotaract President Rob Wakefield and Bill Nicholas for our efforts in the Superwalk at Speers Point Park, another of our projects in 1984-1985.



....and this is what some of the Club members and their families look like today. This photograph was taken earlier this year after the club farewelled our Danish Exchange Student, Sanne Ronilde and her charming parents.

10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY UNION
SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1985**

MASTER OF CEREMONIESCliff Musgrave
ANTHEMBill Nicholas
GRACEAlan Beard
ROYAL TOAST Don Bennett
WELCOME TO GUESTS Ron Henderson
TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL Geoff Olsen
RESPONSE Stan Bull
TOAST TO WARNERS BAY CLUB Bart Richardson
PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLUB Frank Marples
TEN YEARS FROM NOW Vic Levi
NATIONAL ANTHEM Ian Smart

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

OFFICE BEARERS

1975 - 1976

President Ed Filmer
 Vice President Ron Roberts
 Secretary George Boileau
 Treasurer Bill May
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Alan Cox
 Community Service Don Bennett
 Vocational Service Peter Mead
 International Geoff Pendlebury
 Steve Collier

1976 - 1977

President Ed Filmer
 Vice President Geoff Pendlebury
 Secretary John Wright
 Treasurer Richard Caelli
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 International George Boileau
 Ellis Grean
 Community Service Col Hutchinson
 Club Service Ron Henderson
 Vocational Service Alan McDonald

1977 - 1978

President Geoff Pendlebury
 Vice President John Wright
 Secretary Alan McDonald
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Community Service Alan Smith
 Vocational Service Ron Henderson
 International Frank Marples
 Club Service Bruce Morrow

1978 - 1979

President John Wright
 Vice President Alan Cox
 Secretary Richard Tapperall
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Darrell Smith
 Vocational Service Frank Marples
 International Paul Hannan
 Community Service Ron Walker

1979 - 1980

President Ron Henderson
 Vice President Alan Cox
 Secretary Graham Souter
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Community Service Paul Hannan
 Richard Caelli
 Club Service Bill Nicholas
 Vocational Service Ron Walker
 International Darrell Smith

1980 - 1981

President Alan Cox
 Vice President Alan Beard
 Secretary Ken Field
 Treasurer Tom Palmer
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Bill Nicholas
 Community Service Richard Caelli
 Peter Brennden
 International John Drinkwater
 Vocational Service Graham Souter
 John Young

1981 - 1982

President Alan Beard
 President Elect Col Hutchinson
 Vice President Don Bennett
 Secretary Alan McLean
 Ken Field
 Treasurer Tom Palmer
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Vocational Service Paul Burchell
 Club Service Vic Magick
 Community Service Bill Nicholas
 International Frank Marples

1982 - 1983

President Col Hutchinson
 President Elect Frank Marples
 Vice President Bill Nicholas
 Secretary John Beers
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Geoff Pendlebury
 International Alan McLean
 Vocational Alan Beard
 Community Service Paul Burchell

1983 - 1984

President Frank Marples
 President Elect Bill Nicholas
 Vice President Ian Smart
 Secretary Ray Monaghan
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Vic Levi
 International Darrell Smith
 Vocational Service Stephen Wright
 Community Service Cliff Musgrave

1984 - 1985

President Bill Nicholas
 President Elect Ian Smart
 Vice President Darrell Smith
 Secretary Alan McLean
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 International Joe Vadori
 Community Service Vic Levi
 Club Service Cliff Musgrave
 Vocational Service Ray Monaghan
 Youth Service Alan Beard

1985 - 1986

President Darrell Smith
 President Elect Vic Levi
 Vice President Ron Henderson
 Secretary Arthur Mathews
 Treasurer Don Bennett
 SERVICE DIRECTORS
 Club Service Barry Beuzeville
 Community Service Alan Smith
 Roger Van Rugge
 International Roger Wakefield
 Vocational Service Albert Foggett
 Youth Service Rob Sinclair

THE BEST YEARS ARE TO COME!

