

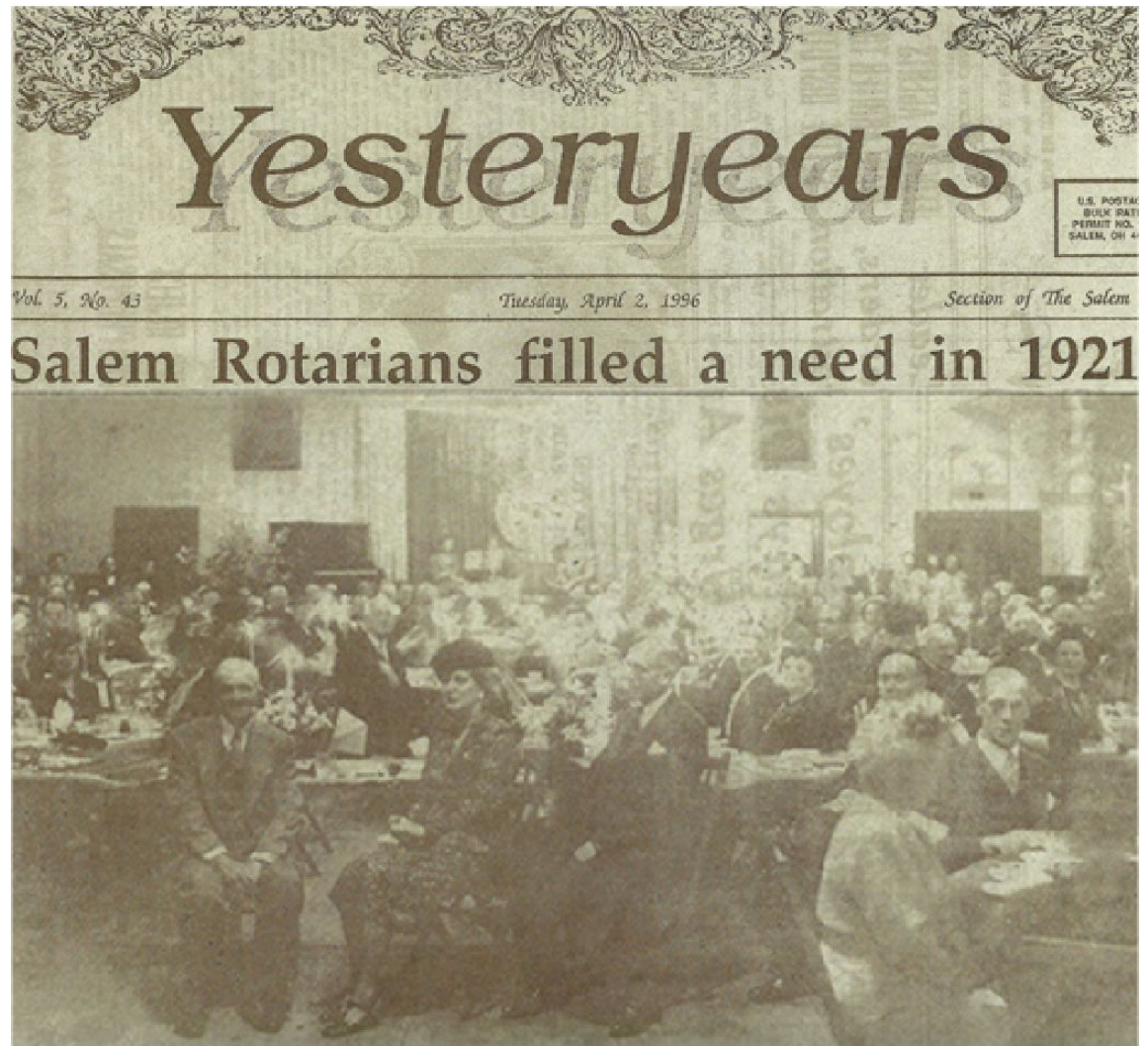
Rotary Club of Salem



YEARS of
Service Above Self

Making a
Difference for
100 Years!

