

ROTARY CLUB OF MARTIN TENNESSEE



CLUB HISTORY



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Rotary International (RI) was founded on February 23, 1905 and the Rotary Club of Martin was chartered on March 14, 1928 [sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paris, Tennessee]. Our club was the 15th to be chartered in Rotary District 6760 (Nashville was the first).

Charter members of the new club included officers: D. Walter Harper, President; T. L. Bearce, Vice-President; A.B. Adams, Secretary; John M. Martin, Treasurer; L.E. Taylor, Sgt-at-Arms; F.J. Duke, Director; Karl Warren, Director and members: W. M. Wells, P.M. Fitts, Dr. R.M. Little, J.E. Jenkins, A.S. Johnston, George M. Brooks, E.M. Burge, and L.F. Hicks.

Throughout its history, club membership has waxed and waned and during World War II the club nearly disbanded. Members have always met at noon on Thursdays and various locations around the town of Martin have served as club meeting sites.

Martin Rotarians have always engaged in service projects designed to improve the community and through Rotary International to address solutions to major issues throughout the world. Locally, notable projects included support for University of Tennessee at Martin scholarships, funds to construct the Hardy M. Graham Stadium, establishment and improvement of community parks and recreational facilities, and donations to social service projects and activities.

Local fundraisers included beauty pageants, community-wide drives, ham breakfasts, golf tournaments, singing competitions, horse shows, and special celebrations.

Martin Rotarians historically have supported youth activities including cooperative ventures with UT Martin, hosting and providing foreign exchange students, sponsorship of Interact/Rotaract clubs, and establishment of youth recreational opportunities.

Internationally, the club has joined Rotary International projects related to the eradication of polio, literacy initiatives, and humanitarian relief throughout the world.

Since 1987, the previous all-male Rotary clubs have admitted women members and the Rotary Club of Martin's current membership is a diverse mix and cross-section of the local community.

Two Martin Rotarians have served as District Governor – E.B. "Bud" Pritchett (1956-57) owner of Southern Milling Company and Norman Campbell (1978-79) – affiliated with the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Rotary's primary charitable arm is The Rotary Foundation and major donors are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows (Paul Harris was Rotary's founder). Twenty-three members of the Rotary Club of Martin are current Paul Harris Fellows.

The Rotary Club of Martin sponsored and helped to organize the Rotary Club of Milan (1955-56)

Martin Rotarians have historically and presently embraced the RI motto Service Above Self through their unselfish participation in volunteer service activities, programs, and projects.

Prominent Martin Rotarians – Ernest B. “Bud” Pritchett, Sr. and Dr. Norman Campbell

Ernest B. “Bud” Pritchett, Sr.

Mr. Pritchett was born March 11, 1907, in Finley, Tennessee, son of Ed and Emma Reasons Pritchett. He was a graduate of Union University and a retired farmer. He owned Southern Milling Company and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Martin.

Bud was a member and past Master of Martin Masonic Lodge No. 551, where he was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner.



BUD PRITCHETT

He was a member of the Rotary Club of Martin where he served as Past President with over 50 years of perfect attendance.

In the Club's Golden Anniversary booklet, it was noted that Pritchett was, "the elder statesman of the club" and became the first Martin Rotarian to serve as District Governor. After his able service as Martin Club President (1947-48), Rotarian Viron Beard helped to promote Pritchett as a candidate for Rotary District Governor among the 40 clubs in the District.

Pritchett served as District Governor in 1956-57 – his theme was "Each Rotarian A Friend to Youth." The club history noted, "This theme of service to youth was actually the emphasis in the life of Governor Bud himself and in the program of his local club as well." Near the end of his official year as District Governor, Pritchett presided over a successful District Conference held in Martin on the Junior College campus.

Bud Pritchett died on July 10, 1996, at age 89, and was buried in Martin's East Side Cemetery.

Dr. Alpheus Norman Campbell

Norman Campbell was born in Greenfield, Tennessee on July 4, 1911. He attended the public schools of Weakley County; earned his bachelor and master's degrees at the University of Tennessee; and completed his doctoral degree at the University of Illinois.



NORMAN CAMPBELL

He spent his professional life as an educator and retired from the University of Tennessee of Martin after 33 years of service (1943-1976). At UTM, Dr. Campbell worked as Professor of Chemistry, Chair of the Physical Sciences Division, Dean of Instruction, and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Throughout his career he was active in numerous professional organizations including the American Association for Higher Education, American Chemical Society, Tennessee Academy of Science, and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

He was named Emeritus Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs "an expression of appreciation for the contributions made by him to the development of the UTM campus.

