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SILVER ANNIVERSARY TO HONOR CLASS OF 1913

The Rotary Club of Madison, No. 71, will celebrate its twenty-fifth, or Silver anniversary on Thursday evening of this week when the members of the Class of 1913 will be specially honored.

Paul P. Harris, Founder of Rotary and President Emeritus of Rotary International, will be the guest of the Club and the principal speaker of the evening.

Early in 1913, Charles G. Campbell, of Chicago, told Bob Nickles about Rotary and suggested he correspond with Ches Perry, Secretary of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. After some correspondence, Bob sold the idea to John McKenna, Art Schulkamp and Yutch Welton at a lunch at the Elks Club. They agreed to meet the next Thursday, March 20, at Cronin's restaurant, where the first meeting was held.

The charter was issued on June 2, 1913 since which time the Club has grown, slowly but steadily from the four original members to the present membership of 209.

At the meeting on Thursday evening, which will take the place of the regular noon luncheon, dinner will be served promptly at 7 o'clock to the members and their ladies and a few invited guests, including charter members, and District Governors.

It is likely that the history of the Club will be told at that meeting, although the program has not been divulged by John St John and his committee. The dinner, as is the custom in Rotary, will be informal and no one can afford to miss it.



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Treasurer -----John H. Stephan
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ROTARY IN MADISON

When the Rotary Club of Madison celebrates its twenty-fifth or Silver anniversary this week it completes a quarter of a century of unusual service.

Although in the early days of the Club, when Rotary itself was still young and in the formative age, as it were, the Club, as an organization sponsored many worthy projects, as it grew older it adopted the plan of instilling the ideal of service into its members as individuals.

Among the projects "put over" by the Club was the ornamental lighting system on the down-town streets, an interstate tractor demonstration, the organization of the Boy Scouts, and later the establishment of the Scout camp on Green Lake. During the war the Rotary Club was almost a collection agency for the Liberty Loan campaigns, etc.

It took the Club several years to sell the idea to other organizations that the Boy Scout movement should be encouraged and fostered by all citizens, and Rotary then stepped into the background, although still getting its members, as individuals, to help the movement.

For years the Rotary Club of Madison had not sought publicity for any of its projects. On the contrary dozens of worthy projects were really started by the Rotary Club through its members as individuals with the public in general not aware of the fact that Rotary was the real sponsor. It would be a surprise to many of the present members to list some of those projects, but Rotary is not looking for credit.

Twenty-six men have served as President of the Rotary Club of Madison. John McKenna, Charley McGlashan, Walt Schulte and Gundy Nelson served only part of a year each, while John St John was the only one to serve two full years as President. The late Sleuth Parker served part of Charley McGlashan's term and was re-elected for a full year.

In the twenty-five years only two men served as treasurer of the Club—the late Milo Hagan from the organization of the Club until his death, since which time John Stephan has been the treasurer.

Five members have served as secretary. Yutch Welton, Heggie Brandenburg and Rube Frautschi served one year each, Billy Huels served for three years and Paul Hunter, Sr., is just completing nineteen consecutive years as secretary and editor of The Rotary News. In that time The Rotary News has been delivered to the post office before noon every Tuesday for delivery that afternoon. For fourteen years it was delivered only to the members at their place of business, for the last eleven years it has also been sent to their wives at their home. With the exchanges more than 500 copies are mailed each week.

For fifteen years the students attending the University of Wisconsin from outside the United States have been entertained annually by the Rotary Club. For several years at a regular noon luncheon but as it was difficult for many of them to attend at noon, for the last ten years they have been guests with the Ladies of Rotary at a dinner in the evening.

With the single exception of the Edinburgh convention in 1921, the Rotary Club of Madison has been represented by from one to four delegates at each International convention since 1913 at all District Conferences and District Assemblies and at the presentation of the charter to every Club in the District in over twenty years.

Through its Educational Loan Fund, now incorporated as the Madison Rotary Foundation, the Club has loaned thousands of dollars to worthy, needy students in the University and high schools of Madison. Many of them would have been compelled to leave school but for their loan from Rotary.

It would take volumes to tell of the really worth while actions of individual members which were performed because they were Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Madison, the largest Club in Rotary in any city under 100,000, has been a success because of the type of members and the unselfish work of its officers.