**Rotary Club of
Salem**



Special thanks to Dale Shaffer, Lois Firestone, and the Salem Historical Society who maintain the history of Salem for all of us.



Salem and the World - 1921

World War I

The Great War

1914 - 1918



Captain Percy Tetlow

- **Originating in Europe in 1914**, World War I quickly spread to involve the entire world.
- **The United States declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917**, nearly three years after the war started.
- American soldiers under John Pershing arrived at the rate of 10,000 men a day on the Western Front in the summer of 1918.
- During the war, the U.S. mobilized over 4 million military personnel and suffered the loss of 65,000 men. A ceasefire and Armistice was declared on November 11, 1918.
- **In Salem, U.S. Army Capt. Percy Tetlow organized and commanded Company D in Salem** which was part of the 10th Ohio Infantry and the 37th Division.
- **Men from Salem and all over Columbiana County mobilized on July 15, 1917**, and eventually became known as Company A of the 134th Machine Gun Battalion after **heading to France to join the war** which included Meuse-Argonne Offensive, **one of the final battles of the war for the Allies and one of the largest battles involving American troops.**



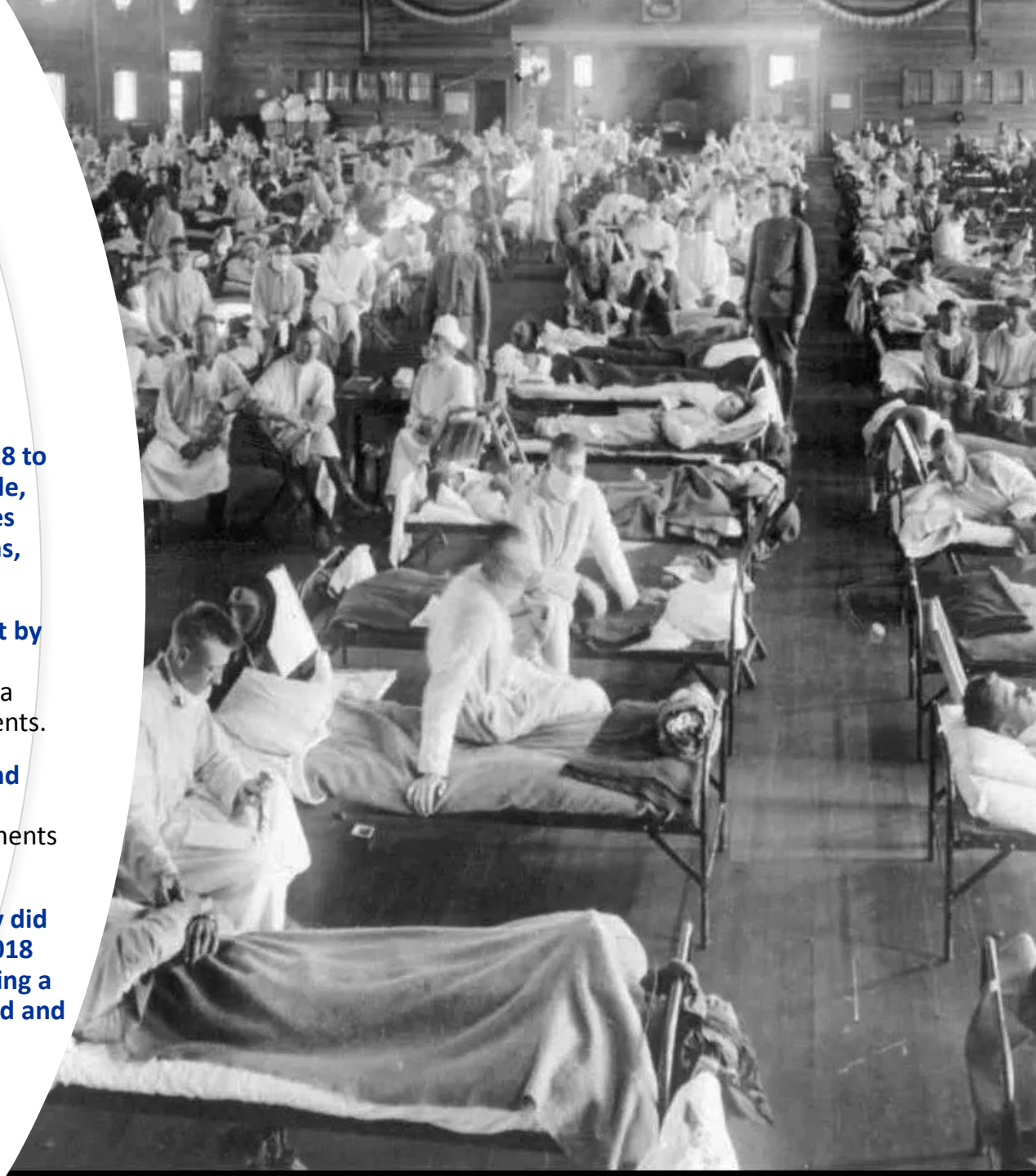
Company D doughboys march east past Salem's Grand Theater along Main Street.



