

A Photo Gallery of Founders of the Rotary Club of Green Bay and their associated businesses

John Kline, Partner and Editor of the **Green Bay Press Gazette** and Appleton Post Cresent. Mr. Kline was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay (a).

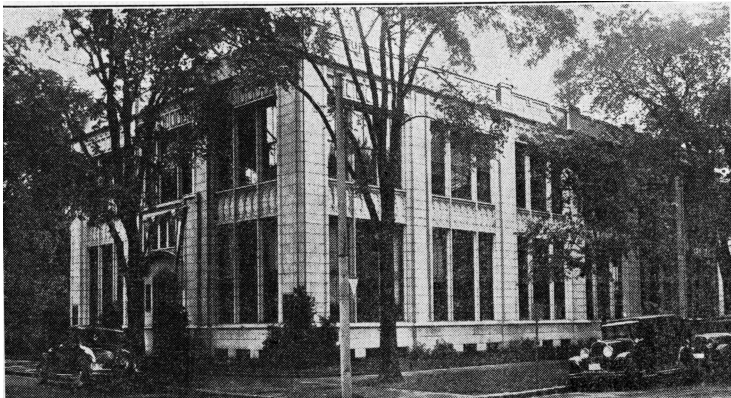


Photo of the offices of the **Green Bay Press Gazette**, located at 456 East Walnut Street in Green Bay. The offices remain at this location today. Photo circa 1925. (a)

Missing a photo of **Ralph Joannes**, the three following photos depict images of buildings used by **Joannes Brothers Grocers** and **Joannes Brothers Wholesale**, and **Coffee Products Company of America**.

The first two show the Joannes Brothers offices in downtown Green Bay, circa 1920. These properties were located on Washington Street, south of the Walnut Street bridge, west side of the street.



This photo is of the building in California that housed the Coffee Products Company of America. Built in the 1920's in Los Angeles, today this building has been repurposed to provide living quarters for the art community. If you look closely at the lintel at the top, you will see the name Joannes Bros. Co. The company (CPCA) was housed here from the 1920's to the 1960's. (b)



No photo of **Ralph Joannes** is available at the time of this publication.



The photo to the left is of **George Wallace Fisk**, one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Green Bay. The name Fisk has long been a Green Bay namesake with parks, streets and other various locations bearing the Fisk family name. The name Fisk goes back to some of the earliest history of Green Bay, with George's grandfather having platted the land that became Fort Howard (on Green Bay's 'west side')

Photo courtesy of Neville Public Museum.

Founder, **Ludolph Hansen**, home builder and business owner. Mr. Hansen was an immigrant to the US and settled in Green Bay, building more than 250 homes in and around Green Bay over period from the late 1800's into the 1900's. In addition, Mr. Hansen was a hardware man and a laundry business partner. (b)

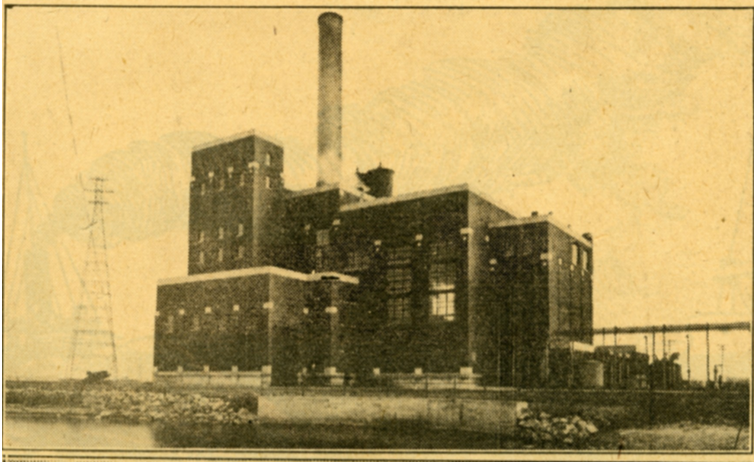




James McGillin, attorney, mayor, military man and one of thirteen Green Bay businessmen to form the Rotary Club of Green Bay in 1917. Mr McGillin spent his career between Marinette, Green Bay and Appleton, practicing law in any of several positions. (b)

Carroll Phenicie, Vice President and General Manager at **WPS**, was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay. Having begun his career in Chicago, Mr. Phenicie neither knew what he was getting into when he came to Green Bay, or how long he would be here. Arriving in 1911 he spent the next 30 years of his business career in Green Bay. (b)