In Rotary, Campbell served as President of the Rotary Club of Martin and maintained a perfect attendance record of nearly 34 years. Dr. Campbell served as Rotary District Governor in 1978-79 and his theme was, "Reach Out In Service."

The District Conference was held on the campus of UTM in the University Center. At age 79, Dr. Campbell died on March 28, 1990 and was buried in Brock's Cemetery in Greenfield, Tennessee.

MARTIN ROTARY CLUB ACTIVITIES

A representative sample of Rotary Club of Martin activities includes:

- Student loan fund
- Support for city library
- Soup kitchens
- Junior Rotarian projects
- Community-wide fundraising drives
- Funding for Pacer stadium
- Entertainers to raise money
- Rotary Park
- Miss Martin Beauty Pageant
- Horse shows
- Benefit basketball games
- Recreational Park pavilions
- Ham breakfast
- The Pig (fines and fees)
- Youth Activities
- Scout Hut
- Vocational Guidance Days
- Exchange students
- Support for continuation of funding for UTM
- Pioneer Day (honored 80 + year olds)
- Rural-Urban Day
- Volunteer Hospital room sponsorship
- Soybean Festival golf scramble tournament
- Boy Scouts
- Water fountains and park benches
- Helping Hands Service Project
- Polio Plus contributions
- Carl Perkins Center
- Lawrenceburg Rotary Honduras Project
- Argentina Water Project
- Meet in the Middle Club Service (Soybean)
- Sports team contributions
- Martin Housing Authority Afterschool
- UTM Scholarships
- We Care Ministries
- St. Jude Hospital
- Weakley County Backpack Project
- Weakley County Reading Railroad

BLIND MARTIN ROTARIAN ATTENDS 1936 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In 1936, *The Rotarian* magazine reported, "It is widely held that when a man loses one of his senses, the other increase in acuity. Rotarians of Martin, Tenn. thoroughly believe that now, and it was Dr. R.P. Fletcher, a blind member of their Club, who caused them to. Rotarian Fletcher went to Rotary's Atlantic City Convention last Summer and took detailed mental notes on addresses and discussions he heard there. These, while yet fresh in his mind, he set down on his typewriter. Back home, he transcribed his notes, read to him by a friend, into Braille and with a sheaf of the pin-pricked sheets in his hand he told his Club how the Convention sounded to him. So vivid was his description that other Clubs bade him repeat his address in their meetings, which he did. [*The Rotarian*, February 1937, page 46]

Note: The 1940 Census indicated that R. Parker Fletcher (age 28) lived in Bowling Green, Kentucky (that he moved from Martin, Tennessee) and that his profession was chiropractor.

ROTARY CLUB OF MARTIN – MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

Year	Total Members
1927-28	16
1930-31	28
1931-32	24
1940-41	21
1943-44	14
1949-50	49
1950-51	42
1960-61	38
1962-63	60
1970-71	67
1973-74	70
1980-81	80
1989-90	84
1996-97	54
2000-01	40
2003-04	61
2004-05	58
2005-06	61
2006-07	61
2007-08	63
2008-09	62
2009-10	65
2010-11	56
2011-12	60
2012-13	60
2013-14	57
2014-15	61

Rotary Club of Martin – April 1978 (50th Anniversary)

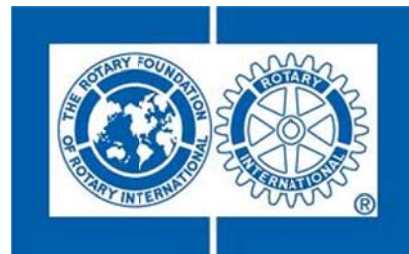


Front Row (Left to Right) D. Crawley, D. Finch, V. Beard, L. Williamson, D. Pritchard, D. Wright, L. Campbell, L. Bates, W. Snyder, R. Duncan. Second Row: R. Benderman, J. Corbett, F. Hatler, S. McMinn, P. Moore, B. Edman, H. Wilson, B. Beard, L. Collier, D. McGehee, H. Smith. Third Row: D. Murphy, T. Copeland, T. Gallien, H. Johns, A. Pendergrass, D. Drumm, J. Tice, N. Dunagan, L. King, B. Newby, L. Miles, H. Hutson, T. Hughes. Fourth Row: M. Maloan, K. Warren, C. Bell, C. Savage, F. Vowell, J. Bucy, C. Griffin, B. Williams,

R. Rogers, W. Caudie, J. Harrison. Fifth Row: J. Veciana, T. Bryant, J. Exum, J. Brundige, H. Brundige, D. Davis, J. Graves, W. Kaler, C. Callis, E. Jones, J. Davis. Not Pictured: L. Alexander, U. Argo, R. Conley, D. Dodson, J. Eisterhold, G. Freeman, R. Glasgow, R. Guthrie, L. McGehee, J. Overall, J. Face, K. Stanley, D. Stone, A. Strawbridge, J. Tuck, W. Washburn, T. Youngblood, B. Baker, N. Campbell, B. Carroll, J. McCauley, B. Pritchett, G. Stanford, P. Summers, D. Murphy, A. Sparks.