Spanish Flu

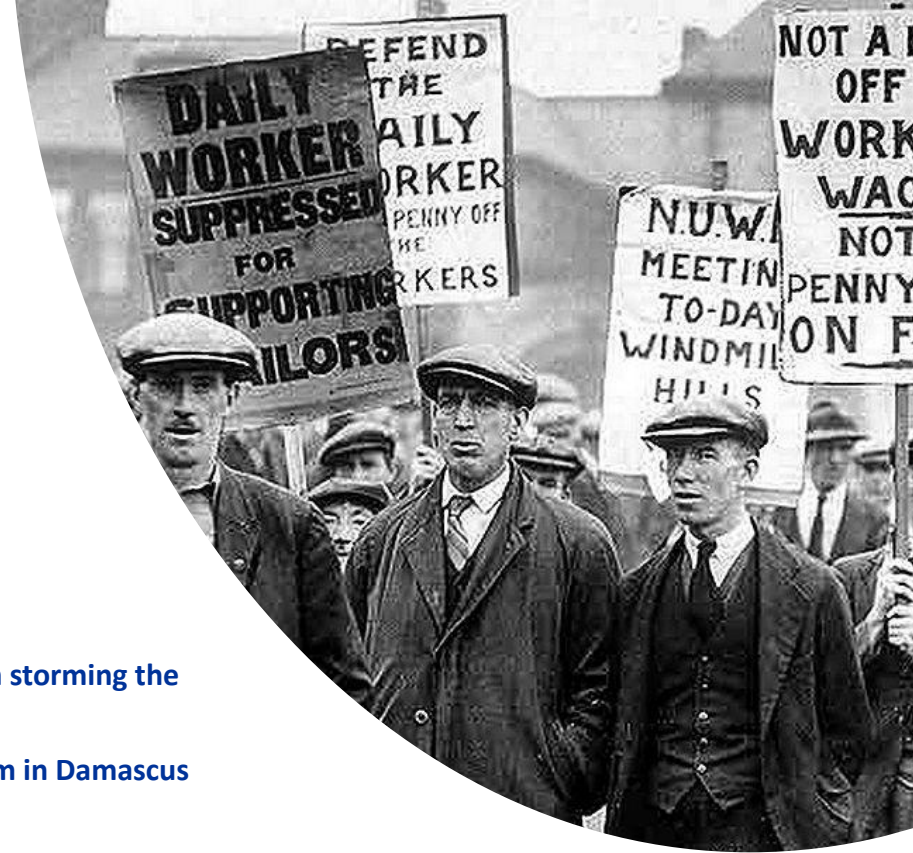
1918 - 1920

- The Spanish flu lasted from February 1918 to April 1920 and infected 500 million people, 50 million deaths in four successive waves (COVID 250 million cases, 5 million deaths, three waves, so far).
- Locally, East Palestine was hit the hardest by the Flu due to a local military base. Their doctor even died, and they had to recruit a physician from Pittsburgh to care for patients.
- People were instructed to wear masks and post red cards at their homes with the disease. Remember, there were no treatments or vaccine.
- Early on, Salem locked-down and initially did very well... however on November 11, 1918 Armistice Day... the city celebrated causing a bad breakout leaving nearly 2000 infected and 44 dead by January.



Salem the “City of Peace” - Big Challenges in 1921

- Returning WWI veterans were out of work.
 - Strikes at local plants including Mullins were violent with 200 men storming the plant with rocks, bricks, and firing pistols at imported workers.
 - Car stealing ring was taking cars right from driveways altering them in Damascus and reselling them.
 - Prohibition brought bootleggers, rum runners, hijackers, and corruption.
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- Ralph Hawley, Publisher of the newspaper and John Alan, School Superintendent had heard about **Rotary, the international club formed 15 years earlier in Chicago by Paul Harris, and their maxim, ‘Service Above Self.’**