This photo of the **Wisconsin Public Service Company** power plant located at the mouth of the Fox River was the primary power source for Green Bay business and residential needs in the early 1900's. One of the founding members, **Carroll Phenicie** oversaw power production at this plant and others. In addition to providing utility services, WPS owned the company that provided public bus service to the city of Green Bay and the surrounding communities. That company became one of Carroll's subsidiary responsibilities and often provided transportation between the Beaumont Hotel and offsite Rotary meetings (b)



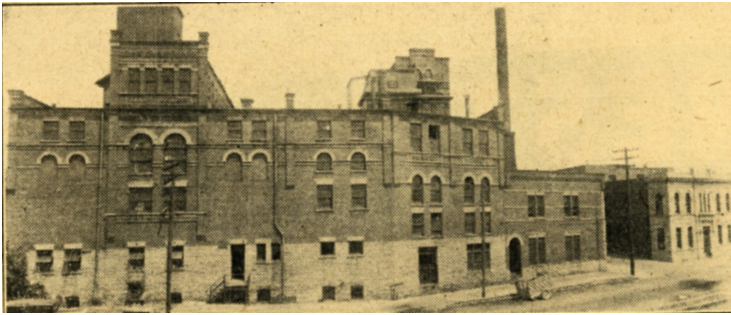
George Reeke, founder of several businesses in Green Bay and Sheboygan, in addition to being a founding member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay, worked to establish state plumbing codes that later became a standard for national codes and a model for similar trade codes in the state.(b)

Below is a photo of **George Reeke** (seated), in FL, enjoying retirement with his wife, Edith Muse and two of his grandchildren, Elizabeth on left and George on the right. The **G. F. Reeke Company** had its roots in 1896 and merged into the Reeke-Marold Company, Inc in 1961. (c)





Above is a photo of **George Richardson**, cashier at **McCartney National Bank** and a founding member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay. Mr. Richardson later achieved the presidency of McCartney National Bank and firmly believed in investing in Green Bay interests and helped to develop a number of businesses in the area. (b)



This photo is the **Henry Rahr & Sons Brewing Company** in Green Bay, WI. This business, started in Manitowoc before moving to Green Bay, was the employer of **Joseph Neugent**, one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Green Bay. The buildings shown were located on Main Street near the Irwin Street intersection in Green Bay until it was razed for urban renewal reasons in the 70's. The Henry Rahr & Sons Brewing name continues as a speciality brewer in Ft. Worth, TX where the great grandson now runs the company. (b)

An **FWD** truck, produced in Clintonville, WI. **Mr. Neugent** worked here beginning in 1920 before returning to the beer industry. Photo circa 1925. (f)



No photo of **Joseph Neugent** available.

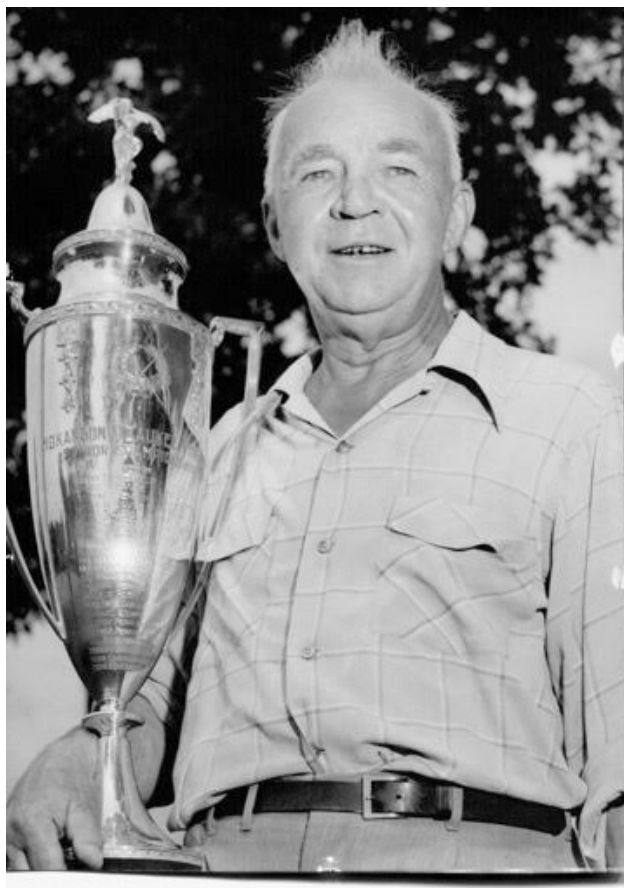
The following photo is of the **Beaumont Hotel** in downtown Green Bay. The Beaumont Hotel was the original '**home of the Rotary Club of Green Bay**' and served as the meeting place of Rotary in Green Bay for more than 40 years. One of the founders of the club was the manager of this hotel at club inception through the mid 50's. (b)



