

The Genealogy of the Clubs of D-6220

Background

The organizational structure has seen many changes over the years, each change being developed to help manage the progressive expansion of the idea of Rotary as it spread though the United States, Canada, The British Isles and the World. [See the Rotary Club of Marquette website, 'District 6220 History.']

The genesis of every club can be traced back to the February 23, 1905 organization of the Rotary Club of Chicago, retroactively given Charter #1. Since that time, each new Rotary Club has been sponsored by an existing Rotary Club or its representative. [The genesis of every current District of Rotary International can also be traced back to the need to provide major groupings and governing of club areas. See section of D-6220 History.]

Charters were not issued by The International Association until June 2, 1913 and were retroactively given with Charter numbers to clubs that were organized and accepted before then, using the order in which they were organized. On July, 1951, Rotary International ceased issuing Charter numbers. [Club numbers that appear in the Directory or the Semi-Annual reports are ID numbers, not charter numbers.]

D-6220 Original **Charter** Numbers, Dates & Sponsors collected by Pryse Duerfeldt, D-6220 PDG, from Club & District Histories, *Rotarian* magazines scanned by Google Books, RI Archives, RGHF archives & many personal contacts. Updates welcome.
[NA= No Charter numbers were issued after July 1951.] 12/21/09

Wausau, WI #136, 1/1/1915, sponsored by Milwaukee, WI #57* [*admitted under Central Divisional VP W.D. Biggers of Detroit, see Rotarian, 7/1915, pp. 12-14. See Anuta p.67 under 1921-22 DG: "Deputy District Governor" Zimmers of Milwaukee presented the charter. See note.**]

Sponsored Merrill, WI, #231, 7/1/1916

Sponsored Wisconsin Rapids, WI, #501, 6/17/1919 [*club was re-sponsored by Appleton in 1971*]

Sponsored Marshfield, WI, #522, 8/1/1919

Marshfield sponsored Marshfield Sunrise, WI, #NA, 1993

Sponsored Rhinelander, WI #677, 4/1/1920

Rhinelander sponsored Crandon, WI #1726, about June 1924

See Rhinelander

Sponsored Wausau Early Birds, WI #NA, 1/1/1993

Marquette, MI #204, 3/1/1916, sponsored by Superior, #40**

Sponsored Menominee, MI #363, 3/1/1918

Sponsored Sault Ste. Marie, MI #438, 1/1/1919

Sault Ste. Marie, MI sponsored Chippewa County Sunrise, MI, April 23, 2002

Sponsored Escanaba, MI #682, 5/1/1920

Escanaba sponsored Gladstone, MI #973, 5/1/1921

Sponsored Houghton, MI #774, 11/1/1920

Sponsored Iron Mt., MI #860, 4/1/1921

Sponsored Hancock, MI #866, 4/1/1921

Sponsored Crystal Falls, MI #933, 5/1/1921 [*defunct 12/19/2007*]

Sponsored Manistique, MI #1347, 2/10/1923

Sponsored Munising, MI #2334, 5/3/1926

Helped organize Ontonagon, MI #1567, 4/18/1932, sponsored by ??; added White

Pine 10/1966[*This charter #1567 was originally assigned to Prestonburg, KY -*

Rotarian 2/1924,p.42 - which went out of commission soon afterward and was reassigned to Ontonagon. The current Prestonburg club was begun in 1986.]