 - With the support of two friends, Fred Pow of the First National Bank, and Larry Ferree of the Salem Light Company, **the group gathered 25 men at the LaPalma Restaurant on February 8, 1921 to discuss forming a Rotary Club in Salem.**
 - Organizers included Fred Emeny, R.A. Lamont, R.S. McCulloch, George Bunn, and Henry Nelson.



SALEM, OHIO THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1921

SALEM ROTARY CLUB WELCOMED BY GOV. SQUIRES

Admitted To International
Body At Youngstown
Gathering

FUND RAISED FOR
CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Salem Club To Open Weekly
Noonday Meetings
Next Wednesday

Members of the Rotary club of Sa-
lem were guests of the Youngstown
Rotary club at the Hotel Ohio in that
city Wednesday night, when they

April 1921 –

The Club is Official

- At a dinner held by the Rotary Club of Youngstown on April 27, 1921, the Rotary Club of Salem was officially welcomed into the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Larry Ferree was elected the first President.
- Weekly meetings began on Wednesdays at noon.
- *and the rest history...*

Following in Great Footsteps



CHARTER MEMBERS

- Larry Ferree, President
- J.S. Alan, Vice President
- R.W. Hawley, Secretary
- Fred Pow, Treasurer

- Robert Atchison
- J. Harlod Brian
- Ralph W. Campbell
- Charles S. Carr
- William H. Dunn
- Fred J. Emeny
- Art B. Haslam
- Richard Lamont
- R.S. McCulloch
- D.B. McCune
- Henry C. Nelson
- Frank H. Sebring
- A.O. Silver
- R.B. Thompson

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- Bryce Kendall
- Jack Vogel
- Geoff Goll
- Walter Strain
- George Hays
- Lee W. Atkinson
- G.R. Demin