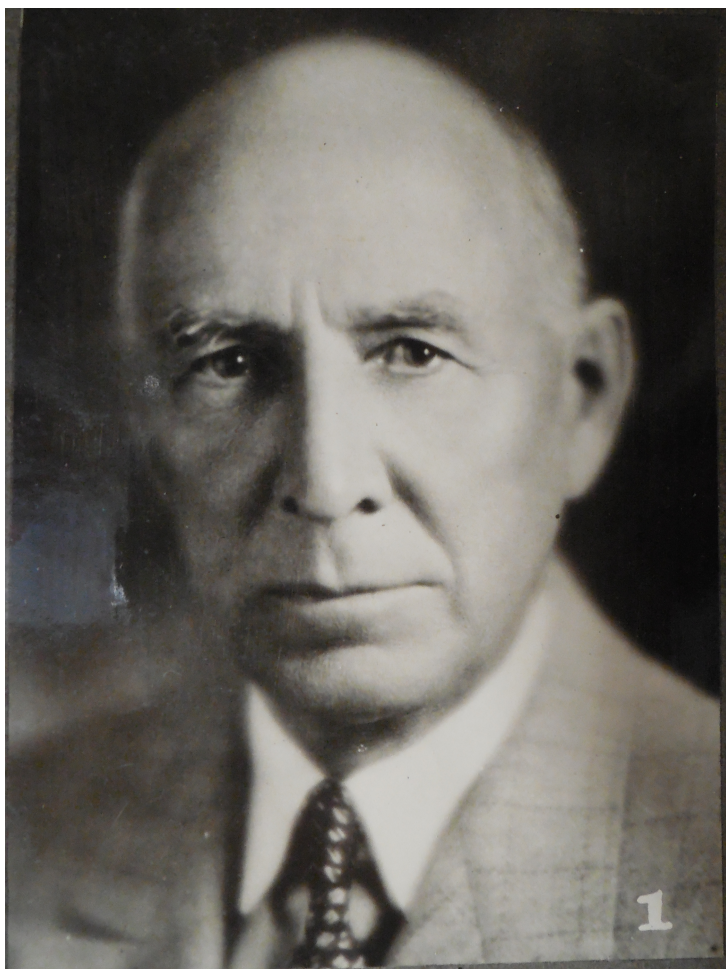
The General Manager of the Beaumont Hotel was **Alfred Witteborg, Sr.** He was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay and continued to host meetings at the Hotel Beaumont until the mid 1960's. The following picture of Mr. Witteborg was taken circa 1915. (d)



A. C. Witteborg Sr., avid golfer, with a golf trophy won at the Oneida Golf and Riding Club. In addition to golf, Mr. Witteborg enjoyed bowling and fishing. Enjoying sports from many perspectives, 'Witt' also served on the board of directors for the Green Bay Packers from the early 1920's to the mid 1950's..
(d)



Albert E. Winter, a son of Wisconsin, was a hardware man and Vice President of **Morley-Murphy Company** when, in 1904 he arrived in Green Bay. In 1917 he, along with 12 other businessmen from Green Bay, formed the Rotary Club of Green Bay. He remained in Green Bay for the remainder of his business career. Except for winter trips to Florida, Mr. Winter called Green Bay home until he died. (e)





The above photo is of the **Morley-Murphy** offices in downtown Green Bay, circa 1953. The company provided distribution to numerous vendors and served an area covering most of Wisconsin, Michigan's upper peninsula and eastern Minnesota. The company was the largest of its kind in the state. This building was located on South Washington Street in Green Bay, (e)

No photo history is unavailable for two founding members, those being

-Otto Frederick Brandt

-Frank H. Smith

Photo credits

- (a) Green Bay Press Gazette archives
- (b) Brown County Public Library Local History & Genealogy Dept
- (c) Reeke-Marold Co. & family of George. F. Reeke
- (d) family of Alfred C. Witteborg Sr.
- (e) Morley-Murphy Company
- (f) FWD Auto Company