EVERY

 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR



The Rotary Foundation's goal is for EVERY ROTARIAN... TO GIVE \$100... EVERY ROTARY YEAR.

To support this goal, District 6760 launched the STAR CLUB Designation Program in 2007-2008 Rotary year. The program was revitalized in 2010-2011 with great success resulting in thirty two Star Clubs. District 6760 recognizes Rotary Clubs that meet or exceed their annual giving goals on a per capita basis each year with a star.

Every club whose annual contribution to the Annual Program Fund averages \$100 or more per member receives a star. The Rotary Club of Martin is currently a 4-star club and listed as an 1800% plateau Rotary Foundation contributor. The club contributes also to the Rotary Polio Plus Campaign.

Past Presidents

1928-29	Harper	D. Walter	1971-72	Baker	William
1929-30	Powell	William P.	1972-73	Standly	Kenneth
1930-31	Baber	Tom	1973-74	Argo	Ulon
1931-32	Powell	William P.	1974-75	Pritchard	David
1932-33	Little	Dr. R.M.	1975-76	Alexander	Larry
1932-33	Hardeman	E. Clay	1976-77	Freeman	George
1933-34	Hardeman	E. Clay	1977-78	McMinn	Stan
1934-35	Cherry	Hubert	1978-79	Gallien	Tom
1935-36	Stigler	Rev. Nolan	1979-80	Pace	Jim
1936-37	Brown	Herbert Joe	1980-81	Williamson	Larry
1937-38	Hardeman	E. Clay	1981-82	Maloan	Mike
1938-39	Pearson	E.A. "Buddy"	1982-83	Davis	Donnie
1939-40	Buckley	Dr. Madison	1983-84	Patrick	Houston W.
1940-41	Stanford	Gene	1984-85	Gallien	Mark F.
1941-42	Gardner	John, Jr.	1985-86	Gallimore	Crawford
1942-43	Hayes	Joe Black	1986-87	Baker	Ben Joe
1943-44	Beard	Viron	1987-88	Moore	Greg
1944-45	Baker	Roy	1988-89	Gresham	Dr. Jerry
1945-46	Overall	Draper	1989-90	Rainone	John A.
1946-47	Bowden	Neil	1990-91	Cruthirds	Terry
1947-48	Pritchett	E.B. "Bud"	1991-92	Carter	Larry
1949-49	Tansil	Wayne	1992-93	Patterson	Danny J.
1949-50	Freeman	Wade	1993-94	Speight	Suzeane B.
1950-51	Richardson	Vodrie	1994-95	Hopkins	David
1951-52	Tice	James E.	1995-96	Jett	Mace
1952-53	Thompson	David	1996-97	Collins	Susan
1952-53	Doo	Frank	1997-98	Melson	Harald
1953-54	Harrison	Robert	1998-99	Sanders	J.D.
1954-55	Campbell	Norman	1999-20	Moore	Chris
1955-56	Rowlett	Dan	2000-01	Wilton	Robert
1956-57	Wright	James	2001-02	Roberts	Audrey
1957-58	Meek	Paul	2002-03	Gregory	Randy
1958-59	Brundige	Harold	2003-04	Payne	Thomas
1959-60	Wash	Clint	2004-05	Legins	Tommy
1960-61	Miles	Leonard	2005-06	High	Katie
1961-62	Crockett	Brooks	2006-07	Reed	Carol
1962-63	Drumm	Duke	2007-08	Daniel	George E, III
1963-64	Summers	P.L.	2008-09	Moore	Josh
1964-65	Glisson	Bob	2009-10	Hampton	Todd
1965-66	Powell	Cecil	2010-11	Holt	Steve
1967-68	King	Lloyd	2011-12	Byford	James L. (Jim)
1968-69	Hyde	Charles	2012-13	Walker	Roger
1969-70	Murphy	David	2013-14	Siler	Michele
1970-71	Carroll	Robert	2014-15	Robinson	Richard

Rotary Club of Martin - Charter Members

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D. W. HARPER

Dock Walter Harper, President [lawyer]

T. L. Bearce, Vice-President

Alphesus Bryan Adams, Secretary [minister, lawyer]

John Marshall Martin, Sr., Treasurer [insurance agent]

Dr. Lemuel E. Taylor, Sgt-at-Arms

Forrest Johnson Duke, Director

Karl Henry Warren, Director

W. M. Wells

Paul Morris Fitts, Sr. [optometrist]

Dr. Richard Mobley Little [physician]

J.E. Jenkins

A.S. Johnston

George Martin Brooks

E.M. Burge [Martin Bakery]

L.F. Hicks

Working With The Community's Youth...