PAST PRESIDENTS

1921-22 LL Ferree*	1954-55 E.R. Groves*	1988-89 Jan Peters*
1922-23 J.S. Allen*	1955-56 M.E. Steiner*	1989-90 Stuart Kendall
1923-24 F.J. Emeny*	1956-57 Ruurd Fennema*	1990-91 Ed Cable
1924-25 W.H. Dunn*	1957-58 Gene Young*	1991-92 Russ Hill
1925-26 R.W. Hawley*	1958-59 George B. Emeny*	1992-93 Chuck Straub
1926-27 Chas. G. Burton*	1959-60 R.S. McCulloch Jr.*	1993-94 Burt Schoffman
1927-28 Walter L. Strain*	1960-61 B.W. Kendall*	1994-95 George Hays
1928-29 R.S. McCulloch*	1961-62 Lloyd M. Gordon*	1995-96 Frank Zamarelli Jr.
1929-30 R.B. Anderson*	1962-63 Thomas A. Moore*	1996-97 Joseph Sedzmac
1929-30 Wilbur Springer*	1963-64 G.E. Farrington*	1997-98 Dick Jones*
1930-31 George J. Bunn*	1964-65 Alden E. Gross*	1998-99 Howard Rohleder
1931-32 Russell Gibbs*	1965-66 Rollin W. Herron*	1999-00 Peter Apicella
1932-33 C.G. McCorkhill*	1966-67 Elliot Hansell*	2000-01 Barbara Loudon
1933-34 Clifton Reeves*	1967-68 Donald Rober*	2001-02 Patricia LaLonde*
1934-35 Joel Sharp*	1968-69 Wells Vaughters*	2002-03 Suzanne Viole
1935-36 Guy E. Byers*	1969-70 Robert Barr*	2003-04 Ross Jackson
1936-37 Henry Hurlburt*	1970-71 Frank Huber*	2004-05 Mark Flake
1937-38 David Bevan*	1971-72 Bruce Gordon*	2005-06 Dean Economous
1938-39 W.L. Hart*	1972-73 Harry Waller*	2006-07 Jack Russell
1939-40 W. Ray Pearce*	1973-74 Jack Vogel*	2007-08 Gina Dermotta
1940-41 Chester D. Gow*	1974-75 James Gibbs	2008-09 Daniel Moore
1941-42 Thomas E. Miller*	1975-76 Don Steele*	2009-10 Audrey Null
1942-43 Floyd W. McKee*	1976-77 Larry Parker	2010-11 David Mollenkopf
1943-44 J.B. Martin*	1977-78 Daniel E. Smith*	2011-12 Matthew Butts
1944-45 Fred R. Crowger*	1978-79 Alan Cleveland*	2012-13 Mary Winch-Korff
1945-46 M.J. Sandrock*	1979-80 Jerry Blankenship*	2013-14 David Hazen
1946-47 C. Harold Musser*	1980-81 Robert Pond*	2014-15 Janet Keene
1947-48 Stephen A. Gonda*	1981-82 Russ Loudon	2015-16 Barb Stamp
1948-49 J. Harold Benson*	1982-83 Dick Thomas*	2016-17 Kelly Darney
1949-50 W.J. Sponseller*	1983-84 George Morris	2017-18 Meta Cramer
1950-51 Irv. Hine*	1984-85 Don Winch*	2018-19 Steve Bailey
1951-52 Harry Krohne*	1985-86 Larry Cecil	2019-20 Ryan Crowell
1952-53 J.R. Stiver*	1986-87 Geoffrey Goll	2020-21 John Lundin
1953-54 C. Robert Conroy*	1987-88 Jim Taus	(*Deceased)



First Project – Helping Crippled Children

- **1916 - Major polio outbreak in New York City kills more than 2,000 people. Across the United States, polio takes the lives of about 6,000 people, and paralyzes thousands more.**
- **During the early decades, 20-30 children were under the care of the Club.** Members transported children to hospital for orthopedic treatments and later to the Bycroft School.
- **Salem Rotary was a charter member of the “Society for Crippled Children” formed by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen in Elyria, Ohio, which eventually became Easter Seals.**
- In subsequent years, the Club hosted summer picnics and Christmas parties with students from the Bycroft School.
- The wheelchair ramp at the Salem High School was a gift of Salem Rotary.

