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32ND ANNIVERSARY

Copied from Spoke #44, April 28, 1944.

It was on May 3, 1912 that the Rotary Club of Toledo was chartered as Club No. 44.

24 Toledoans were charter members. George E. Hardy and Irving B. Hiatt were Vice-Presidents, Herbert H. Stalker, Secretary, Will C. Carr, Treasurer and E. Frank Gleason, Statistician. Chas. S. Turner was the first President.

Other charter members were John W. Banting, William M. Booker, Lewis H. Clement, G. B. Corry, A. M. Donovan, C. C. Hade, Edwin J. Huber, Dr. A. M. Janieson, Aaron L. Kelsey, C. L. Lewis, John H. Lloyd, L. G. Medbury, J. M. Murphy, Frank L. Mulholland, Earl W. Newcomer, Deane W. Parker, A. J. Salm and L. E. Fishack.

Today, only Bill Booker, Ed Huber, Aaron Kelsey and Frank Mulholland are still members of our Club.

Other members who came into the club in 1912, but who are not charter members, but who still belong to our club are: Guy Boyers, Will Broer, Fred Froehlich, Chet Hayden, Maurice Johnston, Chas. Owen, Will Roemer, Dr. Lewis Smead, Bert Tillinghast and Will Yeasting.

The first meetings of the club were held in the Commerce Club on the 16th floor of the Nicholas Building. Soon the accommodations were too small, and the club met in the old Boody House. However, the Chamber's Dining rooms were enlarged, and the club moved back in August, 1912. Early in 1913 the club moved to the Secor Hotel. In 1918 the meetings were held in Lasalle & Koch's Main Dining room which was about double the size that it is today. In June, 1925, the club began meeting in the Chamber of Commerce Dining Room in the Richardson Building. In May, 1935, the Rotary Offices were transferred to the Commodore Perry Hotel and beginning May 29, 1936, the Rotary Club meetings were held at the Commodore Perry Hotel.

Today, our Rotary Club has the largest membership of its history, there being a total of 365 members. Of these 20 are Honorary War Service Members and 8 Honorary Members.