Interact

Interact gives students ages 12-18 the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Interact clubs meet at least twice a month and the Rotary Club of Martin sponsors the Westview Interact Club composed primarily of students from Westview High School. The Interact club began in 2006.



Rotaract

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. The Rotaract Club in Martin meets on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) --- the club affiliation has existed since 2009.

The Rotary Club of Martin serves as sponsor, but the UTM Rotaract club decides how to organize, run the club, and what projects and activities to carry out.



Youth and International Exchanges

In 1961 (during President Leonard Miles' term) the Club sponsored its first international student, Gebhard Schweigler from Germany. Since that time, Martin Rotarians have sponsored and hosted many students all around the world. Rotary Group Study Exchanges have been hosted, teens from Martin have studied abroad, and Martin Rotarians have served in District 6760 international exchange leadership roles.

ROTARY CLUB OF MARTIN – PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

(Effective May 31, 2015)


Alexander	Larry	PHF	1997
Beard	Grace	PHF	1982
Beard	Viron	PHF	1983
Brundige	Harold	PHF	1997
Byford	James	PHF	2012
Campbell	Norman	PHF	1978
Campbell	Norman	PHF	1985
Carter	Larry	PHF +1	1997
Collins	Susan	PHF	1997
Corbitt	James	PHF	1985
Cruthirds	Terry	PHF	1994
Daniel	George	PHF +1	2008
Davidson	Spydell	PHF +2	1989
Davis	Donnie	PHF	1983
Dinning	Jill	PHF	2014
Donaldson	Roger	PHF	2013
Dunagan	David (Nick)	PHF	1986
Duncan	Ann	PHF +1	2009
Duncan	Russell	PHF	1989
Freeman	George	PHF	1979
Gallien	Mark	PHF	1985
Gallien	Tom	PHF	1979
Gallimore	Crawford	PHF	1986
Glasgow	Robert	PHF	1997
Gregory	Randy	PHF	2004
Hampton	Todd	PHF	2010
High	Katherine	PHF	2006
Holt	Steve	PHF	2011
Hopla	Anna	PHF	2002
Jett	Mace	PHF	1997
Julian	Charles	PHF +2	1989

Legins	Tommy	PHF	2005
Lewallen	Sam	PHF +1	2011
Maloan	Mike	PHF	1982
McCauley	John	PHF	1984
Melson	Herald	PHF +2	2000
Miller	Angela	PHF	2010
Moore	Chris	PHF	2002
Moore	Greg	PHF	1997
Mullins	William	PHF	1990
Murphy	David	PHF +1	1997
Patrick	Houston	PHF	1985
Payne	Thomas	PHF +1	2004
Pendergrass	Alva	PHF	1997
Perry	Margaret	PHF	1997
Pritchett	E. Bud	PHF	1975
Reed	Carol	PHF	2007
Roberts	Audrey	PHF +1	2002
Robinson	Richard	PHF +1	1990
Siler	Michele	PHF	2014
Smith	Albert	PHF	2000
Smith	Harold	PHF	2013
Snyder	William	PHF	1981
Speight	Suezane	PHF	1997
Stanford	Gene	PHF	1983
Tice	James	PHF	1979
Walker	Roger	PHF	2013
Washburn	Wilbur	PHF	1989
Williamson	Larry Ray	PHF	1981
Wilton	Robert	PHF +9	2002
Young	Philip	PHF +1	2011



Rotary Fountain – Brian Brown Memorial Greenway





Rotary Club of Martin

- **Smart** — we are insightful and discerning
- **Compassionate** — we tackle community challenges with empathy and understanding
- **Perservering** — we find lasting solutions to systemic problems
- **Inspiring** — we encourage others to take action, convey hope, enthusiasm, and passion

Martin Rotarians are ...

- Working to eliminate polio worldwide
- Beautifying our community
- Empowering young people
- Improving the lives of others through service projects
- Promoting peace throughout the world

Martin Rotarians enrich our community through Service Above Self!

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2014-2015 Officers

President: Richard Robinson
 Vice President: Roger Donaldson
 Secretary: Brad Gaskins
 Treasurer: Sam Lewallen
 Sgt. At Arms: Angie Miller

2014-2015 Board of Directors

Michele Siler, Daryl Byford,
 Robert Wilton, Jennifer Hampton,
 Mike Metts, Sam Lewallen,
 Cindy Armatys, Larry Holder,
 Chuck Julian