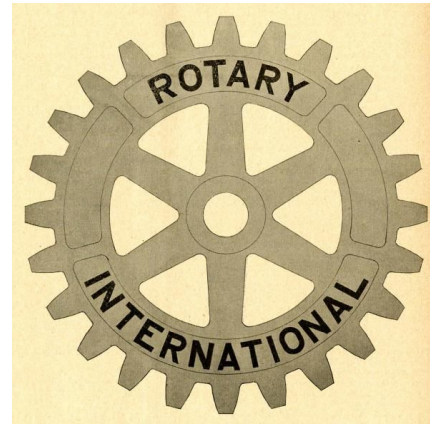
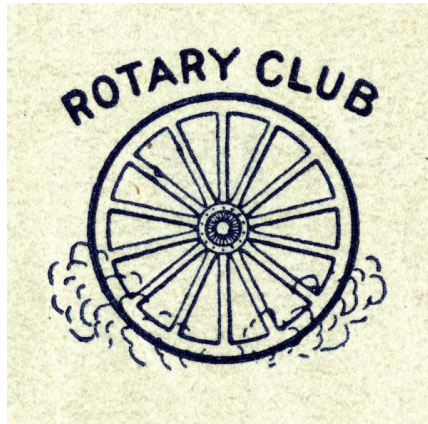


Support of the Youth

- **The Club has always wanted to make a difference with youth.**
- Early on, they would invite students to their Wednesday noon meetings to ask what the members could do for them in the community.
- **They strongly supported the Boy Schools, and in 1924, Salem Rotary purchased 11 acres northwest of the city for a camp which included swimming, a mess hall, and log cabin.**
- **That later expanded to the Boy Scout Twin Spruce Camp.**
- **The club still supports the Scouts in Salem.**

Spreading Rotary -

The Salem Club helped organize and establish the Columbiana Club in 1923 and Sebring Club in 1925.



Rotary



Rotary Club of Salem's International Focus –

Foreign Exchange Students



- Rotarian Bryce Kendall became the Club's first District Governor in 1964.
- Bryce initiated the **Rotary Student Exchange Program** in the District **promoting peace in the world.**
- **Over the past 50 years, hundreds of local student have spent a year studying in a foreign country and foreign-exchange students from around the world have studied in Salem and the surrounding areas.**

International Generosity –

- Rotary Club of Salem is one of only a few Rotary Clubs in the entire world who obtained the **100% Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for considerable generosity to The Rotary Foundation, “Doing Good in the World.”**

The Rotary Foundation
100%
**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW
CLUB**



The
Rotary
Foundation 

Rotary Club of Salem – “Doing Good in the World”

Recent Rotary projects supported by our donations:

- Women’s Hospital in Ghana.
- Literacy Project in Guatemala.
- ShelterBox for International Disaster Relief.
- Central American Outreach (CAMO) medical support in Honduras.
- Classroom-based libraries for elementary schools in Vietnam.
- Advanced life support equipment and education in Honduras.
- Water well, farming equipment, and goat farm in India.
- Portable computers for schools in India.
- Mini-science centers in India.
- Boys & Girls Club van in St Thomas.
- Hospital-based dialysis center in the Philippines.
- Military Family Veterans Center in Louisville, Ohio.
- GiGi’s Playhouse for Down Syndrome children in Canton, Ohio.