Sponsored Ishpeming, MI #4423, 10/16/1937

Sponsored Marquette West, MI, #NA, 3/26/1984

Marquette West sponsored Marquette Breakfast, MI, #NA, 3/20/1991

Merrill, WI #231, 7/1/1916, sponsored by Wausau. [Sometime after 5/1933, their charter was revoked because of the Depression. They were readmitted 5/7/1937.]
Green Bay, WI #279, 3/1/1917, sponsored by ??????
Sponsored Marinette, WI #425, 10/1/1918
Sponsored Manitowoc, WI #502, 6/17/1919
Manitowoc sponsored Two Rivers, WI, #1341, 2/8/1923
Sponsored Sturgeon Bay, WI #728, 5/1/1920
Sturgeon Bay sponsored Kewanee, WI #1720, 4/15/1924
Sturgeon Bay sponsored Sturgeon Bay Breakfast, WI, #NA, 2/17/1992
Sponsored Antigo, WI #1346, 2/10/1923
Sponsored Shawano, WI #1543, 11/3/1923
Shawano sponsored Bonduel, WI #6065, 8/9/1945
Sponsored De Pere, WI #2295, 3/22/1926
Sponsored Green Bay West, WI #NA, 4/22/1974
Sponsored Gillett-Oconto Falls, WI #NA, [but RI Archives say Shawano so Green Bay may have organized it and 'passed it off' to Shawano] 5/20/1977; [defunct 6/17/1991]
Appleton, WI #288, 4/1/1917, sponsored by ??? [Dick Calder noted sponsor was Pittsburgh, PA #20, but the Pittsburgh club says NO]
Sponsored New London, WI #1212, 6/1/1922
New London sponsored Clintonville, WI #1848, 11/28/1924
Clintonville sponsored Marion, WI #2678, 10/17/1927
Sponsored Kaukauna, WI #1357, 2/24/1923
Sponsored Berlin, WI #1542, 11/1/1923
Sponsored Neenah, WI #2013, 5/29/1925
Neenah sponsored Menasha, WI, #2376, 6/9/1926[RI says Appleton sponsored]
Sponsored Appleton West, WI #NA, 9/28/1970
Sponsored Wisconsin Rapids, WI, #NA, 1971[original club #501, organized 6/17/1919, sponsored by Wausau]
Sponsored Appleton Breakfast, WI #NA, 10/21/1985
Sponsored Waupaca Breakfast, WI #NA, 1/22/1993
Sponsored Kurgan, Russia, #NA, 2008 (Sister City of Appleton)
Stevens Point, WI #293, 5/1/1917, sponsored by Duluth [Rotarian, 2/1917,p.148]
Sponsored Greater Portage Co., WI, #NA, 2/17/2004
Menominee, MI #363, 3/1/1918, sponsored by Marquette
Marinette, WI #425, 10/1/1918, sponsored by Green Bay
Rhineland, WI #677, 4/1/1920, sponsored by Wausau
Sponsored Crandon, WI #1726, about April 1924
Crandon sponsored Eagle River, WI #2874, 5/23/1928
Eagle River sponsored Phelps, WI, #3287, 7/28/1930 [charter presentation date]
Eagle River sponsored Three Lakes, WI, #3443, 4/28/1931 [charter presentation date]
Eagle River sponsored Lakeland (Minocqua), WI, #NA, 4/12/1974
Lakeland sponsored Minocqua-Lakeland Area Breakfast, #NA, 8/9/1995
Escanaba, MI #682, 5/1/1920, sponsored by Marquette
Sponsored Gladstone, MI #973, 5/1/1921
Sturgeon Bay, WI #728, 5/1/1920, sponsored by Green Bay
Sponsored Kewaunee, WI #1720, 4/15/1924
Sponsored Sturgeon Bay Breakfast, WI, #NA, 2/17/1992
Houghton, MI #774, 11/1/1920, sponsored by Marquette
Possibly sponsored Neillsville, WI, #5413, 8/1941
Hancock, MI #866, 4/1/1921, sponsored by Marquette
Sponsored Calumet, MI #7415, 1/13/1950
Iron Mt., MI #860, 4/1/1921, sponsored by Marquette; added Kingsford 11/8/1975
Crystal Falls, MI #933, 5/1/1921, sponsored by Marquette [defunct 12/19/2007]
Ironwood, MI #966, 5/1/1921, sponsored by Ashland #588 [Ashland sponsored by Superior #40, see **]; added Hurley 7/28/2005
Sponsored Bessemer, MI #1731, 1924