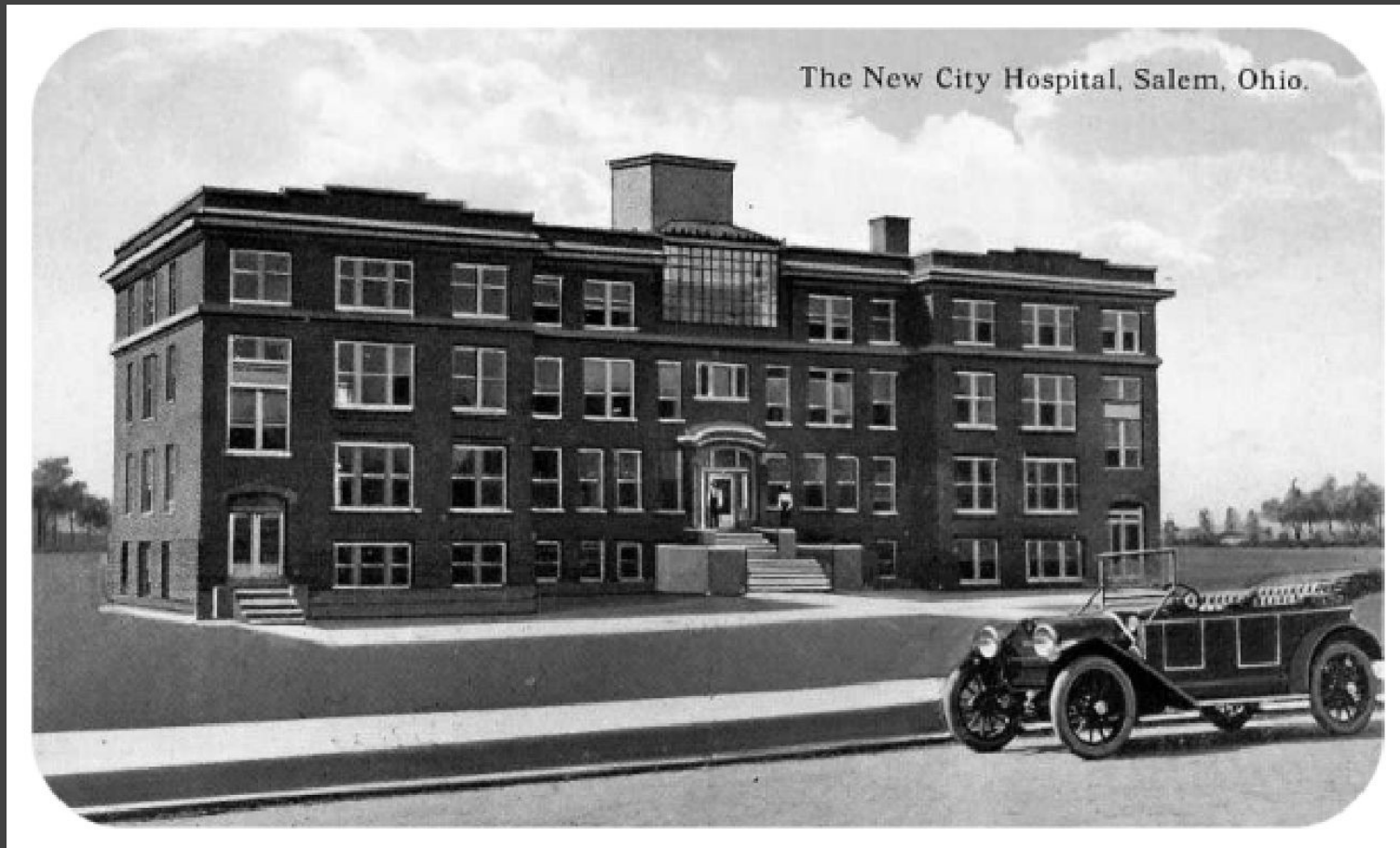
Rotary PolioPlus - Eradicating Polio in the World

Polio Plus started in 1948

Salem Rotarians launched its Polio Plus Project in 1948, joining the international club which mobilized tens of thousands of members in an aim to eradicate polio and five other diseases throughout the world by the year 2005.

Fewer than five percent of children in underdeveloped countries had been vaccinated against the disease, and were prey to the others.

Proving the project could work if every child was innoculated, the World Health Organization and UNICEF pointed to the fact that smallpox had been wiped out in 1978.



Community Focus

In the early days, the Rotary Club of Salem provided support for the

- Memorial Building (Rotary's home for a number of years)
- Salem Hospital, Visiting Nurses, Community Daycare Center
- Salem Community Foundation, Community Fund (United Way)
- Salem Community Center, Salem Public Library, YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Community Theatre, and many more over 100 years!



Local Generosity – Salem Rotary Foundation

- **Founded 1995 as an Ohio corporation as a tax-exempt foundation** to promote and foster the ideals of Rotary International which are based on the 4-Way Test to provide charitable gifts to those who practice these ideals.
- Began with \$20,000 from the Rotary Club, \$700 from the original incorporators, now with assets of over \$350,000.
- Bryce W. Kendall Restricted Fund created in 1996 to honor past president, RI Director and Rotary Foundation Trustee, Kendall Society with gifts of \$1,000 .
- Support for Pay It Forward (\$50 to needy at Christmas), Salem Chamber of Commerce, United Way, RYLA students, Salem Community Pantry, Rotaract scholarships, Salem Regional Medical Center, Salem Public Library, Salem Police K-9, Salem City Parks, Salem Senior Prom, Mobile Meals, Salem City Schools, Polio Plus, and other projects.

Rotary Club of Salem –

100 Years of Making a Difference

- Banquet of Salem
- Salem Community Pantry
- Fat Tuesday for Food Pantry
- Salem A.I.D. (Action, Information, & Direction)
- Brightside Project (supports basic needs of children in our county)
- Community Fireworks

Recent Youth Support:

- High School Interact Club
- College Rotaract Club
- New Golden Apple Teacher Award
- Annual Rotary-KSU Career Day
- Annual Third Grade Dictionary Project
- Junior Achievement
- Annual College Scholarships
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Salem Youth Soccer League
- Annual “Senior” Prom
- Quakertown Superkids Classic
- Boy Scouts of America
- Gingerbread Day

2020 - COVID Response:

Rotary Centennial Project

Rotary Club of Salem



Salem Rotary Family Sports Center

A multigenerational, multifunctional family gathering place to socialize, practice sporting skills, and stay fit.

Past Support of Salem Parks:

- Salem Swings & Things Playground – 75th Anniversary
- Heritage Park West State and Ellsworth – U.S. Bicentennial
- Southeast School Minipark & Wading Pool – 50th Anniversary
- Waterworth Park - Softball Fields
- Memorial Park - Racquetball Courts
- and many others...



Salem Rotary Family Sports Center

- Central **Gazebo** with inviting walkway and bench seats for outdoor observation and gatherings
 - Children's playground
 - Large soccer practice area
 - Grass and sand volleyball courts
 - Batting practice cages
 - Golf practice cages
 - Cross-fitness area
- The project was to be developed over upcoming years, but we have raised over \$155K to complete it next year!
- Generous donors: Rotary Club of Salem, Shane Franks, Joe Sedzmac, William Dawes, Carl Apicella, Peter Apicella, Jon Vollnogle, Shelby & Scott Mingus, Suzanne & Leo Hickey, Barbara Plummer, Sara Mastrangelo, Jack and Sandy Russell, John Wise.

Salem Rotary Family Sports Center

Soccer Practice



Volleyball



Batting Practice



Golf Practice

Gazebo



Children Playground



Cross Fit Course





Want to leave a legacy for you or a family member?

Consider donating to our Children's Playground

All donations are appreciated.
Donations of \$5,000 or more provide for naming rights on equipment.

Contact Dr. Peter Apicella, 330-207-0500, Peter@salemrad.com

Centennial International Project –

LITERACY IN HONDURAS

- \$5,000 GIVEN TO OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNER
- Kathryn Tschiegg, a previous Pearce Corp nurse and Rotarian from Orville, started **Central American Outreach to make a difference in Honduras**. She has built a successful charity which is providing life-saving medical services, training, education, and community development to an impoverished people. The Rotary Club of Salem has supported many of her projects over the years.
- Kathryn has asked if we can help CAMO **expand its literacy program at 13 elementary schools by providing our Centennial funds to purchase textbooks in math, Spanish, social science and social studies for fifth and six graders which can be reused for many years to educate the youth.**
- Such support can **make a long-term difference in one of the poorest rural communities in Honduras with a 70% illiteracy rate.**



Salem
Rotarians –

Thank you
for all you
do!