Sponsored Wakefield, MI #3260, 1/2/1930; added Bessemer 5/6/1975
 Gladstone, MI #973, 5/1/1921, sponsored by Escanaba, defunct 10/1/1999
 New London, WI #1212, 6/1/1922, sponsored by Appleton
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 Antigo, WI #1346, 2/10/1923, sponsored by Green Bay
 Manistique, MI #1347, 2/10/1923, sponsored by Marquette
 Kaukauna, WI, #1357, 2/24/1923, sponsored by Appleton
 Berlin, WI #1542, 10/1923, sponsored by Appleton
 Shawano, WI #1543, 11/3/1923, sponsored by Green Bay
Sponsored Bonduel, WI #6065, 8/9/1945
 Kewaunee, WI #1720, 4/15/1924, sponsored by Sturgeon Bay
 Bessemer, MI #1731, late April-early May 1924, sponsored by Ironwood,
 joined with Wakefield 5/6/1975
 Clintonville, WI #1848, 11/28/1924, sponsored by New London
Sponsored Marion, WI #2678, 10/17/1927
 Neenah, WI #2013, 5/29/1925, sponsored by Appleton
Sponsored Menasha, WI, #2376, abt.7/1926
 De Pere, WI #2295, 3/22/1926, sponsored by Green Bay
 Munising, MI #2334, 5/3/1926, sponsored by Marquette [In Rotarian, 10/1926, p.55]
 Marion, WI #2678, 10/17/1927, sponsored by Clintonville
 Eagle River, WI #2874, 5/23/1928, sponsored by Crandon [Crandon, WI #1726, was sponsored
 by Rhinelander]
Sponsored Phelps, WI, #3287, 3/3/1930 [RI] 7/28/1930[charter presentation date]
*Sponsored Three Lakes, WI, #3443, 4/20/1931[RI] 4/28/1931[charter presentation
 date] [Rotarian 11/1931,p.38 says 'but a few month old']*
Sponsored Lakeland (Minocqua), WI, #NA, 4/12/1974
Lakeland sponsored Minocqua-Lakeland Area Breakfast, #NA, 8/9/1995
 Wakefield, MI #3260, 1/2/1930, sponsored by Ironwood; added Bessemer 5/6/1975
 Ontonagon, MI #1567, 4/18/1932, sponsored by Marquette & ??; added White Pine
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Sponsored Marquette Breakfast, #NA, 3/20/1991
 Appleton Breakfast, WI #NA, 10/21/1985, sponsored by Appleton
 Marquette Breakfast, MI #NA, 3/20/1991, sponsored by Marquette West
 Sturgeon Bay Breakfast, WI #NA, 2/17/1992, sponsored by Sturgeon Bay
 Wausau Early Birds, WI #NA, 1/1/1993, sponsored by Wausau
 Waupaca Breakfast, WI #NA, 1/22/1993, sponsored by Appleton
 Minocqua-Lakeland Area Breakfast, WI #NA, 8/9/1995, sponsored by Lakeland
 Greater Portage Co., WI #NA, 2/17/2004, sponsored by Stevens Point

*Wausau, WI, founded "through the cooperation of the Milwaukee Rotary Club" -- the first charter
 to a club in a city with a population under 25,000 -- W.J. Zimmers of Milwaukee presented the

charter acting as "Deputy District Governor". [Anuta, p.67]; Milwaukee, #57, was organized 3/1/1913 and sponsored by Chicago #1. [Note: there were several other clubs that were founded earlier in lower population areas. In 1913-14, the Central Division VP was using 10,000 as the recommended minimum.]

In 1947 all of the past presidents of the Wausau club were invited by club historian R.G. Sayer to attend a 'Past Presidents Founders Day.' Alfred H. Zimmerman, their first club president [1914-1915] and D-15 PDG replied in a long letter that he would be unable to attend and provided some club history. Part of that letter included the following:

"The founding of the Wausau Rotary Club was conceived in the mind of Art Prehn – who had considerable correspondence with W.D. Biggers, District Governor, of Detroit, Mich. Rotary International had the idea that small cities would not support and maintain a Rotary Club. Through the cooperation of the Milwaukee Rotary Club – the club went through a schooling and finally International Rotary granted the first charter to any club in a city having a population less than 25,000 to Wausau. The evening the charter was presented 24 fellows sat at dinner at the Bellis Hotel, with W.J. Zimmers of Milwaukee acting as Deputy District Governor." Based on this letter we attribute the sponsorship of Wausau to Milwaukee, even though the rationale given by Zimmerman was in error.

**Note: Superior, WI, #40, 5/1/1912 [Organized] was sponsored by Duluth, MN, #25, 7/17/1911 [Organized]. Duluth was co-sponsored by Minneapolis, MN, #9, 2/18/1910 [Organized] and St. Paul, MN, #10, 2/19/1910 [Organized] and both Minneapolis and St. Paul were sponsored by Chicago, IL, #1, with Paul Harris as the representative at their formal organizational meetings [this was prior to actual charters being issued].
